



The First Baptist Builder

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Brian's Lines



Sunday was an outstanding day as we focused on missions on Sunday morning and on our music program on Sunday evening. Thank you for your fine attendance. We were privileged to have Dr. Dot Sample in our services.

I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED . . . in the response to the Apostle's Creed which we used at the end of one of our services. Of course, we Baptists do not affirm a creed. But we thought it would be informative for us to use one of the earliest creeds of the church. Some have expressed opposition to the phrase concerning "the holy Catholic Church." In this case, of course, the reference is not to the Catholic Church as over against the Baptist Church but the catholic church in the sense of the universal church. The Bible affirms that through Christ we all become a part of the body of Christ, the universal church, God's forever family. Although the emphasis of the New Testament is on the local congregation, the idea of the universal church is also there. Even more have responded to the statement concerning Jesus' "descent into hell." The New Testament does not specifically state that Jesus descended to hell. However, early in the church's history, this became a part of Christian doctrine based on several things: Jesus' victory over death implied that He had experienced all that death holds for man and had defeated it; the reference in Ephesians 4:9 which says that Jesus "descended into the lowest parts of the earth"; the reference in 1 Peter 3:19 that Jesus made proclamation to the spirits now in prison; and the reference in 1 Peter 4:6 that Jesus preached to the dead. I'm glad that so many of you were paying attention, and I thought this further bit of information might be helpful.

I ENJOYED . . . the time with the children Sunday morning. I plan to have a special time in the service with them for the next two Sundays. Please encourage your children to come forward and join us.

THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME . . . in the life of our church. You will notice on the front page of the *Builder* a list of some of these events. All of them help us to come to a deeper understanding of Christmas.

THIS SUNDAY . . . I will be preaching a message entitled "What Was Wrong With The Older Brother?" based on the story of the prodigal son. Sunday night I will preach a message from 1 Peter as we also hear the Chapel Singers perform. It is going to be a great day. I'll see you here.

Christmas at First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 9

6:15 P.M. — Chapel Singers Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 A.M. — Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, December 13

7:00 P.M. — Fifth Grade Christmas Play

Sunday, December 16

11:00 A.M. — Leisure Timers Choir Presentation
3:30 P.M. — Puppet Show for Internationals
5:00 P.M. — Caroling for Grades 1 - 5
6:15 P.M. — Sanctuary Choir's Presentation of Handel's *MESSIAH*

Wednesday, December 19

5:15 P.M. — Christmas Buffet
6:15 P.M. — White Christmas Service
High School Choir Sings and
Puppets Perform

Monday, December 24

5:00 P.M. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

6:00 and 10:00 P.M. — First Baptist Church
Christmas Special on Channel 3

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DECEMBER 2, 1984



MR. MARK JOHNSON

CHURCH CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

(Following the Evening Service)
AGENDA

1. Receive Monthly Reports
2. Recommendation from Committee on Committees
3. Old Business
4. New Business

Mr. and Mrs. Judson O. Moore, Sr.
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Diane Rae
to

Gregory H. Kuh
on Saturday, the eighth of December
Nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at two o'clock in the afternoon
First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida
Reception following
Fellowship Hall



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE

On December 15th the Acteens will be sponsoring their Annual Christmas Shopping Spree at Escambia County Nursing Home. This will enable residents in the nursing home to shop for Christmas gifts for friends and family. If you would like to share in this Christmas joy, turn in men's or women's gifts to the Church Office by December 12th.

Suggestions are: Socks, ties, lotions, handkerchiefs, handmade items, shaving lotion, etc. It is helpful if appropriate items are in plastic.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.



MIDDLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.

YMCA

Cost: \$6.00 (includes food, swimming and midnight bowling). Sign-up this Sunday in your Sunday School class. Limited to 75 people. (You may bring a sleeping bag if you like.) Parents, please be prompt in picking up your child at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning at the YMCA.

FBC PRAYER MINISTRY

Do you have a prayer partner or partners? There is no bond quite as close as that achieved when people pray together or privately for one another. God knows that sometimes we feel defeated and that we take our eyes off Him and focus instead on our circumstances; however, if we ask He will send us one or more who will be willing to drop everything and join hearts with us in prayer.

God gives us so many examples in the Bible of this type of blessed support. A most memorable one is in Exodus 17 where Joshua has gone out under Moses' direction to fight the Amaleks. Moses was to stand on a hill with the rod of God in his hand. Aaron and Hur accompanied Moses to the top of the hill, where they noticed that when "Moses held up the rod, Israel prevailed, and when he let it down, Amalek prevailed." (v. 11). As the battle progressed, Moses' hands were heavy, but Aaron and Hur stayed on either side and supported Moses so that the rod of God could be hoisted and the victory won.

Thank God for the Aarons and Hurs in your life who are willing to support you in prayer. Also, take advantage of every opportunity God gives you through His church to grow in your prayer life so that you too may be an Aaron or a Hur.

COLLEGE / SINGLES 1
ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 16 —
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
at 9:30 A.M.

Friday, December 21 —
CAROLING PARTY
Meet at the Church at 6:00 p.m.,
followed by Food and Fellowship
at the Logsdon's, 2435 Reservation
Road, Gulf Breeze.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. RALPH B. NICHOLS
300 Calhoun Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32507

Joined our Church by Letter on
February 10, 1980
Deceased: November 27, 1984

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES
FOR DECEMBER

ANNIE DEES, Nursery 1977
MYRTLE POTTER, Kitchen 1979



Poinsettias In Sanctuary
For Christmas

Beginning Sunday, December 16, our Sanctuary will be arrayed with beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas season.

If you wish to place a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, you may do so by filling out the form below. The cost will be \$10.00 each.

We would appreciate your waiting until after the Christmas Eve Vesper Service on December 24 to pick it up and then share it with a shut-in or friend.

Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and mailed, along with this form, to FBC, 500 N. Palafox, Pensacola, FL 32501. Deadline for participation is Friday, December 14.

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IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

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All material to be included in the Builder
should be in the office, in writing, not
later than 10:00 a.m. Mondays.

Last Week

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 2, 1984

SUNDAY SCHOOL 1,482
Married Adults 755
Single Adults 172
Youth 194
Children 197
Preschool 164

CHURCH TRAINING..... No CT in Dec.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.... 631
COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP..... 1

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Please come to
DINNER



OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

- ° 8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 8:30 - 11:00 A.M.—Library Open
- 9:00 A.M.—Telephone Class
- ° 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- ° 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 3:00 P.M.—Children's Bible Study
- 3:30 P.M.—Puppet Practice
- 4:00 P.M.—Prayer Meeting
- High School Ensemble
- 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.—Library Open
- ° 5:00 P.M.—Church Training
- High School Choir
- College / Singles Choir
- Children's Bible Drill
- Adult Handbells
- ° 6:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- ° 7:15 P.M.—Church Conference

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- ° 9:00 A.M.—"Needle" Workshop
- Ladies' Aerobics
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
- 7:00 P.M.—Adult Ensemble
- "Needle" Workshop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- Baptist Women Group Meetings —
- As listed elsewhere in the *Builder*
- ° 9:00 A.M.—Jazzercise
- 9:00 - 12:00 A.M.—Library Open
- 12:30 P.M.—Leisure Timers Choir
- 5:30 P.M.—Snack Supper
- 6:00 P.M.—Visitation Assignments
- 6:30 P.M.—H.S. Discipleship Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 6:30 A.M.—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M.—Ladies' Aerobics
- 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise
- 4:30 - 7:15 P.M.—Library Open
- ° 4:45 P.M.—High School Actees
- Graded Choirs
- Middle School Choir
- ° 5:15 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- Boy Scout Committee
- ° 6:15 P.M.—Bible Study for Adults
- S.S. Weekly Workers Mtg.
- Chapel Singers
- High School JOY
- College / Singles JOY
- Mission Friends
- Middle School Actees
- Royal Ambassadors
- G.A.'s
- 6:30 P.M.—5th Grade Christmas Play
- Rehearsal
- ° 7:00 P.M.—Sanctuary Choir
- 7:15 P.M.—Boy Scouts
- H.S. Discipleship Class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- ° 9:00 A.M.—Jazzercise
- 9:00 - 12:00 A.M.—Library Open
- 9:30 A.M.—Senior Adults

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 2, 1984

BY LETTER:

21. Mr. Mark Johnson
3081-B Belle Meade
Pensacola, Fl. 32503 — 434-5132
From: Broadmoor Baptist,
Shreveport, La.

EXTENDED SESSION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Janet Scruggs	Tama Andrews
Virginia O'Neal	Janet Brewster
Emily Dobson	Renee Cordes
Ann Milroy	Helen Moore
Diane Norris	Sonya Tignor
Linda Griffin	Ebbie Roberts

DESIGNATED GIFTS

BUILDING FUND \$ 738.20
SPECIALS 5,104.00

BUDGET OFFERING REPORT

December 2, 1984

Receipts \$ 35,351.15
Weekly Budget Needs....	26,481.00
Budget Receipts	
Year To Date.....	1,273,953.86
Budget Needs	
Year To Date.....	1,297,569.00

SERMON TOPICS

December 9, 1984
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
"WHAT WAS WRONG
WITH THE OLDER BROTHER?"
6:15 P.M.
"READY TO WITNESS"
(1 Peter 3:15-16)

10:30 A.M.—Mary Martha S.S. Class
12:00 Noon—Businessmen's Luncheon
5:30 P.M.—S. Choir Dinner
6:00 P.M.—Naomi S.S. Class Dinner
7:00 P.M.—5th Grade Christmas Play
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- ° 9:00 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
- Ladies' Aerobics

12:00 - 1:15 P.M.—Men's Exercise

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- ° 9:00 A.M.—Jazzercise
- 8:00 A.M.—Actees Shopping Spree
- 6:30 P.M.—Bykota S.S. Class Dinner

° Nursery Provided