

Brian's Lines

These past two months have been among the most significant and enjoyable of my life. I just want to thank you for your marvelous support, your tremendous response, and your excitement about the things that are happening.



THE BUDGET
As of Sunday, \$636,-955.74 has been pledged toward our 1979 budget. This is about 75%.
Many more of you will be getting your pledge cards in the next couple of weeks. We want to declare victory before the end of the year. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office. And be sure to bring yours filled in next Sunday.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Beginning in January I will be preaching a series of sermons on the Gospel of John. I'm preparing, are you? I am still looking for 100 of our people who will read the Gospel of John through 10 times. As soon as you have, call the church office or sign the poster on the bulletin board downstairs.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Christmas Eve this year falls on a Sunday night and we are planning a very special service for that evening. The service will begin promptly at 6:00 and we will be through by 7:00. It will feature music, a short devotional thought, and a candle lighting service. What a beautiful way this will be to celebrate Christmas with the family of God. There will be no other services on that evening. I hope you will be here for that.

DR. RAY SUMMERS IS COMING For our January Bible Study this year we will have the privilege of having Dr. Ray Summers, Chairman of the Department of Religion at Baylor University, one of the preeminent Baptist scholars in America today, to lead us in a study of Mark. He will be with us on Friday through Sunday, January 5-7. We will make study books on Mark available to you. This will be a beautiful complement to the study on John that I will begin the following week.

SPECIAL THANKS We fed over 700 on Wednesday night a couple of weeks ago. A special word of thanks goes to Tom Wash and his committee and to

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Dickie Creel and are given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Creel, and his sister, Dr. and Mrs. James Brown.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Earl Sudduth, Mrs. Gloria McBride,
Mr. Earl Kendrick

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Verna Collins, Mr. Herbert Richburg,
Mrs. Imogene Stewart

West Florida

Mr. James Matthews, Mrs. Ella Rich-
bourg, Mr. H. C. Wall

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Eupha Parker, Mrs. Leon Singletary,
Mrs. Helen Cary, Larry Michael Holt, Jr.,
Mrs. Marjorie Brown, Deborah Dawson,
Mrs. Lennie Bonham

SYMPATHY TO:

The family of John Earl Pearson in his death.

Mrs. Fred Price in the death of her brother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lorna Jones and David Smith on their marriage November 25.

Libby Coker and Michael Maginnis on their marriage November 24.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK

Charles H. Overman III - 433-2904

Dr. Paul Gray - 932-3872

Mike Collins - 478-1627

The deacons of the week will participate in the worship services on Sunday and then will be assisting in various ministries such as hospital visitation during the week.

Mrs. Pulley and her workers for the splendid job they have been doing.

NAME IN THE NEWS Did you see the television feature on our own Mrs. Betty Ward, first grade teacher at Cordova Park Elementary School? She is known throughout the city for her excellence in the classroom. I'm proud that she is a member of First Baptist Church.

THIS SUNDAY I will begin a mini-series of sermons on Christ as we approach the Christmas season. The sermon Sunday morning will be "The Pre-Existence of Christ." Sunday night we will focus on the challenge for missions as we come to the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. I'll see you Sunday for another exciting day.

**RECEIVED INTO
MEMBERSHIP
NOVEMBER 26, 1978**



Ashley Rebecca Schlichter

NEEDED

We have need for children's clothes for a family we are helping this holiday season. If you can help with any of these, please bring them to the church office or contact Mrs. Dale Taylor at the office.

- Boy's size - 6 or 8
- Girl's size - 7, 8, 10
- Young Teens size - 5, 7

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

National Goal	\$40,000,000.00
First Baptist Church	
Goal	\$ 20,000.00
Given to date	\$ 360.17

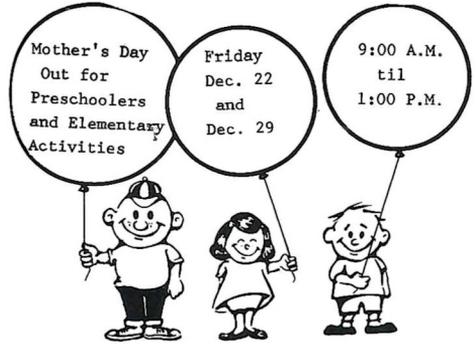
IN MEMORIAM

JOHN EARL PEARSON
800 Scenic Hwy. #32

Joined our church by Baptism:
May 15, 1949
Deceased November 22, 1978

1978 BUDGET

TOTAL NEEDED	\$748,546.00
GIVEN TO DATE	\$649,376.00
5 SUNDAYS LEFT	



CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our fifth grade B boys and girls, with the help of their teachers, will be presenting an original Christmas play for parents and friends on Thursday night, December 7, at 7:00. They have worked hard in learning parts, getting costumes and props ready. A special thanks goes to the following teachers for their work and guidance: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleming and Connie, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bruce, Mrs. Walter Doggrell and Mr. Jack Archer.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The monthly Senior Adult Fellowship will be held December 7, 10:00 A.M. in the church dining room. Our guest speaker will be Wayne Maddox, our missionary in residence.

Call the church office now for your luncheon reservations.

PIANO RECITAL

Mark Markham, member of First Baptist Church and an active participant in our music program, will present a piano recital Tuesday evening, December 5 at 7:30 P.M. The program will consist of works by Bach, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Schubert, Ravel, Grieg, and Ginastera, and will take place in the fine arts auditorium at Pensacola Junior College. The public is cordially invited.

**PALMER FAMILY
FAMILY NIGHT**

December 8th (our only Family Night in December), everyone is invited to help us say a fond and fun farewell to Joe, Freda, Dawn and Heather. Evening begins at 6:00 with a fish fry, regular Family Night activities, including a Walt Disney movie ("Almost Angels"—about the Vienna Boys Choir), and a surprise program in the gym at 8:00.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Presents

"Why We Have Christmas"

by

Patty Taylor

Featuring narration, music and
sharing of gifts

Sunday, December 10, 1978

7:15 P.M.

LOST! FOUND!

Yes, the Library has lost some books. Will you help us find them? Search your bookshelves, your closets, your hideaways and return any books marked "Library, First Baptist Church."

A moratorium has been declared for the entire month of December.

SEARCH! FIND! RETURN! NO FINES!

BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN

Thursday, December 7

9:30 A.M.—Coffee — Adult 2 Dept.

10:00 A.M.—BYW General Meeting

10:30 A.M.—Week of Prayer Program—
Adult 2 Dept.

11:30 A.M.—Covered Dish Luncheon —
Cellar

Saturday, December 9

3:00 P.M.—BYW "Family" covered dish
Christmas party with the
90 & 9 Boys' Ranch.

BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY)

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 1978

Bible Study — 9:45 A.M.

Business Meeting — 10:15 A.M.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN
MISSIONS

December 3-10

Monday—Meet with the Intercessory Prayer
Group at 10:00 A.M. if possible.

Tuesday—Regular General Meeting in the
Dining room at 6:00 for supper.

Wednesday—7:00-7:30 P.M. (Following the
Pastor's Bible Study)— Skit about
Lottie Moon in the Sanctuary.

Thursday and Friday—Pray by phone with
your Prayer Partner.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, December 4

12:00 noon-1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
7:00-8:00 P.M.—Men's Team 2 Basketball
Practice—Matt Greenwell

Tuesday, December 5

5:00-6:00 P.M.—Boys 11 & Under
Basketball Practice—
Bill Thompson
6:00-7:00 P.M.—Boys 13 & Under
Basketball Practice—
Joel Enderson
7:00-8:30 P.M.—Middle School Girls
Basketball Practice—
—Paul Ackerman
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Boys 17 & Under
Basketball Practice—
Paul Ackerman
7:00-9:00 P.M.—Puppet Practice

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 noon-1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
4:00-5:30 P.M.—CAC open
5:30-7:30 P.M.—Closed for supper &
mission activities
6:30—Joy Group
7:30—Youth Council Meeting
7:30-9:30 P.M.—CAC open
8:30-9:30 P.M.—High School Girls
Basketball Practice—
Bob Harrison
8:30-9:30 P.M.—Men's Team I
Basketball Practice—
Keith Ellis

Thursday, December 7

7:00-9:00 P.M.—Boys 17 & Under
Basketball Practice—
Paul Ackerman

Friday, December 8

12:00 noon-1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
6:00-10:00 P.M.—PALMER FAMILY
FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, December 9

9:00-10:00 A.M.—Boys 15 & Under
Basketball Practice—
David Napier
1:00-2:30 P.M.—Middle School Girls
Basketball Practice—
Paul Ackerman

"M" NIGHT December 4, 1978 7:00 P.M.

North Group—Bratt Baptist Church
Guest Speaker—Dr. Joseph DuBose, Jr.
President, Baptist Bible Institute
Middle Group—Gonzalez Baptist Church
Guests—Stone Brothers
South Group—East Hill Baptist Church
Guest Speaker—Rev. Fred Wolfe, Pastor
Cottage Hill Baptist Church,
Mobile, Alabama

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FBC FOOTBALL BANQUET— DECEMBER 11th

Since Jeff Rutledge of Alabama's Crimson Tide fame; Alan Duncan, Tennessee Volunteers; and Greg Brezina of the Atlanta Falcons committed themselves to speak at the First Baptist Church 11th Annual Challenger Award Banquet, Missouri beat Nebraska, giving Alabama a chance at the national championship, Alan Duncan set an all-time SEC record kicking 5 field goals in one game, and Atlanta has won the last 4 out of 5 games. Doesn't that tell you something? Don't miss this special event! Tickets are \$6.00, and will be on sale at the church office. The banquet is at the Municipal Auditorium on December 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to help with the banquet please call Marsha Cetti at the Christian Activities Center, 433-6700.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

Sunday School	1,221
Married Adults	561
Single Adults	48
College	34
Youth	213
Children	219
Preschool	120
Crippled Children's Home	26
Christian Training Hour	99
Coming for Membership	2
Baptized	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Weekly Budget	
Requirements	\$14,395.11
Budget	7,385.56
Building Fund	2,067.79
Specials	961.92
Total Offerings	\$10,415.27

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

December 6, 1978

Bar-B-Que Chicken
 Buttered Corn
 Congealed Salad
 Roll & Butter
 Dessert
 Tea Coffee



OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 3

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

Monday, December 4

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00 P.M.—“M” Night — East Hill Baptist Church
- 7:00 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

- * 9:45 A.M.—Baptist Women (Day)
- 6:00 P.M.—Baptist Women (Night)

Wednesday, December 6

- * 10:00 A.M.—“Patterns For Living” Bible Study
- * 4:45 P.M.—High School Acteens
 Children's Music Activity
 Middle School Choir
- * 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, RA's,
 Middle School Acteens,
 Joy Group
 —Bible Study & Prayer Service
 in Sanctuary
- * 7:07 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — Cellar

Thursday, December 7

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M.—Master Workman Christmas Party — Dining Room
- 7:00 P.M.—5th Grade B Christmas Play—
 Choir Room

Friday, December 8

- * 9:30 A.M.—Mother's Day Out
- * 6:30 P.M.—FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, December 9

- 8:30 A.M.—Bus Visitation/Breakfast
 Mtg. — Cellar
- 3:00-6:30 P.M.—BYW Christmas Party at
 90 & 9 Boys Ranch

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 26, 1978

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

13. Ashley Rebecca Schlichter,
 311 Andrew Jackson Tr.
 FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER
 DENOMINATION:
14. Matt Greenwell, 519 W. Avery
 BAPTISED: Betsy Brown, Christy Cor-
 nelius, Frances Hamrick,
 Gwyn Howard, Marcia Miles,
 Maria Mott and Craig Perry