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→ GOAL OF 226 AWARDS FOR NEXT WEEK ←

Our entire Sunday School will have a great opportunity in helping to reach our goal for Training Awards for the new year. Our goal for the year is 750. During next week it is our hope and prayer that every one of our 226 church-elected officers and teachers of our Sunday School will be present for our week of study. By so doing we will strengthen the teaching ministry of our church.

The following books will be taught:
The Church Using Its Sunday School.
The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School.
Teaching Young People in the Sunday School.
Guiding Junior Boys and Girls in the Sunday School.
Guiding the Primary Child in Sunday School.
Teaching the Beginner Child.
Guiding the Little Child in the Sunday School.
The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School.

All class officers are urged to attend The Church Using Its Sunday School.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . .

The Known Sick:

In Sacred Heart Hospital:
Miss Guinevere Dannels; Mr. J. P. Harrell; Mrs. Stella Fields, mother of Elizabeth and Rosalyn Wilson, and Mrs. J. H. Perpoint.

SYMPATHY . . . To Miss Myrtle Jean Peck in the loss of her mother.

The ordinance of baptism will be held at the close of the evening service. Those awaiting baptism will meet with Dr. Skiles in the New Members Class at 6:30.

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY — IT IS!

Morning Worship.....	8:30 and 11:00
“GIVING OUR SOULS A CHANCE” —	Pastor
11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR	
Evening Worship	7:30
“A MAN WHO DID WHAT HE COULD”	Pastor
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:15

FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

“Making the Most of Life’s Golden Opportunities” will be the theme of the evening sermons during November. This week we will consider Andrew, a man who did what he could. We are encouraged by the large congregations which are attending the evening services in our church. Bring your family and other friends to these hours of evangelistic emphasis. God will bless you in it.

This is STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS month in our church. Now is the time to study, think, talk and pray so that we will be prepared to do what our God would have us do in supporting the church and Kingdom work in 1951. Study God’s Word. Think and give thanks. Talk with the family. Pray it through.

The young men who have assisted with the ushering during the past month have made a great contribution to the success of our services. We say “thank you” to one and all. A new corps of workers is being assigned these duties for November. We hope that you will serve as you are called upon. Those who have served in other months will please stand by for duty when needed.

Next week has a real challenge in it for the workers in our Sunday School. Make every effort possible to attend the week of training in our church. As elected workers, we owe it to those with whom we serve, to our church and to our Lord to take advantage of such an opportunity for instruction and improvement.

LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School	959
Training Union	259

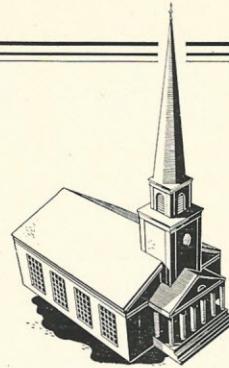
OFFERING:

Local and Missions.....	\$1,147.68
Building Fund	470.16
Total.....	\$1,617.84

EVERY DEPARTMENT 100%

MONDAY - FRIDAY — 7:30 - 9:15 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP



Christian growth in the stewardship of possessions guides the individual along the road which leads from "my things" to "His things."

The new-born infant is entirely on the receiving end of things. People wait on him day and night. He has little regard for those who are performing all these services.

After a few weeks the infant learns that there is a connection between what he does and the services he may enlist from others. Thus he learns by gurgling and crying to manipulate others.

Fortunately, most families help their babies to get past this stage. It is then that Junior begins to try his hand at the art of diplomacy. He learns that he must give as well as take.

No matter whom Junior has for parents, he will somehow stumble through these first three stages—receiving, manipulating, compromising. Christian parents will show him that all that we have comes from God, that God is concerned with how we use his gifts, what we do with them.

The role of the Christian family is appreciated most when the growing child stands on the threshold of the last two stages of mental and spiritual development. That is when the youngster begins thinking in terms of "our things." He is discerning the joy of sharing.

There is no place like home to learn sharing as a method of social adjustment. The child helps with the dishes, straightens up his room, looks after the younger ones when Mother is busy. He is sharing in the work and life of the family. He is learning to assume responsibility as well as to claim his rights.

The child who lives in a home that shares with neighbors sees at first hand the spirit that builds for brotherhood. He begins to understand Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan.

Junior is making more and more friends. He shares, not to get people to do something for him, but because he cares. Without realizing it he has come to the most advanced stage of mental and spiritual growth. He now sees that what he shares with another, God first shared with him. God is the Creator of all things. Man is a trustee of what God has provided. God desires that a man work with him. God is willing to join forces with such a man.

The family that leads a child from "my things" to "His things" has opened up to him the limitless possibilities of Jesus' words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Begins at Home

How to Ascertain the Will of God

Do Not Trust Feeling

Surrender Self-Will: I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with the people is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what his will is.

Having done this, I do not leave the results to feeling or simple impression. If I do so I make myself liable to great delusions.

Study the Bible: I seek the will of the Spirit of God through and in connection with the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures, and never contrary to them.

Consider Circumstances: Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

Pray: I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the word and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

In trivial matters, and in transaction involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

—GEORGE MUELLER

Three Tests of God's Will

When I was crossing the Irish Channel one dark starless night, I stood on the deck by the captain and asked him, "How do you know Holyhead Harbor on so dark a night as this?"

He said, "You see those three lights? Those three must line up behind each other as one, and when we see them so united we know the exact position of the harbor's mouth."

When we want to know God's will there are three things which always concur—the inward impulse, the Word of God, and the trend of circumstances! God in the heart, impelling you forward. God in His book corroborating whatever He says in the heart; and God in circumstances, which are always indicative of His will. Never start until these three things agree.

—F. B. MEYER

God's Word Says:

Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13)

My God will hear me (Micah 6:7).

When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me (Micah 6:8).

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left (Isaiah 30:21).

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).

Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:23-24).

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him (1 John 5:14-15).

Choosing Rural Service

In choosing rural service you will have unparalleled examples to guide you, for Jesus was a man of the countryside. During the period of his ministry he used many illustrations which are familiar to every man on the land. The shepherd and his sheep, the vineyard, the sower, the harvest, the barns, the fig tree, and many others. But in every case, he was using these expressions to impart to others a clearer understanding of his profound and neverdying truths. He got close to people and brought them closer to him by showing an interest in their work and their true selves—as you may do among the people with whom you work in preaching and teaching and witnessing for him who is the God not only of our cities and of our farms 'but of our salvation.'—W. A. MINER, assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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I know it is more agreeable to walk upon a carpet than to lie upon a dungeon floor. I know it is pleasant to have all the comforts and luxuries of civilization. But he who cares only for these things is worth no more than a butterfly contented and thoughtless upon a morning flower; and whoever thought of rearing a tombstone to a last-summer's butterfly?

—HENRY WARD BEECHER

Southern Baptists View . . .

Fifty Years of Foreign Mission Progress

	1900	1950*
Number of churches	113	1,837
Number of outstations	155	2,089
Number of missionaries	94	753**
Ordained nationals	29	757
Unordained nationals	104	350
Baptisms	1,341	13,322***
Total membership	6,537	145,411
Sunday School enrolment	2,408	123,398
Training Union enrolment		36,866
W. M. U. enrolment		37,171
Number of schools	45	504
Number of pupils	1,278	26,733
Contributions	\$7,094.98	\$1,837,980.91

*China statistics not included because of unsettled conditions.

**As of April 30, 1950.

***Grand total, including China, between 15,000 and 20,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	1949	1950	
Enrollment	1506	1362	
Attendance	853	959	
OCTOBER AVERAGE	918	978	
	Nov.		
	Enr. Pres. Cont.	Goals	
Gen. Officers	9	8	63
Adult 1	122	90	105
Adult 2	102	92*	67
Adult 3	223	165	235
Young People 1	106	52	34
Young People 2	48	14	34
Senior	81	42	38
Intermediate	77	60	135
Junior 1	125	97	50
Junior 2	92	67	20
Primary 1	52	32	42
Primary 2	48	34	26
Primary 3	58	49	10
Beginner 1	61	47	11
Beginner 2	45	38	7
Nursery 1	9	8*	0
Nursery 2	18	13*	20
Nursery 3	63	29	0
Nursery 4	23	22*	0
Total	1362	959	897
			1100

* Reached Goals Last Week.

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The T. E. L. Class will meet on Tuesday evening, November 7 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Bateman, 315 E. Gadsden St.

TRAINING UNION

	Attendance	October
	Last Sunday	Average
General Officers	4	6
Adult 1	31	33
Adult 2	33	43
Young People	38	43
Senior	19	25
Intermediate	33	33
Junior 1	32	32
Junior 2	19	20
Nursery Story Hour	22	
Beginner Story Hour	10	44
Primary Story Hour	18	
Totals	259	280

BANNERS

Attendance	Efficiency
V.I.M. 100%	Original 102%
Rousseau Union	Original 93%

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GREAT PLANS MADE

There were 75 present on Monday evening for the planning meeting. The Wallace R. Rogers had the best representation, with nine members and their sponsor, Mr. Emory Rogers, present. November should be a month of progress for all departments.

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ATTENTION PLEASE

Inasmuch as the new offering envelopes are not numbered the Financial Secretary requests that you write your name on your envelope if you wish to receive credit for your offering.

W. M. U. EVENTS

The Circles of the W. M. S. will meet on Tuesday, November 7 with the following hostesses:

10:00 A.M.

No. 1 — Mrs. H. R. Denham, Chmn. with Mrs. Denham, 1807 E. Avery.

No. 2 — Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Chmn., with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., 2100 E. Mallory.

No. 3 — Mrs. Irvin Roberts, Chmn., with Mrs. A. R. Ingram, 1616 E. Gregory.

No. 4 — Mrs. John Busey, Chmn., with Mrs. Busey, 1001 E. Strong.

No. 5 — Mrs. J. E. Rucks, Chmn., with Mrs. Rucks, 1811 E. Lakeview.

No. 6 — Mrs. H. G. Gray, Chmn., with Mrs. R. C. Keith, 1501 E. Brainard.

2:30 P.M.

No. 7 — Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Chmn., with Mrs. Gerald Garrett, 1808 E. Cervantes.

3:00 P.M.

No. 9 — Mrs. E. A. Allen, Chmn., with Mrs. Fred Baird, 17 E. Brainard.

Monday, November 6 — 3:15 P.M.

No. 8 — Mrs. Wilson Harris, Chmn., with Mrs. Judd Gatlin, 1802 E. Scott.

SUNBEAMS

The Beginner Sunbeams will meet each Sunday morning at 11:00 during the Worship Hour in the Beginner Room. Please see that your children, ages 4-7, receive this missinary training.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1950

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 *8:30-11:00—Morning Worship. *9:40—Sunday School *6:15—Training Union *7:30—Evening Worship *8:40—Singspiration	6 6:15—S. S. Supts. Supper Meeting at Church 7:30—Associational Sunday School Training School	7 W. M. S. Circle Meetings *6:30—Youth Choir Practice *7:30—Adult Choir Practice 7:30—Associational Sunday School Training School	8 *Martha Class Visitation each week. *6:15—S. S. Supper *6:50-7:30—Departmental Meetings *7:45—Prayer Service 8:45—Deacons' Meeting 7:30—Associational Sunday School Training School	9 7:30—Associational Sunday School Training School	10 *3:15—Jr. G. A. and R. A. and Sunbeams *4:00—Junior Choir Practice 7:30—Associational Sunday School Training School	11
12	13 State Brotherhood Convention, Ocala, Fla.	14 10:00—W. M. S. Bible Study, Program Meeting and Luncheon 7:30—Business Women's Circles Meeting Florida Baptist Convention—Ocala	15 Church Business Meeting Florida Baptist Convention—Ocala	16 7:00—Brotherhood Supper Meeting Florida Baptist Convention—Ocala	17	18
19	20 6:30—Supper Meeting of Y. W. A.	21 Associational T. U. Banquet, East Hill Church	22	23 A.M. 7:00—Devotional period 8:00—Thanksgiving T. U. Breakfast	24	25
26 5:00—Training Union Executive Meeting	27 6:15—T. U. Planning Council Supper	28 Choir Banquet	29	30		

* DENOTES REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULED EACH WEEK.

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