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65% of Budget Pledged by 35% of People

FROM OUR PASTOR'S PEN . . .

Your response to the LOYALTY DAY program was magnificent, and we have every reason for being encouraged by the results. While it is true that the heavy downpour of rain kept many away from the services, all of us who did attend were doubly blessed by the additional showers of a spiritual nature which God sent in all the services.

Our commitments, made in faith, are but an expression of the measure of support which we intend to give to our church in 1951. Many will give more. Some may find it necessary to cancel their pledges. Let it be understood by all that we are not lessening our emphasis upon the voluntary principle in our church life. We are continuing the policy of long standing in this church whereby we venture forth by faith and depend upon the Lord's power, expressed through human instrumentality, to accomplish the appointed task. We shall be effective as servants and made to rejoice as His children to the extent that the love of God constrains us in all things.

The other day a very dear friend asked: "Preacher, after a year with us, are you still glad that you came to Pensacola and to our church?" I don't have to tell you my answer for you know, as did he, that we are grateful to God for the privilege of living, loving and serving with such a wonderful people. We thank God for each and everyone of you.

The challenge for advancement and development which is ours as a church adds lustre to the joy of being your pastor. There are precious lives to be won to Christ, others to be strengthened in their Christian experience, a never-ending ministry of love and comfort to be performed in these dark days in the world's history, and a stupendous building program to be completed for those who follow after. The time is short. This is our day of God given opportunity. May "Onward with Christ" be our aim.

Pray for your pastor, for your educational director, for your church staff, for the host of elected officers, for the success of our entire program, for evangelistic victories as we approach the time of simultaneous revival, for God's strength in all things and for God's will to be done as His kingdom comes in the hearts of men. We shall be praying for you.

LOYALTY DAY NUMBER 2 THIS SUNDAY

We present a brief analysis of the results to date:

RESPONSE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dept.	Enrol.	Pledg.	Pledg.	Amount
Gen. O.10	9	90%		\$ 2,106.00
Nursery 19	1	11%		200.00
Nursery 215	4	27%		257.00
Nursery 367	5	8 1/2 %		578.00
Nursery 429	3	10%		109.20
Beginner 1 ..60	5	8%		800.80
Beginner 2 ..48	7	15%		712.00
Primary 146	7	15%		913.00
Primary 246	7	15%		938.00
Primary 360	16	27%		2,531.20
Junior 1122	53	43%		2,539.50
Junior 292	43	47%		3,276.34
Int'med'e ..77	42	55%		1,883.10
Senior79	29	38%		1,207.12
Yng. P. 1....128	43	34%		3,906.10
Yng. P. 2....50	17	34%		2,038.50
Adult 1128	43	34%		6,294.20
Adult 2110	59	54%		9,024.20
Adult 3231	125	54%		14,982.20
Extension ..42	15	37%		2,058.00
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Totals.....	531	37.4%		\$56,355.02

57 members not in Sunday School pledged \$5,561.00. This makes the total pledged by 588 individuals amount to \$61,916.02.

HAVE A PART IN LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The W. M. S. is engaged in a most meaningful activity this week as they meet to pray for the world and our missionary program. The goal for the Lottie Moon Offering is \$1,000. Give today.

Victory is in sight as we enter the second week of our 1951 Budget Loyalty Campaign. Although many of our people were kept away because of the rain and other circumstances last Sunday, 65% of our total budget has been underwritten by the 588 members and friends who have returned their pledge cards to the church. More cards are being received in each mail delivery.

We know that many others have their cards signed and that these will be brought to the church on Sunday. For the convenience of this group, we are continuing our Loyalty Day program through this coming Sunday. Opportunities to present your commitments will be given in all services on Sunday. The miniature of our church building will be in the foyer of the church. Cards may be placed in it as one enters the sanctuary.

After Sunday, every member canvass teams will visit all who have not indicated their intentions for next year.

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BAPTISTS CHURCHES DO SUBSCRIBE THEIR BUDGETS

Broadway, Knoxville, Tennessee —

"Budget oversubscribed by \$5,200.00 in one day."

Broadmore, Shreveport, Louisiana —

"Held open house on Sunday afternoon — membership came to the church and oversubscribed the budget."

First Baptist, Pineville, Louisiana —

"Budget oversubscribed by \$23,000."

First Baptist, Dallas, Texas —

"\$359,087.20 subscribed in one day."

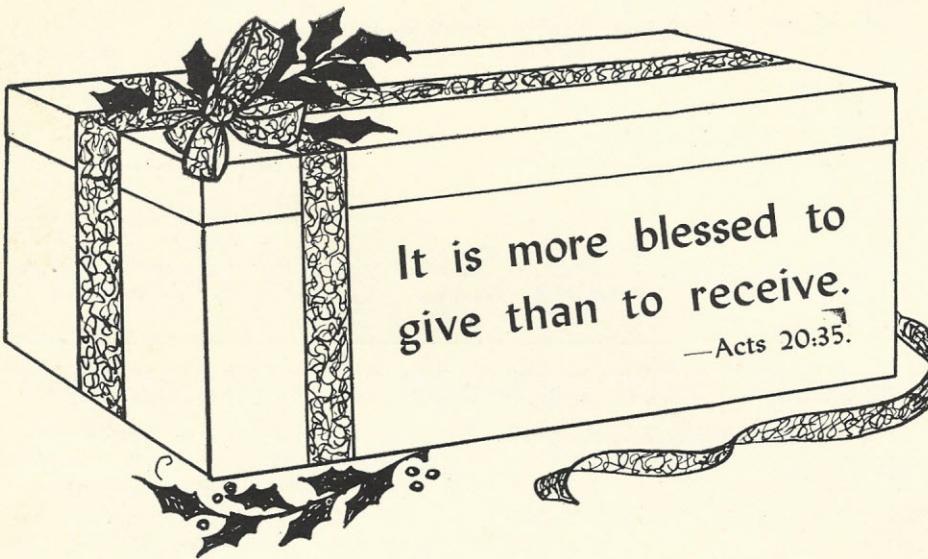
First Baptist, Jacksonville, Florida —

"Feel like shouting. Budget oversubscribed."

First Baptist, Gastonia, North Carolina —

"To God we give the glory. Budget is oversubscribed."

AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ADD THIS: "First Baptist Budget oversubscribed through every member participation."



What Think Ye of Christ?

Pilate, what do you think of this man? "I find no fault in him at all."

Judas? "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."

Centurion, what is your testimony concerning this One? "Truly this was the Son of God."

Demons, what is your word? "This was the Son of God."

John the Baptist? "Behold the Son of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

And John? "He is the bright and morning star."

Peter? "Thou are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Thomas, what is your testimony? "My Lord, and my God."

Paul, what do you think of Christ? "I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

Angels in heaven, what is your testimony? "Unto you is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And our Heavenly Father? "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

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JWENTY-ONE million people within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention live outside of easy reach of a Baptist church.

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JIVE times as many unchurched people live in the urban areas as in the rural areas.

Because of Your Love

After graduation exercises at the University of Shanghai in July, one young graduate placed a beautiful pin on the coat of Missionary Frank H. Connely, saying: "Every time you see this pin, I want you to remember that I found Christ because of your love."

Brotherhood

"Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?" (Malachi 2:10).

It is said that high above the earth, with its clutter and confusion, all mortal sounds blend into a perfect harmony—a symphony of the spheres. Even so, high above our creed-prattle, our shrieking intolerance, our claims to racial superiority, there is a realm of abiding harmony where all men are brothers.

How foolish our petty divisions then become! How vain our lone strivings appear! Did we not all come into the world in the same manner; were we not clothed, sheltered, and fed in one common way; does not the same impartial sun shine upon us all; and shall not the same mother earth cradle our dust when our little day is over?

Verily, life is too short for hate; too hard for creed; too bitter for selfishness; too baffling for misunderstanding; too lonely for unkindness. But, surely, it is long enough for the practice of what we really are, namely, brothers of one another, because we are all children of one loving Father.

—W. WALDEMAR W. ARGOW

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JHE 1949 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts totaled \$1,745,682.81.

Ten Little Christians

Ten little Christians standing in a line, One didn't like the preacher, then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up very late,

One slept on Sunday morning, then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on the road to heaven,

One didn't like the music, then there were seven.

Seven little Christians got in an awful fix,

One took the lower road, then there were six.

Six little Christians seemed very much alive,

But one lost his temper, then there were five.

Five little Christians wishing there were more,

But they quarrelled with each other, then there were four.

Four little Christians cheerful as could be,

But one got his feelings hurt, then there were three.

Three little Christians knew not what to do,

One joined a sporty crowd, then there were two.

Two little Christians, our rhyme is almost done,

Differed with each other, and then there was one.

One lone Christian won her neighbor true,

Brought her with her to the church, then there were two.

Two earnest Christians each won one more,

That doubled their number, so then there were four.

Four sincere Christians worked very late,

But each won another, so then there were eight.

Eight splendid Christians, but nothing rhymes with "sixteen," so we simply note that in seven more jingles there would be one thousand and twenty-four Christians, which would be quite a churchful!

9,000,000

Nearly nine million copies of the Bible were distributed in 1949 by the American Bible Society. Of this number about five million in eighty-five languages were distributed in this country. Five new editions were introduced last year.

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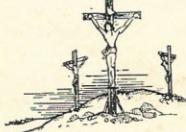
—GREGOR FROM MONKMAYER

WHEN Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, the human flesh was cheap.

WHEN Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

STILL Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

—G. A. STUDDERT KENNEDY, 1883-1929
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Enrolled	Pres.	Contacts
Gen. Officers	10	9	
Adult 1	125	48	72
Adult 2	110	44	49
Adult 3	231	117	223
Young People 1	101	38	71
Young People 2	50	10	7
Senior	79	29	2
Intermediate	77	39	6
Junior 1	122	56	77
Junior 2	92	45	37
Primary 1	46	23	55
Primary 2	46	17	22
Primary 3	60	28	2
Beginner 1	60	23	53
Beginner 2	48	17	
Nursery 1	9	3	
Nursery 2	15	6	27
Nursery 3	67	19	
Nursery 4	29	10	
TOTAL	1377	573	703

IMPORTANT DATES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 —

4 p.m. — "Youth In Religion" — WCOA. Presenting the Christmas Play, "Unto Bethlehem."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 —

5 p.m. — Christmas Eve Vesper Service. Christmas Carols by our combined Junior, Youth and Adult Choirs. Christmas Story by Pastor. 5:50 - 6:15 — Coffee time in lower auditorium.

6:15 - 7:30 — Training Union.

7:30 — Christmas caroling for young people. Sponsored by Youth Council. A chartered bus will take our young people to serenade our shut-ins.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 —

6:15 — Training Union.

7:30 — Student Night Program.

8:30 - 12:01 a.m. — Watch Night Party.

JANUARY 15 - 19 —

All Church Bible Study Week.

YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

Election of officers for the new year will be held on Sunday morning and evening. In accordance with action taken at the last meeting the president and vice presidents will be elected and the other officers will be appointed by the council representatives after the election.

The following young people have been nominated:

BLUES

GOLD

Bill Kingry...President...Robert Adkinson
Pat Crain...1st Vice Pres...Mary Kay Denham
Judy Smith...2nd Vice Pres...Jackie Godfrey
Evelyn Allen...3rd Vice Pres...Betty Graham

Either one of these are highly capable of performing a great service for Christ and our church and regardless of which one is elected our Council activities will be in capable hands.

All youth in the Intermediate, Senior and Young People's departments are urged to be present Sunday morning to cast your ballot.

BASKETBALL

First Baptist 91; First Methodist, 4. Our team will play Salvation Army on Tuesday and in Mobile on Thursday.

TRAINING UNION

THANK YOU, TRAINING UNION, for your LOYALTY. Several unions had an increase in attendance over previous Sundays; the Senior Department continued to make progress; the Four Square Union had 15 present out of 16 enrolled. Even with very unpleasant weather there were 234 present.

Adult 1	Intermediates
Officers	Officers
Co-wed	F. B. I.
Visitors	V. I. M.
J. O. Y.	Vigor

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Adult 2	Junior 1
Officers	Officers
Four Square	TIG9PA
Original	Willing Helprs
—	Pastor's Part

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Young People	Junior 2
Officers	Officers
G. J. Rousseau	E. Skiles
Leo Green	Kings Fol.
W. R. Rogers	—
17 Yr. Union	19

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Seniors	Story Hour
Officers	Primary
Phil Padgett	Beginner
Ed Jones	Nursery

27 35

BANNERS:

Attendance — Four Square.
Efficiency — Original.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . .

The known sick: Mrs. W. B. Townley is ill at home. Miss Annie Lee Plant is recovering from a recent operation.

Sympathy: To Mr. H. J. Goss in the loss of his sister. To Mrs. Robert Meeker in the loss of her sister. To Mr. Glen McDonald in the loss of his father. To Mrs. J. L. Mayo in the loss of her brother. To Mr. Wesley Zuber and Mrs. R. S. Spencer in the loss of their mother. To Mrs. A. V. Freeman in the loss of a brother, a sister, and brother-in-law.


**BROTHERHOOD
MEETING**

THURSDAY,

DEC. 14

GUEST SPEAKER

REV. DONALD GRAHAM

Pastor of McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church

PRESENTING A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

BRING A FRIEND

7:00 TURKEY - DRESSING 75¢

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE

WEEK

DECEMBER 10 - 16

MAKE SUNDAY THE LORD'S DAY —
IT IS!

Morning Worship.....8:30 and 11:00
Pastor

11:00 Service Broadcast over WEAR
Evening Worship.....7:30
Pastor

Sunday School.....9:40
Training Union.....6:15

11:00 — Beginner Sunbeams.
6:30 — New Member Class.
8:30 — Singspiration.

TUESDAY —

10:00 a.m. — W. M. S. Bible Study.

10:45 — Missionary Program.

11:30 — Business Session.

12:15 — Luncheon.

6:30 — Youth Choir practice.

7:30 — Adult Choir practice.

7:30 — T. E. L. Class Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. O. Rainer, 14 W. Cervantes. Members bring toys for child.

7:30 — B. W. C. 11 — Miss Bessie Yates, Chmn. will meet at the home of Mrs. Tom Draper, 2374 Escambia. Miss Kitty Wiggins, co-hostess.

7:30 — B. W. C. 12 — Miss Sarah Andress, Chmn. will meet at the home of Mrs. B. D. Swain, 1915 E. Mallory.

5:30 — Basketball — First Baptist vs. Salvation Army at Y. M. C. A.

WEDNESDAY —

7:00 A.M. — Morning Watch.

6:15 — S. S. Workers' Supper. Deborah Class will assist the dietician.

7:00 — Departmental meetings.

7:45 — Prayer and Praise Service.

THURSDAY —

7:00 — BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING.

7:30 — Lydia Bible Class will meet at 640 W. Mallory, Mrs. Bertha Harris, hostess, and Mrs. Emily Work, co-hostess.

FRIDAY —

3:15 — Junior R. A., Junior G. A. and Sunbeams.

4:00 — Junior Choir practice.

7:30 — Senior S. S. Department Party, lower auditorium.

MEET AND VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

43 — Mrs. J. H. Powell, 1009 E. Hatton.

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For Baptism:

8 — Delores McCord, 52 W. Gonzalez St.

9 — Diana McCord, 52 W. Gonzalez St.

10 — Ann Lee Dismukes, 204 W. Intendencia.

LAST SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Sunday School 573 (Rain)
Training Union 234

OFFERING:

Local and Missions.....\$1,650.96

Building Fund 546.12

Total \$2,197.08