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## Sunday Is Loyalty Day



### DID YOU KNOW THAT

Our church building is brick veneer—no building supervisor would issue a permit for such a building? IT'S TRUE.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT

We must get in position to build a new building **OR** be prepared to spend a large sum—perhaps \$50,000—on essential repairs to an old building which would still be old, inadequate and expensive to operate? IT'S TRUE.

### OUR MISSIONS MINISTRY

#### The Cooperative Program

"and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.



### OUR BUILDING MINISTRY

#### This Building Was Erected in 1895

Added to and surrounded by our permanent structure and four temporary buildings, it has served well. **BUT**, the auditorium constructed when the membership was less than 300 obviously is not adequate for a church of almost 2,000 resident members.

They had faith in the future and built for a church membership more than twice as large as that of their day.

Our faith must equal theirs. We, too, must build.

Our pledge to tithe, to support the financial program, to give more than at present—all will help to underwrite a budget geared to put us in position to **BUILD**.



### OUR PREACHING AND TEACHING MINISTRY

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt 28:19.20.

### A PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Look Gratefully at Our Pocketbooks. Look Systematically at Men's Needs  
Look Understandingly at God's Cross.

- Give Cheerfully
- Give Regularly
- Give Prayerfully
- Give Lovingly
- Give Systematically
- Give Liberally
- Give as God Prospers You
- Give Faithfully
- Give Scripturally
- Give Worshipfully

#### THEN THESE RESULTS WILL BE YOURS

1. You will find great joy in sharing in God's work and in an expression of your love.
2. You will build up a permanent investment in heaven where neither moth nor rust can corrupt and where thieves cannot steal.
3. You will experience a development in your ability to make money because all that ability comes from God.
4. You will discover that the money remaining after your gifts will go farther than the whole amount.
5. You can claim God's promises for the great blessings that He has for those who are faithful in stewardship.
6. You will have increasing faith in the power of God.
7. You will grow in grace and knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

T. A. GUTHRIE, Stewardship Committee Chairman

# Every Member of Every Family a

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY . . .

" . . . till we all come . . . unto the measure . . . of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13).



## PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

Christians who tithe consistently usually attend church services regularly. It adds reality to their worship. Only timid souls who are "not dividing aright" get the cold shivers when the collection plate comes by. The tithe in a missionary church preaches the gospel throughout the world while the tither hears it in his own church. This sense of partnership with God (1 Cor. 3:9) in evangelizing the world gives to the tither poise, peace, and personal contentment. Surely, it pays to tithe.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

Pensacola is growing rapidly? Shall we grow with the city? Opportunities for a larger growing church in the heart of the city are numerous indeed. IT'S TRUE!

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

"The tithe is holy unto the Lord?" IT'S TRUE.

## YES SIR, I SHALL MAKE A PLEDGE TO MY CHURCH NOVEMBER 18TH

Because I pledge for gas, water, and lights—I pledged to pay the landlord once a month—I pledged to pay the grocer—I pledged to pay the installments on my car—I pledged to pay my insurance.

I'll pay my pledge to the church regularly whether I am there or not. I do not deduct from my rent for the night I am away from home. I have to make the payments on my car whether I ride in it or not.

I want to be honest with myself and fair with God. I really want the church to succeed. This year I'll be loyal to the church program first and for the sake of Christ, I'll give my best service.

From the Bank of Life no one takes out more than he puts in.

Yes Sir, I'll have my pledge ready on November 18.

## THE WAY TO MAKE TITHING EASY

We frequently hear people talk as if tithing is a hard job. As a matter of fact, tithing the income to the Lord is a very easy matter. The reason that tithing is hard for some people is because they have the wrong motive in doing it.

I do not tithe because someone else tithes. I do not tithe because the church needs the money. I do not tithe because I fear the curse of God if I do not. I do not tithe in order that we may have a new church building and better equipment. I do not tithe because the Bible teaches it (though that is the reason that I know that I should tithe). I tithe because I love my Lord, and want to do His will.

When we tithe for any other reason than of love for God, then tithing becomes legalistic and irksome. We give the most to the objects of our love. I love my Lord supremely, therefore, I want to give Him the most. When once the love of God burns supremely in an enlightened heart tithing ceases to be a legalistic task hard to fulfill and becomes a joy not to be denied. Let the love of God dwell in your heart and try tithing the income to Him through the Church. Then you will find a joy closely akin to the joy of your salvation. In fact, the joy of salvation will be intensified

—Calvary Caller.

## SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU . . .

The following suggestions are made for your help in "filling in" your pledge card which will reach you through the mail:

1. Pray about it and ask God to lead you.
2. The family pledge should be divided among all the members of the family who attend our church. In this way, our children will receive rich blessings and excellent training.
3. A sample card has been filled out on this page. In addition to these blanks, please indicate your department in the Sunday School.
4. If you will endeavor to tithe, please check the appropriate square. While a tither's pledge with no amount indicated is very fine, an estimate of your tithe will assist in subscribing the budget.

## YOUR GIFT PROVIDES A PROGRAM FOR YOUTH



"Suffer little children to come unto me" (Mark 10:14.)

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." (Ecc. 12:1.)

## I AM YOUR CHURCH

### I Deserve Your Financial Support

I am here because you erected me. You built me because you know that your life would be incomplete—that it would not be full without me.

But I am not here simply to adorn. I am here to serve. Your children and growing youth come to me to be taught the ways of honesty, industry, morality and religion. Your brides and grooms come to my altar that their wedlock may be haloed and sweetened by divine blessings.

I comfort your sick and sorrowing. I bury your dead, and offer rest and solace to the weary. Pardon and peace are my boon to the sin-burdened soul, and my message of mercy brings new life. To your aged I give courage and quiet, and cause their children to call them blessed.

My doors spring open to all—rich and poor, bond and free. My pulpit rings out the message of good will to men, of peace and pardon and a Saviour's love to all. I teach you the way of life, and guide you on the road to heaven.

Come, worship with me and support me, and I will serve you all your days.

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## MY STEWARDS

For the Year Beginning

## "I LOVE THY

1. Recognizing God's blessings in my life, Him by: (Check as you desire to Covenant Maintaining private and (or) public Being faithful to the word Seeking to win at least one person per week)
2. I will endeavor to tithe  (Check if you do)
3. Recognizing my Stewardship to God, and the needs and objectives of our church, I will

\$.....per week

\$.....per month

(50 cents of the above is for a year. This Pledge can be increased, reduced or decreased to the Chu

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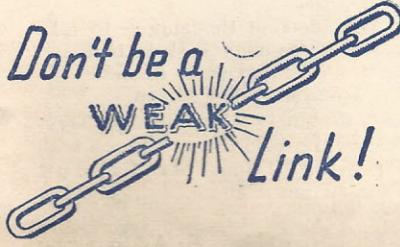
# Tither -- "Prove Me," Saith the Lord

## THE SPIRIT OF THE TITHER

You may offer the excuse, "Let those who have more than I, support the church out of their abundance. Really, I am too poor to tithe." If this were followed, the churches would be for the well-to-do. Nothing would be farther from the teaching of the New Testament. God is more concerned about the development of your character than he is over the amount you give. A selfish, ugly spirit can develop in the rich and poor alike.

He dropped a nickel in the plate,  
Then meekly raised his eyes,  
Glad the weekly rent was paid  
For a mansion in the skies.

Your gift is a kind of character expression that only you can make it. Your gift is small, but if it is your best, it pleases God and that is what counts.



No one holds that one-tenth is all that you are to give. But it is ORDAINED by God's Word (I Cor. 9:14.) ARE YOU GIVING GOD A CHANCE?

## CHRIST AND THE TITHE

"Suppose that a master gardener should give you a beautiful garden and say, 'I will provide the seed, the soil, the sunshine, the air and all the other things necessary to make it beautiful. All I ask in return is one blossom of each 10 that they may be mine and that with them I may cheer others who have not. The other nine you may do with as you will.' Then, suppose that when the garden grew and became beautiful, you selfishly kept all the blossoms for yourself and those whom you loved, giving only a single leaf or bud to the master whenever it happened to please you to do so. What could the Master of the Garden think of us when we selfishly keep that which belongs to Him?"

Surely no one can honestly study the Word of God without realizing that at least one-tenth of a person's income rightfully belongs to the Lord. The New Testament concept is the church giving TOGETHER, hence the term "store-house" as taken from Mal. 3:10. Are you a "Store-house" tither?

### How Do I Know I Tithe?

If your income is \$1.00 weekly, your tithe is \$.10.  
If your income is \$5.00 weekly, your tithe is \$.50.  
If your income is \$10.00 weekly, your tithe is \$1.00.  
If your income is \$15.00 weekly, your tithe is \$1.50.  
If your income is \$25.00 weekly, your tithe is \$2.50.  
If your income is \$35.00 weekly, your tithe is \$3.50.  
If your income is \$50.00 weekly, your tithe is \$5.00.  
If your income is \$75.00 weekly, your tithe is \$7.50.  
If your income is \$100 weekly, your tithe is \$10.00.

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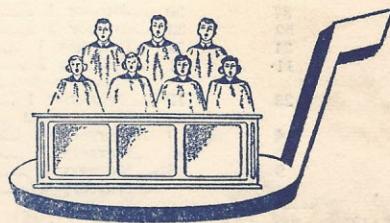
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Sunday School Class or Department

5. If at all possible, state the amount to be given by the week, if not, write in "month."
6. Bring the cards to the church on this Sunday, November 18. The Sunday School hour will be our Great Loyalty Service. Too, opportunities to present cards will be given in other services. If you can not be present, please mail your card or call the church office (2712) and advise the secretary what you expect to give in 1952.
7. Remember, you can cancel or change this pledge at any time. This provision is made for those who may have a change in income during the year.
8. Remember, no one will know what you pledge except the person who keeps the records. It is between you and your Lord.

## YOUR GIFT PROVIDES A MUSIC MINISTRY

" . . . let us sing unto the Lord" (Psalm 95:1).



## DID YOU KNOW THAT

A new auditorium, adequate in size, comfortable in appointments (including air conditioning), worshipful in design is a MUST for the future growth of this church? IT'S TRUE!

## TOO POOR TO TITHE

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

During an Every Member Canvass a deacon knocked on the door of a very poor widow. "I am supposed to invite you," he said, "to pledge to the church, but I don't think you should."

"Why?" The woman was stunned.

"You don't have much money and you need it all for yourself," the deacon replied.

"It is true that I have very little money," the widow was crying softly. "But what I do have comes from my Father in heaven. I do not own what little I possess. I owe it to God. I may be poor but I am not too poor to tithe. People never get too poor to tithe."

Too poor to tithe! Unlike the widow, some people honestly believe the lack of much money excuses from tithing.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

When a church near the business district fails to provide for its growth—records of others show that such a church begins to decline? IT'S TRUE.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

Conservative estimates are that we could now have 1,500 in Sunday School and 1,500 in morning worship if we had the facilities? IT'S TRUE.

## AND 1952 BUDGETS

\$92,990.00

\$146,814.00

# 1312 in Sunday School-400 in Training Union

## VISIBLE RESULTS BY DEPARTMENTS

TRAINING UNION		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Enrol.	Pres.	Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.
11	8	General Officers	10	8
47	33	Adult 1	180	89
25	29	Adult 2	128	81
31	21	Adult 3	282	190
61	43	Young People 1	73	59
		Young People 2	54	25
38	24	Senior	68	39
47	19	Intermediate	76	54
37	30	Junior 1	124	81
52	33	Junior 2	126	87
21	11	Primary 1	50	42
11	11	Primary 2	50	30
		Primary 3	56	37
23	19	Beginner 1	60	28
		Beginner 2	80	49
4	3	Nursery 1	9	2
3	6	Nursery 2	20	15
9	6	Nursery 3	28	14
		Nursery 4	30	19
TOTALS	420	TOTALS	1504	862
Attendance One Year Ago	296	Attendance One Year Ago	949	862
	267		905	

"AND HIS PEOPLE BROUGHT INTO THE STOREHOUSE . . ."	
Envelopes used	428
Specials	\$ 188.42
Budget Offering	\$1895.10
TOTAL	\$2038.52

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY TO: Family of Mrs. Mattie Creel upon Mrs. Creel's death.

SICK IN CEDARTOWN, Ga.: The mother of Miss Fronie Lipham.

IN MEMORIAM	
MR. A. W. DOBSON	
Deceased November 14, 1951	
The church extends sincerest sympathy to members of the family.	



## Remember Our Servicemen

Bvt. J. M. Godwin  
RA 14379950  
Co. E 7th Reg. 3rd Div.  
APO 468 c/o FPO  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Robert E. Godwin, Jr.  
1st Lt. Emma Goss  
N-727525  
Box 197 Tripler Gen.  
Hospital APO 438 c/o PM  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Sgt. E. W. Goss  
US. Marine Corps  
Nav. Det. Box 5 NAS  
Banana River, Fla.  
Capt. E. H. Guibert  
Qtrs 14 NAS  
Pensacola, Fla.

## ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

On next Tuesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m. at East Hill Baptist Church, the Associational Sunday School meeting will be held. Departmental conferences led by our associational leaders will be conducted. Dr. C. H. Watson of Jacksonville will be the main speaker of the evening.

## TRAINING UNION EXECUTIVE MEETING SUNDAY 5 P.M.

### "I BELIEVE IN TITHING"

"I believe in tithing—and more. But there are so many calls for charity and other good causes. I cannot give all my tithe through the church."

"Bring ye all the tithes (i.e. the whole tithe) into the storehouse . . . saith the Lord" (Mal. 3:10). "The tithe . . . is holy unto the Lord . . . the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev 27:30, 32). The Lord's tithe is not for secular uses. In the Old Testament the charity tithe for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow was brought in addition to the regular tithe (see Deut. 14:28, 29). In the New Testament the Jerusalem Christians gave far more than the tithe, because of the need of their brethren from afar. (Acts 4:32-37). Later, the Christians in Asia Minor and Europe gave liberally beyond their tithe. The Macedonians gave "to their power . . . and beyond their power" (II Cor. 8:3), because of the need of the Jerusalem Christians. The charitable work done through the church in the Lord's name, for which the Lord receives the glory is rightly paid for out of the Lord's tithe. But the charitable causes outside the church however worthy and fine, are not usually supported with the Lord's tithe, when one has the teachings of the Bible clearly in mind.

More of the charitable work in the community ought to be done by the churches. And more can be done when all Christians bring the tithe to the Lord's house.

The principle is this: the Lord's tithe is not for general community work, but for the Lord's work.

Raised the old standard in every instance. Read the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5, 6, and 7.) If the tithe is not now expected of Christians, Jesus lowered this one standard. If it is lawful for a Christian to spend more than nine-tenths of his income on himself then he has a right to be more selfish than the Jew, and Christ has lowered a moral standard. Did he do that in this one case only?

Grace has not repealed the Ten Commandments, but it has given more strength to keep them, and provided more compelling motives for doing so. Nowhere in all the Bible when giving is mentioned is any portion less than the tithe indicated.

The Christian under grace has a larger obligation and privilege than the Jew under law.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT

Not a person in this church is too poor to tithe? IT'S TRUE.

BAPTIST HOUR SUBJECT SUNDAY WILL BE "AMERICA'S MODERN MURDERERS." WCOA AT 2:00 P.M.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### NOVEMBER 18-24

#### SUNDAY IS THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00
Sermon	by Pastor
Sunday School	9:40
Training Union	6:10
Sermon	by Pastor

#### SUNDAY

9:00—Church Library Open

2:00—Baptist Hour

5:00—Training Union Executive Meeting.

5:30—Church Library Open

#### MONDAY

6:30—Virginia Wingo YWA meeting at the church

6:30—Johnni Johnson YWA meeting at the home of Miss Nancye Bousman, 911 E. Maxwell.

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30 A. M.—Morning Watch

6:10—S. S. Supper Meeting

6:45—Young People's Choir Practice

7:00—S. S. Departmental meetings.

7:45—Midweek Prayer Service.

#### THURSDAY

7:00 A. M.—Meet at the church to take the Thanksgiving baskets out.

7:45 A. M.—Thanksgiving Breakfast in the Church Dining Room

10:00 A.M.—Annual Thanksgiving Service will be held in this Church with Dr. John Thomas of the First Presbyterian Church, bringing the message.

There will be no G. A., R. A., Sunbeam meeting or Youth Choir Practice on Friday.

## ANNUAL TRAINING UNION THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

On this Sunday evening all training unions are urged to bring their donations for Thanksgiving baskets — gifts of money or canned goods will be acceptable. The baskets will be made up and delivered to needy families on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. After the baskets have been delivered all will return to the church for the Thanksgiving breakfast at 7:45. Those planning to attend the breakfast are asked to make their reservations on Sunday evening during the Training Union hour. Plan now to attend!

## Church Recreational Hall Open This Saturday

Again this coming Saturday, November 17, the Church Recreation Hall will be open for our young people to attend. The hours are from 7 until 10.

### JUNIOR 2 PLANS OUTING

Junior 2 announces an outing on Dec. 7 to be held at Camp Big Heart on Pensacola Sound.

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### DID YOU KNOW THAT

It is possible for a man to rob God? "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8). It is being done.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

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