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SUNDAY IS LOYALTY FOLLOW-UP DAY

We have made an excellent beginning in our Stewardship Campaign for 1952. Your committee wishes to express appreciation to all who responded so magnificently on the opening Sunday. We are convinced that there are many other members and friends who will return their signed covenant cards, either by mail or in person by this coming Sunday. We are, therefore, suggesting that Sunday be made LOYALTY DAY FOLLOW-UP in all of the services. Then, on the following Sunday (December 2), our large and enthusiastic committee will begin the every member canvass of those who have not responded up to that time. This will be a canvass to acquaint the membership with the program of the church, to discover opportunities for Christian service which we may be neglecting at this time, and to challenge each member to accept his individual responsibility to Christ and His Church.

691 signed covenant cards were presented to the church this past week. We rejoice in the returns which indicate that most of the people represented in these commitments will be faithful in private, family and public worship in 1952. It is wonderful to know that 538 members have covenanted to endeavor to win at least one person to Christ next year. Too, 412 have already indicated their purpose to tithe their income next year. Indeed we do rejoice in these spiritual commitments.

Equally encouraging and significant has been the response to the proposed financial objectives of our church for 1952. The total amount pledged on 691 cards is \$78,464. Our financial secretary states that a large number of our people have increased their program of giving to the church of which they are a part. Surely with the loyal support of the hundreds yet to make their commitments, 1952 has the promise of being the greatest year in the long and glorious history of First Baptist Church. Let us pray definitely, earnestly and persistently for a glorious victory in this as in every worthy undertaking for our Lord.

WHERE WE ARE



START

FINISH

\$78,464

\$68,350

LET'S COMPLETELY UNDERWRITE THE PROGRAM

VISIBLE RESULTS BY DEPARTMENTS

TRAINING UNION			SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Enrol.	Pres.		Enrol.	Pres.	Cont.
11	8	....General Officers.....	10	9	0
51	35	....Adult 1.....	181	81	97
30	26	....Adult 2.....	126	77	88
29	22	....Adult 3.....	283	171	330
61	48	....Young People 1	73	53	11
		....Young People 2	55	21	49
38	29	....Senior	69	45	54
45	23	....Intermediate	78	57	105
37	24	....Junior 1	126	78	229
51	29	....Junior 2	126	74	33
21	11	....Primary 1	50	47	29
11	9	....Primary 2	49	29	3
		....Primary 3	56	33	43
23	19	....Beginner 1	60	30	37
		....Beginner 2	80	52	25
4	2	....Nursery 1	9	2	6
3	6	....Nursery 2	20	13	53
9	6	....Nursery 3	28	12	24
		....Nursery 4	32	23	0
Totals 424 298			Totals .....1511 907 1216		
Attendance one year ago.....			254 Attendance one year ago..... 968		

THANKFULNESS

First among the things to be thankful for is a thankful spirit. Some people would grumble at the accommodations in Heaven if they ever got there. They take their blessings here so much as a matter of course, that even a day of general thanksgiving once in a year is more than they feel any need of. And if their personal blessings in any measure fail, gratitude for what they had or still enjoy is the last thing they think of. Another class really desire to be thankful, but they are naturally despondent. Their sky is as dark with clouds as though a special Old Probabilities were employed to keep it full. They go through the world in a depreciating spirit, hoping things may turn out well yet fearing for the worst. We always feel glad for this class when Thanksgiving Day comes around. They then have an official warrant for gratitude. If their own heart does not formulate blessings they can listen to the sermon, or look to the President's proclamation.

How different with the thankful heart! What a gift it is to be born with an outlook toward the bright side of things. And if not so by nature, what a triumph of grace to be made thankful through a renewed heart! It is so much more comfortable and rational to see what we have to be thankful for and to rejoice accordingly, than to have our vision forever filled with our lacks and our needs. Happy are they who possess this gift! Blessings may fail and fortunes vary, but the thankful heart remains: The happy past, at least, is secure—and Heaven is ahead.

—Golden Rule

"SOUL WINNING DOCTRINES" BEING TAUGHT

The book, "Soul Winning Doctrines," is being taught each Wednesday evening following the Sunday School supper period in the Intermediate Department Assembly room. Anyone interested in receiving credit for the book is invited to attend six out of the ten class periods being held. Only one class period has already been taught.

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BAPTIST HOUR SUBJECT ON SUNDAY OVER WCOA AT 2:00 P.M. WILL BE, "THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

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A church is just what its members are, nothing more, nothing less. A church can not rise above its people. If it would be a better church in character in attendance, in the things that money can buy, then its people must be better in character, in attendance, and in Christian giving. The members of a church can make their church what they would like to see it be. They can do this by measuring up to these aims themselves. Any criticism of our church also is a criticism of ourselves. Yes, we are our church. It is what we are. Let's make our church the most wonderful church on earth.

—Copied

