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"Yes . . .

. . . I TITHE"

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| • ABRAHAM | Commenced it |
| • JACOB | Continued it |
| • MOSES | Confirmed it |
| • MALACHI | Commanded it |
| • JESUS | Commended it |

"these ought ye to have done.."

Matthew 23:23

PLEDGE TO TITHE

OCTOBER 23

—Copied
First Baptist, Oklahoma City

Viewpoint

Association—The Pensacola Bay Baptist Association meets next week. Thursday morning at 9 o'clock the first session will be held at the Southside Baptist Church. There will be no afternoon meeting. The night services will be held at the Whitfield Baptist Church. Friday morning at 9 o'clock the last session will begin at Myrtle Grove.

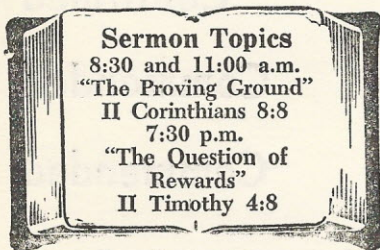
The Association is the basic cooperative unit through which Baptist churches work together. The State Conventions, the Southern Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance are but extensions of the spirit of co-operation found in local associations.

Too few laymen have been taking part in associational affairs. As much as I enjoy the fellowship of preachers, we need lay leadership in associational affairs. Mr. Layman, plan to participate in the affairs of your Baptist association, if you possibly can.

Prayer is essential if we are to experience a true victory on "Victory Day". Not machinery, but, the love of Christ will bring about the kind of dedication that will result in great stewardship. How much do we love Him?

Dr. Dobbins—Remember that Dr. Gaines Dobbins, of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is to be with us in a program of "Spiritual Advance", November 3-6.

Congratulations to the Baptist Hospital on its fourth anniversary celebration in our church last Monday night. Groner, Gaston, and Company are doing a good job!



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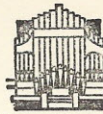
ATTENDANCE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

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|------------------------------|----|
| Sunbeams | 43 |
| Girls' Auxiliary | 43 |
| Junior R.A.'s | 12 |
| Intermediate R.A.'s | 00 |
| Y. W. A. | 5 |
| Young Men's Brotherhood..... | 11 |

TOTAL..... 114
(Not counting Intermediate R.A.'s)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Any member of the church who desires a Calendar of Activities for the new church year may secure a copy by asking for it in the Church Office. Please remember that



Music Notes

The Chapel Choir is rehearsing on Sunday afternoon from 5:00 to 6:00 in the Music Room. The change in rehearsal time was made for several reasons. It was felt that the Sunday afternoon hour would be more convenient to young people because of the heavy demands made upon their time during the week. Also, it will give to persons living some distance an opportunity to come to practice and then go to Training Union. **ATTENTION ALL SERVICEMEN!** You are urged to become a part of this choir. Many of you have had previous singing experience but have been unable to attend rehearsals during the week. We invite you to give your talents to the work of the Lord through the Chapel Choir. Previous experience is not necessary, however; only a willingness to serve and a faithfulness to duty.

CHOIR ATTENDANCE

| Choir | Enrol. | Pres. | Percent |
|-----------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Church | 34 | 25 | 70 |
| Chapel | 22 | 11 | 50 |
| Concord | 22 | 15 | 68 |
| Carol | 61 | 37 | 61 |
| Cherub | 41 | 36 | 88 |
| Celestial | 19 | 14 | 74 |
| Total..... | 199 | 138 | 69% |

"Praise the Lord For it is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly."—Psalm 147:1.

NORTH HILL NARRATIONS

Our mission has been richly blessed in the past two weeks by high attendance and a good spirit of fellowship. We had 38 men in attendance at our brotherhood meeting last Tuesday night and we believe that our brotherhood is going to be a most important factor in the growth of our chapel. The walls have been completed on our new educational unit and the roof and partitions should be completed this week and how grateful we are that this new building will soon be available as we are so desperately in need of it. We believe that there will be a marked increase in the enrollment of our Sunday School upon the completion of this building as many people who live in North Hill have felt that we were already overcrowded and that they would be a burden until we obtained more space. We are grateful for your prayers for our work at North Hill and humbly ask that you continue to pray for us.

"Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies."

—Psalm 40:4.

when some activity is to be scheduled at the church a check will need to be made with Mr. Bizzell and the activity must be entered on the official calendar.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 p.m.

Speaker

DR. J. H. DODSON

Brotherhood President

First Baptist Church, Mobile

Tickets available from: Clarence L. Taylor, J. H. Myrick, W. T. Osborn, W. E. Jackson, Jim Drexler, R. C. Merritt, or from Church Office.



Library Emphasis Week

October 16-21

Miss Albertina Hare of the Church Library Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, will teach

"THE CHURCH LIBRARY MANUAL"

Monday through Friday, 7:00 p.m.

in the W. M. U. Room

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WANTED, BOOKS!

In preparation for the re-cataloguing of our Library next week, we are asking that ALL books be turned in on or before Sunday. Please search your book shelves, and return anything that belongs to the Church Library.

ALL INSIDE

Last eve I walked a certain street
And met such gloomy folk;
I made great haste to pass them by,
And neither smiled nor spoke.
The giant elms drooped sullenly,
The very sun was dim.
I met a friend, and said, I hope I've seen
The last of him.

Today I walked the selfsame street,
And loved the folks I met;
If business had not made me leave
I would have been there yet.
Of course, I've solved the mystery,
'Tis very plain to see;
The day I met the gloomy folks,
The gloom was inside me!

—Author Unknown

STEWARDSHIP



TIME



TALENT



TREASURE



OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

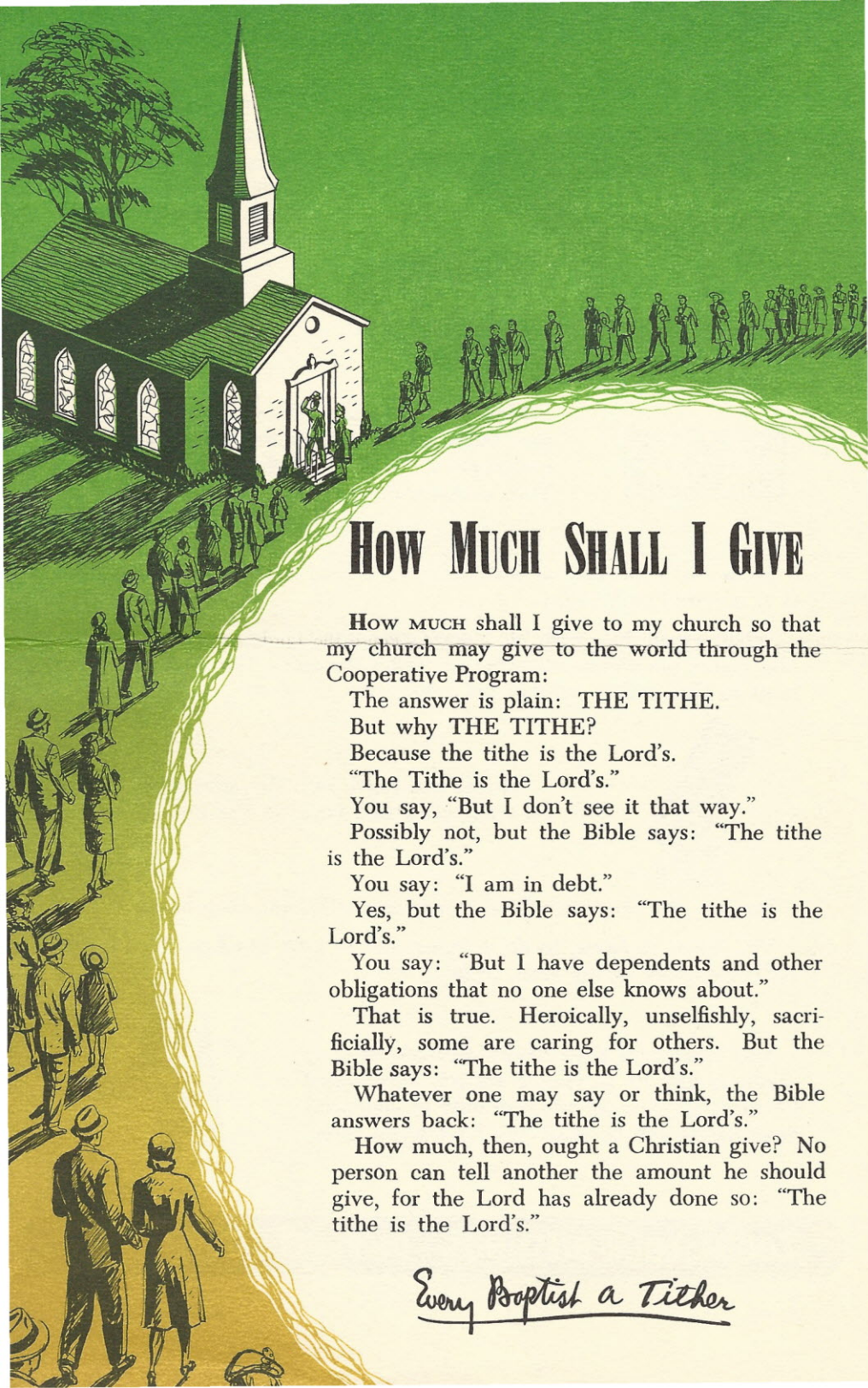
Received to date.....\$360,034.79
Borrowed 100.00

Total\$360,134.79

Less:

Payments to Contractor..... 239,219.33

Balance on hand\$120,915.46



HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE

How much shall I give to my church so that my church may give to the world through the Cooperative Program:

The answer is plain: THE TITHE.

But why THE TITHE?

Because the tithe is the Lord's.

"The Tithe is the Lord's."

You say, "But I don't see it that way."

Possibly not, but the Bible says: "The tithe is the Lord's."

You say: "I am in debt."

Yes, but the Bible says: "The tithe is the Lord's."

You say: "But I have dependents and other obligations that no one else knows about."

That is true. Heroically, unselfishly, sacrificially, some are caring for others. But the Bible says: "The tithe is the Lord's."

Whatever one may say or think, the Bible answers back: "The tithe is the Lord's."

How much, then, ought a Christian give? No person can tell another the amount he should give, for the Lord has already done so: "The tithe is the Lord's."

Every Baptist a Tither

A Man And His Money

The conflict between two possessive pronouns—mine and thine—has caused most of the world's wars.



Money is a medium of exchange. The Christian takes money which he cannot keep and exchanges it for that which he can never lose. That is one way to lay up treasures in heaven.

Money is a measure of material value. It is more than a substance. It is invested with utility.

What a man does with his money goes into his character. Accumulation makes the money; distribution makes the man. The man who gives most to God makes most of his money and of himself.



"Honor the Lord with thy substance" means let your checkbook kneel in prayer.

Heaven pity the man whose money is worth more than he is!

The verbs, *to know*, *to do*, *to have*, and *to give*, must combine in the crowning glory of the verb, *to be*.

And when you have finally escaped all your creditors and lie in church entirely surrounded by silver handles, all you will hold in your cold dead hands will be what you have given away.



W. F. Powell

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS—INCREASE YOUR PLEDGE

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

| | |
|--|------------|
| Sunday School Attendance..... | 1050 |
| Members Present | 992 |
| New Members | 9 |
| Visitors | 49 |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 107 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 95 |
| Class at Jail..... | 30 |
| Total Sunday School Attendance..... | 1282 |
| Attendance one year ago..... | 1068 |
| Training Union Attendance..... | 314 |
| Members Present | 278 |
| New Members | 17 |
| Visitors | 19 |
| Circle Baptist Chapel..... | 48 |
| North Hill Baptist Chapel..... | 54 |
| Total Training Union Attendance..... | 406 |
| Attendance one year ago..... | 292 |
| Additions to church..... | 5 |
| (Statement—2; Restoration—2; Letter—1). | |
| (First—4; Circle—7). | |
| Baptized | 2 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$3,163.43 |
| (Circle—\$186.24) | |
| (North Hill—\$82.84). | |
| Specials | 86.16 |
| (C. C.—\$2.11). | |
| Building Designated | 499.60 |
| Circle Chapel Building..... | 50.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$3,799.19 |

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FIRST BAPTIST (Statement)

- 6 Mr. Travis T. Dodd, 1512 E. Fisher St.
7 Mrs. Travis T. Dodd, 1512 E. Fisher St.

FIRST BAPTIST (Restoration)

- 8 Mr. V. R. Byrd, 811 N. Alcaniz St.
9 Mrs. V. R. Byrd, 811 N. Alcaniz St.

CIRCLE CHAPEL (Letter)

- 10 Mrs. Jack Bryant, 512 N. 57th Ave.
11 Mrs. Anne Waddington, 300 S. Alcaniz.

TWO BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Miss Alice Durham and Mr. H. B. Trotter.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Ill at Home — Mr. Henry Ferry, 1808 N. 16th Ave.; Mr. Roger Chatwood, 1407 N. Palafox.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Albert Anderson and Mr. G. T. Sutton in the loss of their sister. Mr. Fred Kreitlein in the loss of his father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Giles on the birth of their son, Douglas Everitt, October 5; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Garrett on the birth of their daughter, Mary Ruth, October 7.

WEDDING BELLS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Cris Mandel (Yvonne Pulaski).

THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16—

- 8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship. Pastor
9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Haywood Arnold, Director
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.
W. M. U. Room
8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.
Lower Auditorium.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17—

- 6:30 p.m.—Y. W. A. and Young Men's Brotherhood begins with supper
7:00 p.m.—Library Emphasis Week.
7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks B. W. C. meets with Miss Jewel Garrett, 1007 E. Bohe St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18—

- 3:15 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.
4:00 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.
4:00 p.m.—Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s Junior R.A.'s meet at church.
7:00 p.m.—Library Emphasis Week.
7:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting.
7:00 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle meets with Mrs. Alberta McCown, 1530 E. Blount.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19—

- 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers' Meeting begins with supper.
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s.
6:45 p.m.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20—

- 9:00 a.m.—Associational Meeting. Southside Church.
9:30 a.m.—VISITATION
10:00 a.m.—Cradle Roll Meeting.
2:30 p.m.—CHURCH-WIDE
7:00 p.m.—VISITATION
7:30 p.m.—Associational Meeting. Whitefield Church.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21—

- 9:00 a.m.—Associational Meeting. Myrtle Grove Church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22—

- 9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

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