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Are We Robbing God?

BY THE PASTOR

Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing Thee?' In your tithes and offerings."

May I speak personally to each one of you concerning the matter of what our church is doing in giving to the work of our Lord? First of all, some facts. As you look over this, please place yourself in the proper classification, realizing that one-tenth of your income belongs to the work of our Savior. The way we have given through the church is listed below. (These figures represent the adult members of this congregation):

1960 BUDGET IS APPROVED

The congregation of the First Baptist Church approved the 1960 budget of \$229,171 Sunday morning, October 18. A. H. Arnold, chairman of the Budget Planning Committee, moved that the budget be adopted. His motion was seconded and passed without opposition. Dr. Henry L. Ashmore, General Chairman of the Forward Program, told the congregation after the vote that he took the action to men that every member would assist in pushing the budget over the top. Pledge day is November 8, and Victory day is November 15th.

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By giving all of the tithe, we can help build those 17,472 new churches that have gone unbuilt, or help multiply the work of foreign missions by seven-fold.



*"...remember
the Lord thy God: for
it is he that giveth thee
power to get wealth."
(Deut 8:18).*

Groups Forming For Canvassing

During the week of November 9-15, an effort will be made to lead every church and Sunday School member to make a pledge toward the 1960 budget goal. (Sunday School members who are not church members will be invited to share in the pledging if they desire).

It is hoped that most of the pledges will come in on Pledge Sunday, November 8. Sunday School leaders are informing their class members of the attendance goal for that Sunday, and urging those who know they must be absent to send their cards early to be counted in the tabulation.

Norwood Cobb, Chairman of the Budget Pledging Committee, has enlisted 87 group leaders who are enlisting teams to serve as canvassers the week following Pledge Sunday. They will call in the homes of those who are unable to be present on Pledge Day.

If you are asked to serve as a canvasser, be ready to say yes. You will not only receive a personal blessing from visiting, but you will be making a valuable contribution to the financial program of the church.

411 members gave nothing.
107 members gave 50¢ or less per week.
136 members gave 50¢ to \$1.00 per week.
159 members gave \$1.00 to \$2.00 per week.
233 members gave \$2.00 to \$4.00 per week.
200 members gave \$4.00 to \$6.00 per week.
95 members gave \$6.00 to \$8.00 per week.
65 members gave \$8.00 to \$10.00 per week.
24 members gave \$10.00 to \$15.00 per week.
5 members gave \$15.00 to \$20.00 per week.
9 members gave \$20.00 to \$25.00 per week.
6 members gave \$25.00 to \$50.00 per week.

Now, let's just think together. 411 of our adult members did not give. They cannot expect to be blessed of the Lord, as they cannot expect to know the joy of Christian service, since they do not have a part in the salvation of souls or the development of our schools, hospitals, mission points or local affairs. If the record above is accurate, 518 of our adult members earn \$5.00 or less per week. Honestly now, that is not true. We have money for pleasure, travel, household fixings, new clothes, income tax, insurance, payments on new cars, etc., and yet, we do not have money for the most important thing on earth—the program of God to win souls, that are doomed to a Christless eternity, to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

If we were honest with God concerning the matter of our tithe, there would be very few members giving under four to six dollars per week, but the fact is that 1110 members, by their giving, indicate that they earn less than \$50.00 per week. If this be true, I believe the members of First Baptist Church are robbing God.

Won't you accept this as a challenge to give to the Lord at least one-tenth of your income and then to give your gifts and offerings above the one-tenth to meet our building fund needs and our extra expenses? God will bless a cheerful giver. If the message of the Bible is true—we can't afford not to tithe. Listen to what God said in Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

Every Baptist a Tither

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should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance..... 1176
Members Present 1113
New Members 18
Visitors 45
(Attendance one year ago. 1030)
Training Union Attendance 223
Members Present 205
New Members 16
Visitors 17
(Attendance one year ago. 319)
Additions to church membership..... 11
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget \$3,575.41
Specials 272.45
Building Fund 53.76
TOTAL OFFERING \$3,907.62



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Adolph Alf, Mr. L. D. Rushing, Mr. William Henry Williams, Mr. Sam Davis, Mr. Bill Osborn, Ernest O. Nolen, Jr., Mrs. George P. Wood.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. R. L. Reddick, Miss Pearl Kennedy, Grady White.

In the Hospital Out of Town:

Mrs. P. O. Davis, Moody Hospital, Dothan, Alabama.

Home from Hospital:

Don Rodney Overton, Mrs. J. F. Gammell, Mrs. Eva Grace Eckhoff, Diette Marie England, Lester J. Hamblin, James Rountree, Mrs. J. O. Rainier, Mrs. Byron Lane, Mr. Hugh Phillip Peake.

Naval Hospital:

Eddie Lee Carpenter.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Eckhoff in the birth
of a baby boy.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mr. R. C. Merritt and Mr. R. M. Merritt
in the loss of their brother.

LOYALTY DINNER
NOVEMBER 5

Our Children LOOKING Ahead

TO NOVEMBER 2, 1959—7:00 P.M.

Parents of all Nursery age children are invited to a parent meeting on this date. Mark it now on your calendar and plan to come. Provisions will be made for your children. This will give you an opportunity to get better acquainted with your child's Sunday School worker and to better understand how he is working with your child on Sunday morning.

CRADLE ROLL

We now have five ladies who are doing a very fine job working in our Cradle Roll Department. Since our people are so scattered we still need others to help us. If you do not have a place of service in our Sunday School won't you prayerfully consider being a Cradle Roll Visitor? If you feel led to do so please call the church office.



Library Notes

Two good books!

"Saints Without Halos" by Alvin E. Mungay is a book written about the rank and file of the early church. It is vivid, colorful, with all the reality of men and women of today. They are presented as they lived, with no attempt to gloss over or excuse their frailties.

"People Haven't Chang'd" by Donald Ackland. Here, in these refreshingly different character studies, you will meet and learn to know intimately many intriguing Old Testament characters. As you do, you will learn to avoid the pitfalls they stumbled into. You will learn the secrets of spiritual victory. You will be challenged to a closer walk with the God they served faithfully or spurned recklessly.

MRS. STOESSEN



LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday—9:00-9:25; 10:45-11:00 a.m.
12:00-12:20 a.m.; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday—9:15-12:00 a.m.

Wednesday—4:30-7:25 p.m.

STEWARSHIP TESTIMONIES
SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.—Cdr. Robert E. Sparks.
7:30 p.m.—Mr. O. F. Aultman.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The memorial flowers for last Sunday, October 18, were given in memory of Mrs. J. E. Rucks by a group of friends in the church family.

The memorial flowers for Sunday, October 25, will be in memory of Miss Dora Lee Clark. They will be given by her family.

Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor,
B broadcast over WCOA.
1:30 p.m.—Pentecost Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subject: "Are the Heathen Lost?"
4:30 p.m.—Training Union Officers' Council
Meeting.
5:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Car. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor.
Ordinances of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-
ried Young People's Department.
—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26—

7:00 p.m.—Troop 10—Boy Scout Court of
Honors, Lower Auditorium, Edu-
cational Bldg.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27—

6:30 p.m.—Chapel and Church Choir Banquet.
Chu ch Dining Room.
7:00 p.m.—BIBLE SURVEY. Adult A Dept.
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class will have their
meeting at the home of Mrs. Emily Work, 240 West Jordan.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28—

4:45 p.m.—Choirs
—G. A. Leadership Course in Room
127 (Ground floor of new bldg.)
6:30-7:30—Young People's Class Officers'
Clinic.
5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B Department.
—Training Union Directors' Meeting.
Room 127.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner (Faithful Work-
ers, Adult B serving).
6:30 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers meet.
7:25 p.m.—PRAYER SERVICE in Sanctuary.
8:00 p.m.—Visitation.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29—

9:00 a.m.—BIBLE SURVEY PLAN.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Hymn Sing at Park
Place Baptist Church. Church and
Chapel Choirs participating.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30—

Fellowship for Young People and Interme-
diates after football game.

There Is No Substitute
For Prayer and
Bible Study

Training Union

OFFICERS' COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY

Last month the Training Union began a new plan of holding the monthly Officers' Council Meeting on Sunday afternoon. We had good attendance for the first meeting. We are expecting an even better representation this coming Sunday afternoon. All Training Union officers and members are urged to be present at 4:30 p.m., going directly to your department. Then, there will be a snack for those attending the meetings in the dining room of the educational building.

Your Sundays Belong to God



Everyone is cordially invited to the

ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Thursday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.
Park Place Baptist Church

Our Church and Chapel Choirs will participate.

NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1959

BY LETTER:

13. Marion Franklin Jones, Ward "E", USN Hospital, NAS. From: First Baptist Church, Belle Glade, Fla.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1959

FOR BAPTISM:

4. Mrs. Henry E. Chiles, 37 Pen Haven Dr.
5. Donna Gay Garrett, 1318 E. Bobo St.
6. Mr. Edward A. Lawson, 704 W. Lee St.
7. Mrs. Edward A. Lawson.

BY STATEMENT:

15. Mr. A. L. Richardson, 110 Pineda Ave., Granada.
17. Mrs. A. L. Richardson.
18. Kelly Richardson.

BY LETTER:

19. Mr. Henry Edward Chiles, 37 Pen Haven Drive, From: First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala.
20. Mrs. Geneva Howard, 221 Betty Road, N.P. From: First Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida.
21. Mr. Genn Litchfield, 329 Panterio Drive, Pensacola Beach.



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SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Blessed Beggars"
(II Corinthians 8:4)

7:30 P.M.

"Symbolic of Salvation"
(Matthew 3:13)

THINK A MINUTE

Although the First Baptist Church has adopted a 1960 budget goal of \$229,171, A. H. Arnold and the budget planning committee found that the church has a potential of a \$375,000 annual budget. This was based on the study of *We Are Able*, a workbook for analyzing tithe potentials.

A Convention-wide study has just been completed of the giving potential of all Southern Baptist Churches. In 1957 (latest year for which figures are available), the estimated income of all Southern Baptists was nearly \$14 billion. This means that the total Southern Baptist tithe could have been over \$1 1/3 billion if every Baptist had tithed.

Instead of giving the \$1 1/3 billion, we gave just a little more than \$1/3 billion, which means we kept \$1 billion of the Lord's money for ourselves!

In 1957, the withheld tithe of Southern Baptists would have multiplied by seven the entire budget of our Foreign Mission Board. Or, the withheld tithe would have built 17,472 new churches, with buildings and equipment equal to the average Southern Baptist church now in existence. Or it would have built 130 new five-hundred bed hospitals.

Although it is hard to conceive of a billion dollars, it is not difficult to visualize the three, four or five dollars of the Lord's tithe that some may have withheld each Sunday last year. Regardless of the Southern Baptist average, let's raise our level in 1960 so that all of God's tithe will go into God's work in our community and around the world.



ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be a HALLOWEEN PARTY at the church immediately following the football game on Friday night, October 30.

There will NOT be a fellowship after the ball game this Friday night, October 23.

GROUP LEADERS WORKING HARD; RESPONSE GOOD

Mr. J. Norwood Cobb, Chairman of the Budget Pledging Committee, reports a wonderful response on the part of the men who have been asked to serve as Group Leaders to enlist Canvassers. Eighty-seven men have agreed to serve and are at work now calling the list of potential canvassers. When one of these men calls you to ask you to serve as a Canvasser, it is hoped that you will respond in the same way.

Here is the list of Group Leaders:

J. Claude Adkison	Joe Ladner
F. G. Almon	H. T. Lenz
O. F. Aultman	William L. Lee
A. H. Arnold	Clifford T. Lenz
Constantine Asters	Marvin Lee
P. G. Batson, Jr.	Charles Leaman
Bert Berrisford	Stanley B. Lassiter
J. G. Brookins	Edward Lewis
R. Myrlin Brooks	Dr. Richard Mosley
John B. Coker	Jim D. McCuskill
Dr. Bill Coker	Glen R. McDonald
W. T. Creel	Ferman Minshew
Paul Care	R. C. Merritt
M. J. Conion	W. P. Moaty
Clarence E. Darnelly	John H. Myrick
Jim L. Drexler	C. M. O'Neill
Bobby Ray Drew	Charles H. Overman
Percy O. Davis, Jr.	W. T. Osborn
R. C. Eickler	Mose Penton
John K. Edwards, Jr.	Robert N. Pyle
M. A. Farmer	Lon Roberts, Jr.
C. Adolph Fields	Milton Richardson
Frank Gibbs	E. H. Lundy
Theron Guthrie	Billy Renfroe
Ernest Gentry	David Raley
C. Edward Green	Cecil Ray
Lee Hardy	James A. Riddle
Jack Howes	Emory W. Rogers
Wilson Harris	James C. Rountree
J. V. Harrison	Thurston A. Shell
James L. Hurt	Thurston B. Shell
J. L. Hackett	Henry W. Smith
Cecil S. Jones, Jr.	Leslie C. Sasseett
Ben C. Johns	George W. Schaefer
William E. Jackson	George R. Russell, Jr.
Sam Jordan	Clarence Taylor
Don Jensen	W. M. Thompson
Robert F. Jernigan	W. Felix Woolf
Darrell M. Jones	Herman O. Williams
U. E. Jutila	Tom Wish
R. L. Kendrick	Charles Wamble
R. C. Keith	J. M. Ward
Dr. Sidney Kennedy	L. E. Wiggins
Je.	Roger R. Yonkers



FORWARD PROGRAM CALENDAR

OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 15, 1959

(The calendar shown here does not include four weeks of intensive preparation already carried out)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER 18 AM and PM Stewardship testimonies. Adopt Budget	19	20 Mail invitations to Loyalty Dinner.	21 8:00 Training session for reservation committee.	22 Begin enlistment of canvass teams.	23 Local publicity.
OCTOBER 25 AM and PM Stewardship testimonies.	26	27 Reservation committee begins telephone confirmations for Loyalty Dinner.	28 Study special stewardship lesson in teachers' meeting.	29 Complete canvass teams.	30 Local publicity.
NOVEMBER 1 Stewardship testimonies. Stewardship S. S. lessons. Church and Denomination Day Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, speaker	2 Complete Loyalty Dinner reservations.	3 Mail pledge cards, explanatory letter, budget folder to each church and S. S. member	4 Stewardship, Film "Where Your Heart Is"	5 LOYALTY DINNER at National Guard Armory 1300 W. Gregory St. Children's Party at the church, 6:30.	6 Local publicity. Training session for Tally Committee.
NOVEMBER 8 Pledge Day	9 Assignment supper for canvassers, Church dining room, 6:30 p.m.	10 Nine o'clock report snack Church dining room	11	12 Nine o'clock report snack Church dining room.	13
NOVEMBER 15 Victory Day 4:00 Final Report Snack. 7:30 Pledge Dedication.				Solicitation in homes by families to secure cards not turned in on Sunday, November 8	