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SUNDAY IS PLEDGE DAY!

Those Who Must Be Absent Urged To Send Cards Early

Think a Moment..

Certainly every Baptist believes in missions. We know that the gospel is not something to be hoarded, but a blessing to be shared with others. Sharing the good news of Christ with others is missions. We believe in missions because we believe in and love Christ.

There are many worthy mission causes in the world. So many, in fact, that if our church tried to give even a small amount to each one, the help given would be too small to make any definite impression.

That is why the major part of our mission giving is through the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. Occasionally someone mistakenly says that we give so much to the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program is a channel through which we give to missions. By giving thru the Cooperative Program, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are supporting most of the causes dear to the hearts of Baptists.

Without the Cooperative Program, we would find ourselves burdened with continued special offerings. And even then, we could never take enough special offerings in any one year to cover all our missionary causes.

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Hear

Mr. J. C. Penney

Mr. J. C. Penney has been asked to speak at a public meeting primarily for church people to be held in our sanctuary on Tuesday night, November 10. This meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Members of our church will want to hear him at this time.

Assignment Supper Monday, November 9

The Assignment Supper for Canvassers will be held in the church dining room, Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. The Nursery will be open.

At that time, some 200 canvassers, who have agreed to visit homes where pledge cards are not turned in during the pledge march, will receive their assignments for visitation and instructions. There will be special report snacks for canvassers at 9:00 p.m. November 10 and November 12.

VICTORY DAY IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Every Baptist a Tither

Each church and Sunday School member of the First Baptist Church has received a 1960 commitment card. This is to be filled in at home, and brought to Sunday School for the Pledge Day march, Sunday morning, November 8. A unified service will be held in the sanctuary during the latter part of the Sunday School hour. This will be a service of dedication and consecration, as each member turns in his intent of giving for the coming year.

Those who must be absent are urged to mail or bring by the church office their cards before Sunday morning. Norwood Cobb, pledging chairman, said, "We have a large number of men trained to visit next week. However, if our people co-operate by returning most of the cards Sunday, this will greatly reduce the number of home calls." A facsimile of this year's pledge card is printed below. The facsimile printed here is not to be filled out. Everyone should have received one this week from the church.

First Baptist Church

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

CH.M. S.S. CARD NO.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

DEPT. _____ CLASS. _____

Because God Loved...

I WILL GIVE AND ESTIMATE MY GIFTS FOR
THE COMING YEAR TO BE APPROXIMATELY

\$ _____ PER WEEK

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY COMMITMENT MAY BE
CHANGED AT ANY TIME BY NOTIFYING THE CHURCH

CHECK IF YOU ARE A TITHER

SIGNED _____

BECAUSE GOD LOVED I WILL GIVE

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1039
Members Present.....	1036
New Members.....	10
Visitors.....	53
(Attendance one year ago. 1083)	
Training Union Attendance.....	319
Members Present.....	294
New Members.....	3
Visitors.....	22
(Attendance one year ago. 307)	
Additions to church membership.....	2
Baptized.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$3,365.75
Specials.....	193.98
Building Fund.....	118.90
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$5,618.63



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. L. D. Rushing, Mr. Sam Davis, Mr. Walter McNeil, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Jimmy Driskell, Mrs. C. C. McCurley, Mrs. Ella Carter (baby boy), Mrs. Carolyn Jones, Mack Dennis, Julie Ann Mashburn, Mr. Henry Chiles, Delrene Hopkins, H. T. Lenz.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. E. C. Walker, Grady White.

Maternity Hospital:

Mrs. John E. Gray.

Home from Hospital:

Mr. Clyde R. Hood, Mr. J. L. Hackett, Mrs. Margaret Wilhite, Mrs. Clifford Albritton.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Albritton upon the birth of their baby daughter.



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:
26. Mrs. H. J. Rosser, 81 South Madison Dr., Maytalf. From: First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.

BY BAPTISM:
8. H. J. Rosser

BAPTIZED:
M. E. A. Lawhon
Mrs. E. A. Lawhon
H. J. Rosser

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Our Almighty Ally"
(Isaiah 52:12)

7:30 P.M.

"Helpers"

(1 Corinthians 12:27 following)

WE WILL DO IT

BY THE PASTOR

Sunday promises to be one of the greatest days in the history of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola. I am looking forward, with keenest anticipation, to the blessing that will be ours as we gather in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour for the commitment service. Surely, the Lord will be looking down from heaven on this service, and He will be pleased by the response, not only on the part of the adults, but the young people and children as well. Because we love Him, we are happy for the opportunity to demonstrate that love by taking part in the pledge service.

Many of you have been praying about your pledge for the coming year. Let me urge you to be MUCH in prayer about this all-important matter. Many will begin tithing for the first time in their lives. To this group will come the happiness and joy that can come only to those who are in partnership with the Lord God. Others who have been faithful tithers for years will want to increase their giving and go beyond the tithe. (We need to realize that we really haven't given an offering until we go beyond the tenth). I sincerely pray that many will be in the group who bring not only the tithe but an offering to the House of God on His day.

Regardless of what you have given in the past, please make a covenant together with your pastor to GIVE A LITTLE MORE to the cause of Christ this coming year than you gave last year. In some cases, the increase should be considerable. In other cases, it may be small, but INCREASE YOUR GIFT some. If all of us who love Christ will resolve to make some INCREASE in our giving, we will have no trouble reaching our budget goal this coming year.

Pray, pray, pray with me, and together with God's help—and for His glory—we will do it.

Rain or shine, be in God's House Sunday to share in this glorious victory.

Devotedly,

JAMES L. PLEITZ



GOD is depending on you
to keep your TITHE from
your own selfish interests


*Opportunities
for the Week*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor, Broadcast over WCOA.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subject: "There's a Price On Your Head."
4:00 p.m.—Royal Ambassador Committee Meeting. Adult A Dept.
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Comdr. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Married Young People's Department.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9—

6:30 p.m.—Assignment Supper for Canvassers.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in Lower Auditorium.
7:30 p.m.—Ernestine Brooks and Charles Mullins Circles meet with Miss Iva Hart, 1504 N. Baylen.
8:00 p.m.—Deacons Meet.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10—

10:00 a.m.—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet with Mrs. Jack Lurton, 2800 N. Magnolia Ave.
—Mary S. Gullatt Circle will meet with Mrs. R. D. Comstock, 1601 E. Gonzalez St.
—Stanley Davis Circle will meet with Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3811 Menendez Drive.
—Dotson Mills Circle will meet with Mrs. E. F. Warren, 1915 N. Baylen.
—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs. C. J. Rice, 514 W. Moreno St.
—Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with Mrs. J. T. Murphy, 1711 N. Whaley Ave.
—R. C. Moore Circle will meet with Mrs. Alfred Hartsfield, 7 Colby Lane, Meadowbrook.
10:00 a.m.—Charles Shirley Circle will meet with Mrs. R. C. Eckler, 2300-B W. Jackson St.
—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet with Mrs. John K. Edwards, Jr., 2405 North 18th Avenue.
—Jane McRae Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert E. Sparks, Qtrs. 30-2, NAS.

3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet with Mrs. W. E. Wilson, 1919 N. 14th Avenue.

7:30 p.m.—J. C. Penney will speak in Sanctuary.

7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowley's Circle will meet with Mrs. Margaret Berrisford, 110 Euclid Dr., Pine Glades.
—Robert Goldie Circle will meet with Mrs. G. W. Shofner, 2931 N. Magnolia Avenue.
—Eleanor O'Haver Circle will meet with Mrs. Doris Berlin, 1601 East Lakeview Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11—

4:45 p.m.—Choirs.
5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B. Department.
—Training Union Directors' Meeting, Room 131.
5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meet.
7:25 p.m.—Prayer Service.
8:00 p.m.—Recreation Committee Meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12—

8:30 a.m.—Bible Survey Plan.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
7:30 p.m.—Ancil Scull Circle will meet with Mrs. R. N. Pyle, 403 9th St., EPH.
—Faithful Workers' Monthly Class meeting with Mrs. W. A. Everett, 1324 E. Bohne St.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13—

Fellowship for Intermediates and Young People after football game.

Sunday Is Pledge Day!

Our S. S. Goals for Pledge Day

Each Sunday School class and department has set goals for Pledge Sunday, November 8. Success of Pledge Day will be in direct proportion to advance preparation by the Sunday School workers. Many teachers—particularly in the younger departments—are visiting in the homes before Pledge Day to lead their pupils to have their pledges in that day, whether absent or present.

All teachers have been furnished goals which were entered on goal posters in their classrooms. Goals for each class have been set in terms of the number of pledgers and number of tithers.

Find your goal now:

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
General Officers	20	20	20
Adult E Dept. Officers	5	5	5
Mrs. M. A. Farmer	41	41	16
E. Dixie Beggs	96	96	48
Mrs. Anzie Wilson	24	24	21
Ben C. Johns	8	8	4
Mrs. R. C. Keith	30	30	28
Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.	49	49	18
Total	253	253	140

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Adult D Dept. Officers	5	5	5
Mrs. John Busey	18	18	11
Mrs. Ruth Adams	16	16	9
Clarence Dannelly	18	18	8
O. F. Aultman	17	17	8
Mrs. Charles Deese	32	32	14
Total	106	106	53

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Adult C Dept. Officers	5	5	5
Mrs. R. N. Pyle	25	25	9
Mrs. M. B. Dawson	27	27	8
Robert Andey	13	13	2
Mrs. O. F. Aultman	11	11	6
Robert N. Pyle	23	23	9
Dr. Richard Morley	23	23	8
Total	127	127	47

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Adult B Dept. Officers	6	6	6
Percy Pentecost	15	15	4
M. A. Farmer	20	20	6
E. G. Owens	24	24	6
Mrs. Carl Daniel	18	18	6
Mrs. W. A. Everett	22	22	9
Mrs. H. O. Williams	22	22	5
Mrs. Tate Bousman	19	19	6
Total	146	146	48

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Adult A Dept. Officers	5	5	5
Mrs. H. T. Lenz	18	18	5
Milton Richardson	17	17	2
Mrs. M. S. Penton	16	16	7
Mrs. Emory W. Rogers	16	16	6
Edward F. Lewis	30	30	7
Mrs. W. P. Mooty	21	21	6
Total	123	123	38

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Married Young People			
Dept. Officers	3	3	3
Mrs. Espin Bullock	16	16	4
Mrs. Bo Mitchell	19	19	4
Dr. Lee Neuman	9	9	2
Espin Bullock	12	12	4
Total	59	59	17

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Young People B			
Dept. Officers	6	6	6
Mrs. O. A. Minieris	21	21	10
Mrs. R. E. Sparks	42	42	15
Keith C. King	13	13	6
Comdr. R. E. Sparks	18	18	4
Durrell M. Jones	6	6	2
Total	100	100	43

	Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.		Enrol.	Pl'ges	Tith.
Young People A					Junior 10 Dept. Officers	7	7
Dept. Officers	3	3	3		Miss Grace Smith	7	7
J. Nixon Daniel	18	18	9		P. C. Sutton	7	7
James D. McCaskill	18	18	8		Mrs. Billy Renfroe	7	7
Mrs. Arthur F. Jordan	13	13	5		Mrs. L. D. Allen	6	5
Miss Betty Sue Holt	20	20	11		Mrs. J. R. Marble	6	5
Total	72	72	36		Neil P. Johnson	5	3
Senior 16 Dept. Officers	3	3	3		Billy Renfroe	6	4
Miss Florene Longrier	9	9	8		Connie Asters	6	4
Malcolm Patterson	11	11	3		Total	57	41
Jack Howes	11	11	8		Junior 9 Dept. Officers	4	4
Total	34	34	27		Mrs. Jack McGuffee	6	3
Senior 15 Dept. Officers	3	3	3		Mrs. D. M. Jones	6	6
Norwood Cobb	8	8	5		Jack G. McGuffee	5	4
Lewis Steele	7	7	6		Herman H. Hobbs	6	5
Mrs. M. J. Conlon	9	9	5		Charles Deese, Jr.	6	2
Mrs. C. L. Taylor	10	10	9		Emil Anderson	5	5
Marshall King	7	7	6		Mrs. E. L. Barrineau	6	2
Total	44	44	34		Miss Judy Barrineau	7	3
Intermediate 14					Total	51	33
Dept. Officers	3	3	3		Primary 8B Dept. Officers	8	8
Miss Ann Kreitlein	10	10	8		Children	18	5
M. J. Conlon	7	7	6		Total	26	13
J. A. Watson	10	10	6		Primary 8A Dept. Officers	7	7
Miss Nell Smith	11	11	7		Children	23	6
Boys Class	8	8	7		Total	30	13
Total	49	49	37		Primary 7B Dept. Officers	7	7
Intermediate 13					Children	20	4
Dept. Officers	4	4	4		Total	27	11
W. L. Lee	9	9	5		Primary 7A Dept. Officers	8	8
Mrs. Marvin Lee	11	11	6		Children	28	14
Charles Wamble	9	9	5		Total	36	22
Mrs. Clyde Hood	10	10	8		Primary 6B Dept. Officers	7	7
Mrs. Henry Shows	10	10	5		Children	17	10
Marvin Lee	9	9	6		Total	24	17
Total	62	62	39		Primary 6A Dept. Officers	5	5
Junior 12 Dept. Officers	3	3	3		Children	24	6
David Raley	12	12	8		Total	29	11
Lee Hardy	10	10	7		Begin. 5 Dept. Officers	11	11
Mrs. Alma Branch	7	7	6		Children	53	8
Miss Gladys Windsor	8	8	6		Total	64	19
Jack Neuman	10	10	3		Begin. 4 Dept. Officers	11	11
Mrs. W. C. Carr	8	8	6		Children	36	6
Eloyce Squires	7	7	5		Total	47	17
Total	65	65	44		Nursery 3B Dept. Officers	4	4
Junior 11 Dept. Officers	5	5	5		Nursery 3A Dept. Officers	3	3
Mrs. Richard Morley	6	6	6		Nursery 2 Dept. Officers	4	4
W. T. Creel	6	6	4		Nursery 1B Dept. Officers	5	5
Claude Adkison	6	6	5		Nursery 1A Dept. Officers	4	4
H. G. Gray	7	7	6		Nursery A Dept. Officers	2	2
J. G. Brookins	6	6	6		Totals	1723	883
Certrude Bazzell	6	6	6				
Mrs. A. J. Butler	6	6	5				
Miss Genevieve Averett	7	7	3				
Total	55	55	46				

Help your class
reach its goal



YOUR PLEDGE . . . A Dedication to God

Each member of the Church and Sunday School is urged to sign a pledge card individually.

Nursery children should pledge. Beginners and Primaries should pledge. Let all the family pledge and sign a separate card.

Giving is an act of worship. Signing your pledge card, placing it on the altar is a dedication of your worldly possessions to God. A father who chooses to do all the singing and praying for his family would rob them of a privilege. The same father who places all offerings in one envelope and makes one family pledge likewise robs the children of the joy of personal giving and retards their development in Bible stewardship.

Yes, mothers are urged to sign cards for the nursery children and give them to the workers Sunday morning. All other children will hold their cards for the pledging march in the auditorium.

There are some instances where husband and wife desire to give together for book-

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WEEKLY TITHE CALCULATOR

(Before payroll deductions)

If your annual income is:	Your weekly tithe is:
\$1800.00	\$ 3.45
2400.00	4.60
2800.00	5.00
3000.00	5.75
3300.00	6.35
3500.00	6.75
4000.00	7.70
5000.00	9.60
7500.00	14.40

If your monthly income is:	Your weekly tithe is:
\$125.00	\$ 2.00
150.00	3.45
200.00	4.60
250.00	5.80
300.00	6.90
400.00	9.25
500.00	11.55
600.00	13.85

If your weekly income is:	Your weekly tithe is:
\$ 25.00	\$ 2.50
40.00	4.00
50.00	5.00
75.00	7.50
100.00	10.00

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

All Sunday School departments will convene at 9:30 a.m. After a brief opening assembly, Sunday School classes will meet to get their records. Then, all Sunday School departments from Junior 9 up will assemble for the Pledge march at 10 a.m.

keeping purposes. In these instances we would suggest that husband and wife decide how much of the total each will pledge on his or her pledge card. Then, each will sign an individual pledge card for that amount and will mark the card "Combine with Husband" or "Combine with Wife." This will enable the Tally Committee to give proper credit to the Sunday School class of which each is a member. The Financial Secretary will combine the two pledges on the church records and one set of envelopes will be supplied.

Envelopes will be furnished every church member and Sunday School member whether they pledge or not.

Pledges made next Sunday begin the first Sunday in January. New envelopes will be provided every member the latter part of December.

Parents are requested to begin this year to train your children in stewardship. See that they sign their pledge card and bring their offerings each Sunday—even if it is for only a small amount every week. If you guide their footsteps in God's plan you mold them into more faithful and staunch Christian men and women as they grow up. Do not neglect your responsibilities in Bible stewardship as a parent.

Turn in your pledge card Sunday. If you know you will not be present, please mail it before Sunday. Your faithfulness will save someone a lot of time and work. The canvasser's work of contacting every member who did not return their card will be lessened. Won't you voluntarily dedicate your material possessions to God?

Help underwrite and support your church in God's program.



B. W. C. FEDERATION

will meet at the church November 19 at 7:00 for a supper meeting. Make your plans now to attend.