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REPORT OF PLEDGING

At the close of the Sunday School hour Sunday, our report was as follows:

1213 Pledges	650 Tithers	\$191,626.76 Pledged
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At the close of the morning service, our report was as follows:

1358 Pledges	686 Tithers	\$214,922.76 Pledged
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At the close of the evening service, the Tally Committee reported:

1390 Pledges	704 Tithers	\$221,426.40 Pledged
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When more than 200 canvassers met on Monday evening for the assignment service, the Tally Committee was able to report:

1426 Pledges	713 Tithers	\$226,557.24 Pledged
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The report as of Wednesday night shows:

1481 Pledges	731 Tithers	\$236,197.20 Pledged
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This report represents a substantial increase in pledging over last year.

Last year was the first year that we completely underwrote our budget, but we were December doing it. This year we can do it by Victory Day.

If your pledge card is not in, you will want to get it in before Sunday so that your pledge may be included in the Victory Day report.

How grateful we are for the response of our people and for the blessings of God upon us. Let's finish the job.



Music Notes

Make your plans now to attend these music events:

November 22—All choirs singing in the Thanksgiving Music Program.

December 13—Church and Chapel Choirs in the presentation of the "Messiah."

December 18—Associational Christmas Carol Sing in our church.

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"SAFETY FIRST"

The following paragraphs were written by the well known and much respected minister of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, Doctor Rollin S. Burhans. Every year at this time we all have to think about what we would like to do for Christ in this coming year. Since Stewardship is a way of life and not just a word which Pastors loosely use "around Budget time", I feel his words are most apropos at this time for every member and friend of the Church. He says, "Safety First is a good motto for a railroad crossing, but it has no place in the program of a Christian Church. The most devastating heresy of modern Christianity is an overdose of caution and moderation in the doing of God's work."

He adds, "The quality that made the early Christians such a conquering power was the venturesomeness of their spirit. Few among them were mighty, most of them were poor, many were slaves, but they never thought of merely living safely. They never gauged their program of advance by the tangible resources of money-power or man-power available at the moment. They chartered the program and plunged in with heart and brain and life to make it a venture of faith. Were they wise? Did they succeed? The pagan world bowed before them. The pagan world of today will bow before that man and that Church which refuses to kneel down before the goddess Moderation and which eradicates from the lips of man that paralyzing, damaging motto "Safety First."

We know this. Yet we are afraid to take a chance on real Christianity. We feel that the Christian life is desirable, but we do not dare let go of everything and be wholly Christian, either as a Church or as individuals. We don't dare give God all the money He needs, and what is equally tragic, we don't dare give God all the time and service He needs. We won't risk God having a real chance with us. So we hold almost everything in reserve. We are never going to be the Christians we ought to be and have what God wants us to have until we stop trying to play safe and fully risk ourselves with God. This is the venture everyone of us needs. I dare you to make the venture with God . . . to think big; to live courageously.



Library Notes

Lorido Taft, the noted sculptor, relates an incident of summer camp life on the banks of a lake where the sunsets were exceptionally fine, and were enthusiastically enjoyed by his party. One evening as they were enjoying the "pageant of the sunset", a little nursemaid from the neighborhood, whom they had employed, asked Mrs. Taft if she might not run home, a short distance down the road, and "show the sunset" to her people.

"Certainly," answered Mrs. Taft, "but they will see it, won't they?"

"No," was the eager reply, "I never saw the sunset until you came."

Likewise, most of us see much more in life and nature under the tutelage of good books; and reading them, instead of being a listless and constrained employment, soon becomes our chosen occupation, our most delightful amusement, and perhaps our sweetest solace and comfort in dark and bitter hours. From "I Love Books" by J. D. Snider.

MRS. STOESSEN

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New Members

FOR BAPTISM:

- Carol Gonzalez, 901 Texas Dr., Granada.
- Martha Gonzalez

BY LETTER:

- Mr. Winfield Wesley Beck, 890 E. Lakeview Ave. From: Central Baptist Church, City.
- Mr. Bobby G. Bunce, O & R NAS. From: Arco Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ga.
- Mr. Ralph M. Gonzalez, 901 Texas Dr., Granada. From: Central Baptist Church, City.
- Mrs. Ralph M. Gonzalez
- Mrs. A. C. Newberry, 690 Coplay Dr., Cordova Park. From: First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.
- Mr. Jack Siller, 740 Peyton Dr. From: Central Baptist Church, City.
- Mr. C. J. Sullivan, 4290 N. 9th Ave. From: First Baptist Church, Flora, Ala.
- Mrs. C. J. Sullivan
- Miss Rebecca Sullivan
- Jimmy Sullivan



IN MEMORIAM

MR. ED W. PEAKE, SR.

Baptized into this church 5-31-42

Deceased 11-5-59

YOU HEAL IN CHRIST'S NAME...



...through the
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

The God and Country Award will be presented to Ed Guilbert during the 11 o'clock service next Sunday.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to the Following
New Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Widma E. Carter, baby boy,
Michael Eric, born November 2.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, baby boy,
Daniel Brooks, born November 2.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Mashburn, baby
girl, Kara Diane, born November 2.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Sim Davis, Mrs. C. C. McCurley,
Mrs. L. W. Eckhoff, Mr. Mack Dennis,
Mr. H. T. Lenz, Mrs. B. B. Steele, Mrs.
Fred Reichmann.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. Eugene A. Guillot.

In Hospital Out of Town:

Mr. G. M. Doyal, Methodist Hospital,
Houston, Texas.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Jesse Henderson, Mr. L. D. Rushing,
Mr. Walter McNeil, Mrs. Imogene Stewart,
Jimmy Driskell, Mrs. Ella Carter, Mrs.
Carolyn Jones, Julie Ann Mashburn, Mr.
Henry Chiles, Delrene Hopkins, Mrs. E.
C. Walker, Grady White, Mrs. John E.
Gray.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. R. M. Bowman and Mrs. C. B. Dykes
in the loss of Mrs. Bowman's sister.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Swimming Iron"
(II Kings 6:1-7)

7:30 P.M.

"That Same Night"
(I Corinthians 11:23)

A MESSAGE TO THOSE WHO LEAVE CHURCH DURING THE INVITATION HYMN

If I were your dinner guest, and left before the meal was over, without asking to be excused, you would think I was discourteous, and I would be! That's what I think of people who leave just as the invitation is being given for people to accept Christ.

If I walked into the operating room and slapped the arms of the surgeon who was operating on your loved one to save him from physical death, you would think I was cruel. So do I think those cruel who attend our services and hinder the effort to enlist Christians in service and to urge those who are lost to accept the Saviour by leaving as the invitation hymn begins.

—Robert G. Lee



AGREED —



that every Baptist should
give at least a tithe!



ORDINANCES TO BE OBSERVED

At the evening service Sunday, we will observe both of the New Testament ordinances. We will have a baptismal service at the beginning of the worship hour and the Lord's Supper during that service. You will want to be present.



NEWS HERE AND YON . . .

Morrall Curtis has been elected President of the Freshman class at Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.



Attend Church Twice Sunday!

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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.....	1119
Members Present.....	1058
New Members.....	9
Visitors.....	52
(Attendance one year ago, 978)	
Training Union Attendance.....	329
Members Present.....	298
New Members.....	8
Visitors.....	23
(Attendance one year ago, 291)	
Additions to church membership.....	12
Baptized.....	0
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$5,138.20
Specials.....	1,405.44
Building Fund.....	119.50
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$6,663.24

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APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation
for the many wonderful cards, visits and
flowers which I have received. Most of all,
I would like to thank each and every one
of you for your prayers, which have meant
so very much to me.

Sincerely,
IMOGENE STEWART

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THANKSGIVING SHOWER

The Annual Thanksgiving Shower of The
Children's Home Society will be held this
year on November 19th at the Harry A.
Lurton Receiving Home in Pensacola. The
hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The
Shower each year gives us the opportunity,
by our presence and our gifts, to express
our interest and affection for the children
in the home.

Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15—

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: God Keeps Books on You.
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 Comdr. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor.
 Ordinance of Baptism and
 the Lord's Supper.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-
 ried Young People's Dept.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17—

7:00 p.m.—Bible Survey Plan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18—

4:45 p.m.—Choirs.
5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
 Adult B. Department.
 —Training Union Directors' Meet-
 ing, Room 131.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and
 Teachers Meet.
7:25 p.m.—Prayer Service.
8:00 p.m.—Visitation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19—

9:30 a.m.—Bible Survey Plan.
12 Noon—O.Y. Sunday School class Thanks-
 giving Day Luncheon at Mrs. Sam
 Hall's, 1800 E. Baars.
7:00 p.m.—Associational EWC Federation
 meets. Church Dining Room.
7:00 p.m.—Bygota Class, Adult D, meets in
 Old Church Dining Room.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20—

—Bus Leaves for Tallahassee for
 Pensacola vs. Leon football game.
7:30 p.m.—Junior 10 Department-Parent So-
 cial, Dining Room.

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WERE YOU IN YOUR PLACE LAST LORD'S DAY

This is the way
sometimes looks to
the pastor when he
goes into the pulpit.
The pastor does not
like to preach to
empty benches. These
is no inspiration
in vacant pews.
Be regular.

This is the way to look at every service
and it will if each one does his part by coming
himself and bringing a friend or relative. Why
don't you attend the evening and morning
worship services and help fill these empty
pews. The best way on earth to please the
Lord and make these services what they should
be is to hide the empty benches with people.
Try this out!