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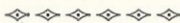
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GIVE... TO WIN!

SUNDAY IS PLEDGE DAY!

Those Who Must Be Absent Are Urged to Send Cards in Early



I'm Glad...

That I can give my "life" to missions. Every time I hear a stirring missionary message I keep wishing God had called me to some mission field.

Now I understand I can "Go." Someone has said that money is "stored-up" personality. So when I bring at least 10 per cent of my "life" into the church each week, I'm being a missionary.

Some of my "life" will be expended through my church as it carries out its ministry of preaching and teaching. This is a part of the missionary purpose of God.

And then a part of my "life" will be expended in missionary work in my own state. I'm glad I can be a missionary here because

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Each church and Sunday School member of the First Baptist Church has received a 1961 pledge card. This is to be filled in at home, and brought to Sunday School for the Pledge Day march, Sunday morning, November 6. A unified service will be held in the sanctuary during 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, Charles Overman, 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 _____

To help win others to Christ, I will give and estimate my gifts to be approximately . . .

\$ _____ per week

CHECK IF YOU ARE A TITHER _____

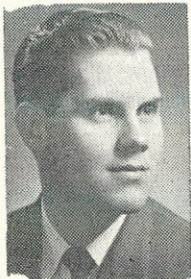
SIGNED _____

This commitment may be changed at any time by notifying the church office.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

WE WILL DO IT

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 only come 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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Remember that the person who is giving more than a tenth of his increase to the Lord does not argue against tithing. It is always the one who gives less who does so."

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Use Your Handicaps!"
(II Corinthians 12:7-10)

7:15 P.M.

"Does God Answer Prayer?"
(Luke 11:5f)



Training Union

A WINNING TEAM

Our Training Union is on the move—we're going forward for our Lord. Thanks to you for the effort and enthusiasm everyone is showing.

Average attendance for the five Sundays in October was 364—59 over last year. If the weather had been anything but wet last Sunday, I am sure many of our departments would have exceeded their goals.

May each one of us rededicate ourselves to the cause of self-improvement in the Lord's work and to making our Training Union the largest training organization for Christian people in our state.

Why should the Lord be satisfied with anything less than our best? Let's get on the winning team for Christ and make Training Union the biggest family affair in our church.

BOB JERNIGAN,
Director of Enlistment
Training Union



W.M.U.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle will meet with Mrs. Claude Vice, 112 N. "C" Street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 a.m.—Bernice Neel Circle will meet with Mrs. W. H. Coker, 1721 E. Jackson Street with Mrs. Hall, co-hostess.

—R. C. Moore Circle will meet with Mrs. W. L. Greer, 2810 Blackshear Avenue.

—Laura Frances Snow Circle will meet with Mrs. G. R. McDonald, 2860 Blackshear Avenue.

—Dottson Mills Circle will meet with Mrs. Haywood Arnold, 2342 Escambia Avenue.

—Stanley Davis Circle will meet with Mrs. Lewis White, 3781 Molaree Dr.

—Jane McRae Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Shell, 268 Euclid, Pine Glades.

—Virginia Cobb Circle will meet with Mrs. Jack Allen, 725 Old Corry Road.

—T. N. Callaway Circle will meet with Mrs. Oswald Minieris, 2424 E. Mallory Street.

3:00 p.m.—Harvey Headrick Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Perry, 313 West Moreno Street.

7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowley Circle will meet with Mrs. T. J. Parda, 903 W. Moreno.

PROJECT ALERT MEETING

The public is invited to attend a Project Alert Meeting, Tuesday night, November 8, at 7:30 at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, Jackson and "T" Streets. A film, "Operation Abolition," will be shown and a tape will be heard by John Knowles who spent nine years in a Communist prison camp.

THE QUESTION CORNER

Q.—Should I divide my tithe with the children?

A.—There is no set rule. Families vary in how they divide the tithe. Some divide it equally. Others let the children tithe their allowances or earnings.

Q.—I am only a member of the Sunday School. Should I pledge?

A.—Sunday School members are invited to pledge. Church members are asked to pledge.

Q.—When do I get my pledge card?

A.—Pledge cards will be mailed the week before Pledge Sunday.

Q.—When do I return my card?

A.—At the pledging service on Sunday morning, November 6.

Q.—What if I am absent November 6?

A.—If you know you will be absent, mail or bring your card in advance. Or bring it Sunday night, November 6. If this is impossible, a visitor will call for your card the following week.

Q.—Should I figure my tithe before payroll deductions?

A.—One should give a tithe of his total earnings. Thus, he would tithe his total paycheck, before deductions.

Q.—My income is so uncertain that I can not figure the tithe.

A.—If someone promised to give you one dollar for every ten dollars you earned, would you have the same difficulty?

Q.—Does the church keep a record of my contributions?

A.—Yes. And once each quarter, the church mails you a Record of Contribution.

Q.—Is this Record mailed to all members, whether they give or not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Should I keep my Record?

A.—Yes, for income tax purposes. If you are a tither, it will be to your advantage to fill out the "long form" for income tax purposes.

Q.—But I have my canceled checks.

A.—A cancelled check is not necessarily proof of contributions. The government can require a written receipt from the church.

Q.—Why is the church always asking for money?

A.—Do you really believe that it is? The desire of your church is in II Corinthians 12:14. "For I seek not yours, but you."

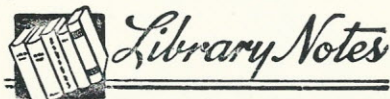
SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Mr. Pope Shank
1120 North Palafox

"EXCEED OUR BUDGET GOALS"

I sincerely hope we will exceed our budget goals this year, because in subscribing to these goals, we will fulfill our obligations as active Christians in many areas. I am particularly interested in fulfilling our obligations to the Cooperative Program, to our own educational program as embodied in the Sunday School and Training Union, and our need to begin planning for new educational facilities. To attain the goals is to accomplish these aims.

HENRY L. ASHMORE
General Chairman,
Forward Program



COMPLETE THE CONQUEST

Dr. Herschel Hobbs says in his book, "The Gospel of Giving," "The battle for men's hearts will never be won entirely until we complete the conquest for men's possessions." In a fresh, inspiring approach, the author emphasizes the real meaning of Christian stewardship. He points out that Christians desperately need to rediscover the doctrine of stewardship as given in the Bible. This is a worthwhile book to read.

Some other titles in the library are:

"Great Stewards of the Bible"—Simpson
"Stewardship Enriches Life"—Hatch
"Found Faithful"—Moore

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN

**SOME Giving More—
MORE Giving Some**

Loveless giving is lifeless giving—remember, the tithe belongs to the Lord and His church.

The law of living is the law of giving—if you do not tithe, begin today.

Teach your dollars to use their sense by tithing.

The New Testament Christian gave more than the tithe.—J. E. Dillard.

"DEACONS OF THE MONTH" FOR NOVEMBER

Mr. Charles H. Overman, Jr.
Mr. Milton Richardson

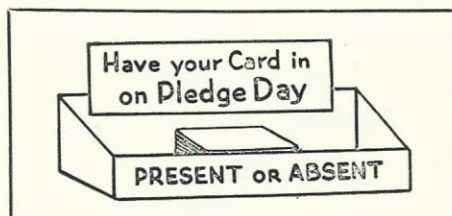
TO THE PROSPECTIVE CANVASSERS:

When requested to help canvass, don't say "NO." We need your help directly! Unless more men and women agree to help, we will not get the job done successfully. No one enjoys contacting a church member about his pledge, but our church really needs YOU! In the past, the canvassers secured pledges from one-third of those contacted and raised over \$40,000.

It is vital to our success that we carry through and contact everyone. If you were asked and said, "No," please reconsider. We need you! Please pray about the matter and respond to your church's need. Call the office and tell them to count on you. God will bless you.

Those we enlist will be blessed also. If not enlisted, their spiritual blessings gradually dry up, and they will have no part in putting over God's great program. Can you afford to say, "No?"

NORWOOD COBB
Co-Chairman
Forward Program



"I'M FOR THE NEW BUDGET!"

I'm for the new budget because the total amount required appears to me to be challenging while remaining well within the established range of our giving, and because it indicates our resolution as a church to give more through the Cooperative Program to missions.

J. NIXON DANIEL
Deacon

BIBLE STUDY IN NOVEMBER

Every Christian has an obligation to thoroughly acquaint himself with the "Mind of God" as revealed in the Bible. Our Sunday School work is rightly called the Bible teaching ministry of the church. It is helpful and effective in this function only if the members of the First Baptist Church and the Sunday School take seriously their responsibility in attending their classes and studying the suggested passages of scripture.

The month of November affords us a continued emphasis in the Psalms. These great "passages of spiritual experience" can be helpful to each of us as we attempt to delve into the mystery of God.

The lessons for November are on the general theme: "Man's Relation to God Through Prayer."

November 6
Confession and Forgiveness
(Psalms 51; 32)

November 13
God In My Life
(Psalms 116; 117; 118)

November 20
Thanks Be to God
(Psalms 96; 103)

November 27
Be Strong In the Lord
(Psalms 46; Ephesians 6:10-20)

I'M GLAD . . .

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there are so many people who need the gospel. This is missions too!

Also, I'll be a missionary in every foreign land where Southern Baptists have missionaries. I'm working alongside them, thanks to the Cooperative Program. For that's what the Cooperative Program is—the "lifeline of support for all the missionary, educational, and benevolent work undertaken by Southern Baptists, in each of the states, in the Convention, and around the world."

I am glad to be a missionary. I'm going to pledge even more than the tithe.

**ATTEND
TRAINING UNION
SUNDAY**

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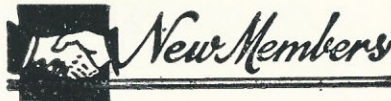
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ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1192
Members Present	1141
New Members	10
Visitors	41
(Attendance one year ago..1099)	
Training Union Attendance.....	348
Members Present	323
New Members	6
Visitors	19
(Attendance one year ago.. 319)	
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,353.72
Specials	260.57
Building Fund	38.87
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$4,653.16

JOIN THE
PLEDGING MARCH
ON
PLEDGE DAY



FOR BAPTISM:

6. Jeanette A. Bishop, Wave Barracks 650, NAS.
7. Patricia Lauer, 715 N. 78th Ave.

BY LETTER:

30. Mr. James L. Pippin, 320 N. Barcelona St. From: Central Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.
31. Mr. John David Smith, Barracks 919, Ellyson Field. From: First Baptist Church, Leavenworth, Kansas.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. C. H. (Agnes) Albritton, Jr. in the loss of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gray in the loss of their infant daughter.

Mr. B. H. Overton in the loss of his mother.

Mrs. John Ledford in the loss of her father.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Amos Garrett, Mr. Woody Creel, Mr. Jim Medlock, Mrs. A. D. Moore, Mr. E. W. Sudduth, Sr.

Santa Rosa Hospital:

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McNair

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. John B. Dulaney, Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. Ella Richbourg, Mrs. B. T. Dean, Mr. E. S. Durant, Mrs. E. J. Bunch, Mrs. Edith Lee, Mrs. Kitty Morris, Mrs. John E. Gray, Mr. Larry Fricks.

Congratulations To the Following

New Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Godwin, girl, Rebecca Louise, born October 21.
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Dulaney, Jr., boy, John Bonds III, born October 24.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Johnson, boy, Donald H., Jr., born October 26.

PLEDGE DAY
SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 1960

"I will pledge—
I must tithe"



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6—

- 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 over WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subj.: "The Plumbline of God."
4:30 p.m.—CHAPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL.
5:30 p.m.—SUPPER FOR CHAPEL CHOIR.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
Ordinance of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7—

- 6:30 p.m.—Assignment Supper for Canvassers.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet in lower auditorium of Educational Bldg.
7:00 p.m.—Civilian Defense Course, Adult B Department.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8—

- See W. M. U. Circles.
9:00 p.m.—Report Snack for Canvassers.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9—

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
Sunbeams, R.A.'s, G.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s Study of "Mastering Life's Problems."
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10—

- 7:00 p.m.—R.A. Leadership Course.
7:00 p.m.—Junior 9, 10, 11, 12 Parent Night at Church.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
9:00 p.m.—Report Snack for Canvassers.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11—

Fellowship after Pensacola High-Knoxville Football Game in Lower Auditorium of Educational Building.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12—

- 7:30 a.m.—Married Young People Breakfast, Church Dining Room.

The Junior Departments
request the pleasure of your company
at
FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE JUNIORS

Thursday, November 10
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The Nursery will be open for the pre-school children