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## '62 BUDGET ADOPTED--GOALS SET



Stewardship is the responsibility of every member of the family. Pictured above is the Everett Craycraft Family (left to right) — Deborah, Ellen, Mrs. Craycraft, Mr. Craycraft, Becky, and Jean — making their plans for October 29th. Won't you and your family sit down and discuss your family's part in your church's program for 1962?

The congregation of the First Baptist Church unanimously adopted the 1962 budget of \$255,339.00 during the morning worship service, Sunday, October 8th. The new budget includes a \$5,000 increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program and \$2,000 which will pay the basic salary of a missionary on the foreign field. Additional funds are provided for mortgage obligations to be assumed with the construction of a new educational building. Paul Caro, Chairman of the Budget Planning Committee, said, "The increase in next year's budget over 1961 will go to missions and our local building program. I am sure each member will want to make an offering each Sunday in 1962 toward the new budget. When we recognize that all we have comes from God, it will not be hard to give."

Forward Program Committees meantime stepped up their work pointing toward Loyalty Day, October 29th. Goals for each Sunday School Class have been set and will be posted in the classrooms next Sunday. Stewardship films are being shown in Adult Departments of Sunday School. A. H. Arnold, Charman of the Budget Pledging Committee, has begun enlisting canvassers to visit a number of homes during the final week of stewardship emphasis.

## IMPORTANT! NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

The electrical service to all of our church buildings will be cut off from Monday through Friday of next week, October 16 through 20, as necessary changes are made in the power service to the church.

On Wednesday night, we will have Prayer Service at the Technical High School auditorium one block north of the church on Palafox Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be no nursery facilities available. The choir, Fellowship Dinner, choir groups, auxiliaries, and other meetings usually held on Wednesday will not be held.

Temporary service is being provided for lights in the office area, so the office will be open as usual.

We regret these inconveniences, but will all remember that these problems are in the interest of progress.

**"ALL THE WAY  
IN ONE DAY"**



## Pastor's Paragraphs

Your enthusiasm continues to amaze me. Never have I seen a church with a finer spirit. There



is no doubt in my mind that we will easily reach our budget goal for 1962 adopted by the congregation last Sunday. Mark this date now on your calendar — October 29. This has been designated "Loyalty

Day." Our slogan for the day is "All the Way In One Day." We will underwrite our budget for next year on this one day. PLEASE PLAN NOW TO GET IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD BEFORE THE 29th IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF THE CITY ON THAT DATE. The pledge cards will be in the mail soon.

Because of the rain, it was necessary to postpone our official ground-breaking. (As you know, the contractors have been working on our new Educational Building for several weeks now). The Good Lord willing, we will have our ground-breaking ceremony after the morning service next Sunday.

A new TV program entitled "Pastor's Forum" can be seen each Saturday afternoon at 5:00 on Channel 3. You are invited to participate by sending in questions on any religious matter.

I sincerely hope that you have already made your plans to be in God's House Sunday. I will be looking for you then—1300 Bibles strong.

Faithfully in Christ,

*James L. Pleitz*

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"ALL THE WAY IN ONE DAY"

### ANNUAL MEETING of PENSACOLA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Thursday, October 19

9:00 A.M.—Myrtle Grove Baptist Church

7:00 P.M.—Woodlawn Baptist Church

Friday, October 20

9:00 A.M.—Whitfield Baptist Church

### ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 P.M.

#### WHITFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Theme:

"The Standard of Excellence—A Guide For Better Work"

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#### PAY GOD FIRST

"Pay God First." This is the secret of stewardship. This is the secret of putting your heart into your gift. When we take God's part out before we pay for anything else, we no longer have to make the decision, "How much can I afford to give?" Rather, we ask, "How much of God's money does He want me to use for His Church?"

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Behold, I do not give lectures or a little charity.

When I give, I give myself.

—Walt Whitman

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Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion.

—W. H. Greever

## As I See It!

CLYDE K. BIZZELL

### Extension Department

Our Extension Department reorganization has gotten off to an excellent beginning. Miss Sarah Andress, the new superintendent of this department, has enlisted a fine corps of workers to assist her in this vital phase of our Sunday School program. The Extension department seeks to minister to those who are not able to attend Sunday School on Sunday morning. For the time being our Extension Department will concentrate on enlisting those who are shut-in because of illness or attending an ill member of the family. Later, we will be enlarging the scope of this department's ministry to include those who are kept from Sunday School because of Sunday work and other reasons.

### A Good Beginning

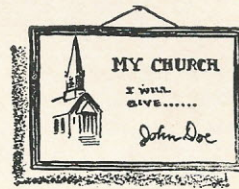
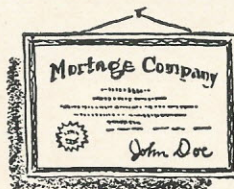
Our Sunday School and Training Union have gotten off to a wonderful beginning. This past Sunday was another wonderful day in the life of our church with good attendance in all services. Let's keep up the good work.

### Words We Like To Hear

During recent weeks as contacts have been made enlisting workers for the new year, I have heard many things that thrilled my heart and gave me a boost. One worker accepted a place of responsibility only after having secured her driver's license. She said, "I know how important it is for the workers to visit in the homes." Many, many others have said in effect, "I intend to do a better job." Wouldn't this be a wonderful motto for each of us as we begin this new year.

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The most important thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God.



Pledging is a part of living

# "ALL THE WAY

## \$255,339.00



## YOU...TH *in Particular*

By JERRY HOWELL

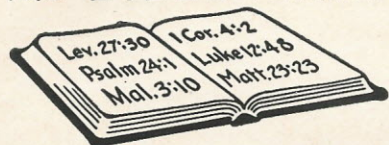
### Sunday Night Fellowship

With the warmest of hospitality, Mrs. Meacham opened her home to more than fifty of our youth for Senior Fellowship last Sunday. Thank you for your efforts and your splendid leadership! Sponsors for this fun-loving group include Mr. Jack Howes, Miss Marilyn Reedy, and Mrs. Lawren Meacham.

This week we will meet at the church. Don't miss it. You really never know what to expect!

The Intermediate group doubled in attendance on last Sunday evening. These periods give our youth a rare opportunity for getting acquainted and getting together to complete a wonderful day — the Lord's Day.

### *The BIBLE teaches*



## TITHING!

### WITNESSING CAN INCLUDE A TITHING TESTIMONY

Jesus commands us to be witnesses. Too many of us think, though, that the only witnessing is soul-winning.

This is the most important phase of witnessing by far, of course. But there are many other forms of witnessing for the Lord.

One of the best of these other ways to witness is through the example and testimony of stewardship. A mistaken sense of modesty causes some people to withhold their witness in this important area of Christian living.

There are many such witnesses:

A newspaper carrier gives 10 per cent of his modest after-school earnings to the church. A housewife convinces her husband they should give a tithing portion of the family income back to God. A businessman wins a promotion and salary raise, and an increased gift is the result, too, because the tithe becomes greater.

All of these are but samples of the tithing testimonies each of us can give.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

#### "The Deacon and the Dignitary"

(Acts 8:26-39)

7:15 P.M.

#### "This We Believe About the Book"

(I Peter 1:25)

### A MODERN HAMLET SOLILOQUIZES

"To pledge or not to pledge—that is the question.

Whether it is nobler in a man To take the gospel free and let another foot the bill,

Or sign and pledge and pay toward church expenses!

To give, to pay—aye, there's the rub. To pay

When on the free-pew plan, a man may have

A sitting free and take the gospel, too

As though he paid, and none be aught the wiser

Save the Finance Committee, who — Most honorable of men—can keep a secret!

'To err is human,' and human, too, to buy

At cheapest rate. I'll take the gospel so!

For others do the same—a common rule!

I'm wise, I'll wait, not work—I'll pray, not pay,

And let the other fellow foot the bills,

And so I'll get the gospel free, you see."

—Pennsylvania Presbyterian—Dec., 1948.

### QUOTE . . .

"One of the greatest tragedies is for the Christian to acknowledge the infinite resources of God and then fail to appropriate them in glorifying Him."

### "EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK"

Mrs. J. F. Gates

1520 East Lee

## THE *Singing* CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

Choirs Total 296

Of course, the service choirs—the Sanctuary Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Intermediate Choir, will never close their enrollment, but the children's choirs and the pre-choir group have been closed until January 10. We look forward to a most interesting and profitable musical experience for each child.

New members continue to join the adult group which serves each Sunday morning. We need sopranos, tenors and basses. The alto section is now filled and is, without a doubt, the finest I have ever seen. Eloyce Squires is the leader of this section.



### DEACONS ELECT OFFICERS

At the organizational meeting Monday evening, the deacons of the church elected the following officers:

Chairman — Paul W. Caro.

Vice Chairman — Milton Richardson.

Secretary — Billy Renfro.

Assistant Secretary — Joe B. Ladner.

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### "GIVE AS LONG AS I LIVE"

At the close of World War I, Southern Baptists conducted the 75 Million Campaign to secure funds for postwar expansion. Members were asked to make five year pledges.

One man, in ill health, was advised by his friends not to make a pledge. "You might not live that long," they cautioned.

He replied, "How long I live is not in my hands. I am going to sign up and pay up as long as I live. If I live less than five years I will say to the Lord when I meet him, 'I meant to finish it, but you called me home before the time was up.'"

# IN ONE DAY!"

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### CHURCH OFFICERS

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All materials 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.....	1274
Members Present.....	1217
New Members .....	11
Visitors .....	46
Training Union Attendance.....	343
Members Present .....	312
New Members .....	7
Visitors .....	24
Additions to church membership.....	7
Baptized .....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$3,786.77
Specials .....	289.60
Building Fund .....	11.75
Expansion Fund .....	86.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$4,174.12</b>

**THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S**  
 Lev. 27:30

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Luther W. Ingram, Mrs. Glennis  
 J. Russell, Mrs. Lynn Williams, Mrs.  
 B. T. Dean

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Cliff McLeod, Mrs. W. H. Crawford  
 Mrs. Vivian Gordon.

### Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Ben McLeod, Miss Lorene Co-  
 burger, Mrs. Leonard Ivey, Jan Jensen

### Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cunningham upon the  
 birth of a baby daughter, Theresa Ann,  
 born October 6 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackmon are the  
 maternal grandparents.

### We extend our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Emil Anderson in the loss of her  
 mother.

## NEW MEMBERS

Wednesday, October 4, 1961

### BY LETTER:

- Rev. Frank H. LaPierre, 1005 East Strong.  
 From Cove Baptist Church, Panama City,  
 Florida.
- Mrs. Frank H. LaPierre
- Jan LaPierre
- Brett LaPierre

Sunday, October 8, 1961

- Mr. W. J. Nettles, 107 Edgewater Drive,  
 Santa Rosa Shores, Gulf Breeze. From  
 Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church,  
 Atlanta, Georgia.
- Mrs. W. J. Nettles
- Mrs. Bill (Lucille) Van Pelt, 320 North  
 Barcelona. From: Park Place Baptist  
 Church, Pensacola.

### FOR REDEDICATION:

Mr. Bill Van Pelt, 320 North Barcelona.

### BAPTIZED:

Mrs. C. D. Hall  
 Miss Lisa Hall  
 Mr. Gregg Hall

## STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not a question of large  
 gifts; it is a question of being faithful with  
 what we have. God does not measure  
 what we bring; he weighs it. He simply  
 asks that we bring what we have, our  
 best, and lay it at his feet.

—H. A. Vernon, quoted in Missions



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday Schol for all ages.  
 Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor  
 Broadcast over WCOA  
 1:35 p.m.—Baptist Hour over WDEB  
 Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs  
 4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
 Bob Jernigan, Director  
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor  
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship  
 8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School  
 Meeting. Whitfield Baptist Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:30 a.m.—Mary-Martha Class Visitation  
 with covered dish luncheon at  
 noon at Mrs. E. A. Osborne, 1309  
 E. Hernandez St.  
 7:00 p.m.—Charles Shirley Circle meets with  
 Mrs. Leonard Milner, 4518 Havre  
 Way, Montclair

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- NO CHOIRS  
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service at Technical High  
 School Auditorium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:00 a.m.—Pensacola Bay Association Meeting  
 Myrtle Grove Baptist Church  
 9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets at  
 the church for visitation. Covered  
 dish luncheon at noon in home  
 of Mrs. J. L. Mayo, 1500 East Lee  
 7:00 p.m.—Pensacola Bay Baptist Association  
 Woodlawn Baptist Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:00 a.m.—Pensacola Bay Baptist Association  
 Meeting. Whitfield Baptist Church

