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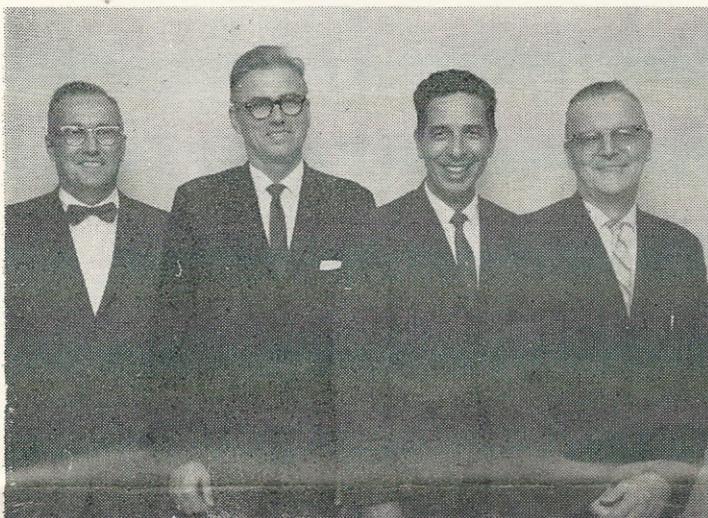
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Challenge Accepted---Budget Adopted



DEACONS CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS



In their meeting Monday night, the deacons elected the following officers for the new year: Chairman, A. H. Arnold; Vice-Chairman, Charles H. Overman, Jr.; Secretary, Bo Mitchell; Assistant Secretary, Ernest M. Gentry. They are shown above in the order listed. You will want to pray for these men as they assume these new responsibilities.

CAMPAIGN DIRECTORY

JAMES L. PLEITZ	PASTOR
J. NORWOOD COBB	GENERAL CHAIRMAN
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MRS. GLEN R. McDONALD	ASSIGNMENT SUPPER
MRS. LON ROBERTS, JR.	REPORT SNACK
CLYDE K. BIZZELL	LESSON CHAIRMAN

The congregation of the First Baptist Church approved a record \$259,769 budget for 1963 last Sunday morning. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., co-chairman of the Forward Program for 1963, stated after the budget adoption, "God has given us opportunities in this church equal to any in the South. We have a new educational building which gives us a capacity of 2100 people in Sunday School. Surely we will be faithful in our stewardship and accept the opportunities and challenges God has given us."



James L. Pleitz, Pastor, will preach a stewardship sermon at the morning worship service next Sunday.

A. H. Arnold, Budget Pledging Committee Chairman, has begun enlisting canvassers who will visit homes during the last week of the campaign. Arnold and his committee members will make sure every church member and Sunday School member has an opportunity to share in the work of the church during the coming year. There will be no pledging march in the sanctuary this year. Pledges will be turned in during the Sunday School hour and at church services on Pledge Day, October 28.



CHRIST AND THE TITHE

Suppose that a master gardener should give to you a beautiful garden and say, "I will provide the seed, the soil, the sunlight, the air and all the other things necessary to make it beautiful."

"All that I ask in return is one blossom of each ten, that they may be mine, and that with them I may cheer the others who have none. The other nine you may use."

Then suppose that when the garden grew and became beautiful, you selfishly kept all the blossoms for yourself, giving only a single bud to the master whenever it happened to please you to do so. What would the master of the garden think of you?

Yet, God is the Master Gardner!

PLEDGE TO TITHE OCTOBER 28

Pastor's Paragraphs

The Lord certainly blessed our church in a marvelous way last Sunday. The attendance was good and I know you heard two excellent sermons.



Mr. Bizzell always does a good job when the pastor is out of the pulpit. No pastor has ever been blessed with a finer staff. I thank the good Lord for all those who labor here.

The revival in Levelland, Texas was a good one. It has been a long time since I have seen larger crowds in revival services. Dr. Bill Cooke, their young pastor, is doing a splendid job in leading his people.

I hope that you have already made your plans to be in God's house this coming Lord's Day. The good Lord willing, I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

◆ ◆ ◆ MIGHTY POWER

Prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands. If we know how to pray, nothing is impossible to us. Prayer should be a matter of plan and purpose, as well as of impulse.

The power to pray and the power to teach others to pray is entirely dependent on the depth of the spiritual life.

Prayer is the bow. The promise is the arrow. Faith is the hand which draws the bow, and sends the heart's message to Heaven.

◆ ◆ ◆ ATTENTION SECRETARIES

Please do not take cards out of the class and union record books.

A TRANSFER SLIP SHOULD BE FILLED OUT SO THAT CORRECTIONS MAY BE MADE IN THE OFFICE.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Grace of Generosity"
II Corinthians 8:1-5

7:15 P.M.

"The Offensive Christ"
John 6



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
- 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor Broadcast over WCOA
- 2:30 p.m.—Associational G. A. Meeting in the sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m.—YWA meeting, East Brent Baptist Church
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, Director
- 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen Time at the church
- 8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time will meet with Lynn Brantley, 1807 N. Barcelona Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 6:00 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle covered dish dinner and Mission Study in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service. Pastor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets for Visitation. Covered dish lunch at noon with Mrs. G. C. Rumble, 114 North "E" St.
- 9:30 a.m.—Associational WMU Meeting. Calvary Baptist Church.
- 5:30 p.m.—The bus for PHS-Murphy football game will leave from church parking lot.
- 6:30 p.m.—Adult "D" S.S. Dept. Covered Dish Dinner Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

◆ ◆ ◆ BASIC BELIEFS

Basic beliefs are important in the life of every active Christian. It makes a great deal of difference as to what one believes. People are influenced by the teachings of our church leaders. These leaders should know WHAT they believe and WHY they believe this way. These beliefs must be tested by the Bible teachings in order to insure safe leadership for those who are less informed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

During the Fourth Quarter the Sunday School Lessons are on some of our Fundamental Beliefs. These include studies in the doctrines of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, man, redemption

As I See It!

By Clyde K. Biell

THE SPIRIT

The spirit of our people at the beginning of this new year is the best ever! This spirit was manifested in the enlistment of leadership. It is being manifested daily by those who have committed themselves to new tasks and new commitments.

OFFICE

The Church Office is "swamped" right now with the Forward Program and other extra work in addition to the regular work. You will understand why we are requesting that you give us plenty of time for any mimeographed materials or work needed.

CALENDAR

In just a few weeks we will begin work of the Calendar of Activities for 1963. Organizational heads and others responsible for meetings and activities will want to begin getting those dates together.

TWO IMPORTANT DATES

Class Officers' Clinic—October 23.
Training Union Clinic—October 29..

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

One of the finest programs of our Brotherhood was the one this past Monday Evening. Three of our own men spoke in regard to the financial program of our church. Norwood Cobb spoke on "The Bible Teaches Stewardship." W. T. Creel spoke on "Our Budget Calls for Stewardship." Nixon Daniel brought the closing message urging every member to undergird the 1963 Budget effort.

the church, eternal life, love, revelation, and discipleship.

AIM FOR QUARTER

The suggested aim for the Quarter is, "To help class members so enrich their knowledge and deepen their convictions regarding Basic Christian Beliefs that increasingly fruitful living will result." The Library will furnish some rich material that will help you have a greater knowledge of the Great Fundamental Christian Doctrines. Start with these:

Christian Doctrine—Conner.

I Believe—Pearce.

Faith to Grow On—Green.

These Things We Believe—Turner.

The Holy Spirit—Carroll

God Being My Helper—Herring.

Thinking About God—Middleton

THEME FOR 1963 BUDGET CAMPAIGN



THE Singing CHURCH

CHOIR ENROLLMENT AN INSPIRING SUCCESS

During September each year the choirs begin their reorganization and registration of New Members. We never close the membership of the Adult or Youth groups but the last rehearsal in September marks the close of registration for the other choirs. Enrollment opens again for the whole month of January. An exception to this rule accommodates the children of new church members who naturally did not have an opportunity to become a part of the choir ministry when the membership was open. These singers may register at any regular rehearsal period. (The schedule is printed each week in the Builder in "Opportunities of the Week.")

We are proud of a total enrollment of 264 in the six choirs now training in our 1962-63 program. You may continue to help us by praying for this vital ministry; by informing your friends of the total program of music training; by attending each service and appearance of the choirs. Tell the singers of your pleasure in their hard work and beautiful singing.

All the Levites at First Baptist Church thank you for your confidence and prayerful concern.

JERRY HOWELL

WHAT IS MY CHURCH PLEDGE

My church pledge is more than money. It is more than a little card I sign. It is more than my promise to pay so much per week.

My pledge is an investment in the church. It is an investment in the Kingdom of God which will pay great dividends. It is an eternal investment.

My church pledge is an expression of my faith in God. It is an expression of my love for lost men. It is an expression of my desire to see the Kingdom of God come on earth. It is an expression of my desire to see the Prince of Peace reign in this world.

My church pledge is an extension. I am able to extend myself forward by my tithes and offerings. I can extend myself to the mission field; stand by the side of the missionary; and help him in his mission work through the Cooperative Program. I can travel around the world with my gifts. I can live through the decades ahead in the buildings my offerings help erect.

Through my gifts that bring salvation to others, I can serve through the centuries.

WHAT IS OUR CHURCH BUDGET

Our budget is First Baptist Church looking to the future. It is believing that certain things can be done. It is a goal. You might call it a blueprint of our program. Certain things can be done. It is a goal.

The budget is the guide to the best road in the use of tithes and offerings. It is the road map for our Church.

The budget in our church is drawn so that all can see our financial program. It is a picture of what is to be done.

Our budget challenges our people to climb higher and higher and walk the mountain tops in stewardship. Therefore, it is a ladder.

The budget makes it possible for every member of our church to see the church financial plan and have a part of it. He can add to or take away from it. He has the joy of making it his. It is not really the church budget. It is the members' budget. It is personal; therefore, it brings satisfaction.

Through our church budget, all of us can have a part in making the Lord's work effective. What a thrill! We know where our tithes and offerings are going, and we know what they are doing. It is a very great opportunity.

THE ROAD OF LOVE FOR FIRST BAPTIST MEMBERS

TITHING is an act of love. It is proof of our loyalty to Christ and our desire to support His program.

TITHING is a spiritual experience. It brings our folk closer to God; makes us more dependent upon Him.

TITHING is a partnership relation. It gives us a part in God's own program, brings us life-enriching happiness.

TITHING is God's way of developing our members.

TITHING gives us a sense of partnership with God.

TITHING brings peace of mind through obedience.

TITHING is a recognition of God's power. **TITHING** was required of the Jews, commanded by Christ.

TITHING is the best plan of financing our church and its program.

TITHING gives every Baptist a part in a world-wide mission program through the Cooperative Program.

"TITHING IS LOVE IN ACTION"

October 27th



NEW LIBRARY

You are invited to visit our new library located in the Annex Building. It is both beautiful and functional—one of which every member may be proud. There are two large display windows for the book library and one for the missions library. The shelving is adjustable. Special areas are provided for children's books, reference books, and general books for young people and adults, also magazines. A workroom with base and wall cabinets and sink is provided for repair work and storage. The visual aid material and equipment will also be kept in the workroom.

The purpose of the church library is to establish a book ministry and resource center to reinforce the entire religious education program of the church. Through this center of learning many lives can be changed, children may through books be led to a faith in Jesus; a Christian to a deeper spiritual life; a teacher to a better understanding of his work; and parents may be helped in teaching doctrines and church history to their children.

Dr. Truett once said regarding the simple deed of encouraging a humble man to read a worthy book, "By service so simple and easy we may daily enthroned righteousness and the Lord of life."

We shall be looking forward to seeing and serving you in the new library.

THE LIBRARY STAFF

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathy To:

Mr. Elos E. Roberts in the loss of a brother.

Mr. Clyde Hood in the loss of his mother.

Baptist Hospital:

Darrell Roden, Jr.

St. Luke Hospital, Houston, Texas

Mrs. Glennis J. Russell.

Home From Hospital:

Dixie Butler, Mrs. L. L. Hanks, Mrs. E. W. Speed, Mrs. B. T. Smith, Sr., Mrs. H. W. Shows.

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers for the sanctuary Sunday will be in memory of Mr. Amos Garrett. They will be given by his family.

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to Honduras.

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.....	1315
Members Present.....	1237
New Members	12
Visitors	65
Training Union Attendance	340
Members Present	305
New Members	9
Visitors	26
Additions to church membership	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,734.34
Specials	389.77
Building Fund	90.43
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,214.54

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, October 7, 1962

1. Mr. David Hoffman, 310 West Wright St.
BY LETTER:
From: Pleasant Home Baptist Church,
Holt Fla.
2. Mrs. John Reynolds (Sarah), D-4, 5027
N. Davis Highway. From: Glenwood
Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
3. Mr. Michael Thomas, NATTU OPS, Sher-
man Field. From: 15th Avenue Baptist
Church, Meridian, Miss.

UNDER WATCHCARE:
Mr. Richard Holt, 3814 Gerhardt Drive.

INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP

For the benefit of our leadership who could not be here for the Service last Sunday Morning, we are printing here the Installation Service which was used:

INSTALLATION SERVICE —

LEADER —

"And every day in the Temple and at home they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus Christ" Act 5:42. These who are now standing have accepted positions in the educational program of our church for the coming year. Theirs is the high privilege and the opportunity of leading others in the steps of Jesus Christ. I ask you, do you covenant together and promise to render faithful and consecrated service to our Lord Jesus Christ?"

WORKERS —

"We do so covenant together and promise; God helping us."

LEADER —

"Parents have the first privilege and the finest service, the warmest hopes and the greatest dreams in the life of the home. Do you now renew your obligation to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?"

PARENTS —

"We acknowledge this as our obligation, and will endeavor to rear our children in the Christian Faith and life, and will therefore work with the church by our teaching and example."

LEADER —

"Do you the Congregation, pledge to these chosen leaders and workers your prayerful and active support in their service in the kingdom of our Lord?"

CONGREGATION —

"We do so pledge and promise."

Riches That Elevate Man



... though He was rich, yet for your sakes He
became poor, that ye through His poverty might
be rich."

II Cor. 8:9

CHRIST was as rich as the glory of heaven,
the worship of angels, and the love of God
could make Him.

MAN can become rich in pardon from sin
and peace with God... as rich as Sonship
and Heirship.

Tithing Honors God With First Fruits