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## SUNDAY IS PLEDGE DAY

### *A Letter From Your Pastor*

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Dear Friend:

Someone has said, "It is possible to give without love, but it is impossible to love without giving." This is a true fact of life. We can drop a coin in the hat of a beggar on the street and do so without expressing any love for the beggar through the eyes of love without wanting to give of self and of money to help in his time of need. Likewise, it is possible for us to drop our offering envelope in the offering plate each Sunday and to do so without its being motivated by the spirit of love. By the same token, it is possible for us to possess in our hearts a spirit of love without there being a willingness to give.

In the ministry of Christ we see this enacted in every experience of his life. He gave himself because he loved, yet it was because of his love that he was willing to give, "For God so loved—that he gave." God's love is best expressed by the gift that he gave. In these words from John 3:16 we immediately note that "love" precedes "give." In the matter of Christian stewardship we don't give in order that we might love, but it is because of our love that we are compelled to give. If we love and adore Christ, then we will of necessity give expression of this love in the act of giving. This giving is not limited to the matter of money. It includes time, talent and all that we possess. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down (or give) his life for another." Our gift will be an expression of the degree of love that we possess for Christ.

This coming Lord's Day you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your love to God. I believe with all my heart that the membership of this church is going to exceed the goal of \$259,769 adopted by our church. I KNOW that if we really love the Lord, we will go far beyond it.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

The forward program of church finance for 1963 comes to a climax on pledge day, Sunday, October 28th at the First Baptist Church. Pledge cards were mailed to all members of the Sunday School and church membership earlier this week. They will be turned in during the regular Sunday School hour and church services. There will be no pledge march this year.

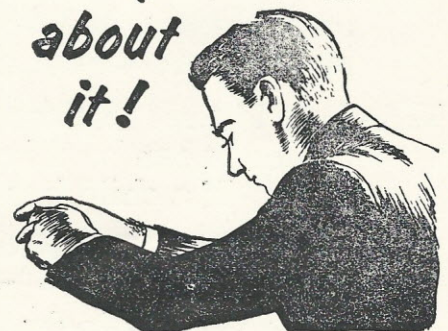
J. Norwood Cobb, chairman of the stewardship emphasis for the second year in a row, said this week, "we are praying that God's will can be brought out in a wonderful way on Sunday. If each of us will search his heart and pray about this matter of stewardship, our goal of \$259,769.00 will be reached on pledge day".

The telephone committee headed by Miss Sarah Andress has been busy all week calling church and Sunday School members urging them to be present and make their pledge Sunday. A. H. Arnold, chairman of the budget pledging committee, has completed his selection of group leaders who will work with their groups contacting everyone who does not make a pledge October 28th. Those who must be absent on pledge day are urged to mail or bring their cards by the church office before Sunday..



### **THE BEST WAY**

*Pray  
about  
it!*



**PLEDGE TO TITHE**



## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"In This Hour of Crisis"**

Prov. 3:5-7, Psalms 1, 27:1-2

7:15 P.M.

**"The Might of Meekness"**

Matt. 5:1-5



Have you ever seen 200,000 people at one time? Stretch your imagination and let your mind see that many people starting to work as Sunday School officers and leaders in more than 32,000 Southern Baptist churches and missions. This is the estimated number of new workers who are enlisted to serve in Sunday Schools each year. We, of course, have a number of new workers in our own church. The church library will serve as a resource center for all new as well as experienced workers.

Wise is the worker who will form the habit of regularly checking out tools for self-enrichment. The Church Study Course offers much helpful material. Then there are numerous other helpful books as well. For the Sunday School worker spiritual strength may be found in the following inspirational books:

"Those treasured hours" by W. L. Howse is an inspiring interpretation of the sheer joy, challenge and high adventure of teaching.

"God being my helper" by R. Herring gives a clear explanation of the Holy

## TRAINING UNION CLINIC MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 6:30 P.M.

This clinic will be a little different from any ever held in our church. Conferences will be by age groups rather than for specific offices. The clinic sessions will present Group Learning techniques as they may be applied to Training Union work.

Mr. M. R. (Andy) Anderson, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, will lead the conference for young people and adults. Other conference leaders will be announced. All Training Union members will receive help from attendance upon this meeting.

**MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE  
ON TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SUNDAY, YOU WILL MISS SOME-  
THING IF YOU'RE LATE.**

Spirit's place in the life of a Christian.

"Prayer that prevails" by R. Jordan is a guide to turning your whole life into a Christian prayer.

A teacher must not only know what to teach and whom he is teaching but also how to teach.

The following books are very helpful:

"Helping the teacher" Edge

"Taught by the Master" Cranford

"Talks on Sunday School teaching" Royals

"Teaching for results" Edge

Every worker is invited to draw upon all the resources in the library for help as you fill your place of service in the Kingdom of God.

L.T.S.

## WORK

Every mason in the quarry,  
Every building on the shore,  
Every woodsman in the forest,  
Every boatman at the oar.  
Sawing wood or drawing water,  
Splitting stone or cleaving sod—  
All the dusty ranks of labor  
In the regiment of God  
March together toward His temple,  
Do the work His hands prepare;  
Faithful toil is holy service,  
Honest work is praise and prayer.

—Henry Van Dyke.

## LEAD ME TO SOME SOUL TODAY

Lead me to some soul today,  
O teach me, Lord, just what to say:  
Friends of mine are lost in sin,  
And cannot find their way  
Few there are who seem to care,  
And few there are who pray;  
Melt my heart and fill my life,  
Give me one soul today.

—Copied

## OPPORTUNITIES

A wise man will make more opportuni-  
ties than he finds.



## THE *Singing* CHURCH

Lt. Robert Segrest to Direct Music

Bob Segrest, an excellent tenor in our Sanctuary Choir will direct the music in both services this Sunday. Mr. Howell will accompany a group of students from Pensacola Junior College to the annual state Baptist Student Convention in Cocoa, Florida. The excellent service and assistance by members of the choir is greatly appreciated.

First Baptist Church  
Well Represented At  
Baptist Student Convention

Among those attending the Baptist Student Convention in Cocoa, Florida, from the youth of First Baptist Church are: Bob Payne, president of Pensacola Junior College BSU; Faye Robertson, Vice-President; Bill Roberts, Projects Chairman; Shirley Pitman, Social Chairman; Paula Jones, Program Chairman; Lynette Overman, Enlistment Chairman.

## A STRANGE PARADOX

It is a paradox of life  
That by hoarding our talents—  
Our abilities—our gifts,  
Our love, joys, or any possession,  
We lose them.  
Only by serving, by giving, using,  
These talents and possessions  
Can we keep them.  
The more we share—and serve,  
The more we give—then  
The more we possess. It is our  
Giving—Our serving  
That makes us eternally wealthy.  
What we give—we serve—we take  
with us.  
The rest we leave behind.

—Adapted.

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

—Daniel Webster

"God loveth a cheerful giver,  
Though the gifts be poor and small:  
But what doth He think of His children  
When they never give at all?"

**"TITHING PUTS GOD FIRST"**

## DEACONS OF THE MONTH

B. T. Dean  
J. F. Boykin, Sr.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Sympathy To:

Miss Elizabeth Thomas in loss of brother.

Mrs. Nellie Howland in loss of mother.

Mr. Felix Woolf in loss of brother.

### Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stokes upon the birth of twin boys on October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Baggett upon the birth of a boy on October 19.

### Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Earl Kendrick, Mrs. Mollie Stewart,  
Mrs. Cassie Redwine, Mrs. Kirk Johnson, Mr. Harry Maddox.

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. J. A. McCloskey, Mrs. Martha Hicks, Mrs. Conrad McDaniel.

### Home from Hospital:

Mrs. Donald Stokes; Mrs. James T. Baggett, Mr. H. B. Trotter, Mrs. W. H. Balfour.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday will be in memory of Miss Dora Lee Clark. They will be given by her family.

**"TITHING IS LOVE IN ACTION"**

# YOUR PLEDGE CARD -- LOVE IN ACTION

**General Instructions:** Personalized pledge cards have been mailed to each church member and Sunday School member. These cards call upon you for an estimate of your weekly gift.

**Additional Pledge Cards:** Should you need additional pledge cards (particularly in cases where parents desire to have nursery children make a pledge), you may secure them next Sunday.

**When and Where To Make Your Pledge:** Sunday School members should return their pledge cards through your Sunday School class and department next Sunday. Cards will be handled in a way that others will not see your card. Non-Sunday School members should make their pledges at the morning worship service. Those who will not be present may have a part in the first day's total by bringing or sending your pledge card to the church office.

**Who Is A Tither?** A tither is one who gives at least ten per cent of his income. Children can be tithers too. This is true when the family income is tithed, or when a child has an allowance. If a child has additional income, that additional income should be considered in figuring his tithe.

**Can The Pledge Estimate Be Changed?** A pledge is not legally binding. It can be changed at any time. A tither, for instance, may estimate his income to be a certain amount for the coming year and make his pledge accordingly. Should his income be greater or lesser than his weekly gift could be changed accordingly.

CHURCH MEMBER? YES S.S. MEMBER? YES CARD NO. 0000

NAME Miss Ima Tithes

ADDRESS Pledge Avenue PHONE MA 3-8910

DEPT. ADULT CLASS LADIES

In recognition of God's ownership and of my stewardship, I will contribute to the budget of my church next year.

\$ \$12.00 per week

CHECK IF YOU ARE A TITHER ☒

SIGNED Ima Tither

DATE October 28 196 2

This commitment may be changed at any time by notifying the Church Office

**PLEDGE CARD**  
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 to Honduras.

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



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1241
Members Present .....	1195
New Members .....	8
Visitors .....	38
Training Union Attendance.....	340
Members Present .....	277
New Members .....	4
Visitors .....	59
Additions to church membership.....	2
Baptized .....	2
Budget .....	4
Specials .....	23
Building Fund .....	88.60
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$5,832.30</b>

## NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

BY LETTER:

- Mr. Ralford C. Sibley, 108 Julia Way,  
 Gulf Breeze, From: First Baptist  
 Church, Opelousas, La.
- Mrs. R. C. Sibley, (Betty Jo)

BAPTIZED:

Mr. Timothy Markham  
 Miss Melanee Stender

## COMMUNISM STUDY

Our study of communism began last Sunday. This special study group will meet for eight more Sundays. This group, meeting during the Training Union hour, is designed for those not now attending Training Union. The study course book, "Christians Confront Communism", is used as background material and those attending class session may receive credits for this book.

Next Sunday's session will center around the topic, "The Christian vs. Communist conception of God" led by Dr. Henry L. Ashmore. We hope that others will join the fine group that began last Sunday. The meeting place is adult A department on the first floor of the sanctuary building.

## TAKE A LOOK AT IT

The other evening I found myself staggering alone under a load that was heavy enough to crush half a dozen strong men. Out of sheer exhaustion I put it down and had a good look at it. I found that it was all borrowed: part of it belonged to the following day; part of it belonged to the following week—and here was I borrowing it that it might crush me now! It was a very stupid, but a very ancient blunder.

—Springs in the Valley

# SHARE



# THE GOOD NEWS

**PLEDGE TO TITHE**



#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor  
Broadcast over WCOA  
**NO 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.—Senior Teen Time at the church  
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen Time at the church

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:30 p.m.—Training Union Clinic, Supper Meeting

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet  
7:00 p.m.—Young People "B" Department Visitation  
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Class meeting with Mrs. Emily Work, 840 West Jordan St.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs  
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:30 p.m.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting  
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's  
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
8:30 p.m.—Brotherhood Planning Committee will meet

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 2:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers' Class regular business meeting. Meeting place to be announced  
7:00 p.m.—BWC Federation Meeting  
Warrington Baptist Church  
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 2:00 p.m.—Convention Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Amzie Wilson, 1502 East Strong Street  
2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet with Mrs. George Smith, 2029 Summit Blvd.

#### AFTER GAME FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 2 - 4—G.A. Houseparty, Fort Walton Beach

### FRAGMENTS OF THOUGHT

You cannot live every day in perfect fellowship with God without giving up time to do it. Hours and days and weeks and months and years are gladly given up by men and women to perfect themselves in some profession or accomplishment. Do you think that Christianity is so cheap that without giving time you can find close fellowship with God? You cannot.

Dr. Andrew Murray