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## F.B.C. ADOPTS BUDGET FOR 1964



### STEERING COMMITTEE FOR OUR ANNUAL 29-DAY STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Reading left to right: Standing: Glenn R. McDonald, Chairman of the Budget Planning Committee; Mrs. L. H. White, Chairman of the Telephone Committee; Frank Gibbs, Chairman of the Budget Promotion Committee; Mrs. James C. Rountree, Campaign Secretary; Clyde K. Bizzell, Lesson Chairman; Mrs. Glenn R. McDonald, Chairman of the Assignment Supper; T. A. Shell, Chairman of the Budget Pledging Committee; Bill Harden, Vice-Chairman of the Budget Promotion Committee; Joe Napier, Vice Chairman of the Budget Pledging Committee; Aubrey Gomillion, Chairman of the Tally Committee. Seated: Mrs. Lon Roberts, Jr., Chairman of the Report Snack Committee; J. Nixon Daniel, General Chairman; Pastor James L. Pleitz; J. Norwood Cobb, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan, Chairman of the Office Help Committee.

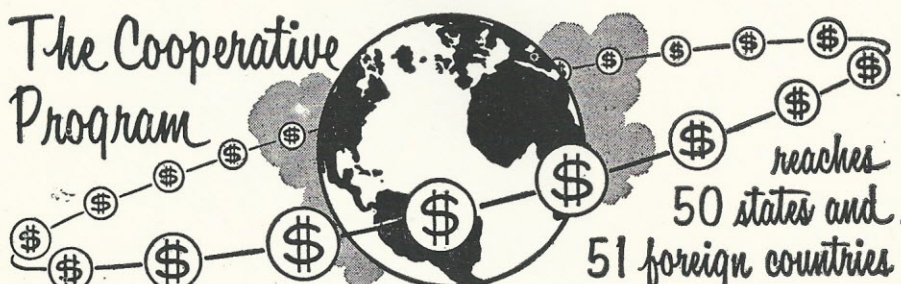
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Last Sunday Morning, the congregation was called into a special business session for the purpose of adopting the 1964 Budget. The Chairman of the Deacons called upon Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee and General Chairman for The Forward Program. Mr. Daniel reviewed briefly the procedure which had been followed in preparing the Budget, and called attention to the major changes. The congregation had been given opportunity on the preceding Wednesday night to discuss freely all items in the proposed budget, and so there was no discussion on Sunday Morning.

### THROUGH THE CHURCH

"I believe more profoundly in the church every hour that I live. A man can make his testimony go further through the church than through any independent movements. He can make his money go further, his testimony, all his work go further. He can do more constructive work, than any other way in the world. I have watched all kinds of independent movements these forty-two years and my conviction steadily deepens that a Christian man is doing the wisest thing possible when he links his life with the church."

—George W. Truett





## Pastor's Paragraphs

### THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND SOAP

Irving Hoffman, in a popular magazine, told about a little boy whose mind was centered on his parents' talk about our troubled world. The lad came to say his prayers. After praying for most everything and everybody he could think of, he concluded, "And please, God, take care of Yourself. If anything happened to You, we'd all be sunk."



Dr. Richard Brannon makes a thoughtful observation along this line worthy of our prayerful consideration: There is no question in the minds of thoughtful people that our world is in trouble. In fact, some of our foremost thinkers believe that it is in the most trouble that it has ever been in. When you begin to look at the predicament of modern man, you find yourself agreeing with the experts. Reflect for a moment upon some of America's problems: an immense and increasing crime rate; a rising number of problem drinkers and alcoholics; and the general breakdown of morals and the shocking number of divorces. Perhaps the increase of juvenile crime causes us more concern than any other single factor. The important thing to remember, however, is that all of this is occurring in a nation having a distinctive Christian heritage and claiming, at least, to be Christian now. Our country has more churches, more ministers, and more church members than any other nation in the world. It is a blatant contradiction that we should have so much to be ashamed of in the way of crime and moral decadence! The skeptic will be quick to point out that this contradiction proves that Christianity has failed. "Christianity has had its chance," declares the unbeliever. "It has had 1900 years to prove itself." My answer to this kind of logic is always the same, "Mister, have you tried Christianity?" Not even the best soap will get you clean if you never use it.

I'll see you Sunday in the meeting house.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

### YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

Our report to the annual meeting of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association last week showed the following highlights:

#### MEMBERSHIP

Baptisms	72
Other Additions	249
Removed	181
Resident Members	2300
Non-Resident Members	773
Total Church Membership	3073

#### ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School Enrollment	2158
Sunday School Attendance Average	1199
Vacation Bible School Enrollment	429
Vacation Bible School Avg. Attend.	343
Training Union Enrollment	511
Training Union Attendance Average	283
Woman's Missionary Society Enroll.	275
Sunbeams 95; G.A.'s 115; YWA'S 25	235
Total Enrollment	510
Brotherhood Enrollment	121
R.A. Enrollment	52
Music Ministry Enrollment	356
Music Ministry Average Attendance	311

#### FINANCES

Total Receipts	\$298,369.60
(Offerings and organizations)	
Total Mission Expenditures	\$ 57,882.09
Numbers of Tithers	864



### SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP KEY TO SUCCESS

"You can count on the Sunday school leadership to give this stewardship emphasis their very best," said T. A. Guthrie, Sunday school superintendent. "This is our opportunity to teach our members what God's Word says about this important doctrine. We are more concerned with spirit raising than with fund raising. I believe that God measures us not by the size and furnishings of our buildings, but by the intensity and genuineness of our commitment to the living Christ. The highest goal of stewardship is a profound and earnest love for Jesus Christ as Saviour. The supreme sacrifice of the steward involves self and substance."

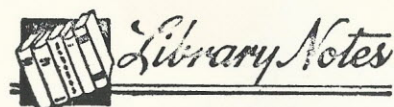
Our Sunday school has two special assignments during this emphasis:

1. On Sunday, November 3, a special Stewardship emphasis will be presented in each department.
2. To get a record attendance here for Pledge Day, November 10.



### FLOWERS SUNDAY

The flowers in our sanctuary Sunday are given by Miss Bessie Yates



### Did you know . . . ?

We have Baptist State papers in the Library from Arkansas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas; also bulletins from Southern and Southwestern Seminaries? Come in and browse through these good periodicals. We especially invite those who claim these as your home states or Alma Maters.

If you should happen to miss the good sermons on the Baptist Hour you can come in and enjoy reading them in The Beam or check out the magazine.

Other magazines available are Christian Herald, Panorama from South Africa, Billy Graham's "Decision". College and Career for High School students will give you many ideas and helps in choosing your careers.

There is a slot in one of the library doors opening on the breezeway through which you may return books any time day or night. —LTS

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"The Greatest Gift"

(Mark 12:41-44)

7:15 P. M.

"The Church in Thy House"

(Romans 16:5)



### Plan to Spend

"AN EVENING IN  
JERUSALEM"

November 4th

Beginning with supper at 6:00

This will be a study of the Holy Land and will be taught by our Pastor

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Without dedicated, trained lay leaders the total program of the church will not progress as it should. Hence, a special effort to train workers in different phases of Sunday School work will be started on November 3.

#### LENGTH OF COURSE:

The Course is designed to last six months — twenty-six weeks.

#### MEETINGS:

One class session will meet on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour—beginning at 9:25 A.M.

Wednesday evening during the Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.

In addition to the weekly meetings, the Course is designed to include a monthly class meeting when class and department administration will be discussed.

#### ATTENDANCE:

A requirement of 18 of the 25 scheduled class session attendance will be made. When absent, regardless of the reason, it will be necessary to turn in the answers to the questions on the chapter or chapters assigned for that day.

No one enrolled in the Course shall substitute teach during the Course.

No one enrolled in the Course shall quit in the middle of the course to teach a class.

#### WHAT TO STUDY?

There will be five books on which credit will be received:

TEACHING TO WIN AND DEVELOP, Corzine  
PREPARING TO TEACH THE BIBLE, Colson  
THE BOOK OF BOOKS, Hester  
THESE THINGS WE BELIEVE, Turner

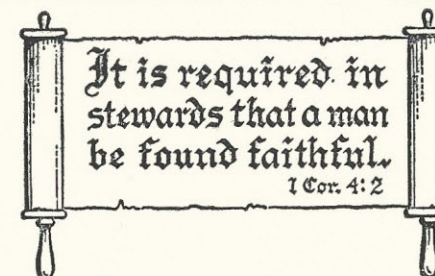
In addition to these, each class member will be expected to study the departmental Administration book and the departmental Teaching book for the age-group with which he desires to work. Examinations will be given on the one in the phase of the work he wishes to serve—administration or teaching.

There will also be parallel reading for each member from books and materials relating to the course.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ADULT DEPARTMENTS NEXT SUNDAY MORNING.

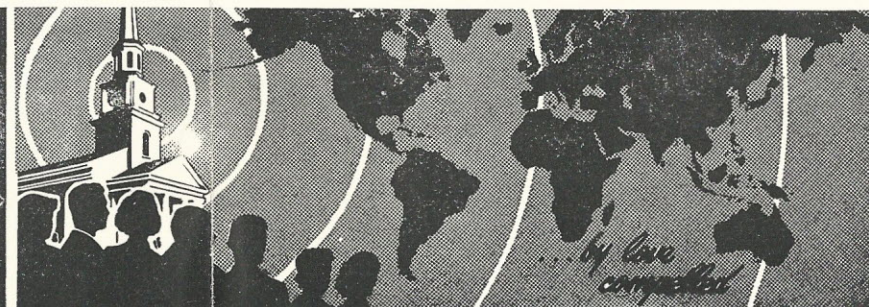
### LISTEN TO "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

"Names are News," and the name of Jesus is the most newsworthy name in history because of its meaning: "Jehovah is salvation." Dr. Herschel Hobbs challenges you to find another more outstanding name this Sunday, October 27, on the Baptist Hour at 7:30 a.m. over radio station WNVY, 1230 kc., Pensacola.



# THEME FOR 1964 BUDGET CAMPAIGN---

## Sharing Christ with the Whole World



# PLEDGE DAY IS NOVEMBER 10



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### CHURCH OFFICERS

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock, Our Missionary  
 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, October 20, 1963

### BY LETTER:

18. Mr. W. R. Martin, 1801 Foulis Drive,  
Cordova. From: First Baptist Church,  
Decatur, Alabama
19. Mrs. W. R. Martin
20. Miss Lynn Martin
21. Mrs. Neal J. Webb, 21 Gilmore Drive,  
Gulf Breeze. From: First Baptist  
Church, Gulf Breeze.
22. Miss Mary Frances Cone, 110 West  
Gadsden Street. From: First Baptist  
Church, Live Oak, Florida
23. Mrs. Barbara H. Ray, 131 South "L"  
Street. From: Southern Memorial  
Baptist Church, Monterey, Calif.

### FOR BAPTISM:

2. Mr. Bill Brown, 504 North Baylen Street
3. Miss Paula D. Howard, 2300A West  
Jackson Street
4. Miss Linda Buchanan, Route 9, Box 360



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 AND WORSHIP SUNDAY**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Congratulations:

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moody, Greenville,  
 S. C., upon the birth of a daughter,  
 Janice Eileen.

### Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Carlton Fendt, Jr., Mrs. Imogene  
 Stewart, Mrs. Neil Van Pelt, Mrs.  
 George Holladay

### Navy Hospital:

Mrs. U. E. Jutilla

### Home From Hospital:

Mr. Elmer Tullock, Mrs. O. C. Butler,  
 Mike Morris, Linda Faye Cvitanic, Mrs.  
 David Johnson, Mrs. Merle Gilmore,  
 Mrs. U. E. Jutilla.

### Sympathy To:

Mrs. Jewel Hastings in the death of her  
 father.

"The church is never true to itself  
 when it is living for itself, for if it  
 is chiefly concerned with saving its  
 own life, it will lose it. The nature  
 of the church is such that it must  
 always be engaged in finding ways  
 by which to transcend itself. Its  
 main responsibility is always out-  
 side its own walls in the redemption  
 of common life. That is why we call  
 it a redemptive society."

**The Company of the Committed,  
 Elton Trueblood.**

## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1278
Members Present.....	1210
New Members .....	14
Visitors .....	54
Training Union Attendance.....	300
Members Present .....	266
New Members .....	14
Visitors .....	20
Additions to church membership.....	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$5,671.02
Specials .....	256.25
Building Fund .....	38.35
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$5,965.62</b>



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
 T. A. Guthrie, Supt.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor  
 Broadcast over WCOA  
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
 Homer Reed, Director  
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor  
 Baptism  
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen Time to be  
 held at the church  
 5:00 p.m.—Training Union Directors'  
 Meeting  
 8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time to be held  
 at the church

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9:30 a.m.—Radiant Class Meeting at. Mrs.  
 George Springle — 722 Gentian  
 Drive — Nursery will be open ....  
 7:30 p.m.—Lydia Class Meeting at Mrs. Ada  
 McMillan — 17 W. LaRua Street

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs Meet  
 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  
 8:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 9:30 a.m.—MYP Visitation  
 Nursery will be open

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 2:00 p.m.—The Lois Class will meet with Mrs.  
 A. J. Gahan, 1420 Mallory Street  
 2:30 p.m.—The Willing Workers Class will  
 meet with Mrs. J. B. Lambeth,  
 718 Gentian Drive, Woodland  
 Heights



## TESTIMONIES

Two of our laymen, both of them active  
 in our Stewardship promotion effort,  
 thrilled the hearts of our people Sunday  
 as they brought straight-from-the-  
 shoulder stewardship testimonies. T. A.  
 Shell urged that we begin by "counting  
 our blessings". Mr. Aubrey Gomillion re-  
 minded us that the budget "is an exten-  
 sion of ourselves.

On next Sunday we will have the op-  
 portunity of hearing 2 other testimonies.  
 Mr. Charles McCown is scheduled for the  
 11:00 Service and Mrs. Lon Roberts for  
 the evening service.