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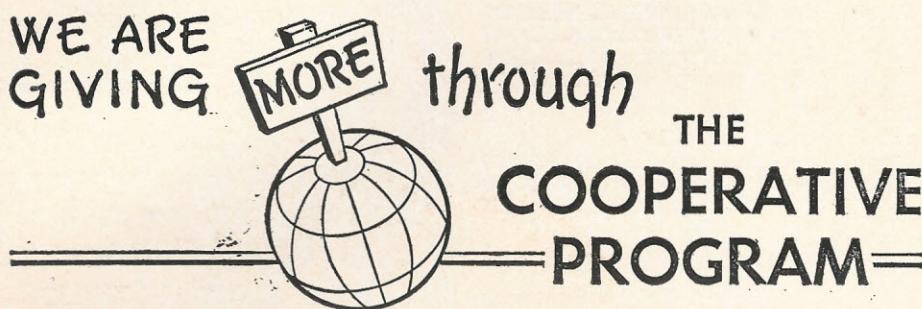
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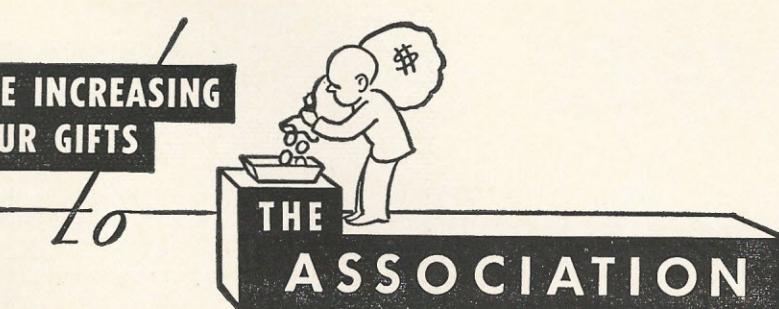
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Last Sunday Morning, the congregation was called into a special business session for the purpose of adopting the 1965 Budget. With Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee and General Chairman of the Forward Program, presiding, the congregation unanimously adopted the budget which had been officially presented and discussed last Wednesday Evening. This budget, totaling \$286,774.00 includes increases in our Cooperative Program giving and our gifts to the Associational Missions Program. It includes an enlargement of our local program, including provision of an addition to our staff working in the area of Youth Education and Activities. It provides the amount needed for this year's payment on the Hecht property which is currently being readied for parking and beautification.

Our Budget Promotion Committee will be reminding us in various ways of the ministries provided through our 1965 Budget. All of us will want to make our plans to have a worthy part in underwriting this budget on Dedication Day, November 8.

WE ARE INCREASING  
OUR GIFTS



## Pastor's Paragraphs

### THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

In recent days a number of truly significant events have taken place: the replacement of Nikita Khrushchev; the Chinese atomic explosion; the Labor victory in England (not to mention the victory of the St. Louis Cardinals over the Yankees). They have given us much to think about.

Because of these events some things of real importance may go unnoticed. For instance there is the crisis now facing the

### United Nations.

The United Nations, founded on the yearning of mankind "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war," now approaches its moment of truth.

Because the communists have much to gain from unrest and anarchy in the freeworld, they have refused to pay their share of the United Nation's peace-keeping operations in the Middle East and the Congo.

Article 19 provides that a member "shall have no vote if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years."

The United States has declared that the communists must abide by the rules that they themselves agreed to. Though the Reds have called this stand an attempt to wreck the U.N., our diplomats have pointed out that the quickest way to wreck an organization is to let its turbulent members violate the charter at will.

If the Soviet Union is really concerned about the life of the United Nations they will do more than talk in pious platitudes. They will willingly pay and share in the cost of this operation.

All of us face from time to time the moment of truth. This is certainly true in the life of the church. If we are really concerned about the life of the church, we will willingly give to its support. Our Lord is concerned about performance above all else. **IF WE REALLY LOVE HIM, WE WILL WILLINGLY GIVE SACRIFICIALLY TO THE SUPPORT OF HIS CHURCH.**

I plan to give a tithe plus a love gift to the work of My Lord. How about you? See you Sunday in the Lord's House.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

# Theme for 1965 Budget Campaign



### YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### MEMBERSHIP

Baptisms	55
Other Additions	244
Removed	247
Resident Members	2318
Non-Resident Members	807
Total Church Membership	3125

#### ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School Enrollment	2103
Sunday School Average Attend...	1204
Vacation Bible School Enrollment	502
Vacation Bible School Avg. Attend	376
Training Union Enrollment	550
Training Union Attendance Avg...	271
Woman's Missionary Society Enroll.	275
Sunbeams 88; G.A.'s 120; YWA's 22	230
Total Enrollment	575
Brotherhood Enrollment	106
Royal Ambassador Enrollment	67
Music Ministry Enrollment	406
Music Ministry Avg. Attend.	304

#### FINANCES

Total Receipts (For All Causes)	\$321,052.00
Total Mission Expenditures	\$ 63,697.00
Number of Tithers	712



### NURSERY PARENTS' MEETING

Our Nursery Departments are planning for a Parents' Meeting on Sunday Afternoon, November 1st., 4:30 P.M.



People, like pins, are useless when they lose their heads.

It is easy to give another 'a piece of your mind'; but when you are through, you have lost your own peace of mind.

He who slings mud generally loses ground.

Some people are so busy falling for everything that they don't have time to stand for much.

#### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"Building Walls and Lives"**  
(Nehemiah 12:27, 43)

7:15 P.M.

**"What It Costs Not To Be A Christian"**  
(Luke 14:25)

# DR. SOUTHER TO SPEAK TO CLASS OFFICERS

Dr. William H. (Bill) Souther will be the speaker for our Class Officers Clinic on next Monday Evening, October 26. Dr. Souther is a native of Oklahoma, and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. He received his M. R. E., M. S. M., and D. R. E. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as Minister of Music and Religious Education at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana; First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas and First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. He now serves as Associate Professor of Church Administration at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. By training and experience, he is qualified to help teachers and officers better understand their role in the church total ministry.

Our schedule will be as follows:

6:30 P.M.—Supper (Regular Wednesday Night Price, 60c)

7:00 P.M.—Message by Mr. Souther

7:30 P.M.—Conferences as follows:

Young Adults Division (Single Young People's Departments)

Teachers, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Group Leaders, Secretaries

Adult Division:

Teachers, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Group Leaders, Secretaries



Dr. Wm. H. (BILL) SOUTHER



### WHY I PLEDGE

"Webster, among other definitions, states that to pledge means to bind oneself to do something."

By the above definition, I feel that when my church asks each member to pledge it is everyone's duty to bind himself to do something.

Because everything I own is part God's, I feel that the least I can do is give him the part He deserves. He gives us so and yet asks for so little in return, that we should never give a second thought as to whether or not we will pledge.

A pledge is a promise to give at least something each week. Because we make this promise to God and to our church, we should renew our pledge each year with a willing heart, knowing that we have done our small part in furthering God's work throughout the world."

DAVID RIDDLE



"We never cease to remember the labour prompted by your love."

I Thess. 1:3.

Paul begins his letter with unmixed praise. Even when he rebuked it was never his aim to discourage, but always to uplift. In every man there is something fine, and often the best way to rid him of the lower things is to praise the higher things. It is told that once the Duke of Wellington's cook gave notice and left him. He was asked why he had left so honourable and well paid a position. His answer was, "When the dinner is good the Duke never praises me, and when it is bad he never blames me; it was just not worth while." Encouragement was lacking, and life was not worth while, Paul, like a good psychologist, and with true Christian tact, begins with praise even when he meant to move on to rebuke." Taken from Barclay's commentary on Thessalonians. —L.T.S.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some key dates in our Stewardship Promotion:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**, The pastor will bring a special Stewardship sermon.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**, Sunday School Department Assemblies will feature a special Stewardship Emphasis.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**, Dedication Day (when we will seek to pledge our total budget).



### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. W. P. Mooty, Mr. Ernie Priest, Mr. Bert Heine, Miss Lizzie Waite, Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mr. Robert S. Harvey, Mrs. Harry Maddox

#### Home From Hospital:

Mrs. W. L. Warren, Mrs. J. F. Boykin, Sr.

#### Our Sympathy To:

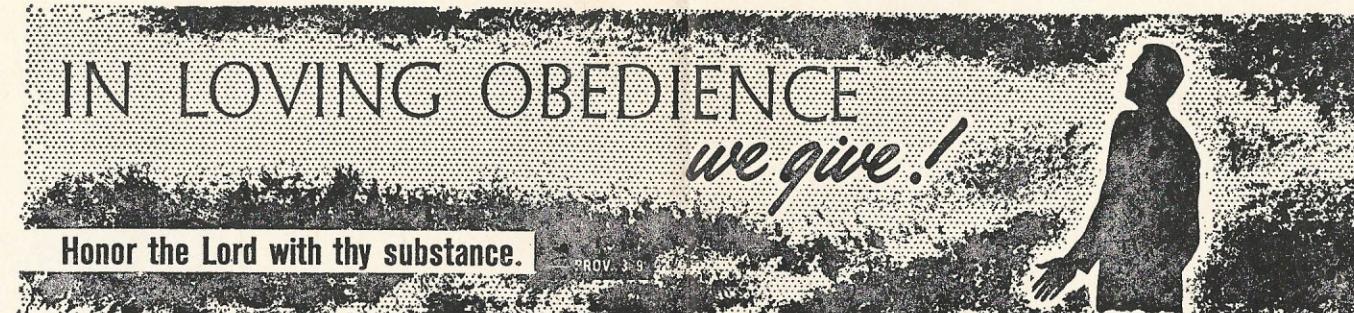
Mrs. Frances Cox in the loss of a brother.  
Mr. J. T. Maddrey, Jr. in the loss of his mother.

### SEMINAR GROUPS FOR ADULTS

**SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.**

1. **NEW MEMBERS CLASS** — Beginning discussion on Baptist Distinctives
2. **VISITATION** — John Cheshire, Chaplain at Baptist Hospital, discussing "Visiting the Sick"
3. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP** — State Senator Reuben Askew discussing "The Christian in Politics"

**COME SUNDAY NIGHT!**



Honor the Lord with thy substance.

# Dedication Day Is November 8

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### LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1313
Members Present.....	1255
New Members.....	16
Visitors .....	42
Training Union Attendance.....	397
Members Present.....	357
New Members.....	6
Visitors .....	34
Additions to church membership.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$4,076.62
Specials .....	74.86
Building Fund.....	18.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$4,500.63</b>

### BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-OCTOBER 30

Reading Through the New Testament  
in 1964

I Timothy 3:1 to  
II Timothy 2:14

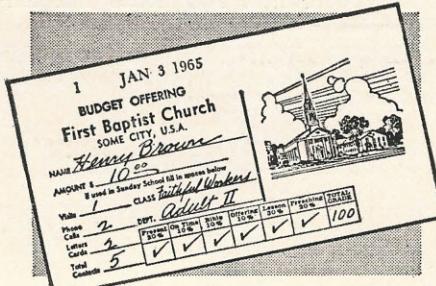
### HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.  
Station WNVY

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs  
will speak on  
"Your Appointment With God"  
1 Thessalonians 5:9-10



## A Tangible Witness



## EVERY WEEK

### "I BELIEVE

"I believe the best way for me to show my love and loyalty to Christ and my Church is for me to tithe, and make a Church pledge, thus helping to underwrite our Church budget."

LAWREN MEACHAM



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

\*9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron Guthrie, Superintendent  
\*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  
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time at the Church  
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time at the home of Miss Diane Danforth, 1700 East Hatton Street

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30 P.M.—Class Officers' Clinic begins with Supper

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 P.M.—Lydia Class will meet with Mrs. James Burton, Quarters 24-3, Naval Air Station

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

\*4:45 P.M.—Children's Choir Rehearsals  
\*5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
\*6:30 P.M.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's  
\*7:15 P.M.—Prayer Service  
Primary Choirs to Sing  
\*8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal  
\*8:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Planning Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 A.M.—Associational Music Officers Chapel  
9:30 A.M.—Associational WMU Meeting Whitfield Baptist Church  
7:00 P.M.—Associational Night W.M.S. Meeting Central Baptist Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Married Young People's Training Union Dept. Social Fellowship Hall



### NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:  
1. Miss Merrie Garrett, 1316 East Bobe St.  
BY LETTER:

7. Mrs. Mary M. Dargacz, 502 W. Sunset Avenue, Warrington. From: Warrington Baptist Church, Warrington, Fla.
8. Miss Alice Dillon, 4320 North 12th Avenue. From: Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss.
9. Miss Beverly Phifer, 802 Rio Vista, Pensacola Beach, Fla. From: Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

\*Indicates nursery will be open 15 minutes prior to the time indicated above.