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..... FROM THE DESK OF

CHARLES OVERMAN

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DEAR PASTOR,

PERU IS QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY,
BUT OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS
WILL BE WITH YOU AND THE MEMBERS
OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT
SONDAY.

EVEN NOW WE KNOW THAT "IN LOVING
OBEDIENCE", DEDICATION DAY NEXT SUNDAY
WILL BECOME ONE OF THE GREAT MILE-
STONES IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH,
WE WILL MISS BEING THERE, HOWEVER
WE WILL BE OBSERVING FIRST HAND SOME
OF THE WORK FOR OUR MASTER CARRIED
ON IN THAT FAR DISTANT LAND THROUGH
THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR PEOPLE IN
PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS.

WE ARE TAKING ALONG CAMERAS AND
FILM ENOUGH TO TRY TO BRING BACK
SLIDES OF OUR MISSION WORK IN
THE PARTS OF PERU WE VISIT.

WE COUET YOUR PRAYERS AS WE GO,

YOURS SINCERELY

Charles
CHARLES H. OVERMAN, JR.

P.S. OUR PEDGE CARDS ARE
ENCLOSED

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Joe Parker, Kerry Len Milner,
Miss Lizzie Waite

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Herbert C. Johnson, Miss Cynthia
Warren, Mr. Henry Holt, Mrs. Katie
Pippin

Naval Hospital:

Mr. Henry B. Parker

Mobile Infirmary, Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. E. R. Cunningham

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Phyllis Busey, Mrs. Harry Mad-
dox, Mr. Ernie Priest, Mr. W. T.
Creel, Miss Laura and Linda Williams,
Mrs. Bessie Garret, Mr. Sam Hall, Sr.

Our Sympathy To:

Mr. Mack Dennis in the death of his
Mother.
Mrs. Woodrow W. Reeder in the death
of her Mother



The rosario on the pulpit Sunday was
placed there in honor of

MASTER JOHN STEVEN BAKER

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belk Baker
Born October 18

WMU CIRCLES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 10:00 A.M.
—T. N. CALLOWAY CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. E. W. Speed, 2023 North Escambia
Avenue
—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. J. T. Murphy, 1711 North Whaley Ave.
—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. L. C. Sasnett, 310 Bay Boulevard, EPH
—MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. John Yelverton, 31 Gilmore Drive,
Gulf Breeze
—DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. T. H. Miller, 1713 East Lee Street
—DOTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. Tate Bousman, 231 Dean Road, Cor-
dova Park
—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.
E. A. Bratcher, 100 West Cervantes
—BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. O. H. Smith, 306 West Lloyd Street
—MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. W. T. Creel, 1600 North Spring Street
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. William Balfour on the beach.
Will leave at 9:00 a.m. from 3800 West
Gadsden Street and go as a group.
—CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet in
the Fellowship Hall at the Church
2:30 P.M.
—HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. Grady Wilson, 420 Second Street,
Warrington
6:00 P.M. — NIGHT WMS SUPPER
6:30 P.M. — General Meeting
7:30 P.M. — Circles Meet

NEW MEMBERS

- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:
2. Ensign Kenneth L. Mowrey, BOQ 1451
Rm. 104, Whiting Field, Milton
BY LETTER:
11. Mr. Fred E. Hirni, 673 Connell Dr.,
Cordova. From: Gateway Baptist
Church, Miami, Fla.
12. Mrs. Fred E. Hirni (Grey)
13. Miss Ava Hirni
14. Ensign W. Roddy Hughes, BOQ 661,
Rm. 146 NAS. From: First Baptist
Church, Tallahassee, Fla.
15. Mr. Leon E. Singletary, 3212 North 6th
Avenue. From: Heights Baptist Church,
Pensacola
16. Mrs. Leon E. Singletary (Eddie Lou)
17. Mr. Leon Singletary, Jr.
BAPTIZED:
Mr. Fred S. Avant
Mrs. Fred S. Avant
Miss Peggy Avant
Miss Merrie Dawn Garrett



Mr. and Mrs. James T. Jackson

request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Rosalind Olivia

to

Robert Lewis Adams

on Saturday, the fourteenth of November
Nineteen hundred and sixty-four
at seven o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
at the Church

MUSIC

We must squeeze into this week's issue
our thanks to the Youth Choirs who pre-
sented excellent renditions of worshipful
music last Sunday . . . I think you
will be greatly pleased with the work
of the Junior High Choir as we look
forward to another appearance . . . You
will be hearing the Junior Girls Choir
in a few weeks. These youngsters have
a real good time in rehearsal and enjoy
singing to the fullest degree . . . Good
attendance has been reported in all choirs
for the past month. Reports will be given
in the regular business conference com-
ing soon . . . New members continue to
join the Youth and Adult Choirs. We
need some real strength in depth in our
Adult Choir. They are doing excellent
work; they just need some good dependable
help . . . We're looking forward to:
More special appearances, a delightful
Thanksgiving service; "M" Night with
special music by the Youth Choir; the
presentation of the "Gloria" and the
Service of Carols by all of the choirs.
Plans now include presenting the Adult
Christmas presentation, the "Gloria" by
Vivaldi, with a small orchestral group.
This will be given on the evening of
December 13.

YOUTH

"Singspiration" will meet with us next
Sunday evening, November 8. Last year
between 600-700 young people from many
churches in the city attended. Invite your
friends to join you—Refreshments will be
served.

MY WEEKLY CHECK

Gross earnings...\$87.21

Less pension..... 3.86

Less income tax... 11.08

Net earnings....\$ 72.27

I tithe all
I earn
\$8.72



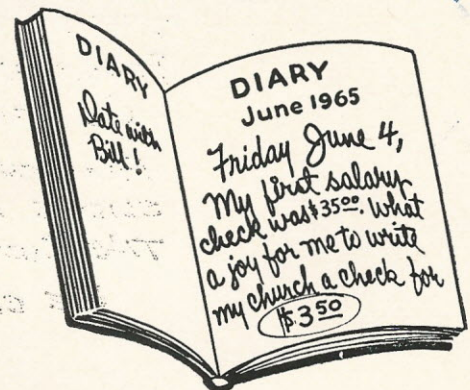
REACHING HIGHER

Cal Clevenger, 3 yr. old son of Dr. and
Mrs. Charles Clevenger, is having a little
trouble getting his Pledge Card in this
mail box.

But, you'll have to admit that he has
the right idea! Many of our people are
reaching higher. Some who have never
tithed before are pledging to tithe. Some
who are already tithers are pledging to
give more.

After you have prayerfully filled out
your pledge card, you'll have no trouble
getting it in to the proper place. The
best way is to bring it with you Sunday
and turn it in at the Sunday School Hour.
If for any reason you will not be here
Sunday, you may mail it or bring it to the
Church Office.

EACH OF US OUGHT TO REACH UP
WITH OUR PLEDGE.



"I TITHE"

God has been good to me, and because of this, I
return to Him that portion of my earnings which
belongs to Him.—so I tithe and support my church.

JACK HOWES



Pastor's Paragraphs

PLEDGES FROM PERU

.... They left the Miami airport at 2 A. M. Monday morning. Five hours later they were in Lima, Peru. You can



imagine how excited Mrs. Lon Roberts must have been when they arrived. For the first time in 20 months she had breakfast with her son! (As most of you know Lon III, is serving in Peru with the Peace Corps).

Three of our folks were in the party which made the trip to South America. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overman, Jr. and Mrs. Lon Roberts will have many exciting experiences to share with us when they return.

Prior to leaving Pensacola, Charles Overman, who serves as the Chairman of our Board of Deacons, wrote the letter which appears on the front page of this issue of "The Builder."

If you are going to be in South America, South Florida or South Alabama next Sunday — please mail your pledge in. Whether you are in the city or not, you too can share in the victory of Dedication Day.

PLEASE MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO BE IN YOUR PLACE SUNDAY.

Faithfully your pastor,
JAMES L PLEITZ

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Turn the World Right Side Up"

(Acts 17:1-9)

James L. Pleitz, Pastor
Preaching

7:15 P.M.

"How Readest Thou?"

(Luke 10:25-37)

Clyde K. Bizzell, Preaching



"I BELIEVE"

The Bible emphatically states, 'The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.' Whether or not it is offered, the tenth is God's.

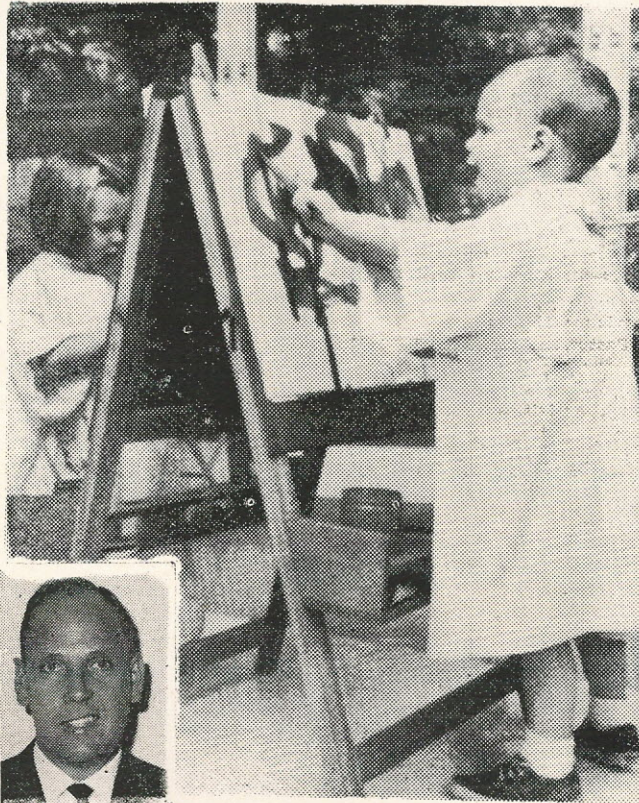
The story is told of one of our Baptist leaders visiting the Big Cypress Baptist Church. He was surprised to learn that every member was a tither. On questioning the Indian pastor, the Baptist leader received this reply: The Bible teaches tithing, Indian believes the Bible.

Tithing for the Christian should be automatic, there should be no hesitation whatsoever. We accept the blessings of God without question, and we must accept the responsibilities as well. How dare we rob the God who sacrificed his own Son as payment for our sins.

You and I are made vitally aware each day of our world's need for our God. He has no other way but through us, and we cannot afford to pay the price of failing Him."

ANDREA ABNEY

"WHAT ARE YOU PAINTING?"



At the request of the Forward Program Committee, Mr. Willard Vickery brought the Stewardship Testimony at the Morning Service last Sunday. Here is his statement:

"During this past week I had the privilege of visiting a doctor friend of mine who was showing me through the Child Guidance Clinic. In this tour we had an opportunity to look in on a room where a psychiatrist was dealing with a six-year-old lad. The doctor friend of mine explained to me that this lad was painting a picture. The boy had a brush in hand and some red paint and a sheet of paper before him. As he painted I tried to make out what he was painting and I couldn't. I asked the doctor, 'Is this boy told what to paint?' The doctor said 'No, he is given the brush and told to paint what he wants to and then the doctor will ask him to tell a story about what he was painted. And then in this story the doctor will be able to find out much about what goes on inside of this young man.' As I thought about this matter of tithing and stewardship, I realized that God gives you and me a brush called life and a clean sheet of paper called time and an assortment of colors called talent. And in our life we have an opportunity to paint a picture and God sees this picture and God knows and God can tell much about our lives by what we paint. We call these talents, we call it money, we call it gifts, abilities and many things; but God gives us these and God sees and knows by this picture just what we are. The Bible says, 'For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.'

This matter of tithing and stewardship is a matter of heart business and GOD HAS HIS BEST VIEW OF MY LIFE AND YOUR LIFE IN THE PICTURE THAT WE PAINT WITH OUR MONEY, and with OUR TIME, and with OUR TALENTS. I've heard tithing referred to as a profession of faith. So many times we think this means simply your commitment to Christ as Saviour, to save our souls, but TITHING

TOO IS A PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH. The Lord says, 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding. But in all thy ways (and may I paraphrase here—in all thy ways including stewardship) acknowledge me and I will direct thy paths.' I thank God for this assurance that if we are faithful in the matter of stewardship, that we have this promise that He will direct our paths. God will hold true to this promise and He will bless us if we are faithful with our money, our time and our talents."



THE DATE IS NOVEMBER 8
that's the day that we will seek to
underwrite our 1965 Budget



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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1322
Members Present.....	1264
New Members.....	4
Visitors.....	54
Training Union Attendance.....	388
Members Present.....	347
New Members.....	5
Visitors.....	36
Additions to church membership.....	8
Baptized.....	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$6,887.46
Specials.....	270.86
Building Fund.....	6.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$7,164.32



8 SUNDAYS LEFT

Yes, only eight more Sundays remain in our current year. Look at your package of envelopes. Is your pledge to the budget in arrears? If so, do your best to catch up on all or part of it this Sunday.

Our deficit for the year is \$2,528. Let us be faithful in stewardship for the sake of Him who gave His all for us.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 OF NOVEMBER 8 - NOVEMBER 13**
 Reading Through the New Testament
 in 1964
Hebrews 1:1 to Hebrews 5:14



Library Notes

Robert J. Hastings has written one of the best books on stewardship of money we have in the library. It is entitled **MY MONEY AND GOD**. These are the titles of some of the chapters: How do I earn my money? Why do I give my money? How do I spend my money? How will I leave my money?

TWELVE BASKETS FULL by Margaret Applegarth infuses a central subject with her own special brand of insight and attractiveness, enriched with striking quotations and stories.

Faithful with the tithe, Joy in faithfulness, Growing in faithfulness are chapter titles in the book **FOUND FAITHFUL** by Merrill D. Moore.

Other books on the subject of stewardship are:

LIVING ABUNDANTLY — Burkhalter;
THE GRACE OF GIVING — Burroughs,
BIBLE STEWARDSHIP — Dillard, **STEWARDSHIP ENRICHES LIFE** — Hatch,
THE GOSPEL OF GIVING — Hobbs,
THE SUPREME BEATITUDE — Pierce,
GREAT STEWARDS OF THE BIBLE — Simpson.

L. T. S.



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
 Station WNVY

Preacher: Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs

Subject: "The Duet of Destiny"



Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- *9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
 Theron 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. Mr. Bizzell
- 8:45 P.M.—City-wide Singspiration
 First Baptist Church

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Meeting
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 10:00 A.M.—See WMS Circles
WMS NIGHT SOCIETY
- 6:00 P.M.—Dinner
- 6:30 P.M.—General Meeting
- 7:30 P.M.—Circle Meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- *4:45 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. Mr. Bizzell
 Monthly Business Meeting
- *8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00 P.M.—Men's Visitation

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 2:00 P.M.—Lois Class meets with
 Mrs. R. T. Horlick, 1920 W.
 Gregory
- 7:00 P.M.—Junior 9 S. S. Social,
 Pupils and Parents
 Fellowship Hall

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



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given in memory of Robert Earl Wiggins by Mrs. W. R. Parks, Mr. Edward and Ira Wiggins, and Mrs. Thelma W. Hinote.



"In Loving Obedience...We Give!"
 "Honor the Lord with thy substance."
 (Proverbs 3:9)