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D-DAY SUNDAY!

WHEN 5 CENTS IS ENOUGH

Sunday is the day we are going to have a big demonstration here at the church. Every wage earner is being urged to give at least one-tenth of his week's income to the work of the Lord. If you accept your pastor's challenge, the offering next Sunday will be sizeable.

I am not sure how our adults will respond, (although I think I know) but there is no doubt in my mind about the response of our little folk.

When mention was made of the special offering last Sunday, one of our precious little girls wrote her mother this note:

"Mommy — if I get 25 cents a week and give the church a nickel, is that enough?"

Although the note was written to "Mommy", I would like to answer it — **"Yes, darling, that is enough. You are not only giving a tithe, you are giving a love offering on top of it."**

What was it Jesus said? Oh, yes, now I remember. "A little child shall lead them." Jesus also said, "Go thou and do likewise."

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in the Meeting House.

Tithingly your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

P.S. Be sure to bring your nickels — and dollars! !

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P.C.C. Oct. 24/83*

From time to time, pastors speculate on what their respective churches could do if every member tithed every week. Even with conservative estimates, the results are fantastic.

We can see for ourselves next Sunday just what the First Baptist Church could do if each of us tithed.

Sunday is "Demonstration Day". Every member of our church is urged to bring a tithe of the week's income.

Whether or not you are now a tither, make a special effort to tithe one week's income and bring it next Sunday. Then watch next week's Builder to see what this would amount to if that sum were multiplied by fifty-two.

Tithes and offerings are one concrete way that we can measure our love for God and our appreciation for what He has done for us. Take full part in this Demonstration Day. Then see how much easier it will be to make every Sunday a "Demonstration Day".

God has promised us that if we bring our tithes into His storehouse, He will open the windows of heaven to shower us with blessings. He has gone a step further and has challenged us to try Him.

If you are not already a tither, try Him.

WILL A MAN TIP GOD?

With apologies to the Old Testament prophet who asked, "Will a man rob God?", I would like to consider the matter of "tipping" God.

Once in a budget committee meeting we were discussing the one dollar gift. It was agreed that for some people, a dollar gift would represent a worthy offering. It was also the consensus of the group that for many people (the breadwinner of the family, those on regular salaries, etc.) this amount is in the category of the tip.

A recently published "Guide for Tipping" suggested a minimum tip of 25c per person who is served a meal in a restaurant. If four people dine at the table, the minimum tip, according to the "guide", would be one dollar.

Some of us were astonished at the effrontery of the New York taxicab driver who, arriving at the point of destination, called out the fare and added . . . "And that will be at least a dollar tip!"

It may be a sign of a generous heart to tip a cabby, a waitress, or a bell-hop with a dollar bill. But who will call it generosity when a man tips God???

Back to those Old Testament prophets. These men made it plain that to make an offering to the Most High God with "leftovers" was to insult Him.

—Robert L. Smith, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Houston, Texas



A "Master Control" Devotional Vignette

A MATTER OF APPRAISING

Broadcast: October 2, 1966

In business he commands a sizable salary. The man who can appraise real value is in big demand.

A few weeks ago a jewelry store in our city announced the display of over ten million dollars worth of simulated jewelry. Immediately the thought went through my mind that having ten million dollars' worth of jewelry in a store window is certainly asking for trouble. Before the day is over someone will rob that store. The figure "ten million dollars" almost caused me to miss the word "simulated." Of course, when I thought for just a moment I realized ten million dollars worth of simulated jewelry would not be worth a fraction of the value of the real thing. Simulated is just a high-class word for "fake". Ten million dollars in simulated jewelry would fool almost everyone in our town, but not quite everyone. There are some appraisers who would not be fooled even for a minute.

Whether we like it or not, each one of us is an appraiser. Each day we have to appraise between the good and the bad. These decisions are not too hard to make. It is appraising between the good and the best that is so difficult.

One day Jesus told a fascinating tale. It could be called a short, short story. He used just 36 words in telling it. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls, who having found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Obviously Jesus was pleased with the actions of this man. He knew how to appraise real value. He was willing to make any sacrifice in order to obtain the gem of supreme value.

There are many things in life that are important. There are many things in life that are good. But there is one thing and only one thing that is most important, and that is the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

In my life I feel a real need for some help in this business of appraising, don't you? We have the promised assistance of Almighty God. The Bible says, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

—JAMES L. PLEITZ

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Paul M. Stevens, Executive Director



HEAR "MASTER CONTROL"
Sunday, October 30 — 8:00 A.M.

Station WNVY — 1230 on the dial

Sunday's program will include a devotional message by our pastor entitled "A Matter of Infinite Value".

ARE YOU A TITHER?

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Your Two Cents Worth"
(Mark 12:41-44)

7:15 P.M.

"Being Good in Bad Places"
(1 Kings 18:3)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Harold Ackman, Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. Phyllis Busey.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. W. R. Parks, Mrs. Fred Mertins, Mr. W. N. Lipscomb.

Navy:

Chief James J. Yandle

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. John Coker, Mrs. Ruth Cvitanic, Mr. Clifford Lenz, Mrs. Carolyn Barry, Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr., Mrs. John Yelverton.



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

- Mr. Larry R. English, 804 Royce St.
From: Parkdale Baptist Church,
Corpus Christi, Texas
- Miss Patricia Fletcher, 1301 N. 12th Ave.
From: Flat Creek Baptist Church,
Greensboro, Fla.
- Mr. Wilbur A. Sasnett, 706 Boxwood Dr.
From: Highland Ave. Baptist Church,
Florence, Ala.
- Mrs. Wilbur A. Sasnett (Marilyn)
- Brenda Sasnett
- Mr. Richard Scribner, Co. "K", Corry Field
From: Ashmore Baptist Church,
Ashmore, Illinois
- Mr. Edward E. Walker, 417 N. Wentworth
From: Berean Baptist Church,
Youngstown, Ohio
- Mrs. Edward E. Walker (Charlotte)
From: Maryland Ave. Baptist Church,
Canton, Ohio



STEP FORWARD

IN FAITH

W.M.S. DAY SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
10:00 A.M.

PROGRAM:

MR. NEAL BROWNING,
Missionary to Japan,

Speaking on the Subject:
"Japan's Response to Christianity"

Harvey Headrick Circle in charge
of program.
Martha Haylock Circle serving.

THANKSGIVING and Christmas Giving

For a number of years the Christmas Clearance Bureau has assisted various groups in making more effective their assistance to families at the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We would urge that any group planning to assist a family at Thanksgiving or Christmas clear this name with the Church Office. We in turn will clear with the Christmas Clearance Bureau.



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES MEN TO LAYMAN'S CRUSADE

The Brotherhood of the Central Baptist Church, 2311 North 12th Avenue, is sponsoring a Layman's Crusade Revival, November 2-6. They have extended an invitation to our membership to join them for these services, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday!



FLORIDA BAPTISTS COMING TO PENSACOLA

The Florida Baptist Convention will hold its 105th Annual Session in our church November 8-10. The Convention met here in 1957, and in 1933, and in 1896.

James Monroe, Pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, is the President of the Convention.

Opening each session will be a Bible message led by Dr. Clark H. Pinnock of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. An outstanding group of speakers will appear on the program, including:

- Dr. R. Alton Reed of the Annuity Board
- Dr. Robert Naylor of Southwestern Seminary
- James Frost of the Training Union Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board
- Dr. Albert McClellan of the Executive Committee
- Dr. Edgar M. Arendall of Birmingham, Alabama
- Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Woman's Missionary Union

Our pastor will bring the welcome address on Tuesday morning and will bring the SBC Executive Committee report on Wednesday afternoon.

On Monday, the Pastors' Conference and the Association of Ministers of Education and Music will meet. Also, the State Board of Missions will meet on Monday night.

CLASS OFFICERS CLINIC

Our annual Class Officers Clinic held on Monday evening was a very successful meeting. A total of 89 persons were present from the five Adult Departments and our Married Young People's Department and our Business and Professional Department.

The Bykota Class in Adult D was recognized as having every class officer and group leader present.

Our Class Officers are urged to consider carefully the opportunities which are yours in the places of service to which you have been elected. Every Class Officer is urged to read the material below:

CLASS OFFICERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

The officers recommended for an Adult Bible class consist of a president, a vice-president, a group leader for every five members, and a secretary.

Class officers should:

- Have a genuine Christian experience.
- Be loyal members of the church in which they are to serve.
- Be genuinely co-operative with the church program.
- Love the Bible and be students of it.
- Be vitally interested in the salvation of the unsaved.
- Be willing to work at the job assigned.
- Be willing to prepare themselves for their task.
- Continuously seek to deepen their own spiritual lives.

THE PRESIDENT AT WORK

The duties of the president are twofold: to guide the affairs of the class and to direct the work of the class officers in close co-operation with the teacher.

Lead the class to co-operate wholeheartedly with the program of the church. Recognize the teacher as the church-elected leader of the class and direct the class activities accordingly.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT AT WORK

The vice-president should engage in the following specific activities:

- Plan and direct the social program of the class.
- Create a genuine Christian fellowship.
- Direct the class publicity.
- Be responsible for arranging, lighting, heating, and ventilating the classroom for most effective use.
- Protect the class sessions from unnecessary interruptions.
- Lead the class to attain and maintain the requirements of the Standard of Excellence.
- Preside in the absence of the president.
- Assume all other duties assigned by the president.

THE GROUP LEADER AT WORK

The duties of the group leaders are:

- Plan and promote an aggressive program for reaching people.
- Seek to provide a spiritual ministry for the members through prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship, stewardship, and service.
- Engage in a weekly visitation program to enlist the prospects and to build attendance.
- Encourage daily worship in every home for which the group is responsible.
- Seek to lead the unsaved to personal faith in Christ.
- Lead the saved to unite with the church, and to participate in the entire church program.
- Lead the members to assume their proper stewardship obligations.
- Promote a genuine Christian fellowship in the groups.
- Minister to the members and prospects in sickness, sorrow, distress, and other needs.
- Counsel with the members in their personal and family problems.

THE SECRETARY AT WORK

In order to discharge faithfully the duties of his office, the secretary should engage in the following specific activities:

1. Master the Fundamentals of the Six Point Record System.
2. Promote the Proper Use of Records.
3. Secure and Use the Records on Sunday.
4. Make the Records Available for the Weekday Meetings.
5. Request and Distribute the Necessary Record Supplies and Literature.

DEMONSTRATION DAY OFFERING through my church...

- To demonstrate Christian love for a lost world
- To demonstrate loyalty and support of my church
- To demonstrate gratitude to God for His blessings

I ENCLOSE - A TITHE - ONE TENTH OF ONE WEEK'S INCOME

Name _____ \$ _____

Class _____ Dept. _____

Total Contacts _____ Visits _____ Mail _____ Phone _____

(It is hoped each member will give a tithe of one week's income to show what the weekly church income would be if all members tithed.)

**EVERY MEMBER
IS URGED
TO BRING
YOUR
ENVELOPE
D - DAY
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30th**

Present 20%	
On Time 10%	
Bible 10%	
Offering 10%	
Lesson 30%	
Pr'ching 20%	
TOTAL GRADE	

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Our Missionary to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1195
Members Present	1145
New Members	10
Visitors	40
Training Union Attendance	259
Members Present	238
New Members	3
Visitors	18
Additions to church membership.....	8
Baptized	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	6,085.30
Specials	316.40
Organ Fund	15.00
Building Fund	50.00
TOTAL OFFERING	6,466.70



SERMON COPIES AVAILABLE

A number of people have requested a copy of the pastor's sermon last Sunday entitled "What Kind of Fool Am I?" Copies of this message are now available in the church office.

G.A. HOUSEPARTY

November 4-6, 1966

St. Andrews Baptist Church
Panama City, Florida

Several of our girls in Girls' Auxiliary are making plans to attend the G.A. Houseparty in Panama City next weekend. One of our girls, Kay Stewart, has been asked to preside at the Saturday evening session. The girls can look forward to very inspiring messages from missionaries and state officers. Any G.A., intermediate or junior, interested in attending may contact Mrs. Robert Jernigan, G.A. Director, or the church office for reservations.



Library Notes

Chances are sold on a car at a church fair. A civic club sponsors a cakewalk at a neighborhood bazaar. The elevator operator in a high-rise office building doubles as a bookie taking bets on the numbers game.

People gamble! Some engage in semi-private wagering. Some gamble legally, many gamble illegally. An increasing number of people gamble compulsively and addictively.

"The Gambling Menace" by Ross Coggins views more than the moral and spiritual importance of gambling. It examines the economic, social, psychological and legal aspects of the problem.

Here is abundant, accurate information for understanding and dealing with this growing social evil. Pointing up the Christian citizen's responsibility, it provides a comprehensive plan of action for responding to the problem.



DEEPER GIVING
MEANS
DEEPER LIVING



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
Baptismal Service
- 8:30 p.m.—Get-togethers:
Jr. High — at the home of Bobby
Bobby Taylor, 724 North 12th Ave.
Sr. High-College — at the home of
Bill Taylor, 208 Firethorn Road,
Gulf Breeze.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- * 4:00 a.m.—WMS GENERAL MEETING
10:00—Business
10:30—Missionary Program
11:15—Bible Study
12:00—Lunch
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center
- 7:30 p.m.—Carl Whirley Circle meets
with Mrs. Emily Work,
710 Scenic Hwy., Apt. 316

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- * 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
Sunbeams, G.A.'s. R.A.'s, YWA's.
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 2:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Class meets
with Mrs. W. D. Harvell, 602 East
Gadsden, for Business and Social
Meeting. Group I in charge.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers meet with Mrs.
C. B. Perry, 313 W. Moreno St.

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

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
October 30 - November 5

2 Chronicles 1
I Kings 8, 17, 18
II Kings 2 - 5