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## SUNDAY IS DEMONSTRATION DAY

### THE VALUE OF A PINEAPPLE

BY JAMES L. PLEITZ, PASTOR

God is at work in Africa. It thrills my soul to be a part of it. This has been the most fantastic experience of my life. As we drove down from Nyeri to Nairobi yesterday, Missionary Al Cummins told me that there may be a thousand conversions as a result of the East Africa Revival Campaign. There have been hundreds of professions of faith already.

I preached three times yesterday. The last service was conducted late in the afternoon on a mountainside out from Nairobi.

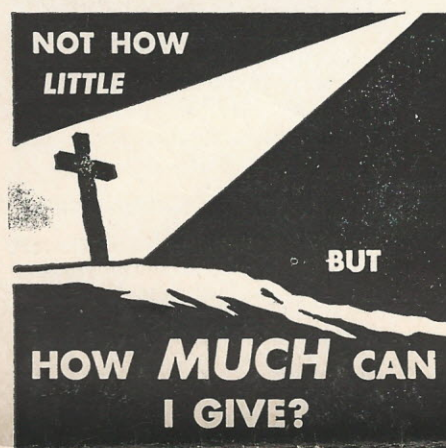
The little church was about the size of the pastor's study in Pensacola. The floor was dirt, but then so were the walls. They "splurged" a bit on the roof. It was made of corrugated tin.

The African translator did an excellent job translating my sermon. I preached from the eighth chapter of Acts on the conversion of the African. When the invitation was extended, eight people came professioning their faith in Jesus. You see, not only were the people there, God was there too!

One young man left the service in a hurry. In a few minutes he came back carrying a pineapple. He insisted that I accept it. It was his love gift for the preacher.

What's a pineapple worth in Pensacola? Here one like this sells for about a shilling — fourteen cents. His was a fourteen-cent offering. Pretty samll? I have never received a greater one! His giving

### IN THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE



called for sacrifice. It reminds me of the gift given by the widow in the Bible.

I thank God daily for a great church where people believe in missions. I thank God that next year we will make a substantial increase in our mission giving. Apart from our gifts there could be no Baptist work here in East Africa.

In the near future we will be making our budget pledges for the new year. How many pineapples will you give?



### 2 IMPORTANT DATES

**November 5—Demonstration Day**  
**November 19—Pledge Day**

Sunday is the date that has been set for our Demonstration Day. On this Sunday, members of First Baptist Church will make a meaningful demonstration of our love for Christ and our love for our church. Every member is urged to bring on next Sunday a tithe of his weekly earnings. Many of our people who are already tithing regularly are planning to bring an over-and-above love offering.

Last year's Demonstration Day was an outstanding day in the life of our church. Let's again demonstrate concerning our love.



### WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be:  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blestest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless,  
Is angels' work below.

The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

—William Walsham How, 1823-1897



## demonstration day

Show what great things God has done for you.



## Pastor's Paragraphs

### A MIRACLE ON A MOUNTAIN

It was cold on the mountain top. Although the African summer is approaching, it felt like early winter. My missionary host, James Hampton, told me the elevation was over 9,000 feet. The service at Oldonya Sambu had gone extremely well. Four people had come confessing Christ as Saviour. (Twenty-three made professions of faith in the morning service at Enkokidongoi. The total converts for Kenya alone has gone over a thousand. At the present rate, over 1500 will be reached in the East African Crusade.

The service at Oldonya Sambu ended at 4:30. There was still time to make some visits in the homes. Since it was sprinkling rain, we decided to drive on up the mountain in the Land Rover. This is the only way to travel in this country.

The mountain was literally covered with African huts. The circular huts were perhaps 20 feet in diameter. There were no windows. There were no chimneys. When there is a fire inside, the smoke simply seeps through the roof. It looks like the hut is on fire. One is tempted to call the fire department, but then there is no fire department — but then neither is there a phone.

The home we visited was literally on top of the mountain. A sign warned of a kali (mean) dog, but he didn't bother us when we walked up the path to the hut.

The fire inside on the dirt floor felt good. Six of us completely circled it. There was a mother hen sitting in one corner with her little biddies. Three kittens were huddled together right at the edge of the open fire. Since it was not yet dark, the goats were still outside. They, too, would spend the night in the circular grass home.

Brother Hampton spoke in Swahili. The African pastor translated the message into Kikuyu. The man we were visiting listened intently. So did his wife who held their youngest child in her arms.

By this time some folk from the church came up the path. The little hut simply could not hold the crowd. We moved outside. Within ten minutes, 50 people arrived. They were all interested in what the missionary man read from God's Word.

We sat outside the hut for perhaps an hour. In an hour's time several babies were born into God's Kingdom, and at least one Baptist preacher forgot how cold it was on the mountain top . . .

The good Lord willing, I'll see you Sunday. My prayer is that God will give us a mountain-top experience.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Plettz*



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# THE LISTENING POST

### OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS LEFT OFF LIST OF NAMES:

Claudette Wood — Bakersfield College,  
 Bakersfield, California.  
 John Markham—Gulf Coast Jr. College.  
 Tommy Butler—Pensacola Jr. College.  
 Julia Drexler—Pensacola Jr. College.  
 John Fields—Pensacola Jr. College.  
 Gerald Smith—Pensacola Jr. College.  
 Rebecca Davis—Samford University.  
 Arthur Smith—University of Florida.  
 Jimmy Taylor—University of West Fla.  
 Linda Parker—West Florida Business  
 College.  
 Robert Hood—University of Florida.  
 Joanne Beck—Pensacola Jr. College.

### A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT A GRADUATE

Don Knapp graduated from the University of Florida with military and scholastic honors in analytical chemistry and is now working as an assistant professor of chemistry at the University. His wife, the former Jane Hall, is a student at the University.

### FOR YOUR SPECIAL INFORMATION

There is a possibility of a Youth Retreat at Camp Grandview April 12-13. We have passed out cards for indication of your de-

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sires for 2 Sundays now with the following results:

Definite yes, I will go	46
Possibly or maybe	30
Definite NO	15

The cards will be in the boxes for one more Sunday. We must have a definite figure, so that we will be able to determine if this should be in our plans for the coming year. Camp Grandview will not hold this date indefinitely for us. We will also need paid reservations (\$10.00) indicating that you are going, not later than Sunday, March 10. If you have not already done so, please use the pink cards to indicate your desires. We must have at least 75 to make it profitable.

### HAVE YOU HEARD??

Our youth are in the process of renovating the part of fellowship hall which has been used for recreation of a sort. You will hardly recognize it from the changes already that have been made, and others to be made as soon as possible. Much of the work they have done themselves, the decor and color scheme is theirs. A great deal of thanks is due to the church for making it financially possible, to Mr. Mike Cranmer, Joe Napier, and Joe Ladner for guidance in the right way of doing things, to Mr. Sim Davis and his gracious committee for all their guidance and encouragement. Of course, the very fact that the idea originated in the minds of our youth, plus the as yet incomplete plans for its varied uses, says a great deal for their maturity.

It shall hereafter be known as "THE CELLAR" and reservations for its use should be made through Miss May's office to avoid conflicting dates. At present it is still in the process of completion and will provide limited usage.

The Youth Steering Committees have asked that you not seek to schedule for its use at this particular time:

After games on game nights (to be used by specified groups only).

Wednesday before supper (for use by Jr. Hi-College students).

During teachers' meeting (for use by college boys only).

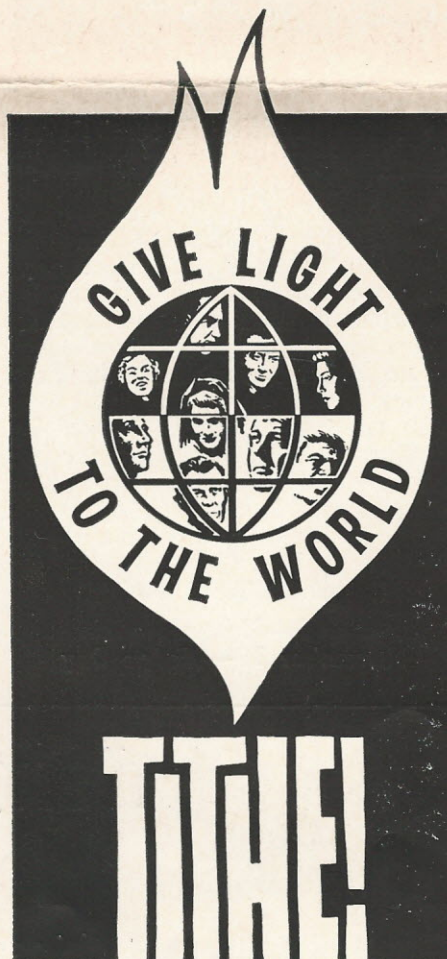
At the time of your request for a scheduled date you will be given some of the necessary rules regarding its usage, and on its completion a booklet including all information of its contents, those people responsible for providing each item will be given out at an announced OPEN HOUSE for the entire church.

### AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN

Bill Warren, Jr. has been nominated by his school principal to be WCOA's "YOUTH FOR THE DAY." He was saluted several times on Tuesday, October 31, mentioning his various activities in and out of school.

CONGRATULATIONS, Bill!

At the suggestion of Miss Gail Archer, Saturday October 28 the young people at the Crippled Children's Clinic were taken as our guests to the zoo. What a rewarding experience it was for both the children and all of those of us who participated.





## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. Marion L. Jones who was married October 21 to Miss Martha Ruth Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Campbell on the birth of a son, David Ross, September 28 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Robertson are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McNew on the birth of a son October 24 in Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dannelly are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sample on the birth of a son, William Alexander, October 26 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watson are the maternal grandparents.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. C. I. Pinnell in the loss of his mother. Mr. L. M. Gatlin in the loss of his mother. Miss Lucille Cotton in the loss of her brother.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Mr. J. L. Smith, Mrs. Christine Zeigler, Mr. M. B. Pressley, Mr. John Berry, Jr., Mrs. W. E. Poe, Mrs. Shep Frazier, Mrs. Norwood Cobb.

#### Sacred Heart:

Mrs. L. W. Bell, Mrs. O. R. McNair.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Miss Jan Boghich, Mrs. James Lowman, Mrs. Ruth Alford, Mr. Fred Stark, Mrs. Norwood Cobb, Mrs. Shep Frazier, John Berry, Jr., Mrs. Christine Zeigler, Mrs. Charles Danforth.



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Nov. 5: "The First Gentile Church"  
Acts 11:19-30. Key Verse 26.

MON., Nov. 6: "The Spirit Of Missions"  
Acts 13:1-5. Key Verse 3.

TUES., Nov. 7: "Darkness And Light"  
Acts 13:6-13. Key Verse 12.

WED., Nov. 8: "Proclaiming The Messiah"  
Acts 13:14-25. Key Verse 23.

THURS., Nov. 9: "Preaching The Saviour"  
Acts 13:26-43. Key Verse 39.

FRI., Nov. 10: "The Gospel Of Gladness"  
Acts 13:44-52. Key Verse 48.

SAT., Nov. 11: Sunday School Lesson  
"Worshippers Must Be Honest"  
Deuteronomy 23:24-25; 25:13-16;  
Ephesians 4:22-28; Philippians 4:8-9.



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## WE BELIEVE IN IT



Members of the church staff are shown above in a recent meeting when they demonstrated their belief in our Stewardship program by turning in their Pledge Cards early. Pledge Day is November 19th. Be sure that your card is turned in on this date or before.

## LIBRARY NOTES

"The man whose genius qualifies him for great undertakings, must at least be content to learn from books the present state of human knowledge." Samuel Johnson.

"Setting men free" by Bruce Larson is a book for people who take Christianity seriously in the twentieth century world of scientific and social revolution.

Part I discusses the basic skills for living which God is anxious to give through His Spirit: The Art of Strategy — The Art of Conversation — The Art of Introduction — The Art of Communication — The Art of Living.

Part II offers a vividly illustrated look at five gifts readily available to every Christian: The Gift of Freedom — The Gift of Humility — The Gift of Dialogue — The Gift of Love — The Gift of Fellowship.

"If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

## DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Mr. J. F. Boykin, Sr.  
Mr. James A. Riddle

## THE PASTOR'S PLEDGE CARD IS IN, TOO



In order to have his pledge card in on the date set by our Budget Pledging Committee for the church staff to pre-pledge, the pastor had to send his early, and the postman had to do his part,

## PASTOR PREACHING SUNDAY

The pastor is scheduled to return Friday night, and will be preaching at both services on Sunday. Sunday morning he will be preaching on the subject: "God At Work In Africa."

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MORE THAN A TITHE  
TO LIGHT THE WORLD?





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Our Missionary to Honduras

All material to be included in The Builder  
should be in the office, preferably in  
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



### LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church In Study .....1251  
Main Sunday School .....1227  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 24  
The Church in Training ..... 212  
Additions to church membership ..... 1  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$5,137.28  
Specials ..... 574.99  
TOTAL OFFERING .....\$5,712.27



### NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINA-  
TION:

3. Mr. Gordon D. Mattoon,  
202-A Lorena Avenue.



### WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Would you believe?

That in the reprint of one-half page from  
a directory of another church that one  
couple in our church found a couple that  
they had known years ago?

That a couple who were former mem-  
bers of our church were shown?

That a couple who were former mem-  
bers of the Emmanuel Church in Alex-  
andria, Louisiana where Mr. Bizzell served  
prior to coming here were shown?

The directory that will be published  
for our church will be a treasured posses-  
sion for years to come.

There are hundreds of our families that  
have already made an appointment with  
the photographer.

You can still make an appointment for  
you and your family. Just call the church  
office and indicate the date and approxi-  
mate time that you would like to come  
with your family. The hours that the  
photographer works are as follows:

Friday, Nov. 3—5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 4—9 a.m. to 12:00 noon.  
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 5—12:00 noon to 6 p.m.  
Monday through Friday—5:00 p.m. to  
8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 11—  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this  
Sunday are given by  
Miss Bessie Yates.



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

\* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.  
\* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
Broadcast over Station WCOA  
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m.—Jr. Sword Drill—  
Jr. 12 Department  
\* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union  
\* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship  
8:45 p.m.—Get Togethers:  
Sr. High—College at the home of  
Nancy Roden, 260 Clematis

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 p.m.—Baptist Women's Day  
of Prayer Observance—Chapel

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

\* 10:00 a.m.—WMS General Meeting  
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m.—Virginia Atnip Circle will meet  
with Mrs. Jack Shoemaker,  
3803 N. 12th Avenue.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

\* 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs  
Jr. High G.A.'s, and R.A.'s  
\* 5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
\* 6:30 p.m.—Officers and Teachers Meeting  
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's  
Jr. High Choir  
\* 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
\* 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 p.m.—Social for Silent Class

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



**Give LIGHT  
TO THE WORLD** **TITHE!**

