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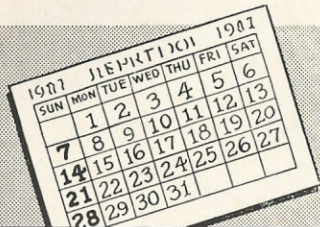
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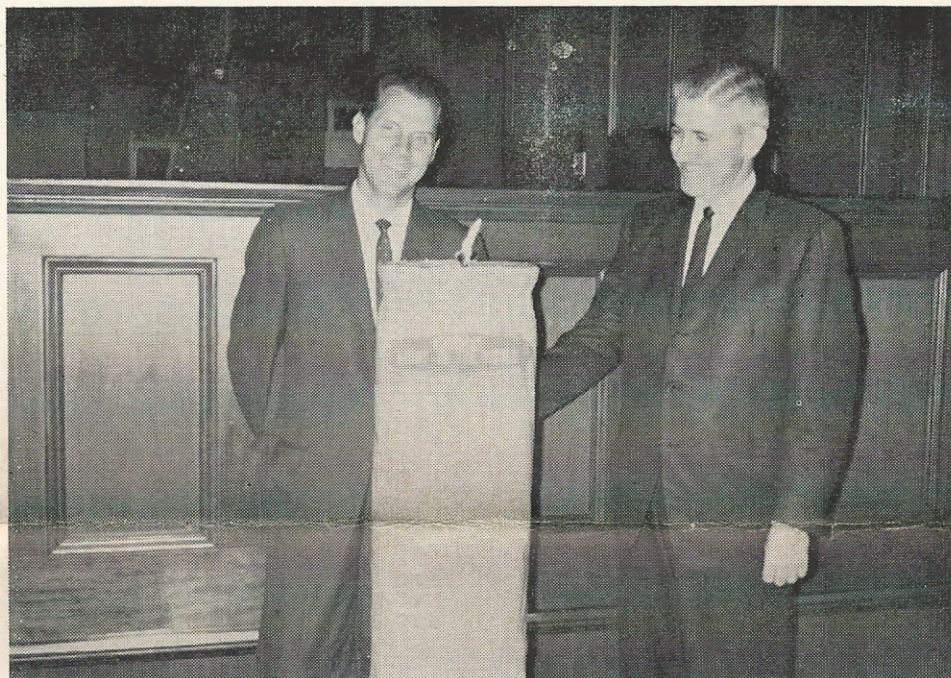
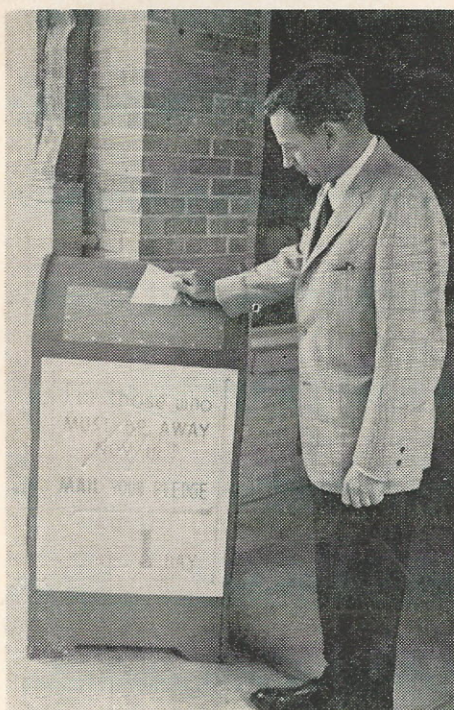
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## GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD---TITHE!



**U**pon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him...  
I Cor. 16:2

**YOU MAY USE  
THIS "MAIL BOX"  
OR A REAL ONE  
TO SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE.**



Shown above is Mr. W. H. (Bill) Gill presenting to the pastor the large candle which was prepared by our Budget Promotion Committee. Members of the congregation brought candles which were used to mold this large candle. In making the presentation to the pastor Mr. Gill reminded us that just as the many small candles made the large one that the individual contributions of each of us on Pledge Day November 19, will combine to "Give Light To The World."

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S THEME IS: "GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD — TITHE!"

This is the theme for First Baptist's 1968 stewardship emphasis. The pastor and steering committee, however, hope that it will be more than just another slogan or catchy phrase.

If every member of the First Baptist Church will tithe this year, our church can truly "GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD!"

Tithing is God's plan of stewardship. It is not just the plan of First Baptist Church.

Some churches depend on bingo games, rummage sales, or promotional gimmicks to raise their money. But we depend on God's plan—the tithe.

The Bible teaches, and we believe, that every Christian should be a tither. This means giving no less than ten percent of our total income to the Lord through his church.

Pledge to tithe, and truly "Give Light to The World."



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## ON CANDLES AND HAIRCUTS

It's wonderful to be home! You literally rolled out the red carpet for me when the plane touched down in Pensacola last Friday night. Who would have dreamed that you would hire a band for the occasion. NEVER have I heard such music.



Having been away for several weeks, I have a lot of catching up to do. So many things simply must be done. I hardly know where to start. Now let's see . . .

NO. 1 . . . Get a haircut. (They shoot animals in Africa with hair shorter than mine. It's not that they don't give haircuts in Africa, there just wasn't time to get one.)

NO. 2 . . . Write the missionaries. (These good folk couldn't have been nicer. I must write Al, and Bill, and Bud, and Jim, and Charles, etc., etc. Southern Baptists have some good and gracious souls serving God in East Africa.)

NO. 3 . . . Check the candle. (The giant candle burning in the auditorium reminds us that when we all do our part in the financial support of the church, our church can dispel a great deal of darkness. Last Sunday on Demonstration Day we gave over \$12,000 to Christ. This was a record, but it should only be routine. If all of us would bring a tenth every Sunday, we would be amazed at the financial power of this congregation.)

NO. 4 . . . Give thanks to God. (No pastor has ever had so much to be thankful for. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for allowing me to preach the gospel in Africa. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor.)

There remains just one more thing to do — reverse the order of these priorities and get with it!

Faithfully your pastor,


*James L. Pleitz*



To take the real measures of a man, note the size of the things that make him mad.



Salvation is free because someone else paid; no one can pay your tithe but you.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Mr. Linton M. Sheehee, Sr.**  
3822 W. Gadsden St.

Joined our church by letter  
May 14, 1950

Deceased November 5, 1967

## THESE ARE LEADING US



Shown above are members of the Steering Committee of our 1968 Budget Emphasis. Reading left to right are: James L. Pleitz, Pastor; Barney B. Burks, Jr., Chairman of Budget Pledging; Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to Pastor; George Russell, Lesson Chairman; W. H. Gill, General Chairman; T. A. Shell, Chairman of Finance Committee; Milton Richardson, Chairman of Budget Planning; Mrs. J. A. Riddle, Chairman of Office Help; J. W. Harden, Jr., Chairman of Budget Promotion; J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Chairman of Deacons; Aubrey Gomillion, Chairman of Tally Committee.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. Luther R. Eason and Miss Brenda Jo Barnes upon their marriage November 6.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Bert Berrisford in the loss of a brother.  
Mrs. L. M. Sheehee in the loss of her husband.  
Mrs. Lloyd Burmeister in the loss of her father.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist:

Mr. J. L. Smith, Mr. Mark B. Pressley, Mrs. Shep Frazier, Mrs. Bruce Morrison, Mr. George Peterson.

#### Sacred Heart:

Mrs. O. R. McNair.

#### Navy:

Mrs. James King.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. James Lowman, Mrs. John Ledford, Mrs. W. E. Poe.



If you do not wish to trade with Satan, keep out of his territory.



As a man grows old and wiser, he talks less and says more.

## THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of

MASTER ROBERT EARL MORTON

son of

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morton  
born October 17

MISS DEBORAH EVELINA NOLEN

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Nolen, Jr.  
born October 25



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



MY TITHE



HELPS

*Give* LIGHT TO THE WORLD





## Library Notes

Here are some autobiographies of famous athletes which should be of interest to many young people and others who are "young at heart."

**GET IN THE GAME** is the autobiography of Bill Glass, the all-pro defensive end of the Cleveland Browns and this story shows how his football career has been aided, indeed made possible, because of his vibrant faith in the living Christ.

**THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY** is his own story of how he made the grade in professional baseball . . . and of some of the lessons life has taught him.

**THE STAN MUSIAL STORY** by Gene Schoor is a story replete with the greatest names in baseball. It is a story of a modest, likeable youngster, born in the poverty of a mill town, who rose to baseball fame and glory by sheer power and determination.

In **THE HEART OF A CHAMPION**, Bob Richards tells you what it means to be a champion and **HOW** to become a **REAL** champion. He says he has come to believe that what it takes to win the Olympics is what it takes to win in living. He tells you what he prays for and how God answers his prayers.

Do you want to be a champion? **YOU** can. Anyone can, if he really wants to. Read this book to find out how.



### VESTIBULE FLOWERS

Almost every Sunday someone asks about the flower arrangement in the vestibule of the church. These flowers are provided by a committee from our church. The schedule usually is as follows:

- 1st Sunday—Mrs. Ernie Priest
- 2nd Sunday—Mrs. Troy Brooker
- 3rd Sunday—Mrs. Sam Jordan, Jr.
- 4th Sunday—Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr.
- 5th Sunday—Mrs. G. R. McDonald.

Other ladies on this committee are:  
 Mrs. T. A. Guthrie  
 Mrs. W. B. Armistead  
 Miss Carrie Lee  
 Mrs. J. M. Ward

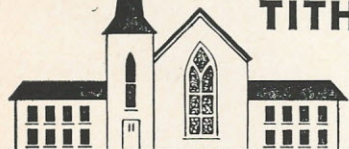
Miss Annie Mertins, a member of our congregation, generously furnishes the committee with beautiful chrysanthemums.

We are grateful to Miss Mertins and the other ladies for this service.



## IF...

## ALL OUR MEMBERS TITHED—



## A REAL LIGHTHOUSE

## DEACONS 100% IN PLEDGING



The deacons of the church are shown above in a recent meeting as they made their pledge to the 1968 Budget. The deacons are 100% in pledging.

### A CHRISTIAN IS

A MIND  
 Through which Christ Thinks

A HEART  
 Through which Christ Loves

A VOICE  
 Through which Christ Speaks

A HAND  
 Through which Christ Helps



### THE FROGS' WAY

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl;  
 One was an optimistic soul,  
 But the other took the gloomy view.  
 "We'll drown," he cried, without more ado,  
 And, with a last despairing cry,  
 He flung up his legs and said, "Good-bye."

Quoth the other frog with steadfast grin,  
 "I can't get out, but I won't give in.  
 I'll just swim around till my strength is spent,  
 Then I'll die the more content."  
 Bravely he swam to work his scheme,  
 And his struggles began to churn the cream.

The more he swam, his legs a-flutter,  
 The more the cream turned into butter.  
 On top of the butter at last he stopped.  
 And out of the bowl he gaily hopped,  
 What is the moral? It's easily found—  
 If you can't hop out, keep swimming around!



When you dig another out of his trouble,  
 you find a place to bury your own.



Better to be driven from among men  
 than to be disliked by children.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Nov. 12: "The Great Dividing Issue"  
 Acts 14:1-7. Key Verse 4.

MON., Nov. 13: "A Clash With Paganism"  
 Acts 14:8-18. Key Verse 15.

TUES., Nov. 14: "Persecuted But Perserving"  
 Acts 14:19-28. Key Verse 21.

WED., Nov. 15: "Salvation By Faith"  
 Acts 15:1-12. Key Verse 11.

THURS., Nov. 16: "Action By The Church"  
 Acts 15:13-29. Key Verse 22.

FRI., Nov. 17: "When Good Men Disagree"  
 Acts 15:30-41. Key Verse 39.

SAT., Nov. 18: Sunday School Lesson  
 "Worship Through Praise"  
 Deuteronomy 16:1-7; Psalm 116:  
 Luke 17:11-19.



### BE SURE THAT YOUR PLEDGE IS IN

Sunday, November 19, will be our Pledge Day. If you know that you are going to be out of the city on that day, our Budget Pledging Committee urges that you be sure that your pledge is in before leaving the city. You may secure a pledge card from the office if you need one before yours comes to you in the mail.



### IT ISN'T TOO LATE

It isn't too late for you to have your picture made for the church's Pictorial Directory. The photographer will be working through Saturday, (November 11) 7:00 p.m. Get your family together and come on to the church at your convenience to get this done.



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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  
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| The Church In Study.....             | 1257        |
| Main Sunday School .....             | 1236        |
| Crippled Children's Home .....       | 21          |
| The Church In Training .....         | 215         |
| Additions to church membership ..... | 1           |
| Baptized .....                       | 3           |
| Tithes and Offerings:                |             |
| Budget .....                         | \$12,129.13 |
| Specials .....                       | 223.00      |
| Building Fund .....                  | 35.00       |
| TOTAL OFFERING .....                 | \$12,387.13 |



**GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD  
ON PLEDGE DAY  
WITH YOUR TITHE!**

## 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 Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would urge that any group planning to help a family at Thanksgiving or Christmas clear it with the church of office. We in turn will clear with the Clearance Bureau.



### W.M.S. CIRCLES

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 A.M.—  
T. N. CALLOWAY will meet with Mrs. Haywood Arnold, 2432 North Escambia Avenue.  
VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Malcolm White, 3896 Winona Drive.  
STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 East Jackson Street.  
MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs. W. T. Creel, 1600 North Spring Street.  
DONALD LANGFORD will meet with Mrs. W. A. Hibbert, 1716 Osceola Boulevard.  
DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. George Markham, Sr., 711 South "G" Street.  
R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. W. L. Patterson, 1901 East Hernandez Street.  
BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. Dave Bagley, 318 Valencia, Gulf Breeze.  
MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs. B. C. Kelley, 483 Hallmark.  
LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. Joe Ladner, 6012 Hilburn Road.  
2:30 P. M.—  
HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. Herman Williams, 3636 Menendez.

### SUNDAY

The pastor will be preaching  
at both services Sunday.

His message Sunday Morning  
will be on the subject:

**"Busy Man, You Had A  
Little Day!"**  
(Luke 12:13-21)



#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

\* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.  
\* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor  
Broadcast over Station WCOA  
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
\* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union  
\* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor  
8:45 p.m.—City-wide Singspiration  
First Presbyterian Church

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

\* 10:00 a.m.—WMS Circles  
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

\* 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs  
Jr. High G.A.'s and R.A.'s  
\* 5:50 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 — Business  
\* 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30 a.m.—Faithful Workers Sunday School  
Class will meet at the church  
12:00 noon—Covered Dish  
Luncheon at the home of  
Mrs. W. A. Webb,  
3820 Moloree Drive

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Int. 14—Sunday School Hayride

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



### NEW MEMBERS

#### BY LETTER:

15. Mr. Durrell Owens,  
202 A Villa Barcelona, 220 W. Chase  
From: Myrtle Grove Baptist Church,  
Pensacola

#### BAPTIZED:

Mr. Gordon D. Mattoon  
Mr. Rex E. McBryde  
Mrs. Rex E. McBryde



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