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IT'S TIME!

According to the newspapers, we go off daylight savings time effective 2:00 a.m. Sunday, October 27. This means that you can set your clock back an hour upon retiring Saturday night. We hope this means that everyone will be on time for Sunday School Sunday.



BUDGET TO BE VOTED UPON SUNDAY

Our congregation officially begins its annual Stewardship Emphasis Sunday morning as we are called upon to vote on our 1969 Budget.

The proposed budget was mailed out in the Builder last week, was presented to the congregation Wednesday, October 23 for questions and discussions. It will be presented Sunday morning for adoption.

The Budget Planning Committee headed by Milton Richardson carefully studied the needs for every organization of the church in preparing its recommendations. In addition to needs here at home, the recommended budget also calls for an increase in the amount given to world missions through the Co-operative Program. It also includes an increased amount to our Local Mission Funds.

The committee's recommendation has been carefully studied by the Finance Committee and the Deacons.

The official vote of the church on next Sunday morning marks the beginning of our Stewardship Program which will culminate on Pledge and Canvas Day, Nov. 17th.



Pictured above are Mr. W. H. (Bill) Gill and Dr. James L. Pleitz as they discuss plans for our Stewardship Emphasis and Promotion. Mr. Gill is the General Chairman for this year's Stewardship Effort.

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Pastor's Paragraphs

ON SWAPPING GLASSES

It is never easy to put yourself in the place of another. The Labor Department in our government is spending \$600,000.00 in trying to do just this. In seminars all across the nation business leaders are putting on prismatic colored glasses and being jolted into a distorted world.

The idea is to create the kind of psychological disorientation that employees from disadvantaged backgrounds feel on a new job. It is the old idea of seeing the world through rose colored glasses IN REVERSE.

Many of our problems could be solved if we could "see things as others see them." It would certainly make us all more understanding and anxious to help. There is no doubt about it, we would all be a lot less critical.

A wise old Indian said, "Never criticize another until you have walked a mile in his moccasins."

Unfortunately, most of us won't have a chance to wear a pair of these prismatic colored glasses, and there is a real shortage of old Indian moccasins.

BUT we can get the desired results without either. Jesus said, try this simple test. Try doing to others as you would have others do to you.

If we would all live our lives by the Golden Rule, there would be no need for prismatic colored glasses or Indian moccasins. This ole world would be a lot better place in which to live and we would be a lot happier living in it!

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday, with or without glasses.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



THE LISTENING POST

Our hearty congratulations to: **Maria Perez** on receipt of a scholarship from P.J.C. Foundation.

These teachers who have already visited every member on their roll: Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein, Phillip Cooper, Mrs. E. L. Barrineau, Mrs. Verble Beasley, Mrs. James Rountree, Mrs. L. D. Allen, Mrs. George Lewis and Mrs. Paul Fleming, Sr.

Fellowship Get-Together for Senior High and College will be in the home of Mary Roth, 3732 Gerhardt Drive.

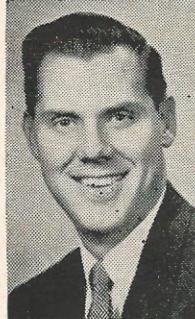
SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

The Lord's Supper

7:15 P.M.

"God Is Like a Father"
(Matthew 6:5-9)



WHO WILL BE THE LOW SCORER?

With the low scorer from the last tournament out of the city, interest is running high as to who will be the low scorer for the tournament to be held on November 2nd. It could be you!



FALL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1968
SANTA ROSA SHORES COUNTRY CLUB

Starting Time: 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

4 BALL/BEST BALL EVENT
(With Handicap)

4-MAN TEAMS (Make 'em Up Yourself)

Phone 433-2131 or Church Office 433-5631
To Make Reservations

Be Sure to Give Your Average Score!

ENTRY FEE \$5.00

Including Greens Fee, Awards and Lunch
In Church Dining Room at 1:00 p.m.

FORE! FORE!!



LIBRARY NOTES

THE INDOMITABLE BAPTISTS
By O. K. and Marjorie Moore Armstrong

"From the Goochland County meeting of the Baptist General Committee John Leland rode back to his home under the great oaks on the Fredericksburg road, a deeply troubled man. Here was the opportunity of a lifetime to strike the greatest possible blow for religious freedom, not for Virginia alone, but for all future citizens of the new Union of states. While he did not want to run against the very popular Mr. Madison, Leland had decided to do everything within reason and honor to defeat the ratification of the new constitution unless and until it included a guarantee of full religious liberty with separation of church and state." Thus begins an exciting narrative of the role of Baptists in helping to shape American history. Don't miss this one!



Attend Prayer Service Wednesday

PENSACOLA MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK

The Federation of Night Societies of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association will meet in our Dining Room on Thursday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers for that meeting will be Melvin and Mary Lou Gentry. These friends are missionaries on furlough from Indonesia. Melvin is a native Pensacolian and grew up in the Brownsville Baptist Church.

Members of our Night Society are urged to be present.



CLASS OFFICERS CLINIC

Monday, October 28
Begins with supper at 6:30 p.m.

Conferences as follows:

Teachers—

Miss Florida Waite

Presidents—

Mr. Bill Warfield

Vice-Presidents—

Paul Jones

Group Leaders—

Clyde Bizzell

Secretaries—

Miss Sarah Andress

Reservations for the supper should be made in your class on Sunday or by telephone.

The nursery will be open if needed. Children should be fed before bringing them.

Since we do not have a complete list of class officers, we are going to be dependent upon teachers to get the word to their class officers and be sure that reservations are made on Sunday.



NURSERY PARENTS MEETING

The Nursery workers of our Sunday School have planned Open House and a Parents' meeting for next Sunday afternoon, October 27th.

At 4:30 p.m. every department will hold Open House giving parents an opportunity to visit in the department and meet the workers.

At 5:00 o'clock there will be a meeting in the Church Dining Room featuring the following:

Theme:

"AND THE CHILD GREW"

Luke 2:40

Physically — Dr. Conlee Pickens
Spiritually — Dr. James L. Pleitz

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a snack supper so that those attending can stay for the evening activities.

Mr. Robert Jernigan, the chairman of our Children's Committee, and all of those who work with little children in Sunday School, urge you to attend this very important meeting.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the church, Dr. Pleitz presented Mrs. Stoesen a tray appropriately inscribed in appreciation for her many years of faithful service as our Librarian.

Printed here are some excerpts from a letter received by Dr. Pleitz:

"Members of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola Florida: I want to thank you for the faith you placed in me when you elected me church librarian back in the 50's, because as I look back now, you took a big risk, as my knowledge of library work was practically nil, and I on my part innocently accepted. When the reality and enormity of the task dawned on me, I took it as a challenge from the Lord and determined with His help to learn as much as possible and do the best I could.

"I appreciate and pay tribute to all my co-workers during these years. They deserve much credit and many thanks. It is with great confidence that I place the mantle on Mrs. Boykin's shoulders now, and she will lead this work to ever greater heights.

"Thank you again for the beautiful token of appreciation. I thank God and all of you for giving me this blessed opportunity of service these years.

"May God continue to bless our church and each one of you."



Our Church Family

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Twila Lukers and Mr. Dennis Dale Taylor upon their marriage October 19.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Charlie Stallings in the loss of her father.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist — Mr. James A. Riddle, Mr. Sam Williams, Mr. A. J. Butler, Mrs. Katie Lou McLeod, Mrs. Thomas Little, Jr.,

Sacred Heart — Mrs. Don Jensen, Mrs. Velma Tice, Mrs. Ava Lovett, Mrs. W. O. Steele, Mrs. Ruth Adams

Escambia General—Mrs. Frances Byrnes

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. William E. Nettles, Mrs. James S. Ward, Mrs. M. C. Eason, Mr. T. M. Andrews, Mrs. Rebecca Damon, Mr. A. F. Downey, Mrs. W. D. Gibson, Sr.



KEY DATES

OCTOBER 27—

Adoption of Budget

NOVEMBER 3—

Demonstration Day

NOVEMBER 17—

Pledge and Canvas Day

GUEST EDITORIAL

BY. W. W. LANCASTER
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Decatur, Georgia

I received a letter recently from the president of a civic club to which I hold nominal membership. The letter informed me, kindly yet convincingly, that my record of attendance was quite **below the average** expectations. I was 56.6% in attendance while the minimal requirement was 60%. Would I, the letter asked, either explain myself or show cause why the club should continue to support my membership.

I was furious! After all, I rationalized, I was a **busy** person. I scarcely got to see my own family—church duties kept me hopping day and night. What kind of club was this anyway making such demands on **my busy life**? I paid my dues regularly. They never had to bill **me** twice—why should I have to keep up attendance. I decided then and there to quit the club. I would show **them** a thing or two about their silly attendance rule.

"Hold the phone," my better self said, "Calm down—simmer, simmer—they are right, you know! The club wants **you**, **your** loyalty, **your** support, **your** friendship. Your dues, while essential, is a minor item. Maybe you **ought** to get out if the club **itself** means that little to you. **You are a sorry member!**"

My better self was right. I could and would do better. I could arrange my schedule to keep that **hour** each week free for fellowship with these friends.

I have done better. Just ask Phil Williams if he hasn't seen me more after I received his letter. To tell the truth, I've enjoyed the club more, been less critical, felt more a part of things since I decided **really to get with it!**

Maybe my experience with a civic club is your experience with the church. It's hard to keep records here, but what **about** you whose spiritual percentage is less than 60.

If a letter would do for you what Phil Williams' letter did for me, maybe I'll write soon.

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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.....	1168
Main Sunday School.....	1157
Crippled Children's Home.....	11
The Church in Training	195
Additions to Church Membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,125.12
Specials	292.56
Building Fund	4.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,421.68



PLEDGE and CANVAS DAY
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., OCT. 27: "I Shall Not Be Moved"
Psalm 16. Key Verse 8.

MON., OCT. 28: "He Sent From Above"
Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19. Key Verse 19.

TUES., OCT. 29: "Let the King Hear Us"
Psalm 20. Key Verse 9.

WED., OCT. 30: "Confidence in Prayer"
Psalm 25. Key Verse 3.

THURS., OCT. 31: "I Will Walk in
Integrity"
Psalm 26. Key Verse 11.

FRI., NOV. 1: "Alpha and Omega"
Revelation 1:1-8. Key Verse 8.

SAT., NOV. 2: "Christ in the Midst"
Revelation 1:9-20. Key Verse 13



NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

2. Elwynn Dennis, 819 W. Blount
3. Linda Lovett, 4507 Elysee Way

BY LETTER:

20. Ensign Charles Carroll,
1200 W. Mallory, Apt. 203
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21. Miss Paula D. Fussell, 4700 Marseille Dr.
From: Hyde Park Baptist,
Jacksonville, Florida
22. Mrs. Ava Lovett, 4507 Elysee Way
From: Whitfield Baptist, Pensacola
23. Mel Lovett



A NEW LOOK

Your Builder for the next four weeks will appear in this enlarged format. The Budget Promotion Committee of our Forward Program of Christian Stewardship is combining its promotional efforts with our regularly published Builder. The next four issues will bring you news of our Forward Program of Christian Stewardship and the many regular activities of our church. You will want to make a special effort to read each of these four issues.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Baptism and Lord's Supper
- 2:30 p.m.—Associational GA Meeting
At Central Baptist Church
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 4:30 p.m.—Nursery Parents' Meeting
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:30 p.m.—Senior High-College Get-together at the home of Mary Roth,
3732 Gerhardt Drive

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:30 p.m.—Adult Class Officers Clinic
Dining Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"
- 7:30 p.m.—Cub Scout Open House
In Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs,
Junior High GA's
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, YWA's
Junior High Choir Rehearsal
Officers and Teachers' Meeting
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 7:00 p.m.—Federation of Night Societies
Supper Meeting—Dining Room
- 7:00 p.m.—Silent Class in "The Cellar"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Junior Choir Retreat

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2

- 7:30 a.m.—Golf Tournament
- 6:30 p.m.—Leadership Supper for
SS Intermediate 14 at the
Home of Mrs. Inez Gober



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