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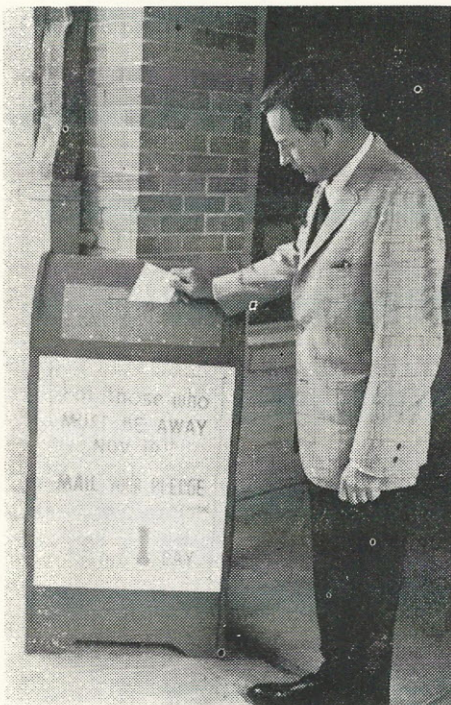
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POINTING US TO NOV. 17



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



Shown here are members of the Steering Committee for our annual Stewardship Effort. Reading left to right are: Aubrey Gomillion, Chairman of Tally Committee; Mrs. J. A. Riddle, Chairman of Office Help; Mrs. James Rountree, Campaign Secretary; Joe Napier, Chairman of Budget Pledging; Mr. Bizzell; Dr. Pleitz; Barney Burks, General Co-Chairman; Bill Harden, Chairman of Budget Promotion; W. H. Gill, General Chairman.

TITHE TO TELL

Pastor's paragraphs

GET THE PICTURE?

Letters have come from six states and they are still coming! I knew I was in real trouble the minute I looked at the Bulletin. Any time my picture appears four times in a single issue, I am going to catch it. Too many of my preacher friends read it with a fond hope that they will find a mote in my eye for this booboo to go undetected. If you think a preacher's life is dull, you just don't know preachers. Preachers have lots of fun, and love nothing better than making life miserable for their friends!

It may be necessary for us to hire another secretary just to answer the mail that has already arrived! HONEST, I DID NOT EDIT THE BULLETIN — I just read it. It probably won't help much for me to plead innocent — but I am!

... But am I?

... And what about you?

... Maybe all of us are guilty.

The real problem most of us face in life is SELF. E. Stanley Jones was exactly right when he said, "The very center of sin is self-centeredness." We all want to be in the center of the picture.

Most of us think of self before we think of anyone else including God. This is THE reason we find it hard to be good stewards of the material possessions the good Lord has entrusted to us. When God reaches out for a tenth, we are tempted to slap His hand and scream "THAT IS MINE, KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF."

When God is given the place of pre-eminence, we don't resent HAVING to give a tenth. On the contrary, we are amazed that God is so generous in giving so much and asking so little in return.

If we will keep God in the foreground and self in the background, we will have no trouble in pledging our budget of \$349,778.00.

Where will you fit into this picture?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



IN MEMORIAM

Miss Roberta Nettles
908 E. Gonzalez St.

Joined our church by transfer of
letter April 13, 1924
Deceased November 1, 1968

Miss Annie Mae Barr
310 Bayshore Drive

Joined our church by transfer of
letter May 10, 1919
Deceased November 3, 1968

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist — Mr. Sam Williams, Mr. A. F. Downey

Sacred Heart — Mr. James Frye, Mrs. O. M. Vineyard, Mrs. Velma Tice, Miss Bonnie Boucher

Memorial Hospital, Tallahassee — Mr. John Baisden

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. L. P. Bryan, Mrs. Ruth Adams, Barry Young, Mrs. Roy Tolar, Mrs. A. N. DuBose, Mrs. James Gregory, Mrs. Don Jensen

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Myrlen Mason in the loss of her sister.

Mrs. Mamie Peake in the loss of her sister.

Mrs. L. B. Morgan in the loss of her husband.

Mr. James Strawbridge in the loss of his father.

Mrs. G. R. Lee in the loss of a brother.

ATTENTION, BOYS!

All boys interested in playing on the Church Basketball team and who are from 8 to 12 years old and who are 5'6" or under, please contact Mr. Charlie Baker at home (476-3781) or at the office (476-6120) or call the church office and leave your name and telephone number.

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

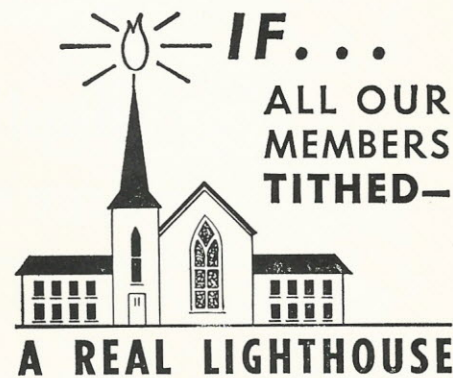
"The Church of My Dreams"

(Acts 2:42-47)

7:15 P.M.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

(Matthew 6:10)



The Listening Post

Our congratulations to Gail Sasnett on her election to the Senate at UFW.

SINGSPARATION this week will be at Central Baptist Church. Our young people are urged to be present.

TELEPHONE BRIGADE

Saturday, November 16
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon

At Southern Bell Telephone Co.
Office
(Downtown Branch—Upstairs)

BY YOUTH OF CHURCH

Over 1,300 calls made in less than two hours.

**WE NEED YOU
SIGN UP SUNDAY**

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.

BE SURE THAT YOUR PLEDGE IS IN

Sunday, November 9 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.

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 office. We in turn will clear with the Clearance Bureau.

HOW IS YOUR MISSIONARY IQ ?

DO YOU KNOW WHICH MISSIONARY:

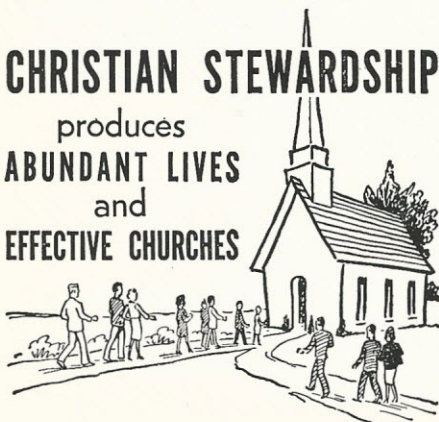
1. Kept a diary while he served the American Indians during colonial times?
2. Kept operating even though bombs were blowing up his hospital in China?
3. Was once an American slave but helped establish Liberia and the first Baptist church there?
4. Magnificently played the organ in the Congo jungle?
5. Is dedicating his ten skilled fingers to help erase the disfigurements of leprosy?
6. Was Lottie Moon?
7. Doctor was recently martyred in the Congo?

You can find the answers in your church library. Come in and join our Missionary Guessing Contest that starts November 17th.



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

produces
ABUNDANT LIVES
and
EFFECTIVE CHURCHES



"MY PLEDGE CARD IS IN"



Our Sunday School Department Superintendents met last Sunday morning for the purpose of turning in their 1969 pledges. These folk have led the way in faithfulness and dedication.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO PLEDGE

Parents! Encourage your child to make a pledge — permit him to learn now, while learning is easy, the joys of stewardship and the privileges of tithing.

Every child has a right to feel that the church is his — and that he himself contributes to its support.

Your child is the future of this church and now is the time to plant the seeds for a generation of good stewards and of tithers.

The harvest you help to sow, the child you help to train, can win for you, for the church, FOR THE LORD, where we may fail.

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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 1138
 Main Sunday School 1121
 Crippled Children's Home 17
 The Church in Training 175
 Additions to Church Membership 5
 Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget \$11,725.97
 Specials 351.68
 Building Fund 5.00
 TOTAL OFFERING \$12,082.65

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
 AND WORSHIP SUNDAY

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., NOV. 10: "Heavenly Praise"
 Revelation 4. Key Verse 11.
 MON., NOV. 11: "The Coming of Peace"
 Isaiah 2:1-4. Key Verse 4.
 TUES., NOV. 12: "Trial Issuing in Joy"
 I Peter 1:1-9. Key Verse 7.
 WED., NOV. 13: "Be Ye Holy"
 I Peter 1:10-16. Key Verse 15.
 THURS., NOV. 14: "His Word Endureth
 Forever"
 I Peter 1:17-25. Key Verse 25.
 FRI., NOV. 15: "A Peculiar People"
 I Peter 2:1-10. Key Verse 9.
 SAT., NOV. 16: "Strangers and Pilgrims"
 I Peter 2:11-25. Key Verse 11.

NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

28. Mr. Joel K. Barr, 15528 USNTC, Corry
 From: Barton Baptist, Barton, Ark.
29. Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, 903 N. 60th Av.
 From: M. G. Baptist, Pensacola
30. Mr. Jerry Randle, 111 Vanderbilt Road
 From: Zion Baptist, Mobile, Ala.
31. Mrs. Jerry Randle
32. Mr. Charles Phillip Williams,
 Bks. 1082, Corry Field
 From: Mars Hill Baptist, Mars Hill N.C.

WMS GROUPS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 10:00 a.m.
 Virginia Cobb will meet with Mrs. Doug-
 las Burks, 2270 Dupont Drive; Co-
 hostess, Mrs. Elwood Burks.
 Stanley Davis will meet with Mrs. S. I.
 Davis, 1503 E. Jackson Street.
 Martha Haylock and Mary Saunders
 will meet with Mrs. Tate Bousman,
 231 Dean Road.
 Donald Langford will meet at church
 for visitation with covered dish lunch
 at 11:30 at the home of Mrs. R. D.
 Hinson, 2261 Pineneedles Circle.
 Laura Frances Snow will meet with Mrs.
 W. A. Webb, 3820 Molaree Drive.
 10:30 a.m.
 Joanna Maiden will meet with Mrs. B. T.
 Smith, 300 Norwich Drive, G. B.
 2:30 p.m.
 Harvey Headrick will meet with Mrs.
 M. B. Dawson, 369 Gamarra Road.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
 8:45 p.m.—Singspiration, Central Baptist

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION,
 DAYTONA BEACH

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS Group Meetings
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scout Board of Review,
 In "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:00 p.m.—Associational YWA Mission
 Study, in Dining Room
 6:30 p.m.—E&P Visitation

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Junior High Choir Retreat
 7:00 p.m.—Master Workmen's Class
 Fish Fry, Dining Room

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