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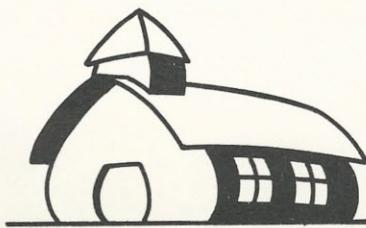
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"MY PLEDGE CARD IS IN"

THIS LITTLE CHURCH
TAUGHT STEWARDSHIP



THIS LITTLE CHURCH
TAUGHT NONE



Our Sunday School Department Superintendents met last Sunday morning for the purpose of turning in their 1970 pledges. These folk have led the way in faithfulness and dedication.



**BE SURE THAT YOUR
PLEDGE IS IN**

Sunday, November 16 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.

Pastor's paragraphs

Bill Hickem is the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church of Panama City. Some years ago he wrote an article about a mouse who attended church!



and snow outside, and endured the voice of the pulpit inside. To a couple of small boys this was the epitome of endurance. Then, with the stillness of the fall of a snowflake, the whole service became worthwhile to us. Right under the old Sunday school library table, and of all places, in the offering plate, was the cutest mouse we had ever seen.

"This mouse had been enjoying the comfort of the church, which included food from the church basement, warmth from the stove, music from the choir, announcements from one of the leading brothers, and sermons from the pastor. He even took time to turn his head as the inflection of the pastor's voice waxed upon him. My young friend whispered an unholy remark to me as he said, 'I wonder if he is a member of the church?' My response to his remark was rewarded with a sound thrashing from my father at the close of the service.

"Oddly enough the impression that has remained with me all these years has not been the trip to the wood shed, but the audacity of the mouse. First, he had no right to cause me discomfort by his presence. Second, who did he think he was to enjoy all the comforts and benefits of our church, and then 'walk' on our offering plates. Finally, why did he choose the church in the first place? His needs could have been better filled in many other places. (Do you suppose we have any 'mousey' church members?)

"In reflecting on this incident in later years, I find a better interpretation of this strange little 'tragic comedy.' The mouse taught a lesson after all. He placed HIMSELF in the offering plate, and none of his wealth could be as important. After all, when you get a Christian to place 'self' in the offering plate you have no problem with giving, attending and serving. Now, your question! What are you putting in the plate?"

I'll look forward to seeing you in God's House Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING



Charles and Lil Burns
(also shown are their
2 children Beverly and
Eric)



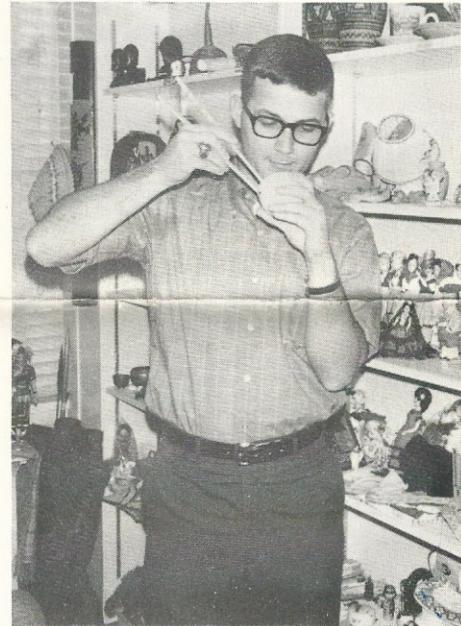
Bill and Cathy Grisham
(their 4 month old daughter
Kristin is enrolled in
Nursery A)

I TITHE BECAUSE



I tithe because Jesus has commanded his followers to give at least one tenth of their earnings to his church. This I do because I truly love Jesus, and he has been so wonderful to me. My tithe helps support the gospel around the world. Not only does the Bible teach us to acknowledge our financial responsibility, but we should give of our time, talents, efforts, and our all. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:34.

Gerald Garrett



Pete Brannan, B.S.U. Summer Missionary to Malaysia, will tell of his work and show slides at the Prayer Service Hour next Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

GIVE
...in the
spirit of
Christ!

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"From Grateful Hearts"
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 9:6-7)

7:15 P.M.

"The Silent Majority"
1 Kings 18:17-24)

The Listening Post

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

MARY LOU BURKS on receipt of invitation to National Freshman Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta.

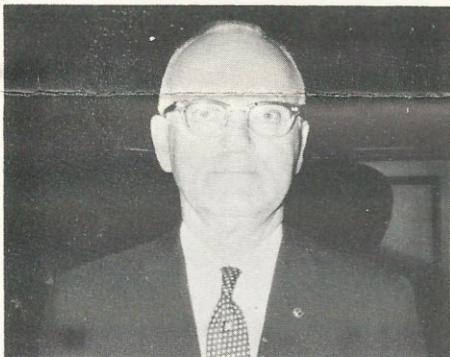
JIMMY ROUNTREE on making Dean's List at Georgia Tech the last two quarters.

PAT O'GARA on her selection as Freshman Class President, Pensacola High School.

LINN DEE TOWNE on her selection as Homecoming Queen, Escambia High School.

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Work on the Pine Forest Mission Chapel has been completed by Youth Mission Action Group. We are in receipt of two letters from members of the church expressing their appreciation for our work: Verna L. Perdue and the L. E. Bryants Family.



Stewardship Testimony

The Lord has blessed all of us in so many wonderful ways, until it seems the least we can do as a token of our appreciation, is to return a small portion of our material blessings unto Him!

W. T. Osborn



Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School, A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Training Union
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:45 P.M.—City Wide Singspiration, Warrington Baptist

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 P.M.—Deacon's meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 A.M.—Mary Saunders Group, Cellar

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts meet in Cellar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 P.M.—Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, Sunday School Officers and Teachers meeting
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service — Business Meeting
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:00 Noon—Don Langford Group, Cellar (sandwich meeting)

WANT ADS

Wanted — Men
Single men, daddies, or
granddaddies.

Wanted — Women
Single women, mommies, or
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Must be happy Christians.
Must be willing to share with Nursery
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Mr. Dewey Robertson, Miss Inez Ware, Mr. Sam Hall, Sr., Mrs. Jerry Berry, Mrs. Lon Roberts, Jr., Mrs. Wm. C. Carr, Jr., Mrs. Leroy Lackey, Sr.

Sacred Heart—Mrs. L. M. Mathis, Judge Harvey Page, Mr. Herman S. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Shoemaker

U.S. Naval Hospital, Beaufort, S. Car.—
Mr. Kenneth K. Knight

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Lois Everitt (Transferred to Our Lady of Peace Rest Home)

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. A. Watson in the loss of her father.

Mrs. A. T. England in the loss of her husband.

Mr. Allen England Jr., in the loss of his father.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

BY LETTER:

31. Mrs. Gladys Knight, 208 W. Strong St. From: Bethsaida Baptist, Furlan, Ala.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Sam K. E. Williams and are given by his wife and children.

AN IDEA TO CONSIDER

The other day a layman in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, handed the pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell, a \$100,000 insurance policy made payable to the church. The premiums on such a policy are tax deductible and the potential is almost illimitable. And, as Dr. Criswell states, "it is the only way that all of us poor people can leave an estate of any magnitude for the work of our dear Lord."

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LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study 1253
Main Sunday School 1243
Crippled Children's Home 10
The Church in Training 755
Training Union 207
Other Training Activities 548
Coming for Membership 1
Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget \$9,957.80
 Specials 453.86
 Building Fund 10.00
TOTAL OFFERING \$10,421.66



My Belief Concerning Tithing

My belief concerning tithing is very basic and simple. Besides all the scriptures which point out plainly God expects a tithe of our substance, there are three other scripture passages upon which my belief is built.

The first two point out the ownership of God. In Psalm 24:1 and I Corinthians 10:26 we find the writer reminds us that the earth is the Lord's and all that is within it. I believe we OWN nothing, but OWE everything to God. Since God has allowed us to possess the many material blessings of life and also allow us to possess our time and abilities, then we must return a portion of them to Him as He has commanded us.

In the third scripture passage, II Corinthians 8:9, we read, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Realizing how much Jesus was willing to give for us, I feel compelled to return at least a tenth of that which he has given me. For in so doing I feel I have a part in His work which He came to perform and left for us to continue.

Mrs. Paul R. Gray



WMS GROUP MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 a.m. — MARY SAUNDERS will meet in the Cellar, going to Baptist Hospital at 10:30

10:00 a.m. — T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs. Marshall King, 7805 North Chemstrand Road
VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Avenue

STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. A. Z. Lavendar, 1901 Foulis Drive

BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr., 921 North Palafox Street

CHARLOTTE OWENS will meet with Mrs. W. J. Nettles, 3371 Edgewater Drive, Santa Rosa Shores

LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. A. J. McCreary, 427 West Lee Street

2:30 p.m. — HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. M. A. Farmer, 730 West Jordan Street

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:00 a.m. — MARY LOU GENTRY will meet with Mrs. Thomas McVoy, 161 Euclid Street

12:00 Noon — DONALD LANGFORD will meet in the Cellar.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9: "Now Christ is Risen"

1 Corinthians 15:20-28. Key Verse 20.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10: "Victory Over Death"

1 Corinthians 15:47-58. Key Verse 57.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: "Give As God Hath Prospered"

1 Corinthians 16:1-14. Key Verse 2.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12: "Controlled by Christ's Love"

2 Corinthians 5:11-21. Key Verse 14.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13: "Sharing One's Riches"

2 Corinthians 6:1-10. Key Verse 10.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14: "They First Gave Themselves"

2 Corinthians 8:1-12. Key Verse 5.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15: "The Cost of Ministering"

2 Corinthians 11:16-30. Key Verse 23.