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## When A Child Gives

Dear God:

Tonight Mommie and Daddy talked to Jerry and me about our money. You know, God, I didn't know how special this was. Always before Daddy gave me a nickel or dime on the way to church to put in the basket by the door. (Sometimes I forgot and kept it in my pocket, but I guess you already know that, 'cause Mommie says you know everything!)

But tonight was different. Daddy read us some special Bible verses. One was about giving things making us happier than getting things. I didn't know about that, 'cause I sure was happy when I got my bicycle for Christmas. But Mommie and Daddy talked about our money a lot and we decided how much we would give to our church.

One day Suzie told me she gave her money to Jesus. That made me wonder if one of the men who took up the offering at church was Jesus; but Daddy told me their names and he didn't say Jesus' name. I'm glad I'm bigger now and know we bring our money to church to help tell other people about Jesus. I wonder why Suzie's mother doesn't tell her that.

In my Bible is the card I signed tonight to take to Sunday School in the morning. All of us signed one. It says how much money we will take to church each week. Daddy helped me fill out my envelope and he said we'd do it that way every Saturday night.

This makes me feel good inside. Daddy and Mommie were smiling too. I guess it does make us happier when we give. Thank you, God, for the nicest Mommie and Daddy in the world wide world.

Bobbie Cottle

## SUNDAY IS PLEDGE DAY

Next Sunday is our annual Pledge Day. Pledge Cards have been mailed to all members of the Sunday School and Church. They are to be turned in during the Sunday School hour or during the worship service.

If you know that you will be unable to be in attendance next Sunday, you will want to turn in your pledge card ahead of time. In order to be sure that it's in, you'll want to drop it into the mail before Friday.

Our objective is to completely over-subscribe our budget on Sunday. You will want to have a part in this.

## "A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"



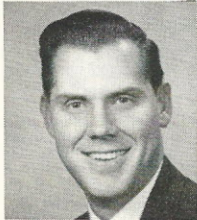
There won't be an offering plate this large in your department, but there will be someone to receive your Pledge Card.



## Pastor's Paragraphs

### THANKSGIVING OF THE HEART

We know that Paul wrote First Corinthians 13, however I do not know who paraphrased his letter in such a beautiful way.



"Though I keep Thanksgiving in November, But forget that every day brings cause for giving thanks, I am at heart ungrateful;

"And though I praise Thanksgiving as a noble custom

And urge it upon others as a duty, but show by careless living no concern for God, country, or others, I am not really thankful;

"And though I provide a great family feast, And toss a bit to charity, while my heart cries: 'I deserve all this!' I am still ungrateful.

"Thanksgiving in the heart sees all creation—Wheat or water, home or friendship, faith or country -as God's unbounded mercy;

"Thanksgiving in the heart enlarges the gift Until it fills the need, and unveils as best of all the loving motive of the giver;

"Thanksgiving in the heart never fails the thankful, But single holidays fail, they come so seldom, Mere repeating of tradition bores when the originating fire is lost;

"So thanksgiving will abide, The thanksgiving which is natural custom, The thanksgiving which is family celebration And the thanksgiving of the heart;

"But the greatest of these is the **THANKSGIVING OF THE HEART.**"

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

Thanksgivingly your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

#### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"The Creative Power of Gratitude"

(Mark 6:30-44)

7:15 P. M.

"What A Fellowship!"

(Philippians 1:3-11)

## ELECTED PRESIDENT



Mr. Bizzell was elected by the Florida Baptist Religious Education Association as their President. **CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. Bizzell!!**

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mrs. A. S. Edwards, Mr. Conrad McDaniel, Mrs. Warren Sears, Mrs. William S. Taylor, Mrs. Bell Ellis.

#### Sacred Heart

Miss Nan Beggs, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, Mr. L. D. Allen, Mr. Lowell Loadholtz

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Mrs. Ernest Gentry, Mr. A. S. Edwards (transferred Speciality Care Center), Miss Lorene Coburger, Mrs. Mamie Graham, Mrs. Joyce Porras, Mr. Leon Singletary, Mrs. L. T. Simmons, Miss Sandra Winston, Mr. George Reed, Jr., Mrs. Aubrey Comillion, Claire Kingry.

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Homer H. Higgins, Sr. in the loss of her husband; Mr. Ronald Higgins and Mr. Dewey L. Merritt, Jr. in the loss of their father.

## SHOW ME, AND I'LL TITHE

"Show me where the New Testament teaches tithing, and I'll tithe!" I knew the man spoke the truth. He was an honest Christian, he wanted to do what was right. If he could find that the New Testament taught tithing he would keep his word—he would tithe.

Together we looked at the scriptures. There were not many passages dealing specifically with tithing. We read them together. Matthew 23-23 and Luke 11:42 were similar. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith."

Then the key part of the verse in regard to tithing, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." It was perfectly clear. Jesus was saying we should tithe. We should do much more than tithe, but at the same time we should tithe.

We looked at more of the New Testament. The apostles did not record many direct teachings on tithing using the word tithe. It soon became apparent why. In that day tithing was no problem. It was understood that if you were a Christian you would tithe as a minimum.

Instead of tithing, many early Christians gave their all. The widow gave her mite. Zacchaeus gave half of his goods. Barnabas sold his land to have money to give. Jesus required all of the rich young ruler.

My friend and I completed our search through the New Testament.

Does he tithe now?

Yes, he tithes—but he more than tithes.

"I used to try to determine my giving by the law," he says. "Now my giving is determined by the love of Christ for me, and the need of the world for Christ. My New Testament taught me that tithing is not the place to stop, but rather the place to start!"

—FBC, Albertville, Ala.



*Some are reaching*  
**HIGHER**

**THE TITHE IS THE FLOOR—NOT THE CEILING!**

**Let's Over-Subscribe The \$397,818.00 on Nov. 22nd.**



## THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



John S. Boyette, Jr.



Mrs. Donna Howard  
John, James and Joel  
(also shown is Jeff)

## DEACONS PLEDGE, TOO



The Deacons of the Church are shown above in their meeting last Monday evening as they made their pledge to the 1971 Budget.

## THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

The Thanksgiving morning service, sponsored annually by the downtown churches will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving morning at the First Methodist Church.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., NOVEMBER 22: "Wholehearted Praise". Psalm 9:1-11.

MON., NOVEMBER 23: "The Lord Heard". Psalm 34:1-10.

TUES., NOVEMBER 24: "Forget Not All His Benefits". Psalm 103.

WED., NOVEMBER 25: "The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving". Psalm 116.

THURS., NOVEMBER 26: "God's Mercy Endures". Psalm 118:1-6.

FRI., NOVEMBER 27: "God Our Help" Isaiah 25:1-9.

SAT., NOVEMBER 28: "Gratitude for Our Hope". 1 Peter 1:1-9.

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

### ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

7. David Harker, 3860 Baisden Rd.
8. William David (Bill) White, 3031 Swan Lane

### BY LETTER:

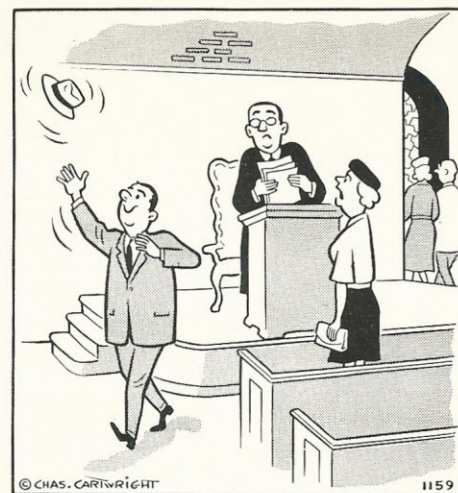
35. Barry Hudspeth, BOQ 2435, Rm. 212-B, NAS Saufley. From: Memorial Baptist, Columbia, Mo.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. E. L. Derby and are given by Mr. E. L. Derby.

## Church Chuckles

by CARTWRIGHT



"You shouldn't have said there are more important things than money. This gives George one more pledge loophole!"

George and his kind will always find loopholes, real or imaginary. Our attitude toward money determines whether or not we regard it as an end in itself, or as simply a means. The practice of Christian stewardship helps those with whom we share, and it gives us a continuing and healthy perspective on the proper place of money in our own lives.



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

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study ..... 1178  
Main Sunday School ..... 1158  
Crippled Children's Home .... 20

The Church in Training ..... 799  
Training Union ..... 228  
Other Training Activities .... 571

Coming for Membership ..... 3

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget ..... \$11,856.02

Specials ..... 1,669.79

TOTAL OFFERING ..... \$13,525.81



## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

### PLEDGE DAY

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
- 12:00 Noon—Covered Dish Luncheon
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts "The Cellar"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- \* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers  
and Teachers Meeting,  
Mission Friends, Girls in  
Action, Acteens and Royal  
Ambassadors.
- \* 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- \* 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

THANKSGIVING DAY — Office Closed

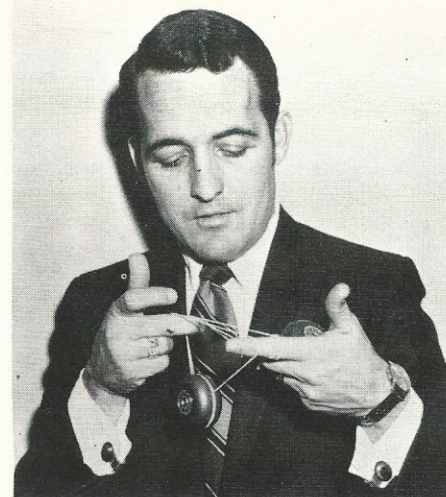
## YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

The Youth Evangelism Conference will meet this year in the First Baptist Church of Orlando, December 4-5, 1970. This Conference is designed for Florida Baptist young people who are fifteen years old and above and who are seriously interested in a church related vocational calling for their lives.

Our church will provide transportation—and Conference participants will pay for their food and lodging.

If you are interested in attending this Conference, please contact Mr. Royal.

## ENTERTAINER FOR FOOTBALL BANQUET . . .



Bunny Martin — Magician, Juggler, Folk Singer, and Yo-Yo Champion of the world — will provide the entertainment for the Football Banquet on December 3, 1970. As an entertainer, Mr. Martin has appeared with such celebrities as Art Linkletter, Jim Nabors, and Roger Miller. He has appeared with Bobby Richardson, Tom Landry, Joe Namath, Paul Anderson, and is a very active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Tickets for the Banquet are now on sale at \$4.50 each. Last year the banquet was a sell-out with over 1,000 attending. Even better response is expected this year. Tickets will not be made available to the general public until Monday. This gives you the first opportunity to secure tickets Sunday.

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