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WHEN A CHILD GIVES

MY, HOW THEY HAVE GROWN!

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 made 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 whole wide world.

Bobbie Cottle



The November 13, 1969, issue of the Builder carried the above picture of a group of first graders getting ready for Pledge Day. Last Sunday we gathered some of these same children, now 5th graders. Pictured below are Art Gray, Sally Renfro, Freddie Cheshire, Tommy Little, Sarah Edmisten.



Even a casual look at the 2 pictures reveals that these young people have grown physically. And, they have grown spiritually.

As we think about our church and its program, you will want to ask "Have I grown?"

"And as Jesus continued to grow in body and mind, He grew also in the love of God and of those who knew Him."

Luke 2:52 Phillips Translation

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU GROWN?

Pastor's Paragraphs

"DEAR GOD — DO YOU LOVE ME?"

It's not at all unusual for little folk to write notes during the worship service. (In spite of the fact that you may think they get nothing from the service, you would be surprised how much they get even though they may write a note occasionally!) Dr. James Harris of Texas tells about a child who wrote a note to God and placed it in the offering plate as it was passed.



"DEAR GOD, I LOVE YOU. DO YOU LOVE ME? ANSWER YES."

Next Sunday we are asked to write God a message on a covenant card. We know the answer to the last question. "Do You love me?" A long time ago, God answered "Yes," when He sent His only begotten Son as His love gift to us. You just can't outgive God!

We know that God is watching intently as we decide the extent of our love for Him. Somehow, it doesn't ring true if we say "Dear God, I love You — but I love my money, I love my pleasures, I love my selfish pursuits more than I love You."

"If you love Me," Jesus said, "You will keep My commandments." If we love Him supremely, the outcome of our effort is already decided in victory. God kindle that kind of love in our hearts today.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLINIC

On Monday and Tuesday November 19 & 20, the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association is sponsoring a Sunday School Leadership Clinic. The sessions will be held at the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, 7-9 P.M., each of the two evenings. The basic leadership books for each of the age divisions will be presented in these two sessions.

Of special interest to Adult Workers will be the appearance on Tuesday, November 20, of Mr. George F. Wood of Mobile, Ala. Mr. Wood, a successful attorney and Sunday School Teacher, has written a new book entitled *Teaching and Learning with Adults in Sunday School*. In the session on Tuesday November 20, Mr. Wood will give an overview of his book. This would be of interest to all Adult workers in Sunday School.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	34	20	2
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	48	46	3
3.	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	38	19	0
4.	W. Nell R. Hornsby	42	19	2
5.	B. Pope	38	32	0
6.	T. Lutrick	33	29	1
7.	J. Schappaugh A. Little	48	33	1
8.	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	35	28	4
9.	B. Bell	28	17	0
10.	K. Murray		4	
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		344	247	13
Workers on Buses			48	
Total on Buses			<hr/>	
			295	

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

On Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 A.M. there will be a Thanksgiving Service at the Navy Memorial Chapel, Naval Air Station. This service is being sponsored jointly by the downtown Churches and the Navy Chaplains. It will be a service of Thanksgiving Celebration.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 10 attended a Camparee, November 9 and 10, along with 300 others from the Esca-Rosa District. Two of the three patrols from the troop won blue ribbons for their camping abilities, while the other patrol won the red, white, and blue President's Ribbon, which was the highest honor given.

Troop 10 meets on Tuesday evenings in the church celiar. Boys ages 11 and up are welcome to attend.

SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH

by Hal Lindsey

This book is a well-documented study on Satan. The author traces the Devil's history from the fall of Lucifer, through Satan's victory at Eden, to his present status as "Prince of the Power of the Air."

The author discusses the rise of occultism in America, including such phenomena as witchcraft, spiritualism, and Jean Dixon-type prophecies. He also intelligently discusses the "tongues" movement.

He argues that the six "thought bombs" of Kant, Megel, Kierkgaard, Marx, Darwin, and Freud are helping Satan in his battle against God, but he shows that the ultimate victory has already been won by Christ.

Ralph C. Peterson

LIBRARY NOTES

The following books have been placed on the Library shelves in recent weeks.

MY OWN COOK BOOK — Gladys Taber

WILDERNESS U.S.A. — Seymour Fishbein

LEARN TO GROW OLD — Paul Tournier

WHAT'S BUGGIN YOU? — Betty Youngs

THE FUTURE IS BEFORE YOU — Owen Cooper

WITH GOD IN A P.O.W. CAMP — Ralph Gaither

WHEN CAN A CHILD BELIEVE — Eugene Chamberlain

CHILDREN AND CONVERSATION — Clifford Ingle

SMOOTH RUNS THE WATER — James Bryant

IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER — Sam Levenson

COWBOY FROM CORRENTE — Sue Carter

PASSPORT TO PEOPLE — A. Clark Scanlon

WINDING ROAD — William McElrath

WITHIN THE CIRCLE — Rosalind Rinker

COFFEE WITH THE PARSON — Bob Barker

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME — Wilda Fancher

ON BEING A DEACON'S WIFE — Martha Nelson

ANGELS, ANGELS, ANGELS — Landrum Leavell

SALESMANSHIP FOR CHRIST — Ernie Prichard

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. J. O. Eckert and are given by Mrs. J. O. Eckert and children.

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK**



Albert Kellogg

**SUMMER JOBS WITH
FEDERAL AGENCIES**

The Civil Service Commission has announced the filing deadlines for 1974 summer jobs with Federal agencies. Those who file by November 23 will be tested between January 5 and 26; by December 28, between February 2 and 16; and by January 25, between February 23 and March 9, at locations convenient to them. The Commission has stated that the earlier a student files and takes the test, the greater the chances for employment. Complete instructions for filing and information on opportunities available are contained in CSC Announcement No. 414, Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies, which may be obtained from Federal Job Information Centers, most college placement offices, or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C. 20415.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Baptist

Mrs. Emma K. Watts, Mr. Burton T. Renfroe, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. J.A. Riddle, Mr. Raymond A. Barrow, Mr. J. L. Lamkin, Mrs. Nellie M. Boyett

Specialty Care

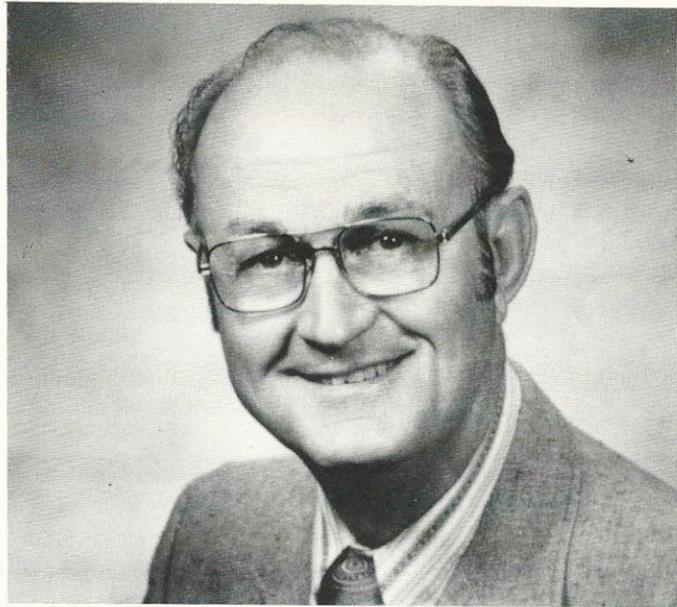
Mrs. C. W. (Myra) Shofner

Sacred Heart

Mr. K. S. Hudson, Mr. William H. Williams, Mr. Angus Andrews, Miss Katie Coley

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. James Warthen, Mr. John Vaughan, Mrs. Carl (Yvonne) Shoupe, Mr. Vernon Phillips, Mark D. Gilbert



SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Preacher for both services on next Sunday will be James E. Frost, Director of the Sunday School Department, Florida Baptist Convention.

In addition to preaching at the services at 11:00 and 7:15 Sunday, Mr. Frost will lead a special conference for Officers, Teachers, Class Officers, and Members of Adult Departments, at the 6:00 Church Training Hour.

**AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 1973**

1. Recommendation from Finance Committee and Deacons that we enter into a contract with Membership Services, Inc. for the keeping of membership, stewardship, and bookkeeping records.
2. Recommendation from Kitchen Committee concerning take-out meals.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, November 18: "To Do the Father's Business" Luke 2:41-52
 Monday, November 19: "To Save the World" John 12:44-50
 Tuesday, November 20: "To Minister" Matthew 20:20-28
 Wednesday, November 21: "To Work While It Is Day" John 9:1-7
 Thursday, November 22: "To Preach" Mark 1:35-39
 Friday, November 23: "To Suffer" Mark 8:31-38
 Saturday, November 24: "To Drink the Cup" John 18: 1-14

MENU

November 21, 1973



- FRIED CHICKEN
 MASHED POTATOES
 GREEN LIMA BEANS
 ROLL AND BUTTER
 FUDGE SQUARE
 TEA AND COFFEE

*Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LeRoy Barineau
 request the honour of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter
 Mary Elizabeth
 to
 Mr. Robert Elmer Gowing, Junior
 on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of November
 Nineteen hundred and seventy-three
 at half after seven o'clock
 First Baptist Church
 Pensacola, Florida*

*Reception
 immediately following ceremony
 Church Dining Room*

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Mrs. Nelma Camp, Pastor's Secretary
Mrs. Betsy Tidwell, Education Secretary
Mrs. Tom Thornton, Membership Secretary
Mrs. Druclilla Belich, Secretary
Mrs. Martha M. Gallagher, Financial Secretary
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 WEEK

The Church in Study	1378
Main Sunday School	1375
Crippled Children's Home	3
The Church in Training	644
Christian Training Hour	196
Other Training Activities	448
Coming for Membership	0
Baptized	0
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$ 9,486.46
Specials	731.05
Building Fund	—
TOTAL OFFERING	\$10,217.51

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 18, 1973

- A — Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon
- B — Mrs. David Shiell
- C — Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Ingmire
- 1A — Mrs. Bonnie Martin
- 1B — Mrs. Mary Knight
- 2A — Mrs. Gordon Cates
Miss Sharon Edmisten
- 2B — Mr. & Mrs. George Cannon
- 3A — Mr. & Mrs. Eric Simmons
- 3B — Mr. Joe Tillman
Mrs. Charles Crowder
- 4A — Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Taylor
- 4B — Miss Janice Parker



If your Pledge is not
already in

MAIL IT TODAY

OR

BRING IT SUNDAY

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 18

—PLEDGE DAY

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Member Class No. 1
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:30 P.M.—Youth 10 Department
Fellowship "Cellar"

Monday, November 19

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:00-9:00 P.M.—Associational Sunday
School Leadership Clinic
Myrtle Grove

Tuesday, November 20

- 10:00 A.M.—Spanish Bible Class
Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen
1919 E. Mallory St.
- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoesen Round Table
Mtg. Mrs. Spencer T. West
5605 Adelyn
- 7:00-9:00 P.M.—Association Sunday
School Leadership Clinic
Myrtle Grove
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—"Cellar"

Wednesday, November 21

- 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service and Business
Meeting
- 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers Meeting, **Mission**
Friends, GA's, Acteens, and
RA's, Joy Group
—Bible Study
—Visitation
- 7:20 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 22

- THANKSGIVING DAY—Office Closed
- 10:00 A.M.—Thanksgiving Service at NAS
Chapel

Friday, November 23

- 8:00 P.M.—Youth Thanksgiving Cele-
bration