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AND NOW, WE PLEDGE IT

With the adoption last Sunday night of our 1975 budget, we now move into the program of pledging the budget. Leading us in this year's effort are the following:

General Chairman — Charles H. Overman, Jr.

Budget Planning Chairman — Barney B. Burks, Jr.

Budget Pledging Chairman — William L. Lee, Jr.

Budget Promotion Chairman — Frank Gibbs

Office Help Chairman — Mrs. James Rountree

Tally Chairman — Aubrey Gomillion



Seated — Charles H. Overman, Jr. Standing left to right — Frank B. Gibbs, Aubrey Gomillion, Pastor James L. Pleitz, William L. Lee, Jr., Barney B. Burks, Jr.

Remember the Time Change Sunday

Pastor's Paragraphs

"PENNY WISE AND DOLLAR FOOLISH"

Sometime ago a story appeared in the newspaper about Llewellyn Slaff of San Diego, California, who altered 1,780 pennies to the size of dimes to save 18c a day on his ferry ride to and from work. Slaff was arrested, and had the alteration of each penny been considered a separate crime, he would have faced a fine of \$17,800,000.00 and a total of 8,900 years in prison. He ran this risk to save 18c per day.

Some people are using Slaff's logic in their financial dealings with God. They know that the Bible says that withholding the tithe constitutes robbery in God's sight, yet they continue to short-change God every week.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But you say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8)

Many people think they cannot afford to tithe. Some feel that they do not have enough money; others feel that they have earned too much money to give a tenth of it to God's work.

Mr. Kraft, the Cheese Man, started his business career pushing a cheese cart through the streets of one of the large cities in America, trying to sell his wares. He was failing financially. In desperation he bowed his head and promised God that he would obey Him in the matter of the tithe. His business began to prosper. You know the end of the story.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr. said that his mother taught him to tithe when he was just a boy. He once said, "Because I tithed my first dollar, I gladly tithe my first million dollars."

The Bible says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." (Malachi 3:10)

Be wise. Obey God.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE SKIN OF A REASON"
(Luke 14: 16-24)

..7:15 P.M...

"THE SACRIFICE WHICH OPENS
THE WAY TO GOD"
(Hebrews 9:11-14)

REMEMBER
Daylight Saving Ends
This Weekend.
Turn your
clocks



BACK
one hour Saturday night.

**BE AN ON-TIMER for
Sunday School and Church**

☆ Get that Extra Hour Rest

☆ Get to Sunday School
On Time

☆ Change Every Clock
and Watch

☆ Call Your Class Members

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	26	4	30
2.	17	6	23
3.	26	2	28
4.	12	3	15
5.	16	3	19
6.	22	4	26
7.	14	4	18
8.	22	5	27
9.	9	4	13
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. H. T. Lenz, Mrs. Callie Mae Fleming,
Mrs. Jack (Alice) Shoemaker, Mrs. Chris
(Melba) Banakas, Mrs. Drexel (Gladys)
Poynter, Mr. James H. Holley, Elizabeth
Yarbrough

Specialty Care

Mr. George D. Brown

Sacred Heart

Mr. John Ingram

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. G. E. (Pearl) Rumble, Mrs. Edward
(Mary) Sutton, Mrs. C. M. (Gussie) Ross,

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. A. Riddle in the loss of her sister,
Mrs. W. B. Cochran, in Montgomery,
Alabama.

Mrs. Jack Harless in the loss of her
Mother, Mrs. Letha Fillingim.

Mrs. J. E. Dupuy and Lisa in the loss
of their husband and Father, Mr. J. E.
Dupuy.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this
Sunday are in memory of Wayne Dobel-
stein and are given by his family.

CHURCH ADOPTS LARGEST BUDGET IN HISTORY

At the regular business meeting of the
church last Sunday, the church adopted
the budget for 1975. This is the largest
budget in the history of our church —
\$560,000.

The challenge is before us and by this
action our church has expressed again the
spirit of optimism and enthusiasm con-
cerning the future. This budget will demand
our very best and the commitment of each
and every member.

The budget is a picture of a ministering
church in the heart of a growing city meet-
ing the needs of people and families. It is
more than money — it is our expression
of care and concern for people.

The next weeks we will center our at-
tention on our church and what we can do
in 1975. Each individual must feel the
challenge and the burden as together we
pledge our support to First Baptist Church
and to God's Kingdom work.

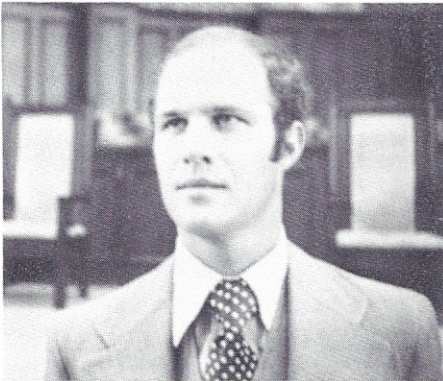
PLEDGE DAY is Sunday, November 10.
Begin now to pray for God's leadership
in your life.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert R. Mateer
Joined our church by letter,
June 28, 1964
Deceased, October 12, 1974

* * *
Mrs. Letha Fillingim
1425 E. Brainerd
Joined our church by letter,
May 22, 1927
Deceased, October 20, 1974

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



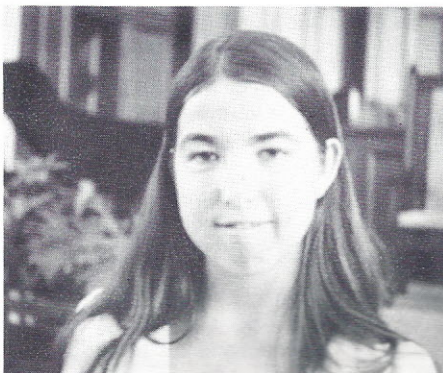
Sam Bass



*Mr. and Mrs. James Cofield
Also shown are Jason, Kathy and Karen*



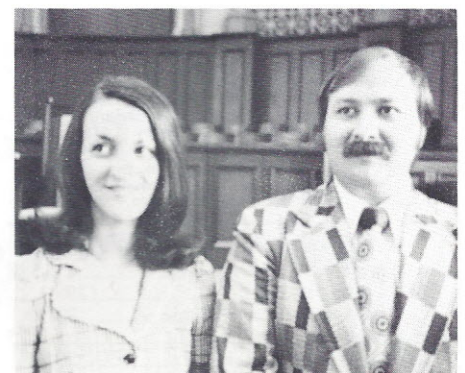
Mrs. David Fleming



Wanda Ganey



Judi Jones



Mr. and Mrs. John Page

Also received were Mr. and Mrs. William Martin and Clint, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Primeau, Edward and Robert

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday
were placed there in honor of

MISS JENNIFER JANE KEPNER

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kepner

born October 13, 1974

* * *

MISS SHANNON RAY MERRITT

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merritt

born October 15, 1974

STAFF PLEDGES




The Budget Planning Committee is asking some leadership groups to pre-pledge (turn in their pledges prior to Pledge Day November 10). Shown are members of the Church Staff turning in their pledge cards at last Monday's staff meeting, following the adoption of the budget on Sunday night. Shown left to right are Paul Royal, Pastor Pleitz, Mrs. Taylor, John McInnis, Clyde Bizzell.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP IS GOING TO EDEN

On Thursday, October 31st, our Senior Adult Fellowship is sponsoring a trip to Eden Mansion and Gardens at Point Washington, between Destin and Panama City. We will leave from the church at 8:00 A.M. and should be back by 3:00 P.M. The total cost will be \$5.00 per person. This includes transportation by church bus, lunch at the Hawaiikai, and admission to the Mansion.

MENU	
October 30, 1974	
Baked Pork Chop	
Rice and Gravy	
Green Beans	
Roll and Butter	
Dessert	
Tea	Coffee



COFFEE WITH THE CANDIDATES

Some of the women of the downtown churches are sponsoring a "Coffee With The Candidates" on Tuesday, October 29. The time is 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, and the place is Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, 6 E. Wright St.

Even though this coffee is sponsored by a group of women, all interested persons are invited.

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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 WEEK

The Church in Study1318
Main Sunday School1298
Crippled Children's Home 20
The Church in Training575
Christian Training Hour205
Other Training Activities370
Coming for Membership8
Baptized7
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$7,875.77
Specials 500.41

TOTAL OFFERING - \$8,376.18

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, October 27: "Bereaved of My Children" Genesis 42-43; Matthew 26:1-35
Monday, October 28: "God Sent Me" Genesis 44-45; Matthew 26:36-75
Tuesday, October 29: "A Happy Reunion" Genesis 46; Matthew 27:1-32
Wednesday, October 30: "Bread in a Famine" Genesis 47-48; Matthew 27:33-66
Thursday, October 31: "God Meant It unto Good" Genesis 49-50; Matthew 28
Friday, November 1: "My Beloved Son" Exodus 1-3; Mark 1:1-15
Saturday, November 2: "Fishers of Men" Exodus 4-6; Mark 1:16-31

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 20, 1974

BY LETTER:

13. Melvin J. Brown, 3231 Bayview Way
From: Heights Bapt., Pensacola
14. Mrs. Melvin Brown (Evelyn)
15. Mrs. J. E. Dupuy, 318 Dolphin St.,
Gulf Breeze
From: Parkview Bapt., Monroe, La.
16. Lisa Dupuy
17. Marsha Garrett, 8491 Old Spanish Tr.,
No. 99J
From: Heights Bapt., Pensacola
18. William M. Hetrick, 4300 Burtonwood
Dr.
From: FBC, Monroe, Mich.
19. Mrs. William Hetrick (Joanne)

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

5. Mike Hetrick

BAPTIZED:

Sam Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Primeau,
Edward and Robert, Wayne Randall, Lynn
Sajoun

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974

- A—Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon
B—Mrs. Tom Heifner
C—Mrs. Robert Miller
1A—Mrs. Larry Woody
1B—Mrs. Ed Jensen
2A—Mrs. Larry Foxworth
—Miss Nancy Moody
2B—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart
3A—Mrs. Karen Moody
—Miss Faith Gregory
3B—Miss Sylvia Hinton
—Mrs. William Farris
4A—Miss Barbara Ralowicz
—Miss Verna Willis
4B—Mr. and Mrs. David Gilbert
4C—Mrs. B. R. Creel
—Miss Bridget Hubbard

"A NEW LOOK"

Your Builder for the next three weeks will appear in this enlarged format. The Budget Promotion Committee of our 1975 Budget Promotion Campaign is combining its promotional efforts with our regularly published Builder. The next three issues will bring you news of our budget campaign and the many regular activities of our church. You will want to make a special effort to read each of these special issues.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, October 27

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Member Class No. 2
Sunday School—"Great Day"
- * 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

Monday, October 28

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 A.M.—"Coffee with the Candidates"
Fellowship Hall-First Methodist Church
7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — "Cellar"

Wednesday, October 30

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers Meeting, Mission
Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's.
—Bible Study & Prayer
—Visitation
- 7:20 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal
Bus Workers Meeting

Thursday, October 31

9:30 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship Trip
9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting

Friday, November 1

6:30 P.M.—Youth Department Halloween
Party—Dining Room

"NEVER TOO OLD"

Station WKRQ-TV (Channel 5) is carrying a 12 months series of television programs entitled "Never Too Old." The second program in the series will be shown on Saturday, October 26, at 5:00 P.M., and again on Thursday, October 31, at 6:00 A.M. This program entitled "Changing Attitudes Toward Retirement" interviews senior citizens in the Pensacola area regarding their attitudes toward retirement. One of those persons interviewed is Richard Merritt, a member of our church, still active at age 83. Another of these persons interviewed is Marie MacArthur, a retired teacher, now an active volunteer with the Escambia County Council on Aging.