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DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS LEAD THE WAY IN DECISION '76



The Sunday School Department Directors mean much to the total life of our church as they lead our Sunday School in Outreach and Bible Teaching. They were given the first opportunity to make their pledge to the 1976 Budget. They are shown above as they met last Sunday morning to turn in their pledges. We all will follow their fine example in Decision '76. The Demonstration Day offering last Sunday was a real demonstration of our love for Christ and His Church. This was also a foretaste of the response of our people in pledging the '76 Budget.

Our Budget is 14% higher than the current year. This means that each of us will want to increase our pledge by at least 14%.

Pastor's Paragraphs

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Someone has said, "It is possible to give without love, but it is impossible to love without giving." This is a true fact of life. We can drop a coin in the hat of a beggar on the street and do so without wanting to give of self and of money to help in his time of need. Likewise, it is possible for us to drop our offering envelope in the offering plate each Sunday and to do so without its being motivated by the spirit of love. By the same token, it is possible for us to possess in our hearts a spirit of love without there being a willingness to give.

In the ministry of Christ we see this enacted in every experience of His life. He gave himself because He loved, yet it was because of his love that He was willing to give, "For God so loved that He gave." God's love is best expressed by the gift that He gave. In these words from John 3:16 we immediately note that "love" precedes "give." In the matter of Christian stewardship we don't give in order that we might love, but it is because of our love that we are compelled to give. If we love and adore Christ, then we will of necessity give expression of this love in the act of giving. This giving is not limited to the matter of money. It includes time, talent and all that we possess. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down (or give) his life for another." Our gift will be an expression of the degree of love that we possess for Christ.

I believe with all my heart that the membership of this church is going to exceed the goal of \$640,000.00 adopted by our church. I KNOW that if we really love the Lord, we will go far beyond it.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS	
11:00 A.M.	
"THE BLESSED BEGGARS"	(I Corinthians 8:1-9)
7:15 P.M.	
"THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT"	
(Philippians 4:10-13)	

MEMORIAL FLOWERS	
The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. W. G. Foxworth and are given by Mrs. Foxworth and the children.	

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1	Pope	25	2	27
2	Nelson	25	3	28
3	H. Kilpatrick	22	5	27
4	Holt (Corry Sta.)	15	4	19
5	Ford	15	2	17
6	Lutrick	21	4	25
7	Holley	60	4	64
8	Sporck	22	4	26
9	Johnson	15	2	17
		220	30	250

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Kittle Manning, Mrs. Lonnie (Marguerite) Webster, Sr., Mr. John H. Brock, Mr. Herman Johnson, Mrs. Joseph E. (Mary) Bores, Mr. Ernest Barrineau, Mrs. Elwood (Sue) Burks, Miss Jessie Bledsoe

West Florida

Mr. John Walker, Mr. Mack Dennis, Mrs. Earl (Edith) Royals

Transferred to Baycrest Nursing Home

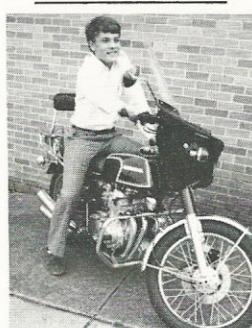
Mrs. Minnie Lambeth

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Callie Fleming, Mrs. Susie Eddins, Mr. John Godwin, Mrs. L. D. (Doris) Rushing, Mr. Raymond Barrow, Mr. John E. Sutton, Mrs. J. Frank (Eva) Crawford, Mrs. Hazel Johnson

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Thomas Riggs in the death of his Mother.
Mr. John Holder in the death of his Mother.
Mrs. James Cullifer in the death of her Father.



As a part of our effort to give every member an opportunity to have his pledge in by Pledge Day November 16, our Budget Pledging Committee is providing a special courier service.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings before Pledge Day, they will be calling to remind us to be in church on Pledge Day. If you are not going to be in church on Pledge Day they will offer to send someone out to pick up your signed Pledge Card. He may not be riding a Honda but he will come and get your Pledge Card.

You may, of course, mail your signed card into the church office using the return envelope enclosed with your pledge cards.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 10 (Lee Hanberry—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
4:45- 6:00 P.M.—Boys 4-6th Grades Basketball Practice
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Men's Basketball Practice—Scott Bell in Charge
Game Room open from 7-10 P.M. for all age groups.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Ed Horne—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Ladies Activity Time
4:45- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball practice — unassigned
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Girls High School Basketball practice - Phillip Napier in charge.
8:00- 9:30 P.M.—Open Skating
Game Room open from 7-9:30 P.M. for all age groups.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 (Max Dickson—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
4:30- 5:45 P.M.—Basketball practice - High School or Men's Team
7:00- 8:30 P.M.—Youth Group Gym activity
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Men's Basketball practice—Scott Bell in charge
Game Room open from 7-10 P.M. for all age groups.

Thursday, Nov. 13 (Jackie Phillips—DIC)

9:00- 1:00 P.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
4:45- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball practice — unassigned
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Girls High School Basketball practice - Phillip Napier in charge.
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Mens Basketball practice—Gary Newton in charge.

Game Room open from 7-10 P.M. for all age groups.

Friday, Nov. 14 (John Tidwell—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Mens Noon Exercise Group
4:45- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice — unassigned
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Open Skating
Game Room open from 7-10 P.M. for all age groups.

Saturday, Nov. 15 (Bill Thompson—DIC)

10:30-12:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice —13 and under—Joel Ender- son in charge.
1:00- 2:00 P.M.—15 and under — Scott Hetrick in charge.
2:00- 4:00 P.M.—Mens Basketball practice — Lee Hanberry in charge.
6:00- 9:00 P.M.—Adult Training Union Party—Mr. Bryant—DIC.

RECREATION NOTES:

1. Members of the Christian Activities Center are reminded to sign in at the desk when entering the facility and sign out on leaving. Use the facility as often as possible and bring a friend. We are always looking for that unchurched person to experience our Lord's love through the activities ministry.
2. The basketball leagues will start December 1, 1975. Coaches line up your schedule for practice at the Center now for November.
3. Why not plan your next church social at the Activities Center.

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK**



Patricia Sue McVoy

Also received were: Chrissy Allen, Julie Coleman, Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Cindy Morgan and Tammy Reaux

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, November 9: "God's Power over Wickedness" Psalm 37:1-11
 Monday, November 10: "The Slave Rises to Power" Genesis 39:1-6
 Tuesday, November 11: "A King's Strange Dream" Genesis 41:1-8
 Wednesday, November 12: "Joseph Interprets the Dream" Genesis 41:25-37
 Thursday, November 13: "The Man Worthy of Trust" Genesis 41:37-44
 Friday, November 14: "A Wise Governor" Genesis 41:53-57
 Saturday, November 15: "Joseph's Hungry Brothers" Genesis 42:1-12

LIBRARY NOTES

582 Dea WILD FLOWERS OF ALABAMA AND ADJOINING STATES

This book, with many natural color illustrations, has a description of at least one of the known families of wildflowers of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee.

599 Cov DOLPHINS

In this book Captain Costeau recounts his most significant adventures with these extraordinary sea mammals.

745.5 Nat THE CRAFTSMAN IN AMERICA

The National Geographic Society presents an interesting account of our national heritage of handcrafts. Beautiful photographs bring out the beauty of many handcrafts.

641.5 Lan MIX BUTTER WITH LOVE

A different kind of cookbook—subtitled *A COOKBOOK FOR THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW*, begins with a letter in which the author says, "True, I didn't know it was you. I didn't know your name, where you lived, or what you looked like—but the subject was definitely you."

227.2 Eva LOVE IS AN EVERYDAY THING

Are you a twentieth century Corinthian needing to know the ways of AGAPE love? Perhaps the author's discussion of the famous "love" chapter, I Corinthians 13, will help to give you a new understanding of AGAPE love.

BAPTIST WOMEN (DAY)

Tuesday, November 11

9:30 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS at the church in the Cellar.

10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA with Mrs. Lamar Estes, 701 E. Burgess Road.

VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs. W. H. Gill, 1961 Villafane. STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs. Clarence Brown at the church in Fellowship Hall.

CHARLOTTE OWENS with Mrs. Frank J. Schlichter, Jr., 311 Andrew Jackson Trail.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW with Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 West Cervantes St.

DALE TERRY with Mrs. W. H. McRee, 4061 Bayou Blvd.

2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with Mrs. A. L. Stanton, 1500 E. Bobe St.

Thursday, November 13

9:30 A.M.—ROSIE BEDSOLE at the church in the Prayer Room.

BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)

Tuesday, November 11

7:00 P.M.—MARTHA HAYLOCK with Mrs. Delores Hutton, Church Library.

MENU

November 12, 1975

Fried Chicken
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Roll and Butter
Dessert
Tea - Coffee



DECISION '76

Every member of the church and Sunday School has been mailed their own personalized Pledge Card to be used in making your pledge to the '76 Budget. You will want to gather together as a family group to discuss your stewardship goal. A sample of the Pledge Card is reproduced below to assist you.

*First Baptist Church
Pensacola*

As an expression of my desire to be a good steward of the material possessions God has entrusted to my care I make this commitment.

I will give a tithe or more and estimate my gifts to be
\$ per WK. QRT.
 DOLLARS CENTS MO. YR.

I will give regularly and estimate my gifts to be
\$ per WK. QRT.
 DOLLARS CENTS MO. YR.

Signed _____

Sunday School Dept.
Home Telephone

Class _____ Visitation Area _____

This pledge may be changed by notifying the church office.

COMMITMENT NOW

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Mrs. Lorraline Pulley, Dietician

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 1430

Main Sunday School 1405

Crippled Children's Home 25

The Church in Training 578

Christian Training Hour 172

Other Training Activities 406

Coming for Membership 3

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget \$22,739.12

Specials 1,174.04

TOTAL OFFERING \$23,913.16

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

BY LETTER:

21. Dr. C. E. Autrey, 2 Harmony Ave.

From: First Baptist, Midval, Utah

22. Mrs. C. E. Autrey, (Aline) 2 Harmony Ave.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

11. Nathan Dortch, 801 West Baars St.

TICKETS FOR FOOTBALL BANQUET

Tickets for the annual FOOTBALL BANQUET will be available Sunday to members of our congregation.

There will be a ticket salesman in the church office on the following schedule Sunday:

9:00- 9:30

10:45-11:00

and immediately following the Worship Service.

The Banquet sponsored annually by our church to honor the high school football players of our community will be held on Tuesday, November 25, at the Municipal Auditorium. Mike Kolen, Linebacker for the Miami Dolphins, will be the featured speaker.



OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 9

* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School

* 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,
Ordinance of Baptism

8:15 P.M.—Middle School Fellowship —
Cellar

Monday, November 10

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

7:00 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

Baptist Women Group Meetings listed elsewhere in
Builder.

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 12

* 4:45 P.M.—Choirs

* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner

* 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service

* 6:25 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers Meeting, Mission
Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's,
and Joy Group

—Bible Study & Prayer

—Visitation

* 7:15 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Nursery Provided

See Also Christian Activities Center
Schedule