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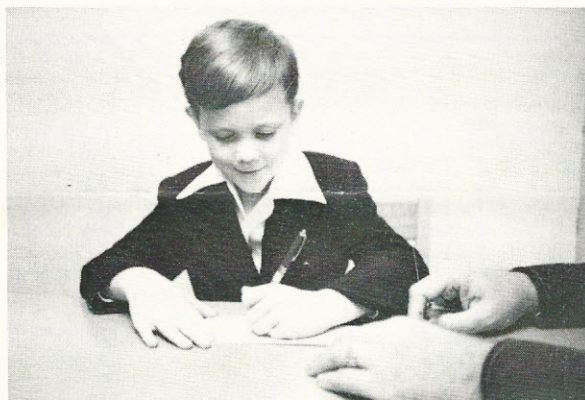
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DAD WHERE DOES OUR CHURCH MONEY GO?

Good question, Son, where does your money go that you give to the church?

It is your best invested money. Let's look at some places your gift through First Baptist Church goes.

It goes to Botswana and Dahomey. It goes to Ethiopia and Angola. It goes to Tanzania and Zambia. It goes to Abhor, Abcokuta, and Ahoada. It goes to Ede, Eku and Evugu, not to mention Ibadan, Iggede, Ikogasi and Isanlulsin. It also goes to Joinkranat Jos. Your money also ministers in Kabba, Kaduna, Kafanchan and Keffi, plus Okuta and Ogbomosho.

We are still in Africa and haven't begun to mention all the countries nor cities, let alone the villages where your money goes.

Our mission money also goes to South and Central America. It goes to Europe and to Southeast Asia. Our money goes to Asia and to numerous islands of the sea.

Your money supports more than 2500 foreign missionaries scattered all over the world. Your money operates hospitals, welfare centers and schools around the globe.

Your money tells a world that Jesus loves them.

Where does your money go? It goes out over the airways through hundreds of radio and TV stations throughout the world proclaiming Jesus as the Saviour of the world.

Your money sponsors home missions all over our nation. Goodwill Centers like Friendship House, Neighborhood House and Community House.

Your money helps provide Bibles for people who don't have one.

Your money broadcasts in the name of First Baptist Church every day.

Your money helps provide a Bus Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Camps, Youth Retreats, a ministry to Senior Adults, a Sunday School of over 2500 members, a graded choir program and on and on.

Your money provides for a church staff. Your ministers visit sick people in hospitals. They visit other people to tell them of Jesus' love. They counsel with people with all kinds of problems. They lead us in our various church programs.

Your money helps to keep the church clean. It helps to pay the light bill. Your money helps to provide heat in winter and air-conditioning in the summer.

Your money helps to provide for people in need.

Some of your money helps the city to have a Rescue Mission that helps thousands of people every year.

Some of your money is spent to help us have such a good library for all ages.

Son, even this newsletter, the Builder, is provided by some of your money.

Where else can your money go so far? It helps colleges and other schools. It helps hospitals and mission centers.

Your money and mine together does what none of us could do alone in ministering to a world in need.

Son, let's pledge to give more through our church this year.

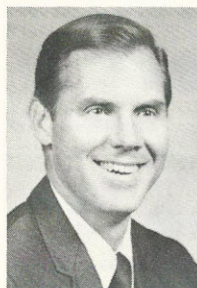
"Instruct thy child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Pastor's Paragraphs

ON RUSHING THE SEASON

GUILTY:

If you accuse me of rushing the season, I am guilty. Yes, guilty as charged.



The calendar on my desk declares it is November 11, but you are exactly right, this is Christmas music we are listening to.

Christmas is still a long way off. (Don't forget to celebrate Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks.) I would be the first to admit it. But as far as I am concerned, it is not too early for Christmas music. It has been a long time since I have heard "The Little Drummer Boy," "Angels We Have Heard On High," and "Silent Night." (One of these days I am going to write a Christmas song and entitle it "The 45 Days of Christmas." This is not to be confused with "The 12 Days of Christmas.")

I may be rushing Christmas, but there is one thing your pastor is not rushing. That's Pledge Day. It is not coming. It is here! For weeks we have talked about November 16.

For weeks we have been saying, "If you are going to be out of town on November 16, get your pledge in."

For weeks we have been saying, "It is imperative that we go over the top in pledging our budget for 1976 in one day."

I know you will want to have a part in this victory. Most of you will bring your pledge cards with you Sunday but if by chance you are not going to be in town PLEASE BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARD BY THE CHURCH TODAY. IT IS TOO LATE TO MAIL IT IN.

Beloved, I beseech you by the mercies of God that you present your pledge cards as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday down at the Church House. We are going to have a great time together. The good Lord has promised to meet with us.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

P.S. Don't forget. IF YOU CAN'T BE HERE SUNDAY, PLEASE BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARD IN BEFORE SUNDAY.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHEN IT'S HARD TO DO RIGHT"
(Romans 7:18-25)

7:15 P.M.

"SAINTS IN CAESAR'S
HOUSEHOLD"
(Philippians 4:20-23)

DEACONS PLEDGE

The deacons of the church are shown here turning in their pledge cards. These men represent a host of other church leaders who have led the way in subscribing our 1976 budget.



Be sure that your pledge card is in on Sunday or before.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1	Pope	25	2	27
2	Nelson	21	2	23
3	Lockwood	16	4	20
4	Goodwin	26	4	30
5	Ford	23	2	25
6	Lutrick	25	2	27
7	Holley	23	2	25
8	Sporck	26	4	30
9	Johnson	26	2	28
UWF, Corry, NAS		10	4	14
		221	28	249

Show Bus Results at Penhaven
Children attending — 33
New riders enrolled — 9

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. David McDavid, Mr. Bernard Bond,
Mrs. Wayne (Barbara) Hickman, Mrs.
Elwood (Sue) Burks, Mr. John Brock,
Mr. Herman Johnson

Specialty Care:

Bridgette Hubbard

Children's Hospital

Nancy Hornaday

West Florida

Mr. Mack Dennis, Mrs. James (Marie)
Warthen

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Kittie Manning, Mrs. Lonnie (Marguerite) Webster, Mrs. Joseph E. (Mary) Bores, Mr. Ernest Barrineau, Miss Jessie Bledsoe, Mr. John Walker, Mrs. Earl (Edith) Royals

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. H. B. Trotter in the death of her husband.
Mr. Cline Doty in the death of his Mother.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MISS AMY CATHERINE KNIGHT
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Knight
born November 6, 1975

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Maude Cassidy and are given by Mr. and Mrs. John K. Edwards.

ATTENTION COLLEGE-CAREER

Registration for Freedom '76 in San Antonio, Texas December 28 - January 1 is now being conducted. Cost for each person is \$60.00 plus meals. A \$10.00 deposit must accompany your registration and the deadline is Wednesday, November 26. Any college, military, or career person who wants to go can contact Mr. Bizzell or Mr. McInnis for further information and registration.

IN MEMORIAM

H. B. Trotter
P.O. Box 101, Milton, Fl.
Joined our church by Letter
October 14, 1956
Deceased November 6, 1975

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
NOVEMBER 17-23



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Autrey



Mrs. Russell Bechtel
Also shown Mr. Russel Bechtel



Rebecca Lynn Russell

CHURCH COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees announces the appointment of the following Church Committee Chairmen for 1975-76.

Activities — Dr. Paul Gray
Banking — Mrs. George Hughes
Baptism — Mrs. Joe Parker
Benevolence — Mr. K. K. Knight
Blood Bank—Dr. Robert K. Wilson, Jr.
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Mrs. Roger Yonker
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Missions — Mr. Charles Burns
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Receiving — Mr. Billy Renfroe
Recreation — Mr. Bill Thompson
Ushers — Mr. Roger Yonker
Youth Activities — Mr. Bob Crumpton

Save this list for future reference.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Nov. 16: "Man's Passions and God's Graces" James 4:1-6
Monday, Nov. 17: "Joseph Lays His Plans" Genesis 48:18-25
Tuesday, Nov. 18: "The Family Crisis" Genesis 42:1-10
Wednesday, Nov. 19: "Going to Egypt Again" Genesis 43:11-16
Thursday, Nov. 20: "Joseph's Love for his Family" Genesis 43:26-31
Friday, Nov. 21: "Disaster on the Road" Genesis 44:1-13
Saturday, Nov. 22: "Terror in Joseph's House" Genesis 44:14-23

Middle School Retreat December 5-6 at Camp Beckwith near Foley, Alabama. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. For further information, contact Mr. McInnis.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 17 (Lee Hanberry—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
4:45- 6:00 P.M.—Boys 4-6th Grade basketball practice
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Basketball practice, High School girls
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. 18 (Ed Horne—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Ladies Activity Time
4:00- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice — Unassigned
6:00- 7:30 P.M.—Open Skating
7:30- 8:30 P.M.—Open Gym Activity
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Boys High School Practice - Greg Mabry in charge

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

Wednesday, Nov. 19 (Max Dickson—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
4:30- 5:45 P.M.—High School or Men's Basketball practice - unassigned
7:00- 8:30 P.M.—Youth 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. 20

9:00- 1:00 P.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball practice — unassigned
6:00- 7:00 P.M.—Girls High School Basketball practice - Phillip Napier in charge
7:00- 8:30 P.M.—Men's Basketball practice—Lee Hanberry in charge
8:30-10:00 P.M.—Boys High School Basketball Practice — Greg Mabry in charge
Game Room open from 7-10 P.M. for all age groups.

Friday, Nov. 21 (Mike Collins—DIC)

11:00- 1:00 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Basketball practice — unassigned
6:00-10:00 P.M.—Family Night*
6:00- 8:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity
Volleyball, Badminton
Basketball
8:00-10:00 P.M.—Family Skating
*Nursery available on request by Tuesday.
Game Room open from 7-10 P.M. for all age groups.

COVER PICTURE

The picture on the front page of this week's Builder is of Scott Phillips, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips.

"ALLELUIA"

Comes to the
Deaf and Hearing Impaired
November 22, 1975
East Brent Baptist Church
430 Royce Street
Background Music Provided
By An Associational Choir

MENU

November 19, 1975
Spaghetti with
Homemade Meat Sauce
Tossed Green Salad
French Roll & Butter
Dessert
Tea Coffee



Saturday, Nov 22

10:30-12:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice - 13 and under - Joel Ender-son in charge
12:00- 2:00 P.M.—15 and under - Scott Hetrick in charge
2:00- 4:00 P.M.—Men's team - Lee Hanberry in charge

Game Room not open unless adequate supervision provided.

RECREATION NOTES:

1. Skating is scheduled on Tuesday from 6-7:30 P.M. and each Friday from 8-10 P.M. Remember to bring 25c in change for each session.
2. The Activities Center will host Basketball leagues from the Pensacola Church Recreation Association on Monday 6-10 P.M., Thursday 6-10 P.M. and Saturday 8 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. The men play on Monday, High School on Thursday and Junior on Saturday Come out and support your team. League play starts December 1, 1975.
3. If you can spare 2 hours a month, come out and help supervise the activities at the Center. It needs your help.

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should be in the office, preferably in

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

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study1349

Main Sunday School1330

Crippled Children's Home 19

The Church in Training 687

Christian Training Hour 163

Other Training Activities 524

Coming for Membership 4

Baptized 7

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$11,082.09

Specials 1,871.94

TOTAL OFFERING\$12,954.03

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER 9, 1975

BY LETTER:

23. Ann Campbell Brassell,

3365 Seabreeze Dr.

From: First Baptist, Milton, Fl.

24. William G. Foxworth,

2015 Tomlinson Rd.

From: First Baptist,

Belle Plaine, Kansas

FOR BAPTISM

FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

13. Rusty Rood, 1714 E. Avery

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

12. Kathy Cofield, 6475 Mariana Dr.

Baptized:

Patricia McVoy, Peggy Mitchell, Lisa

Carter, Scotty Davis, Julie Coleman,

Bernice Bechtel, Kathy Cofield

Think about it:

I AM GLAD MY CHURCH NEEDS MONEY

Have you ever heard anyone say, "My church is always asking for money. I wish I could belong to a church that never needed any money."

I am sure these people don't mean that. Any church that is alive needs money. Only dead churches do not call on their members for support. If anyone should accuse your church of always needing and calling for money, regard it as a compliment. Invite this person to rejoice with you that you both belong to a live, going concern of Jesus Christ rather than a dead, stagnant organization from which the glory of Christ has departed.

One father was complaining to another father that his son cost him a great deal of money. He had to give his son money for books, clothes, lunches, allowance, and tuition.

"It's strange that you feel as you do about the money your son requires," the other father replied. "My son does not cost me a cent. I haven't spent a dime on him in over two years, but I sure wish I could."

"Why doesn't he cost you anything?" asked the first father.

"He died a little over two years ago," the second father replied.

A church that is alive needs the liberal, sacrificial suport of those who love it. Only a dead church demands no sacrifice.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 16

* 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 Service
Business Meeting

Monday, November 17

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

7:30 P.M.—Friendly S.S. Class Meeting
with Mrs Golda Bousman,
231 Dean Rd.

Tuesday, November 18

11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoesen Roundtable
with Mrs. George W. Mark-
ham, 3811 Idlewood Dr.

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 19

* 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,
Joy Group

—Bible Study and Prayer

—Visitation

* 7:15 P.M.—Visitation

—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

* 9:30 A.M.—Mother's Day Out

6:30 P.M.—Master Workman's Class
Social Dining Room

Friday, November 21

9:30 A.M.—Faithful Workers Business
Meeting, Visitation & Cover-
ed Dish Luncheon with Mrs.
Q. R. Shaffer, 5670 Talquin
Avenue.

*Nursery Available

See Also Christian Activities Center
Schedule.