

# giving is an act of faith

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### *Pastor's Paragraphs*

#### THERE ARE TWO SEAS

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their roots to sip of its healing water. Along its shores the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their homes near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavily about its waters and neither men nor beast nor foul will drink. What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

This is the difference: The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two seas in Palestine.

Bruce Barton has not only given us a vivid description of the two seas, he probes deep into the human heart.

People who give know what real LIVING is all about. People who don't give may exist, but they don't REALLY LIVE!

Pledge Day is November 14. My prayer is that every member of this church will have a worthy part in undergirding the work of God's church. Please get your pledge in on or before the 14th. God bless you for your faithfulness.

Sincerely your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### STAFF PLEDGES



The Budget Planning Committee is asking some leadership groups to pre-pledge (turn in their pledges prior to Pledge Day November 14). Shown here are members of the church staff turning in their pledge cards at last Monday's staff meeting. Shown left to right are Dr. Pleitz, John McInnis, Joe Palmer, Elaine Kerley, Mrs. Dale Taylor, Clyde Bizzell, Paul Royal.

**tithing reveals  
your faith**



"Give and it shall be given unto you"  
Luke 6:38. "Prove me now . . . saith the Lord"  
Malachi 3:10. God blesses the faithful steward.

Tithing Is An Act of Faith

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	Pope	22	6	28
2.	Nelson	32	3	35
3.	Kilpatrick	37	6	43
4.	McNeill	38	5	43
5.	Holley	37	3	40
6.	Johnson	22	3	25
	Van	11	4	15
		199	30	229

Show Bus Results (3 locations)

Attendance	80
New Riders Enrolled	15

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mr. A. J. Butler, Mrs. Ina Andrews, Mr. William Foster, Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Mrs. Roger (Annie Lee) Yonker

#### Sacred Heart

Mr. Robert H. Wilson  
West Florida  
Mr. Stanley Lassiter, Miss Annie Averett

#### Naval Hospital

Mr. Thomas L. Andrews

#### Medicenter, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Miss Mary F. Darnell, Mr. James Strawbridge, Mr. Joe Tillman, Mrs. Herman (Irene) Williams

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Morton Stultz in the death of his Mother.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Denise Howard and Mark Strother on their marriage October 30.

## THE VERY NEWEST

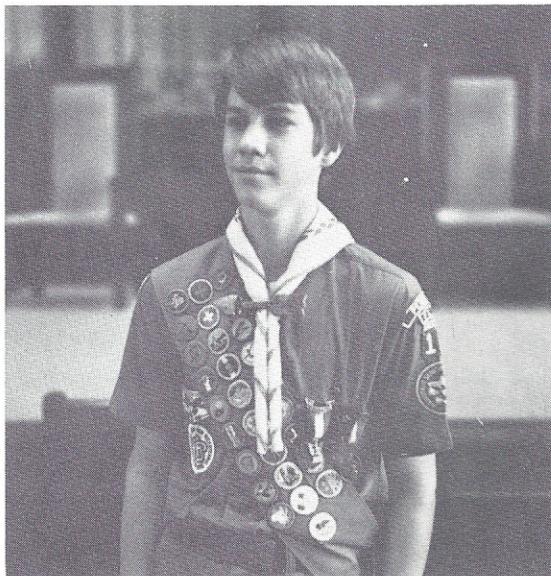
The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday  
was placed there in honor of

MASTER JEREMY SCOTT BAKER  
son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baker  
born October 29, 1976

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Tim Jernigan and are given by his wife and daughters.

## EAGLE SCOUT



Bill Stinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Stinson, received the Eagle Award, the highest attainment in Scouts, in an Eagle Court of Honor on October 26. Bill began his Scouting experience when he joined the Cub Scouts in 1969. He joined Troop 431 in 1973. During 1974, he transferred to Troop 10 sponsored by our church. He made 1st Class in 1974. In 1975 he made Star as well as Life Scout. He passed his Eagle Board of Review in August.

Bill is an active member of our church in Youth 10 Sunday School Department and in the Youth Choir.

Congratulations, Bill!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

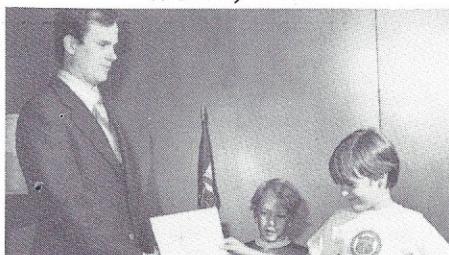
Sunday, Nov. 7—Jeremiah 21:1-10  
Jeremiah 19-21  
Monday, Nov 8 — Jeremiah 24:1-7  
Jeremiah 22-24  
Tuesday, Nov. 9 — Jeremiah 25:1-11  
Jeremiah 25-27  
Wednesday, Nov. 10 — Jeremiah 29:8-14  
Jeremiah 28-29  
Thursday, Nov. 11 — Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Jeremiah 30-32  
Friday, Nov. 12 — Jeremiah 33:1-9  
Jeremiah 33-35  
Saturday, Nov. 13 — I Peter 1:3-12  
Jeremiah 36-38; I Peter 1

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.  
"THE BEST GIFT"  
(II Corinthians 8:1-9)

7:15 P.M.  
"WHAT IS THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?"  
(Matthew 12:31-32)

## ROYAL AMBASSADORS WORK, TOO



Last Spring our Royal Ambassadors planted some trees out at the Salvation Army Building. Here is Jack Overman presenting to Ray Yarbrough a letter of appreciation from the Pensacola Garden Club. Jeffrey Garrett is shown looking on.

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Expresses faith in God.  
Develops Christian character.

## CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, November 8

6:15-10:00 P.M.—Men's PCRA Volleyball League, FBC - 6:30 - Ct. No. 1

Tuesday, November 9

6:15-10:00 P.M.—Ladies' PCRA Volleyball League, FBC-B vs. Brownsville Bapt. - 7:45 Ct. No. 2  
FBC-A vs. Richards Memorial - 9:00 - Ct. No. 2

Wednesday, November 10

11:30- 1:30P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise Program  
7:30- 9:00 P.M.—Gym - Open Play Game Rooms Open

Thursday, November 11

7:00- 9:00 P.M.—Bill Hetrick's Sunday School Class - Basketball Basketball practice time available - Call Activities Center

Friday, November 12

FAMILY NIGHT

7:00-10:00 P.M.—Walt Disney Film - Skating - Fun for the entire family  
10:00-11:45 P.M.—5 Quarter - After Ball game activities

Saturday, November 13

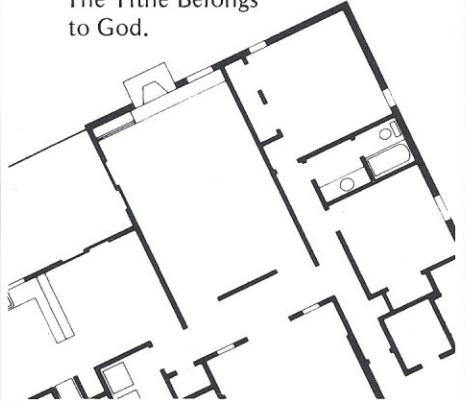
12:45- 4:30 P.M.—Volleyball League Play

PLEDGE DAY IS  
NOVEMBER 14

# tithing is a plan

You can follow it to build a life of deeper commitment to Christ.

The Tithe Belongs to God.



## ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK

November 7-13

Sunday, November 7

8:30 A.M. — Parent/Son Breakfast (Continental)

Wednesday, November 10

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.—R. A. Chapter Open House

Thursday, November 11

7:00 P.M.—Pensacola Bay Baptist Association Royal Ambassador Banquet, Olive Baptist Church

Friday-Saturday, November 12-13

State Royal Ambassador Rally, West Florida Baptist Assembly, Panama City.



## BAPTIST WOMEN (Day) GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 9

9:30 A.M.—BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN at the church in the Cellar.

10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA with Mrs. Thomas McVoy, 161 Euclid Street  
—VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs. J. G. Allen, 725 Old Corry Road.  
—STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs. Roger Yonker in Fellowship Hall.  
—CHARLOTTE OWENS with Mrs. Henry G. Sellers, 506 Navy Cove Blvd., Gulf Breeze.  
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW with Mrs. D. H. Johnson, 1308 E. Lakeview. Mrs. Herman Johnson and Mrs. C. W. Kingry, co/hostesses.  
—DALE TERRY with Mrs. Leslie Sasnett, 310 Bay Blvd.

2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with Mrs. T. J. Davis, 730 W. Hernandez St., Mrs. Lewis Mack, co/hostess.

## BAPTIST WOMEN (Night)

Monday, November 8

7:00 P.M.—MARTHA HAYLOCK in the church library.

Tuesday, November 9

7:00 P.M.—DORA HARBIN with Mrs. W. B. Mancil, 6030 Keating Road.

# TITHE! WHO, ME?



"A tithe is too much."



"I'll give when I come."



"I don't like the way the church spends its money."



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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 Study	1403
Main Sunday School	1384
Crippled Children's Home	19
The Church in Training	742
Christian Training Hour	184
Other Training Activities	558
Coming for Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$19,143.59
Specials	1,719.33
TOTAL OFFERING	
	\$20,862.92



## NOVEMBER 14 IS PLEDGE DAY

### COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 31, 1976

#### BY LETTER:

23. Mr. Lowell W. Abney, Jr., 121 Euclid St.  
From: Hilldale Baptist, Clarksville, Tn.
24. Mr. Fred C. Hinrichs, 2018 E. Jordan St.  
From: Park Place Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
25. Ms. Vivian L. Stallworth, 7900 Stallworth Lane  
From: Parkview Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.

#### FOR BAPTISM

- FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:  
6. Terry Vecellio, 120 W. Brainard

### YES, I TITHE

And what a difference it has made in my enjoyment of my religion and my church.

I don't have a guilty feeling when the collection plate is passed or when I turn my envelope into the Sunday School with my offering. I have a satisfaction and a peace in the knowledge that I am doing my part.

I don't feel resentment toward my pastor any longer when he preaches faithfully the Bible doctrine of the tithe. I really knew he wasn't "preaching for my money" but for me, because giving is a spiritual experience, but I didn't love to hear him preach on stewardship as I do now.

I don't feel like it is "their" church, but "our" church, for when I put my tithe into my church. I am putting part of my life, spent in earning that money, into my church. My heart is where my treasure is, so I find my heart in my church as never before.

It was no trouble to climb from a one-month tither into a tither-for-life! Now I know I believe the Bible from cover to cover, and I am done with explaining away its obvious commandments and promises.

—Mr. New Tither

### OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

*Sunday, November 7*

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
  - \* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
  - 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
  - 6:00 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill — Children's 5 Department
  - \* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
  - \* 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- Monday, November 8*
- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
  - 7:00 P.M.—Associational Sunday School Meeting, Oakcrest Baptist

*Tuesday, November 9*

- 7:00 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

*Wednesday, November 10*

- \* 5:00 P.M.—Choirs
- \* 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- \* 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's, Ac-teens, RA's, and Joy Group —Sunday School Workers Meeting

*Friday, November 12*

- \* 7:00 P.M.—Edge of Adventure Group 2—Will meet in cellar

*Saturday, November 13*

- 3:00-10:00 P.M.—10th Grade Sunday School Hayride

\*Nursery Provided

