

pledging is an act of faith

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Department Directors Lead The Way

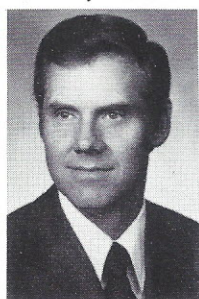


The Sunday School Department Directors mean much to the total life of our church as they lead our Sunday School in outreach and Bible teaching. Shown above are a group of our Directors as they met last Sunday morning to turn in their pledges. We will all follow their fine example and "Take A Step In Faith." This step in faith will mean an increase in our pledge for 1977. Every member of our church will want to be sure that your pledge card is in on or before Pledge Day next Sunday.

Pastor's Paragraphs

VICTORY DAY SUNDAY

Sunday is the day. Next Lord's Day we will join hundreds and hundreds of our



fellow church members in underwriting the church budget for the year 1977.

The ministry of this church extends around the world. Jesus told us to "go into the uttermost parts of the earth" and that's exactly what this church is doing. Thank God for the mission involvement of our church family!

LET ME URGE YOU TO GET YOUR PLEDGE IN EARLY IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN NEXT SUNDAY.

Every family that does not turn in a commitment card will be visited and given an opportunity to participate financially in the life of the church. It would really help if you would get your pledge into the church office on or before next Sunday.

I'm confident that you will do your part. I like what my very good friend, Charles Fuller, said about pledging.

"A pledge is more than a simple promise.

It is an affidavit of faith.

It is an endorsement of trust.

It is to notarize one's intentions.

It is a commitment to hope.

It is a signature of expectancy.

It is to dare one's credibility.

It is to document an inspiration.

It is to predicate an adventure.

It is to confirm a conviction.

It is to announce a projection.

It is to authorize a confidence.

It is to establish a priority.

It is to solidify a belief.

It is to venture one's reliability.

It is a cancellation of indecision.

It is a motivation to tenacity.

It is a disclaimer to the skeptical.

It is a challenge to the unconvinced.

It is a desire put to the test.

It is to erase one's apathy."

When God really comes into a person's heart, it is not difficult to give. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus. We are changed from getters to givers. (Consider the response of the Macedonian Christians. Read II Corinthians 8:1-9)

These lines speak to my heart.

God made the sun — it gives.

God made the moon — it gives.

God made the stars — they give.

God made the air — it gives.

God made the clouds — they give.

God made the earth — it gives.

God made the sea — it gives.

God made the trees — they give.

God made the flowers — they give.

God made the fowl — they give.

God made the beasts — they give.

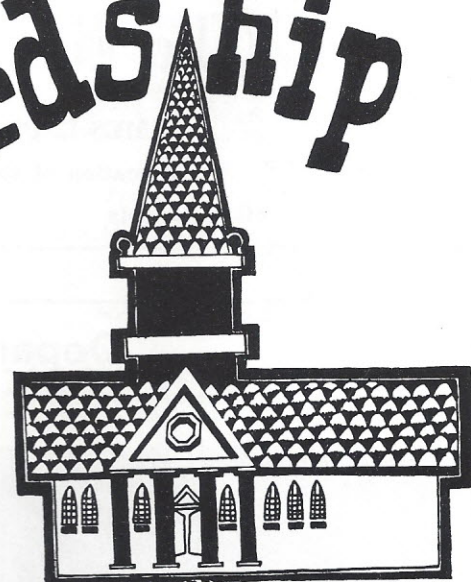
God made man - he _____?

Sunday you will have an opportunity to complete this sentence. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

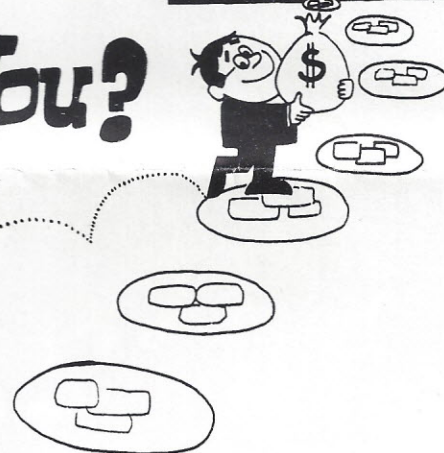
Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

Committed To Stewardship



...are you?



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Nov. 14 — I Peter 2:1-10

Jeremiah 39-41; I Peter 2

Monday, Nov. 15 — I Peter 3:13-22

Jeremiah 42-44; I Peter 3

Tuesday, Nov. 16 — I Peter 4:1-11

Jeremiah 45-48; I Peter 4

Wednesday, Nov. 17 — I Peter 5:1-11

Jeremiah 49-50; I Peter 5

Thursday, Nov. 18 — 2 Peter 1:5-11

Jeremiah 51-52; 2 Peter 1

Friday, Nov. 19 — 2 Peter 2:1-9

Lamentations 1-3; 2 Peter 2

Saturday, Nov. 20 — 2 Peter 3:10-18

Lamentations 4-5; 2 Peter 3

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ina Andrews

901 Bloodworth Lane

Joined our church by Baptism

January 21, 1945

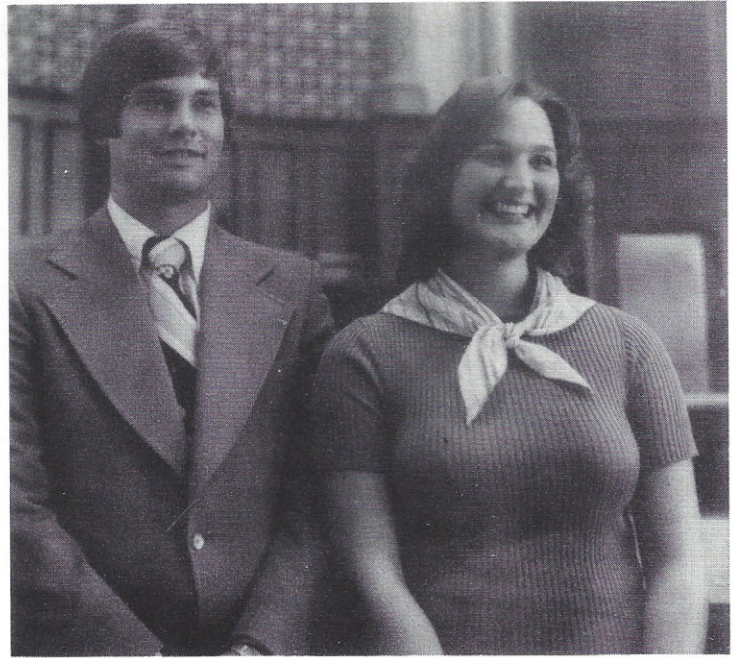
Deceased November 7, 1976

tithing is
God's way of demonstrating
whether you love Him
more than material
things.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Heidi Hurst



Robert Jackson. Also shown: Verna Willis

Also received were: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peters, Carl Causey, and Anne C. Todd.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, November 15

6:00-10:30 P.M.—PCRL Volleyball
Men's League — FBC
6:30 p.m. Ct. No. 1

Tuesday, November 16

PCRA Volleyball League — Ed Horne DIC
Ladies League — 6:00-10:30
FBC-A vs. East Hill Bapt., 6:30 —
Ct. No. 2
FBC-B vs. Ferry Pass Methodist, 6:30—
Ct. No. 1

Wednesday, November 17

11:30- 1:30 P.M.—Men's Noon Exercise
Program
3:30- 4:30 P.M.—Children's & Middle
School Choir Parties
7:30- 9:30 P.M.—Gym Open —
Scott Bell DIC
7:30- 9:30 P.M.—Game Rooms open

Thursday, November 18

Basketball Practice—Bill Hetrick, DIC
9:00- 1:30 P.M.—Senior Adults Recreation
Willie McNeill, DIC

Friday, November 19

6:30-10:15 P.M.—Gym closed to open play
PCRA Volleyball tournament — Come and
watch our teams
7:00- 9:30 P.M.—Game Rooms open.

Saturday, November 20

9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.—PCRA Volleyball
Tournament
7:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.—Church wide Deep
Sea Fishing Rodeo
5:00- 8:00 P.M.—Basketball Practice

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	Pope	34	3	37
2.	Nelson	37	2	39
3.	Kilpatrick	24	5	29
4.	McNeill	27	4	31
5.	Holley	46	4	50
6.	Johnson	28	5	33
Van		7	3	10
.....		203	26	229

Shown Bus Results (2 locations)

Attendance	28
New Riders	3

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.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.
"THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE"
(Ephesians 5:1-20)

7:15 P.M.
"IS HAPPINESS FOUND OR
CREATED?"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. R. L. (Trish) Williams, Mr. A. J.
Butler, Mr. William Foster, Mr. Calvin
Heine

West Florida

Mr. Stanley Lassiter

Medicenter, Mobile

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. H. G. (Catherine) Gray, Mrs. Roger
(Annie Lee) Yonker, Mr. Robert H.
Wilson, Miss Annie Averett, Mr. Thomas
L. Andrews

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Bob Askew in the death of his
Father.
Mrs. A. R. W. Stoesen in the death of
her husband.
Mr. Wilton Andrews in the death of his
Mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hamrick on the birth
of a baby boy, Jacob Leslie, November
2 in New Orleans. Proud paternal
Grandmother is Mrs. Frances Hamrick.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Raymond Steele in the death of her
brother.
Mr. Clarence Dannelly in the death of his
sister.

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All material to be included in the Builder
 should be in the office, preferably in writ-
 ing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study1397
 Main Sunday School1369
 Crippled Children's Home 28
 The Church in Training772
 Christian Training Hour 173
 Other Training Activities 599
 Coming for Membership5
 Baptized2
 Tithes and Offerings:
 Budget\$15,700.64
 Specials 4,716.43
TOTAL OFFERING\$20,417.07

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 7, 1976

BY LETTER:

26. Mr. Rich Anders, 1100 Scenic Hwy.
 From: Heritage Baptist, Annapolis, Md.
27. Mrs. Rich Anders (Sheree),
 1100 Scenic Hwy.
28. Mrs. Kate Conners, 500 Fitzgerald St.
 From: Circle Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.
29. Miss Joy Polk, 3513 Geeker St.
 From: Olive Baptist, Pensacola, Fl.

FOR BAPTISM

FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

7. Mr. Melvin Alford, Jr., 1313 Heinrich
- BAPTISED:**
 Carl Causey, Heidi Hurst

there's
JOY in
 titling

The joy of obeying God's
 command.
 The joy of honoring God with
 material things.
 The joy of sharing God's love
 with others.
 The joy of seeing God's work
 prosper.

MENU

November 17, 1976
 Spaghetti with
 Homemade Meat Sauce
 Cabbage, Carrot and
 Apple Salad
 French Roll & Butter
 Dessert
 Tea Coffee



OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 14

- * 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
 Business Meeting

Monday, November 15

- * 9:15 A.M.—Nursery for Young Mothers
 to help get Banquet Ready
- 7:00 P.M.—Football Banquet —
 Municipal Auditorium

Tuesday, November 16

- 11:00 A.M.—Laura Stoesen Round Table—
 Mrs. George Markham, 3811
 Idlewood Dr.

Wednesday, November 17

- * 5:00 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:10 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 6:25 P.M.—Mission Friends, GA's Ac-
 teens, RA's and Joy Group
 —Bible Study and Prayer
 —Visitation
- * 7:15 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 18

- 12:00 Noon—Faithful Workers Class Meet-
 ing and Covered Dish Lunch-
 eon, Mrs. H. S. Johnson,
 1701 E. Hernandez

Friday, November 19

- 3:30 P.M. to 4:50—Children's Choir Party

Saturday, November 20

- 6:00 P.M.—Bus Workers Thanksgiving
 Party (Cellar)

**affirmed
 by God**

"The earth is the Lord's"
 Psalm 24:1. The principle of
 stewardship is founded on God's
 ownership of all things.
 "Thou shalt surely tithe"
 Deut. 14:22.

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