

# 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)

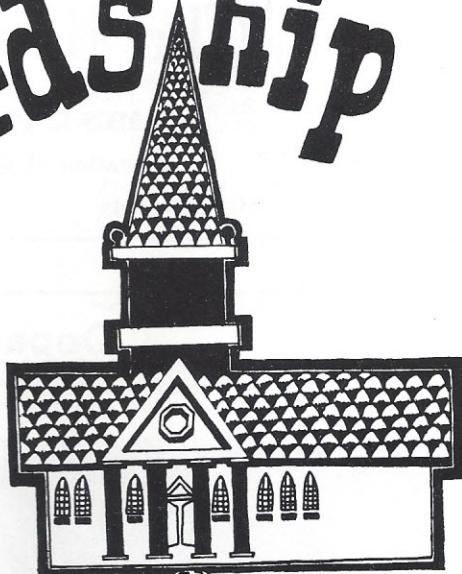
These lines speak to my heart.  
God made the sun — it gives.  
God made the moon — it gives.  
God made the stars — they give.  
God made the air — it gives.  
God made the clouds — they give.  
God made the earth — it gives.  
God made the sea — it gives.  
God made the trees — they give.  
God made 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.

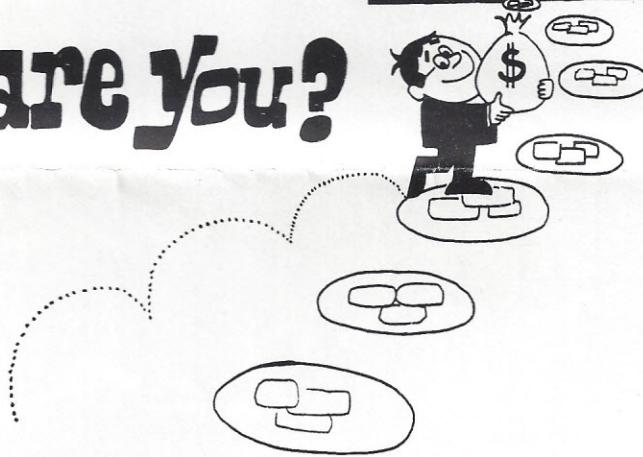
Faithfully your pastor,

*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

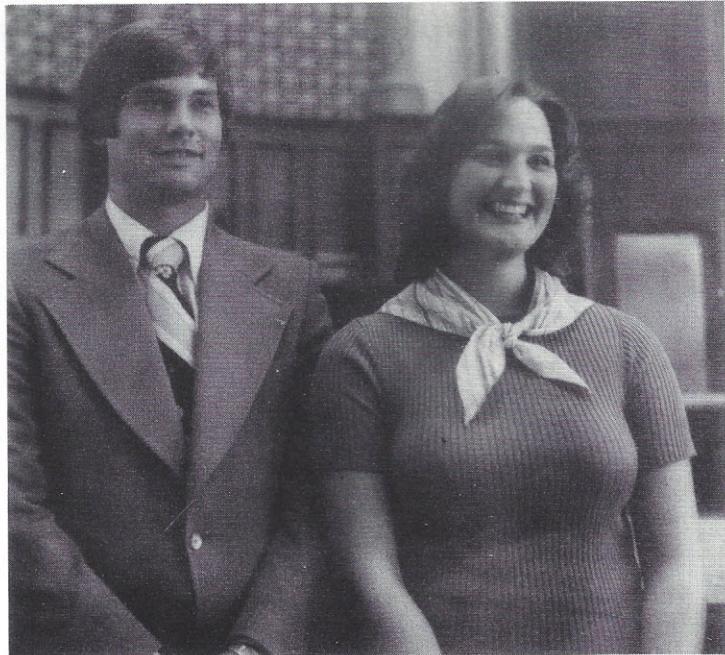
Deceased November 7, 1976

**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  
Willa 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

<i>Bus No.</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Riders</i>	<i>Workers</i>	<i>Total</i>
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)*

<i>Attendance</i>	28
<i>New Riders</i>	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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 Mrs. Lorraine Puley, 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	1397
Main Sunday School	1369
Crippled Children's Home	28
The Church in Training	772
Christian Training Hour	173
Other Training Activities	599
Coming for Membership	5
Baptized	2
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

## 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

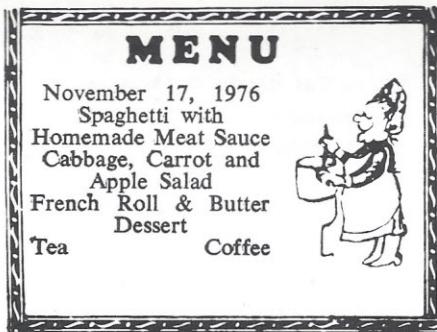
### Thursday, November 18

- 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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