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SUNDAY TO BE CONGREGATION'S FIRST PLEDGE DAY

If Every Member TITHED!

If every member of our church was at least a tither, the income of our church for use throughout the world would quadruple. It seems almost unbelievable doesn't it, that the average member of our church only returns 2½% of his income to the Lord. If every member returned at least 10%, First Baptist Church would be able to add a new sanctuary and quickly pay for it. The church would be able to send twice as much as it now does through the Cooperative Program to missions around the world.

The pastor would never have to preach on stewardship; the church bulletin would never have to carry articles on tithing; the church would never have to have an intensive stewardship emphasis, if every member of our church accepted the challenge of Christ and of the New Testament to practice Christian stewardship. This year we offer you another opportunity to decide in favor of accepting the Bible and its teachings in regard to the use of possessions. Truly this is the year to "Step Forward In Faith."

**Just suppose
everybody
TITHED**

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH EMPHASIS WELL UNDER WAY

This year First Baptist Church will observe three dedication days instead of one. In past years we have observed only one day on which every member of the church and Sunday School returned his dedication card.

Sunday, January 15, is PLEDGE DAY. On this day we will expect those who usually respond quickly to the call of faithfulness in their church to turn in their signed pledge cards along with their families.

Sunday, January 22, is LOYALTY DAY. This year we are hoping to enlist every member of our church to become loyal to Christ and His church in 1967. Many of these will never have been regular contributors before this year.

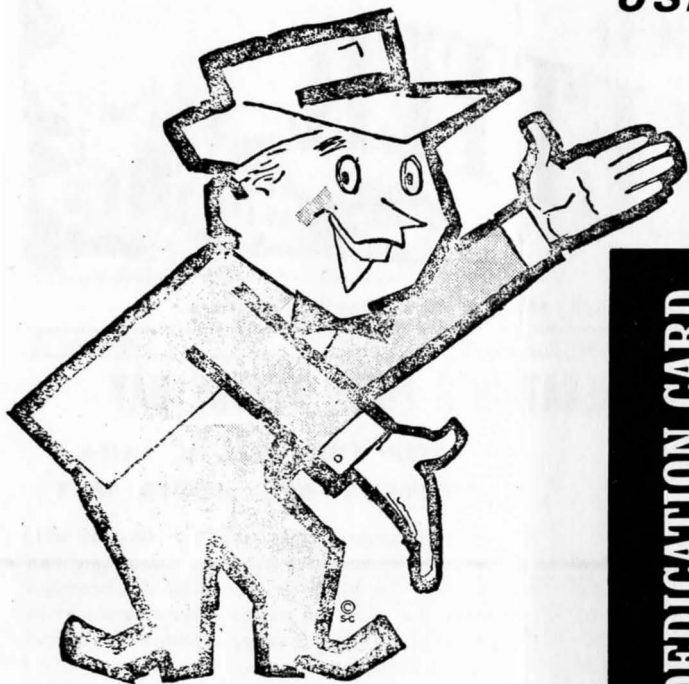
Sunday, January 29, is VICTORY DAY. This is the day we hope all those who have not stepped forward to pledge will do so because of their faith in Jesus Christ and because of His command for all of us to be found faithful. Your pledge is a sign of loyalty to your church.

Whether or not you truly belong to the congregation of First Baptist Church will be demonstrated in your stewardship.

Pledge Your Support Now!

ARE YOU A TITHER?

**USE THE DEDICATION
AND
STEP FORWARD
FAITH!**



DEDICATION CARD

Ch. Mbr.? _____ S.S. Mbr.? _____ C. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dept.: _____

Class: _____

☐ I AM NOW A TITHER. I WILL GIVE
MINIMUM TO _____ %

☐ TO DEMONSTRATE MY FAITH, I WILL GIVE _____

☐ ALTHOUGH I AM NOT YET A TITHER, I WILL GIVE
AMOUNT FOR THE COMING YEAR _____

I ESTIMATE MY GIFTS TO AVERAGE \$ _____

Signed _____

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

1. Fill in all blanks at the top of the card for office use and information purposes.
2. Check one of the three boxes in the middle of the dedication card. (A tithe means resources being contributed to the church.)
3. Everyone should estimate their gifts per week and put it down on the card.
4. Lastly, sign your dedication card and bring it to the church as soon as possible, if you wish to the church office.

"A pledge is a promise, not a demand! You may add to or cancel your pledge at any time by calling the church office. A pledge is a desire to be willing to do something for your Lord. Look at the giving record of our church last year is discouraging and encouraging at the same time. It is discouraging because so many adults and young people gave no more than one dollar for the Lord's work through our church. Many gave far less. It is encouraging in that a large number of people increased their gifts during the past year. We are praying that because of our emphasis in Faith' emphasis this year, all our members will become more faithful in their gifts and possessions."

The Pastor

**tithe
now!**

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

"DO I HAVE TO PLEDGE?"

Pledging each year is a voluntary action on the part of each member of First Baptist. The church has to set up a budget so that monies can be disbursed correctly and promptly. There are weekly and monthly bills that must be paid. There are decisions to be made such as how much we should promise the Cooperative Program and other missionary endeavors? How much should we count on being put in the building fund? Without your pledge, we are guessing in the dark. Well, what do you think? Should you pledge this year and help us?

"Does My Family Have To Pledge Separately?"

Like the answer above, pledging is voluntary. However, in some cases it may be best for a husband and wife to pledge jointly, especially if the wife is not employed outside the home. Both adults being employed should call for two pledge cards, otherwise you will not be fair to your own selves or God in what you give.

Children present a different challenge. If a person is to learn that he should tithe, it is best to begin this education young. Teach the child why he should give 10% by the Bible's standards, and then require him to tithe his allowance or other earned money. The reasons most adults give for not being able to tithe stem from a lack of parental guidance and education. Do you agree? Children will learn to do what their parents do, usually! Where are you leading your children?

"I'M GONNA GIVE WHAT I GAVE LAST YEAR."

Stop and think about this if you are giving less than a tithe?

You are saying your salary should increase yearly, but your church staff salaries should not. Your household expenses will go up, but your church's will not. You are expecting your church to do what you would not even be able to do. You are watching and expecting everything else to progress, but not your church. You are casting a vote of "stand-still" for your church and its work.

If you usually contribute more than a tithe, you may have some valid reasons for a stand-still this year. If you are receiving no more salary than you did last year, you may have a point. But these are not usually the cases of the one who makes such a statement.

I wonder if God would approve of our making such a statement? Think about it!

ARE YOU USING 1967 (GREEN) CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES?

Please help your staff by using the proper contribution envelopes. If you need new envelopes, a phone call to your church will get them for you. We ask you to use the number assigned to you in order that the secretaries can give con-

ON CARD

RD IN

Card No. _____
Phone: _____
ALL STEP UP FROM GOD'S
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GIVE A DEFINITE
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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

COVERED DISH SUPPER 6:00 P.M.

WHAT TO BRING: NURSERY -- Vegetables; BEGINNER AND PRIMARY -- Salads; JUNIOR -- Tables and Coffee; JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH -- Sandwiches and Bread; ADULT I AND ADULT II -- Meat; ADULT III - Dessert.

THE JANUARY 22 STEWARDSHIP LESSON WILL BE TAUGHT TO ALL JUNIOR THROUGH ADULT TEACHERS. PLEASE PLAN TO BE PRESENT!

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

January 8, 1967

Tithes and Offerings-----	\$3,099.19
Designated Funds-----	\$448.00
Kindergarten-----	\$443.00
Building Fund Memorials-----	\$5.00
Library Memorials-----	\$20.00
Lottie Moon Offering-----	\$6.00
Total Offering-----	\$3,573.19

TAKE SPECIAL NOTE PLEASE

The 1966 Honor Roll will be printed in next weeks Newsletter. If you have not paid your 1966 pledge, now is the time to do so. Please indicate on your envelope that it is for 1966, and please use a 1966 envelope.



Sunday, January 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Training Union

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers' Conference
6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
7:15 p.m. Bible Study in Amos
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, January 19

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: The Sunbeams will meet the second and third Wednesday nights of each month instead of the second and fourth.

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Miss Janie Hensley

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. W. E. Burrus in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Etta Simmons Burrus of Rockford.

Our Sympathy goes out also to Mrs. Marvin Driskill in the passing of her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Stacey of Grundy, Virginia.

We express our Sympathy also to Mrs. W. M. Johnson in the passing of her niece, Mrs. Grace Martin Guthrie, Grundy, Virginia.