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SUNDAY—February 5—"THE HOUR OF DECISION"

CHURCH TO VOTE ON LETTING A CONTRACT FOR NEW SANCTUARY

Hours, days, and months of preparation will be digested this Sunday morning during the eleven o'clock worship hour as our membership hears a final presentation from our Building Committee. On January 23, the church Finance Committee approved a figure of \$500,000 for a new Sanctuary and furnishings, a new pipe organ, a relocation of church library and offices, and the paving of all parking areas. Since that evening, Chairman Beamer and his committee, have worked with our architect and possible contractor to lower prices where possible and reconfirm all the others. Chairman Beamer and the Pastor feel that this Sunday, February 5, will be an exciting day for everyone who gathers for the morning worship service to consider the future of First Baptist. The proposals will clearly be explained with ample opportunity given for individual questions or clarifications. We encourage you to be present and to take part in this history making service. After a few moments of congregational worship, we shall go immediately to the challenge at hand. See you Sunday!

LAND IS CONTRIBUTED TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

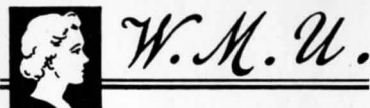
Just a few days ago, the chairman of our church trustees and the pastor were presented with the deed to a piece of property across the street from our church and just south of the dry bridge. This property is approximately 95 feet by 300 feet deep and will make an excellent parking area when the church votes to use it as such. This property fronts Main St. and presently has a two story house on it.

This property was a joint gift from Mr. Floyd S. Pike and Mr. Henry B. Rowe of our congregation. We are deeply grateful and indebted to these two families for their genuine faithfulness and interest in First Baptist Church.

This transaction may well be the key to First Baptist's future, for without this additional property we could not provide enough parking areas in order to obtain a building permit for a new Sanctuary building. Let us thank God that in His providence and wisdom, and through the business venture of these two men, we are one step closer to our new Sanctuary.

Won't you, of our membership, take the time to thank these two men for their generosity? May God impress us too, with a greater faithfulness and dedicated concern for our church and its purpose in this community.

CHAIRMAN BELTON MAKES PLEA TO MEMBERSHIP



Finance Committee Chairman, E. C. Belton, Jr., said this week that he would like for every member of First Baptist to return a pledge card with "something" on it to indicate what they plan to do for the church in 1967, financially. Even if the card was returned with a note that said, "I will be unable to make a definite pledge this year because-----." "The work of the Stewardship Canvass Committee would be a lot easier," he said, "and less embarrassing for some members of our congregation."

The hardest thing to understand is that many of our delinquent pledgers are those who hold leadership positions in our church. Then there's the group of members who have slowly drifted away from the church and its work in the community over the past months.

First Baptist faces the greatest challenge it has known for almost fifteen years; the last time it knew any debt at all. As we stand on the threshold of a new building and expansion program, we hope that many of our inactive members will pledge their support anew this year and take a meaningful part in this great endeavor of God's people in Mount Airy. Won't you lend a hand and take a part?



SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

This week we remember in our prayers and in our thoughts:

Samuel A. Wall
348½ South Market Street
Paxton, Illinois 60957

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 538

Boy Scout Troop 538 of our church spent last week-end on a camping trip near Lowgap. A total of twenty-three boys and five leaders were able to go. It was reported that the weather was pretty cold but everyone had a

The W. M. U. GENERAL MEETING will be Tuesday morning, February 7th at 10:00 o'clock. The Lovina Paulette Circle will be in charge of the program.

THE MARTHA A. FINCH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 P. M. with Miss Sarah Finch on Cherry Street.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"It's miraculous the way churches have escaped inflation! Our pledge hasn't changed one bit in twenty years!"

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

January 29, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,551.79
Designated Funds-----	\$121.00
Kindergarten-----	\$121.00
Lottie Moon Offering-----	\$4.14
Mission, Winnemucca, Nev.-----	\$50.00
Total Offering-----	\$1,726.93

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Sunday, February 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 6

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 7

10:00 a.m. W.M.U. General Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Sunbeams
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:15 p.m. Bible Study in Amos
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Banquet

NOTES OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. I.R. Edwards, parents of Joe Edwards, recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Edwards is a member of First Baptist.

Twin sons have been born to Rev. and Mrs. Harry M. Ferguson in Florida. These become great grandchildren of the Roger Inman Sr.'s and great great grandchildren of First Baptist's oldest member, Mrs. S. M. Inman.

Miss Jennie Lawing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawing, was baptized into the membership of First Baptist on Sunday, January 29.

The N. C. Evangelism Conference will meet at the War Memorial Coliseum in Greensboro, February 6--8. The pastor plans to attend.

The World Day of Prayer will be held at Central Methodist Church Friday, February 10th at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Hugh Holcomb, Sr. will show slides and talk about her tour of Africa.

A LINE THAT MEANS
A LOT TO HIM



Remember your Service Man of The Week in your prayers and With a Letter From Home!

"STUDIES IN AMOS"

Next Wednesday evening, February 8, will be the last opportunity for our people to study the Book of Amos. The five-week study will end after this session.

You are invited and encouraged to make this opportunity for Bible study a part of your week. You will be glad you did because the great benefit will be yours.

Wednesday - February 8
7:15 P. M. - Fellowship Hall
A Nursery is provided!

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Ben Brannock in the passing of her father, Mr. Arthur Beasley on Friday, January 27.

Our Christian Sympathy also to Mr. Louis P. Bianco in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Maria Bianco on February 1st.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. H. E. Money
January 27, 1967

Especially For Our Youth

"Fast Way Nowhere"

A 63 minute motion picture in color will be presented to all Jr. High and Sr. High Youth this Sunday night in Fellowship Hall at First Baptist. You are invited to bring a friend or a date if you wish to enjoy this time of fellowship and challenge. A special attraction will be the serving of "pizza" to those attending. Be sure to be present at 6:00 P. M. sharp, so you won't be left out.

Here is what one person says about this film. "Fast Way Nowhere uncovers the teenage world of deceit with stunning truth. From the spinning wheels of motor bikes in a daring, near disastrous race of initiation to tragic death at the hands of party crashers, this dramatic new film tells the story of the short circuited morality of the lively ones."

See you Sunday night for an exciting adventure.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Eugene Smith

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. E. J. Loftis, Jr.

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mr. Max Davis

AT HOME

Mrs. A. G. Webb

Miss Janie Hensley

DIACONATE ELECTS 1967 OFFICERS

In January, the Diaconate of First Baptist elected the following persons to serve as their officers for 1967:

Chairman - H. M. Finch

Vice-Chairman - Locke Webb

Secretary - Miss Betty Lovill

Treasurer - Bernie Vaughn

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift has been given to the J. S. BRAY FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND by Mr. and

Why Don't More Members Support Their Church With Their Finances?



"I'm too busy now."—Then you are far too busy. If you are too busy to listen to God's stewardship message you're probably too busy to pray, to read from the Scriptures, and to worship in his house. Oh! excuse me. Could it be that you meant to say "too lazy." I just misunderstood.



"I don't know how much I make."—If you really don't know, then estimate it. Would it be an amount somewhere between what you tell your friends and what you tell your wife? The Lord will help you decide if you ask. Give what you and the Lord agree on.



"I don't have enough."—Neither did the disciples who gave their lives, nor the women who ministered to Jesus, or the widow who gave her mite. No one of us really has enough to give but we can give the minimum and pray that the Lord will give us the faith to do more.



"I don't like the way the church spends its money."—You don't! Why don't you do something about it? As a church member you can, and you will if and when you bear your share of the load. The spare tire shouldn't gripe about the heavy load, the rough road, or the destination.

PLEDGE! WHO, ME? Sure you. Why won't you pledge to support YOUR church in 1967? Why haven't you already decided to dedicate a portion of your possessions to God? Think about it!

AS GOD HAS PROSPERED

How to measure your pledge