



# MBBC ADOPTS RECORD BUDGET

## PASTOR'S CORNER



At our quarterly business meeting the Finance Committee presented AND the church adopted a record budget of \$275,080.00. Some new things have been added to the budget and a notable item has been dropped . . .

BUDGET PROMOTION was deleted from this year's budget. It was a part of last year's budget but never used. Nothing gives me greater delight than to see this item dumped on the junk heap of man's futile efforts to produce the symptoms of a Spirit-Filled Church without a Spirit-Filling in the church.

We will meet this budget the same way we met last year's (which, incidentally, was the best in our history) — through BELIEVING PRAYER. And when we don't meet it, it will be because we don't need it. God has promised to supply ALL our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. WHAT WE DO NOT RECEIVE, WE DO NOT REQUIRE. A NOTE FROM BOBBY BRITT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Praise the Lord! I thank Him for His love to me expressed through you during our week of revival. You are such gracious people. You provided the very best as to meals, lodging, transportation and fellowship. Thank you.

A special thanks for the generous investment you shared in this ministry. Offerings like yours make it possible to go to much smaller churches. I will seek His leadership in its use.

I know God's greatest days are before you as you follow the leadership of your godly pastor and staff.

Continue to pray for this ministry.

Yours in Christ,  
Bro. Bobby

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE TAPE MINISTRY

God has blessed this ministry beyond anything we ever imagined. Last month we sent out over 200 tapes! This past week we received a letter from a family in Saudi Arabia telling how much the tapes mean to them there. Rarely does a day go by that we don't receive word of how God has used a tape to meet a spiritual need. God is expanding the ministry of MBBC in this way and we praise Him for it. Continue to pray that by means of these tapes "THE LORD'S MESSAGE WILL SPREAD RAPIDLY AND TRIUMPH WHEREVER IT GOES . . ." (II Thess. 3:1 Living Bible).

Ronald Dunn

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#### \* AGENCY GIVES LOAN

NEW YORK — The Presbyterian Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) has granted a \$500,000 loan to the Cherokee Boys' Club of North Carolina. This is the largest transaction in PEDCO's four-year history. The Boys' Club is an Indian reservation enterprise which operates by services, restaurants, painting and construction business, and several handicraft factories and stores catering to the tourist trade.

#### \* 15,000 ATTEND SERVICE

TAIZE, France — Fifteen thousand young people from many countries attended Easter Sunday services at Taize, the famed French ecumenical community here.

- (Letter)
- 138. Don Gardner, Yg. Ad. — College 3041 W. Pentagon Pkwy No. 1040, 331-5597
  - 139. Mrs. Mary B. Harred, S. A. (D. — Shanks)
  - 140. Bryan Harred, 5th grade 308 Clark, 254-3795
  - 141. Julie Harred, 3rd grade
  - 142. J. Harold (Hal) Johnson, Med. Ad. 1 — Holt
  - 143. Mrs. J. Harold (Connie) Johnson, Med. Ad. 1 — Calvert (D. Vestal) 2438 Finley, No. 328
  - 144. James C. Pridmore, Yg. Ad. — Jines (D. Gardner)
  - 145. Mrs. James (Kathy) Pridmore, Yg. Ad. — Anderson
  - 146. Charles Piwetz, Med. Ad. 1 — Holt 1409 Tripoli, 262-4912 (Baptism)
  - 102. Larry Gerath, 3rd Grade (D. Nanson) 2632 Squire, 255-9151
  - 103. Joseph Goble, S. A. 713 San Grande, Grand Prairie
  - 104. Marvin Hudson, S. A. Co B 227th AVN BN, Fort Hood, Texas
  - 105. Mrs. Charles (Sharon) Piwetz, Yg. Adult — Taylor 1409 Tripoli, 262-4912
  - 106. Mrs. Bobby (Donna) Stephens, Med. Ad. 1 — Calvert 776 Merrill No. 277, Duncanville, 298-6881
  - 107. Tommy Tucker, 3rd Grade (D. Haddock) 1730 Glenwick, 259-3427



Mr. and Mrs. Hal (Connie) Johnson, Joseph Goble and Mrs. Bobby (Donna) Stephens



Don Gardner and Marvin Hudson

Thank you so much for your expressions of love during my time of sorrow. I only wish I could thank each of you personally.  
Mrs. Monte Vinson

## A WORD FROM WARD

Well Praise the Lord for letting us go to the Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts. Of course, the true test of such a conference is changed lives not changed vocabularies. I encourage you to watch those who attended the Institute. If there is a change in their life . . . ask them what made the difference.

FALLS CREEK/EXPLOR '72 — Here are some facts about these events.

FALLS CREEK: (1) Date: June 12-17, (2) Cost: \$20.00 total, (3) Age: You must be a 7th grader THIS school year, (4) Registration: You may sign up with Bob Tayne or me. \$5.00 will hold you a place.

EXPLOR: (1) Dates: June 12-17, (2) Cost: \$20.00 total, (3) Age: You must be a 10th grader THIS school year, (4) Registration: You may sign up with Bob Tayne or me \$5.00 will hold you a place. ADULTS MAY ATTEND EXPLOR.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT — April 29 — for all high school students — at church — concerning Christian decision making.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES — The Youth Committee has planned several activities for you '72 grads. Sunday morning, May 28, you will have a senior breakfast at the Nelson McKinneys' home. You will be recognized in the morning service. On Monday, June 5, we will leave for Colorado Springs for our Senior Trip. You Seniors are special to us.

### AUGUST INSTITUTE IN BASIC YOUTH CONFLICTS

I am taking names of those who are interested in attending the Institute, August 7-12.

If you are willing to provide housing for Explor '72 delegates, please contact me immediately

Ward Walker



BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. led by our pastor.



All men and youth who are planning to play softball are reminded that practices are scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at 2:30 and April 29 at 8:30 p.m. Both are at Fritz Park. League play begins the first week in May; we must get you on the roster by then if you plan to play.

After a couple of weeks on inactivity, the gym is back in full use. Come try out the new floor — it's great! Schedules are available in the gym.

Once again the masses from the surrounding neighborhood are back in the gym, too. We share it with them, but at times it seems like they're sharing it with us. The more witnesses for Jesus that use it, the more effective the recreation ministry will be. I know of two boys who come to our gym to witness, who attend another church. Like Falstaff says, we're all in this together, but if would seem strange indeed if another church was deriving more evangelistic benefit from the gym than the church that owns it. If you can't be there, support us in prayer. The building has served us well as a worship center, but we're not deriving maximum benefit from it if the recreation ministry and worship ministry both are not operating at the 100% level. Think about these things, O. K.?

Rick Smith

## VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance — 816  
Budget Offering — \$5,136.62  
TOTAL OFFERING — \$5,228.07



### Say It With MUSIC

THE REVIVAL HAS BEGUN AT F.B.C., FARMINGTON, N. M. God blessed in so many ways during the week with people getting right with Him and with each other. The very personality of the church has begun to change because many members have been changed. We must put this church and pastor Charles Pollard on our prayer list and remember them often.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE GONE in the revival. God blessed my life in many ways. One, I have learned more about prayer in my life; two, I have begun to broaden my circle of prayer interest beyond myself, my church and my family; three, to be confident in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring about His will in my life and my responsibilities; and four, a greater appreciation than ever of my church and the preaching and leadership of our pastor.

I APPRECIATE THE BLESSING OF HAVING WARD WALKER available to lead music and direct the rehearsals in my absence. Praise the Lord!

Jimell Badry



Mr. and Mrs. James (Kathy) Pridmore, Tommy Tucker and Larry Gerath



Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Sharon) Piwetz, Laura and Melinda

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#### \* DR. PEALE SPEAKS

CHATTANOOGA — Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, noted clergyman and author, has urged that anti-drug action be focused more on the sellers of drugs than the users. Referring to drug pushers as "cynical, evil human beings," he said, "These people don't use drugs themselves. They would not think of it, for they know the consequences. But they prosper by pushing drugs into the bloodstream of our American youth."

## In The Likeness Of Him

In the opinion of many, Michelangelo was the greatest sculptor who ever lived, and certainly if he was not, he has had few equals. Someone is supposed to have asked him once how he executed the monumental "Moses," one of the wonders of the art world to this day.

"It was easy," Michelangelo reputedly said. "I just chipped away everything that did not look like Moses."

We smile a bit at this legend, if so it is, but there is a truth here that the Christian can live by. To be what Paul held was the ideal Christian, we must let Christ live in us. This means chipping away everything in our lives that is not like Christ. This is not necessarily an easy process, some preachers notwithstanding. The chipping sometimes hurts, and hurts badly. But there is encouragement for us in this process, for the more we chip the less the pain attendant upon the surgery.

For this reason it may be that we will drop off certain practices that cannot be condemned out of hand or with a "Thou shalt not" to refer to. We will, as we are led by the love of Christ and the guidance of His Holy Spirit, be conscious that this or that practice is not helping us to become Christlike. And so we drop it and are blessed.

An earnest Christian, discussing his reading, remarked that he had quit subscribing to a current magazine of a secular nature. He remarked that he did not consider it a sin to read the magazine he had dropped, but that he had come to the conclusion that reading it did not give him as much time for reading spiritual things as he thought he ought to have. He did not go about crusading against what he had quit doing; he just wanted to chip away the unChristlike elements from his life. Not a bad philosophy to live by. — Still Waters.

### A visit to a modern

## Calvary

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Boys of Belfast

The grim reality of life in Northern Ireland's capital is reflected in the faces of two boys. A recruiting message for the Irish Republican Army is painted on the wall behind them.