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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii 32.

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## THE CHURCH BUDGET

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Dr. Gaston, Members of the Workers' Conference, and Friends:

The subject of "Church Budget" is next in importance only to evangelism. Excepting winning the soul to Christ there is nothing that has more to do with the building of Christian character and the forming of proper ideals than a right view of the Church budget.

To get the right view of the Church budget there are a few essential questions one should understand thoroughly and settle for himself by the light of the Scriptures.

### I. Why the Budget?

The budget is necessary for the church for the same reason that it is necessary in any well ordered business establishment or well ordered home. The financial problems are insistent in the church as in any other enterprise—perhaps even more perplexing. Church finance must be faced and dealt with either successfully or unsuccessfully.

1. The budget, then, is necessary because it is the only businesslike method of dealing with Church finances. There is an old idea among business men unfavorable to the church because they were forced to admit that it was a very difficult task to collect a church debt. "Not slothful in business" is enjoined on the church with as much emphasis as being "fervent in spirit serving the Lord."

2. A well planned budget presents to the members definite objectives. When the people know what they are working to they work with much more enthusiasm. There is more co-operation and consequently better results.

3. It does away with the guess-work manner of estimating and collecting moneys. This haphazard, guess-work manner is responsible for much of the trouble experienced in church work in the past, which a faithful, well worked-out budget system will entirely eliminate or reduce to a minimum.

### II. What Should Be Included in the Budget?

The next question that is likely to come to the inquiring mind is: What should be included in the budget? The budget of the progressive church includes every item of expense calculated to be met during the ensuing year, with a reasonable allowance margin for incidental demands not possible to definitely arrange for in the budget. These items may differ slightly in different churches, but for the most of the churches in our group the budget as a whole could be worked out under the following heads: 1. Salaries. 2. Upkeep or Maintenance. 3. Operating expenses. 4. Benevolences. 5. General Assembly. 6. Miscellaneous.

Under the head of salaries would come the pastor, janitor, the organist and the financial secretary. The last named salary worker is seldom found in our churches, yet I am strongly of the opinion that where a financial secretary is paid for a few hours' work each month in checking envelopes and recording receipts and disbursements the results will more than pay the cost. Under the head of upkeep we would place the fuel, light, water, insurance, installments, interests, Pension Plan payments. Operating expense would include: church envelopes, printing, postage, advertising, evangelistic services. Benevolences would include the estimated local benevolences and the adopted benevolence quota as handed down by the Presbytery. The General Assembly's budget is understood. Any other expenses would come under

the head of miscellaneous.

### III. Arranging the Budget

There are three different methods being practiced in arranging the items in the budget. Each arrangement is made with respect to the intended method of collecting. The single budget system is used by those churches that combine all items of expense under one head. They use the single envelope for collecting and the officers apportion the funds out as they think best. Then there is the two budget system. In this system there is a budget that includes all local expenses and a separate budget for missions and benevolences. The method of collecting is the duplex or double envelope system. The members pay their benevolent pledges in the red-print pocket and their local pledge in the black-print pocket. In some churches the blackprint pocket collection goes to pastor's salary and the basket or loose collection goes for other expenses. The third is the three budget system where there is a separate budget for pastor's salary, a second budget for other local expenses and a third for benevolences. Members are asked to subscribe to each of the three budgets and a three-pocket envelope is used for collection. Either one of the three methods is better than the guess-work, unbusinesslike method formerly used in most of our churches, but the second method where the budget is divided into two parts and collected by the double envelope system is the simplest and is being used by most of the progressive churches.

### IV. Who Should Prepare the Budget?

With this systematic arrangement of the budget the next question which naturally comes is, who will prepare the budget? Of course, it is impossible for the pastor to stay out of this part of the work completely but we think it would be a mistake for him to arrange the budget even though his official staff is more or less incompetent. It would not be best for the Deacon Board to arrange it although the Session may approve of their recommendation. Because of the great importance of the budget, because it must reach the people as an accurate review of their financial obligation, the budget committee must report its findings to the entire official board—Elders, Deacons and Trustees. They should go over it and approve it before it goes before the people.

### V. Raising the Budget

The grand finale in this drama of finance is raising the budget.

A budget planned reflects spiritual awakening.

A budget adopted reflects hope and determination.

A budget raised increases faith and inspires self-respect.

Raising the budget seems to be a bigger task than preparing it, but where it is taken up in the right way there is every reason why we should not fail.

The Every-Member Plan as outlined by the General Council's Committee on Program and Field Activities is so far the best method for raising funds. It is not failure proof but wherever faithfully carried out improvement in financial conditions can easily be seen.

A successful canvas for subscriptions requires that the people be instructed by sermons, Stewardship Study classes, Mission Study classes and the printed material which comes to all of us almost too often.

It is important that care be

taken in the selection of the persons who are to go out and canvas. None but the most loyal and faithful should be entrusted with so great a responsibility. A prayer and consecration service for canvassers, a magnifying of the solemn significance of the responsibility of the canvassers should help spiritually in preparing the church for giving pledges.

Finally, let us remember that organizing and arranging the machinery means nothing until it be charged with power from on high. For truly Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Through the divine power working in us we are enabled to show men that subscribing to the church budget is an expression of love for Him who gave His life for us. Through it we help in carrying the gospel message to the millions in ignorance in other lands. We answer the cry of the poor and needy, assist in the building of churches, schools, hospitals; support and encourage those ministering servants whose lives are devoted entirely to the saving of souls.

## HARBISON INSTITUTE NEWS

The students are hard at work in the afternoon on the new base ball field, trying to get it in shape for the season. This large tract of land has just been given to the students by the President. The work is under the supervision of Prof. Roy-Cunningham.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Gaston spent a few hours on the campus a few days ago. Dr. Gaston made a strong address before the faculty and student body. This address will long be remembered by all present. He left Harbison with a fine impression of our new President. We hope Dr. and Mrs. Gaston will soon come again.

President and Mrs. J. G. Porter, Prof. and Mrs. R. W. Boulware and son Ralph, Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Murray and Prof. J. M. Jones attended the Workers' Conference in Charlotte last month.

The Zone meeting of McClelland Presbytery was held at Harbison, February 17th. This meeting was a success. Mrs. M. M. Jones, President of Atlantic Synodical, introduced Miss Fillmore Ewing, Secretary of the Southern District of the work of women of the Board of National Missions. Miss Ewing in her usual way made a fine address and we know that this district will be helped because of her visit. President Porter, Chairman of the district, made a strong appeal to the churches represented to raise their full benevolence quotas in spite of the financial depression.

Dr. J. D. Martin, President of Brainerd Institute, made a helpful talk. We also had with us Mrs. J. D. Martin, Dr. I. P. Pogue, of Sumter, S. C., Mrs. Hannah Smith and Mrs. Irene Eichelberger, of Newberry, S. C.

The Harbison Quartette gave a concert in Newberry last Friday night, February 27. The young men, along with Mrs. R. W. Boulware and Miss Jennie Young, made a fine impression. This concert was for Calvary Presbyterian church, of which Rev. D. Talmage Murray is pastor.

The Parochial School gave a concert last Friday evening, February 27, in the College Chapel. The training of the boys and girls showed a remarkable degree of hard work accomplished by the well trained teachers.

Dr. A. B. McCoy, Sabbath School Missionary, addressed the faculty and student body Monday morning, February 23, during the chapel hour. He organized a group of Sabbath school workers for the summer.

REPORTER.

## REV. ABRAHAM KENDRICK

The Rev. Abraham Kendrick, pastor of Mizpah Presbyterian church, South Boston, Va., passed to the great beyond on Monday, February 23, 1931, at 3:30 P. M., at his home, 316 Terry Street. He was born in Sullivan County, near Bristol, Tenn., on October 11, 1875. He was 56 years of age. Rev. Kendrick spent his early years in Bristol, Tenn., where he attended public school. At 17 he entered Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., from which school he graduated in 1899. He then matriculated in Lincoln University and completed both the college and theological courses.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1909, and took charge of Mizpah church in that same year. For 21 years he was the beloved pastor. He was devoted to his work and served faithfully. He was always willing to give the best he had for the advancement of humanity. He was unassuming, yet scholarly, dignified and an earnest preacher of the gospel. He was a useful and dependable Presbyterian. He not only served the Mizpah church, but organized and was the honored pastor of Love's Presbyterian church, near Paces, Va., for 12 years. Rev. Kendrick also engaged in school work, and through his leadership hundreds of boys and girls have been inspired and sent forth to pursue their educational careers.

On September 30, 1909, Rev. Kendrick was married to Miss Mamie Scott, of Charlotte. He was a devoted and loving husband. He was kind, sympathetic and patient.

Rev. Kendrick exerted a tremendous influence for good in his community. He was admired, respected and loved by all.

The funeral service was conducted from the First Baptist church of South Boston on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the presence of a very large concourse of people. The Rev. G. P. Watkins, D. D., of Martinsville, Va., had charge of the services. The Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., of Danville, Va., read the Scriptures; the Rev. L. B. West, D. D., of Charlotte, prayed. The Rev. L. M. Onge, of Mocksville, a life-long friend of the deceased, delivered a fitting eulogy.

Several ministers of the Southern Virginia Presbytery were present and spoke, as well as several local ministers, all paying tribute to this noble man of God.

The active pall bearers were furnished by the Masonic organization, and the honorary pall bearers were the ministers of Southern Virginia Presbytery and the Synod of Catawba and elders of his church.

The floral designs were many and beautiful. The casket, a beautiful gray metallic, was entirely covered with flowers and about 24 flower girls of the school he served so well carried the rest.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. M. L. Kendrick; a sister, Mrs. E. Young; a niece, Mrs. Kathleen Benin, both of Charleston, W. Va.; a sister and brother-in-law, Reverend and Mrs. J. J. Shepperson, of Bristol, Tenn.; a cousin, Mr. John L. Neal, of Charlotte, N. C., and a cousin, Dr. I. H. Russell, of Durham, N. C.

Solos were rendered by Mrs. James Mason and Mr. James Ford.

Out-of-town visitors to the funeral were as follows:

Dr. L. J. Melton, Dr. L. B. West and Rev. Mayberry, all of Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. G. P. Watkins, Martinsville, Va.; Rev. W. M. Fowlkes, Leaksville, N. C.; Dr. J. Murray Jeffress,

Charlotte C. H., Va.; Dr. M. C. Rux, Keysville, Va.; Rev. Wm. Stitt, Nottoway, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Shaw, Oxford, N. C.; Rev. A. A. Hector, Richmond, Va.; Rev. W. H. Shepperson, Jetersville, Va.; Mrs. Lily Crawford, Mocksville, N. C.

Other ministers from South Boston were as follows: Rev. L. E. Coleman, Rev. S. E. Ragland, Rev. P. C. Banks, Dr. D. L. Miller, Rev. Henry Woods, Rev. S. L. Young, Rev. Carr.

Mr. Royal Briggs, the popular new undertaker, had charge of the remains. Much praise was given to him for his management. Interment was made in the South Boston new cemetery.

## PINE STREET CHURCH, DURHAM

By Mrs. A. C. Baker

The Pine Street church Missionary Society held its last meeting with Mrs. Lizzie Everett on Carr Street, Monday evening, February 22, at which time the election of officers took place. With one exception the officers were re-elected. Mrs. Annie C. Alston, resigned as Treasurer and Mrs. T. D. Parnham was elected to that position.

The Society has been frequently called upon during the winter to help those in need and has responded to the extent of its ability; also the church has helped largely in contributing money for food and clothing.

The Missionary Society gave \$25 to the Pension Fund of the church.

Mrs. L. Everett was elected delegate to represent the Missionary Society at the Woman's Presbyterial which meets in April. Mrs. DeAnna Hayswood is alternate.

Our pastor, Dr. Avant, in spite of ill health, is preaching good sermons every Sunday. The Sunday school observed Lincoln Day at the Sunday school hour, February 8. Mrs. Avant had charge of the program which was splendidly carried out and the neat sum of \$6 was realized and sent to the Board.

The Young People's League is having some real interesting meetings with Mr. T. S. Bennett as its President. If the young women that are employed as teachers and clerks here in Durham that belong to various Presbyterian churches would attend our League, Sunday school and church services what a help they would be in helping others and themselves, too; but no amount of persuading and visiting seems to have any effect on these well prepared Presbyterian young women. We can count on help or the presence of only three, namely, Miss Thelma Gray, of Missouri; Miss Theresa Claggett, of New York, and Miss Dorcas Lay, of North Carolina.

A program will be rendered at the church Sunday evening in a popular meeting. Mrs. DeAnna Hayswood will preside. The Missionary Society meets Monday evening, March 9, at the manse with Mrs. Avant.

Mrs. Laura Stitt's husband has returned to her home on Dunbar Street after undergoing a major operation at Duke Hospital.

Miss Eva Patterson was operated on at Lincoln Hospital last week for appendicitis.

After undergoing a very serious operation at Lincoln Hospital Mrs. M. Tapp-Mays is recuperating at her home on Hillside Ave. These three ladies are members of Pine St. church and of the same Sunday school.

## NOTICE

The Presbytery of Fairfield will convene with the Second Presbyterian church of Camden, March 25th, 1931, at 8 o'clock P. M. All Sessional records are required.

M. J. JACKSON, S. C.

## BARBER-SCOTIA NEWS

Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore, founder and principal of Farm Life Institute, Hiddenite, North Carolina, was a guest at Barber-Scotia College, Friday night, remaining until Saturday evening. Miss Moore gave us a very interesting talk in chapel on her institution, how it is progressing, its needs, and what it is accomplishing. This school is located in the mountains North of Statesville, and Miss Moore is making a great effort to help those poor mountain boys and girls. The teachers and students here contributed money and clothing for her and the institution.

Miss Flora Lee Orr, who has been quarantined for diphtheria for the past three weeks, is back at school again this week.

On March 10 we had the privilege of having the Rev. I. Harding Hughes, pastor of the All Saints Episcopal Church, Concord, with us for our chapel services. He gave a very interesting talk on "Reverence."

On the fifth Sunday in March the Y. W. C. A. will give a musical program in the chapel of the college. Visitors from all neighboring schools are invited.

## MEETING OF CAPE FEAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

The Young People's League of the first and second districts of Cape Fear Presbytery held its first quarterly meeting, Saturday, February 28, 1931, at Calvary church, Wilson, N. C.

The meeting opened with song service, the President presiding. After the song service the League was asked to go in the rear of the church. There recreation hour was held. Under the leadership of Rev. Shirley the League entered wholeheartedly into this period, participating in games, yelling and singing songs. After this the League went back into the church.

The discussion period was next. The main topic for discussion was: "Where Does Christianity Apply?" Sub-questions under this were: 1. How "different" or how "good" must a person be in order to be considered a Christian?

2. What is Religion? What Does it Do for a Person?

3. Will the Religion of Jesus Really Work Today?

4. In What Part of Our Daily Lives Must Christianity Show Itself?

Members of the League brought out very beneficial points on these questions. When the League reached the point where the questions were too hard for them to solve Rev. McFadden and Rev. Bryan cleared the path for them.

After the discussion the following items of business were disposed of:

1. The report of the Secretary.

2. The next place of meeting: Davie Street Presbyterian church, Raleigh.

3. The League voted to provide prizes for the Presbyterial Stewardship contest.

A very impressive worship service was held and then the offering was taken, and the benediction pronounced.

After the meeting the membership of the League were invited to various homes for dinner. Each one enjoyed this very much.

The members of the League departed for their various homes with a determination to do better work, having received much inspiration from the meeting.

MR. JOSEPH HASKINS, President.

MISS BERTHA ARRINGTON, Secretary.

Let us leave the broken cisterns and drink of the Eternal Waters.