



## Chapter 3

### Set Apart to Give

*"Give an account of thy stewardship." Luke 16:2*

Baptists have long been famous, or infamous, for passing the offering plate at every opportunity. Enon/Woodstock was no different. The methods used for "collecting" the tithe and offering changed through the years, but were seldom unlike methods being used elsewhere. Finances in the 1830's and 1840's may have been a problem, but little was recorded in the minutes concerning money. In 1852, "subscriptions" were taken for the first time, totaling 95 cents. The next year a treasurer, M. S. Paden, was chosen. In 1854 a fund was "made up" for the "purpose of supplying the church with candles" during the summer protracted meeting. (This was revival time, and the meetings often lasted for hours, certainly past dark.) This contribution was listed in the record book with other items in a report covering August, 1854 - August, 1957. It can hardly be called a balanced book, but it does reflect the ordinary layman's bookkeeping abilities at that time.

<b>August 1854</b>	Funds for the supply of candles Credit by 3 lb. candles at .40 cts. per lb. Credit by 3 lb. candles at 33 1/3 per lb. Credit by 1 lb. candles at 40 cts. per lb.	2.30	.30 1.20 1.00 .40
<b>May 1855</b>	.70 paid Credit by pitcher	1.00	.30 .70
<b>August</b>	Credit by pitcher Credit by 20 candles	3.30	.70 1.00 5.60
<b>September</b>	Took up a collection to the amt. of	1.60 4.90	
<b>August 1857</b>	Took up a collection to the amt. of	1.40 1.00 7.30	.70 .50 6.30

Money was mentioned more often during the late 1850's for such needs as building repairs and candles and even a "church book," costing \$2.75. Expenses and "subscriptions" to meet them increased after the Civil War. There was much discussion about building a new meeting-house during 1870-71, and a continuing struggle for funds for this purpose. In January of 1872, subscriptions were taken for stove, to "add much to our comfort," and the following month, lamps, a chandelier, and communion service were purchased.

The clerk who recorded the conference in May, 1874, used a new term. The minutes read, "An offering was taken for a contingency fund," totaling \$1.60. After \$1.00 was paid for wine for communion, "leaves in the hands of clerk" a total of 60 cents! The purchase of a pitcher and two goblets for the use of the church was considered worthy of mention in conference in March, 1877.

When the move from Enon to Woodstock was planned, male members were "taxed" to defray the expenses of moving. The first detailed financial annual report was given in 1880. It listed:

<b>Expenses:</b>	Moving and repairing church	\$263.50
	For missions	12.60
	For Bell	43.80
	For sexton's salary	12.00
	For preacher's salary	100.00
		463.40
	<b>And Contributions:</b>	463.40

A healthy financial and spiritual situation was reflected in the following resolution adopted August 20, 1881:

"Whereas our church did adopt a plan without a dissenting voice, in which a heavy debt was incurred, and whereas, said debt is entirely paid off, and whereas, our plan of meeting the expenses of the future is that every male member contribute according to his ability thereby equalizing the burdens between the brethren. Be it resolved that if any arrearages stand against any members or any that have withdrawn from us, that the same be considered square on the books and that every member and those that may become members be placed on an equal footing, and that any differences that have existed in the past be buried with the past and that we all with union of heart and purpose arise from our lethargy and do something in the cause of our beloved Redeemer."

In March, 1882, a motion prevailed to release from payment all who were in arrears for "last year." The pastor, W. H. Dean, donated the same (amount) to the church, this "not to be a precedent!"

In 1884, a new resolution "concerning the question of the disciplining of members for non-payment of church dues" was adopted. It set up guidelines for assessments in November of each year, to be paid in December, and exclusion of members in January who had not paid.

In January of 1888, the church voted to purchase a Bible, but must have been financially unable to do so. The deacons were to pay for it, charge it to the church at 8%, "payable next fall."

The early 1890's found the entire country in economic depression. The church was not exempt, and a drop in salaries for the pastor and sexton is noted in 1892. The congregation by then had moved into their new building, and in 1893, a committee was appointed to sell church seats, possibly from the old building. This was to be done on "next Saturday (court day)," possibly when more people were in town.

An example of the financial situation at the close of the century is taken from the minutes in January 1899:

<b>Collected,</b>	\$208.07
<b>Paid out,</b>	197.45

Due pastor, sexton and store,	39.00
On hand,	10.77
Due church on assessment	50.00

The next month's conference was more of the same. According to the clerk, due to "scarcity of money and the low prices of farmer products" many members were rendered unable to pay church expenses. The body respectfully asked the pastor to serve the year for \$120.00 instead of the previously-agreed-upon \$150.00. The problem was wide-spread, since at the same meeting an offering was taken for indigent ministers.

*Freeman made his Report which was read aloud in the meeting*  
 - " Report Dec 19, 1908  
 - Recd from former Treasurer, 17 1908 19.25  
 - " " " " " " " " 2.00  
 - " " " " " " " " 1.00  
 - " " " " " " " " 4.50  
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 22.75  
 Paid to by order of Treasurer \$10.00  
 - " " " " " " " " 8  
 - " " " " " " " " 1.00  
 - " " " " " " " " 6.45  
 - " " " " " " " " 4.50  
 - " " " " " " " " 1.50  
 - " " " " " " " " 4  
 - " " " " " " " " 1.25  
 - " " " " " " " " 1.50  
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 23.90  
 There being no further business conference  
 adjourned to next order E. N. Deason Mod  
 L. B. Macfarland Clerk

The turn of the century brought slow but sure prosperity. For many years, contribution by individuals had been a matter of record, being read out in conference and listed in the church record book. But true to form, the more money people earn, the less they want other folks to know what they do with it, especially with regard to giving. In the January conference of 1903, this action is recorded:

"On motion resolved that the names of individuals giving contributions be not read out in conference."

Just four years later the assessment system was suspended. During these years it was often noted that the church was debt-free. The added burden of rebuilding after the fire of 1913 called for more decisive measures, and in 1916 the Inflex Envelope

System of making contributions was adopted. Little mention is made of finances in the next few years except for annual reports. Increases in offerings for missions such as the orphans home and state missions were in evidence, quite often as a direct result of WMU emphasis. During the era of E. T. Booth's pastorate, funds that had previously been expended toward a pastor's salary were used elsewhere, as Mr. Booth served for a small nominal fee for twenty years, from 1929-1949. In at least one report to the association during this period, it was recorded there were NO tithers in the church.

The first time a budget was mentioned was in December 1942. Mrs. L. A. Dean suggested in conference that the deacons meet to work on a budget. This is also the first instance recorded of a woman making a motion in a business meeting. Her suggestion was well-taken and a budget was adopted in January, 1943. Six months later her motion that the church treasurer present quarterly and annual financial statements was also passed. The actual budget is not recorded in the minutes but some different types of contributions are listed at that time.

The church voted to give \$10.00 for the year to the Cooperative Program, and \$4.00 per month to the "Hundred Thousand Club," an emergency fund sponsored by SBC seeking 100,000 members who would pay one dollar a month beyond regular giving to assist in repaying debts incurred in the inauguration of the Cooperative Program League in 1925.

Sample budgets of 1954 and 1958 show the different items included during those years.

**I. Administrative and Operational**

1.	Pastor's Salary	\$3000.00
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2.	Custodian	300.00	
3.	Fuel	300.00	
4.	Lights and water	50.00	
5.	Insurance	70.00	
6.	Pulpit Supply	50.00	
7.	Convention Expense	50.00	
8.	Miscellaneous	300.00	
9.	Revival Expense	315.00	
10.	Equipment and Improvement	100.00	
11.	Christian Index	32.00	
12.	Pastorium Utilities	350.00	
		<b>4917.00</b>	<b>4917.00</b>

## II. Organization

1.	Literature and Supplies	\$215.64	
2.	Socials and Training Courses	120.00	
3.	Bible School and Assemblies	30.00	
		<b>365.64</b>	<b>365.64</b>

## III. Missions, Educations and Benevolence

1.	Cooperative Program	\$850.00	
2.	Associational Missions	150.00	
3.	Local Benevolence	50.00	
4.	Georgia Baptist Hospital Building Fund	58.00	
5.	Ministers Retirement & Widows Supplement	164.00	
6.	Children's Home	157.50	
7.	Lottie Moon	111.85	
8.	Home Missions	84.42	
9.	State Missions	78.16	
		<b>1703.93</b>	<b>1703.93</b>

## IV. Building Fund

Total Fund	<b>2000.00</b>	<b>2000.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL PROPOSED 1954 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$8965.07</b>	<b>\$8986.57</b>
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<b>1953 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$6781.73</b>	<b>\$6781.73</b>
<b>1949 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$8799.00</b>	<b>\$8799.00</b>

**RECOMMENDED UNIFIED BUDGET FOR 1958**

The Stewardship Committee members have, agreed on a unified budget for the year 1958 in the amount of \$9,682.00 recommended as follows:

**I. Salaries**

<b>A.</b>	Pastor	\$3600.00
<b>B.</b>	Custodian	360.00

**II. Local Expenses Itemized Below**

<b>A.</b>	Fuel	\$325.00
<b>B.</b>	Insurance	125.00
<b>C.</b>	Literature	168.00
<b>D.</b>	Printing & Supplies	175.00
<b>E.</b>	Revivals	150.00
<b>F.</b>	Pulpit Supplies	60.00
<b>G.</b>	Minister's Retirement	180.00
<b>H.</b>	Utilities	50.00
<b>I.</b>	Vacation Bible School	40.00
<b>J.</b>	Convention Expenses	250.00
<b>K.</b>	Benevolence	300.00
<b>L.</b>	Debt	1,962.60
		<b>\$9,682.00</b>

**III. Cooperative Program**

Total:	\$1,936.40
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$9,682.00</b>
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All gifts received above the amount of the budget will be divided in the following manner: 80% to local expenses (mostly debt); 20% to cooperative program.

This is the budget proposed by your Stewardship Committee, meeting the approval of all on this committee and all members of the Board of deacons. It is now submitted to you for approval or disapproval.

By 1963, the church had begun to experience growth that called for more space. A new educational building was planned, and in March of 1963, a motion was passed unanimously, "that all church members tithe until the building program is completed." It is not known if the tithing was adhered to, but the building was completed.

The present sanctuary, completed in 1978, was financed through a bond program. This was the only time in the church's history this method was used.

Budgets for succeeding years continued to increase. The budget for 1960 amounted to \$12,680.00; 1980, \$222,124.00; and 1985, \$414,846.00. The current budget, adopted in December, 1986 follows:

In the early years at Enon, the church clerk seems to have been responsible for keeping an account of the finances. In 1853, M. S. Paden was chosen treasurer, but little is said in the years just following about who may have served in this capacity. From 1923 to 1955 L. A. Dean was the church treasurer. He kept accurate, detailed accounts of all monies received and spent and was well noted for his thriftiness. James Poor, John Whitmire and Edna Whitmire served terms from 1955-1964, when Hank Priest became treasurer. He served until 1984. Buddy Hulsey served from 1984-1986. Sarah Cleghorn is the present treasurer.

Much of the work formerly done by the treasurer has been assumed by the finance committee, three assistant treasurers and a church-paid financial secretary. Judi Cassidy is the present financial secretary. Others who have served in this staff position are Jane Crocker and Edna Whitmire. Until this position was created in 1975, the finances were a part of the overall duties of the church secretary.

"Set Apart to Give" - how fortunate Woodstock has been to be blessed with gifts, and with a desire to give of our abundance.

#### 1987 PROPOSED BUDGET – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WOODSTOCK

Account No.	Account Name	1986 Budget	1987 Budget
101	Cooperative Program - 10.5%	\$47,868.00	\$54,134.00
102	Association Missions - 2.5%	11,398.00	12,889.00
103	World Hunger - 2%	9,118.00	10,311.00
104	Georgia Baptist Childrens Home - .5%	2,279.00	2,578.00
105	Georgia Baptist Medical Center - .5%	2,279.00	2,578.00
106	Benevolence	2,000.00	2,200.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$74,942.00</b>	<b>\$84,690.00</b>

#### MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL

Account No.	Account Name	1986 Budget	1987 Budget
201	Pastor's Salary		Figures not listed
202	Minister of Music		Figures not listed
203	Minister of Education		Figures not listed
204	Church Secretary		Figures not listed

205	Financial Secretary	Figures not listed
206	Pastor's Secretary	Figures not listed
207	Custodian	Figures not listed
208	Musicians	Figures not listed
209	Nursery	Figures not listed
210	Miscellaneous Labor	Figures not listed
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$102,116.00      \$144,041.00

**OTHER PERSONNEL EXPENSES**

<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>1986 Budget</b>	<b>1987 Budget</b>
301A	Pastor's House and Utilities	Figures not listed	
301B	Pastor's Car	Figures not listed	
301C	Pastor's Retirement & Hospitalization	Figures not listed	
302A	Minister of Music House and Utilities	Figures not listed	
302B	Minister of Music's Car	Figures not listed	
302C	Minister of Music's Retirement & Hospitalization	Figures not listed	
303A	Minister of Education's House and Utilities	Figures not listed	
303B	Minister of Education's Car	Figures not listed	
303C	Minister of Education's Retirement & Hospitalization	Figures not listed	
304	Long Term Disability	Figures not listed	
305	FICA	Figures not listed	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$66,470.00      \$59,318.00	

**EDUCATION MINISTRY**

<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>1986 Budget</b>	<b>1987 Budget</b>
401	Sunday School	\$10,000.00	\$10,860.00
402	Church Training	1,200.00	1,500.00
403	Vacation Bible School	1,930.00	2,316.00
404	Church Music	6,450.00	8,450.00
405	Audio Visual	2,150.00	2,000.00
406	Library	600.00	800.00
407	WMU	3,740.00	5,280.00
408	Baptist Men	2,900.00	5,421.00
409	Nursery	600.00	1,600.00
410	Little People's Church	500.00	500.00
411	Conferences and Conventions	3,000.00	3,000.00
412	Baptism	500.00	250.00
413	Youth	8,000.00	10,665.00
414	Christian Index	500.00	500.00
415	Children's Ministry	3,300.00	4,300.00
416	Discipleship	800.00	500.00
417	College and Career	1,400.00	600.00
418	Funseekers	1,500.00	1,500.00
419	Children's Church	500.00	500.00

420A	Church History		10,000.00
420B	150th Church Year Celebration		7,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$49,570.00	\$77,602.00

**SERVICE MINISTRY**

Account No.	Account Name	1986 Budget	1987 Budget
501	Publicity and Outreach	\$4,000.00	\$4000.00
502	Office Supplies and Postage	12,000.00	13,200.00
503	Kitchen and Reception	3,900.00	2,400.00
504	Stewardship Materials	1,100.00	1,300.00
505	Revival Expenses	1,400.00	1,900.00
506	Deacon Ministry	450.00	450.00
507	Flowers	1,500.00	1,500.00
508	Legal	200.00	200.00
509	Recreation	1,200.00	1,700.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$25,750.00	\$26,650.00

**TO MAINTAIN BUILDINGS**

Account No.	Account Name	1986 Budget	1987 Budget
601	Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00
602	Utilities	35,000.00	35,000.00
603	Repairs and Maintenance	12,465.00	8,450.00
604	New Equipment	9,000.00	8,050.00
605	Janitorial Supplies	3,500.00	3,500.00

606	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00
607	Church Grounds	1,440.00	1,500.00
607B	Cemetery Grounds		1,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$67,605.00</b>	<b>\$65,200.00</b>

**PROPERTY & BUILDING DEBT**

Account No.	Account Name	1986 Budget	1987 Budget
701	Retirement of Bonds	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00
702	Retirement of Debts	16,239.00	16,239.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$68,239.00</b>	<b>\$68,239.00</b>

**TO ACCUMULATE MONEY FOR WORSHIP AND EDUCATION**

Account No.	Account Name	1986 Budget	1987 Budget
801	Buildings	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	<b>TOTAL BUDGETS 1986 AND 1987</b>	<b>\$455,892.00</b>	<b>\$526,940.00</b>