

SOUTH NORFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
Frank Hughes, Jr., Pastor
February 23, 1969

Sunday School: N. J. Babb, Supt. 9:30 A. M.

MORNING WORSHIP - ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Prelude
Call To Worship: "O Worship The Lord"
Invocation Pastor
Worship Through Hymn Of Praise
Hymn No. 152 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Elvey
Worship Through Scripture Reading Hebrews 4:12-13
Pastoral Prayer Pastor
Choral Response: "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"
Worship Through Giving
Hymn No. 129 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"
Dedication Of Tithes And Offerings Pastor
Offertory
Doxology
Worship Through Proclamation
Anthem: "Sweet Story Of Old" Adans
SERMON: "GOD DEALS THREE WAYS WITH SIN" Pastor
Call To Obedient Response
Hymn No. 350 "Is Your All On The Altar"
Benediction
Choral Benediction: "Three-Fold Amen"
Postlude

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The ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Mr. S. B. Duval
and Family in loving memory of wife and mother,
Genevieve.

Mrs. Gwen Whitehurst
Mr. Chauncy German

Organist
Choir Director

EVENING WORSHIP - SEVEN THIRTY O'CLOCK
Broadcast on WXRI-FM, 105.3 mc.

Prelude
Call To Worship: Hymn No. 41 "To God Be The Glory"
Invocation Pastor
Hymn No. 257 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Mason
Welcome and Announcements Pastor
Song Service
Hymn No. 215 "Ye Must Be Born Again"
Hymn No. 269 "Blessed Assurance"
Solo: Selected Mr. C. O. German
Scripture Reading And Evening Prayer Isaiah 64
Hymn No. 292 "More Love To Thee, O Christ" Doane
Dedication Of Tithes And Offerings Pastor
Offertory
Anthem: "Fierce Raged The Tempest O'er The Deep"
SERMON: "SUPPLICATING GROANS" Pastor
Invitation Hymn No. 240 "Just As I Am" Bradbury
Benediction
Choral Benediction: "The Lord Bless You And Keep You"
Postlude

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SUNDAY

6:30 P. M. Project "69"
7:30 P. M. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 P. M. Sunday School
Supper Meeting
7:30 P. M. Mission Study
"Aloha Land"
Slides Of
Hawaii will
be shown.

MONDAY

8:00 P. M. Willing Workers
2220 Ches. Ave.

TUESDAY

10:00 A. M. Prayer & Bible
Study Group

Before the Offering

If yours is a typical congregation, an offering plate will be passed sometime during the church service. The offering is as much a part of a Sunday service as dessert is to a Sunday dinner.

Getting ready for the offering is far more than figuring one's tithe for the week. Or writing a check. Or finding the right envelopes for the right Sunday for yourself and each member of your family. Or depositing the envelope in the plate when it passes you.

Before the gift, there must be a giver. And according to the teachings of Christ, the giver must be more than generous. He must also be forgiving. Giving involves personal relationships as well as financial ability. Look at Matthew 5:23-24: "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift . . . and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

You may not actually get up and leave the church building this morning in the pursuit of reconciliation and forgiveness. But you can look around the congregation. Do you hold some secret grudge against a fellow member? Are you envious or jealous of someone? Even if you have been wronged, can you find it in yourself to forgive that person, and also beg God to forgive you of your unforgiving attitude?

When you do so, you will truly be prepared to make a rich and generous gift, for you will give more than money. You will be giving up your prejudices, and giving up is often more vital than giving over.

—ROBERT J. HASTINGS

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COVER: "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people . . . And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."

Nehemiah 8:5,8 (RSV)

