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LAWRENCE, KANSAS,

Dear Fellow Member of the First Baptist Church:

The membership of every church is made up of four classes, those who give nothing; those who contribute in some amount, but not enough to be self supporting; those who are self supporting, and those who give much more than their proportionate share and thus enable the church to carry on its work.

In all lodges and fraternal orders each member carries his full portion of the expense, represented by his dues, and those who have little have to pay just as much as those who have a great deal. The church is therefore far more considerate of its members than any other organization.

There is no way to meet the general and benevolent expense of the church excepting to get the money from the members and it is desired to have each resident member a contributing member and as largely as possible a self supporting member.

In order to do its work well the annual budget for the coming year should be \$7,500.00 for general expense, and the State Convention has asked for \$2,500.00 for benevolences. Figuring on the basis of 500 resident members the average expense per member for general expenses is Thirty Cents a week, and for benevolences Ten Cents a week, or a total average expense of Forty Cents a week.

To the average member Forty Cents a week is not burdensome, but it happens in every church that there are a large number of children who are members and whose parents often are not able to pay the average of Forty Cents a week for each member of the family on the church rolls, for that reason it is necessary that there be at least One Hundred members of the church who will contribute each week in amounts of One Dollar, or more.

Contributions by members for expenses in our church range from One Dollar a Year to Nine Dollars a week, from

