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ALL CHURCH WATCH NIGHT PARTY AND SERVICE Monday Evening December 31

A delightful evening for the entire family has been planned for next Monday. It is proper that we should come to the close of the old year and greet 1952 in God's House. Both young and old will receive a blessing as we fellowship and worship together.

The Watch Night Party will begin at 8:15. A huge TELEVISION SHOW will be the feature attraction of the party. In addition there will be "fun time" in departmental groups, refreshments, etc. The climax of the party will be the showing of an excellent moving picture entitled "Reaching From Heaven." We have received our new projector and screen in time for this event. The picture will be shown at 10:30.

The Watch Night devotional service in the auditorium will begin at 11:30 and continue until one minute past midnight. Our pastor will lead us in our final worship period of 1951. There will be a period of dedication as the New Year begins.

The nurseries will be open and adequately supervised.

RING OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE
NEW—IN CHURCH

CONCERNING THE BUILDING FUND

It is possible that the entire offering in Sunday School and all worship services on Sunday will go into the BUILDING FUND. All bills for the year have not been received, but it appears that tithes and offerings thus far in December have been sufficient to meet current obligations.

Here is an opportunity to swell the size of THE BUILDING FUND. More than \$400 was designated to this cause Sunday. We are within \$5,000 of the first \$100,000. Give liberally Sunday for the church building of tomorrow.

Mr. Harold N. Smith
221 Payne Rd. Navy Point
Warrington, Fla.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS THIS SUNDAY

The annual STUDENT NIGHT SERVICE will be conducted this Sunday evening, December 30 at 7:30. Charles Deese of Mississippi College is serving as General Chairman for this featured program. Other committee chairmen are: Bob Brooks of O. B. U., music; Stan Davis of L. S. U. publicity; Alex Stoesen of The Citadel, ushers; Doris Denham of Mississippi College, registration, and Judy Smith of Pensacola Junior College, fellowship.

An informative and inspiring program of worship has been planned. College and high school students are asked to represent their schools in this service. The choir, the ushers, greeters at the doors, organist and pianist—all these places and others will be filled by our splendid young people. Those appearing on the program, along with others, will be: Robert Adkison of Baylor, Gwen Commander of Howard, Barbara Beers of F. S. U., Sue Parker of Mercer, Glyn Bryan of Auburn and T. A. Shell of the University of Florida.

Open House for Young People

All of our young people in high school, academies, college, universities, graduate schools and in the Armed Forces are invited to an Open House immediately after the Sunday evening service in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Skiles at 1400 N. Spring Street.

LOTTIE MOON GOAL TOPPED

With a goal of \$1,000 for the local Lottie Moon Christmas offering to Foreign Missions, gifts to date total \$1,240.55. This is the largest amount ever given to this offering by our church. Others have indicated a desire to bring the total nearer \$1,500. CONGRATULATIONS!

LAST WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Welcome to our new members! We were happy to receive Mr. Homer Diamond and Mrs. George Cobb, Jr. Both came by letter.

Sunday School attendance was 798. There were 228 in Training Union. 407 envelopes contained offerings. Total gifts for the day amounted to \$3,292.02, of which \$2,393.46 was for budgeted causes. Designated gifts totalled \$1,898.56.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1952 WILL BE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION SUNDAY. PLEASE SAVE THE CHURCH AN ADDITIONAL POSTAGE BILL BY GETTING PACKAGES FOR YOUR FAMILY.

TRAINING UNION PLANNING
MEETING MONDAY 7 TO 8:15 P.M.
JUST BEFORE PARTY.

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"The New Testament Doctrine of the Church" will be taught by Dr. John L. Hill, January 7-11 from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

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NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The year is dying in the night;
The flying clouds, the frosty light;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new
Ring, happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the false pride in the place and blood
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Tennyson.

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The year is closed, the record made:
The last deed done, the last word said.
The memory alone remains

Of all its joys, its griefs, its gain;
And now with purpose full and clear
I turn to meet another year.

—Robert Browning.

THE CHURCH STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES

We wish to thank the church family for the many expressions of good will which have been received in this Christmas season in the form of cards, personal greetings, gifts and other expressions of love and interest. You have made this Christmas one long to be remembered because of the many pleasant associations with you.

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WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Dr. Rousseau wishes to express his profound appreciation to the entire church family for the cards, visits, flowers and other indications of love and esteem which were showered upon him during the period of his hospitalization. There have been so many that personal acknowledgment will not be possible, but he does want us to know that the interest of the church has been a source of strength and an aid toward recovery.

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PRAYING CHURCHES

One person alone whose heart is burning with spiritual passion can set an entire church on fire. It is hard and it takes time. Two can do better than one, and fifty can do better than two. It is very easy for a prayerful person to mobilize most of, or all, the people in a church for prayer for the pastor while he is speaking. One way is to distribute a little leaflet called "Dear Church Member" which begins: "We are going to form a conspiracy today, to pray while our pastor is preaching."

It is wise for a minister to request the people to hold him up in prayer. They always defeat him when they merely sit in judgment when he preaches. If they pray while he preaches, they help him so that his soul burns and ideas flow out of heaven. Every spiritual leader has been held up by a large group of friends in constant prayer.

—(Taken from "Pray For Others"
by Frank C. Laubach.)

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"All the time which God allows us is just enough for the work which God allots us."

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"Life offers no obstacles, only challenges."

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