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## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC SERVICE

SUNDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

"CHRISTMAS ORATORIO"

— By —

CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS

The Church Choir

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a  
Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude  
of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Goal \$2,000.00  
Received to Date \$1,100.98

# Viewpoint

By NATHAN C. BROOKS, JR.

Time Magazine carried an excellent article on Baptist life in the December 5 issue, including a picture of Dr. Ted Adams, Richmond, Virginia, on the cover. It is as fair appraisal as I have seen in a secular publication.

The Lottie Moon Offering now amounts to \$1,100.98. Here is a missionary opportunity that is at hand. All of this gift for missions is used on the foreign field.

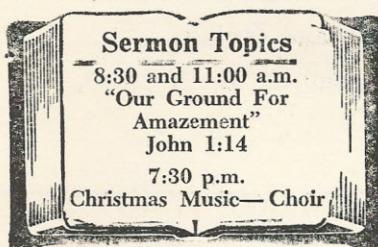
Building Fund Envelopes are available at the church in packages of twelve and fifty. Be sure to get yours. Some prefer monthly gifts, while others prefer weekly contributions.

Dr. Chester Swor is coming to us for revival services January 22-29. Keep these dates for Spiritual Advance. Remember to pray for him and our prospects.

Books are good Christmas gifts. Among others that you may choose for a present is **Altar Fires For Family Worship**. A number of these devotional articles were written by your pastor and were selected from published devotions in **Home Life**. The Baptist Book Store can furnish the book.

Teachings of Jesus will be featured in our Bible Study Week in January. I am to have the privilege of teaching the adults at night. I trust that at least 300 people will join in this intensive study of Matthew 5-7. Classes for other age groups are scheduled, too.

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## ATTENDANCE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Sunbeams .....	49
Girls' Auxiliary .....	41
Junior R. A.'s.....	20
Intermediate R. A.'s.....	7
Total.....	117



# Music Notes

THANKS to the members of the Church Choir who have given so freely of their time and talents this week. You rendered a great service at the Carol Sing Sunday afternoon, at the Associational Mass Meeting Monday night and at the special Christmas Music Rehearsal Tuesday night—ALL in excess of your regular duties. Such a spirit signifies Christlikeness.

REMEMBER the Church Choir's presentation of "The Christmas Oratorio," a musical composition by Camille Saint-Saens, which is to be given Sunday Evening at the worship service. You will want to hear this great choral masterpiece which tells the story of the birth of our Lord. Your choir has worked hard to make it a thing of beauty and we believe that you who hear it will be blessed.

## GRADED CHOIR SCHOOL

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Church Choir .....	25
Chapel Choir .....	9
Concord Choir .....	9
Carol Choir .....	35
Cherub Choir .....	34
Celestial Choir .....	16
Total.....	128

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## Church-Wide Caroling

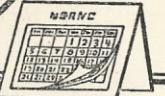
Monday, December 19

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Everyone who loves to sing is invited to participate in the singing of Christmas Carols. You will want to join with others in your age group in the singing of carols as we go to bring a message of cheer to friends, hospitals, shut-ins and many others in our city. Caroling is one of the oldest traditions of Christmas and one of the best ways to make **EVERYONE** happy!

As each group returns from its tour we will come to the lower auditorium for refreshments and a period of fellowship and singing. So, come on! Let's go caroling!

# LOOKING Ahead



Dec. 20th MONTHLY BROTHERHOOD MEETING.  
 Dec. 25th STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.  
 Dec. 27th Sunday School Superintendents' Meeting.  
 Dec. 29-30 Convention-wide Sunday School Conference—Mobile.  
 Dec. 31st Reception for new members and WATCHNIGHT SERVICE.  
 Jan. 2-6 Bible Study Week.

## DR. PRESTON B. SELLERS TO SPEAK TUESDAY

Dr. Preston Sellers, Pastor of the East Hill Baptist Church and President of the Florida Baptist Convention, will speak to the women at their meeting Tuesday.

Dr. Sellers is the Florida member of the Foreign Mission Board and will speak on the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

The schedule will be as follows:

10:00 a.m.—Business  
 10:45 a.m.—Program  
 11:30 a.m.—Bible Study  
 12:15 p.m.—Lunch



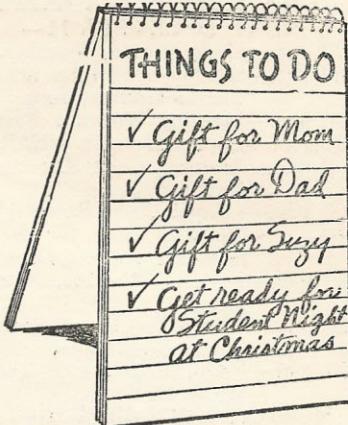
## Training Union

### OUR DECEMBER MEETINGS

Our December Meetings will be as follows:  
 Sunday, Dec. 11, 5:00 p.m.  
 General Officers, Directors and Associate Directors meet in W. M. U. Room

Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m.

Executive Committee and Planning Meeting (This will take the place of our Monthly Workers Council Meeting Dec. 26). All General, Department, Union Officers and members are urged to be present—W. M. U. Room.



## As I See It!

By CLYDE BIZZELL

## "M" NIGHT

The churches with the largest attendance at "M" Night Monday were:

First Baptist	94
Brownsville	77
East Hill	67
Highland	65

We fell short of our goal, but we are grateful for this good representation of our people.

Our choir did a wonderful job at "M" Night and also at the Carol Sing Sunday afternoon. Thanks to these faithful choir members.

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: W. T. Edwards Hospital, Tallahassee—Mrs. Bert Chestnut. Baptist Hospital—Mrs. Clyde Hood. Sacred Heart Hospital—Mrs. R. L. Kendrick. SYMPATHY TO: Mr. Harold Ackman in the loss of his mother.

## OUR BUILDING FUND TO DATE

Given to date	\$383,243.75
Borrowed	45,100.00
Total	\$428,343.75
Less:	
Payments to Contractor	\$365,616.73
Balance	\$ 62,727.02

## THE KING'S BUSINESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11—

8:30 a.m.—Early Morning Worship. Pastor  
9:40 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor.  
3:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WEAR.  
5:00 p.m.—Training Union Directors' Meeting.  
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Researsal.  
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
Haywood Arnold, Director.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Christmas Music.  
8:30 p.m.—Young People's Fellowship.  
Lower Auditorium.  
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate-Senior Teentime.  
W. M. U. Room.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12—

6:00 p.m.—Y.W.A. & Young Men's Brotherhood begins with supper.  
7:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting.  
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Bible Class will have its annual Christmas Party in the home of Miss Carrie Lee, 1010 North Baylen Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13—

10:00 a.m.—W. M. S. Monthly Meeting.  
Business, Program, Bible Study.  
12:15 p.m.—W. M. S. Luncheon.  
3:15 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams.  
3:15 p.m.—Cherub Choir Rehearsal.  
4:00 p.m.—Celestial Choir Rehearsal.  
4:00 p.m.—Primary Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s, Junior R.A.'s meet at church.  
7:30 p.m.—Bill Cowleys Circle meets with Miss Hellen Caro, 1010 E. Cervantes.  
7:30 p.m.—Eleanor O'Haver Howell Circle meets with Mrs. W. H. Crawford, 1602 N. 9th Avenue, co-hostess, Mrs. C. C. McCurley.  
7:30 p.m.—Ernelle Brooks Circle meets with Miss Bessie Yates, 1000 E. DeSoto.  
7:30 p.m.—Junior II Training Union Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jackson, 2103 N. Magnolia Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14—

3:45 p.m.—Concord Choir Rehearsal.  
6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers and Officers' Meeting begins with supper.  
6:30 p.m.—Intermediate R.A.'s.  
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Meeting and Business Conference.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15—

10:00 a.m.—Cradle Roll Meeting.  
9:30 a.m.—Woman's Bible Class meets at the church for visitation.  
9:30 a.m.—CHURCH-  
2:30 p.m.— WIDE  
7:00 p.m.— VISITATION  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16—  
6:30 p.m.—Homemakers Class Christmas Banquet in Lower Auditorium.  
7:30 p.m.—Winsome and Sunrays Class

## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	942
Members Present .....	897
New Members .....	6
Visitors .....	39
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	111
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	73
Escambia County Jail.....	15
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	1141
Attendance one year ago.....	1025
Training Union Attendance.....	296
Members Present .....	270
New Members .....	1
Visitors .....	25
Circle Baptist Chapel.....	44
North Hill Baptist Chapel.....	52
Total Training Union Attendance.....	392
Attendance one year ago.....	274
Additions to church membership.....	5
Rededications .....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$3,380.55
(Circle—\$167.42)	
(North Hill—\$165.98)	
Specials .....	140.92
(Circle \$1.17; Lottie Moon \$1.00)	
(North Hill Lottie Moon \$34.40)	
Building (First Baptist).....	7,262.88
Building (Circle Chapel).....	44.00
Building (North Hill Chapel).....	16.75
TOTAL OFFERING .....	\$10,845.10
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(FIRST BAPTIST—Letter)

52 Mr. John O. Trethewey, Jr., 119-B Catherine Street, E. V.  
53 Mrs. John O. Trethewey, Jr., 119-B Catherine Street, E. V.  
(CIRCLE CHAPEL—Letter)  
54 Mr. A. D. Simpler, 1706 W. Intendencia St.  
55 Mrs. A. D. Simpler, 1706 W. Intendencia St.  
(NORTH HILL CHAPEL—Letter)  
56 Mrs. J. F. Watson, 720 West Lakeview.

### REDEDICATION

Linda Belford, 1220 East Lakeview.  
Jack Anderson, 701 N. Kirk.

will have a joint Christmas Party in home of Mrs. Ruth Cvitanic, 302 W. Romana.

7:30 p.m.—Dorcas Class Christmas Party in Adult 1 Department.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17—

9:00 a.m.—Carol Choir Rehearsal.

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