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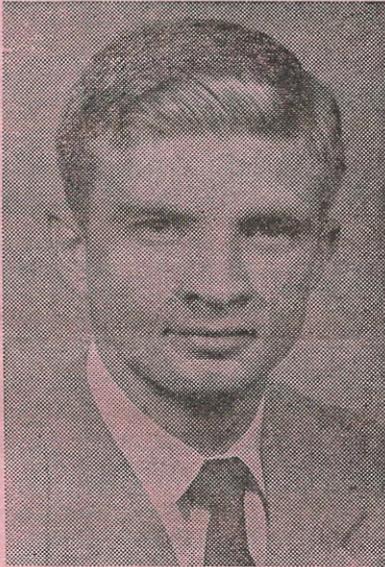
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Special Christmas Eve Prayer Service



LUTHER OZMENT

Wednesday, December 24

7:45 P.M.

In the Sanctuary

Luther Ozment will speak at a special Christmas Eve Prayer Service. Luther is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was married last December to Miss Barbara Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Arnold. He has spoken in our church once before. This is a wonderful way to spend an hour on Christmas Eve. There will be no supper or meetings other than the Prayer Service. The nursery will be open to care for pre-school children.

A Wish and a Prayer

It would still not measure our love for you were we to give each of you an expensive gift, so instead we wish you a

Merry Christmas

and pray for a

Happy New Year

for you and all of your Loved Ones

With Christian affection,

THE CHURCH STAFF

Our Christmas Wish

If ever anybody's paths have fallen in pleasant places they have been ours. Our coming to work with you four months ago has been a great blessing to us. Many of you we never knew before, and many others whom we have known for years we know better from working with them.

And what can we do to express to you the fact that we love you? We can't give you costly presents bought in the market place. But our love for you does enable us to say from the depth of our hearts, and in all sincerity those ancient yet modern words,

We wish for every one of you
A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

With our love,
THE C. H. BOLTONS

**STUDENT NIGHT
AT CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 28th**

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

The Sunday School and the Training Union are working together in the special watchnight service to be held on New Year's Eve.

The schedule will be as follows:

- 6:00—Supper
- 6:25—Sunday School promotional period
- 6:40—Departmental meetings
- 7:00—Teaching Improvement period
- 7:45—Prayer Service
- 8:45—Training Union general promotional period
- 9:00—Training Union departmental meetings
- 9:30—Training Unions meet for program planning
- 10:15—Fellowship period
- 11:15—Watchnight service in the sanctuary

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

“Angels In The Night”

7:30 P.M.

“A Chance To Live”

Dr. C. H. Bolton

SUGGESTIONS FOR

A Christmas Worship Program for Your Family

Christmas for you and your family is what you make it. We hope you will find time amid all of the rush on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and gather your family around you in a quiet spot and discover together the Season's Spirit of Happiness. You might light Christmas candles and perhaps gather round a Nativity scene. You will want to plan for the service by assigning parts. Your program might include the following:

As the family gathers play quiet Christmas Music.

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Away In a Manger"

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: Taken from Luke 2:8-16.

If you have a Primary child he has been memorizing this so you might have him say it. If not, mother or daddy may read it.

SHARE A PICTURE:

Have an attractive picture of some portion of the Christmas story and share it.

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Silent Night, Holy Night."

CHRISTMAS PRAISE POEM:

LEADER: For beautiful Christmas trees with shining lights

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

LEADER: For the bells that ring and the carols we sing

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

LEADER: For good things to smell and eat that Mother bakes

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

LEADER: For people who love us and plan surprises for us.

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

LEADER: For the fun we have in sharing with others.

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

LEADER: For the story of Jesus' birth we read in the Bible.

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

LEADER: For the joy of celebrating Jesus' birthday today

RESPONSE: Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Joy to the World."

**TESTIMONIES OF THINGS EACH IS THANKFUL FOR THIS
PAST YEAR.**

CHRISTMAS POEM: My Gift

What can I give Him,
Poor I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what can I give Him,
Give Him my heart.

Christina Rossetti

PRAYER: Let each one in his own way talk to God.

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for our men's basketball team. They won a 42-26 victory over Richards Memorial Methodist Church Monday night. This is their second victory. There are no games scheduled until after the holidays.

OUR WMU has led us in surpassing our goal to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. With a goal of \$2500.00, the total gifts now stand at \$2615.81. Thanks to everyone who had a part in this special offering for foreign missions.

I WILL BE AWAY from Saturday, the 20th until Saturday, the 27th. I will be taking the second week of my vacation time and will spend the week with my family at Norway, South Carolina.

We HAVE HAD EXCELLENT CO-OPERATION in the matter of clearing through the Benevolence File all of the families assisted at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have sought to work closely with the Christmas Clearance Bureau set up for this purpose and with other groups. Now, we need to be sure that there is not duplication on the part of groups within our church. If you are planning to take a Christmas basket, please clear the name with the Benevolence File in the office. Mrs. Barker can check this for you. Mr. Clarence Dannelly can help provide a name if you do not already have one.

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The past week has been a happy one as each child has made something to give those he loves for Christmas. They made their own Christmas tree decorations and decorated the tree themselves. One child expressed the true spirit of Christmas when he said, "If it was not for baby Jesus being born we would not have any Christmas."

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DR. BROOKS TO PREACH DECEMBER 28

Dr. Nathan C. Brooks will preach for us on Sunday, December 28. We are looking forward to having the Brooks family here and to hearing him on the Sunday after Christmas.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	923
Members Present	383
New Members	8
Visitors	32
(Attendance one year ago 1085)	
Training Union Attendance.....	291
Members Present	262
New Members	4
Visitors	25
(Attendance one year ago.. 317)	
Additions to church membership.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,364.02
Specials	215.74
Kindergarten	45.00
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	94.22
Organ Fund	25.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS\$3,743.98
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

LETTER—

49. Mrs. Mary Frances Harrison, 662 Dunwoody Drive.
50. Mr. Carlos E. Newton, 3705 W. Gadsden Street.
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ONE BAPTIZED

Miss Kaye Greenough
* * *

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Sacred Heart Hospital—Ronnie Bullock. Home from Hospital—E. E. Lawrence.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Cassie Harrison in the loss of her mother. James L. Drexler in the loss of his mother at Lima, Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Sam Jennings(Judy McIntosh) who were married December 14. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Davis on the celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDANCE

Intermediate G. A.	17
Junior G. A.....	16
Beginner Sunbeams	7
Primary Sunbeams	8
Intermediate R. A.....	9

ASSOCIATIONAL CAROL SING

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
December 22, 1958, at 730 P.M.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21—

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
Broadcast over WCOA.
Dr. C. H. Bolton, Interim Pastor.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Subject: "Your Reason Versus God's Result"
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs
2:30 p.m.—Junior 10 Caroling Party.
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
5:00 p.m.—Executive T. U. Committee Meeting.
5:30 p.m.—Department Executive Committee Meeting.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Service.
Dr. C. H. Bolton, Interim Pastor.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Married Young People's Dept.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22—

- 7:30 p.m.—Associational Carol Sing.
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m.—Junior 11-12 Training Union Party
Home of Mrs. W. E. Jackson, 2103 N. Magnolia Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24—

- (Church Office Closes at Noon)
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service.
Speaker: Luther Ozment

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—

- (Church Office Closed)
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LIBRARY NOTES

Some good books to read during Christmas Holidays are:

Pre-School:

- A Child Is Born
A Star Shone
Tell Me About Christmas

Primary:

- A Tree for Peter
Christmas Without Johnny

Juniors:

- Mora's Journey Home
The Best Christmas
Maggie Rose, Her Birthday Christmas
Ethan, The Shepherd Boy

Intermediates:

- Without a Sword
Lottie Moon
Grace McBride, Missionary Nurse

Young People:

- Never a Dull Moment—Price
Miracle In the Mountains

Adults:

- Christmas at Home—McRae
Christmas and Its Customs—Hole
Arab and Jew In the Land of Canaan—Beatty
All Things Are Possible Through Prayer—Allen