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IS THIS THE TIME TO SOUND RETREAT?

Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?
Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront,
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont
To play the laggard, when God's will was found?
No! Rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all the fulness is the Lord's,
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect!
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

—Oriental Missionary Standard

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



November 30 - December 4
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



Theme for the Week: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

MONDAY, November 30:
"O God, We Pray for Seekers of Knowledge"
Jane McRae Circle, Leading

THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Why should I spend an hour a day
For one whole week to come and pray
For mission lands I have not seen?
I must go shopping, sweep and clean,
Must wrap my gifts in tinsel, too,
Must decorate and bake and stew.
The children's parties must be gay.
How can I take the time to pray?

But Lottie Moon—so long ago—
Took time to leave her home and go
To distant land—to give not hours,
But months and years and all her powers;
To ride on donkey cart or mule,
To help the women, teach a school;
She had the time for work and prayer
And can it be I do not care?

I have no money I can give—
Or very little—for to live
Requires so very much today;
And Christmas is not far away.
Oh, children's toys are very high,
And I've so many gifts to buy!
My offering must be small, I fear,
Perhaps I can give more next year,
And yet, the Lord gave nothing small;
He gave, not grudgingly, His all—
His glory and His heavenly place,
The comfort of His Father's face,
His very life He gave away.
Can I forget it's His Birthday?
Then, how can I, with vision dim,
Spend much on self, give less to Him?

—Elizabeth Reynolds

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WEEK OF PRAYER

TUESDAY, December 1:
10:00—Executive Committee Meeting
10:30—Week of Prayer Program—"O God, We Pray for Lost Mankind"
T. N. Callaway Circle, Leading
11:15—Business Meeting
11:45—Bible Study
12:30—Lunch

WEDNESDAY, December 2:
7:25—Prayer Service Hour by the Pastor

THURSDAY, December 3:
"O God, We Pray for Presses at Work for God"
Dotson Mills Circle, Leading

FRIDAY, December 4:
Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
"O God, We Pray for All Mankind—Our Dedication"
Virginia Cobb Circle, Leading
(All morning meetings will be in stage end of dining room at 10:00 a.m.)
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Give to the LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
♦ ♦ ♦

MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers Sunday will be given by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Creel in loving memory of Dickie.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.
"Delightful Disappointments"
Romans 15:24
7:30 P.M.
"The Weak Made Strong"
Judges 16:6

Our Children

By EVELYN E. HEINTZ

Beginners Need To Attend Preaching Services

"My child won't sit still in the preaching service." Have you said this as a parent of a 4 or 5 year old child? May I ask, "Do you sit perfectly still during the service?" I seriously doubt it. Sit where your child can have some freedom to move within the area of his seat and help him to understand that he can move about as long as he moves quietly and doesn't get against other people. If you will suggest to your child that he stand when others stand, this will help to rest his muscles which tire more easily still than moving.

Parents, you have one of the greatest privileges anyone can ever have, that of helping the Beginner child appreciate the preaching service. You may not feel you enjoy the service quite as much when you have your Beginner with you, but yours is not only a privilege but a responsibility.

Here are some suggestions which may help you as you take your Beginner to church with you. During the week, talk to your child about going to the preaching services with the family as a privilege that comes when they are old enough to be Beginners.

If you can, give your child a chance to relax between Sunday School and church by taking a short walk.

Sit where your child can see what is taking place. This is possible if you sit in the balcony, near the front or at the end of the pew.

Offer your child a song book and find the song that is being sung.

Be sure your child has some money to put in the offering plate.

Occasionally, arrange for your child to speak to the pastor after the preaching services.

Your child can sense the importance of the preaching services if he goes regularly with you. Your child knows you have many important things to do and your taking time to attend services can deeply impress him.

Your child can sense the joy of Christians worshiping God together and can be led to appreciate your wanting him to share this joy with him.

See you and your Beginner in church Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

That more than two billion people do not know Christ as Saviour?

"O God, we pray for lost mankind!"

WEEK OF PRAYER
November 30 - December 4



Training Union

Monthly Officers' Council Meeting

The Training Union Monthly Officers' Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6, instead of next Sunday. This change has been made due to the fact that some of our leaders will be away for the Thanksgiving week-end. Remember, Sunday, December 6.

"M" Night

The highlight of the annual calendar for the Training Union is "M" Night. This year's "M" Night meeting will be Monday, December 7, in our sanctuary. The speaker will be Rev. James Butler, Pastor of the Center Point Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Each department of our Training Union is called upon to set an attendance goal for "M" Night and then to work hard to have a good representation from our Training Union.

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Some of you guessed it—KK stands for Kollege of Knowledge which our Training Union is sponsoring on Saturday, December 5, and Saturday, December 12. On these two Saturdays all of the Training Union leaders manuals will be taught. On Saturday, December 5, we will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch served here at the church. Then on Saturday, December 12, we will meet from 1:00 to 3:30 and then have a picnic.

Good teachers are being secured for each of these courses. Plan now to be present.

Mission Study for B. W. C.

BY ALL MEANS

By Baker James Cauthen

Monday, November 30

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

in

Adult C Department
(Dinner 6:30)

NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

59. Mr. William C. McCombs, 5148 Crestwood Rd. From: First Baptist Church, Milton, Florida.
60. Mr. William C. McCombs.
61. Miss Helen Cleveland, 3 Texar Rd., EPH. From: East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola.
62. Cadet David Cox, Batt. II, NAD. From: First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla.
63. Mr. Michael J. Estes, 1622 E. Avery Street. From: Jackson's Gap Baptist Church, Jackson's Gap, Alabama.
64. Mrs. Michael J. Estes. From: First Baptist Church, Eufaula, Alabama.
65. Kathleen Estes.
66. Sandra Estes.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance	1282
Members Present	1175
New Members	29
Visitors	53
(Attendance one year ago 1173)	
Training Union Attendance	341
Members Present	310
New Members	4
Visitors	27
(Attendance one year ago 354)	
Additions to church membership	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,582.38
Specials	474.64
Building Fund	55.50
TOTAL OFFERING	\$5,118.52

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:
Mr. J. M. Wallace in the loss of his
brother.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Sim L. Davis, Linda Sue Dixon.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. Claude Vice.

Home from Hospital:

Mrs. A. T. England, Mr. J. S. Atchison,
Mrs. J. D. Wiggins, Mrs. C. B. Lowe.



PRIMARY - PARENT MEETING

December 6, 1959 — 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

You will visit your primary child's department; then, come to the stage end or the dining room for a brief meeting, refreshments and fellowship. There will be parties for Beginner and Primary children. The Nursery will be open for those who need it.

BUDGET CATCH-UP

Through Sunday, November 22, we were \$6,003.00 behind in our budget for 1959. You will want to do your part to make up this deficit.

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
T. A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor.
Broadcast over WCOA.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.
Subject: "Old Adam's Children".
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor.
Ordinance of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Fellowship in Married Young People's Dept.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

WMU GENERAL MEETING.

10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meeting.

10:30 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program.

11:15 a.m.—Business Meeting.

11:30 a.m.—The Ideal Sunday School Class meeting with Mrs. H. G. Gray,
1769 E. Jackson.

11:45 a.m.—Bible Study.

12:30 p.m.—Lunch.

5:30 p.m.—WMU Study Course, Adult C Dept.

7:00 p.m.—Bible Survey Plan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:45 p.m.—Choirs.

5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B Department.

—Training Union Directors' Meeting.
Room 131.

5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.

6:30 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers Meet.

7:25 p.m.—Prayer Service.

8:00 p.m.—Visitation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program.

11:00 a.m.—BIBLE SURVEY PLAN.

1:00 p.m.—Lunch.

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program.



LIBRARY NOTES

LIFE BLOOD OF A CHURCH

As a recent Oklahoma Conference of Church Librarians Homer L. Grice said, "The Church Library is the heart of the organized church, pumping life blood into all organizations." It is gratifying that pastors, educational directors and others in places of leadership are using the library to strengthen and reinforce every department of the church life.

Sunday School teachers find many helps in preparing their lessons; Training Union workers appreciate the place of books in making their programs more effective, and the W. M. S. and its auxiliaries welcome books of travel, biography, and fiction that tell of world conditions.

Through the prayerful cooperation of the pastor and the librarian often God brings together the right person and the right book resulting in a personal problem being solved, a life dedicated to service, or the leading of an unsaved one to Christ.

And who knows what results may come from guiding a young person to read George W. Truett, a biography, The Apostle of the Amazon, or Very Truly Yours?

—Lillian Tisinger