

# The Baptist Builder

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## Season's Greetings

From each member of the church staff and the pastor's family to each member of our church goes a sincere prayer for a wonderful Christmas season and a happy, prosperous New Year—with hearts and talents dedicated to the service of Christ who alone gives meaning to Christmas.



Reading from left to right, seated: Mrs. James C. Rountree, (Financial Secretary), Nancy Pleitz, Mrs. James L. Pleitz, Rev. James L. Pleitz (Pastor), Danny Pleitz, Mr. L. Wendell Carpenter (Minister of Music and Youth Director), Miss Betty Sue Holt (Pastor's Secretary). Standing: Mr. S. R. Rutherford (Custodian), Mr. Clyde K. Bizzell (Assistant to the Pastor), Mrs. Kitty Manning (Dietician), Miss Evelyn Heintz (Elementary Director), Miss Mary Lou Pitts (Educational Secretary).

# WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

Last night while you slept, a dugout canoe sliced through the dark water of a Nigerian river. In the early half light of dawn forms were clear. Two Africans strained their sinewy backs as their paddles dipped into the water and pushed back. Their strokes were strong and determined. Ahead lay a small village, a Baptist mission hospital, a doctor, and help. The moon slid behind a cloud. All was quiet on the river except for the rhythmic paddles, the water sliced by the crude bow, and the quiet talk of a distressed mother soothing her fever-racked child.

In Jordan, caravans were being removed from the eyes of a Moslem youth in our hospital. In Hong Kong it was noon, and a mission school stopped for lunch. In Brazil a missionary returned to his station after a long preaching trip.

Yes, you can work while you sleep by giving to the . . .

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

### MRS. MAHLON WEIS, GUEST SPEAKER

7:30 SUNDAY

#### "THE CASE HISTORY OF AN ALCOHOLIC"

This outstanding Evangelism will take us step by step down the path of alcoholism from the very first social drink to the place where the best doctors in America had given her up as a hopeless case. She had everything that the world has to offer, wealth, social prestige, a world traveler but all of these brought nothing but misery. She will thrill your heart as she tells how God reached out His hand and saved her from alcoholism. A miracle you say—she will be the first to admit that nothing short of a miracle could have brought her from where she was to where she is. This is a story that hundreds of people in America have been waiting to hear. It will be one service you will never forget.

### CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve. Any announcements for the Sunday bulletin will need to be in by Monday of next week.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Christmas Spirit"

(Luke 2:1-20)

7:30 P.M.

"The Case History Of An  
Alcoholic"

Mrs. Mahlon Weis, Guest Speaker



## Music Notes

### Associational Carol Sing Tonight (Friday)

First Baptist Church  
7:30 P.M.

There will be a Carol and Candlelight Service on Wednesday Night, December 23. The Celestial Chorus, Carol, Cantor and Concord Chorus will participate.

### BIBLE STUDY WEEK JANUARY 1-8

We are happy to announce that our visiting teacher for January Bible Study Week is to be Dr. Gerald Smith, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. During this week Dr. Smith will be teaching the book "Studies in Timothy" both morning and evening. Books will be offered for the other age groups. The books are now available in the church office.



# Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Holston Johnson,  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

**Dorothy Ann**

to

**Doctor Roger Allen Meyer**

Medical Corps, United States Naval Reserve  
on Saturday, the nineteenth of December  
at half after four o'clock in the afternoon.

Naval Air Station Chapel  
Pensacola, Florida

Reception  
following ceremony  
1206 East Lakeview Avenue

## NIPPER ROGERS

Stella Nipper and Ransom Rogers will be  
married Monday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m.  
in the First Baptist Church, Florence, Ala-  
bama. The reception will follow immedi-  
ately after the ceremony in the church par-  
lor. The church family and friends are cor-  
dially invited to attend.

Share your joy and good will during the  
Christmas season.

Christmas is neither myth nor mockery,  
but both fact and faith.

The Christmas spirit never asks, "How  
much must I do?" but "How much can I do?"



# Library Notes

## VERY TRULY YOURS

By DR. CHESTER SWOR

... Is a very fine book. It is one of  
inspiration that emphasizes the need for  
clean living, unselfishness and a close daily  
walk with Christ in the commonplace ex-  
periences as well as in great kingdom en-  
deavors.

In Mount Olive, Mississippi, at the age of  
six years, Chester Swor developed osteomy-  
elitis which seriously impaired his walking.  
Since that time when he was for several  
years confined to hospitals and to bed in his  
home, books and reading have been a vital  
part of his life. Physical lameness, he as-  
sisted has been one of his greatest blessings.  
Certainly, it has not hampered his achieve-  
ments.

True to the Bible, his writings also stay  
close to life. Without demanding perfection,  
they challenge every Christian to a com-  
plete dedication to Christ. Wonderful read-  
ing!

ESPIN BULLOCK

## BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

... C. E. Antrey, professor of evangelism  
at Southwestern Seminary, has been elected  
Director of Evangelism of the Home Mission  
Board. He will succeed Leonard Sander son,  
who has accepted the pastorate of the First  
Baptist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

... Tom C. Small and his wife recently  
moved from southern Rhodesia to Kibwe,  
northern Rhodesia, becoming the first  
Southern Baptist missionaries to that coun-  
try and bringing to forty-one the number  
of countries in which Southern Baptists now  
have work.

... QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Keep-  
ing Christmas is good, but sharing it is  
better."

## HOW FAR TO BETHLEHEM?

By INEZ CLARK THORSON

"How far, how far to Bethlehem,  
And is the Child there still,  
And will start yet point the way  
Across bare field and hill?

"Turn back, O weary pilgrim, turn,  
Your doubt has borne you far,  
For through the eyes of faith alone  
May one behold the star.

"Turn back, O pilgrim, Bethlehem  
Is close as faith can be,  
As close as is a whispered prayer  
Upon the bended knee!"

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All material to be included in The Builder  
should be in the office, preferably in writ-  
ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1732  
Members Present.....1120  
New Members.....10  
Visitors.....27  
(Attendance one year ago, 1221)  
Training Union Attendance.....340  
Members Present.....212  
New Members.....4  
Visitors.....18  
(Attendance one year ago, 221)

Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget.....\$5,261.55  
Specials.....104.92  
Lottie Moon Offering.....1,395.25  
New Property Fund.....19.00  
Building Fund.....76.90  
TOTAL OFFERING.....\$7,838.41

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:  
Mrs. Gayle Babson (baby girl)  
Sacred Heart Hospital:  
Mrs. L. L. Huns.  
Home From Hospital:  
Mr. Hugh Gilmore, Miss Christine Hart.



BY LETTER:

26 Miss Carolyn Paye Toney, 2273 N. 15th  
Ave. From: 89 Highland Avenue Baptist  
Church, Mobile, Ala.

*Attend Church Twice Sunday!*

*Every Baptist a Tither*



**OPPORTUNITIES**  
of the week!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20—  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Pastor  
Broadcast over WCOA  
1:30 p.m. Baptist Hour on WCOA  
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs.  
Subject: "Why Was Jesus Born?"  
5:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 p.m. Training Union for all ages  
Comdr. R. E. Sparks, Director  
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Pastor  
8:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Fellowship  
9:30 p.m. Intermediate Fellowship in Mar-  
ried Young People's Dept.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23—  
4:45 p.m. Chorus  
5:20 p.m. Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting  
Adult B Department.  
Training Union Directors' Meeting  
Room 121  
7:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
8:30 p.m. Sunday School Officers and  
Teachers meet.  
7:25 p.m. Prayer Service. Cured and  
Candlelight Service.  
8:00 p.m. Visitation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24—  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT 12 NOON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25—  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26—  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING



## NOTICE Y. P. AND SERVICEMEN!

There will be no Servicemen's Lunch-  
con again until January 10, 1960.