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Season's Greetings



Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for
right,

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.
So the stars of the midnight which compass us
round

Shall see a strange glory, and hear a sweet sound,
And cry, Look! The earth is aflame with delight,
O, sons of the morning, rejoice at the sight,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

—Phillips Brooks

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PALAFOX AND LA RUA STREETS
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



DR. SMITH TO TEACH BIBLE STUDY WEEK



Dr. Gerald T. Smith, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, will be our visiting teacher for January Bible Study Week, January 4-8.

Morning classes will be held Tuesday through Friday, 9:30-11:30. Our Women's Missionary Society has graciously consented to move their general meeting to January 19th to allow us this Tuesday for our Bible Study.

At the evening hour, 7:00-8:45, Dr. Smith will teach "Studies in Timothy". Juniors will study "This Is My Bible." Intermediates and Seniors will study "Growing in Bible Knowledge."

Plan now to attend Bible Study Week.



CHURCH BASKETBALL

The score for our church's Intermediate basketball game on December 17 was: First Baptist, 35; Warrington Baptist, 18. Congratulations!!

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Changeless Christ"

(Hebrews 13:8)

7:30 P.M.

Student Night at Christmas



Plan now to attend Student Night at Christmas on Sunday night at 7:30 when our college students will have charge of the evening worship service. Immediately following the service, there will be a party at the pastor's home honoring all the college students.



**Don't leave GOD off
your
Christmas
gift list.**



GIVE TO THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Lottie Moon Offering to date is:
\$4,088.36



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

- C—is for Christ
who came into the world to save.
- H—is for Hope
that carries me through each day.
- R—is for Repentance
which He so clearly taught.
- I—is for Inspiration
which He gives me all along the way.
- S—is for Salvation
so full and free.
- T—is for Trust
which I have placed in Him.
- M—is for Mercy
which I humbly seek.
- A—is for Atonement
which He wrought on Calvary's cross
for me.
- S—is for Saviour
who gave His all for me.

Your Sundays Belong to God

Our Children

By EVELYN E. HEINTZ

"Twas a Sheep"

"Twas a sheep, not a lamb that went astray,
In the parable Jesus told:

'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety and nine in the fold,
And out on the hilltops and out in the cold
'Twas a sheep that the good shepherd
brought.

Now why should the sheep be so carefully
fed,

And cared for still today;
Because there is danger if they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray
For the lambs will follow the sheep you
know,

Wherever they wander; wherever they go,
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they;
So still with the sheep we must earnestly
plead,

For the sake of the lambs today,
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.—Selected.

Great is the responsibility of parents to
their children, of workers to the children
they have in their Sunday School depart-
ments on Sunday morning and Sunday night
and every church member has to see that
the right care and example is placed before
our little children.

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The Baptist Student Union
on the college campus serves
as a 'home away from home'
for the college student. It
links the school and the
church. Attend STUDENT
NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS,
Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock.



New Members

BY LETTER:

77. Mr. James E. Matson, 721 W. Jordan St.
From: East Hill Baptist Church, Penza-
cola, Florida.
78. Mr. Hugh L. McMurray, 1113 1/2 E. Gads-
den Street. From: St. Andrews Baptist
Church, Panama City, Florida.
79. Mrs. Hugh L. McMurray. From: South
Miami Baptist Church, Miami, Florida.
80. Mr. R. A. Sansting, Jr., 3507 Preststone Blvd.
Cordova. From: Dawson Memorial Baptist
Church, Birmingham, Alabama.
81. Mrs. R. A. Sansting, Jr.
82. Robert Sansting, III.



Congratulations Upon These Recent Marriages:

Suzanne Page and Charles Ray
Millie Enzor and William Bernard Smith
Jenelle Pierce and John William Kizziah
Dorothy Johnson and Dr. Roger Meyer
Stella Nipper and Ramon Rogers
Mary Evelyn Beasley and Marshall Gentry

1959 GIFTS

Toward the end of the year, many people
find that they are in position to make finan-
cial gifts which can be included in their in-
come tax deductions for the year. The in-
come tax law provides deductions up to
thirty per cent of one's income for contri-
butions to churches, hospitals and schools.
It is possible that some people may be pay-
ing income taxes on what they could give
to worthy and deserving causes.

All gifts intended to be counted in 1959
totals must be in the church office not later
than December 31.

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WATCHNIGHT SERVICE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Beginning at 10 p.m.

10:00 p.m.—Film, "I Beheld His Glory."
11:00-11:30—Refreshments and Fun Period.
11:30-12:01—Devotional and Prayer Service
in the Sanctuary.

Attend Church Twice Sunday!

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CHURCH STAFF Residence Phones

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Mrs. J. C. Rountree, Financial Sec., HE 2-1526



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1061
Members Present	1007
New Members	7
Visitors	47
(Attendance one year ago, 957)	
Training Union Attendance.....	294
Members Present	270
New Members	2
Visitors	22
(Attendance one year ago, 251)	
Additions to church membership.....	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,906.26
Organ Fund	25.00
Specials	202.68
Lottie Moon	439.35
Building Fund	101.25
New Property Fund.....	3,443.15
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,117.67



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:
Mr. Clyde Hood in the loss of his sister
who lived in Portland, Oregon.

Congratulations To:
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. McGowan upon
the birth of a baby boy, Charles Dusen-
bury, born December 10.
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Feldman, Jr. upon
the birth of a baby girl, Lori Leigh.

Baptist Hospital:
Mr. Charles Key
Sacred Heart Hospital:
Mrs. L. L. Hanks
Navy Hospital:
Mrs. Vera Trowbridge (baby girl)
Home from Hospital:
Mrs. Gayle Batson

RECEIVES DEGREE

Angus Caro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Caro, has received his degree in engineering
from A. P. I., Auburn, Alabama.

Every Baptist a Tither



OPPORTUNITIES
of the week!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27—

- 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: "Do Your Books Balance?"
- 5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
- 6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
Comdr. R. K. Sparks, Director.
- 7:30 p.m.—Student Night at Christmas.
- 8:30 p.m.—Party for all college students at
Pastor's Home.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30—

- 4:45 p.m.—Choirs.
- 5:30 p.m.—Superintendents' Cabinet Meeting.
Adult B Department.
—Training Union Directors' Meeting.
Room 121.
- 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
- 6:30 p.m.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers meet.
- 7:27 p.m.—Prayer Service.
- 8:00 p.m.—Visitation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31—

- 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.
- 10:00 p.m.—WATCHNIGHT SERVICE BEHINDS.
10:00-11:00—Film: "I Beheld His
Glory," Sanctus y.
11:00-11:30—Refreshments and Fun
Period, Dining Room.
11:30-12:01—Devotional and Prayer
Service in Sanctus y.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1—

OFFICE CLOSED



Glory to God
in the highest
And on earth Peace.
Good will toward men
Luke 2:14

