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PASTOR



OUR MISSIONARIES

Forget them not, O Christ, who stand
Thy vanguard in the distant land!
In flood, in flame, in dark, in dread,
Sustain, we pray, each lifted head!
Be Thou in every faithful breast,
Be peace and happiness and rest!
Exalt them over every fear;
In peril, come Thyself more near!
Let Heaven above their pathway pour
A radiance from its open door!
Turn Thou the hostile weapons, Lord,
Rebuke each wrathful alien horde!
Thine are the loved for whom we crave
That Thou wouldst keep them strong and brave.
Thine is the work they strive to do;
Their foes so many, they so few.
Yet Thou art with them and Thy Name
Forever lives, is aye the same.
Thy conquering Name, O Lord, we pray.
Quench not its light in blood today!
Be with Thine own, Thy loved, who stand
Christ's vanguard in the storm-swept land!

—Margaret E. Sangster

**PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES
GIVE THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

There are some distinct advantages which come as a result of doing your Christmas shopping early. This was pointed out in a

sign posted in a Boston Post Office which read: "Send your gifts early — besides facilitating the handling of mail, it gives the receiver a chance to reciprocate!"

As we make plans for our Christmas shopping, I sincerely hope that we will make some provision to include Jesus Christ on our gift list.

It is mighty easy for us to forget the 'One whose birth we are celebrating.

Southern Baptists have given Christmas a new meaning in recent years by making it an occasion to do something tangible and worthwhile. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached such proportions that it provides nearly one-half of our total foreign mission budget. It provides the grounds of hope for practically all the expansion and capital needs of our overseas work for Christ.

Our church has accepted the challenging goal of \$7,500.00 for this special offering for foreign missions. Won't you please have a liberal part in this offering, for a gift given for this cause is a gift given to our Saviour. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Sunday promises to be a wonderful day. I will be looking for you here at the church —1300 strong.

Faithfully yours,

James L. Preitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"God's Horses and Chariots"

(II Kings 6:17)

7:15 P.M.

"The Sin of Shallowness"

(Acts 27:27)

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

Junior, Intermediate and Senior R.A.'s and G.A.'s are reminded of your mission study to be held Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

THANKS

A special word of thanks to each of those persons who assisted with the fellowships after the home football games and to those who served as chaperones on the football trips. This was a most successful part of our youth program and we are grateful to those who helped.

SUPPER RESERVATIONS

Elsewhere in the BUILDER you will find an important word about supper reservations. All of us need to be a little more careful about making and cancelling reservations for meals at the church. Persons in charge of group activities need to be sure that definite plans are worked out and that your group knows how to make reservations for activities for which you are responsible.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Next Monday night, December 5, is the time for our Associational Sunday School meeting. Those Sunday School workers who are not involved in the Brotherhood and/or Deacons meeting are urged to attend this meeting to be held at the Whitfield Baptist Church at 7:30.



SUPPER RESERVATIONS

Some of our new members may not know the policy that is generally followed in our church in regard to the Wednesday night supper reservations. If you plan to be present every Wednesday evening, you may call the church office and make a permanent reservation. If you do not wish a permanent reservation, you must call by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon preceding the Wednesday you wish to attend to make a reservation for the evening. If you wish to cancel your reservation for a particular Wednesday night, please call the church office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Of course, if you find later that you can attend, last minute reservations can be made on Wednesday. And, cancellations may be made.

The charge per plate is as follows:

Adults	50c
Students	35c
Pre-School Children	25c

Your cooperation in this matter is needed and will be appreciated.



Training Union

"M" NIGHT

Monday, December 12, is the date set by our association for "M" Night. Dr. Carl E. Bates, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, will be the speaker. Training Union departments are urged to set an attendance goal for your department and work toward having a good attendance at "M" Night.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Members of the congregation will find in your package of envelopes a green envelope for your contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for this year is \$1,700,000.00. Our church goal is \$7,500.00. This offering is a very important part of our foreign mission enterprise. You ought to have a part in this most worthy offering.



FILM 'THE LOTTIE MOON STORY'

At the prayer service hour next Wednesday, December 7, we are showing the film entitled "The Lottie Moon Story". We tried to schedule this film during the Week of Prayer but were unable to do so. We have been able to get it for a showing on December 7 and urge all of our members to see this dramatic presentation of the life of Miss Lottie Moon.



NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our many friends for the lovely ways you remembered us during our recent loss of Mr. Garrett. We are also thankful for the classes and friends who sent money, instead of flowers, so Jewel could buy Bibles for Japanese students. May God richly bless each one of you for your kindnesses.

THE AMOS GARRETT FAMILY



REPORT OF PLEDGING

The Budget Pledging Committee reports that \$270,482.92 has been pledged to our 1961 budget. This represents 1789 pledges and 808 tithers.

Members of the church who have not yet made a pledge to the 1961 budget are invited to get a pledge card into the office.



Library Notes

Any good dictionary of the English language is a help to the Bible reader. It will give the pronunciation of tongue-twisters like "Nebuchadnezzar" or single words like "saith" (pronounced "seth"). But a Bible dictionary is even more helpful. Not only will it give descriptions of persons, places and important events in the Bible, it will also offer articles on biblical theology and ethics, antiquities and Biblical languages. It will give interesting information about the origin, authorship, contents, literary criticism and archaeological discoveries concerning the books of the Bible. In fact, a Bible dictionary is a most valuable assistant to the Bible reader, scholar, or teacher.

These two are available in the Church Library:

Harper's Bible Dictionary.
Feloubet's Bible Dictionary.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESSEN



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Edward McCrory

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Bob Hightower, Mrs. Amzie Wilson, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. W. G. Pybus.
Mr. Clarence Dannelly.

Oschner Foundation Hospital, New Orleans:

Chuck Williamson.

V. A. Hospital, Biloxi, Mississippi:

Mr. Tom Jernigan.

Home from Hospital:

Mr. George Peterson, Mr. Espin Bullock, Mr. Jim Medlock, Mrs. Bessie Rouse, Larry Fricks.

Congratulations To:

Miss Mary Clarence Weekley and Harrill V. Fowlkes who were married a week ago in Brewton, Alabama. They are temporarily residing in Myrtle Grove.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Charles Arthur Rodgers in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Grey Munjar in the loss of her father-in-law.

Mrs. James E. Driskell and Mrs. Amos Garrett in the loss of their father and brother.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard Kelly upon the birth of a son, William Christopher, on November 18.

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1082
Members Present	1014
New Members	10
Visitors	58
(Attendance one year ago.... 995)	
Training Union Attendance.....	328
Members Present	307
New Members	6
Visitors	15
(Attendance one year ago.... 260)	
Additions to church membership.....	4
Baptized	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$3,557.81
Specials	532.07
Building Fund, First Baptist.....	29.58
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,119.46



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

17. Mr. Clifford M. Jackson, Jr., 636 Old Corry Road.
18. Mr. Cliff Jackson
19. Mr. Tom Sickman, USS Antietam, NAS.
BY LETTER
50. Miss Jean Henderson, 1114 East Lloyd St.
From: First Baptist Church, New Orleans,
Louisiana.

BAPTIZED:

Mr. Maxie Altman
Mrs. Maxie Altman
Mr. Daryl Altman
Mrs. Vernon C. Henderson

"DEACONS OF THE MONTH"

FOR DECEMBER

MR. ERNEST GENTRY
MR. T. A. SHELL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4—

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 over WCOA.
 Speaker: DR. H. H. HOBBS.
 Subj.: "The Corruption of Power"
4:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
 Capt. R. E. Sparks, Director.
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor.
 Ordinance of Baptism.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate fellowship in lower
 auditorium of Educational Bldg.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5—

6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting.
7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School Meet-
 ing, Whitfield Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullins Circle will meet
 with Miss Iva Hart, 1504 N. Baylen
7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle will meet
 with Mrs. M. H. Holt, 2661 Scenic
 Highway.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6—

W. M. U. GENERAL MEETING
9:45 a.m.—Executive Committee meets.
10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program.
11:15 a.m.—Business.
11:45 a.m.—Bible Study.
12:30 p.m.—Lunch.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7—

5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs.
5:00 p.m.—G. A. Counselors Meet.
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:30 p.m.—Teachers and Officers Meet.
 Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s.
 Study of "Mastering Life's Prob-
 lems.
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8—

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.



ABOUT THOSE DIPLOMAS

A number of our people were not able to come for our Training Recognition Night when diplomas were given out. If you were notified that we have a diploma for you, we certainly want you to have it. We have secured some inexpensive frames for those who desire their diploma framed. These will be available to you at cost (50c each). It will help us greatly if you will call the office, letting us know whether you want yours framed before picking it up.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Pensacola High School Chorus will present a program of special music at the First Presbyterian Church Monday, December 5, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. at a regular meeting of the Pensacola Ministerial Association. The public is invited to attend this program of Christmas music.



BROTHERHOOD

SUPPER MEETING

Monday, December 5, 6:15 p.m.
Program On World Missions