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PASTOR



Those Who May Be Excused

Horace Bushnell made a penetrating list of all who might be excused from giving to missions:

Those who believe that it is "every man for himself" in this world.

Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Those who regret that missionaries ever came to our ancestors with this good news.

Those who believe that the gospel is not the power of God and cannot save anybody.

Those who want no share in the final victory.

Those who believe they are not accountable to God for the money entrusted to them.

Those who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of these, ye did it not to me."

—Bulletin of Broadway Baptist Church
Fort Worth, Texas

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. "Inasmuch 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. Pleitz



11:00 A.M.

"The Great Invitation"

(Isaiah 55:1f)

7:15 P.M.

"Proud of the Gospel"

(Romans 1:16)

THE Singing CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

Because of continuing and persistent schedule conflicts on our 4:00 P.M. rehearsal time each Wednesday, this choir will discontinue its meetings until re-enrollment time in January.

MUSIC SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

1. All choirs will meet on scheduled dates through Sunday, December 17.
2. Adult and Youth Choirs will have combined rehearsals on Sunday, December 3 and Thursday, December 7.
3. These combined choirs will present "The Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saens on Sunday evening, December 10.
4. All children's choirs will be featured in a carol service on Sunday evening, December 17.
5. Junior and Primary Choirs will participate in the Annual Associational Carol Sing Monday, December 18, at Brownsville Baptist Church.
6. Youth Choir will sing at the Annual Student Night at Christmas on December 24.

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Fellowship, Information, and
Inspiration await you at your
Associational "M" Night Dec. 4
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Training Union

"Talk Training Union when the sun is
shining
Talk Training Union when it starts to
rain
If you happen to fall, don't lie there
and bawl
Get up and talk Training Union again."

Luther Hodges, former governor of North Carolina, asked a man on the street to vote for him in his campaign for governor. The man replied "I will." This prompt promise so surprised Mr. Hodges he asked the man why?" The answer was "You're the only man that ever asked me." Don't take it for granted that some one has asked your friend, your neighbor or your fellow church member to attend Training Union. Ask him politely and ask him often.

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Be one of 27,000 Florida
Baptists attending "M" Night



W.M.U.

"GOOD TIDINGS . . .
TO ALL PEOPLE"



This is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-9. We will be meeting at the church for prayer and programs on:

Tuesday, December 5 — 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday — Prayer Service — 7:30

P.M.

Thursday, December 7 — 10:00 A.M.
Friday, December 8 — 10:00 A.M.

The Southwide goal is \$9,390,000. Our goal is \$7,500.00. The words "It is more blessed to give than to receive" are completely understood by the one who gives joyously and abundantly to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The heart-warming experience that comes from sharing the message of Christ with a troubled and lost world is most rewarding. As our offering grows, we realize that more people who sit in darkness may come to know the Light of the World — Jesus our Saviour.

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BIBLE SURVEY

In our Bible Survey, we have begun the study of the second book, "From Adam to Moses." There are those in our church who missed this book in Bible Survey last time who may want to take it now. Next week will be the second class period in this book. We meet Tuesday night at 7:00, Thursday morning at 9:30.

"EXTENSION MEMBER OF
THE WEEK"

Mrs. L. O. Larcom
223 North DeVilliers

YOU...TH in Particular

TEEN - TIME
SUNDAY NIGHT

at the home of

Bill and Betty Carr
5704 North Davis Highway



Library Notes

"Counseling for Church Leaders" by John W. Drakeford shows how religious leaders in Biblical times helped people with their problems and how laymen in modern churches can give such help today. In addition to providing a good summary of modern counseling techniques, this unique book, with its fresh approach to Biblical truth, also sets out the limits within which laymen should work.

Other books on this subject:

"The Art of Counseling" — May
"Counseling for Church Vocations" —
Southard.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESSEN



FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Sunday, December 3, will be observed as Foreign Missions Day in our Sunday School. The W. M. U. has asked each department to have a foreign missions emphasis during the assembly period.

Devotional speakers for the adult and young people's department are as follows:

Young People A—Mrs. Cecil S. Jones.
Young People B—Miss Genevieve Averett.

B & P—Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr.
Adult A and Married Young People—
J. Nixon Daniel, Jr.
Adult B—Mrs. Henry L. Ashmore.
Adult C—Mrs. William C. Carr, Jr.
Adult D—B. T. Dean.
Adult E—Mrs. E. A. Allen.



ANNOUNCING BIBLE STUDY WEEK

Our January Bible Study Week will begin on Sunday, December 31, with Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, the author of the textbook and our teacher, preaching at both services. Then, we will continue Monday through Thursday, January 1 through 4. Reserve this week for "Studies in Jeremiah."



We are counting on you to attend
"M" Night, December 4!



"M" NIGHT SPEAKER



DR. RALPH Langley

The speaker for "M" Night, Monday, December 4, is to be Dr. Ralph Langley. Dr. Langley is a native of Opelika, Alabama, a graduate of Mars Hill College and Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. From 1951 to 1955 he was pastor of the University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Miami, Florida. From there he went to the Willshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas; and then to the Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston where he now serves.

Many of our people heard Dr. Langley when he was the "M" Night speaker in December 1955. All of our Training Union members are expected to attend "M" Night. Other members of our church will profit by hearing Dr. Langley.



TRAINING RECOGNITION NIGHT

Next Wednesday, December 6, will be observed as Training Recognition Night. At the general meeting following supper, we will present diplomas and seals that have been earned during this year.



"M" Night is December 4, 1961

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:
 The Clyde P. Ellis family in the loss of Mr. Ellis.
 Mr. Charlie D. Rector in the loss of his father.
 Mrs. A. D. Moore in the loss of a brother.
 Mrs. Charles (Suzanne) Ray in the loss of her husband.

Congratulations To:

Eugene Hart and Betty Jean Bailey who were married November 24.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hogue in the birth of a daughter, Ellen Drew, on November 17.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Frances Pitts, Mrs. Amos Garrett.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Edna Drake, Mrs. W. L. Warren

Home From Hospital:

Susan Gregory, Mrs. Guy Spearman, Mrs. Wilson Harris, Mr. Woody Creel, Mr. T. M. Jernigan.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given by the Gentry Family in loving memory of Mrs. E. C. Gentry, Sr.



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MEN'S LEAGUE

Monday, December 4

7:00 P.M. — First Baptist vs. Greek Orthodox.

SENIOR BOY'S LEAGUE

Thursday, December 7

6:30 P.M. — First Baptist vs. Myrtle Grove Baptist.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

All groups who plan to assist a family at Christmas time are asked to clear the name with Mr. Bizzell, or Mrs. Sutton in the church office. We are seeking to cooperate fully with the Christmas Clearance Bureau to avoid duplications in Christmas giving. Some groups who had a family assigned for Thanksgiving may intended to keep the same family for Christmas. If this is the case, be sure to definitely let us know in the office.

"DEACONS OF THE MONTH"
FOR DECEMBER

J. F. Boykin, Sr.
Herman O. Williams

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



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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1084
Members Present.....	1029
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	53
Training Union Attendance.....	274
Members Present.....	271
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	11
Additions to church membership.....	3
Baptized.....	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$3,948.03
Specials.....	227.41
Student Loan Fund.....	295.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	331.79
Building Fund.....	78.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$4,880.28

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 26, 1961

FOR BAPTISM:

7. Mrs. James F. Agnew, 217 N. W. Syrle Drive, Navy Point.
- BY LETTER:
40. Chaplain James F. Agnew, 217 N. W. Syrle Drive, Navy Point. From: First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
41. Mr. David A. Downard, School of Pre-Flight, NAS. From: First Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida.

BAPTIZED:

Mrs. W. W. Reeder
 Mr. James E. Cullifer
 Mrs. James E. Cullifer
 Ginny Cullifer
 Mrs. James F. Agnew



Plans for 1962 will be featured
 At "M" Night — Dec. 4, 1961



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 a.m.—Sunday school for all ages. Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor Broadcast over WCOA
 4:30 p.m.—Chapel and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, Director
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
 8:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowships

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 p.m.—"M" NIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

W. M. U. GENERAL MEETING
 9:30 a.m.—Executive Committee Meets
 10:00 a.m.—Missionary Program
 11:00 a.m.—Business Meeting
 11:30 a.m.—Bible Study
 12:15 p.m.—Lunch
 6:30 p.m.—Homemakers' Sunday School Class Christmas Party — Church Dining Room
 7:00 p.m.—BIBLE SURVEY. Meet Adult A Dept.
 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet
 7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle meets with Mrs. S. L. Fulghum, 1306 E. Mallory, for Week of Prayer Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs
 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
 6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s. Study of "We Southern Baptists"
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
 8:15 p.m.—Nominating Committee Meets

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.—BIBLE SURVEY
 10:00 a.m.—W. M. U. Week of Prayer
 7:00 p.m.—R.A. Presentation Service Church Dining Room
 7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle meets with Mrs. Claude Adkison, 710 N. 7th Ave., Week of Prayer Program
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary and Chapel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 a.m.—W. M. U. Week of Prayer
 12 Noon—Convention Bible Class Christmas Party. Church Dining Room
 5:00 p.m.—R.A.'s leave church for Camp Ada for Mission Study and Camp Out

CHRISTMAS GIVING

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

Our observance of R. A. Focus Week was interrupted by the Forward Program. We have scheduled a Royal Ambassador Presentation Service, 7:00 P.M., Thursday, December 7. We are asking all former and present members of Royal Ambassadors and their parents to attend.

At this service, recognition of ranks attained under the old ranking system will be made. Also, there will be a presentation of the new R.A. program. It is important that parents of Royal Ambassadors be in this meeting.