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PASTOR

UNIVERSAL BIBLE WEEK DECEMBER 3-10



The Book Our Mothers Read

We search the world for truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;

And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from the quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Pastor's Paragraphs

THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS

God certainly blessed us with a marvelous day last Sunday. The attendance was excellent, and our hearts were



thrilled when nine people united with our church. The Good Lord willing, four of these will be baptized Sunday evening.

As we come into the Christmas season, I sincerely hope and pray that we will give Christ the place of pre-eminence. One of my friends in Texas

recently had this to say about the Christmas season.

"Now that Thanksgiving is past our thoughts turn to the next holiday—"X-mas." That's all it is to millions of people, a holiday and Christ has been left out. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem there was no room for them in the inn, so he was born in a stable. We read the sad commentary on his acceptance even later. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Christmas decorations have been up in stores for some time now as merchants seek to entice buyers into their stores for what is expected to be a record buying season. The question I pose is this: Will this be X-mas or Christmas for you."

I will be looking for you in God's House on His Day — 1250 Bibles strong.

Faithfully yours,

James L. Pleitz



11:00 A.M.

"**Making A Success Of Marriage**"

(Ephesians 5:22 - 33)

7:15 P.M.

"**The Christmas Oratorio**"
(Sanctuary and Youth Choirs)

THE Singing CHURCH

By JERRY HOWELL

THE CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

By Camille Saint-Saens

The writer of our Christmas work for this year was among the greatest writers of all time. It was through his efforts and the inspiration of his contemporaries that a national musical style was born. Certainly some of the best literature from the classical period came from Camille Saint-Saens. This composer wrote the Biblical opera "Samson and Delilah" in 1877.

An Oratorio is generally thought of as a dramatic poem of a sacred or spiritual nature which is sung throughout by soloists and chorus accompanied by an orchestra. The organ and piano have replaced the orchestra many times because of apparent practical reasons. This type of work, although differing from a mass or cantata, has a peculiar style described as very dramatic; it must be enacted without the benefit of staging or costumes and is ideally suited for performance by church choirs.

A chorus made up of our Sanctuary and Youth Choirs will present this musical service on Sunday evening, December 10, at 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

All the choirs of the church will present a service of carols on Sunday evening, December 17, at 7:15 p.m. This is always a stirring service and you will be pleased as each group rehearses and prepares suitable music to offer in praise of the Child Jesus. We wish for this service to be a worship experience! Too many times our children's services become spectacles where the performer becomes more important than the sentiment of the message being presented.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation to all the church family for your many remembrances and prayers during the recent loss of my father.

CHARLIE D. RECTOR

BIBLE STUDY WEEK

Begins Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1 thru
Thursday, January 4
Morning and Evening Classes

Studying "Studies in Jeremiah"
taught by Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, who wrote the text.

**TO BE GUEST SOLOIST
IN CHRISTMAS ORATORIO**



SAM JORDAN, III

Mr. Sam Jordan, III will be our guest soloist as the Sanctuary Choir and the Youth Choir present Saint-Saens' "The Christmas Oratorio." How very fortunate we feel in having Mr. Jordan back in Pensacola and at First Baptist Church to use his beautiful voice for the glory of Christ.

Mr. Jordan studied at Oklahoma Baptist University, Florida State University and at the Cincinnati College Conservatory where he was a student of the famous teacher, Robert Powell.

During his university days, he appeared in many excellent performances such as "Carmen", "The Bartered Bride", and "See the Wind." Along with sacred works in which Mr. Jordan has appeared are: Verdi's "Requiem", Mozart's "Requiem", and Rossini's "Stabat-Mater."

Other soloists who will be presented in this service include: Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. Jo Ann Deese, Mrs. Pat Jenista, Mrs. Joyce Endsley and Mr. Robert White.

This Christmas service is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. this Sunday.

**"EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK"**

Mrs. T. B. Lucas
1716 East Hernandez

YOU...TH in Particular

TEEN TIME Sunday Night At the Church

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wash in Charge.



W.M.U.

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 a.m.

—T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., 2100 E. Mallory St.

—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. E. A. Allen, 100 W. Brainerd St.

—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Emory Rogers, 1301 Dexter Ave., Warrington.

—DOTTSON MILLS will meet with Mrs. Sam Jordan, 440 Burgess Road.

—BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. Judson Gillespie, 1815 Escambia Ave.

—LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. E. W. Speed, 2023 Escambia Ave.

—MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3811 Menendez

—THE BRASINGTONS will meet with Mrs. John I. Berry, 748 Peyton, Cordova Park.

—MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, 1261 Stow Avenue.

—R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. T. H. Miller, 1718 E. Lee St.

2:30 p.m.

—HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. H. O. Williams, 3636 Menendez Drive.

6:30 p.m.

—ELEANOR O'HAVER HOWELL will meet with Mrs. W. H. Crawford, 1600 N. 9th Ave.

7:30 p.m.

—ROBERT GOLDIE will meet with Miss Sarah Andress, 3011 Blackshear Ave.

JUNIOR 10 DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9

2:00 - 4:00

In the Department



GOOD CHRISTMAS READING Children

"Merry Christmas Book"—Bailey

"Tell Me About Christmas"—Jones

"A Child Is Born"—Gaffron

"A Star Shone"—Trent

Juniors

"Our Christmas Story"—Mrs. Billy Graham

"Birds Christmas Carol"—Wiggins

"Maggie Rose and Her Birthday Christmas"—Sawyer

"Christmas Without Journey"—Carroll

Teen-Agers

"Without A Sword"—Cate

"The Woodcarver"—Crowell

"The Better Christmas"—Moore

Adults

"Let's Celebrate Christmas"—Gardner

"Christmas and Its Customs"—Hale

"Christmas in the Home"—McRae

"Christmas"—Schauffer

"The Christmas Book of Legends and Stories"—Smith

"The Complete Christmas Book"—Watts

"Christmas Customs Around the World"—Wermke

"The Christmas Heretic"—Park

"Christmas Messages"—Truett

"The Spirit of Christmas"—Van Dyke.

Yours for many happy hours of holiday reading.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

"Should Christians Drink?" by Everett Tilson is an objective attempt to determine the Christian approach to the problem of drinking. To those who meet the drinking problem in their daily lives, Dr. Tilson offers a new challenge to speak out with a stronger "NO" to the ever present question, "Should Christians Drink?"

"The Christian Case for Abstinence" is written by 22 clergymen from many religious denominations who summarize here the reasons why Christians must not drink. Thomas Edison summed it up when he said, "I am a teetotaler from alcoholic liquors. I always felt that I had better use for my head."

FOR JUNIORS

"Refugee Hero" by Mary Adrian is a story of Otto, a Hungarian boy, who fled to America when his father's farm was confiscated by the Communists and his parents were killed. He was taken in by a nice couple in a small town and was happy until he had to go to school. Otto's story is a moving and exciting one.

MRS. A. R. W. STOESEN

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

The 1962 Reservation Roll For Camp Crestridge Opens, December 1, 1961

Mail your reservation early, please.
450 campers were turned away
last year.

MISS ARVINE BELL, CAMP DIRECTOR
CAMP CRESTRIDGE FOR GIRLS
RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We Extend Deepest Sympathy To:
Mrs. Georgia Stone in the loss of her
brother.

Miss Pearl Kennedy in the loss of her
sister.

Mr. T. O. Bales in the loss of his father.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Lynch upon
the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chiles upon the
birth of a baby girl, December 4.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Tate Bousman, Mrs. Charles Dan-
forth, Mrs. Henry E. Chiles.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Edna Drake.

Navy Hospital:

Mr. William M. Houghton

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. W. L. Warren, Mrs. Amos Garrett,
Mrs. Wm. R. Lynch, Mr. J. W. Lang,
Mrs. Maurice Leyser, Miss Sadie Coley,
Mrs. Frances Pitts.



BASKETBALL

Men's League

Monday, December 11

9:00 P.M.—First Baptist vs. Gulf Breeze
Baptist.

Senior Boy's League

Thursday, December 14

8:30 P.M.—First Baptist vs. Reorganized
Latter Day Saints.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS SUNDAY

The memorial flowers for the sanctuary
Sunday will be given by Mr. and Mrs.
Woody Creel and Marsha in loving mem-
ory of Dickie.

Associational
Sunday School Meeting
Monday, December 11
Whitfield Baptist Church

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not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1233
Members Present.....	1192
New Members	5
Visitors	36
Training Union Attendance.....	322
Members Present	305
New Members	5
Visitors	12
Additions to church membership.....	9
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,134.80
Specials	191.80
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	1,065.30
Building Fund	37.60
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,429.50
TOTAL LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO DATE	\$1,781.66

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, December 3, 1961
FOR BAPTISM:
8. Miss Jane Ellen Garrett, 1120 East
Brainerd.
9. Miss Virginia Kay Gray, 1790 East Jackson.
10. Mr. Ted Weeks, 6001 Audubon Drive.
11. Mr. Norman T. Boykin, 9 Mindoro Circle.
BY LETTER:
42. Mrs. Ted (Carolyn) Weeks, 6001 Audu-
bon Drive. From: Charleston Heights Bap-
tist Church, Charleston Heights, South
Carolina.
43. Mrs. Norman T. (Willie Ruth) Boykin, 9
Mindoro Circle. From: Central Bap-
tist Church, Pensacola.
44. Mr. Hugh G. Wilson, 217 Alton Road. From
First Baptist Church, Port Neches, Texas.
45. Mrs. Hugh G. Wilson.
46. Mr. Mike Roll, 6206 San Monica.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
(Broadcast over WCOA)
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
R. F. (Bob) Jernigan, Director
7:15 p.m.—Christmas Oratorio
by Sanctuary and Chapel Choirs
Baptism
8:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowships

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Supper - Meeting
7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting
7:30 p.m.—Associational Sunday School
Meeting. Whitfield Baptist Church
7:30 p.m.—Charles Mullin Circle will meet
with Misses Genevieve and Annie
Averett, 2056 N. 13th Ave.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

SEE WMU CIRCLES

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts meet
7:00 p.m.—BIBLE SURVEY
7:00 p.m.—Dorcas Sunday School Class
Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

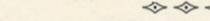
5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs
5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s.
Study of "We Southern Baptists"
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 p.m.—BIBLE SURVEY
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers' Sunday School
Class Christmas Party at Mrs.
M. H. Holt's, 2661 Scenic Hwy.

SATURDAY, December 16

2:00 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams and Beginner
5 Training Union-Christmas Party



OUR PRAYER

Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days;
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise.

BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Emphasis:
Christian Witnessing

Speaker:
**Chaplain Thurston Healer
of Whiting Field**