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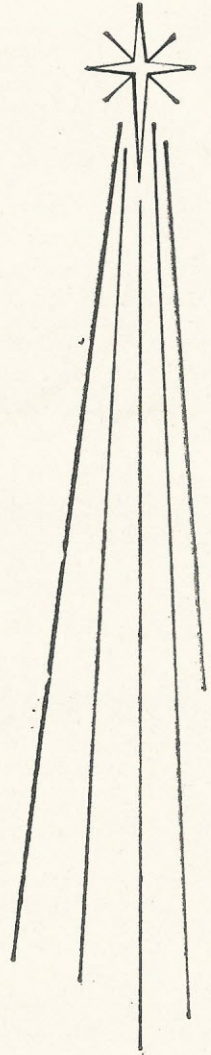
THE HEART IS BETHLEHEM

I dyed my rooms in candle glow,
Hung holly wreaths and mistletoe,
And in the passing lure of them
Forgot the heart is **Bethlehem**.

With tinsel glory I trimmed a tree
But I forgot the heart of me —
That it is there the Christ must stay
When He comes in on Christmas day.

I made no place for the Christ-Child then . . .
O that He pass this way again!

Gertrude Hanson



*"I bring you good tidings...unto you is born this day in
the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

Pastor's Paragraphs

Your Christmas Gift To The Lord

Thur far, \$4,799.60 has been given to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, which means we are \$2700.40 short of our goal of \$7,500. I sincerely hope that each one of us will have a worthy part in this offering.



Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a sermon prepared for presentation on The Baptist Hour on Decem-

ber 24, 1961 says:

"We have been hearing much of the Peace Corps of late. The greatest Peace Corps in the world is that thin line of Christian missionaries who labor heroically in their given areas. I have been privileged to visit with some of them, live in their homes, share in their work, and feel the pulsebeat of their hearts. Each group of them is a little island of heaven in a sea of misery and spiritual hunger. They are doing more with less than any group I know, and they need our support.

As you celebrate His birth you could give your Lord no greater gift than a missionary offering through your church. Thus, you would hasten the day when the prophecy of the angels, even our hope, would become a reality. For only when Christ is King in the hearts of men will there be in truth "peace on earth."

My family and I wish to thank you for the many, many beautiful cards and gifts that you have sent us in recent days. You are a wonderful people, and I thank God daily for the privilege of being your undershepherd. My sincere prayer is that God will richly bless you and yours.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.
"The Gospel of Christmas"
(Luke 2:1-20)

5:00 P.M. Vesper Service
"The Spirit of Christmas"

INTRODUCING



DR. CLYDE T. FRANCISCO

Professor of Old Testament Interpretation
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Author of "Studies in Jeremiah" which he will teach in our church January 1 through 4.

Dr. Francisco is a native of Virginia, a graduate of the University of Richmond and of Southern Baptist Seminary. He is the author of the book "Introducing the Old Testament" and also the translator for the Book of Proverbs in the Berkley Version of the Bible. He will preach for us at both services Sunday, December 31, and then teach morning and evening classes Monday through Thursday, January 1 through 4. The morning classes will begin at 9:30 a.m., the evening classes 7 p.m.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15-9:15—Age Group Fellowships

9:15-9:45—Refreshments

9:45-11:30—Film "Martin Luther"

11:30-12:01—Worship Service in the sanctuary

We are wondering about the need for the nursery for the watchnight service. If you plan to come and bring pre-school children, please let us know that we may know how to plan.

"EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK"

Mrs. George Pfeiffer
1620 East Avery



Library Notes

We wish to thank each one who has taken out a library book or used any of our other facilities during this year. May you all experience a Christmas season of great joy and peace in your hearts.

We are looking forward with keen anticipation to the New Year. Great changes and improvements will take place when we move into our new quarters. Let us earnestly pray that this book ministry may find an increasingly large place in the life of our church as the years go by. May 1962 be a year of unusual spiritual growth and deep, abiding happiness in the life of each member of our church and may God's richest blessings be yours.

Sincerely yours.

THE MEMBERS OF THE
LIBRARY COMMITTEE
AND LIBRARY STAFF.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN OUR CHURCH

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Service

5:00 P.M.—Christmas Vesper Service.

This vesper service takes the place of our regular schedule of Training Union and Evening Worship and will be the only service next Sunday evening.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Cecil Ray, Mrs. W. H. Ferry, Miss Eva Crawford, Mr. George Carter

Home From Hospital:

Mr. Henry Mertins, Mr. George Arthur Reed, Mrs. Edna Drake, Mrs. R. D. Bonham, Mr. Earl Gaston, Mr. Al Montgomery.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ray upon the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Caro upon the birth of a son, Stephen Edward, on December 19. The Caro's now live in Santa Maria, California. The grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caro and Mrs. W. H. Dismukes.

Best Wishes To:

Peggy Resmondo and Hugh Ernest Ball, Jr. who were married last Saturday. They will reside in Corpus Christi, Texas where he is currently stationed.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Mrs. I. J. (Genevieve) Robinson in the loss of her father.

YOU...TH in Particular

By JERRY HOWELL

TEEN-TIME will NOT be held for the next two Sunday nights.

The College Student Breakfast for Sunday morning has been canceled, but we will have a special reception for all college students Wednesday night, December 27, immediately following the Student Night at Christmas program.



S N A C

What is it? Student Night at Christmas is a time when we ask our College Young People to direct an entire service. Student Night this year is December 27. This special Wednesday evening service will feature first-hand reports from college campuses all over the country. We are proud of this group of potential Christian leaders.

BOOK AWARDS

All book awards for courses offered in our church have been requested, received, and given out. If you have failed to receive an award for a book taken, we would be happy to check your record for you. Mistakes do occur, and we make our share of them. Many times, however, persons have failed to complete all requirements for credit on books and wonder why they never receive the award. Your taking time to check may reveal a mistake; it may reveal a simple thing that you need to do to finish. At least, it will clear up any question. Simply call Mrs. Sutton or Mr. Bizzell in the office.

This is a good time to remind groups and persons teaching books that application for credit must be made for the awards to be received. Occasionally, a group will take a book and no one assumes responsibility for requesting the credit.

1961 GIVING

Remember that all gifts to be credited in 1961 will need to be in by the last day of the year, Sunday, December 31. Remember that there are only two more Sundays in 1961.

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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.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1091
Members Present.....	1055
Visitors	36
Training Union Attendance.....	316
Members Present	294
New Members	1
Visitors	21
Additions to church membership.....	3
Baptized	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$4,879.99
Specials	309.03
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	1,070.54
Building Fund	26.35
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,285.91



Wedding Bells

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Joseph Conlon
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Connie Cecelia

to

Mr. Dennis C. Brown

Tuesday, the twenty-sixth of December
Nineteen hundred and sixty-one
at seven-thirty in the evening
First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception immediately following
in Church Fellowship Hall



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
5:00 p.m.—Vesper Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
7:30 p.m.—Student Night At Christmas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal



NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, December 17, 1961

BY LETTER:

47. Mr. Richard N. Drake, Y. M. C. A., From:
First Baptist Church, Hendersonville,
North Carolina.
48. Mr. Jerry Truss, Route 3, Box 90-B. From:
Summerdale Baptist Church, Summerdale,
Alabama.
49. Mrs. Jerry (Cecille) Truss.

BAPTIZED:

Mr. Darrell O. Roden, Jr.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed December 25 and 26. Any items for the BUILDER which would normally go to the printer on Monday, December 25, will need to be submitted not later than Saturday, December 23.

If you will need to cancel your supper reservations for Wednesday, the 27th, it would help us if you will do this on Saturday also.



PENSACOLA LIBRARIAN WRITES ARTICLE

NASHVILLE—Mrs. Laura T. Stoesen, librarian of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., has written an article in the first quarter, 1962, issue of "The Church Library Magazine."

"Curios, Costumes from Other Countries" tells about special collections of materials for foreign countries which her church library contains. The collection occupies a room separate from other library materials. The curios and costumes are used particularly by the missionary organizations, but other groups use them as well as other churches in the association.

"The Church Library Magazine" is a quarterly publication of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.