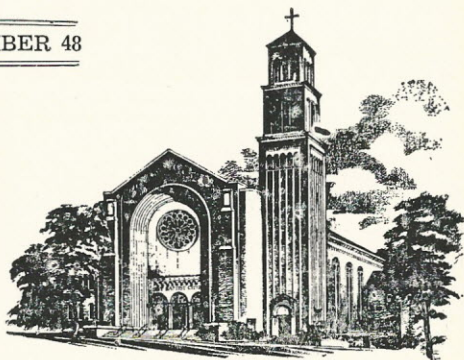


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PASTOR



SPREAD THE LIGHT

There is darkness still, gross darkness, Lord,
On this fair earth of Thine.
There are prisoners still in the prison-house,
Where never a light doth shine.
There are doors still bolted against Thee,
There are faces set like a wall;
And over them all the Shadow of Death
Hangs like a pall.

Do you hear the voices calling,
Out there in the black of the night?
Do you hear the sobs of the women,
Who are barred from the blessed light?
And the children—the little children—
Do you hear their pitiful cry?
O, brothers, we must seek them,
Or there in the dark they die!

Spread the Light! Spread the Light!
Till earth's remotest bounds have heard
The glory of the Living Word;
Till those that see not have their sight;
Till all the fringes of the night
Are lifted, and the long-closed doors
Are wide for ever to the Light.
Spread--the--Light!

O then shall dawn the golden days,
To which true hearts are pressing;
When earth's discordant strains shall blend—
The one true God confessing;
When Christly thought and Christly deed
Shall bind each heart and nation,
In one Grand Brotherhood of Men,
And one high consecration.

—John Oxenham

Pastor's Paragraphs

REGARDING YOUR 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 \$8,672 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 to our Saviour. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I would challenge each member of our congregation this year, as I have for the past several years, to give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than you spend on any member of your family. Remember, it is the Lord's birthday we are celebrating.

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

Faithfully yours,

James L. Pleitz

BIBLE STUDY WEEK

How happy we are to announce that Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, known and loved by members of our congregation, will be our visiting teacher for January Bible Study Week. Dr. Leavell has written the guidebook which will be used in Southern Baptist Churches during their observance of Bible Study Week. It is entitled "Studies in Matthew, the King and the Kingdom." The date is January 7-11.

FOREIGN MISSIONS



WMU WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS DECEMBER 3 - 7

THEME:

"God's Gift . . . The Light of The World"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL. (Stanley Davis Circle in charge). Theme: "The Light Disperses . . . Ignorance."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:30 A.M. IN ADULT B DEPT. (Virginia Cobb Circle in charge). Theme: "The Light Alleviates . . . Suffering"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY. Dr. Ernest Johnson, Speaker. Dr. Johnson was born in Brazil of missionary parents. He is now serving a tour of duty in the U. S. Navy. He plans to return to Brazil as a missionary.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL (Laura Frances Snow Circle in charge). Theme: "The Light Banishes . . . Sin"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL (T. N. Callaway Circle in charge). Theme: "The Light Rebukes . . . Selfishness"

THE

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

SOUTH-WIDE GOAL IS

\$10,700.00

OUR CHURCH GOAL IS \$8,672

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Father or Grandfather?"

John 14:1-9

7:15 P.M.

"The Church"

Colossians 3:11

THE *Singing* CHURCH

December Brings Time of Beautiful Music.

First Baptist Church Musicians will present several opportunities to worship the Living Christ through inspiring melody in the coming weeks. The following is a list of these services.

Dec. 7—Annual Associational Carol Sing
All Junior and Primary Choirs
Heights Baptist Church — 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 9—Handel's "Messiah"
Pensacola Oratorio Society
First Baptist Church Sanctuary—3 p.m.

Dec. 9—J. S. Bach's Cantata "For Us a Child Is Born"
First Baptist Sanctuary Choir
First Baptist Church Sanctuary—7:15 p.m.

Dec. 12—Annual Carol Service
First Baptist Youth and Children's Choirs
First Baptist Church Sanctuary—7:30 p.m.

Invite your friends to join us as you attend these services.

J.H.

YOU...TH *in Particular*

NOW HOW ABOUT THIS...?

This weekend is a most auspicious and celebrated time when outstanding events have taken place. It is of foremost importance when one considers that in many states the BEAR, WILD BOAR, PART-RIDGE and Turkey season has opened for hunters.

Historians tell us that about this time of year the Monroe Doctrine was first declared; John Brown was hanged; the first airplane flight was made; slavery was abolished; the Boston Tea Party was held; the first wireless signal was heard across the Atlantic.

Elsewhere the HOWES doctrine was being declared. On December 1 the first rendition of Brahm's Lullaby was sung to our celebrated personality. His response to this greeting was one long phrase after another in a very high key—probably singing for his supper. Well, this wasn't exactly TEA PARTY but there was great joy in the "HOWES-HOLD."

First Baptist Church Senior Teen Time will honor one of its sponsors, Mr. Jack Howes this Sunday evening following the service, at the home of Miss Marsha Creel, 1600 North Spring. Happy Birthday, Jack.

Five Sundays remain, and we are \$6,341.00 short of reaching our budget requirements thus far for the year. Have you done your part?

"It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful."
(1 Corinthians 4:2)



Library Notes

AN IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

"There are now 75 book publishing houses in the little state of Israel, which has a population of two million. A new title is published annually for every 1,200 in habitants, whereas in the United States there is a new title for every 13,000 people. Book stores outnumber liquor stores about six to one. More than 80 per cent of the gifts at birthday parties and other occasions are books, biblical subject being especially popular."

LTS



MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
7:30 P.M.

IN OUR SANCTUARY

Speaker: Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr.
Immanuel Baptist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

The nursery will be open to care for all pre-school children.

SENIOR TEEN-TIME WILL HONOR

It's Newest and Foremost Sexagenarian 8:30 P.M. Sunday

At the Home of Marsha Creel
1600 N. SPRING ST.

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to Honduras.

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



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1159
Members Present.....	1110
New Members.....	3
Visitors.....	46
Training Union Attendance.....	309
Members Present.....	290
New Members.....	1
Visitors.....	18
Additions to church membership.....	7
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$4,730.44
Specials.....	396.86
Building Fund.....	81.20
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$5,208.50

NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM:

11. Gary Lee Young, 222 Ruby Avenue,
Oakcrest.

BY LETTER:

34. Mr. L. Winford Abney, 2010 East Jordan
St. From East Hill Baptist, Pensacola
35. Mrs. L. Winford Abney (Edna)
36. Miss Andrea Abney
37. Miss Janis Abney
38. Mr. Lowell Abney
39. Mrs. Leone Young, 222 Ruby Ave., Oak-
crest. From: First Baptist Church,
Tallahassee, Florida

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers for the Sanctuary on Sun-
day will be in memory of Dickie Creel
and are being given by his family.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
R. F. "Bob" Jernigan, Director
7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pastor
Baptismal Service
8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time at the home
of Marsha Creel, 1600 North
Spring Street
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen time at the
church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program.
Chapel
6:00 p.m.—Basketball Game—First Baptist
vs. Greek Orthodox—YMCA
7:30 p.m.—Associational "M" Night in
Sanctuary. Dr. W. O. Vaught,
Speaker

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- WMS GENERAL MEETING
10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meets
10:30 a.m.—Missionary Program
11:15 a.m.—Business Meeting
11:45 a.m.—Bible Study
12:30 p.m.—Lunch
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet
7:30 p.m.—Lydia Class Christmas Party at
Mrs. S. G. Kennedy Jr.'s, 2100
East Mallory Street

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs Meet
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.—Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 10:00 A.M.—Week of Prayer Program
Chapel
6:30 p.m.—Basketball Game First Baptist vs.
St. Mark's Methodist at YMCA
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle will meet
in Library for Week of Prayer
program

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program
Chapel
2:30 p.m.—Willing Workers Class meeting
with Mrs. Lottie Bowman, 777
Tanglewood Dr. Cordova
7:15 p.m.—Associational Carol Sing
Heights Baptist Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 2:30 p.m.—Beginner 5B Party for Parents
and children

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Smith, Jr.,
1425 E. Brainerd St., upon the birth of
a boy, November 19.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Jr.,
6212 Calumet Court, upon the birth of
a boy, November 20.

Sympathy To:

Miss Iris Hernandez upon the loss of
her mother.
Mr. M. B. Griffith upon the loss of a
brother.

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Troy Futch, Mrs. J. C. Gilmore.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. J. F. Holder

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Kirk Johnson.