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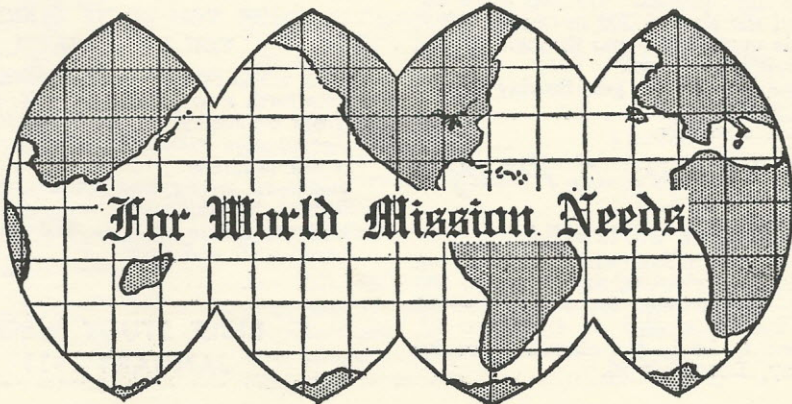
BECAUSE WE GAVE...

You think you cannot win the world—
It seems so big, your gifts so small;
Yet, when divided by our Lord,
We find there is enough for all.

Some day, when Christians meet their Christ,
An added joy will come to be
In seeing, gathered as one band,
Souls won by Lottie's Christmas plea.

Oh, as we view them standing there—
All nations, sons of every land—
True thankfulness will fill our hearts,
Because we gave as God had planned.

—Marjorie Lou Stump



Pastor's Paragraphs

BURDENS INTO BRIDGES

In seeking to minister to your needs, I am made mindful of the fact that all of us have problems. Recently I ran



across this little article that I would like to share with you. My prayer is that all of us will make the wonderful discovery of how life's burdens can be turned into bridges.

"A biologist tells how he watched an ant carrying a piece of straw which seemed almost too heavy for it to drag. The ant came to a crack in the ground which was too big for it to cross. It stood still for a time, as though perplexed by the situation, then put the straw across the crack and walked over on the straw.

If only we were as wise as that ant! We speak much about the burdens we must bear. But have we ever thought of converting our burdens into bridges, of having our burdens bear US up instead of us bearing THEM up?

The Apostle Paul had learned the secret of being borne up by his burden, instead of being borne down by it. Throughout his life he had been afflicted with a physical deformity or handicap. But when he had once recognized his affliction as a part of God's will for him, he exclaimed, 'Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.' 2 Corinthians 12:9

Every man who has found eternal life in the death of Jesus Christ can convert his burdens into bridges — bridges that lead him from the darkness of despair into the brightness of assurance. To know Christ is to know the love of God, and to know God's love is to be assured of eternal fellowship with Him.

Do you have what it takes to turn your burdens into bridges? Do you know the power of the love of God in Christ? That power is available to you through faith in the Christian Gospel."

I'll be looking for you Sunday in the Lord's House.

Most sincerely,

James L. Pleitz

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25. Articles for the BUILDER which will be mailed on December 27, will need to be in the church office by Thursday, December 20.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"From Rags to Riches"

(II Kings 7:1-16 RSV)

7:15 P.M.

"Where Are You?"

(Genesis 3:9)

THIS IS STANDARD APPLICATION WEEK

The second week in December has been set aside as Standard Application Week in the Sunday Schools of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Of course, some of our departments have not waited until this week, but have already met all requirements and have applied for standard recognition. All six of our Primary Departments, one Junior Department, a number of Junior Classes, and one Intermediate class has already applied. We are urging every Teacher and every Superintendent to take the time to fill out an Application for Standard Recognition. This is not something which should be done on Sunday morning because most of the answers will have to be provided by the Teacher or Superintendent. Every Superintendent has been supplied with copies of the Standard and with information regarding the Training Record of each worker.

Standard attainment now (for the month of November) will still allow opportunity for the Efficiency Award which is given to any unit which maintains standard recognition for nine months of the Sunday School year.

Let's get these in by Sunday. If your class or department has not reached all of the points, this will help you to know what you lack. If all points have been reached, your application will be forwarded and a Standard Award secured for you.

WHEN YOU DO IT STANDARD YOU DO IT RIGHT

The Standard of Excellence
Sets forth a program.
Tests efficiency.
Accentuates essentials.
Notes progress.
Discloses strong and weak points.
Avoids lopsidedness.
Reduces waste of time and energy.
Directs all endeavor.

—Adapted.

BIBLE STUDY WEEK JANUARY 7-11

"DIAMONDS FOR THE KING"

The theme for the 1962 Lottie Moon Offering is "Diamonds for the King". This theme is in keeping with the fact that Woman's Missionary Union of the South is celebrating it's 75th Anniversary.

A large crown on the poster will record our gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering. A diamond will be added for each \$100 given. A large diamond will record each \$1,000 in total gifts. This graphic view of our giving will be seen in the entrance to the ground floor of the Sanctuary Building.

The goal this year is \$10,700,000 for the Convention. Our church goal is \$8,672. What price diamond will you give?

DIAMONDS FOR THE KING

The star, aglow and shooting rays of light
Hung in the sky, its brightness piercing
night;

Dispelling darkness from shepherds on a
hill

Glad to know tidings of good will
From heavenly hosts who told the
Father's will.

A diamond, cut and mounted solitaire,
A treasured, lovely gift so rare.
Purchased and valued at great price;
Its worth, when given, can be a sacrifice.

The star, a diamond, both sparkle in the
night

With sharp, reflected gleams of light.
Of great beauty and great worth
They glorify the wealth of earth.

A star, a diamond, a priceless thing—
To use in honor of the King!

—Ethalee Hamric

Tomorrow is the day that comes
just when we have figured out today's
problems.



IN MEMORIAM

MR. MALCOLM HOLT

2418 North 15th Ave.

Joined by letter from Holt Baptist
Church, Holt, Fla.
On April 19, 1912

Deceased December 6, 1962

Mrs. Albert R. Caro (Elizabeth Rowe)

Richmond, Va.

Joined by letter November 21, 1937
Deceased December 9, 1962



Library Notes

Paul Rogosin, missionary to Russians on West Coast, writes in Home Missions:

"The printed page is the foundation of our Christian civilization. In the city of Strasbourg there is a statue of the great printer Gutenberg, with a tablet bearing the inscription: "Let there be light." On the four sides of the memorial are pictures in bronze relief showing: (1) a class of school children, each with a book in his lap; (2) a company of slaves holding up their fettered hands, and a group of teachers breaking their fetters with books; (3) a multitude of heathen, with their backs turned to the former idols, stretching out their hands to receive books from the missionary; and (4) representatives from many nations, all reaching out their hands for books."

God has greatly blessed us with hundreds of good books in our church library which are available to all. Let us permit them to enlighten our minds and souls.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Gaherty, St. Petersburg, Fla., upon the birth of a daughter, December 5. Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Morgan, Harvest, Ala., upon the birth of a daughter, December 6. Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cobb, 1011 Trenton Ave., upon the birth of a boy, Dec. 5.

Sympathy to:

Mrs. J. T. McNair upon the loss of a brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gaston upon the loss of a grandson in California.

Mrs. Malcolm Holt upon the loss of her husband; Mrs. W. W. Cushing upon the loss of her father; Mr. Henry Holt, Sr., upon the loss of his brother.

Mrs. Lyman E. Goodnight, Sr., upon the loss of her mother.

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Jan Ainslie; Mr. Earl Trant.

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. W. P. Mooty.

Escambia General Hospital:

Mrs. Myrlin Brooks.

Home from Hospital:

Mr. J. S. Baisden; Mrs. Lennie Bonham; Mr. James L. Pippin; Mrs. Willis Cobb; Kerry and Kathy Milner; Mrs. Cecil S. Jones, Jr.

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 should be in the office, preferably in writ-
 ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



ABOUT CAMP ADA

The Camp Committee of the Pensa-
 cola Bay Baptist Association is holding
 an open meeting on Monday, December
 17. This meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at
 the East Brent Baptist Church. The pur-
 pose of the meeting is to give those per-
 sons who have used the camp facilities
 in the past and those who are interested
 in its future an opportunity to share with
 the committee in the making of some de-
 cisions regarding future development and
 operation. Any interested persons from
 our church are urged to be present for
 this meeting.

HELP THE USHERS

We have asked the Ushers to help us
 to be sure that every visitor who attends
 our services receives a Visitor's Card.
 At the Morning Service, many visitors
 come in after the time for greeting the
 guests. We have asked the Ushers to
 give every person who comes in after
 that time a Visitor's Card. If they hand
 you one, you will know that they are try-
 ing to help us be sure that no Visitor
 is overlooked. You may simply give it
 back to them.

"We talk a great deal of religion in this
 country, but we need to stop long enough
 to let our feet catch up with our mouths."

—Billy Graham



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 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.—Youth 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.—Senior Teen Time at the home of
 John Fields, 4185 Iris Court,
 Pineglades
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen Time at the
 church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 7:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Christmas
 Party. Mrs. T. A. Wastler's, 2004
 N. Spring St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet
 7:30 p.m.—Naomi Class Christmas Party at
 home of Mrs. G. R. McDonald,
 2860 Blackshear Ave.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

NO CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

- 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 Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 6:30 p.m.—Junior 9-10 T. U. Dept. meets at
 church to go caroling, then to
 home of Mrs. Amos Garrett, 1106
 E. DeSoto for refreshments
 7:00 p.m.—Dorcas Class Christmas Party.
 Church Dining Room
 7:00 p.m.—Junior 11-12 Christmas Party at
 the home of Mrs. W. E. Jackson,
 2103 N. Magnolia
 7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1306
Members Present.....	1257
New Members.....	7
Visitors.....	42
Training Union Attendance.....	327
Members Present.....	306
New Members.....	2
Visitors.....	19
Additions to church membership.....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$4,559.05
Specials.....	231.25
Lottie Moon.....	1,514.06
Building Fund.....	192.98
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$6,497.34

NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

47. Miss Evelyn Hall, 616 East Gadsden St.
 From: Southside Baptist Church,
 De Funiak Springs Fla.
 48. Mrs. Janie Mallory, 204½ North "E" St.
 From: First Baptist Church,
 Perry, Florida

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL