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## Thanksgiving of the Heart

Though I keep Thanksgiving in November,  
But forget that every day brings cause for giving thanks  
I am at heart ungrateful.

And though I praise Thanksgiving as a noble custom,  
And urge it upon others, as a duty;  
But show by careless living no concern for God, country,  
Or others, I am not really thankful;

And though I provide a great family feast;  
And toss a bit to charity; While my heart cries;  
"I deserve all this!"—I am still ungrateful.

Thanksgiving in the Heart sees all creation—  
Wheat or water, home or friendship, faith or country—  
As God's unbounded mercy;

Thanksgiving in the Heart enlarges the gift until it fills  
The need,  
And unveils as best of all the loving motive of the giver;

Thanksgiving in the Heart returns to the gift often  
To awaken gratitude; Is spurred by it to become a giver;  
Grows skilled in secret giving where there can be no return  
Makes of every gift, bread or gold, an hour's labor  
Or a silent tear,—An offering of the spirit;  
A grateful remembering of what has been given.

Thanksgiving in the Heart never fails the thankful  
But single holidays fail, they come so seldom;  
Mere repeating of tradition bores  
When the originating fire is lost;  
Family celebrations die out as families vanish.

But if Thanksgiving never ends, life is always renewed;  
For what fortune denies, gratitude discovers in a substitute;  
What chance takes away, thankfulness returns in joyful recollection;  
What grief tries to steal, the grateful heart joyously gives away.  
What death seems to conquer, Thanksgiving beholds as set free with  
everlasting life;

So Thanksgiving will abide—  
The Thanksgiving which is national custom;  
The Thanksgiving which is family celebration;  
And the Thanksgiving of the Heart.  
But the greatest of these is the Thanksgiving of the Heart.

—Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13—by J. R. Swaim

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## RULERS — LIVING AND DEAD

As I write these words our nation is mourning the death of President John F. Kennedy. Although we did not always



agree with his decisions, all of us respected Mr. Kennedy as the elected leader of our nation. History alone must vindicate his actions.

We are shocked and grieved at his untimely death. The whole sordid episode should shake us into a realization that something

is dreadfully wrong in America. The Psalmist asked the question worthy of our serious consideration: "If the foundations be destroyed, what are the righteous doing?" **WHAT ARE THE RIGHTEOUS DOING?**

In just a few minutes the body of our 35th president will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. His body will remain in the tomb until the hour of resurrection.

Long ago another young man died an untimely death. He was assassinated by the religious leaders of his day. His body was placed in a borrowed grave. Few people mourned his death. No world leaders came to stand before his tomb in final tribute.

They placed his body in a BORROWED tomb. Our Lord only borrowed the tomb of Nicodemus. He knew full well that He would not need a tomb permanently. This was a temporary need. Prior to his crucifixion, our Lord announced to the disciples his death (Matthew 12:40): "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

I'll be looking for you Sunday in His House.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*



## NICKERSON SPEAKS

Mr. E. P. "Ted" Nickerson, Chairman, "Project Alert," will speak to the Friendship Union of the Young Adult Department next Sunday (December 1) at 6:30 P.M.

His subject will be "Is Anti-Communism Enough." Everyone is welcome.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Clement Ross, Mrs. Earline Van Pelt, Mrs. Howard Nix, Mrs. E. B. McCloskey, Wayne Woerner

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. Henry Pohlmann, Mrs. A. R. Kicklighter, Jr., Mrs. Wyatt Shows

### Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Barnard Bond, Mrs. L. W. Bell, Mrs. Fermon Minshew

### Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. John Vaughan in the loss of her father

Mrs. R. L. Kendrick in the loss of a sister

Mrs. B. W. Matthews in the loss of a sister

Mrs. Harry Santoro in the loss of a sister.

Mrs. O. E. Nolen and Mr. Ernest Nolen in the loss of their husband and father. Mrs. L. K. Coleman in the loss of her brother.

### Congratulations To:

Rev. and Mrs. Luther Ozment (Barbara Arnold) upon the birth of a son, Nov. 20.



The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday  
was in honor of

MISS DANA LOUISE HARDEN

newly adopted daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Harden, Jr.  
She was born October 12, 1963



## IMPORTANT EVENTS BEFORE US

Tuesday, December 31—  
Annual Watchnight Service.

January 12-16—  
January Bible Study Week.

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

### "The Shortest Way to Happiness"

(Luke 17:11-19)

7:15 P.M.

### "Unconscious Beauty"

(Exodus 34:29)



## DECEMBER 2-6

The Woman's Missionary Day Society will be observing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions next week. Using as the general theme for this observance, "Crown Him Lord Of All," they will be meeting as follows:

**Monday, 10:00 A.M.**—  
In Adult A Department

**Tuesday, 10:30 A.M.**—  
In Adult A Department

**Thursday, 10:00 A.M.**—  
In Adult A Department

**Friday, 10:00 A.M.**—  
In Adult A Department



## FIRST BAPTIST CHOIRS TO SING IN ASSOCIATION MUSIC FESTIVAL WARRINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

### Friday Evening, December 6

6:30 — Rehearsal of massed choirs  
7:30 — Youth choirs sing for adjudication  
8:30 — Adult choirs sing for adjudication  
9:00 — Massed choir program

### Saturday Morning, December 7

9:00 — Beginners sing for adjudication  
9:30 — All Primaries rehearse together  
10:00 — All Juniors rehearse together  
Primaries will go to rooms to robe  
10:30 — Primary adjudication  
Juniors will go to rooms to robe  
11:00 — Junior adjudication  
11:30 — Combined choirs in program

Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Our choirs will meet at the Warrington Baptist Church at 8:45, Saturday morning.



## FORWARD PROGRAM REPORT

On Sunday night, November 24, Mr. T. A. Shell, Chairman of our Budget Pledging Committee, reported that we had pledged through Sunday morning \$285,092.34. As of Wednesday morning, November 27, we have pledged a total of \$287,599.78. How grateful we are for this splendid report. Other pledges are coming in daily. You will want to be sure that yours is in.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2  
7:30 P.M.**

## IN OUR SANCTUARY

**SPEAKER:**

**JAMES L. MONROE**

Pastor Riverside Baptist Church  
Miami, Florida



## Library Notes

"Seven Reasons Why a Scientist Believes In God" by A. Cressy Morrison is an arresting appraisal of scientific discovery and advancement which distinguishes these pages of Christian testimony. It is indeed a vibrant Christian faith adequate for any day which the widely-respected scientist shares in these fascinating and convincing studies of divine revelation singular to astronomy, geology, biology, anthropology and other divisions of natural science.

"The Bible Story Book" by Bethann Van Ness is designed primarily as a family story book. Ages 8-12 can read and understand it themselves. Younger children will enjoy having it read to them. Workers with children in all the church organizations will find it invaluable. It is more than just a retelling of the familiar Bible narratives. It is a paraphrase of the entire Bible — more than 300 stories simply and beautifully written. — L. T. S.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Mr. O. E. Nolen**  
1524 North Baylen St.

Joined our church by letter  
April 12, 1952

Deceased November 26, 1963

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 to Honduras.

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.....	1294
Members Present.....	1259
New Members.....	7
Visitors .....	28
Training Union Attendance.....	301
Members Present.....	273
New Members.....	3
Visitors .....	25
Additions to church membership.....	4
Baptized .....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$6,535.33
Specials .....	207.88
Building Fund.....	29.25
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b> .....	<b>\$6,772.46</b>



## NEW MEMBERS

### BY LETTER:

44. Lt. J. H. Childs, 5512 Thornhill Drive.  
 From: Baptist Tabernacle Baptist  
 Church, Macon, Ga.  
 45. Mrs. J. H. Childs  
 46. Mr. Paul T. Howse, Jr., 1922 North  
 Baylen St. From: Huffman  
 Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.  
 47. Mrs. Paul T. Howse, Jr. (Ruby)

### BAPTIZED:

Clifford William McLoud, Jr.  
 Margaret Claire Hurt



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 AND WORSHIP SUNDAY**



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
 Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor  
 Broadcast over WCOA  
 3:00 p.m.—Y.W.A. White Bible Service  
 Church Dining Room  
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages  
 Homer Reed, Director  
 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor  
 8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen Time to be  
 held at the church  
 8:30 p.m.—Senior Teen Time at the home  
 of Jane Meacham, 1020 East  
 Fairfield Drive

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program  
 Adult A Department  
 7:30 p.m.—Associational "M" Night  
 First Baptist Church  
 Speaker, James Monroe

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

W.M.S. DAY SOCIETY  
 GENERAL MEETING  
 10:00 a.m.—Executive Committee Meeting  
 Adult B Department  
 10:30 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program  
 Adult A Department  
 11:15 a.m.—Business Meeting  
 11:45 a.m.—Bible Study  
 12:30 a.m.—Luncheon  
 7:30 p.m.—Ruth Class Meeting (Ad. A) at  
 the home of Mrs. Hiram Smith,  
 5261 Springhill Drive  
 8:00 p.m.—Friendly Class Meeting at the  
 home of Mrs. Herman Williams,  
 3636 Menendez Road

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs Meet  
 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
 6:30 p.m.—Teachers' and Officers' Mtg.  
 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, RA's, GA's, YWA's  
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service  
 8:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program  
 Adult A Department

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 a.m.—Week of Prayer Program  
 Adult A Department  
 2:00 p.m.—Willing Workers Class will meet  
 with Mrs. George Yarbrough, Sr.,  
 921 N. Palafox  
 6:30 p.m.—Associational Music Festival  
 Warrington Baptist Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 a.m.—Associational Music Festival  
 Warrington Baptist Church  
 2:00 p.m.—Junior 10 Department Mtg.  
 Junior 10 Department



## AN INVITATION

All friends of Miss Marcia Dean are  
 invited to attend the beautiful Bridal  
 Bible Presentation ceremony given by her  
 Y. W. A. group on Sunday, December 1,  
 at 3 o'clock. A reception for Marcia will  
 follow the ceremony.