

# The Baptist Builder

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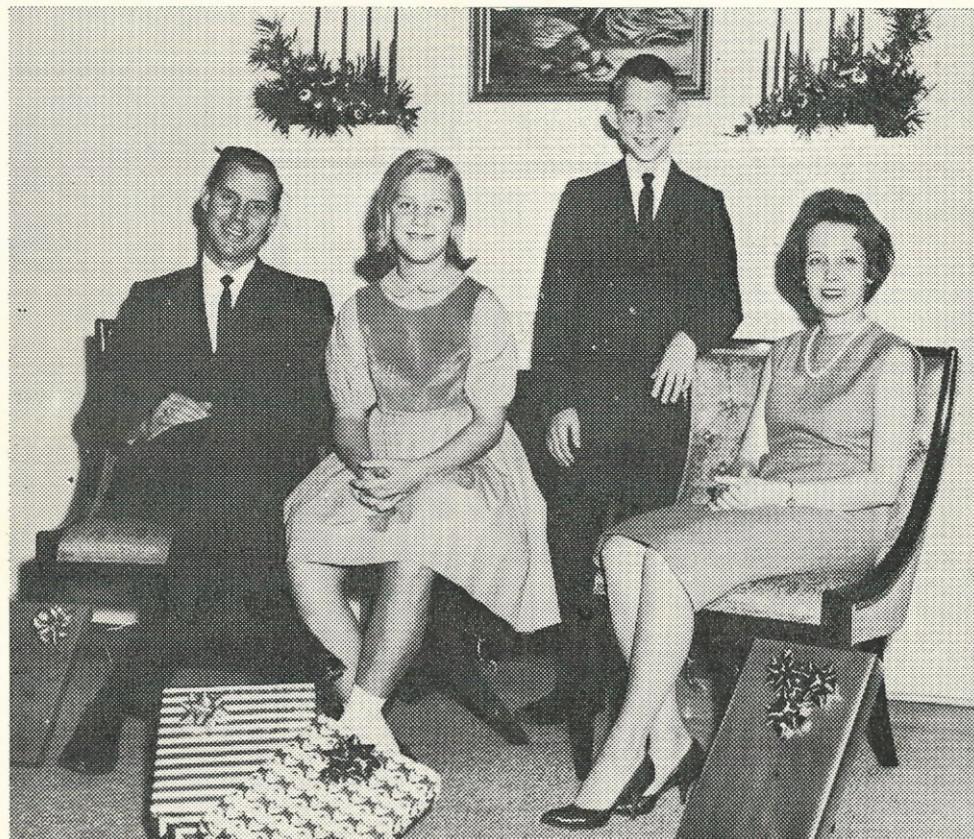
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## To My Beloved People---

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper,  
Its faith stronger, and its hopes brighter  
As it comes to you this year.



Your Pastor and His Family

## REHEARSAL FOR ALL CHOIRS

### Will Be Suspended Until After New Year Begins

—Adults will assume their regular service responsibility on each Sunday morning during the holiday vacation period.

—Youth choir will continue their Sunday evening service appearances and will have their last rehearsal this Sunday, December 22, at 4:30 p.m. This group will be the service choir for the Vesper service at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 25. Rehearsals will resume on January 5.

—All other choirs will have their first rehearsal on January 8, 1964.



## SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

Since Christmas and New Year's Day come on Wednesday this year, the following adjustments are being made in the activities usually held on this day each week:

The Fellowship Dinner, and all related evening activities, are cancelled on both Wednesdays.

A 5:00 p.m. Vesper Service will be held on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25.

A New Years' Eve service will be held on Tuesday evening, December 31.



## BUY EARLY

The books for our January Bible Study Week are here and may be purchased in the office. The book for study this year is "The Letter to the Ephesians." The price is 75 cents. The date for our study is January 12-16. Our visiting teacher will be Dr. Russell Bradley Jones.



## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday are given in memory of Mr. B. M. Wakefield by his family.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

### "What Is Right About Christmas?"

(Luke 2:1-20)

7:15 P.M.

### Ordination Service for Ramon Rogers

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS

### OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

—Window of YWA  
October, 1963



## STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

College students who are a part of First Baptist Church will be returning from campuses all over the country. A special time is set aside each year to introduce to our congregation the many students through a unique program which discusses the students varied activity.

You will be here to encourage these people; a most significant segment of our youth ministry is described in their appearance here Sunday evening, December 29.

### Program Objectives

To acquaint the home people with college religious life and particularly with the program of Baptist student work.

To increase the students' appreciation of his home church in relation to his college life

To relate the program of the home church to that of the church at college

To emphasize the importance of the ministry of the church at college

To assure parents of the denomination's concern for students

To recognize and utilize students in the home church, thus crystallizing their spiritual experiences

To assure students that the home church has a sustained interest in and prayerful concern for them

To introduce high school students to college life at its best

To keep pastors informed, parents reassured, and high school students inspired concerning the worthwhileness of collegiate Christian life.



## GOOD TV VIEWING

One of our deacons has called to my attention the fact that Channel 10 is carrying the movie, "A Man Called Peter" on Saturday, December 21 at 8:00 p.m. Anybody who missed seeing this movie will want to take this opportunity to see it.

By the way, if you saw the special Southern Baptist Hour telecast last Saturday you might want to write a note of appreciation to Mr. Claude Evans, WALA-TV, 210 Government St., Mobile, Alabama.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Congratulations To:

Marcia Dean and Lt. (jg) Roger Vinson upon their marriage December 14  
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wash upon the birth of a son

### Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Fred Kreitlein, Mrs. E. B. McCloskey, Mr. Earl Kendrick, Mrs. Earline Van Pelt

### Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mrs. C. W. Kingry, Mr. W. N. Lipscomb

### Navy Hospital:

Roy Caton

### Home From Hospital:

Mr. E. A. Guillot, Mrs. James Kersh, Mr. Benny Godfrey, Miss Benny Allen, Mrs. E. W. Davis

### Sympathy To:

Mrs. Lillie Vice in the loss of her brother.

Mr. M. J. Conlon in the death of his father.



## 'CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR CHRIST'

So you've done your Christmas shopping early this year! Are you sure you haven't forgotten someone? Better check to see.

John

Bill

Mary

Grandma

Grandpa

But I don't see the most important name of all . . . the name of the Person whose birthday we are commemorating.

What better way could you honor Christ on his birthday than to make a gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Your gift will help take the story of his love to the world.



## WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 31

9:30 P.M.—FELLOWSHIP PERIOD  
(See special note regarding  
Cake Baking Contest)

10:30 P.M.—FILM: "In His Steps"

11:45 P.M.—WORSHIP PERIOD



## YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO CHRIST THIS YEAR

Wrap it in prayer

Decorate it with seals of love  
And tie it with ribbons  
of sacrifice



The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of:

MISS KATHLEEN LYNETTE KERSH daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kersh  
who was born December 10



## Hear Dr Herschel Hobbs

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.

### Subject:

"Every Day Is Christmas!"

Station WNVY



## IF CHRIST SHOULD CELEBRATE

If Christ should choose on Christmas Day

To come again to earth

I wonder how He'd like the way  
We celebrate His birth.

Should He walk from Jerusalem  
To Jericho again,

I wonder if 'twould seem to Him  
That He had died in vain.

Would He approve the noise and din  
The empty ballyhoo;

The idle words, the petty sin,  
The deeds that Christians do?

I do not think He'd fire a gun,  
Nor pitch a jamboree;

Nor spend the day in idle fun  
The night in revelry

I think He'd find some souls in need  
And do the task most near;

Would put His creed into His deed  
By serving everywhere.

Some worthy task I'm sure He'd find  
If He were here today;

He would be busy being kind,  
And taking time to pray.



## THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

John 1:1, 14, 18 (R.V.S.)

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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.



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## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance .....	1062
Members Present .....	1006
New Members .....	13
Visitors .....	43
Training Union Attendance .....	247
Members Present .....	214
New Members .....	6
Visitors .....	27
Additions to church membership .....	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	4,139.40
Specials .....	247.71
Building Fund .....	18.00
Organ Fund .....	25.00
Lttie Moon Christmas Offering .....	2,063.03
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>6,493.14</b>

## NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

62. Mrs. Margaret O'Reilly, 3215 Marques St.  
From: 2nd Ponce de Leon Baptist Church,  
Atlanta, Ga.

## 1963 GIVING

Remember that all gifts to be credited  
in 1963 will need to be in by the last day  
of the year, December 31.

There are two more Sundays in 1963.  
If you would like to know the amount  
you have given toward your 1963 budget  
pledge, Mrs. Rountree can supply you  
with that information.



#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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.  
Homer Reed, Director  
7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship  
8:30 P.M.—There will be no Senior or Intermediate  
Teen Time this Sunday

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 P.M.—Loyalty Class Christmas Party at  
the home of Mrs. Hazel Coleman,  
1660 East Cross

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

5:00 P.M.—Vesper Service

The church office will be closed all day,  
Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25.



## CAKE BAKING CONTEST

How would you like to bake a cake and  
see what others say about it? Can you  
really bake a cake that has a good texture?  
Have you ever baked an unusual cake  
(other than the one that flopped)?  
Would you like to match your creative  
ability in cake decorating with others of  
your age group?

Here is how you can enter the Cake  
Baking Contest:

1. Use the slip that will be in your  
Department next Sunday.
2. Bring your cake to the Social Hall  
by 9 P.M. on Tuesday, December 31.

#### Basis for Judging

Juniors	Most Unusual Cake
Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People	Texture of Cake
Adults	Best Decorated Cake

There will be 9 ribbons — 3 for each  
age group. Ribbons will be presented during  
the fellowship period beginning at  
9:30.

All cakes entered in the contest will  
be used as part of the refreshments.



## LISTEN FOR THE BELL (or Tone)

With the extension of the sound system  
to all of our buildings, we are now using  
a tone signal rather than the bells and buzzers.  
Music will be played until 9:30 a.m.  
At 9:30 there will be a tone signal.  
Then, at 10:45 there will be a tone signal  
for the close of the Sunday School hour.  
This will be followed by quiet music.

We would also ask that all of us co-operate and not dismiss until 10:45.