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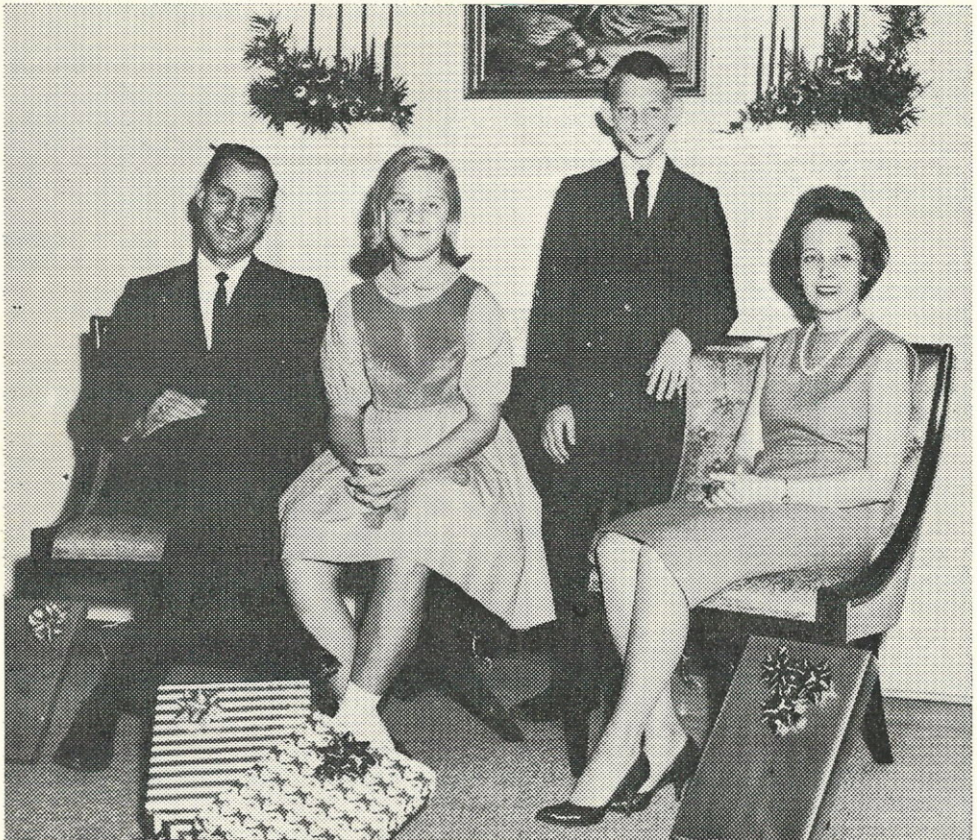
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To My Beloved People---

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 Year's 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

Grand pa

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



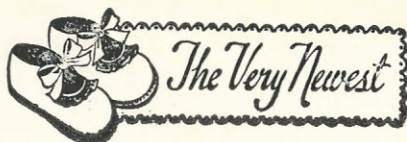
YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO CHRIST THIS YEAR

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 writ-
 ing, not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



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
Lettie Moon Christmas Offering	2,063.03
TOTAL OFFERING	6,493.14

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 Inter-
 mediate 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, De-
 cember 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 tex-
 ture? 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 dur-
 ing 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.