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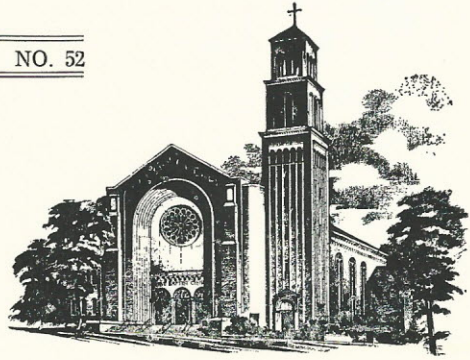
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PASTOR



AFTER CHRISTMAS

"Oh, Mother, what will we do with the star?"

She asked, my little girl of nine.

"Must we wrap it in tissue and put it away
Out of sight till another Christmas Day?

I love its sparkling, silver shine.

Oh, mother, what will we do with the star?"

Oh, what will I do with the holy star,
The wondrously beautiful star that led
The three wise men to the manger bed?
Will I love it at Christmas, then put it away
Till the eve of another Nativity Day?

O God, may it shine in my heart's glad sky.
Shine with a radiance splendid and high
Till all those who see it, beholding the light,
Shall worship the Child of the first Christmas night.

—Grace V. Watkins

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE OLD AND THE NEW

In a few brief days 1963 will be history. In many ways it has been a wonderful year in the life of the First Baptist Church. I want



to thank each one of you for making it so. (Please let me express my deep appreciation for your many thoughtful cards and gifts at the Christmas season. Bless your heart, you are a wonderful people!)

These words of Thomas Warring express the deep faith and confidence in God that I long for everyone of you to have as we face the new year.

"Upon the threshold of another year
We stand again.
We know not what of gladness and good cheer,
Of grief or pain
May visit us while journeying to its close.
In this we rest,
God dealeth out in wisdom what He knows
For us is best."

God will watch over His own, and He will do that which is best for us all. Let us move forward into this new year with assurance and with joyful anticipation of the blessed experiences we shall have in fellowship with God. We have before us some wonderful times of Christian fellowship and service. I like the thoughts expressed by Walter Russell Bowie in the following prayer. Read it carefully. Perhaps it will enrich your life in this new year.

"Father, as the old year ends and a new year begins, forgive us for the failures of the vanished days, and bless us in whatever we have truly striven for in days that do not die. Keep us from vain regrets, and let us face forward in the light of the best that we have learned. Purge our hearts both of shallow self-confidence and of cowardly fears, so that we may know that without thee we can do nothing but that in thee all things are possible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

I want to spend the last Sunday of 1963 in God's House — don't you? Bring your family and meet me at the church Sunday.

Faithfully in Christ,

JAMES L. PLEITZ



Watch Night Prayer Meeting for Foreign Missions

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

On New Year's Eve the new film entitled, "In His Steps", will be shown at our Watchnight Service. This film recently released by Ken Anderson Films is based on the world famous novel written by Charles Sheldon around the turn of the century. This book is well believed to have sold over thirty million copies and has been translated into dozens of languages across the world. Many of you have read the book and will want to see the movie. This part of our Watchnight Service will begin at 10:30 P.M. Following the film we will have a brief prayer and dedication service which will be completed at the midnight hour.

Beginning at 9:30 P.M. there will be a fellowship period in the church dining room.



student night



COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE

Student Night Party
December 29

at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howell
724 Boxwood Drive,
Woodland Heights



Hear Dr. Herschel Hobbs
Sunday, 7:30 A.M.

Subject:
"The Last Day of the World"
Station WNVY

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Silent Years Speak"

Luke 2:40-52

7:15 P.M.

Student Night At Christmas

THE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1964

This Calendar of Activities for 1964 is presented to you with the hope that you will make use of it in planning to participate in every activity of our church life. This calendar presents only major activities and weeks of emphasis. Regularly scheduled activities are not included. Other activities now in the planning stages will be added at a later date.

Please note:

(1) The coordinated Calendar of Activities in the church office is the official calendar for our church. All activities and meetings should be cleared and entered on this calendar. Expenditures from the church social funds will be made only for those activities scheduled ahead of time.

(2) Weeks of Study, Revivals, and other church-wide activities take precedence over meetings of classes, circles, and similar small groups. Circle chairmen, class and union presidents should check their meeting time and plan ahead to avoid conflicts.

(3) Arrangements should be made for use of buildings and facilities.

(4) Parents expect the church office to be able to supply information about all events, even those not meeting at the church. It is imperative, therefore, that leaders supply the church office with information concerning the time of beginning and expected time of completion of all activities. — The Church Activities Committee.

January 5—7:15 P.M. — Lord's Supper Observance.

January 12-16—Bible Study Week — Studying "The Letter to the Ephesians."

Dr. Russell Bradley Jones preaching Sunday and teaching

Monday - Thursday — 9:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

January 21—WMS Circles.

January 27-29—Sunday School Witnessing Campaign.

February 2, 9, 16, 23—TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN.

February 9-15—YWA Focus Week.

March 2-6—Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

March 6-7—Men's Retreat (Sponsored by the Brotherhood).

March 8—Home Missions Day in the Sunday School.

March 27—(Good Friday)—Lord's Supper Observance.

March 29-April 5—REVIVAL—Dr. Carl E. Bates, Preaching.

April 12-18—National Library Week.

May 10-16—G. A. Focus Week (G. A. Coronation Service, May 13).

May 18-24—Southern Baptist Convention—Baptist Jubilee Advance Convention, Atlantic City.

June 8-12—First Baptist Church Junior Camp.

June 14—11:00 A.M. — Lord's Supper Observance.

July 16-22—Music Week at Glorieta.

August 3-14—Vacation Bible School

August 23-30—Music Expansion Week (Choir Registration August 26).

August 23-29—Sunbeam Band Focus Week (Sunbeam Day Camp August 27)

September 1—State Mission Season of Prayer.

September 24—Church-Wide Leadership Banquet.

October 11—11:00 A.M. — Lord's Supper Observance.

THANK YOU, MUSIC MINISTRY

The presentation of the cantata, "The Word Made Flesh", and the Annual Service of Christmas Carols were enjoyed and appreciated very much by the congregation of members and guests last week. We are especially indebted for the tireless work of the directors and accompanists, the choir mothers and sponsors who made the presentation of Christmas music a real treat.

With the surge of sore throats hitting us hard our adults came through in grand

style in their offering of Christmas music for the past few weeks.

May your song keep resounding in your hearts throughout this new year ahead of us to make your service even more effective for the sake of Christ.

—JH



BIBLE STUDY WEEK

January 12-16, 1964

"A Letter to the Ephesians"

Teacher: Dr. Russell Bradley Jones

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1039
Members Present.....	974
New Members.....	7
Visitors.....	58
Training Union Attendance.....	224
Members Present.....	211
New Members.....	
Visitors.....	13
Addition to church membership.....	0
Baptized.....	0
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$5,931.89
Specials.....	1,725.41
Building Fund.....	24.00
Organ Fund.....	10.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$7,691.30

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations To:

Miss Ruth Evelyn King and Ensign
Malcolm Maxwell on their marriage
Saturday, December 21.
Ensign Ron R. Elliott and Miss Wanda
Anthony on their marriage Saturday,
December 21.

Sympathy To:

Mrs. Jack B. Archer in the loss of her
father.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Eichler in the loss
of a grand child.
Mrs. Robert D. Hinson in the loss of
her father

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. Earl Kendrick

Navy Hospital:

Mr. Roy Caton

Home From Hospital:

Mrs. Fred Kreitlein, Mrs. C. W. Kingry.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
6:00 P.M.—Training Union for all ages.
Homer Reed, Director
7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
8:30 P.M.—Intermediate Teen Time at the
church
8:30 P.M.—Senior Teen Time at Skip
Jernigan's home, 106 W. Lloyd.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

- 9:00-9:30 P.M.—Cake Baking Contest
Judging
9:30-10:30 P.M.—Fellowship
10:30-11:45 P.M.—Film — "In His Steps"
11:45-12:01 P.M.—Worship

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1964

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NO MEETINGS AT CHURCH

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

- 7:30 P.M.—Meeting of Royal Ambassador
Committee and Counselors in
Church Office.

CAKE BAKING CONTEST

As a part of our Watchnight Service activities the Training Union is sponsoring a Cake Baking Contest. Ribbons will be presented to three persons in each of three age group categories: 1. Juniors, 2. Intermediates, Seniors, Young People, 3. Adults. The three divisions for which awards will be made are as follows: 1. Most unusual. 2. Texture of Cake. 3. Best decorated. This is a good opportunity for many of our good cooks to show off your best cake.

The Rules are Simple:

1. The person entering the cake must prepare it himself or (herself). In other words, no help from Mother.
2. The cake must be brought to the church dining room by 9:00 p.m. on December 31.
3. We would like to know how many plan to participate and so we ask that you fill this out and return to the church office.

SENIOR TEEN-TIME CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 29
8:30 P.M. Till

Home of
SKIP JERNIGAN
106 West Lloyd Street

Bring .50 gift
Fun -- Food -- Fellowship