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## Lettie Moon Christmas Offering

### CHRIST IN INTROSPECT

I—who have the healing creed,  
The faith benign of Mary's Son,  
Shall I behold my brother's need,  
And, selfishly, to aid him shun?  
I—who upon my mother's knee,  
In childhood, read Christ's written word,  
Received His legacy of peace,  
His holy rule of action heard;  
I—in whose heart the sacred sense  
Of Jesus' love was early felt;  
Of His pure, full benevolence,  
His pitying tenderness for guilt;  
His shepherd-care for wandering sheep,  
For all weak, sorrowing, trembling things,  
His mercy vast, His passion deep,  
Of anguish for man's sufferings;

I—schooled from childhood in such lore—  
Dared I draw back or hesitate  
When called to heal the sickness sore  
Of those far off and desolate?

—Charlotte Bronte



... FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS...

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## REGARDING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

There are some distinct advantages which come as a result of doing your Christmas shopping early. This was

pointed out in a sign posted in a Boston Post Office which read: "Send your gifts early — besides facilitating the handling of mail, it gives the receiver a chance to reciprocate."

As we make plans for our Christmas shopping, I sincerely hope that we will make some provision to include Jesus Christ on our gift list. It is mighty easy for us to forget the One whose birth we are celebrating.

Southern Baptists have given Christmas a new meaning in recent years by making it an occasion to do something tangible and worthwhile. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached such proportions that it provides nearly one-half of our total foreign mission budget. It provides the grounds of hope for practically all the expansion and capital needs of our overseas work for Christ.

Our church has accepted the challenging goal of \$8,500 for this special offering for foreign missions. Won't you please have a liberal part in this offering, for a gift given for this cause is a gift to our Saviour. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I would challenge each member of our congregation this year, as I have for the past several years, to give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than you spend on any member of your family. Remember, it is the Lord's birthday we are celebrating.

Sunday promises to be a wonderful day. I will be looking for you here at the church—1300 strong.

Faithfully yours,

James L. Pleitz



## "SOUNDS AND VIEWS OF PERU"

The pastor has asked Mr. Charles Overman to show us the slides which he made in Peru and share with us his impressions of our mission work seen on his recent trip to Peru.

## DEACONS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

Mr. Joe G. Brookins  
Mr. Aubrey E. Gomillion

## PRAY AND GIVE

The time of year has come again for us to observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in our church. As we look on the missions fields we see that the fields are white already unto harvest. God admonishes us to pray for laborers (Read Matthew 9:38). We as Southern Baptists need to pray more fervently than ever before that God will send laborers unto the harvest. Men, women, boys and girls throughout the world are dying without Jesus. Let us pray for our missionaries daily as they go to proclaim the love of Jesus to a lost world. Let us pray that God will put it on the hearts of Southern Baptists to give as we have never given before. Through prayer much can be accomplished. Prayer has sent out missionaries and supported them. Missionaries testify to the power of prayer, and without prayer there is no advance in missions. This is our supreme business. We can't all go, but we can all pray.

The Night Society will be observing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in our meeting Tuesday Night, Won't you join us?

MRS. C. W. VICE  
Prayer Chairman Night W.M.S.



## BEGINNER PARENTS' MEETING

On next Sunday Afternoon the four Beginner Departments of our Sunday School are having their annual Parents' Meeting. They are asking that parents come with their children to their own department at 4:30 p.m. If there are two Beginner children, each parent might go with one child. Following an informal getting-acquainted period, the children will go for a story-time while the parents remain in the department for a meeting. Then, we will all come together for a social hour. This meeting will be concluded in plenty of time for Training Union.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"On Knowing What to Take Seriously"

(Acts 18:12-17)

7 P.M.

"Sounds and Views of Peru"

## AN AID TO YOU, THE CHURCH, AND KINGDOM AFFAIRS

As the year came to a close last year, many individuals called to find out the amount of contributions their family had made during the year, because they wanted to be sure that their pledge was paid up prior to December 31.

If you desire this information this year, as of November 30th, please cut out this form, drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. We will need only the information on the form below. This will help you and help us.

NAME

ENVELOPE NO.

BUDGET GIFTS 1964 PLEDGE  
(Financial Secretary will  
fill in figures.)

MAILING ADDRESS

NOTE: Above information based on recorded gifts through November 30, 1964.  
This will be mailed to you, if you desire it.



SHE HAD A MAGIC is the story of Mary Slessor by Brien O'Brien. Marg Slessor, daughter of an impoverished Scotch shoemaker, served her God for almost 40 years as a missionary in the savage, West African bush country. Physically frail, but spiritually indomitable, Mary Slessor went alone among natives whose tribal rituals called for human sacrifice, who waged almost constant war among themselves and were hostile to white intruders. Through her faith and understanding, she won their trust and affection. When she died in 1915, Mary Slessor was almost as pow-

### HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.

Station WNVY

Preacher:

**Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs**

Subject:

**"Implications of the Incarnation"**  
(John 1:11-14)

erful a force as the British government, which enjoyed colonial dominion over the territory. She had become a legend which still lives today in Africa. It is a moving story of a gay and strongwilled woman and the full and satisfying life she led as a servant of the Lord in the jungles of Western Africa.

L.T.S.

### SUNDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

December 6, 1964 — January 24, 1965

1. "SOLVING LIFE PROBLEMS" Dr. Charles E. Clevenger

Local Ophthalmologist

Facing squarely some of life's perplexing problems, and attempting together to find ways of changing, solving, or learning to live with these problems.

2. "TRENDS IN WORLD MISSIONS" Clyde K. Bizzell

Assistant to the Pastor

A consideration of some of the problems we face in taking the gospel to the world, and the effects that these are having on our world mission program.

3. "THE BAPTIST DEACON" J. Nixon Daniel, Jr.

Local Attorney

Deacon, and former Chairman of Deacons

A look at the office of deacon from the teaching of scripture, and a practical consideration of the responsibilities and relationships involved today.

**Consider Joining One of These Groups Next Sunday Evening At 6:00 P.M.**



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 a.m.

—T. N. CALLOWAY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. W. L. Patterson, 1901 East Hernandez Street

—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Elwood Burks, 3811 Menendez Drive

—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. H. G. Gray, 1709 East Jackson Street

—MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. James Nelson, 689 Copley Drive, Cordova Park

—MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., 2100 East Mallory Street

—DOTTSON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Al Woerner, 355 West Lloyd Street

—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. George Holladay, 3305 Adrian Road, Eastgate

—BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Paul W. Caro, 2020 East Maxwell Street

—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Carlton Fendt, 1720 North Magnolia Avenue

—DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Bill Springle, 722 Gentian Drive, Woodland Heights

—CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall

2:30 p.m.

—HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Amos Garrett, 1106 East DeSoto Street

6:00 p.m.—WMS Night Society — Supper

6:30 p.m.—General Meeting — Adult A Dept.

7:30 p.m.—Circles Meet



### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### Congratulations To:

Miss Kathleen Ann Estes and Mr. Joel Stone Hill, III upon their marriage November 27.

#### Baptist Hospital:

Mr. E. L. Derby, Mrs. L. C. Biddie

#### Home From Hospital:

Mr. Herman S. Johnson, Mr. James A. Riddle, Mr. Emory Rogers

#### Our Sympathy To:

Miss Florida Waite and Mrs. S. L. Fulghum in the loss of their sister

Mr. L. P. McDowell in the loss of his Mother

Mrs. James L. Pleitz in the loss of her brother



Opportunities are never lost. The other fellow takes those you miss.

## "M" NIGHT SPEAKER



DR. K. OWEN WHITE

Dr. K. Owen White, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the speaker for the Associational Training Union "M" Night which will be held in our church Monday Evening, December 7.

Dr. White was born in London, England, spent his childhood in Canada, and came to the U.S. at the age of 19 and enrolled in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He is also a graduate of the University of Louisville, and did his theological work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, earning the Th.M and Ph.D degrees. He has served as pastor in Atlanta, Ga.; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Washington, D. C. before going, in 1954, to his present pastorate at First Baptist Church, Houston.

Active in denominational life, Dr. White served as President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. He has also served as President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He wrote the January Bible study book for 1958; and "Nehemiah Speaks Again" published by Broadman Press in 1964.

Music will be by the Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, under the direction of Jerry Howell.

Each group in our Training Union is being asked to have at least a number equal to one-fourth of your enrollment in attendance for "M" Night.



Real happiness is more of a habit than a goal, more of an attitude than an attainment.

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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.



## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1148
Members Present.....	1099
New Members.....	9
Visitors .....	40
Training Union Attendance.....	346
Members Present.....	321
New Members.....	0
Visitors .....	25
Contributions to church membership.....	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$4,404.25
Specials .....	172.31
Building Fund.....	3.00
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$4,579.56



Ignorance would be less obnoxious if it only possessed a mirror.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6-DECEMBER 11

Reading Through the New Testament  
in 1964

I Peter 4:12 to I John 2:29



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

\*9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages  
Theron Guthrie, Supt.  
\*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Pastor  
Broadcast over WCOA  
3:30 P.M.—"Messiah" Presentation  
Pensacola Junior College  
4:30 P.M.—Beginner Parents Meeting  
5:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal  
No snack time  
\*6:00 P.M.—Training Union for all ages  
Homer Reed, Director  
\*7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7  
7:30 P.M.—"M" Night. FBC Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 A.M.—See WMS Circles  
WMS NIGHT SOCIETY  
6:00 P.M.—Dinner  
6:30 P.M.—General Meeting  
7:30 P.M.—Circle Meetings  
7:30 P.M.—Ruth S. S. Class meets with  
Mrs. J. E. Driskell, Jr.  
3551 Bonner Rd., Cordova

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

\*4:45 P.M.—Children's Choirs  
\*5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner  
\*6:30 P.M.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting  
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s YWA's  
\*7:50 P.M.—Prayer Service  
\*8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 P.M.—Martha Class meets with  
Mrs. E. A. Allen, 100 W.  
Brainerd

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 P.M.—Jr. 12 S. S. Dept., Christmas  
Party—Fellowship Hall



## NEW MEMBERS

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:  
3. Mr. John E. Goepper, Barracks Div.  
601, NAS



## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given in memory of Mr. L. D. Rushing by his family.



## Miss Lizzie M. Waite

710 North Baylen Street

Joined our Church by transfer of  
letter February 11, 1962  
Deceased November 28, 1964