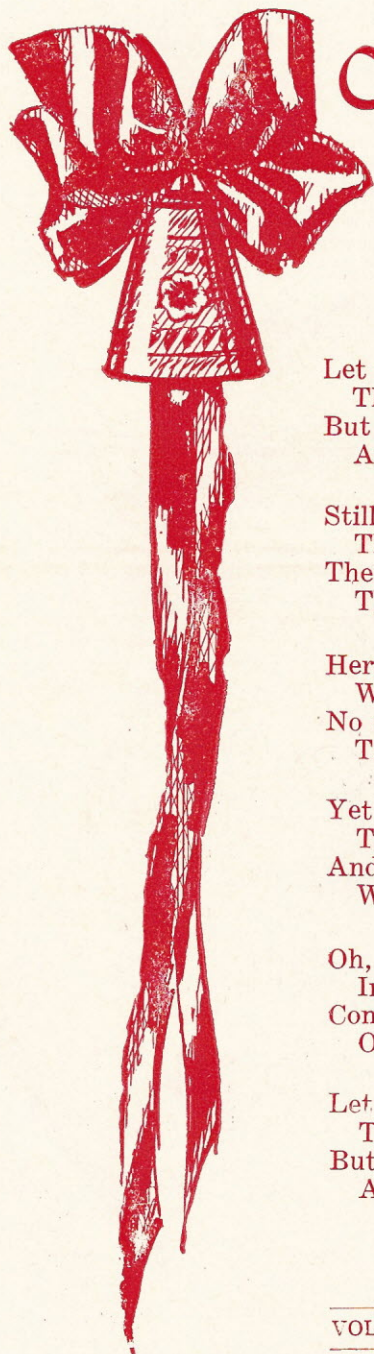


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Christmas 1964

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And His nativity.

Still driven by a thousand cares
The pilgrims come and go;
The hurried caravans press on;
The inns are crowded so!

Here are the rich and busy ones,
With things that must be sold,
No room for simple things within
This hostelry of gold

Yet hunger dwells within these walls,
These shining walls and bright,
And blindness groping here and there
Without a ray of light.

Oh, lest we starve, and lest we die,
In our stupidity,
Come, Holy Child, within and share
Our hospitality.

Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And His nativity.

—Ralph Spaulding Cushman, 1879

Pastor's Paragraphs

U. S. Judges Go To Jail

The headline of the article immediately caught my eye. As a rule judges send people to jail, they don't go there.



A few weeks ago 34 federal judges went behind the walls of the U.S. penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. These men went to jail not because they had committed any crime but because they wanted to find out personally what happens to a man when he is sent to prison.

Each judge was paired off with a prisoner for lunch. They spent the day touring the institution. They saw the spacious library with 20,000 books. They saw the scoreboard that read "Visitors and Feds."

The judges walked through the prison gates at 9:30 a.m. They left late the same afternoon.

In a sense this is the story of Christmas. Two thousand years ago ONE left the happiness and security of heaven to come and live with sinful mankind. He stayed not one day, but 33 years. When night came He did not leave the prison and return to the Father's House. He stayed on and willingly suffered for our transgressions. Prior to His birth the angel said: "You shall call his name Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins."

Thank God for this gift of Jesus to the world.

Let us make very sure that on His birthday we honor Him in every way.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in the service.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Tom Draper, who served as Minister of Education here during the pastorate of Dr. Elwin Skiles, has been called to be pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, Mississippi. Just prior to their move to Charleston, Mr. Draper was serving as Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina.



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



Watch Night Service

ANNUAL WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Our Annual Watchnight Service Activities to be held on New Year's Eve will begin at 10:00 P.M. and will follow the following schedule:

10:00 p.m.—Film—"Inhale the Incense"
—in the Sanctuary.

11:00 p.m.—Fellowship and Refreshments
in Dining Room.

11:45 p.m.—Worship Service in the
Sanctuary



LOTTIE MOON OFFERING HELPED TO BUILD

A recent newsletter from the Don Langfords, Missionaries in Hong Kong said "May was a big month in that the last of the red tape was cut through allowing Don to obtain his British and Hong Kong medical licenses so that he could begin to practice in our new Baptist hospital. Although at present only the first four floors are completed, furnished, and in actual operation, we are very proud of it. You would be proud, too, if you could see what your regular gifts and your Lottie Moon offerings have helped to build as one evidence to the people of Hong Kong that Baptist Christians care — an eight-story hospital designed to help alleviate both the spiritual and physical needs which surround it in such abundance."



If you want the rainbow you will have to wait until the shower is over.



IN MEMORIAM

MR. O. M. VINEYARD

2900 West Jackson St.

Joined our church by transfer of
Letter Sept. 27, 1931

Deceased December 19, 1964



STUDENT NIGHT

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS SERVICE TO FEATURE STUDENTS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"This is Today's Campus" — The Academic Emphasis, the Social Whirlwind, the Religious Climate; "The Church Reaches the Campus"—The Program of Student Work, The College Church, The Home Church. These are the topics our own college students, home for the holidays, will discuss at the Student Night at Christmas service on Sunday, Evening December 27, at 7:15 p.m.

Students participating in the program are: David Riddle, Harrilee Santoro, Jane Ansley, Patricia Buchanan, and Grady Merritt from Pensacola Junior College; Jackie Aultman from Mississippi State College for Women; Bill Carr and Jackie Overman from University of Florida; Theron Guthrie, Jr., from Howard College; Bill Roberts from East Texas Baptist College. Also on the program are Patricia Jernigan and Bonnie Beaman.

All College young people are invited to the home of Mrs. Lon Roberts, 104 W. Jackson St immediately following the Student Night Service for Fellowship



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mrs. Morton Stultz, Mrs. Gussie Ross, Mrs. James M. Loftin

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Miss Ramona Lowell, Mrs. Everett Lowell, Mr. W. E. Nettles.

Home From Hospital:

Master Alan Gentry, Mrs. Thomas DeWeese, Jr., Mrs. L. C. Biddie, Mr. Elbert Gentry, Jr., Mr. Bert Berrisford, Mr. Espin Bullock.

Our Sympathy To:

Mrs. O. M. Vineyard and Mrs. Darrell Roden in the death of Husband and Father.



SUNDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

Guest speaker for the seminar on Solving Life Problems for the next two Sunday Evenings will be Mr. Virgil Lea, Counselor in the Office of the Juvenile Court Judge. Mr. Lea will be speaking on the subject of "Teenage Problems and How Families Can Help To Solve Them".

READ DEUTERONOMY IN JANUARY

Many of our people have been reading the New Testament during 1964. Those who have kept up with the assignments week by week have completed reading through the New Testament during the year.

May we suggest that you begin the new year by beginning to read the book of Deuteronomy. There are 34 chapters in the book. If you will read 1 chapter each day and 3 chapters on Sunday you will have completed the reading prior to our study to begin January 24.

By the way, copies of the textbook Studies in Deuteronomy are already available from the Church Office. This will be the textbook for our evening studies. In the morning sessions, Dr. Garland will be teaching the book of Amos.



CHURCH VOTES TO PURCHASE ORGAN

In a special business session called for the purpose of discussing the possibility of purchasing a new organ for the Sanctuary, members of the congregation unanimously and enthusiastically approved a recommendation of the Music, Finance Committee and the Deacons that we purchase a new organ for the Sanctuary.

Members of the various committees had been studying this matter for some months as it had become apparent that it was impossible to keep the old organ in playing condition.

It will take approximately 20 months to get this organ built and installed.

The organ will be built by the Reuter Organ Company, Lawrence, Kansas, and will consist of 5 divisions utilizing 51 complete ranks of pipes. More than 3000 pipes will be used.

The action of the church provided for financing the purchase from Debt Pre-Payment Funds now on hand and those funds which will accumulate during this period. Also, the congregation approved the borrowing of such funds as may be necessary at the time needed.

Copies of the information sheets with details regarding the price, method of financing, etc. which were passed out at the meeting are available from the Church Office.



1964 GIVING

Remember that all gifts to be credited in 1964 will need to be in by the last day of the year, December 31. Remember that there is only 1 more Sunday in 1964 to get in your gifts.



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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	1204
Members Present	1146
New Members	4
Visitors	54
Training Union Attendance	279
Members Present	250
New Members	0
Visitors	29
Addition to church membership	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$6,076.57
Specials	394.30
Building Fund	13.30
Organ Fund	25.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	2,163.63
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,687.85

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday
will be given in memory of
Mrs. Magnolia McKee Dennis
by
Mr. and Mrs. R. Pierre Brown



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- *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
Student Night at Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:30 P.M.—YP B Hootenany
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

- 10:00 P.M.—Film—in Sanctuary
11:00 P.M.—Fellowship and Refreshments
11:45 P.M.—12:01—Worship in Sanctuary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Office Closed

*Indicates nursery will be open 15 minutes
prior to the time indicated above.



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

43. Capt. William H Seward, 14 Gamwell Rd.
From: Beecher Hills Baptist Church,
Atlanta, Ga.
44. Mrs. William H. Seward



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.

Station WNVY

Preacher:

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs

Subject:

"Learning the Lesson of History"
(Galatians 4:4-5)

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 1

Reading Through The New Testament
in 1964

**Revelation 11:15 to
Revelation 22:21**