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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR

Season's Greetings

From Each Member of the Church Staff
To Each Member of Our Church
Goes a
Sincere Prayer for a Wonderful Christmas Season
And A Happy and Prosperous New Year
With Hearts and Talents Dedicated to the Service of
Christ Who Alone Gives Meaning to Christmas



Seated Left to Right: Mrs. James C. Rountree, Financial Secretary; Miss Helen May, Director of Youth Education; Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to the Pastor; James L. Pleitz, Pastor; Mrs. Kittie Manning, Dietician; Mrs. W. H. Adams, Organist
Standing: E. L. Barrineau, Treasurer; Miss Bonnie Beaman, Educational Secretary; M. H. Cranmer, Building Superintendent; Miss Mary Lou Pitts, Pastor's Secretary; Jerry Howell, Minister of Music.

Pastor's Paragraphs

Most holidays are simply celebrated. Not so Christmas. Henry Van Dyke reminds us that Christmas must be KEPT. Mr. Van Dyke said:



"It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day, but there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to put your rights in the background, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But, you can never keep it alone."

I'll be looking for you and yours on the Lord's Day.

Most sincerely,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Gospel of Christmas"

7:15 P.M.

Student Night at Christmas

SEE THE "MESSIAH" CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

Handel's "MESSIAH" will be televised Christmas Eve by ABC television. The Sanctuary and Chapel Choirs of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will present the dramatic treatment of the oratorio. Channel 3 is carrying this at 10:30 p.m. on December 24. One of the soloists in the presentation is Dan Beam, who is the brother to our Mrs. C. B. Beuris.



REMEMBER SUPPER RESERVATIONS FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

Even though there will be no choir rehearsals preceding supper next Wednesday, we will have supper and the regular schedule following supper. Remember to let us know if you have a permanent reservation and are not going to be here.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. Jim Roth, Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. O. H. Smith, Mrs. Gary A. Nelson, Mr. Dewey Robertson.

Navy:

Mrs. Earle Rogers.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Bennie Johns, Mrs. Josiane Canada, Miss Sarah Andress, Mrs. Earle Rogers, Mrs. Sid Young, Mrs. Ralph Van Matre.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Charles H. Overman, Jr., in the loss of his father.

Mrs. J. T. Mackey in the loss of her brother.

Mrs. Bill Bumgarner in the loss of her mother.



THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of

MASTER JEFFREY SCOTT ROGERS
son of
Lieutenant and Mrs. E. Earle Rogers
Born December 14

MISS SALLY DARLENE YOUNG
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Young
Born December 14



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

WATCHNIGHT December 31

Our Annual Watchnight Service will be held on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, beginning at 10:00 p.m., and will follow the following schedule:

10:00 p.m.— Film — "Clockmaker's Secret" in the Sanctuary.
11:00 p.m.— Fellowship and Refreshments in the Church Dining Room.
11:45 p.m.— Worship Service in the Sanctuary.



SEE "THE CLOCKMAKER'S SECRET"

At the 10:00 hour on New Year's Eve, the film entitled "The Clockmaker's Secret" will be shown in our Sanctuary as a part of our Watchnight Service. This film produced in the magnificent Swiss Alps reminds us that God's Golden Gift of Time is for men to use in coming to know God, and then giving their lives in service to Him. Join us for this activity on New Year's Eve.



JANUARY BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our January Bible Conference date is January 23-25. Dr. William E. Hull, Professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is to be our visiting teacher. Dr. Hull will be with us Sunday through Tuesday. There will be a special schedule on Sunday afternoon. There will be classes for all ages. Make your plans now to be with us.

LIBRARY NOTES

May the Lord bless you all at this season and may He fill your hearts with joy and peace.

— THE LIBRARY STAFF



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Starke in memory of their daughter, Betty..



Cost of Foreign Mission Board Program in 1964

Per Year	\$23,786,976.97
Per month	1,982,248.08
Per Week	457,441.86
Per day	65,169.79
Per hour	2,715.00
Per minute	45.25

Give at Least a Minute to Foreign Missions

\$45.25 for one minute
90.50 for two minutes
226.25 for five minutes
452.50 for ten minutes
1,357.50 for thirty minutes



1965 GIFTS

All contributions intended for 1965 credit must be in by December 31. You have just one more Sunday to give what you planned to give this year.



DON'T MISS STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY EVENING — 7:15 O'CLOCK

Theme: "CONFORMED TO CHRIST

Featuring: Verse Choir

Dramatic Presentation

"Why Am I Living . . .
Why Was I Born?"

Speakers: Charles Fosha, Jr.
Jim Jordan
Jane Ansley



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Our Missionary to Honduras

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	.....	995
Members Present	.....	958
New Members	.....	3
Visitors	.....	34
Training Union Attendance	.....	282
Members Present	.....	256
New Members	.....	0
Visitors	.....	26
Additions to church membership	.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:		
Budget	.....	5,262.88
Specials	.....	246.70
Organ Fund	.....	715.00
Building Fund	.....	18.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	.....	2,281.05
TOTAL OFFERING	.....	8,523.63



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

80. Mr. Robert B. Davis, Ayr, Scotland
From: New Prestwick Baptist Church,
Ayr, Scotland.
81. Mrs. Robert B. Davis
82. Bruce Davis



HEAR "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
Station WNVY

DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Speaking on the Subject
"What Did You Give for Christmas?"
(Acts 20:35)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor Broadcast over WCOA
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union and Sunday Evening Seminars. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship — STUDENT NIGHT
- 8:30 p.m.—College Get-together at the home of Drew and James McCreary, 427 West Lee Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 - 10:30 p.m.—Young People B. Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Officers' and Teachers' Meeting. Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's.
- * 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service
- * 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 p.m.—WATCHNIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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



LOTTIE MOON OFFERING HELPED BUILD

"Your Lottie Moon Offering goal is marvelous — surely do pray you all will reach it . . . Because you all back home gave to Lottie Moon Offering, we are going to move into our pretty little brand new Chapel for Christmas Eve services. All of our people are so proud of it, and it really is like a little miniature church, even with stained glass windows (a facsimile). We can hardly wait to hold services there. Tell your people, a million thanks for making our little church possible. It's the future Second Baptist Church of San Pedro."

—Excerpt from a letter written by Mrs. Martha Haylock to Mrs. John Yelverton.

Our Lottie Moon Offering goal is \$8,500. Through Sunday, December 19, we have given \$6,100.88.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the
Week of December 26 - January 1

Acts 21 - 28

"Despite 'Dungeon, Fire
and Sword'"