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PASTOR



## *God of Our Life*

God of our life, through all the circling years,  
We trust in Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
Thy hand we see.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;  
With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true Promised Land;  
Be Thou our guide.

With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
We follow Thee;

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
Our refuge be.

Be Thou for us in life our Daily Bread,

Our heart's true Home when all our years have sped.

— Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1871 -

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## ON SAYING, "I DON'T" IN CHURCH

A lot of strange things are being said today in religious circles. Perhaps you read the article written by Arthur Kleps entitled,



"With LSD I Saw God." Kleps is the patriarch of the Neo-American church. Dr. Timothy Leary, the Harvard professor dismissed for the use of hallucinogenic drugs, is their great high priest. His writings are their "scripture." When I read about this group I could well understand why the ministers are called Boo Hoos. It is

enough to make a fellow cry!

... But the end is not yet. A few weeks later a story broke on page one. A Unitarian minister in Oakton, Virginia, announced that he is now conducting divorce ceremonies in church. Reverend Nemser, who is divorced and remarried himself, said: "Couples who prefer to say 'I do' in church should also have the privilege of saying 'I don't' in a religious setting." The ceremony ends not with a kiss but with a handshake.

... I UNDERSTAND the entire service lasts about ten minutes. This I KNOW, if this ceremony catches on, Reverend Nemser will be hard pressed to divorce the couples in and around Oakton.

Why is it today so many marriages are going on the rocks? There are a number of contributing factors but I firmly believe the biggest reason for our marital failure is the fact that so many of our couples leave God out of their marriage from the very first.

... What is a Christian marriage? A Christian marriage is much more than having the ceremony performed in church by a minister. In order to have a Christian marriage, Jesus Christ must be given the place of pre-eminence.

... I have never seen a marriage go on the rocks where both husband and wife were genuine Christians participating actively in the life of their church. I have seen many marriages come apart at the

### READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the week of  
December 11 - 17

I John 2 - 5  
II John

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"Religion  
Without Righteousness"

(Amos 5:21-24)

7:15 P.M.

"His Name Shall Be  
Called . . ."

(Isaiah 9:6)

seems because husband and wife drift away from God. When we drift away from God, invariably we drift away from one another. FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE IN CHURCH AFTER THE "I DO" WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD PREVENTING THE RETURN VISIT TO THE CHURCH TO SAY, "I DON'T."

... I DO hope to see your family in church Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

*Jamer L. Pleitz*



### ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

Often this question is asked at this time of the year. Certainly we wouldn't want to forget our love for Christ when we ponder the question: "Just how much am I able to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?" Prayerful giving is a sure way to prepare your heart and make the days ahead a truly wonderful experience. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

MRS. CECIL JONES  
W.M.U. President



### CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The Graded Choirs will present the special music for the Christmas Season. Sunday evening, December 11, the Junior High Choir will sing three anthems in the service. Mrs. Spencer T. West will direct this group.

The Beginner and Primary Choirs will present a program of Christmas songs on Wednesday evening, December 14.

"Lo! A Star", a Christmas Cantata by Robert Graham, will be presented by the Junior Choir on Sunday evening, December 18. Adding to the beauty and meaning of the Cantata will be the use of pageantry. Mrs. Willis Tatro will direct the Junior Choir. Miss Helen May is in charge of the pageantry.



REMEMBER THESE DATES  
FOR DECEMBER

Get Togethers:

- Dec. 11—Singspiration, Brownsville Baptist Church.  
Dec. 18—Junior High — Ricky Gill. Parents — Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Dobelstein.  
Senior High College — Ann and John Fields.  
Juniors and Their Parents — Dining Room.  
Dec. 19—Junior 12 Party, 6:30 - 8:30, Fellowship Hall.  
Dec. 23—Old Fashioned Christmas Tree Carol, on church lawn, 6:00 - 9:30.  
Dec. 28—Student Night Program, Panel of College Students, Earle Rogers moderating. Dramatic Presentation, "So Send I You"  
Dec. 29 - 30—Possible Retreat



HAVE YOU SEEN  
"MAN IN THE 5th DIMENSION"?

It is being shown at the Crusade Office every hour on the hour from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through December.

Friday, December 16th is being called First Baptist Church Day. On this day we are hoping that members of our congregation will seek to invite unsaved friends to go with them for one of the showings.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Baptist:

Dr. W. H. Coker, Jr., Mr. Milton Richardson, Lane Frazier.

Sacred Heart:

Mr. L. D. Allen, Mr. Elbert Buchanan.

Escambia General:

Miss Annie Mae Barr.

Navy:

Mrs. Velma Tice, Chief James J. Yandle.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. L. Winford Abney, Mr. Norman T. Boykin, Mr. Luther Ingram, Miss Eleanor Bulger, Mr. Douglas Jones, Mrs. Christine McDonald, Mr. D. L. McDonald, Mrs. Pierre Brown, Mr. W. E. Wilson, Sr.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. T. H. Miller in the loss of a brother.  
Mrs. James T. Holbrook in the loss of her husband.  
Mr. W. O. Steele in the loss of his father.

E. M. Bounds has written a book entitled **Satan: His Personality, Power and Overthrow**. He says, "Many myths have gathered around the person of Satan. His person has been caricatured, and his character and conduct have been colored by poetry, sentiment and tradition. Today it is perhaps even more common to deny the very existence of Satan."

In this book Dr. Bounds goes to the Bible, the only reliable source of knowledge of Satan. He unfolds the scriptural teachings on Satan's personality, his power, and his eventual overthrow in such a clear and graphic manner that the devil stands before us clearly exposed in the bright rays of the Word of God. This book is fascinating and instructive reading for anyone interested in the teaching of God's Word.



CARR MAKES  
ALL-AMERICAN



We knew it all the time, but it is official now. Bill Carr was named by the Sporting News to the Offensive Center position on the 1966 All-America Football Team. We are proud of Bill Carr.



WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00 A.M.—

CLARICE ASHMORE will meet in Fellowship Hall.

VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. Harvey Page, 2014 Escambia Avenue; Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Co-Hostess.

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

MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs. Charles C. Wiggins, 1708 East Boke Street.

DONALD LANGFORD will meet with Mrs. Jack Allen, 725 Old Corry Road.

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

R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. Clarence Dannelly, 1915 East Avery Street.

BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. Charles Clevenger, Route 4, Box 113-C, Scenic Hwy.

MAMIE LOU POSEY will meet with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, 2100 East Mallory Street; Mrs. Henry Pohlman and Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Co-Hostesses.

LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 W. Cervantes St.

2:20 P.M.—

HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. W. T. Osborn, 304 West Moreno Street.



WATCH "PASTOR'S FORUM"  
SUNDAY . . . 12:30 p. m.

Channel 3

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Panel of Young People

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## LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	1226
Members Present .....	1184
New Members .....	17
Visitors .....	25
Training Union Attendance.....	251
Members Present .....	205
New Members .....	9
Visitors .....	37
Additions to church membership.....	8
Baptized .....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	7,107.07
Specials .....	424.11
Building Fund .....	45.00
Organ Fund .....	15.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	2,054.59
TOTAL OFFERING .....	9,645.77

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**SUNDAYS REMAINING  
IN 1966**

to  
**Give Your Tithes and  
Offerings Through  
Your Church**



## IN MEMORIAM

**JAMES TERRELL HOLBROOK**  
1920 Barrancas Avenue

Joined this church by letter  
April 29, 1964

Deceased December 6, 1966

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- \* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
- \* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m.—Int. 13-14 Sword Drill,  
Jr. 12 Dept.
- \* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.  
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- \* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
- 8:45 p.m.—City-Wide Singpiration  
at Brownsville Baptist Church,  
2601 West Strong.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- \* 10:00 a.m.—See WMS Circles
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m.—Cub Scout Organization Meeting,  
Senior 16 Dept.
- 7:30 p.m.—Faithful Workers Party,  
Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- \* 4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- \* 5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's.  
Officers' and Teachers' Meeting.
- \* 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Business Meeting
- \* 8:15 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 7:00 p.m.—Reflectors Class Party, Fellowship  
Hall, Adult D End.
- 7:30 p.m.—Faith Class Party, Fellowship  
Hall, Adult C End.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 6:00 p.m.—Anglers Class Party,  
Recreation Room
- 7:30 p.m.—Party for Deaf, Dining Room
- \*Indicates Nursery will be open 15 minutes  
prior to the time indicated above.



## NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

- 54. Miss Theresa Brown, 890 Royce St., Apt. 16  
From: First Baptist Church,  
Crestview, Fla.
- 55. Mr. Tom Carter, 701 N. Old Corry Road  
From: Edwards Road Baptist Church,  
Greenville, S. C.
- 56. Mrs. Tom Carter (Betty Jean)
- 57. Mr. Bill Earp, VT-7, Bldg. 1403,  
Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.  
From: Guess Road Baptist Church,  
Durham, N. C.
- 58. Miss Gretchen M. Kellum,  
1627 Woodchuck Road  
From: Point Baptist Church,  
Pensacola
- 59. Mr. Paul Royal, 3710 Baisden Road  
From: Newnan First Baptist Church,  
Newnan, Ga.
- 60. Mrs. Paul Royal (Bonnie)
- 61. Darrell Royal

BAPTIZED:

Phillip Napier  
Wiley C. Page