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PASTOR



READY FOR CHRISTMAS

“Ready for Christmas,” she said with a sigh,
As she gave a last touch to the gifts piled high.
Then wearily sat for a moment and read
Till soon, very soon, she was nodding her head.

Then quietly spoke a voice in her dream:
“Ready for Christmas! What do you mean?
Ready for Christmas, when only last week
You wouldn’t acknowledge your friend on the street!

“Ready for Christmas, while holding a grudge!
Perhaps you had better let God be the judge.
Why, how can the Christ-child come and abide
In a heart that is selfish and filled with pride?

“Ready for Christmas, when only today
A beggar lad came and you turned him away
Without even a smile to show that you cared!
The **little** he asked — it could have been spared.

“Ready for Christmas! You’ve worked, it is true,
But just doing the things you wanted to do.
Ready for Christmas! Your circle’s too small,
Why, you are not ready for Christmas at all!”

She awoke with a start and a cry of despair,
“There’s so **little** time, and I’ve still to prepare!
Oh, Father, forgive me, I see what you mean.
To be ready means more than just a house swept clean!”

Yes, more than the giving of gifts and a tree,
It’s the heart swept clean that He wants to see,
A heart that is free from bitterness — sin,
Ready for Christmas — and ready for Him!

—ALICE HANSCHÉ MORTENSON

Pastor's Paragraphs

ON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The rush is on! If you are going to be downtown on the SIDWALKS, take every precaution. (You would probably be safer out in the street!)



A lot of the packages are wrapped and some of them are probably already under your tree. What do you plan to give Jesus? Keep in mind that it is His birthday we are celebrating.

The finest way I know of to give a gift to Christ is to make a sacrificial gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

How much do you know about Miss Lottie? Perhaps you need to refresh your memory.

Charlotte Moon was born December 12, 1849, in Albermarle County, Virginia. While she was teaching school in Cartersville, Georgia, she heard and answered the call to foreign mission service and was appointed in 1873 by the Foreign Mission Board for education work in North China.

For 15 years she labored sacrificially in the lonely Pingtu area. A task so great required reinforcements. In 1888 she penned an appeal to the newly organized Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. She said: "I wish you could send us two women in the fall for Pingtu." "I would I had a thousand lives that I might give them to the women of China."

According to Miss Moon's suggestion, a season of prayer and an offering were instituted for foreign missions. The goal for the first offering was \$2,000, but \$3,000 was given, enabling three missionaries to be sent instead of two.

During the Christmas season in 1912, while Miss Moon was on her way to America with the hope that the voyage and rest would restore her health, she became weaker and weaker. On Christmas Eve, while her ship was in port at Kobe, Japan, her spirit left her body.

When Lottie Moon surrendered to the call of foreign missions she did not count the cost. She kept back no part of the price — she gave everything. How do you plan to match Lottie Moon's life? How do you propose to match the extravagance of her gift?

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

Christmas for Christ,
Not CHRISTMAS FOR ME;
But Christmas for Christ
Who gave Christmas to me.

Gifts for the Christ!
Not gifts just for me!
But gifts for the Christ
Who gave all for me.

—Royal Service

GIVE TO THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

If your Christmas Spirit depends on elusive things — the weather, your bank account, decorations, music — we offer a plan for an unlimited, dependable supply:

Slip into a quiet place, close your eyes and listen — to the call for help that only you can give, from people starved for the nourishment that only you can provide. Your prayers.

And then listen for God to speak and you will have your answer to one item on your Christmas gift list.

Your prayers; your gifts. When you have given these, a whole bunch of Christmas Spirit is automatically guaranteed. What a difference a prayer makes!

Will you join us this month as we pray for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering?

MRS. ROBERT D. HINSON
Vice President
Woman's Missionary Union



"O wonderful story of deathless love,
Each child is dear to the heart above;
He fights for me when I cannot fight,
He strengthens me in the gloom of night,
The sorrows that bear me down He shares,
He loves and pears me because He cares."



"Even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."
1 Peter 3:4.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

**"What's Right About
Christmas?"**

(Luke 2)

7:15 P.M.

Junior Choir Cantata

THE LISTENING POST

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIPS DECEMBER 18

Junior High — Ricky Gill
Parents —
Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Dobelstein
Senior High - College —
Ann and John Fields

JUNIOR CHOIR CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Juniors and Parents Fellowship
immediately after Service
in Dining Room.

STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Panel: Earle Rogers, Moderator
Drama: "So Send I You"
Open House: Troy Bookers
after service

HELEN MAY
Youth Director

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Dr. William H. Coker, Jr., Mr. Walter McNeil, Mrs. John D. Smith.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. C. B. Dykes, Mr. Vernon Tatum, Mrs. Lois Everitt.

Escambia General:

Miss Annie Mae Barr

Navy:

Chief James J. Yandle

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Lane Frazier, Mr. Milton Richardson, Mr. L. D. Allen, Mrs. Velma Tice, Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. T. R. Walker in the loss of her father.
Mrs. H. D. Lamkin in the loss of a sister.
Mrs. Cliff McLoud in the loss of her father.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. Colin Berry Dykes, Jr., and Miss Kristen Ellen Olsen upon their marriage December 9.



Library Notes

Walk With God Between Sundays is a new book by Richard C. Halverson. He says "Faith is for 'Between Sundays.' Actual life, however humdrum or routine, is the setting for authentic Christianity.

"Christianity took root where the only sanctuary was a temple or synagogue and very soon the church was driven from both, to be propagated in homes and market places, prisons and catacombs."

It is to encourage individual involvement in the Christian life that Dr. Halverson has written these thought-provoking chapters designed to show that Christianity is for every day, for the office, and the shop, the campus, the market, factory and farm.



Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Oliver

request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Mary Kay

to

Mr. Fredric Martin Hill

on Saturday, the seventeenth of December at two o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

and afterwards for the reception



BROTHERHOOD - NIGHT SOCIETY

The Monthly Meeting of the men of the church and of the Night Society will begin with supper together at 6:15 p.m. on Monday evening. Following supper both groups will meet for their monthly program meeting.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Diamond and are given by their family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mertins, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Diamond.

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of the week!

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock,
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.....	1242
Members Present	1208
New Members	8
Visitors	26
Training Union Attendance	265
Members Present	234
New Members	3
Visitors	28
Additions to church membership.....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	8,588.39
Specials	304.85
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS	
OFFERING	2,044.19
TOTAL OFFERING	10,937.43

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**SUNDAYS REMAIN
IN 1966 TO GIVE
YOUR TITHES AND
OFFERINGS THROUGH
YOUR CHURCH!**



OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed
December 23, 24, and 26.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

- * 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.—Jr. 11-12 Sword Drill, Jr. 12 Dept.
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages.
F. Willard Vickery, Director
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
Junior Cantata
- 8:30 p.m.—Get togethers:
Juniors and Parents — Christmas
Fellowship, Church Dining Room.
Jr. High — At the home of Ricky
Gill, 1961 Villafane.
Sr. High-College — At the home
of Ann and John Fields, 4185 Iris
Court.
Parents — At the home of Mr.
Elliott Dobelstein, 630 Morning-
side Drive.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 6:15 p.m.—Baptist Men and W.M.S. Night
Society, Church Dining Room.
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.—Jr. 12 S.S. Party,
Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Activities Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- * 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 23

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.—Christmas Tree and Carol
Sing for Youth, Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

- 62. Mr. John Coleman, 3360 Bluewater Drive
From: First Baptist Church,
Wildwood, Fla.
- 63. Mrs. John Coleman (Amy Ryals)
From: Warrington Baptist Church,
Pensacola

REDEDICATION:

Mrs. Charles Danforth



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Reading for the Week of
December 18-24

John 1
Revelation 1-5