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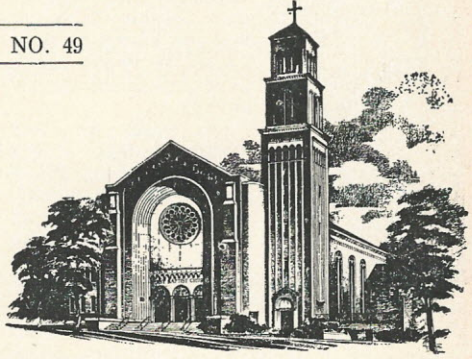
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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR



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 CHANGING NAMES

It happens every once in a while. Someone will get dissatisfied with his name and decide to change it. Take the movie



star, Tony Curtis, for instance. His name was Bernie Schwartz but he changed it. (What he really needs to change is his way of living!)

For years we have called it **The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions** — and this is as it should be. Miss Lottie was a wonderful woman. For 39 years

she gave her all to Christ. While in China she constantly wrote back to America begging for additional missionaries. As a result of her pleas, the Christmas offering for foreign missions was taken. Enough money was given to send three missionaries to the field. Since then a large portion of our total Foreign Mission budget has been given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The goal for 1967 is \$15,000.00. The goal for our church is \$10,000.00.

Far be it from me to take anything away from Miss Moon, but this year when I make my love gift I will be thinking of some modern-day Lottie Moons who serve in distant lands.

... Mrs. James Hampton is a modern-day Lottie Moon. She carries the same load any busy housewife carries but she still finds time to serve as a missionary. You will find her busy teaching classes at the seminary — directing the seminary choir — and assisting her husband in working in the many churches in the Arusha area of Tanzania. If necessary, she can drive a Land Rover as well as any white hunter.

... Mrs. Dave Saunders is another modern-day Lottie Moon. She, too, is a busy housewife and mother but she is as much a Lottie Moon as the original. You will find her busy day and night taking care of the physical needs of the seminary faculty and student body. Mrs. Saunders is the total medical staff serving our seminary in Arusha. Once a week she conducts a clinic in one of the smaller churches of the area. Two weeks ago she treated 125 patients in one day. Nor is this all — she is just as concerned, if not more so, about the spiritual needs of the African people.

In a sense Lottie Moon is very much alive today. The plea is still for funds. I hope and pray that each one of us will

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"On Completing Your Christmas Shopping"
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

7:15 P.M.

"Men Of Distinction"
(Genesis 18:19-33)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. Leon Bailey, Jr. and Miss Rosetta Elizabeth McDaniel upon their marriage December 2.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. E. C. McAdams in the loss of a brother.

Dr. S. G. Kennedy, Jr. in the loss of a brother.

Mrs. L. W. Bell and Mrs. Ernest Gentry in the loss of son and brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. G. C. Ware, Mr. Mark Presley, Mr. Kirk Johnson, Mrs. Walter McNeil.

Navy Hospital:

Mrs. James J. Yandle.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Emmett Shelby, Mr. Al Woerner, Mrs. B. W. Matthews, Mr. George Peterson, Mrs. John Ledford, Mrs. George Pfeiffer, Mrs. Monty Agee, Jr.



A world of light, not darkness. A world of love, not hate. Surely this is the desire of every Christian. As the world turns we each must do our part so that the shadow of the cross may fall on even the "utmost parts." There has to be awareness before darkness will turn to light. There has to be understanding before hate will change to love.

Our missionaries on the foreign field are depending on our prayers to undergird their efforts — and our offerings to build schools, hospitals, and churches where there were none before.

Mrs. SPENCER T. WEST
Publicity Chairman
W.M.S. Day Society

make a sacrificial gift to foreign missions. What better way could we honor our Lord on His birthday!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pletty

Christmas Calendar

MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Beginner and Primary Choirs will present a program of Christmas Music. The Primary Choirs will combine to sing a cantata for unison voices, "Christmas for the Very Young" by Claire Upshur. The cantata includes pageantry.

A brief drama entitled "Bethlehem Again" will be presented under the direction of Miss Helen May.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

The Church Choir will present a program of sacred Christmas music. Included in the service will be choruses from Handel's "The Messiah" and Vivaldi's "Gloria." Mr. Ike Terry will play a 20-minute recital of Christmas organ music prior to the choral program.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

The congregation will participate in a Carol Sing. The Junior High Choir and the Junior Choir will present several Christmas selections at this service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

The Youth Choir will be in charge of the music for the 5:00 Vesper Service on Christmas Eve.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Dec. 10: "Fortified With A Clear Conscience"

Acts 22:30 to 23:10. Key Verse 1.

MON., Dec. 11: "Paul's Invisible Ally"

Acts 23:11-22. Key Verse 11.

TUES., Dec. 12: "Victim Of Mob Violence"

Acts 23:23-35. Key Verse 27.

WED., Dec. 13: "False Accusations"

Acts 24:1-9. Key Verse 5.

THURS., Dec. 14: "A Strong Defense"

Acts 24:10-23. Key Verse 16.

FRI., Dec. 15: "Yielding To Evil Pressures"

Acts 24:24 to 25:5. Key Verse 27.

SAT., Dec. 16: Sunday School Lesson

"Mary: Pattern For Our Worship"
Luke 1:26-55.



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**SUNDAYS REMAINING
IN 1967**

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



**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY**

W.M.S. CIRCLES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 a.m.

—T. N. CALLAWAY will meet with Mrs. Marshall King, Jr., 7805 North Chemstrand Road

—VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. J. A. Johnston, 2523 North Whaley Avenue

—STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. A. Z. Lavender, 1901 Foulis Drive

—MARTHA HAYLOCK will meet with Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Jr., 661 Woodbine Drive

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

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

—R. C. MOORE will meet with Mrs. Spencer T. West, Route 1, Box 724, Seaglates Drive

—BERNICE NEEL will meet with Mrs. Charles Clevenger, Scenic Highway

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

—LAURA FRANCES SNOW will meet with Mrs. E. A. Bratcher, 100 West Cervantes Street

3:00 p.m.

—HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. George Zeigler, 1235 Stow Avenue



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

9. Mrs. Sybil Riddell, 1411 E. Mallory

10. Mr. David L. Tevis, 3401 W. Jackson

BY LETTER:

33. Mr. Douglas Davis,
1200 W. Mallory, Apt. 121
From: Parkway Village Baptist,
Memphis, Tenn.

34. Mrs. Douglas Davis (Virginia)

35. Mrs. David L. Tevis, 3401 W. Jackson
From: Warrington Baptist, Pensacola

BAPTIZED:

Mrs. Joseph F. Brooks

Mr. George A. Kent

Mrs. George A. Kent

Donald Odum

Mrs. Sybil Riddell

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Our Missionary to Honduras

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writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study	1231
Main Sunday School	1214
Crippled Childrens Home	17
The Church in Training	235
Training Union	199
Weekday	36
Additions to church membership	5
Baptized	5
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$8,426.32
Specials	1,355.39
Building Fund	20.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$9,801.71

IN MEMORIAM



MR. EUGENE W. BELL

2025 E. Hatton

Joined our church by letter
March 3, 1964

Deceased December 5, 1967



MRS. L. L. ALFORD

700 South "E"

Joined our church by letter
December 8, 1963

Deceased December 6, 1967



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over Station WCOA
- 3:15 p.m.—Youth Steering Council in
"The Cellar"
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:45 p.m.—City-wide Singspiration
Myrtle Grove Baptist Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:00 p.m.—BYKOTA Class Party
in "The Cellar"
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Mary Martha Class, Christmas
Party at the home of Mrs. Vernon
Cash, 1805 East Gadsden

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- * 10:00 a.m.—WMS Circles
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts Meet

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 6:00 p.m.—Faithful Workers Christmas Party
in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m.—B & P Party in
"The Cellar"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 6:30 p.m.—Jr. Depts. Christmas Party
in "The Cellar"
- 7:00 p.m.—YP-A Christmas Carol and
Hayride
- * 7:00 p.m.—Christmas Party for Deaf in
Church Dining Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:30 p.m.—Adult C Christmas Party
in "The Cellar"

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



Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bruce Heard

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

Lucy Helyn

to

Mr. James Calvin Roth, Jr.

on Saturday, the sixteenth of December
Nineteen hundred and sixty-seven
at half past six o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following ceremony
Garden Center
1900 North Ninth Avenue