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JAMES L. PLEITZ
PASTOR

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

THOU SHALT remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

THOU SHALT pause in thy business to consider the magnitude of God's gift of Christ to mankind.

THOU SHALT remember that Mary and Joseph found no room at the inn, and, remembering, give Christ the chief room in your heart.

THOU SHALT participate in the Christmas activities sponsored by your church.

THOU SHALT be of generous heart in answering the appeals of your church at Christmas time.

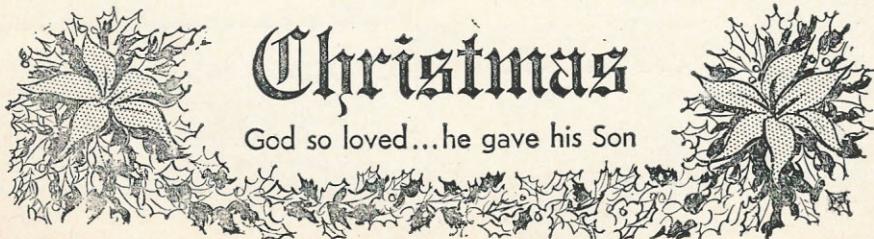
THOU SHALT take time to plan for the happiness of those outside thine own circle of family and friends.

THOU SHALT enjoy, in unhurried calm, the priceless heritage of Christmas Carols and great Christmas art.

THOU SHALT give of thyself in all thy gifts, giving not for duty, reciprocity, or personal satisfaction — but for the simple joy of sharing.

THOU SHALT remember, with patience and understanding, all those who serve thee; the sa'esg'r'l, the postman, the delivery man, the newsboy, and all others who bear the physical burden of the holiday season.

THOU SHALT teach thy children the true message of Christmas, of the Prince of Peace, Who came to show mankind a way to righteousness and happiness.



Pastor's Paragraphs

Each day the song reminds us, "It is one day closer to Christmas." Now is the time to complete your shopping, and please don't forget Lottie Moon!



The important thing about Christmas is not the buying of gifts but the KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS. Years ago, Henry Van Dyke made some splendid suggestions concerning keeping Christmas. Let me share them with you.

"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 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.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal love? 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.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Forgotten Man, Joseph"
(Matthew 1:18-25)

7:15 P.M.

Service of Christmas Music
(Church Choir)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. G. C. Ware, Mr. Mark Presley, Mrs. R. A. Barrow, Mr. Joe P. Tillman, Mrs. G. C. Huckaba, Mr. Herman S. Johnson.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. O. R. McNair, Mrs. George Pfeiffer, Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst, Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Sr.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. James J. Yandle, Todd Young, Mr. Norman R. Johnson, Mr. Kirk Johnson, Mrs. Walter McNeil, Mr. Raymond A. Barrow.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Rex McBryde in the loss of his father.

Mrs. A. R. Kickliter in the loss of a brother.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Dec. 17: "A Demand For Justice"
Acts 25:6-12. Key Verse 11.

MON., Dec. 18: "Basis For Contention"
Acts 25:13-22. Key Verse 18-19.

TUES., Dec. 19: "A Weak Case"
Acts 25:23-27. Key Verse 27.

WED., Dec. 20: "Inconsistent Accusers"
Acts 26:1-11. Key Verse 6.

THURS., Dec. 21: "Faithful To His Charge"
Acts 26:12-23. Key Verse 19.

FRI., Dec. 22: "A Lost Opportunity"
Acts 26:24-32. Key Verse 28.

SAT., Dec. 23: Sunday School Lesson
"Jesus: Object Of Our Worship"
Luke 2:8-19; Matthew 2:1-11.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Allie McDavid Caro and Mr. Wiley J. McDavid and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caro and family.

THE LISTENING POST

OPEN HOUSE IN "THE CELLAR" WAS MOST REWARDING as is evidenced by this gracious note received from one of our adult classes using the facilities for a Christmas Party:

My Dear Miss May,

It is always good to know about nice things which young people are doing and particularly now with all the adverse criticism we read and hear. It is especially gratifying to realize that our church has in it young people capable and willing to "produce 'The Cellar'". We recognize that your leadership plays an important part in their activities.

Will you please let them know that we enjoyed our Christmas Party and that we felt it a privilege to have it in "The Cellar"?

Thank you,

The Reflectors S. S. Class
(Miss Florida Waite's class)

If you have not seen "The Cellar", do drop in some day soon.

YOUTH STEERING COUNCIL which met this past Sunday has decided to go ahead with plans for an Easter Retreat at Camp Grandview, April 12-13. The cost to you will be \$10.00 for the trip. Make your plans now to be a part of this group. We must have a definite reservation (\$5.00) not later than March 31. If sufficient number do not plan to go, the trip will have to be cancelled. A poll taken awhile ago indicated that 79 definitely plan to attend; only 16 said that they would be unable to attend.

YOUTH CAMP — CHOIR TOUR - MISION PROJECT will be combin'd into one major project this year. The dates are July 18 25 at the Ozark Boys' Camp, Mt. I'a. Arkansas. The cost to you, as close as we can figure now, is \$25.00 per person. This includes everything except possibly 2 meal's en route and snacks. Our Youth

SENIOR ADULTS TO MEET

Our Senior Adult Fellowship Meeting for December is scheduled Tuesday, December 19. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Carol Sing and a time of inspiration. Our Service Project will be making Christmas Trees for residents of Hill Haven Convalescent Center.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherrill Barnes

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

Jeanne Lynn

to
Mr. George Michael O'Bryan

on Thursday, the twenty-first of December
Nineteen hundred and sixty-seven
at seven o'clock

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

and afterwards at
Holiday Inn, Gulf Breeze



Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ansley

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

Jane Jordan

to
Mr. Charles Edward Fosha, Jr.

on Friday, the twenty-second of December
one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven
at half past six o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Reception
following the ceremony
at the Church



CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed on Saturday, December 23; Monday, December 25; and Tuesday, December 26.

Items for the Builder of December 28 should be turned in prior to Friday, December 22.

Steering Council have selected as our theme: "Songs for a Small Planet" which will be ideal, it seems to me as we go singing the songs God has for the world to hear on our tour. This theme seems fitting as we search for the songs of love that God would have us discover for ourselves in worship, meditation, and prayer at camp. We even have another chance to take His songs to at least a small part of his planet through the VBS teams in nearby churches while there. It's not in your plans, put it there and start your bank account especially for the cause. We want 100 this year. We must have them to make the impact we desire.

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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

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| The Church in Study | 1104 |
| Main Sunday School | 1083 |
| Crippled Children's Home | 21 |
| The Church in Training | 180 |
| Additions to church membership | 6 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$7,185.00 |
| Specials | 2,230.21 |
| Building Fund | 5.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$9,420.21 |



**SUNDAYS REMAINING
IN 1967**
to
Give Your Tithes and
Offerings Through
Your Church



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

36. Mr. Glen A. Dunn, 126 W. Jackson
From: First Baptist, Cookeville, Tenn.
37. Mrs. Glen A. Dunn (Brenda)
38. Mr. W. B. Garrison, 5709 San Gabriel Dr.
From: First Baptist, Madison, Fla.
39. Mrs. W. B. Garrison (Ruth)
40. Mr. James H. Johnson, 1012 Trenton Dr.
From: West End Baptist, Foley, Ala.
41. Mrs. James H. Johnson (Jane)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Superintendent
* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over Station WCOA
4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.—Jr. Sword Drill in Jr. 12 Dept.
* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union
* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
8:45 p.m.—Get Togethers:
Sr. High-College Buffet in
"The Cellar"
Jr. High Carol Sing and Buffet
at the home of Miss Temple
Roberts.
Leave from church on truck pro-
vided by Joe Napier.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:15 p.m.—Baptist Men-Night Society
9:00 p.m.—"The Cellar" open for Sr. High

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Fellowship
7:00 p.m.—Int. 14 Sunday School Caroling
Party
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts
9:00 p.m.—"The Cellar" open for Sr. High

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

* 4:45 p.m.—Jr. Choir and Jr. High Choir
* 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
* 6:30 p.m.—Prayer Service around the tables

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



GIVE!

LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME

"I'm discouraged," the little boy said as I shook his hand after having welcomed his parents into our fellowship. "Why?" I asked. He answered, "I saw my teacher sitting out there and she didn't come down." Such a small gesture but it would have meant so much to his childish heart.

The world is full of "discouraged" little boys and girls — young people — and adults because they have no church — no pastor — no teachers — no doctors — no hospitals — no schools — they have never even heard His name. They can never know the joy of worship — of prayer — of witnessing — of giving until someone goes where they are to tell them.

Each year at Christmas we have the privilege of making a special love offering that people may have "life through His name." As you consider prayerfully your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, remember the many gospel-hungry people of the world and make it a generous gift..

Our church goal is \$10,000. We have given to date \$3,669.55.

Mrs. Robert F. Jernigan, President
W.M.S. Night Society