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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



SEATED (Left to Right): Helen May, Director of Youth Education; Mary Lou Pitts, Pastor's Secretary; Pat Rabun, Educational Secretary; Mrs. Duane (Judy) Johnson, Music and Youth Secretary; Mrs. Kittie Manning, Dietician.

STANDING: E. L. Barrineau, Treasurer; Robert L. Hughes, Minister of Evangelism; James L. Pleitz, Pastor; Clyde K. Bizzell, Assistant to the Pastor; Paul Royal, Minister of Music.

Pastor's Paragraphs

U. S. JUDGES GO TO JAIL

The headline of the article immediately caught my eye. As a rule judges send people to jail, they don't go there.



Sometime ago 34 federal judges went behind the walls of the U. S. penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. These men went to jail not because they had committed any crime but because they wanted to find out personally what happens to a man when he is sent to prison.

Each judge was paired off with a prisoner for lunch. They spent the day touring the institution. They saw the spacious library with 20,000 books. They saw the scoreboard that read "Visitors and Feds."

The judges walked through the prison gates at 9:30 a.m. They left late the same afternoon.

In a sense this is the story of Christmas. Two thousand years ago ONE left the happiness and security of heaven to come and live with sinful mankind. He stayed not one day, but 33 years. When night came He did not leave the prison and return to the Father's House. He stayed on and willingly suffered for our transgressions. Prior to His birth the angel said: "You shall call his name, Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins."

Thank God for this gift of Jesus to the world.

Let us make very sure that on His birthday we honour Him in every way.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday in the services.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz



**BE SURE AND LISTEN TO
"THOUGHT FOR THE DAY"
AT 7:23 A.M. OVER WCOA.**

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"How Far to Bethlehem?"

(Luke 2:1)

5:00 P.M.

Christmas Vesper Service

THE LISTENING POST



OUR YOUTH NOT ONLY TAKE— THEY GIVE!

HERE'S SOME REAL PROOF:

Juniors at Junior Camp gave out of their spending money a total of \$55.00 as a mission offering to educate an African child.

Juniors at a Christmas Party gave 105 gifts to the children at the 8th Avenue Baptist Church.

E & P Dept. planned and sponsored a party in "The Cellar" for teens from the 8th Avenue Baptist Church.

Numerous baskets were given to individual families by Sunday School and Training Union Departments of Junior and Youth ages.

White Christmas for the 90 and 9 Ranch was furnished by the Sr. High and College Group prior to their Christmas Buffet in "The Cellar."

The gifts were secured through a Scavenger Hunt and wrapped in white paper. The picture shows some boys from 90 and 9 Ranch picking up the Christmas gifts.

Jr. High Group (about 40), loaded on Mr. Joe Napier's truck, went carolling to our shut-ins, prior to their Christmas Buffet at the home of Tempie Roberts.

Much of the work done in "The Cellar" was youth labor, sponsored by helpful adults (Mr. Joe Ladner, Mr. Joe Napier, Mr. Mike Cranmer).

Jr. High GA's are raising \$50.00 to purchase bedroom slippers for all 103 patients at County Nursing Home.

THANKS!

Lawren Meacham, Jack Howes, Mrs. James L. Pleitz, and the committee responsible want to take this means of expressing their deep appreciation to everyone who helped in any way to make the Christmas Buffet a success: those parents who brought food, Mrs. Manning for preparing the meats, the decorations committee, the youth for such beautiful cooperation, and Mr. Paul Royal for assisting greatly with the ideas and planning.

Mrs. Lon Roberts also had praise for the manner in which the carolling and buffet party at her home was handled. To one and all a sincere word of thanks. You never cease to amaze your Youth Director with your gracious thoughtfulness.

NO GET TOGETHER SUNDAY!!



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SHOWN ABOVE (Reading left to right) are Mike Drummond, Gordon Peacock, Eddie Hanna, and George Missal, picking up Gifts for Ninety & Nine Ranch (See story in "The LisTEENing Post")

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Helyn Heard and Mr. James C. Rcth, Jr. upon their marriage Dec. 16.
Mr. David Riddle and Miss Linda Teague upon their marriage December 16 in Tallahassee.

CUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. J. S. Baisden in the loss of her mother.
Mr. Carlton Jackson Collins, Jr. in the loss of a brother.
Mrs. A. E. Taylor in the loss of a sister.
Mr. M. B. Giffith in the loss of his wife.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mrs. G. C. Ware, Mr. Arthur L. Hayes, Mrs. Bessie Garrett, Pamela Hale.

Sacred Heart:

Mrs. George Pfeiffer, Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Sr., Mr. C. Jackson Collins, Jr.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Herman Johnson, Mrs. O. R. McNair, Mrs. R. A. Barrow, Mr. Joe P. Tillman, Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst, Mrs. G. C. Huckaba.



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Our church is to be the host for the Associational WATCHNIGHT SERVICE on New Year's Eve. Schedule:

9:00 P.M.—SONG TIME
9:15 P.M.—FILM TIME
10:45 P.M.—FELLOWSHIP TIME
11:30 P.M.—INSPIRATION TIME

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Dec. 24: "Heeding The Wrong Voice"
Acts 27:1-13. Key Verse 11.

MON., Dec. 25: "Courage From God's Promise"
Acts 27:14-32. Key Verse 25.

TUES., Dec. 26: "God's Promise Fulfilled"
Acts 27:33-44. Key Verse 44.

WED., Dec. 27: "Service Despite Hardships"
Acts 28:1-10. Key Verse 9.

THURS., Dec. 28: "Apostle In Chains"
Acts 28:11, 16-22. Key Verse 20.

FRI., Dec. 29: "The Unfettered Gospel"
Acts 28:23-31. Key Verse 30.

SAT., Dec. 30: Sunday School Lesson
"Worship Brings Renewal"
Psalm 73; Isaiah 6:1-18; Luke 2:20.



SPECIAL FOR TEACHERS

A special study of the book of Hebrews has been scheduled for the teachers in Young People's and Adult Departments in preparation for next quarter's lessons. This study, to be led by Dr. Robert L. Hughes, will be Thursday, December 28. 7:00-9:00 P.M.



OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed Saturday, December 23; Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

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should be in the office, preferably in
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study1115
Main Sunday School1102
Crippled Children's Home 13
The Church in Training 198
Additions to church membership 2
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$6,488.78
Specials 2,075.81
Building Fund 10.00
TOTAL OFFERING\$8,574.59



NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER:

42. Mr. Thomas E. Heifner,
3904 Mobile Highway
From: Plain Dealing Baptist,
Plain Dealing, La.
43. Mrs. Thomas E. Heifner (Paula)
From: Brookwood Baptist,
Shreveport, La.



SUNDAYS REMAINING
IN 1967

to

Give Your Tithes and
Offerings Through
Your Church

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
Broadcast over Station WCOA
- 3:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 5:00 p.m.—Vesper Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

- * 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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 p.m.—Preview Study for
Adult Teachers
Fellowship Hall (Basement of
Educational Building)



LIBRARY NOTES

"God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table go,
And all your kin and kinsmen
That dwell both far and near;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year."
Taken from "Time for Poetry"

—by May Arbuthnot

THE LIBRARY STAFF



IN MEMORIAM

MRS. M. B. GRIFFITH
318 W. Intendencia St.

Joined our church by letter
November 25, 1956

Deceased December 17, 1967



MR. MARK B. PRESLEY
324 W. Strong St.

Joined our church by letter
September 24, 1967

Deceased December 18, 1967