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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 HANSCHE MORTENSON

Pastor's paragraphs

THE THRILLING STORY OF MISS LOTTIE MOON

Lottie Moon, a young lady from Virginia, was appointed as a missionary to China in 1873.

So great was the need for telling the Gospel Story that Lottie remained in China past her second furlough — fifteen years — because there was no one to take her place. Weary, lonely, and overworked, she wrote a letter to the women of the South, begging them to take an offering at Christmas time to send two new missionaries to her field. That first offering resulted in sending three missionaries instead of two. This offering has become an annual affair. In 1918 Women's Missionary Union named it "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" as a memorial to her.

During the 1911 famine in China, Miss Moon wrote the Foreign Mission Board for funds with which to buy food for the Chinese. The Board was in debt and could not help. She then gave her inheritance from her Mother's estate. When this was gone, she gave part of her salary for relief and finally shared her own food with the starving Chinese until her own body was wasted.

When Miss Moon became so ill that a doctor was called, he pronounced her trouble STARVATION and advised that Miss Cynthia Miller, a trained nurse missionary to China, conduct her home to Virginia, U.S.A. Enroute home, in Kobe, Japan, Miss Moon died on Christmas Eve. According to the law of Japan her body was cremated. Her ashes were brought home by Miss Miller. Her friends in China some years later erected a marble monument over her grave in Crewe, Virginia. Engraved on it are the words, "Faithful unto death."

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Will you be counted faithful by your response to the request to give a gift to Foreign Missions that others may know Christ? This is a gift over and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. A birthday gift for our Saviour.

The 1968 Southern Baptist goal is \$15,500,000. First Baptist Pensacola's goal is \$12,500. Give your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gift through your Sunday School Class, W.M.S., or place your gift in the



The Listening Post

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH THIS WEEK

Get - Togethers:

Junior High — "The Cellar"

Kay Gray, Hostess

Senior High - College —

Janie and Elwin Garrett,
1120 East Brainerd Street

Cynthia Arnold has been elected president of Panhellenic at Samford University. Cynthia is majoring in pharmacy, is an honor student and has won sports trophies during college days. She is a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma, honorary pharmacy society.

PLANS CHANGED

Proposed plans for a Christmas Banquet for the College Young People December 20 have been changed to a SMORGASBORD immediately after Student Night Program, December 29, in the Dining Room. This was deemed the wiser plan when we discovered some of the College Young People cannot possibly arrive home by that date.

SOAPY STUFF

DUZ you DREFT with the TIDE? VEL now is the time to CHEER up, if you want real JOY. The TREND is to BREEZE to church every Sunday and SAFEGUARD our heritage, but too many WOODBURY their heads in the pillow or work in the yards like HANDY ANDY, forgetting the Lord's day is for LESTOIL. Where the Lord reigns, the DOVE of peace will never need to send out an S.O.S. So don't trust to LUX by neglecting to worship at church every Sunday. Shall we DIAL to remind you of those IVORY towers up yonder? This is not just BABO. Worship will add to your eternal LIFEBOUY, so why not WHISK yourself out of bed every Sunday morning, like a SWEETHEART, dress up SPIC'N SPAN and DASH like a COMET to God's house of prayer, singing PRAISE to God will bring a CLEANSER to your soul, making you feel like MR. CLEAN, with a TWINKLE in your eyes, and VIM in your life. PLEDGE yourself to this practice and LIFE will become full of ZEST AND ZING.

offering plate during the worship service. Special envelopes are available in your regular envelope packages and in the church pews.

I'll see you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"The Challenge of Christmas"
(Luke 2)

7:15 P.M.

The Adult Choir
Presents St. Saens
"Christmas Oratorio"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., DEC. 15: "Passing on the Torch"
Numbers 27:15-23. Key Verses 18-19.

MON., DEC. 16: "The Servant Ends
His Service"

Deuteronomy 34. Key Verse 7.

TUES., DEC. 17: "Trial and Faith"
James 1:1-8. Key Verse 3.

WED., DEC. 18: "Blessed Is the Man
That Endureth"

James 1:9-17. Key Verse 12.

THURS., DEC. 19: "Hearers and Doers"
James 1:18-25. Key Verse 22.

FRI., DEC. 20: "True and False Religion"
James 1:26 to 2:9. Key Verse 27.

SAT., DEC. 21: "Faith and Works"
James 2:10-26. Key Verses 17.

NEW MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

BY LETTER:

46. Mr. James L. Hankins, Jr.,
5871 Leesway Boulevard
From: Cottage Hill Baptist Church,
Mobile, Alabama.
47. Mrs. James L. Hankins, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

48. Mr. Stephen E. Noland,
Route 7, Box 844-S
From: First Baptist, Rockmart, Ga.
49. Mrs. Stephen E. Noland (Connie Gail)
50. Mrs. L. R. Whitson,
3600 Summit Boulevard
From: Highland Heights Baptist,
Memphis, Tennessee

BAPTIZED:

Mr. Larry Watts
Mrs. Larry Watts
Tim Yelverton

WMS NIGHT SOCIETY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:15 p.m.—Supper

6:45 p.m.—Program—

Mrs. Melvin Gentry,
Missionary to Indonesia

3 Sundays Left

*in 1968 to give your
Tithes and Offerings
Through Your Church*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Janis Abney and Mr. Charles Eugene Milsted, Jr., upon their marriage December 6.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Wilbur F. Peacock in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Bessie Parks in the loss of a brother.

Mr. W. E. Wilson, Sr., and Mrs. W. J. Corner in the loss of wife and mother.

Mrs. George Danelakis in the loss of her mother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Mr. Leonard Gay, Mrs. Frances Schlevoight, Mrs. Earl Kendrick, Mrs. A. C. Newberry, Mr. James T. Warthen, Mr. E. W. Hopkins, Sr., Mrs. Boyd Reeder

Sacred Heart — Mrs. J. E. Kelly

Navy—Mr. J. J. Yandle

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Eva Reynolds, Mrs. Cecil Ray, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Mrs. Bessie Parks, Miss Jan Boghich

LIBRARY NOTES

Have you ever seen a "Jesse Tree"? Come to the library and see ours grow.

A Bibliography on Christmas and New Year devotionals, poems, stories, etc., available in the Library has been given to each Sunday School Superintendent and Training Union Director.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. William E. Wilson, Sr.
1919 North 14th Avenue

Joined Our Church By Letter
March 15, 1914

Deceased December 8, 1968

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LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

The Church in Study.....	1202
Main Sunday School.....	1183
Crippled Children's Home.....	19
The Church in Training.....	182
Additions to Church Membership.....	5
Baptized.....	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget.....	\$8,032.43
Specials.....	2,947.68
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$10,980.11

GOD MADE THE DEAF FOR A PURPOSE

(Lev. 19:14)

To create compassion in the heart of the hearing person, to afford the hearing an opportunity for service to some of His chosen ones. Plan now to learn their "language" in a class to begin soon — at the Training Union hour on Sunday nights.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY
of the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Presents
THE CHURCH CHOIR
Singing
THE CHRISTMAS ORATORIO
By Camille Saint-Saens
Sunday, December 15, 1968
7:15 P. M.

SIXTY-SIX IN THIRTY-THREE

Our January Bible Study date is January 19-22. Dr. J. Leo Green will lead us in a study of "The Gospel in Isaiah." In preparation for this study it would be helpful to have already read the entire book of Isaiah. If you will start on December 16 and read two chapters a day, you will have completed the reading. Read sixty-six chapters of Isaiah in thirty-three days — December 16 through January 17.

Attend Prayer Meeting Wednesday

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- * 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- * 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor
- 4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m.—Junior Sword Drill
- * 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages
 Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Dir.
- * 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship,
 "The Christmas Oratoric"
- 8:30 p.m.—Junior High Get-Together,
 "The Cellar"
 Kay Gray, Hostess
- 8:30 p.m.—Sr. High-College Get-Together
 at the home of
 Jane and Elwin Garrett,
 1120 East Brainerd Street

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:15 p.m.—WMS Night Society Meets

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, "The Cellar"
- 7:30 p.m.—Gleaners Christmas Party,
 at the home of
 Mrs. Anita Brown,
 1915 E. Lakeview Ave.
- 7:30 p.m.—Reflectors Christmas Party
 Fellowship Hall, Mrs.
 Maude Williams, Hostess

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choirs,
 Junior High GA's
- * 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, YWA's
 Teachers and Officers Meet
 Jr. High Choir Rehearsal ..
- * 7:30 p.m.—Beginner and Primary Choirs
 Present a Program of
 Christmas Music
- * 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 6:15 p.m.—Int. 14 Sunday School Dept.
 Caroling Party, Sacred Heart
 Refreshments at Bill
 Thompson's afterwards.
- 6:30 p.m.—Silent Class, "The Cellar"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 p.m.—Junior 12 Sunday School
 Party, "The Cellar"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 7:30 p.m.—Junior High and Youth Choirs
 Will Sing at T. and C.
 Shopping Center and Will
 Return to Church for
 Refreshments

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND WORSHIP SUNDAY