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PASTOR

## *New Year Prayer*

As the Old Year seeks the shadows,  
That lie black beyond the hill,  
Where the summer twilight listened  
To a plaintive whippoorwill,  
My glad heart is softly praying,  
“Though I walk with joy or rue,  
Let me have the strength to labor  
At what God would have me do!”

While the bells fling jubilations  
Through the reaches of the skies  
In my heart a prayer is lifting,  
“Let me be both kind and wise,  
As I give myself for others,  
As I lean to them and share  
All the anguish and the burdens  
That their souls and flesh must bear!”

As the New Year comes with singing  
Through the wind-stripped orchard trees,  
Where ripe apples spilled their fragrance,  
Lo, I do not ask for ease,  
But my heart is humbly praying,  
“As I walk life’s crowded way,  
God, let each tomorrow find me  
More like Jesus than today!”

—Edgar Daniel Kramer

# Pastor's paragraphs

## I'VE GOT A SECRET

"The secret of my happy face? I'd never thought much about it," replied the elderly woman who was known for bringing happiness to so many others. She thought a long moment before answering. "Joy," she said in a soft voice, "just that one word J-O-Y. Folks don't smile enough. If they think of JOY maybe they would go around looking less glum. J stands for Jesus, O for others, and Y for yourself. Jesus, Others, Yourself, then you got JOY!"

Beloved, we are standing now on the threshold of a new year. I believe with all my heart that it will prove to be a glorious year in the life of our beloved church.

The simple formula suggested by the elderly Christian will guarantee a success in the life of our church. This same formula will bring happiness into the heart of the individual. Make very sure that Jesus Christ has the place of pre-eminence in your heart!

Faithfully your pastor,  
James L. Pleitz

P.S. Let me take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for the hundreds of beautiful cards and gifts. No man has ever worked with a more wonderful congregation than the pastor of this church!

## **LISTEN TO "Thought For The Day"**

WBSR — 6:45 P. M.  
(1450 on the dial)  
WCOA — 7:23 A. M.  
(1370 on the dial)  
WMEL — 6:59 A. M. &  
3:56 P.M.  
(610 on the dial)

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.  
"Wise Men Still Go To  
Bethlehem"  
(Matthew 2:1-10)  
7:15 P.M.

Student Night at Christmas

## *The Listening Post*

STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAM will be held at the evening worship service Sunday, December 29, and will include the following:

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-6, 13-15

### Students Speak:

"College Is" — Bill Lee, University of Florida

"Green & Showing It" — Danny Pleitz, Baylor University

"The Patience of Job" — Mary Lou Burks, University of Alabama  
(A soliloquy)

"We Must Make Him Known" — Cecilia Jones, University of Alabama

The Youth Choir will furnish the music. The theme of the program is "To Make Him Known."

Immediately after the service a Swedish Smorgasbord will be served in the Dinning Room for all college students, their guests, high school students and workers with these groups.

## **WHO CAN ESTIMATE THE HARVEST?**

A young man stood before a committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board asking for appointment as a missionary. He was asked to speak concerning his conversion and call to preach the gospel. His testimony was a simple but wonderful story.

He was the son of farmer parents, and as a child had attended a small country church. While a Junior boy he was the only member of his Sunday school class for an entire year. His teacher, far from being discouraged by the size of her class, proved faithful to her sacred trust. She did not miss a Sunday during the year. She always had the lesson prepared. Before the year had passed she had won this Junior boy to faith in the Lord Jesus and to church membership.

The boy did not forget the impact of the spirit of his consecrated Sunday school teacher upon his heart. In high school, in college, and through seminary years her example of faithfulness to Christ continued to inspire him. "Who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zechariah 4:10). Who can estimate the harvest of a seed sown in faith, prayer, and diligence?

—Searcy S. Garrison

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Ruth Elizabeth (Beth) Morris and Mr. Frank David Drake upon their marriage December 21.

Mr. David L. Raley, Jr. and Miss Deborah Rollins upon their marriage December 20.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. John Ingram and Mrs. Betty Marks in the loss of their mother.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

**Baptist**—Dr. William H. Coker, Jr., Mr. Shelby Sanders, Mrs. Frances Schlevoight, Mrs. A. C. Newberry, Mr. James T. Warthen, Mrs. John Ledford, Mrs. Boyd Reeder, Mr. Elbert W. Hopkins, Sr., Mr. M. A. Farmer

**Sacred Heart**—Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mrs. John Ingram, Mrs. Jane Jernigan

**Escambia General**—Mrs. Mamie Peake

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. J. J. Yandle, Mr. C. Edward Green, Mrs. D. H. Johnson, Mrs. Robert K. Wilson, Jr., Miss Daphine Artrip

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### THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of

**JOHN MARK SPRINGFIELD**  
adopted son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Springfield  
born October 2

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**DENNY McMILLAN WILSON**  
son of

Dr. and Mrs. Robert K. Wilson, Jr.  
born December 18

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

On New Year's Eve we will have our Watch Night Service beginning with a chili supper at 11:00 p.m. and concluding with a service in the Sanctuary from 11:35 to 12:01. Reservations for the chili supper will need to be made on next Sunday.

## Why Not Resolve To Make Your Teacher Happy?

We give to you eight ways to help.

1. Decorate the classroom each Sunday with your presence. Your teacher will be constantly inspired by your regular attendance and loyalty.
2. Educate yourself by becoming thoroughly familiar with the lesson each week. Your study will make the teacher's job more rewarding to you . . . and to him.
3. Generate a spirit of enthusiasm and good fellowship. The friendly and expectant atmosphere of a group is the perfect springboard for a good lesson.
4. Cooperate with your teacher when he wants to use new methods and techniques of instruction. Practice the Golden Rule.
5. Stimulate your teacher to new heights of effectiveness by paying close attention and looking interested. Your attitude can make a good teacher better. Teachers are inspired by an inspired countenance.
6. Participate in class discussions or other type of group activity. Your responsibility is to give as well as receive.
7. Appreciate the man hours of study and preparation your teacher gives to each week's lesson. Tell him how much the lessons mean to you. Write him a note of gratitude occasionally.
8. Translate the truths you learn on Sunday to your weekday life. This is the highest compliment you can pay your teacher.

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### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Church Flowers Committee is now making plans for the year 1969. Anyone desiring to place memorial flowers on a given Sunday is asked to get your request in to the Church Office. The Committee will honor the request in as far as possible. Where there are duplications (two requesting the same date), adjustments will be made with those concerned. A prompt request will assure securing the date desired.

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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

The Church in Study	986
Main Sunday School	983
Crippled Children's Home	6
The Church in Training	133
Additions to Church Membership	1
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$6,504.34
Specials	\$2,907.16
Building Fund	\$ 15.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>\$9,426.50</b>

One Sunday remains for our membership to "catch up" on giving for 1968. Because of the Federal Government's ruling on personal income tax and deductions, a deadline must be placed on 1968 giving records for the church. All receipts received after December 31, 1968 must be credited to the individual's 1969 giving record. Your cooperation will make all individual giving records more accurate.

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- \* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Mr. A. H. Arnold, Supt.
- \* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Pastor
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Mr. F. Willard Vickery, Director
- \* 7:15 p.m.—Student Night At Christmas
- 8:30 p.m.—Smorgasbord for college young people—Dining Rm.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

11:00 p.m.—Chili Supper  
11:35 p.m.—Watch Night Service

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**  
NO ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES  
OFFICE CLOSED

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Dec. 29: "The Faithful Witness"  
John 1:15-34. Key Verse 34

MON., Dec. 30: "This Is My Beloved Son"  
Matt: 3., Key Verse 17

TUES., Dec. 31: "Thou Crownest The Year"  
Psalm 65. Key Verse 65

WED., Jan. 1: "God The Creator"  
Gen. 1:1-5, 26-31. Key Verse 1

THURS., Jan. 2: "God's Attitude To Sin"  
Gen., 3:1-15. Key Verse 5

FRI., Jan. 3: "Abraham Chooses God"  
Gen., 13:7-18. Key Verse 18

SAT., Jan. 4: "Salt and Light"  
Matt., 5:13-20. Key Verse 14

## NEW MEMBERS

### ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

7. Mr. William Robert Griffin, 308 Camellia, Gulf Breeze

## STAFF EXPRESSES

### APPRECIATION

Each of us on the Church Staff, along with our families, want to take this means to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the many thoughtful expressions of love and friendship shown us during the holiday season just past and throughout this past year. It is with deep humility and a sincere desire to be of greater service to Christ through our church that we look forward to 1969.

Your Church Staff