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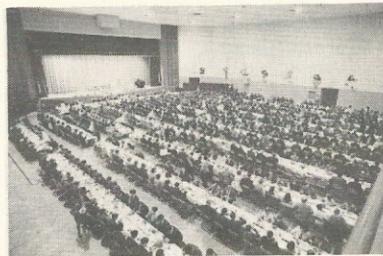
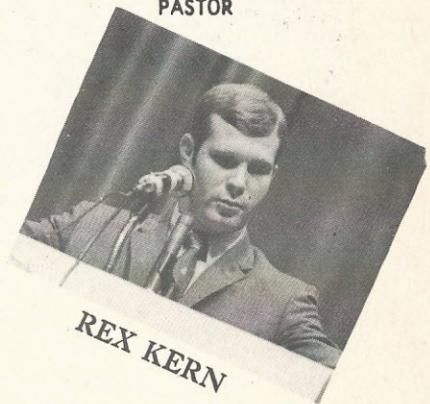
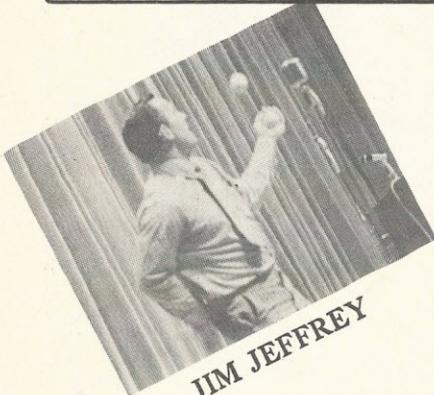
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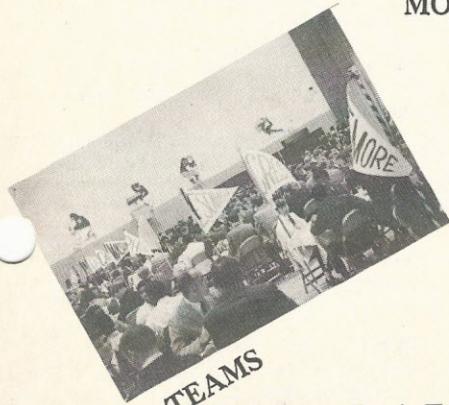
DECEMBER 4, 1969

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JAMES L. PLEITZ, D.D.
PASTOR



MORE THAN 1000



SIX TEAMS
THEY ALL WERE THERE

Pastor's paragraphs

REGARDING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

There are some distinct advantages which come as a result of doing your Christmas shopping early. This was pointed out in a sign posted in a Boston Post Office which read: Send your gifts early—besides facilitating the handling of mail, it gives the receiver a chance to reciprocate."

As we make plans for our Christmas shopping, I sincerely hope that we will make some provision to include Jesus Christ on our gift list. It is mighty easy for us to forget the One whose birth we are celebrating.

Southern Baptists have given Christmas a new meaning in recent years by making it an occasion to do something tangible and worthwhile. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached such proportions that it provides nearly one-half of our total foreign mission budget. It provides the grounds of hope for practically all the expansion and capital needs of our overseas work for Christ.

Our church has accepted the challenging goal of \$13,000 for this special offering for foreign missions. Won't you please have a liberal part in this offering, for a gift given for this cause is a gift to our Saviour. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I would challenge each member of our congregation this year, as I have for the past several years, to give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than you spend on any member of your family. Remember, it is the Lord's birthday we are celebrating.

Sunday promises to be a wonderful day. I will be looking for you here at the church—1300 strong.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

THE LISTENING POST

This will be my last copy of this column. I would like to say so many things. I am flooded with many warm memories—memories that I cherish—memories of your warmth, love, dedication and concern. There are memories of youth responding to unbelievable challenges and making them reality. There are memories of workers going the second mile to provide leadership for young people. There are memories of a church that believes in the potential of youth and are willing not only to provide materially but also to give the time, prayers and guidance to a program that meets the needs of youth. There are memories of a pastor and staff with a vision of what can and should be done to expose young people to the needs of others. There are memories of successful camps, retreats, fellowships, youth weeks, student nights. All these warm my heart for I was a part of them.

But there, also, are yet undiscovered dreams, very real needs, much pioneering, challenges rearing their heads. All these, this church, its staff and youth are quite capable of meeting. I shall be watching with great pride as you and God make these dreams a reality. Thank you for every expression of your love and interest and some of the most meaningful years of my life.

Helen May

LIBRARY NOTES

Those interested in Decorative Art of the different eras will find the following books in the church library:

DECORATIVE ART OF VICTORIA'S ERA is a panorama of the whole Victorian way of life. The author, Frances Lichten, has brought together a vast collection of material on every conceivable aspect of 19th century arts and customs.

FRENCH PROVINCIAL DECORATIVE ART by Catharine Oglesby is the first book available to English in many years on French Provincial furniture, textiles and ceramics.

Those who enjoyed recent antique displays in the city will be especially interested in these two books. Come by the Library and look at them—check them out.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"NEW LIFE FOR OLD
DEAD CHURCHES"
(Revelation 3:1-6)

7:15 P.M.

Dr. Robert L. Hughes

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING



Susie Batson



Betty and Don Brunson
(also shown is Terry)



Miss Judy Carr



Mrs. Gladys Knight



Robert and Angela Morrison

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. John R. Williams and Miss Miriam Oliver on their marriage November 24.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. A. R. Kickliter in the loss of her mother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist—Mrs. B. A. Smith, Mr. Ben McLeod, Jr., Mrs. James E. Nelson, Jr.

Sacred Heart—Miss Chris Armistead

HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Miss Sandra Winston, Mrs. Robert Redman, Mr. Kenneth K. Knight

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MASTER JAMESON LEE REDMAN
son of

Cdr. and Mrs. Robert L. Redman
born November 25

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. Wiggins and given by their family.

WMS GROUPS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 a.m.—MARY SAUNDERS will meet in the Cellar

10:00 a.m.—T. N. CALLAWAY Christmas Party and Covered Dish Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Marvin Lee, 3800 West Gadsden Street

VIRGINIA COBB will meet with Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, Jr., 2100 East Mallory Street. Co-hostesses: Mrs. Henry Pohlman, Mrs. J. T. Murphy.

STANLEY DAVIS will meet with Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 East Jackson Street

MARILOU GENTRY will meet with Mrs. Malcolm White, 3896 Winona Drive

ROBERT HUGHES will meet at the home of Mrs. Herbert L. Highsmith, Rt. 1, Box 724 (Seaglades). Mrs. Spencer West, Hostess

CHARLOTTE OWENS will meet with Mrs. Paul Gray, 511 Yester-oaks Circle, Gulf Breeze

11:00 a.m.—DOTTSON MILLS will have a Covered Dish Luncheon at the home of Mrs. George Markham, Sr., 711 South "G" St.

12:00 Noon—DONALD LANGFORD will meet in the Cellar

2:30 p.m.—HARVEY HEADRICK will meet with Mrs. M. B. Dawson, 369 Gamarra Road

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Dec. 7: "The Comfort of Good
Tidings"
Isaiah 40:1-11. Key Verse 2.

MON., Dec. 8: "God's Presence"
Isaiah 41:10-20. Key Verse 10.

TUES., Dec. 9: "A New Song"
Isaiah 42:5-16. Key Verse 10.

WED., Dec. 10: "The Family of God"
Isaiah 43:1-13. Key Verse 5.

THURS., Dec. 11: "No Other God"
Isaiah 44:1-8. Key Verse 6.

FRI., Dec. 12: "Make The Crooked Places
Straight"
Isaiah 45:1-13. Key Verse 2.

SAT., Dec. 13: "The Nearness of the
Lord"
Isaiah 51:1-8. Key Verse 5.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

* 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, A. H. Arnold, Supt.
* 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
4:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.—Jr. Memory Drill, Jr. 12 Dept.
* 6:00 p.m.—Training Union
* 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:30 p.m.—High School-College Fellowship at the home of Linda and Joy Gomillion, 1020 E. Burgess Rd.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

WMS Groups meet (see page 3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

* 4:45 p.m.—Choirs
* 5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
* 6:30 p.m.—Sunbeams, GA's, RA's, Sunday School Officers and Teachers' Meeting
* 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service—Business Meeting
* 8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 p.m.—Silent Class Social, Dining Room
7:00 p.m.—Mary Martha Social, Cellar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 p.m.—Bykota Class, Adult D Banquet, Dining Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Faith Sunday School Class, Adult D, Cellar.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	992
Main Sunday School	977
Crippled Children's Home	15
The Church in Training	648
Training Union	165
Other Training Activities	483
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$5,562.52
Specials	1,980.06
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,542.58