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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, Prosperous New Year



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS

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 other 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." Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Plottz*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. (Lynn Brantley) McDowell on the adoption of a Baby Boy, Paul Raymond. Don and Lynn live in Indian Harbor Beach Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brantley are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McDowell are the paternal grandparents.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. M. Holt in the loss of a sister. Mrs. Wilma Scholls in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. W. T. Creel in the loss of a sister.

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist — Mrs. James Nelson, Mr. George Reed, Mrs. Walter Belford, Mrs. Warren Sears, Mrs. Bessie Parks  
Sacred Heart — Mrs. J. R. Beard, Mr. Frank McNair, Mrs. Byron Lane, Mrs. Raymond Barrow, Mrs. Laura Sue Jackson

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

Mr. Leon Singletary, Sr., Mrs. Vann Santoro, Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, Mrs. J. E. Bratcher

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Henry Holt, Sr. (Eva)  
901 E. Yonge St.

Joined our church by letter Nov. 5,  
1933 Deceased December 11, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beulow  
Armistead, junior  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Christina Kay

to  
John William Watson  
Ensign, United States Naval Reserve  
on Saturday, the twenty-seventh  
of December  
Nineteen hundred and sixty-nine  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida  
and afterwards  
at the reception

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"The Challenge Of His Coming"  
(Judges 13:1-8)

7:15 P. M.

Church Choir Presents "Rejoice,  
Beloved Christians"

Candlelight Observance of Lord's  
Supper and Ordinance of Baptism



## LIBRARY NOTES

The Christmas spirit has conquered the Library Staff . . . So . . . if you have books that are overdue, you may turn them in during the week of December 21-27 without paying overdue. What about looking up those books that have been misplaced and bring them in next Sunday! No overdue!

The Library Staff wishes to thank all of you for your continuing use of the Library - your Library. We extend our Season's greetings to you in the words of Peter Marshall . . .

So we will not "spend Christmas . . .  
nor "observe" Christmas

We will "keep" Christmas - keep it  
as it is . . .

In all the loveliness of its ancient  
traditions.

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## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Here is the revised schedule for the next two Wednesdays.

On Wednesday, December 24 there will be no services or activities here at the Church. In lieu of the Wednesday service we will have our annual Christmas vesper service here at the Church at 5:00 p.m. Then on December 31, New Year's Eve we will have a New Year's Eve service here at the Church.

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## TRAINING UNION SNACK SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Training Union Snack next Sunday afternoon will be served in the Fellowship Hall (basement of Educational Building) instead of Church Dining Room. Meet us there at 5:40 for a time of fellowship on the way to Training Union.



### THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP ON LAST WEDNES- DAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson B. Arnold  
and Deninne (also shown are Brenda  
and Dana Lynette)

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## THINKING OF OTHERS



Senior Adult Fellowship members  
packed 172 packages of fruit and  
candy for prisoners at the Escam-  
bia County Jail.

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## CHRISTMAS IS FELLOWSHIP



Scene from our Silent Class Party



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### LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study ..... 1221  
Main Sunday School ..... 1201  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 20  
The Church in Training ..... 744  
Training Union ..... 204  
Other Training Activities ..... 540  
Coming for Membership ..... ?  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget ..... 7,528.49  
Specials ..... 1,925.62  
TOTAL OFFERING ..... \$9,454.11

**2 Sundays Left**  
*in 1969 to give your  
Tithes and Offerings  
Through Your Church*

## Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21,

\*9:30 A. M. - Sunday School  
\*11:00 A. M. - Morning Worship  
4:00 P. M. - Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 P. M. - Junior Memory Drill, Jr.  
12 Dept.  
\*6:00 P. M. - Training Union  
\*7:15 P. M. - Evening Worship - Baptism and Lord's Supper  
8:30 P. M. - Hi School-College fellowship at the home of Jan and Jenny Hernandez, 1106 N. Webster Drive.  
8:30 P. M. - Middle School Get-Together in the Cellar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 P. M. - Young People "B" Christmas Party—Meet at the church  
6:30 P. M. - Young People "A" Christmas Party-Hayride — Meet at the home of the Frank Gibbs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 P. M. - Boy Scouts meet in Cellar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day - OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 P. M. - CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE

### COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10,

BY LETTER:

51. Miss Constance R. Fleming, 929 Cranbrook Ave. From Midvale Baptist, Madison, Wisc.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14,  
FOR BAPTISM FROM OTHER

DENOMINATION:

13. Miss Carolyn Daffron, 6822 N Palafox, D-6

BY LETTER:

52. Mr. Donald Thompson, P. O. Box 14880, Corry Field  
From Yerkes Missionary Baptist.  
Yerkes, Ky.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN. DEC. 21: "Call His Name Jesus"  
Matthew 1:18-25. Key Verse 21

MON., DEC. 22: "Called the Son of God"  
Luke 1:26-35. Key Verse 35

TUES. DEC. 23: "The Song of Mary"  
Luke 1:46-55. Key Verses 46-47

WED. DEC. 24: "The Birth of Jesus"  
Luke 2:1-7. Key Verse 7

THURS. DEC. 25: "The birth Announcement"  
Luke 2:8-20. Key Verse 11

FRI., DEC. 26: "Gifts for the Christ"  
Matthew 2:1-12. Key Verse 11

SAT. DEC. 27: "The Significance of Christ"

John 1:1-12. Key Verse 12