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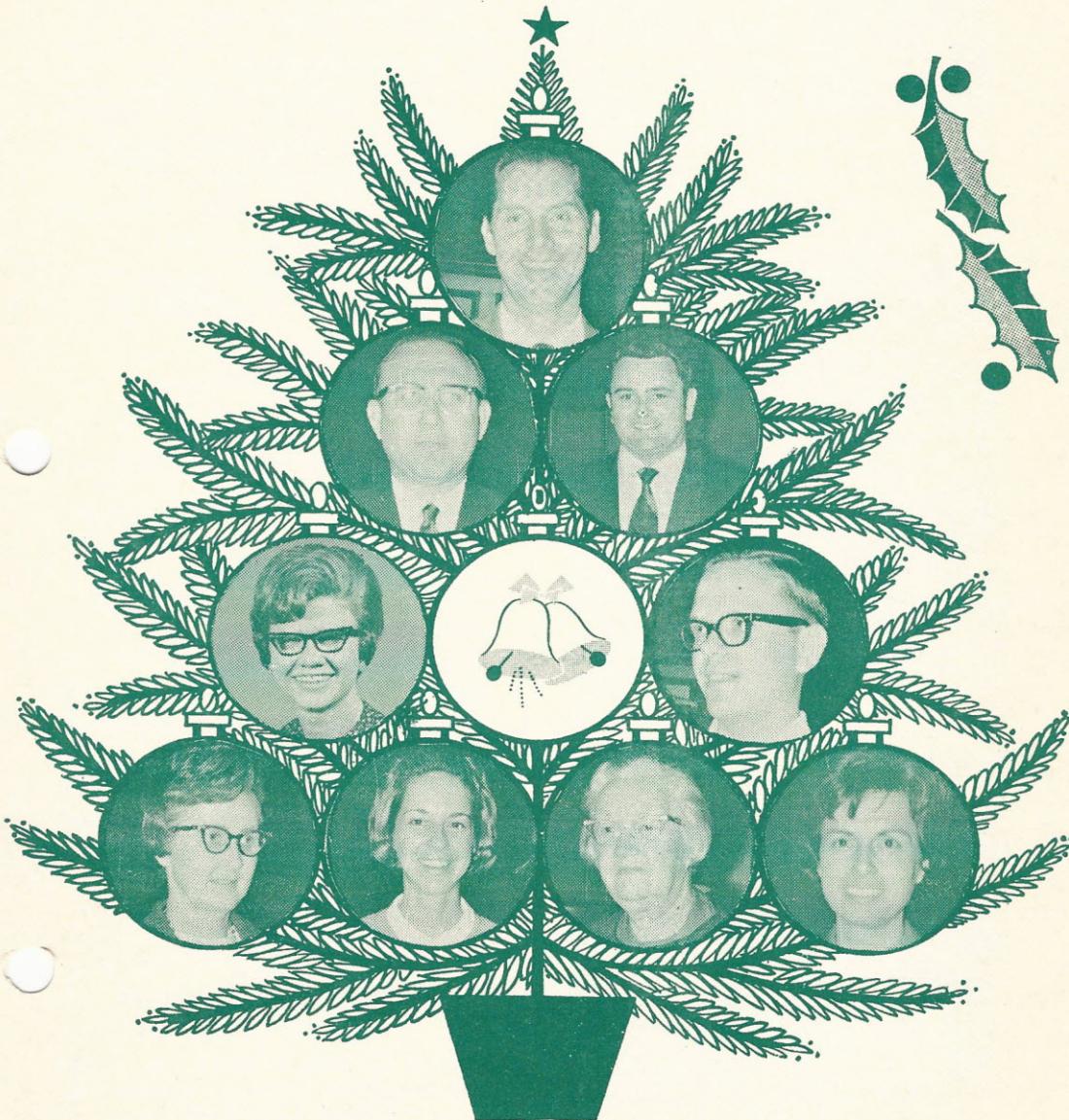
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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!**



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. Pleitz

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 overdues. What about looking up those books that have been misplaced and bring them in next Sunday! No overdues!

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.



THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

THINKING OF OTHERS



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

CHRISTMAS IS FELLOWSHIP



Scene from our Silent Class Party

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.

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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	510
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
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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.
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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 Verkes Missionary Baptist. Yerkes, Ky.
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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