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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

### MERRY HOSPITAL!

He will write for Hallmark Cards one day. A young man with his talent will soon be discovered.



His mother received many get-well cards while she was in the hospital, but the card drawn by her nine-year-old son was by far the most meaningful.

It was quite simple, just a sketch of a woman in her bed with her leg in traction. (You have to use your imagination a little here, but if you

look at the drawing long enough . . .)

There is no verse, just two words in bold print — "MERRY HOSPITAL". How do you like that for a card that combines the celebration of Christmas with an encouragement to get well! It surely did help his Mother a lot. She is out of the hospital now. Probably some of her get-well cards have been discarded, but she will never part with this one, "MERRY HOSPITAL".

The truth of the matter is a lot of good things can happen to us even in a hospital. Believe it or not, "Merry Hospital" is a distinct possibility, and for the Christian a real probability.

This poem carries the same message:

"I needed the quiet, so he drew me aside  
Into the shadows where we could confide;  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.

"I needed the quiet, though at first I rebelled,  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld;  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things;  
Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay,  
He loved me so gently, He drew me away.

"I needed the quiet, No prison my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessing instead;  
A place to grow richer, in Jesus to hide,

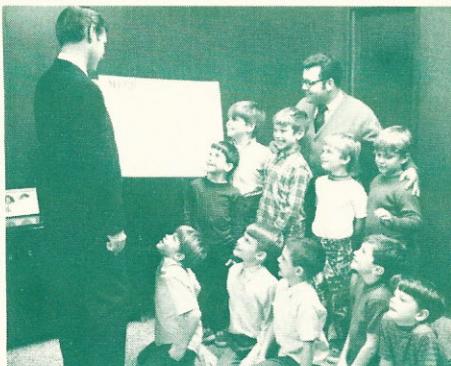
## LIBRARY NOTES

Again this year we are full of the Christmas spirit—So—if you have books that are overdue, you may turn them in during the week of December 20-27 without paying overdues.

The Library Staff again wishes to thank all of you for your continuing use of your library.

We extend our Season's greetings to you and remember— NO OVERDUES DECEMBER 20-27.

## GIANT CHRISTMAS CARD



The Bob Fetrows 2nd Grade Royal Ambassador Group presented to the pastor a Giant Christmas Card which they made.

Even bigger than the card is the spirit of these boys and their leaders.

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

For the following two Wednesdays, December 23 and December 30, we are not having our Choir Rehearsals at 4:45 nor the supper nor the meetings that normally follow supper. The only service will be the Prayer Service at 7:30.

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside."

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday, and may you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS—even if by chance you are in the hospital.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

THESE WERE RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP  
LAST WEEK



Mrs. Mary Lee Holden  
Richard and David



Mrs. Jessie Singleton (Brenda)



Ed, Faye and Angela Scholz

MISSION EMPHASIS SUNDAY  
NIGHT



Al Butler (left), Pastor of the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church; and James Monroe (right), Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach recently participated in a preaching mission to Uganda in East Africa.

Sunday night at 6:00, Al Butler will speak to our Church Training Groups (Middle School and up) concerning the Crusade.

You are invited to hear him and see his pictures, Sunday at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. Ronald A. Maddux and Miss Mary Jane Busold upon their marriage December 12.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Kenneth Renfroe in the loss of a brother.

Mr. G. R. McDonald in the loss of a sister.

Miss Gertrude Bazzell in loss of brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist:

Mr. J. Letcher Lamkin, Mrs. Eula McCloskey, Mr. W. T. Osborn, Mr. Boyd Reeder, Mrs. Lee Vann Byrd, Mrs. Leathy Mattheus, Mrs. Mae S. Hill.

Sacred Heart:

Miss Annie Beggs, Mrs. Lottie Bowman, Mrs. W. L. Sciba, Jr.

Navy:

Mr. A. W. Butts, Jr.

Oschner Clinic, New Orleans:

Mr. Thames Jernigan.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. B. B. Bond, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Miss Lola Gentry, Mrs. Fred Green, Mrs. A. S. Edwards to Baptist Specialty Care Center, Mr. Dewey H. Johnson, Mrs. M. B. Dawson, Mrs. John Coleman.

## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP GOING TO JAIL

Not really, but through a small Christmas package, members of our Senior Adult Fellowship will send our love to the prisoners at the Escambia County Jail. Last Christmas more than 200 packages were prepared. The group is looking forward to a good time of hard work at their meeting next Tuesday, December 22.

Because of the large number to be done, we will need all the help we can get. We meet at 10:00 A.M. and will have a covered dish luncheon together at noon.

The speaker for this meeting will be H. Paul Mathison, Chaplain of Law Enforcement Ministries, who will speak at 11:30.

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## CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY NIGHT

“The Nativity According to St. Luke” will be presented by the Adult Choir Sunday night, December 20, at 7:15 P.M.

The music was composed by Randall Thompson, eminent American Composer, whose vocal works have received worldwide performance. The text is taken from the first two chapters of the Gospel according to St. Luke, except for “Mary’s Lullaby” which is a poem by Richard Rowlands.

The musical was composed in 1961 but has never been performed in Pensacola.

Soloists for Sunday’s presentation are: Mrs. Wyatt Shows, Soprano; Mrs. Max Albritton, Soprano; Mrs. Hiram Smith, Alto; Dr. Floyd Neth, Baritone; Mr. Jim Webster, baritone; and Mr. Bill Taylor, Tenor.

Members are encouraged to attend and are invited to bring their friends.

### INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO SEE “NOEL”

A Christmas Television Special  
featuring

DR. JAMES L. PLEITZ  
and the Choirs of the First Baptist  
Church

December 24, 8:30 P. M.  
WEAR TV Channel 3.

# FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

Congratulations are in order to Air Force 2/Lt. David R. Parker who was awarded U. S. Air Force Silver Pilot Wings upon graduation at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Congratulations are in order to Beth Ward for having been selected as Youth for the Day by WCOA.

Congratulations to Joseph Jett upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

## THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud in the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of  
MASTER CHRISTOPHER CHASE  
COLEMAN  
son of  
Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman  
born  
December 11, 1970

5:00 P. M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

VESPER SERVICE

A Candlelight Service with  
Carols and Christmas Music

presented by

YOUTH CHOIR

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

SOLISTS

INSTRUMENTALISTS

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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 WEEK

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| The Church in Study       | 1174              |
| Main Sunday School        | 1156              |
| Crippled Children's Home  | 18                |
| The Church in Training    | 789               |
| Training Union            | 186               |
| Other Training Activities | 603               |
| Coming for Membership     | 9                 |
| Tithes and Offerings:     |                   |
| Budget                    | \$6,390.05        |
| Specials                  | 1,600.90          |
| Building Fund             | 8.00              |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>     | <b>\$7,998.95</b> |

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUN., Dec. 20: "The Word Became  
Flesh". John 1:1-14.

MON., DEC. 21: "The Son of the Most  
High". Luke 1:26-38.

TUES., Dec. 22: "A Song of Joy". Luke  
1:46-55.

WED., DEC. 23: "Light and Peace".  
Luke 1:68-79.

THURS., DEC. 24: "Emmanuel". Mat-  
thew 1:18-25.

FRI., DEC. 25: "Good News". Luke  
2:1-20.

SAT., DEC. 26: "Gold, Frankincense, and  
Myrrh". Matthew 2:1-12.

## OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20  
\* 9:30 A.M. — Sunday School  
\* 11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. — Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 P.M. — Woodwind Ensemble  
\* 6:00 P.M. — Christian Training Hour  
\* 7:15 P.M. — Evening Worship, Adult  
Choir presents "The Na-  
tivity According to St.  
Luke"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22  
10:00 A.M. — Senior Adult Fellowship  
12:00 Noon — Covered Dish Luncheon  
7:00-9:00 P.M. — 8th Grade Depart-  
ment in "The Cellar"  
7:30 P.M. — Boy Scouts, Church din-  
ing Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

\* 7:30 P.M. — Prayer Service  
\* 8:00 P.M. — Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24  
OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
5:00 P.M. — Christmas Vesper Ser-  
vice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 —

BY LETTER:

50. Mrs. Emma Jett, 335 Gibbs Rd.  
From: Warrington Baptist, Pensa-  
cola.

51. Joe Jett

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 —

ON PROFESSION

OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

16. Lester Pulse, 1100 Scenic Highway  
17. Vicki Jane Pulse, 703 N. 49th Ave.

BY LETTER:

52. Mr. Charles A. Bourne, 300 Bayou  
Blvd., Apt. 118. From: Brownsville  
Baptist, Brownsville, Tenn.

53. Mrs. Charles A. Bourne (Linda)

54. Mrs. Charles E. Morgan (Joyce J.),  
1100 Scenic Highway. From: Quid-  
nessett Baptist, E. Greenwich,  
Rhode Island.

55. Miss Pat Radney, 900 South "E"  
Apt. 239, From: First Baptist,  
Webster, Fla.

BY STATEMENT:

56. Mr. Charles E. Morgan, 1100 Scenic  
Highway.

## DEDICATION TO

FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
Mr. and Mrs. William V. Phillips, 4081  
Bonway Drive.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| GOAL          | \$10,000   |
| GIVEN TO DATE | \$4,544.88 |