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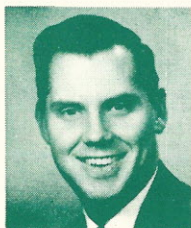
Season's Greetings

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 con-
fide;
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 in-
stead;
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 Sun-
day, 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.

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
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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
TOTAL OFFERING..... \$7,998.95

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 CLOSSES 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, 4031
Bonway Drive.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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