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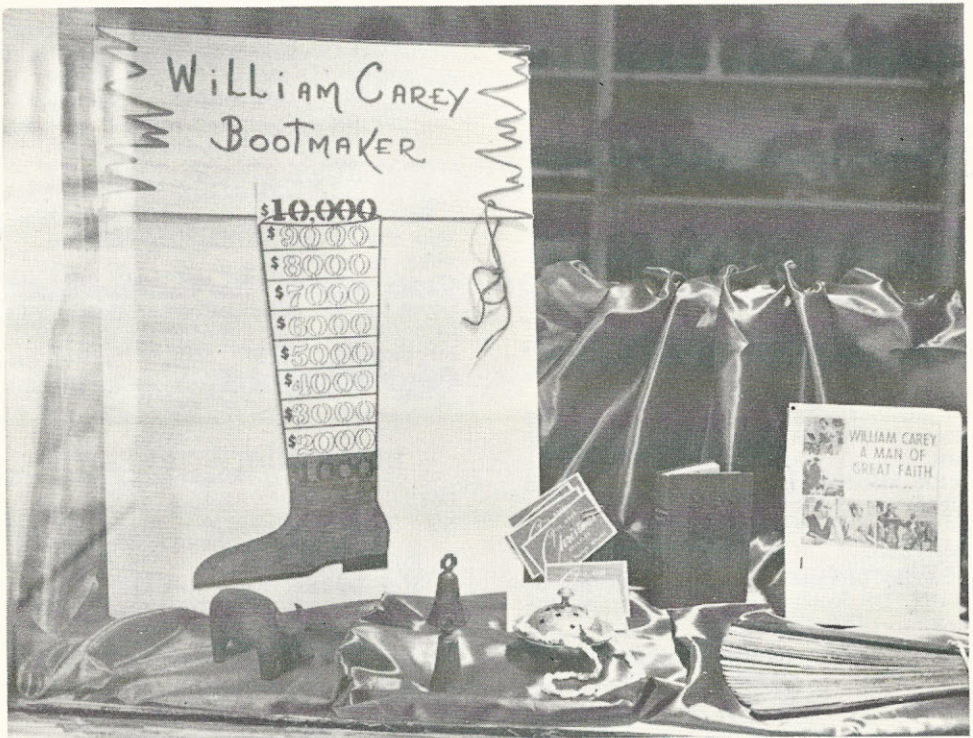
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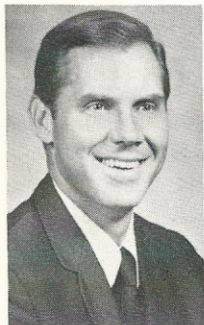


"EXPECT - ATTEMPT"

It was William Carey, an English Shoe Cobbler, who reminded us that we ought to "Expect Great Things From God and Attempt Great Things For God". This theme reminds us of our responsibilities for this year's Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This display in our Church Library window reminds us of our \$10,000 goal and the shoe will keep us informed as to our progress.

Pastor's Paragraphs

There are some distinct advantages which come as a result of doing your Christmas shopping early. This was pointed out 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 \$10,000 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 yours,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"BEYOND THE REACH OF TROUBLE"

(Psalm 23)

7:15 P.M.

"GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO US"
(Romans 6:16-23)

WMU IS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Dr. Claude Rhea spoke and sang the message of caring and sharing right into our hearts. Our Missions Night was a heart warming success. Not only church wide attendance, but in effort too. We thank you sincerely

The response we hopefully expect is a prayerfully chosen offering to Lottie Moon from each of us. This is the one gift at Christmas that returns to bless the giver. Your happiest memory of this season may well be the gift you make to Lottie Moon.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7:30 P.M.

"Christmas Around the World"
by Children's Choirs

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:15 P.M.

St. Saen's "Christmas Oratorio"
by the Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 7:30 P.M.

Christmas Candlelight Service by the Youth and Middle School Choirs and the Bell Ringers

JUST FOR YOU(th)

This Sunday following the Evening Worship Service all Middle Schoolers are invited to a Fellowship in "The Cellar". Games, songs, food, fun and fellowship will be on the schedule. Coffee and donuts will be served in Adult 4 during this fellowship for parents who are waiting for one of these Middle Schoolers.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	51	23	1
2	Max Dickson	40	31	1
2A	Max Dickson	38	13	0
3	Rat Trigg	27	15	0
		156	82	2
	Workers		19	
	Total on Buses		101	

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

"Unto you is born . . . a Saviour".

The best slogan for the season is Christmas for Christ. In our joyous celebration we must give Him first place. We can do that best by sharing with others around the world the good tidings that Jesus came to bring salvation to all people.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, December 5, 1971

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

19. Bob Eyre, 8120 Monticello Drive
20. Sam Hollingsworth, Jr., 2131 Lansing Drive

BY LETTER:

37. David L. Beck
665 Palomar Drive, Apt. 214
From: Calvary Bapt., Kingsport, Tenn.
38. Mrs. David L. Beck (Melinda)
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43. Charles E. Milsted, 200 E Burgess Rd.
From: FBC, Orlando, Fla.
44. Mrs. Charles E. Milsted (Janis)
45. John Thompson, BOQ Rm. 224A, NAS
Whiting
From Travis Ave. Bapt., Ft. Worth
Texas
46. Mrs. Roger Wiggins (Karen),
5655 N. 9th Ave. No. B-22
From: Warrington Bapt., Pensacola

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Dewey Earl Robertson, Mr. Austin Rye, Mrs. Lilly Lee Kendrick, Mrs. Sam Eickler, Mrs. Jerry (Nancy) Berry, Mrs. Marie White, Mrs. George P. (Nettie) Smith

Specialty Care Center

Mrs. Eupha Parker

Sacred Heart Children's Hospital

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MISS LAURA DIANE OWENS
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 12: "This Land"

Genesis 12:1-9

Monday, December 13: "Treasures and Riches" Isaiah 45:1-8

Tuesday, December 14: "A Son Promised" Genesis 17:15-22

Wednesday, December 15: "An Everlasting Covenant" Jeremiah 32:36-41

Thursday, December 16: "The Bread of Life" John 6:41-50

Friday, December 17: "Gift of Wisdom" Luke 21:12-22

Saturday, December 18: "River of Life" Revelation 22:1-9

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Reception

following the ceremony

CHRISTMAS LIST

Have you made your Christmas list,
Thought of every one?

Grandpa, grandma, mother, dad,
daughter, too, and son?

Have you made your Christmas list?

Giving is in the air!

Nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, friends
from everywhere.

Have you made your list?

Yes, beyond a doubt!

It is Jesus' birthday, too;

Did you leave Him out?

Make his gift the first of all

"Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of
mine,

Ye did it unto me".

Christmas gift to all the world —

Dearest, first and best!

When I make my Christmas list,

His name leads all the rest.

—Edith G. Estey

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