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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

WITHOUT EXCEPTION

No pastor has ever been privileged to shepherd a finer congregation! Thank you, thank you for the hundreds and hundreds of beautiful cards, gifts, and other remembrances you sent the Pleitz Family. (If I don't gain twenty pounds in the next two weeks, it won't be your fault. You have never seen such cakes, cookies, pies, etc., etc.)

There is something wonderful about entering a new year. It gives us a fresh opportunity to make something really worthwhile out of our lives.

I am not at all sure what your plans are for New Year's Day. No doubt many of you will spend the day with family and friends. Many of you will enjoy the football games from early until late. For the life of me I don't understand how anybody could not be fascinated by the game of football; however, there are some exceptions. Some people just don't care for it at all.

NO EXCEPTIONS! Let there be no exceptions in the way we spend next Sunday. Be very sure that you join with a host of others in spending this day in the House of the Lord.

If you are faithful in your worship of the Lord you, too, will soon discover why the Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." Try it and see.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday."

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE WAY HOME FROM
CHRISTMAS"

(Matthew 2:1-12)

7:15 P.M.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

GIVING STOCK TO THE CHURCH

Each year we have members who want to make gifts of stock to our church. The government permits a tax deduction for the full amount of such gifts and does not require any tax on the gain. As a result of this tax credit, more of our people have been using this method of making gifts to the church. This is not taking advantage of a "loophole" in the tax laws because the laws were written to encourage such gifts. Since our books will be closed on December 31, such gifts need to be made by that date.

It is not necessary that the money be received from this stock by December 31, but it is necessary that the transfer of stock be made by this date. If you have any question about the procedure of making gifts, please call the church office.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The annual "Watch Night Service" will be held beginning at 9:00 P.M. in the Cellar on Friday night, December 31. A period of fun, fellowship, games, refreshments and involvement will be held until approximately 11:30 P.M. We will then go into the Sanctuary for an Inspirational Service to close out one year and see a new year come, in God's House. The service will end at approximately 12:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 1, 1972. This service is open to any member of the church who would like to participate.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

Our annual Student Night at Christmas service will be held Sunday night, December 26th, at 7:15 P.M. Our students will be in charge of the service and have a very interesting, inspirational service planned for us. It is hoped that all members will be present.

There will be a Church-wide Fellowship honoring these students in the Church Dining Room immediately following the Evening Worship Service.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MASTER
ALBERT MARTIN EDWARDS, III
son of
Mr. & Mrs. Albert M. Edwards
born December 13, 1971

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

GOAL	\$10,000.00
GIVEN TO DATE	7,912.36

RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Robert Eyre



A. J. Strelnz



George Beck
(Also shown are Mrs. George Beck (Maudie Jo) and Andrea)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 26: "True Wisdom"
Proverbs 1:1-7

Monday, December 27: "When Human Wisdom Fails" Job 12:1-10

Tuesday, December 28: "God's Wisdom"
Job 42:1-12

Wednesday, December 29: "Wisdom of Self-Discipline" Proverbs 7:1-5; 16:32

Thursday, December 30: "Trust in the Lord" Proverbs 3:1-8

Friday, December 31: "The Wisdom of the Cross" I Corinthians 1:17-25

Saturday, January 1: "A Life of Wisdom"
Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

1972 SANCTUARY FLOWER SCHEDULE

The Flower Committee is making up the schedule for the new year. Anyone desiring to place Memorial Flowers in the Sanctuary for any Sunday is asked to call the Church office. Requests are taken on a first come-first served basis.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Bob Fetrow	43	12	0
2	Max Dickson	40	33	1
2A	Pete Urban	38	11	1
3	Rat Trigg	27	22	6
		148	78	8
	Workers		18	
	Total on Buses		96	

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Your Library Staff has that "Good Will Toward Overdues" again. Yes, during the week of December 25 through January 9, you may return those long overdues and never pay a cent! For fourteen days you can help us very much if you will search your home and see if you can find any books due the library.

Remember that the Library is opened certain hours on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. But even if the Library isn't open you can put your book in the slot in the door. There is a nice padded box underneath the slot to catch the books—so they will not be abused when you drop them.

Here are only a few books — there are many more — about which we are concerned!

1. A Pictorial History of the American Indian
2. Drummer of Vincennes
3. All About Rockets and Jets
4. Meet Yourself in the Bible (This book was taken from the Dining Room after it had been checked out by a regular user and left with her things.)

Merry Christmas to all from your Library Staff.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Christine Hart McDonald and are given by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Johnson, parents and daughter Kandy.

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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	1241
Main Sunday School	1227
Crippled Children's Home	14
The Church in Training	698
Training Union	145
Other Training Activities	553
Coming for Membership	6
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$10,531.14
Specials	3,736.59
TOTAL OFFERING	\$14,267.73

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1971

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:

22. Prentiss Webb Berry, III
2006 E. Mallory

23. Ginger Gilmore

908 E. Blount

FOR BAPTISM

FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

24. George R. Beck

3670 Baisden Rd.

25. A. J. Streinz

1320 Bayou Blvd.

BY LETTER:

51. Jim Smith,

1711 E. Lloyd

From: Lakeview Baptist,
Pensacola, Florida

52. Mrs. Jim Smith (Michele)

From Lakeview Baptist,
Pensacola, Florida

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, December 26

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
5:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
*7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
8:15 P.M.—Church-wide Fellowship

Monday, December 27

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
in "The Cellar"

Tuesday, December 28

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts in "The Cellar"

Wednesday, December 29

*7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service

Friday, December 31

9:00 P.M.—Watchnight Service "The Cel-
lar"

Acteens Slumber Party (af-
ter Watchnight Service) in
"The Cellar"

Saturday, January 1

Office Closed

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Austin Rye, Mrs. Sam Eickler, Mrs.
Robert (Patsy) Hatcher

Sacred Heart

Mr. Bill Moore, Mr. Christian C. Mer-
tins, Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. C. O.
Stewart

Children's Hospital

Keith Davis

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Marie White, Mr. Herman Mertins,
Mrs. Jim (Carolle) Seaton, Mrs. Albert
(Mag) Edwards, Mrs. Eupha Parker,
Mr. Tim Jernigan, Mrs. Lilly Lee Ken-
drick

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Newman Davis in the loss of her
mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gail Hardy and Tom Robb on their
marriage December 18, Carolyn Coch-
ran and Robert Hatcher on their mar-
riage December 18.

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

W. H. Gill was awarded the Pensacola
Civitan Outstanding Citizen Award for
1971. This award was announced at the
regular luncheon meeting of the group
last Wednesday.

Mrs. Evelyn C. Reeves was surprised
last Wednesday with the presentation of
a portrait of herself at special Christ-
mas activities at the Scenic Heights Ele-
mentary School where she served as Prin-
cipal before her retirement last year.

Bryan Smith, Mark Feldman and Jean-
ette Register were featured in a special
article in the Pensacola Journal regarding
the special Sistine Chapel Exhibition at
the Pensacola Art Center recently.