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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

## "PASTOR TO PEOPLE"

Here we are again, Lord, standing at the front door of Advent. We have spent



most of the year going mountain climbing over mole hills. And we sure are weary.

Somehow we seem so self-made. And we bear the mark of our manufacturer. Why can't we buy everything we need this Christmas? It's a time

of affluence. More and better goods are packaged brighter and neater.

Even we of modest means can live in deeper comfort than some of earth's chiefs and queens.

Two bath tubs, two automobiles and wall-to-wall carpeting are available to anyone who can sign his name on a dotted line. How gay the holidays ought to be in our magic kitchens and wash and wear suits!

Yet you know that we know these prize possessions fail as household gods every time a fuse blows or a belt wears out.

Obsolescence sets in despite our crazy hope that one of our purchases will be life everlasting. Security is not for sale.

We can't buy immunity from creeping death because no company makes the offer.

So we see the shape of our real need. We are breathing but we want to live. Give us the gift — O God — the gift which comes to us only in Christ Thy Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"COME CHRISTMAS MORNING"

(Luke 2:1-20)

5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE VESPER

SERVICE

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Rigers	New Riders
1	Barbara Ann Yonker	39	7	0
2	Max Dickson	46	18	3
3	Rat Trigg	32	23	1
4	Wade Curington	27	23	0
5	Bennie Pope	35	22	0
6	Ben Parker	35	23	0
		214	116	4
Workers			33	
Total on Buses			149	

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal .....\$11,000.00  
Offering to date .....\$ 7,118.54

People who never heard of Christmas will have a wonderful one next year because you gave to the Lottie Moon offering.

### ORGAN RECITAL

At 8:15 Tuesday evening, December 26, the Pensacola Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting its student members in recital during their college holiday recess. Among those performing will be Tommy Helms, Sharon Sousa, Jeannette Dennis, Larry Hughes, and Walter Smith.

The recital will be held in the Church Sanctuary.

### LIBRARY NOTES SPECIAL NOTICE

No fines on overdue books returned from December 24 through December 31. Look through your bookshelves and closets and return any overdue books. If the library is not open, you may deposit books through the slot in the door.

We wish for each of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Library Staff

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE VESPERS

SUNDAY, 5:00 P.M.

Featuring Youth Choir, Solos, Trios, Quartets, singing your favorite Christmas Anthems and Carols. Christmas meditation by the Pastor.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed from Noon Friday, December 22 until Tuesday morning, December 26.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Paul Poe, Mr. Luther Tompkins, Mr. Lloyd Gatlin, Mr. L. V. Byrd, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Charles M. Key

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. Bennie D. (Miriam) Swain, Mrs. Lee (Eva) Hardy

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Hazel D. Johnson, Mrs. E. C. (Laura) Austin, Mrs. Bettie Galloway, Mrs. Leon (Eddie Lou) Singletary, Sr., Mrs. Lennie Bonham, Mr. Bill Novick, Mrs. Thomas E. (Martha Ann) Hutcherson, Mrs. J. G. Lambeth, Linda Lovette, Mrs. Hessah Dingwall, Dr. James S. Willis, Mrs. Edna Jernigan, Mrs. Everette (Dolly) McGowin

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Lewis Steele in the loss of his Father.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Karen Gale Statum and James Garfield Looft on their marriage December 16.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 24: "They Came to the Manger"

Luke 2:1-20

Monday, Dec. 25: "He Saw the Glory of Israel"

Luke 2:25-35

Tuesday, Dec. 26: "She Gave Thanks Unto The Lord"

Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday, Dec. 27: "They Followed the Star"

Matthew 2:1-11

Thursday, Dec. 28: "Led by a Dream"

Matthew 2:12-21

Friday, Dec. 29: "John, Who Gave Testimony"

John 1:29-36

Saturday, Dec. 30: "Andrew, Who Found the Messiah"

John 1:37-41

## IMPORTANT 1973 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 28-30 Bible Study

April 9-12 Lay Evangelism School

May 6-9 Revival

## A CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

Of all seasons of the year there is none more conducive to worship by families in the home than at the Christmas season. Be sure to take some time on Christmas day to have a worship program with your family. Here is a suggested one:

**Listening Music:** As the family gathers, listen to favorite carols played on the piano or record player.

Light Christmas candles.

Sing a Christmas carol: "Away in a Manger"

The First Christmas Story: Let your child tell the story as he has heard it at church or repeat Luke 2:8-16 which he may have memorized in Sunday School. Then let mother or daddy read the story from the Bible (Luke 2:8-16).

Sing a Christmas carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Let someone read the Christmas praise poem:

For beautiful Christmas trees with shining lights . . . .

Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

For the bells that ring, and the carols we sing . . . .

Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

For the good things to smell and eat that mother bakes . . . .

Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

For people who love us and plan surprises for us . . . .

Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

For the fun we have in sharing with others . . . .

For the story of Jesus' birth we read in the Bible . . . .

For the joy of celebrating Jesus' birthday today . . . .

Thank you, God, for the joy of Christmas.

Poem: What can I give Him, Poor as I am

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man I would do my part—

Yet what can I give Him, Give Him my heart.

Prayer: Let each one in his own way talk to God.

—(Christina G. Rossetti)

(Adopted from S.S. Builder)

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- \* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Member's Class Session No. 2
- \*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 3:00 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M.—Christmas Eve Vesper Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY — Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 P.M.—High School Seniors and College age Sunday School Social with Mrs. Roger Vinson, 2021 Tronjo Rd.

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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 .....1204  
Main Sunday School .....1192  
Crippled Children's Home ..... 12  
The Church in Training ..... 744  
Christian Training Hour ..... 206  
Other Training Activities ..... 538  
Coming for Membership ..... 7  
Baptized ..... 3  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget ..... 9,153.46  
Specials ..... 3,857.38  
TOTAL OFFERING ..... 13,010.84

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Phillips  
Joined our church by baptism  
August 3, 1924  
Deceased, December 17, 1972

# ONLY 2

Sundays left to give your  
tithes and offerings in 1972

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

December 17, 1972

### BY LETTER:

42. Ens. Paul J. McNabb, 1201 E. Gadsden, Apt. 103  
From: Calvary Bapt., Woodstock, Ill.
43. Mrs. Paul McNabb (Demaris)
44. Mrs. Dow Needham, 1355 W. Michigan Ave., No. 115  
From Bartlett Bapt., Bartlett, Tenn.

### BY BAPTISM:

24. Cindy Dawson, 331 Kilbee Lane
25. Jeff Dunson, 922 Artesian Ave.
26. Tina LaClair, 5630 St. Adaman St.
27. Dow Needham, 1355 W. Michigan, No. 115

### BAPTIZED:

Amie Cox, Jeffrey Craft, Mark Pope

## CELEBRATE LIFE

The Youth Choir will do a repeat performance of Celebrate Life on Sunday, December 31 at the 7:15 P.M. Evening Worship Service.

## THE VERY NEWEST

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

MISS SONJA JEANELLE HUTCHERSON  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hutcherson  
born December 9, 1972