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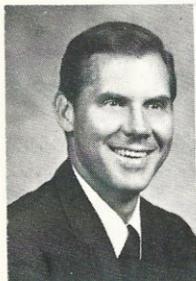
On September 19, 1973, our church officially licensed Eddie Dobelstein to the gospel ministry. While he was at home for the Thanksgiving holidays, the pastor publicly presented the Certificate of License to Eddie, a Senior at Samford University. We shall follow this young man with our interest and prayers as he continues his preparation.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"ON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING"

The rush is on! If you are going to be downtown on the SIDEWALKS, take every precaution. (You would probably be safer out in the street!)



A lot of the packages are wrapped and some of them are probably already under the tree. What do you plan to give Jesus? Keep in mind that it is His birthday we are celebrating.

The finest way I know of to give a gift to Christ is to make a sacrificial gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

How much do you know about Miss Lottie? Perhaps you need to refresh your memory.

Charlotte Moon was born December 12, 1849, in Albermarle County, Virginia. While she was teaching in Cartersville, Georgia, she heard and answered the call to foreign mission service and was appointed in 1873 by the Foreign Mission Board for education work in North China.

For 15 years she labored sacrificially in the lonely Pingtu area. A task so great required reinforcements. In 1888 she penned an appeal to the newly organized Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. She said, "I wish you could send us two women in the Fall for Pingtu. I would I had a thousand lives that I might give them to the women of China."

According to Miss Moon's suggestion, a season of prayer and an offering were instituted for foreign missions. The goal for the first offering was \$2,000, but \$3,000 was given, enabling three missionaries to be sent instead of two.

During the Christmas season of 1912, while Miss Moon was on her way to America with the hope that the voyage and rest would restore her health, she became weaker and weaker. On Christmas Eve, while her ship was in port at Kobe, Japan, her spirit left her body.

When Lottie Moon surrendered to the call of foreign missions, she did not count the cost. She kept back no part of the price — she gave everything. How do you plan to match Lottie Moon's life? How do you propose to match the extravagance of her gift?

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	34	41	5
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	47	34	1
3.	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	36	25	0
4.	W. Nell R. Hornsby	42	38	3
5.	B. Pope	40	24	2
6.	T. Lutrick	30	25	1
7.	J. Schappaugh M. Hennigan	45	25	0
8.	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	32	33	5
9.	B. Bell	22	13	0
10.	K. Murray		6	
11.	A. Ford		3	3
		328	267	20
Workers			62	

Total on Buses 329

The honor bus this week is Bus 1 with 41 riders and 5 first time riders. A close runner up is Bus 4 with 38 riders.

This was the first week for Bus 11 in Gulf Breeze. We say a hearty welcome to Mr. Ford as he begins working in the Bus Ministry on this new route.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Emma K. Watts, Mr. J. A. Riddle, Dr. Bobby Little, Mr. M. B. Dawson, Mr. Harold Brown

Specialty Care

Mr. Burton T. Renfroe, Mrs. Bob (Susan) Graham, Miss Kate Coley

Sacred Heart

Mr. Bill Williams, Mr. Henry Smith
Oschner Clinic, New Orleans

Mrs. James (Beverly) Parker

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Lillie Kendrick, Mr. Lewis Mack

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Angus Andrews in the loss of her husband.

Mrs. Roy Ingram in the loss of her brother.

Mr. A. Ted Andrews in the loss of his Father.

Mrs. John Ralowicz in the loss of her Father.

Mr. Mose Penton in the loss of his brother and sister.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, Cricket and Susie in the loss of their husband and Father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Pam Kirkland and Rick Edwards on their marriage December 1.

Sharon Reddish and Brad Baldwin on their marriage November 24.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE ENERGY CRISIS"

(Acts 1:1-11)

7:15 P.M.

"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"

(Matthew 10:1-33)

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mrs. B. R. Creel



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harrison,
Jeff and Leslie

**BAPTIST WOMEN
GROUP MEETINGS**

Tuesday, December 11

- 9:30 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS at the church in the Cellar.
 10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA with Mrs. Frank H. Patterson, 4007 Menendez Dr.
 —VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Mrs. Henry Pohlman and Mrs. S. G. Kennedy, 2100 E. Mallory.
 —STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs. S. L. Davis and Mrs. Ronald Spencer, 1503 E. Jackson St.
 —CHARLOTTE OWENS with Mrs. W. J. Nettles, 3371 Edgewater Dr., Santa Rosa Shores.
 —LAURA FRANCES SNOW with Mrs. Earl Gaston and Mrs. J. L. Hurt at the church, Faithful Workers' classroom.
 11:00 A.M.—DALE TERRY with Mrs. Glen Brantley, 8141 Ridgefield Rd. — Covered Dish Luncheon.
 2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with Mrs. W. D. Gibson, Sr., 1200 W. Mallory, Apartment 107.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Each year we have a number of our members who make special year-end gifts to our church. We have already begun to receive some of these gifts. We would like to encourage all of our members to examine their stewardship as 1973 comes to a close. Are you up-to-date in your giving? Are your gifts in proportion to God's blessing in 1973? Could you make an additional offering in 1973?

Our financial books close on December 31. If you want to make gifts to the church and receive 1973 credit, they must be given by December 31. Any gifts received after that date will be credited to your 1974 record.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in loving memory of David Hall Cobb, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Ward.

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Each year our church receives a special offering for foreign missions at the Christmas season. This special offering has become a very important part of the support of the foreign mission program of our Southern Baptist Convention.

The goal for our church this year is \$11,000.00.

Every member will want to have a worthy part in this offering.

IN MEMORIAM

William H. Smith, Jr.
 36 Highpoint Dr.
 Gulf Breeze
 Joined our church by baptism,
 May 16, 1954
 Deceased, December 1, 1973
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IN MEMORIAM

Angus Andrews
 4260 N. 9th Ave.
 Joined our church by baptism,
 August 8, 1948
 Deceased, December 4, 1973

LOST

The Library reports there is a male African costume missing from the costume closet. If you have borrowed this item, please contact the Library.

*You are cordially invited to
the Eagle Court of Honor
Boy Scout Troop 10*

Recipients:

*Douglas Eugene Noland
Thomas Edgar Noland
Edward Alan Noland*

Tuesday, December 11, 1973

7:30 P.M.

*First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall*

MENU

December 12, 1973

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Cabbage, Carrot & Raisin Salad
French Roll & Butter
Lemon Pudding
Tea Coffee



HELP CONSERVE ENERGY

The Building Committee is asking that all of us cooperate with them in an effort to conserve electricity.

The Committee has turned off the lights on the outside of the building, which are not essential to security.

They are asking that all of us cooperate by turning off lights upon leaving a room following completion of a meeting or activity.

THE MESSIAH

THE MESSIAH, by G. F. Handel will be presented by the Pensacola Oratorio Society on Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 P.M. at the Pensacola High School Auditorium.

William Clarke, director of choral activities and professor of voice at Pensacola Junior College will direct the orchestra and chorus in Sunday's performance. Joe Bill Adams, one of our young men who is now attending University of Southern Mississippi, is the baritone soloist for the performance.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for those under 18 years of age. Tickets will be available at the door.

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Escambia County Council on Aging will be held Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 o'clock P.M. at Baycrest Nursing Home. Our Youth Choir will sing. The public is invited.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 9: "Resurrection Foretold" Mark 9:9-13

Monday, December 10: "The Empty Tomb" John 20:1-10

Tuesday, December 11: "Rabboni" John 20:11-18

Wednesday, December 12: "Appearance to the Disciples" John 20:19-29

Thursday, December 13: "The Apostles' Witness" Acts 4:32-37

Friday, December 14: "Seen by Many" I Corinthians 15:1-10

Saturday, December 15: "A Lively Hope" I Peter 1:1-9

THE CHRISTIAN'S HANDBOOK OF PSYCHIATRY

by O. Quentin Hyder

This is a fascinating story of the unbreakable bond between psychiatry and the Christian faith, written by a practicing psychiatrist.

In everyday language, the author describes anxiety, guilt, hostility, stress, paranoia, schizophrenia, and melancholia. He also discusses good mental health and how to retain it — emphasizing the enormous psychological value of a personal Christian faith.

Included is a comprehensive history of man's knowledge and treatment of mental disorders since Biblical times.

Ralph C. Peterson

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 2, 1973

BY LETTER:

18. James A. Attaway, 1914 W. Jackson
From: Park Place Bapt., Pensacola
19. Arnold Gary, 291 St. Sabas St.
From: Gulf Breeze Bapt., Gulf Breeze
20. Mrs. Arnold Gary (Goldwyn)
21. Mrs. W. P. Pleitz, 1400 N. Spring
From: FBC, Jonesboro, Ark.

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

25. Ashley Askew, 2325 Hallmark Dr.
26. Tim Jeavons, Bldg. 625, NAS Disp.

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Mrs. Tom Thornton, Membership Secretary
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Mrs. Martha M. Gallagher, Financial Secretary
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 Study1414
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Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$ 9,534.71
Specials 4,484.49
TOTAL OFFERING\$14,019.20

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1973

A—Mrs. Ray Wise
B—Mrs. Joe Saiter
C—Mrs. Robert Stone
1A—Mrs. T. R. Walker
1B—Mrs. Mary Knight
2A—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Voight
2B—Dr. & Mrs. Leon Flowers
3A—Mrs. Ralph Moulder
Miss Monique Burks
3B—Mrs. Cameron Hughes
Miss Sylvia Strebek
3C—Mr. & Mrs. Ray Yarbrough
4A—Mrs. Jerry Jones
Miss Debbie Wilson
4B—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thorsen

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 9

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Member Class No. 1
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
3:00 P.M.—Lydia Class "Cellar"
4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

Monday, December 10

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 11

2:00-4:00 P.M.—Loyalty Class Christmas
Party "Cellar"
4:30-6:00 P.M.—Graded Choirs (4 yr. -
5th Grade)
Rehearsal in Sanctuary
6:00 P.M.—Reflector Class Dinner —
Dining Room
7:00 P.M.—Laura Stoesen Round Table
Christmas Party with
Mrs. George Markham, 381
Idlewood Dr.
7:30 P.M.—Boy Scout Court of Honor—
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 12

4:45 P.M.—Choirs
5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service
6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers Meeting, Mission
Friends, GA's. Acteens, and
RA's. Joy Group
—Bible Study and Prayer
—Visitation
7:20 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 13

9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
2:00 P.M.—Faithful Workers Christmas
Party, Mrs. Francis Nichols,
1907 Broyhill Lane
4:30-6:00 P.M.—Graded Choir (4 yr. -
5th Grade) Rehearsal in
Sanctuary

Friday, December 14

7:00 P.M.—Adult 2 Church Training
Group Christmas Party
7:00 P.M.—Adult 4 Ideal Sunday School
Class Party "Cellar"

Saturday, December 15

1:00-3:30 P.M.—C.P.S.S. Class
Christmas Party-Dining
Room
6:30 P.M.—Adult 5 Faith Class Dinner—
"Cellar"