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CHRISTMAS CREWS . . . are busily preparing for the special Christmas musical presentations. Andy Porter, Bob Anthony and Joe Parker are setting up stage lights for "Has Anyone Seen Christmas?" (Sunday night, 7:15) and "The Many Moods of Christmas" (Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 P.M.).



Pastor's Paragraphs

"WINNERS ALL"

Alabama beat Auburn in football this year. Over 60,000 people packed Legion Field in Birmingham to see the game. Millions more saw the game on T.V.



Watching the game on television has its advantages, but in the case of this particular contest, the T.V. viewers missed something great and thrilling that took place in Birmingham.

Prior to the game, over 60,000 brochures were placed in the seats of the stadium by the Fellowship of Christian

Athletes. On the front of the brochure, there is a picture of an elephant (Alabama) eyeing a tiger (Auburn). The elephant is saying "The fans want to know what makes us tick!" and the tiger answered "Tell them to look on the inside!"

Inside the brochure you'll find the testimonies of young men playing for these two great universities. You are given an inside look — into their hearts. I'd like to share a few of these with you.

David McMakin of the University of Alabama states, "Since I've become a Christian, I haven't become perfect. I've got many of the same wants, needs and desires as all of you do. Christ either fulfills them, or gives me the patience to wait upon Him to act. This game may go either way, so I'm happy that my peace of mind is not dependent on the outcome. I depend on Christ."

Gary Rutledge of the University of Alabama states, "During my life I have always been close to God. I could not go through many problems I have without Him. It is a great feeling to know He is with you, every minute of every day. I challenge each of you to let Him have control of your life, letting things work in your life as He would have it — not yourself. There's a saying by Texaco: 'Trust your car to the man who wears the star', but for each of us it should be: 'Trust your life to the man who made the stars,'—Jesus Christ."

Steve Taylor of Auburn states, "Though I went to Church as a child, I never grasped or understood why my parents made me go. I couldn't make much sense of it. My Mother died when I was 12 so with the loss of her influence I drifted into all kinds of trouble. But then Christ came into my life and I knew I had found what I was searching for. God's gift of salvation through His only son, Jesus, has become the center of my life. I attribute my athletic ability to God's will and I know I can always count on His strength in any

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enr.	Rds.	New Rds.
1.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	33	29	0
2.	M. Dickson E. Dunson	52	40	2
3.	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	33	29	0
4.	W. Nell R. Jackson	42	27	1
5.	B. Pope	40	27	1
6.	T. Lutrick S. Ebersold	30	24	0
7.	J. Anthony M. Hennigan	46	31	3
8.	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	31	28	3
9.	B. Bell	21	16	4
10.	K. Murray	5	6	0
11.	A. Ford	5	6	3
		333	263	17
Workers			62	
Total on Buses			325	

The honor bus this week is Bus No. 2 with 40 riders. Our workers continue to do an outstanding job. We had 148 more on the buses this week than we did one year ago.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Harold Drown, Mr. Robert Oswald, Mr. J. L. Lamkin, Mr. David Fleming, Mrs. Ernie (Anise) Priest

Specialty Care

Mrs. Emma Watts, Mr. Burton Renfroe, Miss Kate Coley

Sacred Heart

Mr. Henry Smith, Mr. Bill Williams

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Dr. Bobby Little, Mr. M. B. Dawson, Mrs. Bob (Susan) Graham, Mrs. James (Beverly) Parker, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Sr., Mr. J. A. Riddle

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purdy on the birth of twin daughters December 11. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Mary Lee Bogan in the loss of her son, Richard Holden.
Davis Holden in the loss of his brother, Richard.

situation. Even in a crisis-filled world, Christ gives me peace and love like a river overflowing in my heart."

Now do you understand why this paragraph is entitled "Winners All!"

The good Lord willing, let's meet Sunday in God's House. Bring a friend with you.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plowitz

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
LAST WEEK**



Susie Sporck

Also received were Dr. & Mrs. Charles McLaughlin, Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Steiner, Kay & Kim.

**LIBRARY NOTES
SPECIAL NOTICE**

No fines on overdue books returned from December 23 through January 6, 1974. 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

**"HAS ANYONE
SEEN CHRISTMAS?"**

presented by

THE GRADED CHOIR MINISTRY

Sunday, December 16, 1973

7:15 P.M.

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Goal\$11,000.00
Given to date\$ 5,161.69

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, December 16: "Born to Be King"
John 18:28-37
- Monday, December 17: "Lord, Remember Me"
Luke 23:39-43
- Tuesday, December 18: "Both Lord and Christ"
Acts 2:29-36
- Wednesday, December 19: "On the Right Hand of God"
I Peter 3:18-22
- Thursday, December 20: "In Heavenly Places"
Ephesians 1:15-23
- Friday, December 21: "An Everlasting Kingdom"
Hebrews 1:1-14
- Saturday, December 22: "Victorious Ruler"
I Corinthians 15:19-26

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Holden

423 York St.

Gulf Breeze

Joined our church by letter,

November 22, 1970

Deceased, December 5, 1973

**"THE MANY
MOODS OF CHRISTMAS"**

"The Many Moods of Christmas" will be presented by 150 singers from the Adult and Youth Choirs of First Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 P.M.

Thirty-six of the area's finest instrumentalists provide the orchestral accompaniment for the presentation. An original drama has been written to present the real meaning of Christmas and special lighting and staging has been provided to add visual beauty to the service.

"The Many Moods of Christmas" is a collection of eighteen of the world's most beautiful Christmas Carols magnificently arranged for chorus and orchestra by Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett.

You and your family will want to attend this beautiful Christmas Celebration. Invite your friends to share in this worship experience with you.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. Herbert Gladden and are given by Mrs. Herbert Gladden and Charles.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Christmas Choral Vespers featuring outstanding Christmas choral music will be presented by the Pensacola Junior College Concert Choir on December 15 at 8:15 p.m. and again on December 16 at 3:00 p.m. Both performances will be given in the Fine Arts Auditorium on campus and are open to the public without charge.

"TALKING HANDS"



During the morning worship service last Sunday, the pastor presented Mrs. Thomas J. Smith with a "Talking Hands" pin. This pin is awarded by Southern Baptist churches to people who have contributed significant leadership to the church's ministry for the past seven years. Donald Otwell, Director of Deaf Ministries for the Florida Baptist Convention, is giving the sign for cant leadership to our work with the deaf "Jesus" which is the sign on the pin.

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1973

- A—Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon
- B—Mrs. David Shiell
- C—Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Ingmire
- 1A—Mrs. Bonnie Martin
- 2A—Mrs. Mary Knight
- 2B—Mrs. Gordon Cates
Miss Sharon Edmisten
- 3A—Mr. & Mrs. Eric Simmons
- 3B—Mr. Joe Tillman
Mrs. Charles Crowder
- 4A—Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Taylor
- 4B—Miss Janice Parker

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The December meeting of the Senior Adult Fellowship is Tuesday December 18, 10:00 A.M. At this meeting we will be preparing a Christmas gift for each prisoner in the county and city jails. We need a large number of people to do this project.

Please call the church office to make reservations for lunch.

LIBRARY NOTES

Let me tell you about . . .

From golf scores to pounds lost, from surfing to tapes and records—men, women, boys and girls always want to tell someone about the good and exciting things that happen to them. That's the way I feel after finding Frances Gardner Hunter's books in our church library. I picked up "Hang Loose With Jesus" because I couldn't resist the title. What a wonderful book! Mrs. Hunter presents Christian faith and living in a tremendously happy, thrilling, and joyful manner. Not just for the old, the middle-aged, or the young—it's for everybody, written to bring laughter, tears, nostalgia, and inspiration to each reader. Her formula for PTL and PTLA is unbeatable.

GARDENING AND HOME LANDSCAPING by Jack Kramer is a complete guide to gardening for the modern homeowner. It gives the latest information on lawns, patio and container gardening, pools, terraces, greenhouses, garden furniture, houseplants, and natural gardens. There are chapters on trees, shrubs, and flowers, as well as a section on fruits, vegetables and herbs.

This book is a must for the novice gardener, and even the expert will find the information helpful.

Ralph C. Peterson

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"THE CHALLENGE OF HIS
COMING"

(Judges 13:1-8)

7:15 P.M.

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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	1448
Main Sunday School	1432
Crippled Children's Home	16
The Church in Training	675
Christian Training Hour	233
Other Training Activities	442
Coming for Membership	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$15,629.41
Specials	\$11,874.75
TOTAL OFFERING	\$27,504.16

ONLY 3

Sundays left to give your
tithes and offerings in 1973

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 16

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
 New Members Class No. 2
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
7:15 P.M.—Christmas Music by Children's Choirs
 "Has Anyone Seen Christmas?"

Monday, December 17

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
6:30 P.M.—Naomi Class Christmas Party
 Dining Room
7:00 P.M.—Adult and Youth Choirs Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 18

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship
7:00 P.M.—Adult and Youth Choirs Rehearsal
7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—"Cellar"
 Wednesday, December 19
7:30 P.M.—Christmas Music (Youth and Adult Choirs)
 "Many Moods of Christmas"

Thursday, December 20

- 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
9:30-2:00 P.M.—Mothers Day Out
9:30 A.M.—Faithful Workers Class Meeting and Visitation (Adult 6 Dept.)
7:00 P.M.—Youth 8 SS Dept. "Cellar"

Saturday, December 22

- 12:00 Noon—Christmas Party for Bus Ministry, Fellowship Hall and Cellar

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK

BY LETTER:

- Dessie Hart, 600 W. Avery
From: FBC, Crestview, Fl.
- Iva Hart
- Barry Hudspeth, 5068 Springhill
From: FBC, Imperial Beach, Ca.
- Donald L. Myron,
711 Underwood, Apt. 18 B
From: Briarlake Bpt., Decatur, Ga.
- Mrs. Donald Myron (Cynthia)
- Mrs. Jackie Preatte,
6115 N. Davis, Apt 44B
From: FBC, Panama City
- Edwin Preatte
- Peggy Preatte