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Senior Adult Fellowship Members Believe In Service



Members of our Senior Adult Fellowship enjoy the once-a-month times of fellowship together. They also are looking for ways of service to others. At their last meeting, they packed a Christmas package of fruit and candy for 230 prisoners in the county and city jails, as well as a fruit tray for the members of our Homebound Department. They ended the year as they will begin the New Year, thinking of others.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"SOME THOUGHTS REGARDING THE NEW YEAR"

I have said it before. I'll say it again. No minister has ever pastored a more thoughtful people. Thank you, thank you for your many Christmas remembrances. The cards were beautiful. We deeply appreciate the gifts. (If I don't weigh 225 pounds by the 15th of January — it won't be your fault!)



Our thoughts now turn to the year 1974. The coming of Bob Ebersold in 1973 greatly strengthened our staff. Of course you know Miss Mooneyham will be getting married January 4. However, Mrs. Raymond Taylor will be replacing her and they're a lot alike. Our thoughts also turn to making resolutions. I trust that we will keep them.

Are you open for some suggestions? Consider these:

I WILL forget the past and honor God more in 1974!

"... forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." — Phil. 3:13b, 14.

I WILL live for Christ before the world! "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." — Phil. 1:21.

I WILL trust God with a strong faith! "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1.

I WILL be faithful to my Church! "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." — Hebrews 10:25.

I WILL honor God with my income! "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Malachi 3:10.

I WILL help bear the other's burdens! "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2.

I WILL train whatever talents God has given me for His Church! "Study to shew thyself approved unto

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was in honor of
MISS MELISSA SUSAN GENTRY
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gentry, III
born December 17, 1973

THANK YOU

The Church Staff would like to say "Thank You" to the church family for remembering us in such a tangible way at Christmas.

The gifts, cards, calls, and other expressions are deeply appreciated and bring further joy in serving the Lord and you. We look forward to serving you together in 1974.

THE CHURCH STAFF

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 8:30 P.M.



MARANATHA, a folk group from Hattiesburg, will be the feature program personnel at a Watchnight Service on Monday, December 31, beginning at 8:30 P.M.

The entire church family is invited to attend.

In addition to the sacred music concert, there will be games, refreshments and at 11:45, a worship service to see the New Year in.

Plan to attend, and bring a friend with you.

God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — 2 Timothy 2:15.

I WILL faithfully witness to the Lost! "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." — Psalms 126:5, 6.

Make every effort to be in God's House this coming Sunday. I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton H. Mooneyham, junior

and

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Taylor

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage uniting in Christ

Margie Dale

and

Raymond Roy

on Friday, the fourth of January

Nineteen hundred and seventy-four

at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church

500 North Palafox Street

Pensacola, Florida

Reception following
in Church Dining Hall

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 30: "A Glorious Body"
Phillippians 3:16-21

Monday, December 31: "Ever with the Lord"
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Tuesday, January 1: "Life in Christ"
John 1:1-14

Wednesday, January 2: "Overcoming Death"
John 2:13-22

Thursday, January 3: "Good News"
John 3:14-21

Friday, January 4: "Water of Life"
John 4:6-15

Saturday, January 5: "Life Rejected"
John 5:39-47

VAN GIVEN TO CHURCH



This beautiful new Chevy Van has been given to the church by a member who wishes to remain anonymous. It will be used on Sunday mornings to bring in some of our Cerebral Palsy class members. Of course there are members of our church who have and who will continue to provide transportation for some, but this vehicle will prove to be a most helpful addition to our fleet.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Christine Hart McDonald and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Kandy.

LIBRARY NOTES

THE HIDING PLACE, by Corrie ten Boom, is the dramatic and absorbing story of a gentle Christian lady who becomes a valiant member of the Dutch Underground during the Nazi occupation of Holland. After her capture, her dynamic faith in God helps her endure the German prisons. Her example demonstrates how even an average person can endure and conquer anything through Christ.

Ralph C. Peterson

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 Happy New Year.

MENU

January 2, 1974

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Green Lima Beans

Rolls

Tea

Coffee

Dessert



BAPTIST WOMEN (NIGHT)

The regular January meeting of the Baptist Women (Night) will be postponed to January 8 at 6:00 P.M. You will need to make your reservations for supper for that date.

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

GOAL\$11,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE\$ 8,575.75

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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

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| The Church in Study | 1177 |
| Main Sunday School | 1167 |
| Crippled Children's Home | 10 |
| The Church in Training | 30 |
| Other Training Activities | 30 |
| Tithes and Offerings: | |
| Budget | \$19,204.61 |
| Specials | \$ 6,530.16 |
| TOTAL OFFERING | \$25,734.77 |

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

John Ladner graduated from the University of Missouri at Rolla with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering.

ONLY 1

Sunday Left To Give Your
Tithes and Offerings in 1973

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 30

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Members Class No. 1
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

Monday, December 31

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 8:30 P.M.—Watchnight Service

Tuesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

- * 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, RA's, and Joy Group
—Bible Study and Prayer
—Visitation
- * 7:20 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 3

- * 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- * 9:30-2:00 P.M.—Mother's Day Out
- * Indicates nursery provision for pre-school children.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. David Fleming, Mrs. Ernie (Anise) Priest, Mr. John H. Godwin, Mr. Joseph C. McIntosh

Specialty Care

Mrs. Emma Watts

Sacred Heart

Mr. L. D. Allen

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. William (Sharon) Byran, Mr. J. L. Lamkin, Mrs. George (Evon) Riva, Jr., Mrs. Gerald (Sue) Gentry, Jr., Mr. Burton Renfroe, Miss Kate Coley, Mr. A. L. McCrory, Mrs. Jim (Denise) Prim