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"THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE"

A MUSICAL DRAMA BY RANDALL THOMPSON

WITH ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1974 - 7:15 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor's Paragraphs

"ONE SOLITARY LIFE!"

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a woman who, to her peasant neighbors, was just one of them. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place he was born. He had no credentials but himself.

"While still a young man the tide of opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. As he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone. "I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life!"

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"IN THE CITY OF DAVID"
(Luke 2:1-20)

7:15 P.M.

"THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO
ST. LUKE"
Presented by the Adult Choir

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Total Riders
1.	Debbie Wilson	33
2.	Barry Royal	24
3.	Barry Chambers	25
4.	Lee Hanberry	22
5.	Bennie Pope	15
6.	Jerry McNeill	23
7.	Phil Pendleton	25
8.	Sherry Corley	31
9.	Charlie Johnson	17
		215

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Paul Boyles, Mrs. Jack (Barbara) McAndrews

University Hospital

Mr. E. L. Derby

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Larry (Cathy) Woody, Mrs. B. M Peterson

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Russell (Ruth) Bechtel, Mrs. Evelyn Joy, Mrs. David (Rebecca) Moore, Steve Handrop, Mr. John Coker, Mrs. Blanche Matthews

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. J. W. Creel in the loss of his brother, Murdock, in Mobile December 9.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday

was placed there in honor of

MASTER STEPHEN PEEK MOORE

son of

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore

born December 4, 1974

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in loving memory of Mr. Tim Jernigan and are given by his wife and daughter.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 15: "All Forsook Him"
Numbers 32-33; Mark 14:43-52

Monday, December 16: "I Know Not This Man" Numbers 34-36; Mark 14:53-72

Tuesday, December 17: "They Cried Out the More" Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 15:1-14

Wednesday, December 18: "To Content the People" Deuteronomy 3-4; Mark 15:15-38

Thursday, December 19: "This Was the Son of God" Deuteronomy 5-6; Mark 15:39-47

Friday, December 20: "He Is Risen" Deuteronomy 7-8; Mark 16:1-20

Saturday, December 21: "Many Shall Rejoice" Deuteronomy 9-10; Luke 1:1-25

MENU

December 18, 1974
Special Christmas Buffet including baked ham and turkey and all the trimmings. Special prices will prevail. Reservations must be made.



WINNERS — ALL 4



Participating in this year's Challenger Award Football Banquet were (left to right) Robert Fraley, Alabama Quarterback; Steve Davis, Quarterback Oklahoma and featured speaker; Dr. Pleitz, M.C.; and Neal Jeffrey, Baylor Quarterback. We thank God for the strong witness these young athletes bear for our Lord.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 8, 1974

BY LETTER:

30. Jim Appleton, 4176 Aqua Vista Dr.
From: Central Bapt., Decatur, Al.
31. Mrs. Jim Appleton (Marguerite)
32. Jack Lowery, 5465 Flax Rd.
From: FBC, Gaffney, S.C.
33. Mrs. Jack Lowery (Sara)
34. Gregg Lowery
35. Jill Lydick, 119 Lenox Pkwy.
From: FBC, Bossier City, La.
36. William M. McArthur, 1825 Bakalane
From: East Brent Bapt., Pensacola
37. Mrs. William McArthur (Lenora)
38. Brian McArthur

FOR BAPTISM

FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

9. Ray C. Malone, 3970 Aiken Rd.
10. Mrs. Ray Malone

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

11. David Shell, 4180 Fern Ct.
12. Timothy Sims, 1002 N. Baylen

REDEDICATION:

Amy Little, Janet Haylock, Susan Haylock, Pam Parker

THE NATIVITY

The Church Choir will present Randall Thompson's musical drama, THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE, Sunday, December 15 at 7:15 P.M.

One critic has said: "Moving and magnificent beyond the praise of layman or critic. One may safely prophesy its brilliant future as a flawless blend of choral music and religious experience."

It is, in fact, a beautiful musical composition made even more beautiful by the skillful use of drama, unique staging, lighting and costuming.

The orchestra, chorus and soloists present in a forceful way the Luke account of the birth of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The nationally-known CONCERT CHOIR of Pensacola Junior College will present their annual Christmas Concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium of the PJC campus on December 13 and 14 at 8:15 P.M. and December 15 at 3:00 P.M. For over twenty-five years the concert has been one of the highlights of the Christmas season for many Pensacolians. There is no charge. Plan now to attend.

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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	1447
Main Sunday School	1432
Crippled Children's Home	15
The Church in Training	807
Christian Training Hour	227
Other Training Activities	580
Coming for Membership	13
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$14,035.94
Specials	5,451.66
TOTAL OFFERING	\$19,487.60

Correction:

The main Sunday School Attendance of
December 1 should have been shown as
1070.

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1974

A—Mrs. Talmadge Blackmon
B—Mrs. George Kitchen
C—Mrs. Gerald Bryant
1A—Mrs. Bonnie Martin
1B—Miss Susie Sporck
2A—Mrs. Charles Fosha
—Miss Linda Thompson
2B—Mrs. Grace Kenney
—Miss Rebecca Payne
3A—Mr. and Mrs. Eric Simmon
3B—Mr. Joe Tillman
—Miss Janis Sutton
4A—Mrs. Carol Allen
—Miss Sharon Dingwall
4B—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boyles
4C—Mrs. Robert Saujon
—Miss Lauren Mowe

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 15

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill
Youth 6 Dept.
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- 7:15 P.M.—Christmas Music — "The
Nativity According to St.
Luke" Adult Choir

Monday, December 16

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting — Adult
2 Dept.

Tuesday, December 17

- 5:00 P.M.—Children's Choir Rehearsal —
Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M.—Bykota Class—Dining Room
- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — Cellar

Wednesday, December 18

- 6:00 P.M.—Christmas Buffet
- 7:00 P.M.—"Where is Christmas?"
Children's Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 19

- * 9:30 A.M.—International's Meeting
- * 9:30-2:00 P.M.—Mother's Day Out
- 9:30 A.M.—Faithful Workers Visitation
- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship —
Dining Room

Friday, December 20

- 6:30 P.M.—Youth 9 Dept., Progressive
Dinner

Saturday, December 21

- 8:00 A.M.—Youth 11 Visitation and
Breakfast at Church

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal	\$13,000.00
Given to Date	\$ 5,255.27