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Season's Greetings



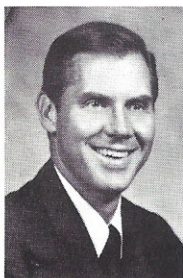
From each member of our Church Staff to each member of our Church goes a Sincere Prayer for a WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS"

The important thing about Christmas is not the buying of gifts but the **KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS**. Years ago Henry Van Dyke made some splendid suggestions concerning keeping Christmas. Let me share them with you:



"It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day, but there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to put your rights in the background, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask your self whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open — are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal love? Then, you can keep Christmas.

"And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone."

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Plitz

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Total Riders
1.	Debbie Wilson	32
2.	Barry Royal	11
3.	Barry Chambers	12
4.	Lee Hanberry	13
5.	Bennie Pope	13
6.	Jerry McNeill	19
7.	Phil Pendleton	16
8.	Sherry Corley	11
9.	Charlie Johnson	11
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. Charles (Evelyn) Joy

Specialty Care:

Mr. Jesse L. Smith

University Hospital:

Mrs. E. L. Derby, Mrs. Cressie Williamson

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Paul Boyles, Mrs. Jack (Barbara) McAndrews, Tommy Penton, Mrs. Larry (Cathy) Woody, Mrs. B. M. Peterson

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Lewis Steele in the loss of her brother in Mobile.

Mrs. C. E. McDaniel in the loss of her brother.

Mrs. John Edwards in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Whitehead.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT CHRISTMAS?"

(Matthew 2:1-12)

7:15 P.M.

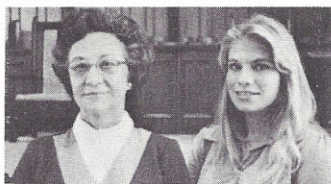
"THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS"

Presented by the Youth and Middle School Choirs

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



*Mrs. Don Brantley
Also shown are Mr. Brantley, who is already
a member, and Elisha.*



Mrs. J. E. Dupuy and Lisa



Mrs. Barry Hudspeth



*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Haylock, Susan, Art,
Todd & Janet*

Also received was Lori Clevenger.

MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS

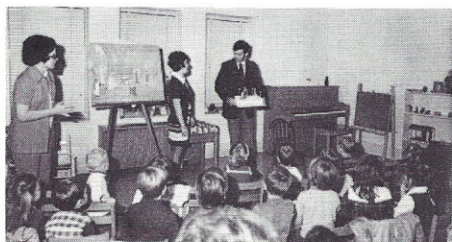
"The Music of Christmas," a service of beautiful Christmas anthems will be presented Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:15 P.M. The music will be presented by the Youth Choir and Middle School Choir.

The Youth Choir will sing "Voice of Angels, Steps of Shepherds," "Hodie! Christus Natus Est," "Hearken Merry Folk," "Jazz Gloria," "Mary's Little Boy Chile," "Do You Hear What I Hear," and other Christmas favorites.

The Middle School Choir will sing "He Is Born," "Now We Sing," "Still, Still, Still," "Venite Adoremus," "Patapar," and "Infant Holy." These songs were arranged for our choir by Betty Getman.

The congregation will join in the celebration through the singing of the Christmas Carols. Come and bring a friend.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS



Even little folks can have a part in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Our Mission Friends organization had a birthday party for Jesus in which they brought as gifts their Lottie Moon Christmas banks. They enjoyed the traditional birthday party refreshments. They are learning at an early age about sharing Jesus with others.

The Youth Activities Committee
Request the Presence
of all
First Baptist Church
High School and College Students
And Their Guests
at
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
Featuring a
Delicious Buffet
and a
Touring Carol Sing
December 22, 1974
In Dining Hall Following Evening
Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, December 22: "Call His Name Jesus" Deuteronomy 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
- Monday, December 23: "Magnify The Lord" Deuteronomy 13-15; Luke 1:39-56
- Tuesday, December 24: "What Manner of Child" Deuteronomy 16-18; Luke 1:57-80
- Wednesday, December 25: "A Savior Is Born" Deuteronomy 19-21; Luke 2:1-20
- Thursday, December 26: "The Grace of God Was Upon Him" Deuteronomy 22-24; Luke 2:21-40
- Friday, December 27: "About My Father's Business" Deuteronomy 25-27; Luke 2:41-52
- Saturday, December 28: "One Mightier Than I" Deuteronomy 28; Luke 3:1-20

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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 Study1169

Main Sunday School1153

Crippled Children's Home 16

The Church in Training866

Christian Training Hour236

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Coming for Membership9

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$12,095.17

Specials 8,233.52

TOTAL OFFERING\$20,328.69

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1974

A—Mrs. Owen Eubanks

B—Mrs. Tom Heifner

C—Mrs. Robert Miller

1A—Mrs. Chet Owens

1B—Mrs. Ed Jensen

2A—Mrs. Larry Foxworth

—Miss Mayla Welford

2B—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart

3A—Mrs. Karen Moody

3B—Miss Sylvia Hinton

—Mrs. William Farris

4A—Miss Barbara Ralowicz

4B—Mr. and Mrs. David Gilbert

4C—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thornton

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 22

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.—Evening Worship Service —

Youth Choir

—High School-College Christ-

mas Extravaganza, Dining

Room

Tuesday, December 24

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed

5:00 P.M.—Christmas Day Vesper Ser-
vice — Lord's Supper

Thursday, December 26

*Nursery provided

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 15, 1974

BY LETTER:

39. Philip G. Granberry, 711 Underwood,
Apt. 8D

From: FBC, Cottonwood, Al.

40. Mrs. Philip Granberry (Gloria)

41. William R. Griffin, 4176 Futura Dr.

From: FBC, Virginia Beach, Va.

42. Mrs. William Griffin (Linda Carol)

43. Hal Tuten, 4311 Bayou Blvd., Apt. 102

From: FBC, Griffin, Ga.

44. Mrs. Hal Tuten (Sharon)

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:

13. Denise Morrow, 440 Creary St.

14. John Morrow

15. David Wallace, 3840 Tom Lane Dr.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR GOAL\$13,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE\$7,173.96