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## *"The Light of The World Is Jesus"*



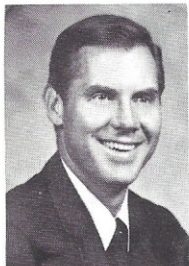
The lights on the wreath indicate that we have given approximately half of our \$13,000.00 goal to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Let's give generously and light the wreath and the world.



# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "WITHOUT EXCEPTION"

No pastor has ever been privileged to shepherd a finer congregation! Thank you, thank you for the hundreds and hundreds of beautiful cards, gifts, and other remembrances you sent the Pleitz Family. (If I don't gain twenty pounds in the next two weeks, it won't be your fault. You have never seen such cakes, cookies, pies, etc., etc.)



There is something wonderful about entering a new year. It gives us a fresh opportunity to make something really worthwhile out of our lives.

I am not at all sure what your plans are for New Year's Day. No doubt many of you will spend the day with family and friends. Many of you will enjoy the football games from early until late. For the life of me I don't understand how anybody could not be fascinated by the game of football; however, there are some exceptions. Some people just don't care for it at all.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!** Let there be no exceptions in the way we spend next Sunday. Be very sure that you join with a host of others in spending this day in the House of the Lord.

If you are faithful in your worship of the Lord you, too, will soon discover why the Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." Try it and see.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"WHEN THE TREE COMES DOWN"

(Matthew 2:13-23)

7:15 P.M.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mr. A. J. Butler

#### Baptist Specialty Care

Mr. Jesse L. Smith

#### Sacred Heart

Mrs. C. V. (Margaret) Headrick

#### University

Mr. E. L. Derby

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Charles (Evelyn) Joy, Mrs. D. (Lynn) Newton, Paul and Scott Reynolds, Mrs. Cressey Williamson

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. A. S. Edwards in the loss of her husband.

Mrs. T. D. Tyra, Gordon Edwards and Raymond Edwards in the loss of their Father, Mr. A. S. Edwards.

Mrs. Clarence Dannelly in the loss of her brother.

## 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

A. S. Edwards

1415 E. Jordan St.

Joined our church by letter,

February 26, 1933

Deceased, December 18, 1974

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Total Riders
1.	Debbie Wilson	21
2.	Barry Royal	22
3.	Barry Chambers	27
4.	Lee Hanberry	26
5.	Bennie Pope	11
6.	Jerry McNeill	23
7.	Phil Pendleton	21
8.	Sherry Corley	22
9.	Charlie Johnson	13
TOTAL		186

## STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

Our annual Student Night at Christmas service will be held Sunday night, December 29th, at 7:15 P.M. Our students will be in charge of the service and have a very interesting, inspirational service planned for us. It is hoped that all members will be present.

There will be a High School-College get together honoring the students at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mowe immediately following the service.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Look through your book shelves and closets and return any overdue books. NO FINES will be charged on overdue books returned from December 22, 1974 through January 5, 1975. If the library is not open, you may deposit books through the slot in the library door.

Make a New Year's Resolution to use your church library.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 29: "My Beloved Son"  
Deuteronomy 29-30; Luke 3:21-38  
Monday, December 30: "As His Custom Was"  
Deuteronomy 31-32; Luke 4:1-20  
Tuesday, December 31: "I Must Preach to Other Cities"  
Deuteronomy 33-34; Luke 4:21-44  
Wednesday, January 1: "Be of Good Courage"  
Joshua 1-2; Luke 5  
Thursday, January 2: "That All May Know"  
Joshua 3-4; Luke 6:1-26  
Friday, January 3: "A Receptive Heart"  
Joshua 5-6; Luke 6:27-49  
Saturday, January 4: "Sanctify Yourselves"  
Joshua 7; Luke 7:1-23

## THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MISS CYNTHIA SUSAN JOY  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Joy  
born December 11, 1974

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR GOAL .....\$13,000.00  
Given to Date .....\$ 9,323.22

## RESOLUTIONS

Read the list of resolutions below. Pray about them. Find in your Bible Philippians 4:13 and place this issue there as a marker. Each day re-read your resolutions and then read again Philippians 4:13. If you will do this, and follow by prayer, you can keep all resolutions you make.

- I will rededicate my life to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I will do all in my power to win others to Christ.
- I will bring the Lord's money on the Lord's Day into the Lord's House,
- I will "give thanks" at the table, pray and read the Bible daily.
- I will do my best not to miss a single service of worship, morning or evening, each Sunday of this year.
- I will attend Prayer Meeting each Wednesday night.
- When called upon to serve as an officer in my church, I will do my best for Christ's sake.
- I will not lend an ear to criticism.
- I will do my best to cooperate in all the work of the church.
- I will pray for my church and my pastor each day.
- I will leave off all evil habits and sinful pleasures that hinder my spiritual development and influence as a Christian.
- I will do my best with the help of the Lord to cooperate with my pastor and my church to win more people to Christ and the membership of our church this year.

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## STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

High School and College Students need to be at the church Sunday at 4:30 P.M.

## JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Our January Bible Study will feature the study of "ACTS: Working Together in Christ's Mission". Our teacher will be Dr. James Monroe, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach. The date is Sunday, January 5 through Tuesday, January 7th. We will meet for the Bible Study during the Church Training Hour and the evening worship hour on Sunday night and then on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Copies of the book are available from the church office.

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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 .....1231  
Main Sunday School .....1210  
Crippled Children's Home .....21  
The Church in Training .....448  
Christian Training Hour .....165  
Other Training Activities .....283  
Coming for Membership .....5  
Baptized .....7  
Tithes and Offerings:  
Budget .....\$10,912.13  
Specials .....4,965.05  
**TOTAL OFFERING** .....\$15,877.18

## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The monthly meeting of our Senior Adult Fellowship will be Thursday, January 2. We will begin at 10:00 A.M. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Brother Barney B. Burks, Sr.

Lunch reservations may be made by calling the church office.

## SKATING

High School-College youth will go skating Saturday, December 28. Meet at the church at 7:00 P.M. Cost will be \$1.50 per person. Skating will finish at 10:00 P.M. and refreshments will be at Mary and Mike Hennigan's.

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

*Sunday, December 29*

- \* 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 —  
Student Night at Christmas
- 8:15 P.M.—High School, College Get  
Together at Mr. and Mrs.  
Wayne Mowe, 3835 Scenic  
Highway

*Monday, December 30*

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

*Wednesday, January 1*

Office Closed

*Thursday, January 2*

- 10:00 A.M.—Senior Adult Fellowship —  
Dining Room

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

**DECEMBER 22, 1974**

### BY LETTER:

- 45. D. E. Mahugh, 2301 Risen Dr., Cantonment  
From: Circle Baptist, Pensacola

- 46. Mrs. D. E. Mahugh (Ruth)

### BY STATEMENT:

- 5. Mrs. H. H. Huddleston (Inez),  
475 W. Blount St.
- 6. Lisa Dawne Novick, 3010 Bayou Blvd.

### FOR BAPTISM

### FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

- 16. Mrs. Helen Roy, 5580 Homewood Rd.

### BAPTIZED:

Tommy Berrisford, Mr. & Mrs. Reagan Clause, Penny Clause, Michael Hetrick, Linda Matthews, Timothy Sims