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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

"THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS"

Sound is most revealing. A few weeks ago while watching an episode of "The Waltons," I distinctly heard two large



jets fly over during the program. The planes I heard were not flying over our home, but the Walton home! I found it impossible after that to think about what happened on Walton's Mountain during the depression. It was Walton's Mountain, all right, but the date was 1975, not 1925. Sound can be most revealing.

What does Christmas sound like? Admittedly Christmas 1975 doesn't sound exactly like it did 2,000 years ago. What is the dominant sound of Christmas?

Most of us will not hear the bleating of the sheep or the lowing of the cattle that the infant Jesus heard in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Nor did the infant hear the constant jingles of the cash registers which is so much a part of the sound of Christmas today.

Not all the sounds associated with the first Christmas were pleasant. Some of the sounds were too full of horror to describe. When Herod's bloody command was carried out, there was weeping from one end of the land to the other. (Matthew 2:16-18).

The dominant sound of that first Christmas was that of joyous singing. Luke tells the story in some detail. (Luke 2:8 and following).

The people who heard the angelic choir were not in the city of Bethlehem. This magnificent concert was heard by some simple shepherds who were tending their sheep on the hillside outside of Bethlehem. It's hard for us not to envy these shepherds.

The music of that night has long since vanished into the night air, but the message lingers on, and on, and on . . . "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The good Lord willing I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday. Be sure and bring your company to God's House!

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	Pope	41	3	44
2.	Nelson	26	4	30
3.	H. Kilpatrick	25	6	31
4.	Holt	22	4	26
5.	Lutrick	23	2	25
6.	Holley	35	2	37
7.	Coker	19	2	21
8.	Johnson	14	2	16
Corry D. Kilpatrick		3	1	4
		208	26	234

Showbus results at Beauclerc & Heritage Apts.

Attendance 42
New riders enrolled 8

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. J. C. (Judy) Parrish, Mr. Theron Guthrie, Mr. Dudley Davis, Mr. Raymond Barrow, Mr. Herman Johnson,

Sacred Heart

Mrs. John (Emily) Murphy

West Florida

Mrs. Pat (Irene) Boghich, Mrs. Everette (Dolly) McGowin

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Olive Gaston, Mr. Joe Ladner, Mr. Walter Bledsoe, Robert Sutherland, Donnie Curington, Mrs. Arthur (Mary) Landon

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Don Jacobs in the death of her Mother.

Mrs. Walter McNeil in the death of her husband.

Mrs. J. L. Hackett in the death of her husband in Thayer, Missouri.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary George Peterson and Royce Chitty on their marriage December 12.

Joy Gomillion who graduated from Florida State University.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bratcher are holding an open house reception in honor of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, December 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Garden Center, 1900 North 9th Avenue. No presents please.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

The College students will present a special worship experience, "Declaring Christ's Liberating Presence," at the evening service December 28. There will be an after church fellowship for all high school-college students at the home of Lauren Mowe, 3835 Scenic Highway.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 22 (Mertz Hanberry, DIC)

11:00- 4:00 P.M.—Cerebral Palsy class
Christmas Get To-
gether

4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Girl's High School Bas-
ketball practice —
Phillip Napier in charge

7:00- 9:30 P.M.—Open Gym Activity
Game Rooms open from 7:00-9:30 P.M. for
all age groups with adequate supervision.
Tuesday, Dec. 23 (Ed Horne, DIC)

7:00- 8:30 P.M.—Open Skating

8:30- 9:30 P.M.—Open Gym Activity

Game Rooms open from 7:00-9:30 P.M. for
all age groups with adequate supervision.

The Center will be closed for regular
schedule on Wednesday, December 24;
Thursday, December 25; Friday, December
26; and Saturday, December 27. Merry
Christmas from all the volunteer personnel
of the Christian Activities Center.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, Dec. 21: "The Heavenly Reign"
Revelation 21:22 to 22:5

Monday, Dec. 22: "John the Baptist"

Matthew 3:1-10

Tuesday, December 23: "Jesus is Baptized"

Matthew 3:11-17

Wednesday, Dec. 24: "Another Account of
the Baptism" John 1:29-36

Thursday, Dec. 25: "Luke's Christmas
Story" Luke 2:8-10

Friday, December 26: "Through Christ We
Are God's Children" Hebrews 2:10-18

Saturday, Dec. 27: "Finding the Grace of
Christ" Hebrews 4:11-16

LIBRARY NOTES

New Books in the library

I NEVER PROMISED YOU A DISNEY-
LAND, Kesler, Jay.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME, 394.2, Swadleg.

SALVATION BY SURPRISE, Palmer.

BE STILL AND KNOW, 808.1, Polk

BECOMING A WHOLE FAMILY, 301.42
Huffman.

LET'S GO DOWNTOWN, Ross.

BIBLICAL PSYCHOLOGY, Chambers.

THE LIVES OF PHILIP AND MAT-

THEW HENRY, B, Williams

THE ART OF COLONIAL FLOWER AR-
RANGING, 635.9, Clark

WYCLIFFE BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA
VOL. I and II, 220.3, Pfeiffer.

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE, JF,
Wilder.

SOFTLY ROARS THE LION, F, Ellis.

FROM A LISTENING HEART, Moore.

KIDNAPPED, B, Dortzbach.

3 AMERICANS, 973, National Geogra-
phic.

THE LIGHT HEART, F, Thane.

TRAVELS IN A DONKEY TRAP, 942,
Baker.

THE MEMOIRS OF CHIEF RED FOX
B, Fox.

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Pieler

100 W. Jordan St.

Joined our church by Letter
January 24, 1975

Deceased December 11, 1975

IN MEMORIAM

Walter McNeil

320 Clematis Dr.

Joined our church by Letter
November 8, 1936

Deceased December 14, 1975

PUPPET MINISTRY

We are beginning to work on our puppet
team for the new church year. If you are
interested in working in this ministry,
please contact Mrs. Raymond Taylor or
Mrs. Ray Overton.

CHRISTMAS DAY VESPER SERVICE

Our annual Christmas Day Vesper
Service will be held at 5:00 P.M. There
will be no service or activities at the
church on Wednesday, December 24 or
Wednesday, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Terrell Steiner

and

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Irvin Poe, Jr.

*request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

Humboldt Ann

and

Thomas Irvin, Jr.

This celebration of love

will take place on

Saturday, the twenty-seventh of December

Nineteen hundred and seventy-five

at half past seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church

Pensacola, Florida

Reception to follow

Scholar Fellowship Hall

1975 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

All contributions intended for 1975
must be in the office or postmarked not
later than December 31.

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should be in the office, preferably in

writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

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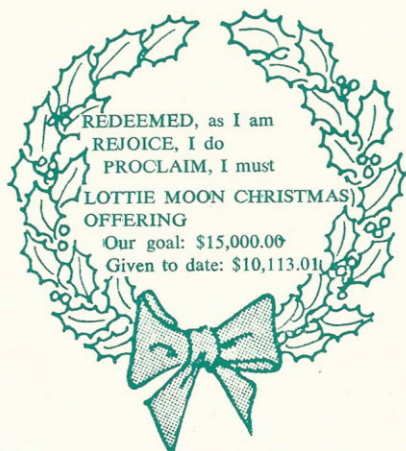
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Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$11,006.63

Specials4,329.87

TOTAL OFFERING\$15,336.50



OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 21

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
- * 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
- 8:15 P.M.—Middle School Fellowship—Activities Center
- 8:15 P.M.—High School-College Buffet-Dining Room

Monday, December 22

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 11:00 A.M.—Cerebral Palsy Class Christmas Get Together, Activities Center

Tuesday, December 23

- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts "Cellar"

Wednesday, December 24

Office Closed — Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 25

- Office Closed — Christmas Holiday
- 5:00 P.M.—Christmas Day Vesper Service

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 14, 1975

BY LETTER:

- 42. Mr. Alan R. Terrill, P.O. Box 15067
From: First Baptist, Auburn, Al.
- 43. Mrs. Alan R. Terrill (Laura Lea)
- 44. Alan Lee Terrill
- 45. Lauralan Terrill

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"EXPERIENCING CHRISTMAS"

(Luke 2:1-19)

7:15 P.M.

"WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT
CHRISTMAS?"

(Matthew 2:1-12)