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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	Bus	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	1.	Pope	41	3	44
2.	2.	Nelson	26	4	30
3.	3.	H. Kilpatrick	25	6	31
4.	4.	Holt	22	4	26
5.	5.	Lutrick	23	2	25
6.	6.	Holley	35	2	37
7.	7.	Coker	19	2	21
8.	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 Together
4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Girl's High School Basketball 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 MATTHEW HENRY, B. Williams
THE ART OF COLONIAL FLOWER ARRANGING, 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 Geographic.
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, Sr.
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Kimberly 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
Church 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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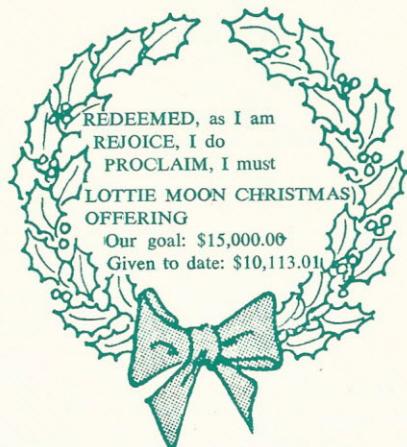
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All material to be included in the Builder
should be in the office, preferably in
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1383
Main Sunday School	1362
Crippled Children's Home	21
The Church in Training	609
Christian Training Hour	181
Other Training Activities	428
Coming for Membership	4
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$11,006.63
Specials	4,329.87
 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 Christ-
mas 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)