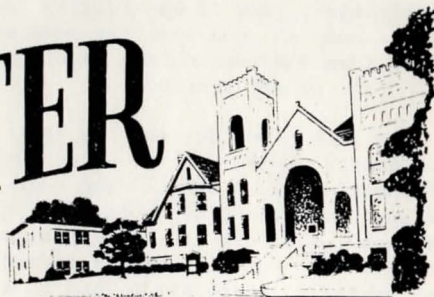


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A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS—DEC. 5-11

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

OUR 1966
CHURCH GOAL
\$1,500



"EVERYONE CAN
GIVE SOMETHING,
that is, if he
really cares."

Last Night While You Slept

.....A language student humbly bowed to thank God that he doesn't have to worry about financial support for his family as do some independent missionaries who are his fellow classmates at language school.

.....A young mother, a prosperous businessman, and a university student made a profession of faith because you cared enough to share the Gospel of Christ with them.

Last night while you slept.....the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering continued to work, for you see, it was daytime on many of our foreign fields of service for Christ.

PRAY for our missionaries by name every day!

GIVE generously at this joyous season of Advent!

GO and tell others that He is your Saviour, too!

Recreation Committee

I believe that the church should be the center of all the community activities, and I am equally sure that many of you feel the same way. This idea includes all the recreational needs of our people.

We are now in the process of selecting members to serve on a Recreation Committee. The work of this committee will be to help plan, promote, and direct the recreational activities not directly sponsored by a specific organization and to coordinate the total recreation program through the church council.

The purpose, then, of this article is so each member of our church will be informed of this matter and have the opportunity to submit names of individuals they feel would do a good job.

Please pray that God will guide the Nominating Committee as they seek out these people. If you know of anyone whom you feel would be willing and interested to serve the Lord in this capacity, please let me know as soon as possible.

Al Stanley

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

The following men have been elected to serve the church in the capacity of USHER for the month of DECEMBER.

Mr. L. P. Wrenn, Jr., Captain
Mr. C. Lena Paul
Mr. John Parries
Mr. Calvin Belton
Mr. Mack Wood
Mr. Frank Jones
Mr. W. B. Christian, Jr.
Mr. Warren Simmons
Mr. W. M. Lewis

In Memoriam

Mrs. J. S. Bray

November 27, 1966

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS:

THE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD IS TO BE OFFERED

Sunday morning, December 4, at 9:30 A. M., the pastor would like to meet with all our Baptist Boy Scouts who are interested in participating in the special scouting award called --THE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD.

Each scout will be presented with the materials he will need to get started in the program. This class will be limited to Baptists because each scout is expected in his study to thoroughly become acquainted with his own religious faith. This award provides the young scout with one of the finest depth study programs to be found anywhere. A young man will uncover more facts about his religious faith and denomination in a short time in this course than he possibly could in several years of Sunday School. The program is challenging and most demanding in individual discipline.

How much time is required in the program? The average scout will spend about a year on this award depending on the amount of time he is willing and is able to give to it. The exceptional scout could possibly complete the required work in six months. It all depends upon the individual and his surrounding influences.

What is the end result? It is an award that is cherished and deeply respected by every scout, and an award that is worn by very few.

It will take something for you to want to enter this program, but remember that it will require a great deal more of you to go all the way through.

If you are a boy scout and are interested, please meet with Rev. Powell in his study, new educational building, lower floor, at 9:30 A. M. on Sunday. You will be dismissed in time for Sunday School.

The DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE will meet Monday, December 5th at 2:30 p.m. at

Charity And Children Is Offered Free To Our Congregation

Once again we would like to call to your attention the weekly publication of our Baptist Children's Home, Charity and Children. This very fine publication is purchased weekly through your church budget and comes to your church and you at no additional expense on your part. All you have to do is pick it up in the church foyer each Sunday.

Why do we raise this thought again? We are finding very few, if any, of these papers leaving the church. If by this you are saying that you do not care to read of general Baptist news and special interest stories and events from our Baptist Homes, then we need to listen to your reason for shying away from this paper and cancel our subscription.

You will recall that Orville Scott, editor of Charity and Children, was a visiting guest in our pulpit some time ago. While in Mount Airy, he also sought to engage our congregation in an evaluative study of this publication. Can you give an honest evaluation unless you are more thoroughly acquainted with the paper?

We hope you will give it a try in the weeks ahead. You will find a copy at either of the front entrances to the sanctuary. We do need your evaluation and co-operation.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mr. Murner Lewis in the passing of his sister, Mrs. Gray Roberts of Winston-Salem on November 24.

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Sunday, December 4

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Training Union

Monday, December 5

3:00 p.m. WMU Week of Prayer Service
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. WMU Week of Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. WMU Week of Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, December 8

10:00 a.m. WMU Week of Prayer Service

Friday, December 9

10:00 a.m. WMU Week of Prayer Service

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

November 27, 1966

Budget Offering-----	\$1,566.85
Designated Funds-----	\$20.00
Memorials-----	\$20.00
Handbell Choir-----	\$10.00
Total Offering-----	\$1,586.85
Budget Offering To Date----	\$88,778.76
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$106,153.92

TAKEN FOR GRANTED—USUALLY

Often times we take each other and our accomplishments for granted. Regretfully we find that Carl Talley's name was left out of the choir room renovation project, when actually he did most of the manual labor. But you say he's expected to do that, he's a member of the staff. When was the last time you took the time to tell a member of the church staff that he's doing a good job or even encouraged him to do a better job? They're human too, or do we sometimes

THE J. S. BRAY FAMILY MEMORIAL

Sadness filled our hearts this week when we realized that Mrs. J. S. Bray had slipped from our presence quietly, but so very quickly. It is difficult to give such a one up because she was really a giant in the faith. First Baptist Church has never known a more dedicated worker or genuine friend than in Molly Bray. In fact, she probably spent as much time with her children in the Lord's service and worship, as she did in the home. Without a faithful companion and husband, it would have been a lot more difficult, I am sure. Together they spent their lives seeking to rear their children and serve their Lord. We should be eternally grateful that God led them to Mount Airy and First Baptist. Mr. Bray passed away in 1963.

It is appropriate then that some kind of a living memorial be formed in their memory. We shall call it The J. S. Bray Family Memorial. Contributions and remembrances made toward this memorial will be allowed to accumulate until such time as a new sanctuary can be completed. At that time we shall call on the family to help select an appropriate living remembrance for Mr. and Mrs. Bray. If you decide to participate in this way, you are asked to designate your envelope with the name of the memorial and mail or bring it to the church office.

It is possible that there might be one who wants to make his own specified gift but still in memory of the Bray Family. We are only offering alternatives to the many who have called and said we want to do something that has meaning and a lasting value. We leave the matter solely in your hands for your final consideration. If you would seek the pastor's advice before making your gift, he will be very glad to be available to you.

OUR KNOWN SICK

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. James Mayberry

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

December—A Hectic Month For Church Calendars

Have you ever tried to keep up with 800 people and the meetings they plan? Sounds impossible, doesn't it? But it's not when you can get their best co-operation. Our church calendar would not fail us if you will keep us posted on the days or nights you want to use the space or facilities of your church buildings. We could help you avoid a lot of heartache and disappointment if you will give us a little help.

December is here again! This one month can give church secretaries gray hair. If you have already planned or want to plan an event that will involve the facilities of First Baptist Church, we ask you to call Mrs. Golding in the church office and verify it on the master church calendar. Unless your request appears on this calendar, we cannot assure you of what you need when you want it.

We ask you also to remember our church policy on loaning equipment of any kind. Because of damage, hurt feelings, and other problems, the church has made a "no loan" commitment. Please do not embarrass us with your special, one-time request.

One other caution, please. NO SATURDAY NIGHT PARTIES OR DINNERS. We are trying to avoid these events on Saturday night because we have only one church janitor. It is impossible to do the necessary cleaning up and preparing for Sunday morning that is involved after a Saturday night event. We ask you to co-operate with us as we endeavor to do the job you would want us to do. Thank you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the new Sanctuary Building Fund in memory of Mr. J. Harvey Parries by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson and John W. Parries, Jr.'s Eighth Grade Class at Junior High School.

A memorial gift has been given to the HANDBELL CHOIR in memory of Mrs. D. G. Witt by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson.