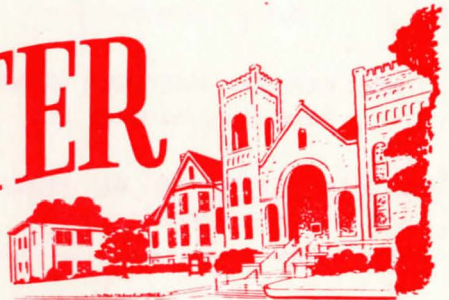


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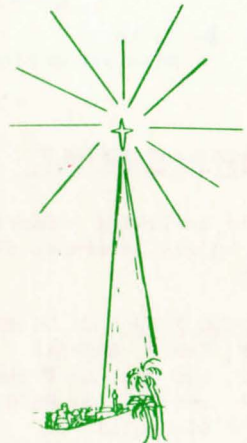
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When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.



*In the face of adversity
stalwart men prayed
for guidance.
We worship freely
in the shadow
of their strength.
May we be worthy.*

A VERY MERRY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL
FROM YOUR PASTOR AND CHURCH STAFF

TAKE SPECIAL NOTE PLEASE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 26

NO PRAYER MEETING SERVICE

Wednesday, December 28

NO NEWSLETTER TO BE PUBLISHED

Week of December 26-31



By Letter:

Miss Jacqueline Boyd

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts have been given in memory of Mrs. J. S. Bray:

BUILDING FUND - J. S. Bray Family

Mr. Tom H. Russell

Mr. and Mrs. L. Preston Whorton

Dr. and Mrs. J. Dale Simmons

The Diaconate

Mrs. Hugh E. Peoples

HANDBELL CHOIR

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson

A memorial gift has been given to the Building Fund in memory of Mr. J. F. Fickes (Mrs. William Acker's Father) by Dr. and Mrs. J. Dale Simmons.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burke (nee: Patsy Slate) who were married Sunday afternoon.



Sunday, December 25

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
NO TRAINING UNION

Monday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 31

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Watch Night Service

Sunday, January 1

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

Monday, January 2

7:00 p.m. WMU Executive Meeting
7:30 p.m. WMU General Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

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. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir
8:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 5

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts



Have you made your Christmas list, thought of everyone?

Grandpa, grandma, mother, dad, daughter, too, and son?

Have you made your Christmas list? Giving is in the air!

Nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, friends from everywhere

Have you made your list? Yes, beyond a doubt!

It is Jesus' birthday, too, did you leave him out?

Make His gift the first of all "Inasmuch as ye

Did it to the least of mine, ye did it unto me."

Pastor's Pen

Have you been so wrapped up in the busy activities of Christmas that you have failed to consider your personal commitments for the New Year? Some of us will make idealistic resolutions "again" this year as we have done in the past and hope they will work out better this year. Others of us will meet the challenges of life with the hard and cold facts of reality and have the courage to place them within the framework of our faith. Which will you do?

In January you will have an opportunity to study the Book of Amos in depth. Amos was an exciting prophet, and Dr. Kyle Yates, Jr., has prepared an outstanding study guide for our use. Previously we had announced that this study would be every night for a week. Now it seems that a better possibility is available. We shall use five successive Wednesday evenings for the study and can accomplish the task by extending our time just a little longer than usual. Watch for announcements around the church for when the study will begin. Let your faithfulness to Prayer Meeting this year begin in January.

Also in January we will be observing our Stewardship Emphasis for 1967. The new budget proposal will be made January 8 before the congregation, and then we will spend the rest of January subscribing the budget with our pledges. Begin your serious consideration now about what your support will be.

I want to leave a thought with you from Gaines S. Dobbins. "Members are expected, first of all, to be faithful in all the duties essential to the Christian life; and also to attend habitually the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its causes, and to share in its organized work." May I encourage your fulfillment of these responsibilities as we begin 1967! See you Sunday morning.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

1967 Offering Envelopes Are Ready

Many picked up their new envelopes last Sunday. We hope you will go by the sanctuary annex and pick yours up by Sunday, December 25. All envelopes remaining after Sunday will have to be mailed. Won't you or some member of your family get yours and save your church the unnecessary postage fee? We will appreciate it.

We also encourage you to use your envelopes in 1967 every Sunday. You may record your Sunday School record and enclose your weekly offering with one envelope that has your personal number on it.

If you receive a box of envelopes with Mr. and Mrs. on it, it is because you pledge together. We will be glad to furnish you another box of envelopes for Sunday School purposes if you will call the church office and request it. Please call instead of using the first envelope you can find. Memorize your number in case you do forget your envelope, you can use a spare and add your own contributions number. Thank you for your co-operation in 1966.



Thank You

MR. JOHNSON,
CHOIRS, AND
BELL RINGERS

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Catch - up Sunday

For ALL 1966 Pledges Christmas Day

YOUR TITHE AND YOUR CHURCH . . .

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10). "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts" (Ps. 65:1). "The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 23:19).



to help tell the world about Christ

THANK YOU FOR OVER-SUBSCRIBING OUR
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

GOAL: \$1,500.00
TO DATE: \$1,558.58

YOUR W.M.U.

A Family New Year's Eve At First Baptist

When: Saturday Night, December 31,
7:30 - 10:30 P. M.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: The Whole Family minus the
Nursery Tots

What: 7:30 - 9:00 Special individual
and group activities. Selection
of the night's outstanding
family. Plenty of food!

9:00 - 10:00 All youth and
adults -- "Without Onion"

All children -- "A separate
film for you."

10:00 - 10:15 Talk back!

10:15 - 10:30 Closing the year
in devotion to God---with the
Pastor.

Plan now to bring your whole family
for a night of good fellowship. See
you there.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

December 18, 1966

Budget Offering-----	\$1,497.79
Designated Funds-----	\$497.66
Kindergarten-----	\$100.00
Memorials-----	\$397.66
Lottie Moon Offering-----	\$304.91
Handbell Choir-----	\$10.00
Total Offering-----	\$1,995.45
Budget Offering to Date----	\$95,857.01
Budget Needs to Date-----	\$112,788.54

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian
Sympathy to the following:

To: Miss Verona West in the passing
of her aunt, Mrs. Lula Bethune of
Bunlevel, N. C.

To: Mrs. Ruth Edinger, Mr. John
Edinger, and Mrs. Paul J. Jones in
the passing of Mrs. Edinger's mother,
Mrs. Mary Simmons on December 14.
Mrs. Simmons was also the sister-in-
law of Mrs. Howard Key and an aunt of
Dr. Dale Simmons.

Worship With Us This Christmas Day

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A. M. MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A. M.