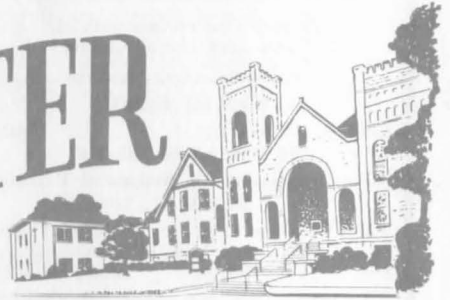


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## Our Christmas Message



*May the peace and joy and  
Blessed hope of this  
Wonderful season warm your  
Heart and bless your family.*

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*Pastor to People*

Christmas Greetings to each of you!

Christmas----the happiest season of the year----is now before us. It is a time of love and good will, a time for the renewal and deepening of life's friendships. We trust it will be so for every member of our church family. We love the accompaniments of Christmas. Who would willingly forego the soft glowing candles and the soft playing carols; the festive yuletide decorations; the sending and receiving of greetings; the exchanging of gifts; the students home from college; the glad family reunions and all the secrets and surprises of this joyous season?

**W**HEN CHRISTMAS COMES, our hearts are open. It is the season of greetings and good will, families and memories, fellowship and gifts. All these kindle a warm glow. But Christmas truly comes only when Christ dwells in our hearts. Let us give Him room within as we celebrate His birth. He will forgive, strengthen, and guide us. Peace and happiness be yours throughout the coming year.

## OUR KNOWN SICK

### NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. Porter Cox

Mrs. Rachel Duffield

Mr. E. C. Collins

### BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mr. Marvin Wagoner

### MEDI-CENTER, WINSTON-SALEM

Mrs. Romney Simmons, Sr.

### AT HOME

Mrs. Faye Ervin Green

Miss Laurie McGee

Mrs. Archie Dobson

But Christmas means more than all of these things. The real meaning must be found in the announcement of the Angel to the shepherds: "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." This is the supreme message for our sorely troubled world today. There is joy in our hearts at Christmas time. It is the joy of salvation which His incarnation brought to us. And that joy we must share with all people as we make His coming known in all the earth.

For your love and loyalty; your many favors and faithfulness; your understanding and encouragement; we are truly grateful. May it be for you and yours a glad and happy Christmas and may the abiding joy of the Saviour's presence dwell with you at Christmas and for all the days beyond.

PASTOR AND FAMILY

## Born In Me

'Tis not enough that Christ was born  
Beneath the star that shone,  
And earth was set that morn  
Within a golden zone.  
He must be born within the heart,  
Before he finds his throne,  
And brings the day of love and good,  
The reign of Christ-like brotherhood.



*Newcomers*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mackie Green on the birth of a son, Saturday, December 16 at Northern

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

MEMORIAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE NEW SANCTUARY BUILDING FUND THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

By Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Jones in loving memory of Mrs. Jones' father, MR. WILLIAM MCKINLEY MABE.

By Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGee in memory of MR. J. P. WALKER and MRS. L. P. WRENN, SR.

By Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lewis in memory of MISS MADERIA BULLINGTON, MR. A.P. TURNMYRE, MR. W.I. MONDAY, and MR. J. P. WALKER.

By Mr. A. G. Webb in memory of MR. D. LOCKE WEBB.

### Your 1968 Offering Envelopes Are Ready



Please  
Pick Them Up  
Sunday

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Mr. Charlie Gilbert in the passing of his brother of Grundy, West Virginia on Saturday.

*Give To  
Lottie Moon*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal - \$1,500.00

Received - \$1,073.50

## REPORTS

### GIVE HIS NAME AS JESUS

Jerusalem, 27 A. D. --- A promising young prophet from the unpromising town of Nazareth in the northern province of Galilee made headlines yesterday in a speech before an excited crowd gathered on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee.

The speech, which high religious leaders in Jerusalem immediately labeled as "revolutionary," expounded a completely new type of thinking concerning godly living. Several influential merchants from the wealthy city of Capernaum reacted thoughtfully to the young prophet's words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."

Recalling the glorious heritage of Solomon, he reminded the audience the wealthy King Solomon "In all his glory was not arrayed as one of these ....lilies of the field...which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven."

Pressing his assertions, he boldly maintained that if God "so clothe the grass of the field....shall he not much more clothe you?"

Among the most thought-provoking statements on economics was a truism of his doctrine as he reminded those in attendance: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Certain temple officials were obviously disturbed and maintained that if such an "impractical" doctrine caught fire, it would revolutionize all of modern Judaism. Ananias and Caiaphas were not available for comment.

Although the Galilean prophet does not appear to be capitalizing upon his present following, it was learned today at Capernaum that many stoutly defended his authority on the basis of "miracles" which he is said to have

# OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

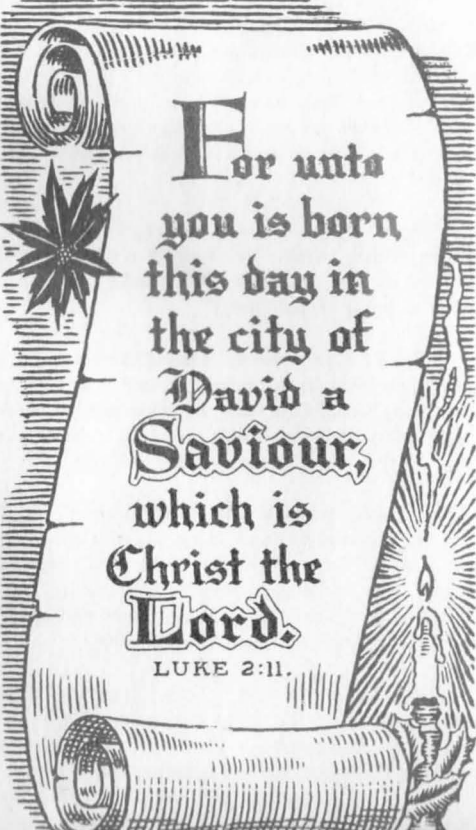
December 17, 1967

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Offering-----         | \$1,635.12   |
| Designated Funds-----        | \$1,257.15   |
| Kindergarten-----            | \$259.15     |
| Memorials - Building Fund--- | \$998.00     |
| Lottie Moon Offering-----    | \$217.50     |
| Total Deposit-----           | \$3,109.77   |
| Budget Offering to Date----  | \$110,329.27 |
| Weekly Budget Needs-----     | \$2,385.00   |

## NO NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ----December 25 - 29 NEXT NEWSLETTER

----First Week in January, 1968.

**NO PRAYER MEETING, CHOIR  
PRACTICES, OR OTHER MEETINGS  
DECEMBER 25-29.**



**F**or unto  
you is born  
this day in  
the city of  
David a  
Saviour,  
which is  
Christ the  
Lord.

LUKE 2:11.

**L**et every one of you lay by  
him in store, as God hath  
prospered him. I Cor.16:2

**O**n the first day of the  
week I Cor. 16:2

**V**erily I say unto you, that  
a rich man shall hardly  
enter into the kingdom of  
heaven. Matt. 19:23

**E**ven so send I you.  
John 20:21

Without love, words even the most moving, deeds even the most moving, deeds even the most brilliant, count as nothing. Without love, scholarship and learning, scientific research and truth, mean nothing.

Giving to the poor, or any self-sacrifice without love, will have no results.

Love seeks to understand why people think and say and do things, thus love never accuses, is never too severe, does not frighten.

Love is never unfair or angry, but always believes the best in its loved ones---forgiving and self-giving, thus helping them to grow spiritually, ever sensitive to the deepest needs.

Love finds the gentle, happy, kind--yet firm--way, instead of the hurtful, sarcastic, jealous way which blights all growth in people.

Love does not pamper nor weaken; but love shares, gently disciplines, winsomely teaches, helps to face reality, admits its own wrongs, encourages, strengthens.

But love cannot attain these qualities of life and share them until it is first directed toward God and others, instead of toward self; putting away the childishness of bad temper, touchiness, hurt feelings, vanity, jealousy, covetousness, fear; freeing oneself entirely from worries and anxieties, cares and fretfulness.

Love is and should be the greatest force and power in the universe.

THE W.M.U. EXECUTIVE MEETING WILL BE  
MONDAY NIGHT JANUARY 1 AT 7:00 P.M.