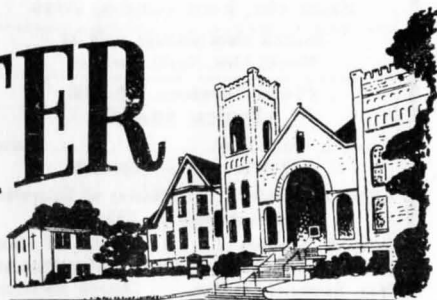


THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT EMPHASES FOR DECEMBER

Gifts to date!

\$876.00



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS
OFFERING - FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Needed by Dec. 24

\$1,500.00

CHRISTMAS--And The Church Family

.....food baskets

Food for the needy being collected by all Sunday School Departments. Last day for collection of goods, December 17!

.....music program

Combined Choirs and Bell Ringers present Christmas Music, December 17, 7:30 P. M., in the Sanctuary!

.....play

"The Answer Is Christmas" by Lawrence E. Barker to be presented Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 P. M., Fellowship Hall! Everyone is invited; Church Nursery will be open!

Building Fund & Catch-Up Day

Because December has five Sundays this year, we have decided to make this fifth Sunday.....DECEMBER 31.....a very meaningful day for you and a very important day for our church. We want you to CATCH-UP your 1967 pledge and gifts to the church budget. We also want you to help us make this particular Sunday a SPECIAL BUILDING FUND DAY in order that we might put off having to borrow funds

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Pledges For 1968 Budget

Continue To Come In

As of this week, the church office has received 464 pledge cards out of the 739 mailed. This gives us a weekly pledge of \$1,559.51 and a yearly pledge of \$81,198.40.

There are still about 50 - 75 families who have not returned their cards and thus indicated their financial support in 1968. We need all our people to get the best job done. We ask you not to hold back

A real note of appreciation goes to all those who have already pledged to support their church in 1968.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Marvin Wagoner and Mrs. E. P. Pruett in the passing of their mother, Mrs. John S. Key, Friday, December 8 at Northern Surry Hospital. Mrs. Key was also the grandmother of Mrs. Jewel Carter.

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. Porter Cox

BAPTIST HOSPITAL, Room 374

Mr. Marvin Wagoner

MEDI-CENTER, WINSTON-SALEM

Mrs. Romney Simmons, Sr.

WHITAKER CENTER, FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mr. E. C. Collins

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to the new sanctuary building fund in loving memory of MRS. WILLIAM R. FORREST by Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hall, and Mrs. R. E. Forrest.

Memorial Flowers

Flowers have been placed in the church sanctuary for this coming Sunday in memory of MR. AND MRS. J. S. BRAY by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Webb and Andy.

In Memoriam

MR. A. P. TURNMYRE

December 6, 1967



Sunday, December 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Special Christmas Music

Monday, December 18

3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meet

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

3:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Primary Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Christmas Play "THE ANSWER IS CHRISTMAS"

8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal



WHICH WAY

In the Christmas story we read that the Wise Men returned to their country "another way". The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

The Week of Prayer has ended....Yet this should be just the beginning. How did you return home from the Week of Prayer? Did you return "another way?" The **SHARING WAY**....Giving with the gratitude for the opportunity of sharing. The **CONCERNED WAY**....having deepened your love for lost humanity. The **PRAYERFUL WAY**....praying for the men and women who have dedicated their skills and talents to reaching the multitudes in the name of Christ..... The **COMMITTED WAY**....asking God to direct your life...giving you an inner compulsion to witness for him in every area of your life.

Have you decided upon the gift you and your family will give the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Our goal is \$1,500.00, and we hope to reach it by Christmas Eve. Surely this year in the light of the overwhelming spiritual needs in our world you will want to give a love gift.

Special envelopes have been provided for your use throughout the church.

Which way did you return home?

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

December 10, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$2,543.61
Designated Funds-----	\$1,205.00
Kindergarten-----	\$560.00
Building Fund Donations-----	\$645.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering--	\$718.00
Total Deposit-----	\$4,466.61
Balance Forward-----	\$13,487.00

Pastor to People

The other day I was talking with two of our members and happened to say, "I wish every day was Christmas." An interesting thing happened. One of them grunted and mumbled to himself as he walked away. The other one smiled and said, "yes, it would be nice."

I have a feeling that one of these people knew what the real spirit and meaning of Christmas is, while the other one did not. Can you see the difference? I believe it's all tied up in attitude and understanding.

We usually do not have a very good attitude about that which we do not understand. Take our church and its program for instance. Those who have the attitude of joy and happiness are the ones who are trying to help their church in every way (time, talent, and financial resources). They understand that the Lord is at work in our midst and in what we are doing.

The non-participator and proverbial griper usually doesn't understand what he is against any way even if you ask him, so he has a poor attitude toward other things as well.

Do yourself a favor! Take a few minutes this week to reread the biblical Christmas story out of a translation that you can understand. Share these moments with your family at a family meal or other devotional period. It's located in Luke 2.

If your understanding is right, then your attitude will be right, and you'll be a much better person to know and live with during the Christmas season. I want you to know the real joy of Christmas as you participate in it this year. Will you try it?

Resident Roll Changes

ADD ADDRESSES

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Vaughn
1325 North Main Street
Phone 789-2001

Mrs. Louise M. Crusenberry
Box 531
Dobson, N. C. 27017

White Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 17, will be your last opportunity to bring canned goods and staples for a needy family. Baskets have been placed in all departments of our Sunday School for your convenience.

The food will be boxed and prepared for delivery by our young people. They will be taking the food and singing Christmas carols to the needy families of our area.

If each person would bring one can, what a happy Christmas it would help somebody else have. Let's share some of the bountiful harvest God has so graciously given to us. Do it no later than this Sunday.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends, Will you let me take this way of saying a sincere word of appreciation for the words of comfort and strength you sent me. With the help of friends and the grace of our Lord, I will face the future in His work.

Sincerely,
W. Perry Crouch

(acknowledgment for the telegram sent to Dr. Crouch on the passing of his dear wife-----Dr. Crouch is Executive Secretary of our N. C. Baptist Convention.)

1968 Offering Envelopes Are Ready For Delivery

Each year in December we provide each family, who desire them, with a box of offering envelopes for the coming year. It is that time once again.

This Sunday you will find these envelopes on tables that have been set up in the church annex, next to the church sanctuary. We ask you to pick them up so the church will not have to go to a further expense of mailing them.

If you do not find envelopes for you, or if by chance one member of your family does not have a box, give us this information at the envelope tables so we can correct the error or omission.

We would like for every member of our church to have his own box of envelopes since he can also use these for marking his Sunday School records. We are happy to provide envelopes all the way to the Nursery. This can be very important for a child if he is taught to use them.

We are depending upon you to help keep the record straight. You will have the remaining three Sundays in December to pick these up.

CHRISTMAS music PROGRAM

BY THE

Combined Graded Choirs and Bell Ringers

DECEMBER 17 — 7:30 P. M.

In The Church Sanctuary

Jerry F. Johnson, Director