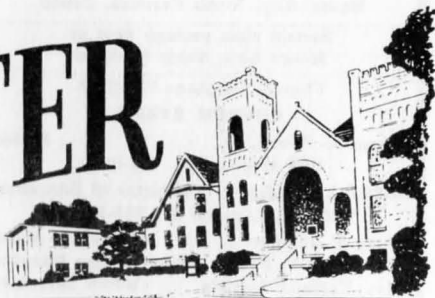


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WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING?

It's a hypodermic needle in a Gaza hospital
a farm in Israel
a hospital in Yemen.
The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering serves in the Middle East.

It's a station wagon in Abeokuta
a missionary residence in Oyo
a typewriter in Ibadan.
The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering serves in Africa.

It's a bookstore in Singapore
a summer camp dormitory in Bangkok
a television program in Indonesia.
The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering serves in the Orient.

It's a seminary in Zurich
a printing press in Rome
a choice hunk of land in Madrid.
The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering serves in Europe.

It's a good will center in Rio
an airplane in Fortaleza
a tent for a revival in Jamaica.
The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering serves in Latin America.

--By Betty Jo Corum

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
AND LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
DECEMBER 3---10
OUR CHURCH GOAL - \$1,500**

**Is Your Pledge Card In?
Make Dec 3-Victory Day!**

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USHERS

The USHERS who have been elected to serve their church for the month of DECEMBER are:

Mr. L. P. Wrenn, Jr., Captain

Mr. C. Lana Paul

Mr. John Parries

Mr. Calvin Belton

Mr. Mack Wood

Mr. Frank Jones

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

AS OF NOV. 29, 1967

Total Pledgers To Date.....436

Weekly Pledges To The Budget.....\$1,421.72

Weekly Needs 1968 Adopted Budget....\$2,339.00

Youth Council Meetings

The Youth Council in a meeting Wednesday decided to meet regularly each 2nd and 3rd Monday of each month from 3:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Any interested young person is invited to attend. The main topic for the next meeting will be the division of the Youth Fellowship.

Christian Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian sympathy to Mrs. Bill Burke in the passing of her mother-in-law, Mrs.



Sunday, December 3

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, December 4

3:00 p.m. WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE
(Maggie N. Herring Circle)
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE
(C.C. Haymore Circle)

Wednesday, December 6

3:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Primary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting
7:30 p.m. WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE
(Sallie Somers Circle)
8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7

10:00 a.m. WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE
(Lena Webb Circle)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday, December 8

10:00 a.m. WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE
(Ella Holcomb Circle)

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL

Mr. Porter Cox

Dr. P. W. Green

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Mrs. Bob Lawing

FORSYTH HOSPITAL

Mr. E. C. Collins

AT HOME

Mrs. R. E. Forrest

Mr. Herman Ashburn

Mrs. Romney Simmons, Sr.

Mrs. W.B. Christian, Jr.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Chilton Crusenberry (nee: Louise Morris) who were married by Rev. Paul H. ...

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been given to the new sanctuary building fund in loving memory of the following:

MRS. A. G. WEBB

The Oren Bradleys

MRS. L. P. WRENN, SR.

The Oren Bradleys

MR. CARL STEWART

The Oren Bradleys

MR. W. A. JACKSON

The Oren Bradleys

Miss Annie Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Vance L. Hallman

MR. D. LOCKE WEBB

The Oren Bradleys

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Casstevens

Mr. and Mrs. Vance L. Hallman

CALEB EARL HILL

The Oren Bradleys

MR. SANDY SIMMONS

The Oren Bradleys

MR. AND MRS. J. S. BRAY

The Oren Bradleys

MR. W. I. MONDAY

Miss Annie Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Vance L. Hallman

MR. J. P. WALKER

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Casstevens

MRS. EDYTH WEBSTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Brannock

MRS. BERTHA ASHBY

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Brannock

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

November 26, 1967

Budget Offering-----	\$1,196.28
Designated Funds-----	\$200.00
Kindergarten-----	\$120.00
Memorials-----	\$80.00
Baptist Children's Home-----	\$7.00
Total Deposit-----	\$1,403.28
Budget Offering To Date---	\$102,154.27
Unpledged Budget Balance---	\$2,285.00

Give Light To The World

As a boy Robert Louis Stevenson stood one night with his nose pressed against the window pane, watching fascinated as the old fashioned lamp-lighter went from light to light in the street. "Look! Look!" the boy cried, "there's a man out there punching holes in the darkness."

Has it dawned on you yet that this is what your church had in mind when it sent you a pledge card? Do you realize that by sharing with your church you too can punch holes in the darkness? When you make it possible to reach out to others with the message of God's love, you are punching holes in the darkness.

You can "give light to the world" through the support of the church budget. The budget is a reenactment of Christ's own life and ministry given out to the whole world through Christ's people. The mission of our church is the mission of Christ himself who said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

A budget is more than a cold financial arrangement. It is preaching Christ from our pulpit and many thousands like it. It is training tomorrow's religious leaders in our schools, colleges, seminaries all around the world. It is caring for homeless children and the aged. It is operating a hospital.

The budget is a continuation of Christ's own life and ministry. It is the "acts of the Holy Spirit" in the twentieth century. It represents the outreach and compassion of each individual. It represents you and the love and dedication of our membership for Christ and His church.

In Memoriam

MR. W. D. DAVIS

November 11, 1967

SIXTEEN TIMES TO SEND FOR YOUR PASTOR

1. When a loved one is seriously ill and facing death.
2. When a relative continues to be despondent following the death of a loved one.
3. When you are facing a surgical operation.
4. When you are facing adjustment to a physical handicap.
5. When you are going through a long convalescence.
6. Following the birth of a baby.
7. When you desire to join the church.
8. When you have begun to worry about excessive drinking.
9. When a loved one is drinking excessively.
10. When you are having difficulty in your marriage.
11. When you are choosing a life work and feel uncertain about your choice.
12. When you are choosing a life mate and have doubts about your choice.
13. When, as a parent, you are concerned about either of the above decisions for your son or daughter.
14. When you are discouraged and life has lost its meaning.
15. When a loved one has become despondent for no obvious reason.
16. When the behavior of a loved one shows marked and rapid change, either toward excessive misbehavior or excessive interest in religion.

"Are you disgruntled because the pastor has not been to see you? Have you ever bothered to send for him or personally invited him into your home? Have you stopped long enough to realize that he is pastor of 775 other members besides yourself? Have we bothered to examine what our pastor here at First Baptist is daily called on to do? You see, the forest is a whole lot bigger than just the tree you and I are sitting under.

I'm going to spend my time building up my church and supporting my pastor instead of creating hostility by my gossiping about the things they don't do. I'm just beginning to realize what all they are doing! God forbid that I should tear either one of these friends down because I was too lazy to respond to the spiritual challenges of my day, of my church, and of my pastor. I'll be in church Sunday! Will you?"

W.M.U.

Monday, December 4

The DORA P. WRENN CIRCLE will meet at 2:30 p. m. in the church Library for a short business meeting before the Week of Prayer Service at 3:00.

THE MARTHA A. FINCH CIRCLE, ORA ARMFIELD JACKSON CIRCLE AND SALLIE SOMERS CIRCLE will have a joint meeting in the church Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P. M. This will be a covered dish affair, so please try your best to be present and enjoy this fellowship together.

The LENA WEBB CIRCLE will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Geraldine Slate, 1111 North Main Street

Sunday School News

The church has now received some postcards which your class may use to contact your prospects and absentees. The person responsible for these contacts may pick them up at the church office.

After filling them out, you may leave them with the church secretary and she will see that the cards are properly stamped and mailed.



Newcomers

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Christian, Jr. on the birth of a daughter, Melanie Ann, born Nov. 21 at Northern Surry Hospital.