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**THIS SUNDAY IS WHITE CHRISTMAS!**

**PASTOR'S CORNER**



**HERE'S THE PROCEDURE FOR THE WHITE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

This is the special service, emphasizing and demonstrating our concern for World Missions. The front of the church will be decorated in white and with two white Christmas trees.

Each person is asked to bring a sacrificial monetary gift in an envelope and another gift to be given to local needs such as socks, hose, small toys, books, crayons, clothing, toilet articles, etc. The gifts will be wrapped in white, labeled or described. The monetary gift will be placed under one tree and the Christmas gift under the other.

At the close of the sermon, the congregation will file down the aisle and deposit the gifts under the trees.

This can be the greatest mission service our church has ever experienced. Pray that it will be so. **HOW TO GIVE MORE THAN YOU'RE ABLE**

There are two ways to give:  
(1) Give out of YOUR resources — this way you're able to give what YOU are able to give. This was Phillip's way of giving when Jesus asked him what he would do about the 5,000 hungry churchgoers. Phillip dug into his pockets and evaluated the situation according to HIS resources.

(2) Give out of GOD'S resources — this way you're able to give what GOD is able to give. In I Chronicles 29 after David and the people had given such a fantastic offering for the building of the temple, David asks God in verse 14, how they were able to be so generous. He answers his own question when he says, "OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE."  
*Read 2 Corinthians 9 - In the Living Bible and you'll see that Paul says GOD WILL GIVE YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WANT TO GIVE AWAY.*

So ask God what He would have you give to the WORLD MISSIONS offering and when the amount seems beyond your resources, Praise the Lord and give it out of God's resources and He'll give you as much as you give.

**Praise the Lord for what He's going to do next Sunday!**

Ronald Dunn

**Thank You**

This is a day not only of increased cost but of increased opportunities. It's thrilling to see God at work in marvelous ways in many places across Africa. As an S.I.M. supporter you are very much a part of this work and I thank you on behalf of the entire S.I.M. family for your faithfulness and generosity.

Your Brother in Christ,  
R. J. Davis  
General Director, S.I.M.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS**

- (available at church)
- Record "Our Tribute" (our own singers) — \$5.00
- Recordings of Jamall Badry and Marion Warren \$5.00
- Cassette tapes of Ron Dunn's sermon — \$3.00
- MUCH MORE book by Jack Taylor — \$5.00
- GO HOME AND TELL by Bertha Smith — \$1.00
- THE SMALL WOMAN by Christine Hunter — \$3.95
- LIVING NEW TESTAMENT — \$1.00

*Welcome*  
New Members  
(BAPTISM)



27B. Becky Naylor, 4th Grade  
1913 Anderson, 255-6840



28B. Denise Poor, 5th Grade  
1917 Anderson, 255-6340

(LETTER)



50L. Pam Brundige, Young Adult  
51L. Tonya Brundige, 3rd Grade  
1212 Fair Oaks, 254-4405



52L. Mr. Howell Melton, Md. Ad. 2,  
53L. Mrs. Billie Melton, Md. Ad. 2,  
54L. David Oppenheimer, 4th Grade  
55L. Marie Ann Oppenheimer, 10th Grade  
2720 Maverick, 254-9306

**As I See It!**  
"ODDS AND ENDS"

How about Sunday morning for a painless sermon on giving? And don't miss next Sunday — White Christmas Day — a highlight in MBBC's year.

Our pictorial directory wasn't perfect, but it's well worth it.

The "Wets" failed again in getting enough signatures for a Wet-Dry election.

"Come Together" wasn't a cantata — it was an experience — and one that we are looking forward to again soon.

All MBBC'ers should be at the Mall Tuesday, December 19 to join our choirs in carolling, praising and witnessing.

Our Building Committee is meeting regularly planning for our new worship center and adult education space.

"Our Tribute" is a nice Christmas gift.

**A WORD FROM WARD**

STRATEGY MEETING this week at Teresa and Tammy Filgo's, 2512 Glacier. Our thanks to Joyce Hulet and her folks for last week's meeting.

YOUTH AND PARENTS BANQUET, Friday, February 9, 1973. Dress will be semi-formal. There will be a great meal, entertainment and inspiration. Watch for details.

CHILDREN OF LIGHT — Remember we meet THIS week at 5:00 to elect officers. Our retreat to Mt. Vernon is January 26-27.

What wonderful Spiritual food our Pastor set before us last Sunday. I needed those lessons so desperately.

You must remember, however, that just as there is the grace of giving, there is also the grace of receiving. As God leads more people to give, He will of necessity raise up more receivers.

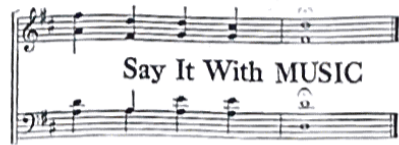
In Philippians 4, Paul indirectly gives us some guidelines for receiving as he thanked the Christians for a gift:

1. Receivers are to THANK GOD first of all. All gifts come ultimately from Him. All praise must go directly to Him. (v. 10)
2. Receivers are to remember that gifts come when we are "CONTENT IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE." Don't expect gifts until you are a faithful steward of what God has already given you. (v. 11)
3. Receivers must show gracious gratitude to the giver. Paul thanked the Philippians in a letter both for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Upon receiving a gift, a note or word of humble gratitude is always in order. (v. 14-16).
4. Be careful not to rob the giver of his blessing by being hesitate to receive. Graciously receive. Receivers must remember that the GREATER BLESSING GOES TO THE GIVERS. God never intends us to build bigger barns to store our gifts. We receive that we might give. As we then give, God promises to meet all of our needs from His abundant resources. (v. 18-19)

**VITAL STATISTICS**

- Sunday School Attendance — 787
- Training Union Attendance — 367
- Budget Offering — \$6,695.93
- World Missions — 89.00

TOTAL — \$6,784.93



**Say It With MUSIC**

MEET US AT THE MALL! Yes, MBBC'ers, that's what we want several hundred of you to do Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Our Adult, College, High School, Jr. High and "Young Musicians" choirs will be carolling at Irving Mall that night. What a great opportunity to share with many, many people. Plan on it!

DO YOU HAVE A DRAMA COSTUME in your closet? If you have one of our costumes from past performances, please bring it. We need it.

WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING DAY is always a high spiritual hour. There will be a lot of beautiful Christmas music and everyone will be in a happy spirit. Be present Sunday and don't forget your two gifts — money and gift for the underprivileged.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC will be next Wednesday, December 13 at 7:45 p.m. Pre-School, younger and older children will be singing.



**WHITE CHRISTMAS SORTING AND DELIVERY**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:00 a.m.  
All women are invited to meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 to sort and deliver the White Christmas packages. Nursery will be provided until 12:30. Bring sack lunches for your children. Don't miss this opportunity to serve.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY**

In our study of great Intercessory prayers, let us consider David's prayer for his people in I Chronicles 21.

It seems that Satan tempted David to take a census of the children of Israel. This attempt to measure Israel's strength questioned God's ability to protect them and probably laid a precedent for taxation. God was completely displeased and began to punish Israel.

In verse 9, David repented and took full blame for his foolish action. God forgave the action, but the consequences still came. David was given the choice of three years of famine, three months of enemy oppression or three days at the hand of the Lord.

David affirmed his trust in God saying, "Let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are very great" v. 13. A pestilence came to Israel and 70,000 men fell and with them David's false security. To end the punishment, God sent an angel with a drawn sword to destroy Jerusalem. When David saw the angel, he fell on his face and began praying that God would spare the people and the city.

In verse 17 we find David's prayer. He again accepted full responsibility for his action and asked God to lay on him the full penalty. God then commanded David to make sacrifices to Him.

In verse 27 we read God's answer to David's prayer: "And the Lord commanded the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath."

God judged the people because of one man's sin. God spared the people because of the intercession of one man. There is power in intercession.

**The Bow of Promise**

"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."  
Revelation 4:3.

As Noah and his family left the ark to walk out upon the dry ground, the earth was a ghastly sight. What before had compared with Eden for beauty and fertility was now a chaotic wasteland. Not only had violent rains brought their destruction, but the great reservoirs beneath the earth's surface had broken their bands and erupted with explosive force. All nature had been in commotion. The havoc was indescribable.

Amid these surroundings, which everywhere told of God's judgments, Noah offered sacrifices of thanksgiving. His faith had survived the awesome desolation, and he bowed in worship to his mighty Protector.

God was pleased with the patriarch's spirit of devotion. And now, lest Noah's descendants be filled

with fear and foreboding of another universal flood, the Lord promised never again to destroy the earth by water. Every generation to come would see the sign of His mercy. "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13.

What a beautiful figure of compassion! We see the clouds and rain, omens of divine wrath, penetrated by brilliant sunshine to produce the bow of His covenant. As the raindrops are glorified in bands of radiant color, they seem to unite earth with heaven; and the heart of Noah rejoices, for beyond the rainbow in the clouds, he beholds the spectrum of divine love. The gentler attributes of God are seen at Ararat, as they are later discerned by Moses at Sinai. "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." Exodus 34:6. — Louis F. Cunningham, Still Waters.

**Role of Urban Church Stressed**

A Southern Baptist pastor from New York told a recent Texas Baptist meeting in Fort Worth that urban churches have a responsibility to meet and physical, as well as the spiritual, needs of their communities. Read this and other stories on the inside pages of your church newspaper.



**Rehearsing for Christmas**