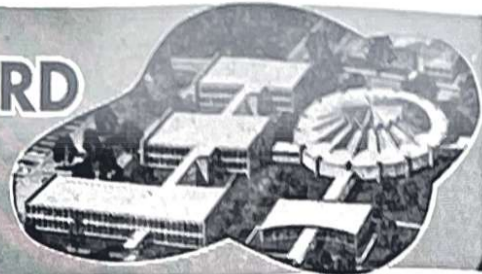


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PRAISE THE LORD . . . \$16,128.39

PASTOR'S CORNER



IT WAS A "PRAISE THE LORD" DAY ALL THE WAY!

Our Fourth White Christmas service was the best yet. Isn't that just like the Lord? \$16,128.39 pledged and \$9,085.73 received in cash! To God be the Glory for all of it. It is His Spirit within MBBC that creates the sacrificial giving that makes a great offering like this. It is the Spirit of God that creates a burden for the unsaved that impels us to give an offering like this. It is the Lord's Spirit that creates the desire to let Jesus be Lord in all things that makes possible an offering like this. It's just Jesus all the way, and we praise Him for it.

In the light of God's greater blessings of the day even the offering seemed insignificant. I tell you, God is up to something! What a day of victory in was. God is working in miraculous ways in the lives of many people. I'm convinced in the next few weeks we're going to be seeing and hearing things we never dreamed possible. You'd better get used to living in the midst of miracles because Jesus is a miracle working Lord. And there's not a thing wrong with any of us that a miracle wouldn't cure!

AND PRAYER IS THE KEY, intercessory, pre-avoiding prayer. God has put the spirit of intercession into the hearts of many. Years ago Matthew Henry said, "When God intends great mercy for His people, the first thing He does is to set them a praying." never have I witnessed such a prayer-burden among people. God is getting ready to do a new and deeper work in MBBC.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Friday evening at 7:00, December 24th we will observe the Lord's Supper, seated by families. This has proven to be a blessed time. I hope you'll plan to be here — can you think of a better way to celebrate Christmas? Neither can I.

BERTHA SMITH COMING TO MBBC.

In less than one month Bertha Smith, missionary-at-large, will be with us for a Christian Life Conference. The dates are January 16-21. Put it down, don't let anything hinder you from getting in on every session.

Ronald Dunn

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(Baptism)



17. Mrs. Bob (Arden) Brooks, Y.A., Anderson. (D. Davis) 1925 E. Grauwlyer No. 136, 254-9083



18. Denver L. Easley, Med. Ad. 1, Tate (D. Prator) 2825 Winslow, 255-9472



62. Jim Boswell, Med. Ad. 1, Tate (D. Davis)
63. Mrs. Jim (Barabara) Boswell, Med. Ad. 1, Calvert
64. Danny Boswell, 6th Grade
Dana Bowell (3rd Grade S.S.)



65. James P. Campbell, Med. Ad. 1, Tate, (D. Harris)
66. Mrs. James Campbell, Yg. Ad., Anderson; 1913 Willow Creek No. 150, 255-3627



TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 — Baptist Women meet for Bible Study with Bro. Dunn teaching the fourth Beatitude. The older children will have supervised play in the gym. We will NOT meet on December 28.

The 5th and 6th Grade G. A.'s will meet at the church Sunday December 19 at 4:30 to take Christmas gifts to the downtown mission. Mothers, remind your daughter about the box she has prepared for these men. Returning to the church, the G. A.'s will have their Christmas party.

A WORD FROM WARD

I praise the Lord that He led us all to meet together every Sunday night. Love, agape love, is what God is trying to teach us. It was this love that caused Him to send His Son. It was this AGAPE love that made Jesus willing to die for us. It is this same AGAPE love that binds us together and opens the door for the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. When we finally see how God loves us . . . then we will see how we ought to love each other. God has already shown and taught us many things. He is waiting for us to be obedient to what we know now. As we obey . . . He will teach us more. We will meet Sunday night in the old auditorium for a rap-session with our pastor.

Andy, we are sorry to say GOOD-BYE to you. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO MBBC

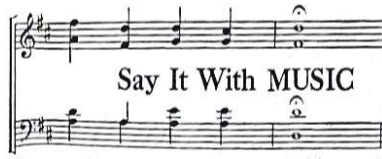
May Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who was born in Bethlehem and crucified on Calvary . . . live in your life.

Ward, Dianne, Cari Walker

ROYAL AMBASSADORS ON THE MOVE

Basketball season opened December 6 with our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Crusaders on the top end of a 33-13 score with Woodridge Baptist. Andy Sears led the scorers with 17 points, followed by Tommy Robinson (8), Brad Schoeppey (6), and Brad Jackson (2). Other members of the team are Matt Johnson, Paul Roberts, Edward Easley, and Stewart Stanfield. If your name is not among these . . . it could be! Join the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade R.A.'s. They meet each Sunday evening at 5:30 P.M.

The Lad Crusader Chapter went out Saturday morning December 11 to collect bottles for a fund raising project. They want to send a love offering, please with Christmas wishes, to missionary Charles Moore, for whom their chapter is named. Counselors report that it seems when you look for bottles, all you find is cans. So, they may just pick up both next week. Keep up the good work, boys!!!



Say It With MUSIC

MBBC's Youth Choir will be in the loft Sunday A.M. and the "Carillons" will sing.

The Annual Christmas Music and Drama will be presented this Sunday evening 6:30 P.M. in the Worship Center. The choir and drama group will present "Birth of the King of Kings".

Monday, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. this same Cantata and drama will be presented at the Irving Mall at the East Court around the fountain.

Tuesday night 7:00 to 8:00 P.M., MBBC's Adult, High School, Jr. Hi and Young Musicians choirs will sing Christmas carols at the Irving Mall — East Court around the fountain. This evening's music will also feature the "Carillons" and the "Master's Minority."

Stop by those two evenings and hear your choirs sing. Pray for our witness there.

One way of having a very Merry Christmas at your home is by singing Christmas carols. Use carol books. Sing at home, sing in the neighborhood and you know — Christmas carolling doesn't cost a cent!

There are a few carol books left in the Office. If you did not get one — stop by.

Jimell Brady

Lo, The Star



... lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy . . .

— Matthew 2:9, 10

-World Religious News Roundup-

*** CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. SET**

CHICAGO, Ill. — A new communications network including a closed circuit television unit is planned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. The television network will be used to provide classrooms and parishes with film material, recordings, and print data.

*** TEACHER STRIKES CONTINUE**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Striking Catholic lay teachers in New York and San Francisco entered their second and third weeks of strikes respectively as negotiations and calls for negotiations moved into the "intensive care" stage.

*** DIALOGUES EVALUATED**

GENEVA, Switz. — Bilateral theological conversations of the Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran churches in different countries with other confessions have proved effective and should be continued, it was generally agreed here at an international gathering of theologians.

*** \$15 MILLION BUDGET APPROVED**

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted a 1972 budget of \$15 million aimed at strengthening the agency's work throughout the United States and for the support of 2,237 homeland missionaries and an Atlanta-based staff of 91 professionals and 108 full-time employees.

*** INTERCOMMUNION URGED**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The worship commission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is asking Disciples congregations to participate in communion on an interim basis with the other eight denominations in the Consultation on Church Union (COCU).

VITAL STATISTICS

- Sunday School Attendance — 765
- Training Union Attendance — 403
- Budget Offering — \$4,201.12
- Designated — 766.00
- WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING REC'D.—9,085.73
- WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING PLEDGED — 16,128.39



Hope of Christmas

Artist Anthony LaGrossa has set the Holy Family against the disturbing headlines of today in a painting that appears on the cover of the December 1971 issue of Eternity magazine, illustrating the theme of hope that is essential to the spirit of Christmas. — RNS photo

He Came Too Soon

One of the saddest statements made about Jesus and His advent into the world is found in John 1:11: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

His coming was too soon for scores of people. The poor innkeeper was unprepared for His coming on that night so long ago. So were the multitude who filled Bethlehem to overflowing, called there by the necessity of returning to pay their taxes.

His coming was too soon for the Jewish religious leaders, filled and occupied with all their religious laws, ceremonials, and ritualism. They should have been anticipating His coming, for they had all the prophecy when predicted it, but they were too preoccupied.

His coming was too soon for Herod, fearful of anyone who might lead an insurrection causing him to lose his lucrative political power.

They were all too busy, filled with their own self-centered affairs and their little world, for His coming.

But He came right on schedule for others, for the very next verse in John declares: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

His coming was the right time for the shepherds who heard the angelic announcement and who came to worship the newborn Babe.

His coming was on schedule for the wise men from the east who followed His star, and who brought their gifts and worshipped Him.

His coming was wonderful to all those of us who have received Him and now know the joys of sins forgiven and hearts made pure through His redemption. With the millions who have lived and died before us, having become the sons of God through believing on His name, we approach this Christmas season praising Him because He came into our sinful and troubled world.

He is our Saviour, Sanctifier, and our coming King! We worship Him! — Herald of Holiness.

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