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*Your church staff wishes for you
a wonderful Holiday Season and a New Year
filled with the Celebration of Christ.*



- December 24 - Candlelight Lord's Supper
6:00 p.m.
- December 24, 25, &
January 1, 1992 - Church Office Closed
- December 25 - No Wednesday Activities
- January 1, 1992 - Prayer Meeting Only

FROM YOUR PASTOR

This is the last issue of the Voice for 1991. It doesn't seem possible, does it? Let me say a word about year-end giving. Many people give extra amounts or catch-up on their tithes at the end of the year. There are several needs right now. First, is our World Missions Offering. This is a most worthy offering. Second, is our regular budget. We must have a very big December in order to meet our budget. I pray this will happen. Third, is debt retirement. We still owe something over \$100,000 on property we have purchased over the past few years. I'm sure you will respond generously.

Royce Ann and I hope you have a joyous and happy holiday season. May the joy of the Lord abide in you because of His gracious gift.

Love,
Preacher

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received in memory of:

George Tharel By:
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Taylor
Louise Bone By:
Jane Jones
Charles Stutte By:
Jane Jones
Mettie Stewart By:
Blanche C. Hight
Herman S. Napier
Mr & Mrs. Doyle Morrison
Carrie Schaefer
Mary Jane Haley

SYMPATHY

Christian Sympathy has been extended to:

- Noble Hembree and family in the recent death of his aunt in Missouri.
- Charles Stewart and Ray Adams and family in the recent death of their mother and sister, Mettie Stewart.
- Ray Adams and family in the recent death of his brother-in-law, James Sargent of Dallas Texas.
- Lillie Stuttle's uncle, J. D. Wheeler in Oklahoma.

THANK YOU

The Mettie Stewart Family expresses their gratitude and thanks to the Esther Sunday School Class and individual members of the Church who prepared food for the family on the loss of their Mother.

HOLIDAY DIFFERENCES

This season summons strong emotions, and some of you want to shut your eyes, move forward to January and skip the entire thing. Your difficulties result from the natural losses you have had this year because of death, divorce, serious illness, or other changes in your family. The holidays magnify your emptiness and deep sadness. If your holidays are hurting you, here are some ways to help yourself:

1. Create new memories by changing your traditions. If you want to continue the family holiday patterns, invite someone in to put your Christmas decorations this year. Go visit another family member or friend to experience the days in a different place.
2. Allow yourself to express all the emotions you may be feeling. Do not be afraid to release your tears with trusted friends. And if it is resentment you feel, own that and say it. Your expression of genuine emotion (not blaming anyone else) is the way to move beyond to other feelings which are more pleasant. A woman said to me recently: "The hope that I'll get through this hard time is like a bird fighting briefly on my shoulder. He is staying longer each time he comes."
3. Rely on others. Talk with those who speak the same language of pain. Attend a support group. Not only will your loneliness fade momentarily, but someone else's way of practically handling your same questions will give you a new perspective to apply in your own life. Avoid staying in isolation at this season. Tell your friends to pull you into their activities, even when you are resistant.
4. Remember significant family members and friends. They may be the reason you think of Christmas in a positive way this year. Silently thank them, or better yet, send a note.
5. Do not shut out your memories. It takes more energy to block them, than to let them flow naturally. Talking about them will free you and others to know you have needs to relive some of the good memories you have had.
6. Trust your inner feelings. There is no best way to handle the holidays. You are the authority about your own needs. Listen to your inner self and be assertive about what you think you need.
7. Shop in the most comfortable way for you. If the idea of purchasing gifts is upsetting, use a phone and a catalog; take an understanding friend; shop early. Plan ahead for breaks.
8. Be helpful to someone else. Volunteer your time to serve at one of the community dinners for the less fortunate. Ask someone (or two, or three) to share the day with you and help provide for a needy family.
9. Attend worship and explore your faith. Be alert, not only for spiritual direction, but also for opportunities to meet people where you can cultivate new friendships.
10. Be tender and loving to yourself. Lower your expectations. Accept that you are unable to function at optimum level during the holiday season, and that your feelings of loss naturally tire you and slow down your energy level.

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A worldwide call to prayer for the people and nations of the former Soviet Union has been recommended by the Foreign Mission Boards "Green Alert" Task Force and adopted by the trustees. New Year's Eve, 1991, is being designated as a special day of prayer, ushering in a year of extraordinary prayer, focused on the former Soviet Union. In seeking to take advantage of the unprecedented missions opportunities brought about by the newly opened doors, the prayer involvement of other Christians is being sought, including the Baptist World Alliance, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, our missions and missionaries, and the Baptist conventions throughout the world. For the latest prayer requests from the Soviet Union, call 1-800-395-PRAY during the last week of December. Our church will set a special prayer time for "Green Alert" in 1992.

PRaise RECORD
December 15

S. S. Enrollment	1018
Sunday School Attendance	479
Sierra Chapel Attendance	5
Total S.S. Attendance	484
Morning Worship	522
Evening Worship	291
Received December 15	\$15,639.88
Required December 15	\$13,719.80
Received in December	\$44,843.23
Required in December	\$41,159.40
Received in 1991	\$658,097.42
Required in 1991	\$685,990.00
Debt Retirement	\$412.21
Balance Owed Property	
Acquisition Loans	\$123,034.82
Guatemala Partnership	
To Date	\$5,551.01

DECEMBER 22

PARKING COMMITTEE

North Lot	Bruce Jones
South Lot	Bobby Mosteller

EXTENDED SESSION

Babies	Maxine Mayes,
Creepers	Jackie Robbins, Melva Smithwick
	Sarah Bennett,
Ones	Judy Allen
	Pam Rogers,
Twos	Kim Duell,
	Diane Bryan, Chris Covey
Threes	Rodney & Karen
	Ramsey
Fours	Susan Hattley,
	Cari Tanneberger

VAN MINISTRY Bob Mayes

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