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# music bulletin

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Shelby, N. C.

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Senior Minister

My faith looks up to Thee, Saviour divine; As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee, pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire Palmer

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## THE REAL LIFE SINGERS PRESENTS "LIFE"

A new sing-out choir will be born in January. The first rehearsal is January 12, and will be every Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:15. Grades 9 - 12 are invited. This time the gates are open to all teenagers across Cleveland County. Formerly the enrollment was limited to the young people of First Baptist and their friends. The reason was to make an all out attempt to enlist First Baptist teenagers. Sometime ago 60 young people met to evaluate the program. It is our combined feelings that an appeal should be made to all teenagers to come, who want to enjoy the benefits this organization offers. Working enlistment programs are underway in each of the four high schools and one Junior High School.

Rehearsals will be held in the sing-out room at First Baptist Church. Another location will be sought if we out-grow this area.

Each Sunday evening our choir loft will be filled to capacity with teenagers. Other groups such as The Expression, and the Good News Singers of America are making real contributions presenting Christ, but scarcely is there a week goes by but what some family experiences some heart breaking tragedy brought on by their teenager. Often times other teenagers influence those who desire to do the right thing. We are living in a time when not one of us can afford to say, "It won't happen to me or my family."

This program is designed entirely to be a source of help for all the teenagers in this county who wished to be apart. The message of the text of the musical points every person to the love of Christ and what it will do for him in his daily living. The music is beautifully young and has a definite "beat." Performance will be early May. In addition to the regular instrumental ensemble, trumpets and trombones will be added.

The only cost is \$3.00 for the music. This could be the best sing-out yet!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

There's something very special about Christmas Eve. It's a time when all the hurrying begins to wind down and families gather themselves once again to reverence the day of Christ's birthday. Fireplaces will surely be lit and families share stories about the year.

As long as I can remember, our family made their way to church on Christmas Eve. It seemed to be a fitting climax to a busy season and the perfect way to prepare ones self for the greatest day in the year. I was reared in the county community and we looked eagerly to see our friends.

This December 24th, we invite you to gather in the sanctuary to sing carols, worship as the Sanctuary Choirs sings some of your favorite choruses. Two high lights in the service is the serving of the Lord's Supper and lighting candles. In the Lord's Supper we remember Christ's birth, death and resurrection and the lighting of the candles is giving of ourselves in every walk of life to Christ and his plan for our life.

Come and bring your family this Christmas Eve at 5:30.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The music department shared or will share in each of the following 24 events during this month.

### DECEMBER

- 2 Cecilia Music Club
- 2 Week of Prayer
- 3 Shelby Womans Club
- 3 Mauney Williams Oil Company
- 5 Adult Banquet—Elizabeth Baptist
- 7 Kings Mountain Baptist Pastors Conference
- 8 Lawrence Sunday School Class
- 9 J. L. Suttle Ins.
- 10 Cleveland Savings and Loan
- 13 Staff Drop-in for church family
- 15 Youth and Children's Choirs
- 13 Fellowship after worship—The Expression
- 14 Sanctuary Choir Banquet
- 15 Cleveland County Office Banquet
- 16 Shelby Presbyterian Church
- 16 Children's Center, Hunter School
- 17 First Baptist Deacons Banquet
- 18 Duke Power Company
- 18 Junior High School Special Education
- 18 Junior High School Student Body
- 20 Singspiration after worship
- 21 Salvation Army Christmas Party
- 24 Candlelight Service—The Sanctuary Choir
- 27 Youth Night at Christmas

## THE COST OF "POT"

The article re-printed herewith is from another church paper and is worthy of our reading. It appeared in the "Dallas News," also.

"While the debate over marijuana rages, teenagers play a dangerous game of it attempting to beat the law by using it.

What if they get caught! Probably, on first offense, they'd get a suspended sentence and never serve a day in jail. So what difference does that first offense make?

THE CARBON COPY, a college newspaper at Frank Phillips College at Berger, came up with food for thought for the youngsters who think they're getting away free with the first conviction:

"A youth was stopped for a traffic violation. The officer recognized the odor in the violator's car. The defendant had a few joints (of marijuana) with him.

He was convicted of possession, a felony, and received a suspended sentence.

Did he lose anything?

All he lost was the right to vote, the right to own a gun and the right to run for public office.

He lost the opportunity of ever being a licensed doctor, dentist, CPA, engineer, lawyer, architect, realtor, osteopath, physical therapist, private detective, pharmacist, school teacher, barber, funeral director, masseur or stock broker.

He can never get any job where he has to be bonded or licensed.

He can enlist in the military service, but will not have a choice of service and will possibly be assigned to a labor battalion.

If this happened to you, would you think you had lost anything?"



## GREETING FROM RUSSIA

I received this Christmas greeting recently from a young man in Leningrad. It thrilled me to realize our mission last summer in Russia is being remembered. We will continue in our prayers that some day all people everywhere will have freedom to worship Christ's birth openly. I share this card with you.

Leningrad  
December 1970

Dear Mr. Van Ramsey,  
May I take this opportunity  
to wish you a very happy  
Holiday Season!  
May all the joys of Christmas  
be yours through each day  
of the New Year!

Your friend Vsevolod.

P.S. I really enjoyed the performance of your chorus while in Leningrad at the House of Peace & Friendship. We will be glad to hear from you. Write when you have a time.

## LEADING COMPOSERS

Each month in 1971 our music program will focus on a composer who has been a leading influence on church music. In addition to music by the composer being sung, each choir will study to some degree his life. Included in each Music Bulletin will be a short biography of the person. These articles appeared in "The Link" from First Baptist Church, Maryville, Tennessee and were written by Betty Ingle. Don Brakeville is the minister of music. In January we will begin with Johann Sebastian Bach.



Minister Watterson, Leath and Ramsey enjoyed some time with the special education classes at the Children's Center at Hunter School.



The Sanctuary Choir rehearsing for the Candlelight Service



A portion of The Expression singing for the Cleveland County Office Employee Christmas Banquet.

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