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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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VAN H. RAMSEY, Editor

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Good News Singers of America Invited To Legislature

Music Emphasis 1971 Great Composers

I am aware that to say "in 1971 our emphasis in the music program will be studying the great composers" is very dull sounding. However, you will find this interesting. This will require a tremendous degree of detailed planning for each choir will endeavor to sing the music and know the life of a particular man each month. The congregation will sing their hymns, in as much as they are available. Each music bulletin will carry a concise biography. Much effort will be made to "know the man through his music." In January we will begin with J. S. Bach. Others will be Jean Sibelius, Cesar Franck, Antonin Dvorak, Johannes Brahms, Ludwig van Beethoven, Edvard Grieg, Franz Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn, and George Frederick Handel.

Canadian Tour 1971 Senior High Choir

Tremendous strides have been made in our music program because of the annual Senior High Choir Concert Tour. Plans have been launched to conduct a "Singing Missions Tour" into the Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Islands. The dates are July 29 - August 11. In addition to singing, various ways of assisting the churches will be made available to the young people. The churches there need the enthusiastic approach that our young people have. In the fall of 1969, our church sent me to this area to assist the Home Mission Board in Revival services in the Edith Avenue Baptist Church, St., John, New Brunswick.

Young People's Sing-Out In 1971?

A meeting of 60 young people was held Sunday, November 1, to evaluate this program. A good number of young people were invited who have never sung in a sing-out. These comments we were also interested in. This meeting will help me to determine final plans. We always want to be sure that the right things are being done.

Music For Revival November 15-19

Never before in preparing for a revival have I had such good material to work with. Recently released are two "mini-evangelistic cantatas" which are filled with familiar hymns and gospel songs. Each collection can be sung in twenty minutes. The Sanctuary Choir will sing these two nights of our revival. The same is true with the Youth Singers. The Youth Singers will sing familiar favorites from past sing-out programs from "Good News" to "Young World." It's easy to get excited when material is good.

Thanksgiving And Christmas Services

On Wednesday, November 25, we will have our Thanksgiving service. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the service will last one hour. Our special music at Christmas has been consolidated into two services. The Young People and Children's Choirs will sing during the Sunday evening of December 13, and the Annual Candlelight Service will be Thursday evening, December 24. During the Candlelight Service, the Sanctuary Choir will sing some of the favorite Christmas choruses.



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September 22, 1970

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Dear Mr. Ramsey:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 11th and I, like everyone, was most impressed with your Ambassadors of Good Will.

I think it would be most appropriate to have the Good News Singers of America to sing for the 1971 Legislature. I am not certain that it would be appropriate for the opening Session but I will take it up with the Speaker of the House and we will see if it is feasible for the opening Session. If not, I am certain that we can arrange it for a later date.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

Pat Taylor
H. Pat Taylor, Jr.

HPTjr/b

The North Carolina General Assembly meets every two years. It was two years ago that the Generation was asked to sing before the full General Assembly. The Good News Singers of America originated at the First Baptist Church in Shelby, so we are indeed proud of being honored for the second consecutive time in being asked to provide entertainment before the Legislature. A local representative has informed me that a resolution "commending the Good News Singers of America for their effective service in representing North Carolina" will be introduced in the House and Senate of the General Assembly.

During each session, the General Assembly appropriates a time for entertainment. This entertainment in the last three Assemblies has been Miss America, Columbus Boys' Choir, and the Generation. This concert and report will have a weighing influence on our law makers. They will recognize immediately the "All American" image that each young person portrays. First Baptist Church can share greatly in this effort.

This is another opportunity to extend a Christian witness to those who make the laws by which you and I must live.

Music Through January

Listed below is the schedule of music to be sung by the Sanctu ary Choir on Sunday mornings and the Youth Singers on Sunday evenings from now through the month of January. You will note familiar titles as well as some new ones. Not included are the many soloists and other special music selections which will be in every service. You will grant us the privilege of rearranging the schedule if necessary.

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| November | 1 | A. M. | Rejoice, the Lord Is King—Darwall-Pfohl |
| | | P. M. | A Bright and Wonderful Day—Skillings |
| November | 8 | A. M. | In Mc Abide—Puckett |
| | | P. M. | The Illusive Dream—Owens (From "A Better Life") |
| November | 15 | A. M. | Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded—Hasting-Lovan |
| | | P. M. | I Want the World to Know—Skillings (From "The Happy Side") |
| November | 22 | A. M. | America the Beautiful—Ward-Gardner |
| | | P. M. | He Died In My Place—Owens |
| November | 25 | P. M. | Thanksgiving Service—
Eternal Father Strong to Save—Dykes-Treharne |
| November | 29 | A. M. | He, Watching Over Israel—Mendelssohn (From "Elijah") |
| | | P. M. | Is There Really a God?—Skillings (From "The Happy Side") |
| December | 6 | A. M. | While By My Sleep—Jungst |
| | | P. M. | Nobody Cared—Owens (From "Young World") |
| December | 13 | A. M. | Gloria—Vivaldi (From "Gloria") |
| | | P. M. | Youth and Children's Choirs' Christmas Program |
| December | 20 | A. M. | Glory to God In the Highest—Pergolesi |
| December | 24 | P. M. | Candlelight Service—Sanctuary Choir |
| December | 27 | A. M. | Honor and Glory—Vivaldi (From "Gloria") |
| | | P. M. | Student Night at Christmas
We're Gonna Change This Land—Oldenburg (From "Good News") |
| January | 5 | A. M. | Open My Eyes—McFarlane |
| | | P. M. | Do You Really Care—Oldenburg—(From "Good News") |
| January | 10 | A. M. | Break Forth, O Beautious Heavenly Light—Bach (From "Christmas Oratorio") |
| | | P. M. | Wake Up and Live—Oldenburg (From "Good News") |
| January | 17 | A. M. | G'orious and Powerful—Vivaldi (From "Gloria") |
| | | P. M. | Now Let Heaven and Earth Adore Thee—Bach (From "Sleepers, Wake!") |
| January | 24 | A. M. | Baptist Men's Day—MEN'S CHOIR
A Psalm of Faith—Butler; Come, Come Ye Saints—Burroughs |
| January | 31 | A. M. | Glory to God—Bach |
| | | P. M. | A Better Life—Owens (From "A Better Life") |

N. C. Baptist State Convention

November 9, 10, 11

Most states have grouped the ministers of music into a choral group to sing for various denominational gatherings in their states. Recently 58 North Carolina ministers of music formed a similar choir. We will sing a concert at this convention. Let me modestly say that the sound is terrific!

Entertainment At Christmas

This year our young people's ensemble and my wife and I will present entertainment to church and civic functions across our county. Usually the calendar is filled by November 15. If you are interested in having either the ensemble or the Ramsey's, please call the music office. A great number of programs is given each Christmas; and we consider this worthwhile because it offers us the opportunity, as messengers of God and His church, to remind individuals that Christmas is a time to remember the One who came, lived, and died that we could have life everlasting.

Good News Singers of America

The recording has been shipped. After the singers have had an additional opportunity to purchase extra recordings, the rest will be made available to the public for \$5.00 each. Concerts have

been accepted in Raleigh, Fayetteville, and Wilmington; and the profit will be used for this expense.

On Tuesday evening, November 3, the Good News Singers will serve as waiters and waitresses at our Leadership Banquet. They will sing several selections after the meal.

On Saturday, November 21, the choir will travel to Wilmington to sing for the State Jaycee Meeting. Governor Scott will speak. You will remember that the North Carolina Jaycees staged for the singers the elaborate sendoff in Charlotte before the tour. This is another step to implant a witness for Christ to these young men, many of whom have great influence on our way of life in North Carolina.

Evangelistic Conference

February 1, 2

This may be early but I want you to know about it, so you can be interested. Each year the Evangelistic Conference is the high light in spiritual enrichment. This year on Tuesday evening a special Youth Evangelism Night is being held in the Greensboro Coliseum. A youth choir of 2,000 is being assembled. Many of our youth will be attending. Dr. Leighton Ford, Evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will be the preacher. Think about driving down February 2. It will be a time to remember.

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