

# Opti - Topics

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Thursday evening brought our annual Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn. Gay and Jim Pepper had everything set in advance with 2 lovely poinsettias adorning each table. We started the evening with a blessing by Sidney Sandridge, followed by our Pledge of Allegiance.

After a served dinner we were treated to the reading of a Christmas Story by Stephanie Hancock, one of the youth leaders at Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church. The name of the story is "The Heart Story," talked about the true meaning of Christmas and concluded with "Keep the belief of Christmas in your heart."

This was followed by the drawing of numbers for the ensuing "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Gay warned that bad language and hitting were not allowed. Gifts were handled by Santa and Sandy Santa (Paul and Sandy Page). Both were outstanding in their new outfits. Numbers 1 and 2 were drawn by Jack and Patti Fauble and we were off to the races. There were dozens of gifts including such items as Cracker Barrel cups, Auburn ornaments, a box of games, a handmade Christmas apron, candy, gift cards, an Auburn Tiger, a Christmas tree night light, a Roll Tide apron, and many others. It was a exciting exchange enjoyed by everyone, although Jim Berry had a hard time keeping a gift.

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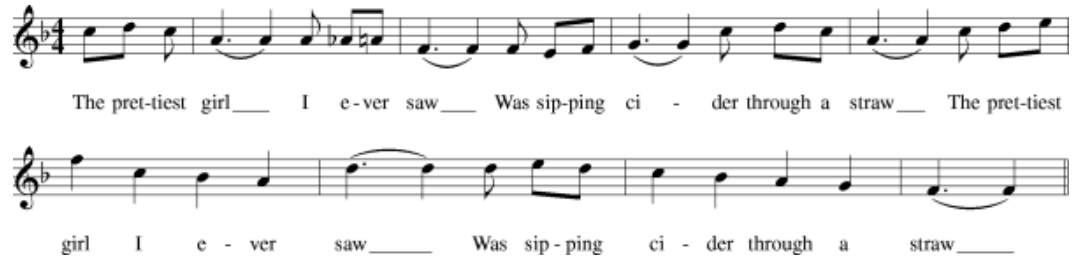
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After everyone's pulse and blood pressure returned to normal, we spent time singing Christmas songs led by Tim Williams. At one point during the singing of Twelve Days of Christmas, Nicholas Williams got us laughing so hard that it was hard to finish the song.

Before closing out a wonderful evening with the reciting of our Creed, Sidney led us in our traditional singing of Sipping Cider.



The pret-tiest girl I e-ver saw Was sip-ping ci - der through a straw The pret-tiest girl I e - ver saw Was sip - ping ci - der through a straw

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.**

## CALENDAR

- 12/13 Monday 6:00 pm  
**Christmas Charities on Jordan Lane**  
**Sorting Christmas Gifts**
- 12/16 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting -**
- 12/23 Thursday  
**NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 12/30 Thursday  
**NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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