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## The World's People Cannot Wait

“Nearly two thousand years ago the Lord Jesus Christ entrusted to his followers the task of making the gospel of his saving grace known to all people. All too often we have acted as though the world would wait for us to bring the message, seeming to forget sometimes that during our lifetime countless souls die without the knowledge of Jesus as Saviour.”

J. O. Percy



I N V I T E To Attend Church This Sunday

To Attend Sunday School

SOMEONE To Attend Training Union or Seminar

To Attend the Prayer Service

## AN OPEN LETTER TO A THEATRE MANAGER

The ads in the paper have been too large and too numerous to be overlooked. "By overwhelming demand" your theatre will continue to show SEX AND THE SINGLE GIRL for a "second" big week. I could wish that the decent people in this city had demanded that the showings be discontinued immediately.

How tragic it is when sex is exploited in such a sickening way. Many of the movies being shown, not only in your theatre but in most of them in the city, degrade that which God intended to be a thing of supreme beauty.

It is hard for me to conceive of Christian people seeing this type of picture. I would like to think that every born-again Christian belonging to the First Baptist Church has avoided your theatre like a plague during this showing, for you see, sir, this is what it is—a plague. It may be that you do not see the end results of such a picture, but I do. This is why I feel compelled to write you this letter.

In recent months the citizens of our community have shown great concern about the purity of our water supply. At the same time the pollution of the heart and mind continues at an unprecedented rate. It has well been said, "We are not what we think we are, but what we think—we are!" Jesus said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Surely we are not foolish enough to suppose there is no relationship between such movies as the one being currently shown in your theatre and the astounding increase in all types of immorality and sex crimes.

Frankly, sir, the moral decay of our nation from within gives me greater concern than the threat of communism from without. If history teaches any lesson, it is this lesson. It may well be that in its greed for bigger box office receipts, the movie industry will ultimately destroy itself.

The motion picture industry can be used as a great force for good. I for one would like to plead for something wholesome and clean.

A Concerned Parent and Pastor,

*James L. Pleitz*

### SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A. M.

"The Power of Supposing"

(Acts 21:17-22, 29 RSV)

7:15 P.M.

"The Victorious Life

(Proverbs 3:6 ff.)



## BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

### BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

Floridians should be aware of the World-Wide Meeting of Baptists to be held at Miami and Miami Beach, Florida, this coming June 22-30. This Congress of the Baptist World Alliance is held every five years. This is the first time ever to meet in Florida. Past meetings have been held as follows:

London	1905
Philadelphia	1911
Stockholm	1923
Toronto	1928
Berlin	1934
Atlanta	1939
Copenhagen	1947
Cleveland	1950
London	1955
Rio de Janeiro	1960

This grand meeting of our Baptist fellowship will bring representatives from all parts of the world. Some will come from Russia, Europe, Africa, South America, the Far East and other places including America.

Some of our people have expressed an interest in additional information concerning this important meeting of Baptists. Hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible on forms furnished by the Baptist World Congress Housing Bureau, P.O. Box 1511, Miami Beach, Florida.



COME, LET US WORSHIP by J. Winston Pearce is a timely book and should be read by many. Few people receive the full blessing available in a worship experience. Meditation, prayer, Bible reading, and other skills necessary for true worship must be developed. This study of private, family, and public worship outlines techniques, methods, and approaches for strengthening the devotional life. Here is inspiration, insight, and instruction for all who desire more meaningful worship experiences.

BIBLE TRUTH IN PERSON by F. M. Wood is a study of Bible characters. Readers will discover a new kinship with Abraham, Joseph, David, Elijah, the Prodigal Son, the Rich Young Ruler and Peter. A chapter on Jesus, the One whose life is a path to follow, climaxes the book.

L.T.S.

# SUNDAY EVENING SEMINARS

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1965  
AND CONTINUING THROUGH MARCH 28, 1965

## 1. "IMPROVING PUBLIC WORSHIP"

What is the fine art of worship? What are the attitudes, the motives, the emotions, the goals, and the purposes? This Study will deal with the fact of Christian Experiences called worship. It will be based upon the conviction that true worship is man's chief end and his highest function. We will learn to define the term "worship"; yet, more valuable we will learn how to experience it and how to lead others into a knowledge of their need for worship and how to meet this need.

## 2. "TEACHING THE BIBLE"

An examination of our teaching task, how we are doing, some areas for improvement, methods and principles of teaching. Designed primarily for those involved in the educational organizations.

## 3. "MISSIONS AT HOME"

A consideration of the cultural, social, and religious differences confronting Southern Baptists in our effort to win the homeland for Christ, including an analysis of our church's responsibility in the local community.

JOIN ONE OF THESE GROUPS SUNDAY, 6:00 P.M.

## FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of our church will be held at the Prayer Service Hour next Wednesday evening, February 10. It is anticipated that the Personnel Committee will have a recommendation concerning the calling of a Director of Youth Education.



## WMS CIRCLES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 a.m.

—T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. R. A. Sansing, 3507 Firestone Boulevard Cordova.

—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Charles Wiggins, 1708 East Bobe Street

—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Irvin Roberts, 1610 West Chase Street

—MARTHA HAYLOCK CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Jack Allen, 725 Corry Road, Warrington

—MAMIE LOU POSEY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Charles Clevenger, 2715 Blackshear Ave.

—DOTTON MILLS CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. B. H. Reeder, 1514 East Moreno St.

—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Ben A. Stevens, Sr., 315 Chattman Street

—BERNICE NEEL CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Raymond Edwards, 333 Silver Road, with Mrs. W. H. Coker, Sr., Co-Hostess.

—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. W. A. Webb, 3820 Molaree Drive

—DONALD LANGFORD CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Eilly Renfroe, 721 Gentian Drive, Woodland Heights

—CLARICE ASHMORE CIRCLE will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church

2:30 p.m.

—HARVEY HEADRICK CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. A. L. Stanton, 1500 E. Bobe St.

6:00 p.m.

—WMS NIGHT SOCIETY Supper-Program

Leader . . . Jerry Howell

Leader . . . Clyde K. Bizzell

Leader . . . Wm. C. Carr, Jr.

## BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8  
Beginning With Supper At 6:15 P.M.

The Guest Speaker Will Be  
Commander George Hamilton, USN



CMDR. GEORGE HAMILTON

Commander Hamilton is a veteran of 29 years of Naval Service. He entered the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman and has risen through the ranks to the grade of Commander.

In World War II he was an enlisted pilot in the Pacific. He served 2 tours in Korea in charge of helicopter rescue detachments. During his second tour in Korea, he was stationed at the United Nations Peace Camp where the negotiations for the repatriation of American prisoners took place.

His combat decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Unit Commendation.

Cdr. Hamilton has traveled extensively throughout the United States as a public speaker for the Navy and in 1958 he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his contribution to the creation of a better understanding between the Navy and the general public.

He is presently assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Air Training as a Special Projects Officer.

Make your reservation for supper Sunday.



"When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart and not around the head."

**READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY**  
Reading for the week February 7-12  
**Numbers 9-34**

**SAVE THIS NIGHT**  
**March 9, 1965**

Watch next week's Builder for details

**Let's Go To Church On Sunday Nights**

By Dr. Franklin Owen  
Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Let's go to church Sunday nights. You used to, before TV. Are you willing to cancel out the values of the Sunday evening church activities and the value of your own influence on others because of a TV program or two? If so, your Christianity has lost some of its zing.

Let's go to church on Sunday nights. You used to, before you acquired this circle of unchurched friends who have had more influence over you than you have had over them. Surely you aren't willing to cancel the influence of Sunday night church services in favor of a little social circle that is unwilling to use six other nights for secular fellowship.

Let's go to church on Sunday nights. You used to, when friendships made on the basis of the common Lordship of Christ were the friendships dearest to you. Do you think it would be well if we turned out the lights and joined the host of churches that have found it necessary to cut the Lord's Day in half?

Let's go to church on Sunday nights. Our fathers did. Old ministers used to announce that services would begin "at lamp lighting time." Their religious devotions grew the moral fiber that largely made our culture what it is. Is yours as strong as theirs? Will the future be as strong? Your children's world, for instance?

Let's go to church on Sunday nights. Jesus did. It was in the Upper Room at eventide, on the first day of the week, that our Lord appeared after the Emmaus travelers reported His being "made known to them in the breaking of bread." In fact, our custom of first day of the week (Lord's Day) worship began with Sunday night services during Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.

Let's all begin attending church on Sunday nights.

See you then.



**CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAMS**

Our teams play next week as follows:

Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Team vs. Myrtle Grove Baptist

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Boys Team vs. Gonzalez Baptist



There is an old Jewish legend about the origin of praise. After God created mankind, says the legend, He asked the angels what they thought of the world He had made. "Only one thing is lacking," they said. "It is the sound of praise to the Creator." So, the story continues, "God created music, the voice of birds, the whispering wind, the murmuring ocean, and planted melody in the hearts of men."

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All material to be included in The Builder  
should be in the office, preferably in writing,  
not later than 9:00 A.M. Mondays.



**LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY**

Sunday School Attendance	1,158
Members Present	1,112
New Members	4
Visitors	42
Training Union Attendance	290
Members Present	276
New Members	7
Visitors	7
Additions to church membership	2
Baptized	3
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	5,579.78
Specials	295.42
Building Fund	13.00
TOTAL OFFERING	5,868.20



**BIBLE STUDY WEEK**

Many of our people responded in a very fine way to our Annual January Bible Study Week. From every hand have come expressions of appreciation for the splendid way in which Dr. Garland led us in this study. Of course, the other teachers did a good job, too. The most impressive thing about this year's Bible Study Week was the high percentage of those who attended every session. Those who started, stayed with us through the week. That's a good sign.

Those who missed any session and are interested in credit will need to do the required make up work. If you are not sure what this involves, the office will be glad to furnish this information.

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- \*9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron Guthrie, Supt.
- \*11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Pastor Broadcast over WCOA
- 4:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- \*6:00 p.m.—Training Union and Sunday Evening Seminars Homer Reed, Director
- \*7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship, Pastor
- 8:15 p.m.—Intermediate Teentime will meet at the Church. Senior Teentime will meet at the home of Bill Taylor, 208 Firethorn Rd., Gulf Breeze

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- 6:15 p.m.—Brotherhood Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Deacon's Meeting

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 10:00 a.m.—See WMS Circles
- 6:00 p.m.—WMS Night Society Supper-Program
- 7:30 p.m.—Joy Class meets with Mrs. Charles Danforth, 1700 E. Hatton St.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- \*4:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs
- \*5:50 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
- \*6:30 p.m.—Teacher's & Officers Meeting. Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
- \*7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Business Meeting
- \*8:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 7:30 p.m.—Bykota Class Party at the home of Mrs. Charles Fosha, 3214 W. Gonzalez St.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 6:00 p.m.—Charles Mullins Circle Steak Supper Averetts—2015 E. Cross St.
- \*6:30 p.m.—Married Young People's Sweetheart Banquet, Dining Hall
- 6:30 p.m.—Ruth Class, Ad. A, Potluck Supper at Mrs. Wayne Mowe's, 624 Berkley Drive

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 7:00 p.m.—Business & Professional Training Union Department Social. Fellowship Hall

\*Indicates nursery will open 15 minutes prior to the time indicated above.



**NEW MEMBERS**

ON PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST:  
7. Mrs. Lee Daniel (Loretta),  
2340 N. Escambia

BY LETTER:

71. Mr. Ernie Botkin, 3681 Swan Lane  
From: Parkland Baptist Church,  
Tulsa, Okla.

BAPTIZED:

Mrs. Lee Daniel  
Mrs. Jerry M. Dunagan  
Mrs. Louie A. Mauney

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
FOR FEBRUARY**

**Mr. James C. Rountree  
Mr. David L. Raley**