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LEARN TO SHARE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST

DURING THE LAY EVANGELISM SCHOOL APRIL 9-12

The two spiritual objectives of the school are:

- (1) To help each Christian experience a full and meaningful life in Jesus Christ, and
- (2) To help each Christian to share his personal testimony in simple and effective faith.



The Lay Evangelism School is open to Youth and Adults, but prior registration is necessary. If you have not registered, call the Church Office now.

Leading our School will be James A. Ponder, Director of Evangelism, Florida Baptist Convention. Mr. Ponder has been involved in the development and writing of the materials which are used in the Lay Evangelism School.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"revivals — AND REVIVALS"

The "revival meeting" has been with us a long time. There are a number of great revivals mentioned in the New Testament.



One has only to casually read the Book of Acts to have this fact confirmed.

Most Baptist Churches have a revival meeting each year. In too many cases, the meeting is just a meeting — and not a real revival. There's nothing quite as boring as "just another meeting" nor is there anything quite

as exciting as being caught up in a REAL REVIVAL!

Last week in Athens, Alabama, God gave me an opportunity to be involved in a REAL REVIVAL. Prior to arriving in Athens (in the rain on a Sunday afternoon) I'd never been in the church. My acquaintance with the pastor, Fred Lackey, consisted of a handshake at the Alabama Youth Convention. I really didn't expect to be involved in a revival. A meeting — yes — but not a real revival. In spite of my little faith, God blessed in an amazing way.

The crowds were unbelievable. The church was packed for every service. There were 30 or 35 professions of faith, Sunday-Thursday nights. I'm not sure what happened on Friday. In all probability the Spirit of God convicted many others of their need for Jesus Christ.

REVIVALS don't just happen. (Read through the Book of Acts again. This time NOT too casually.) Someone paid the price.

They paid the price in PRAYER. The Lord has said "Call upon me and I will show you great and mighty things." The greatest power at our disposal is the power of prayer. I'm absolutely amazed at the power of even a faltering prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer, even though you're not a perfectionist. I've seen lives changed in recent days because of prayer.

The price was paid in the COMMITMENT of the people. During the week the membership of the church dropped everything else to be present. A lot of business men rearranged their schedules in order to be in the services. They brought their lost friends and acquaintances with them to the revival. It was quite obvious that the members of the church really cared. They were committed to the hilt.

They also paid the price in SHARING. I don't think I've ever been in a church where people felt more compelled to witness for the Lord Jesus. Not only the adults, but even the young people, were sharing in a most natural way what Jesus Christ meant to them.

In a few weeks, we're going to be involved in either a REVIVAL MEETING

REACHING OUT

There is no substitute for visitation in reaching people. Letters are good, telephone calls are wonderful, but nothing is quite as effective as ringing that door bell.

I once heard of a young lady and young man who planned to marry but the man was transferred to another city for one year. The couple decided to wait until he returned to be married. The man promised the young lady he would write her every day; on holidays and Sundays he would send her letters special delivery so that she would receive a letter everyday. 365 days passed. Everyone of those 365 days the postman walked to her front door and handed her a letter. At the end of the year she had a beautiful wedding where she and the postman were married!

YES, VISITATION PAYS!

You will be hearing much about April 28 in the near future. This is our next Survey date. Clear your calendar and plan to help us.

Bro. Bob

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	New Riders	Visits
1	Barbara Ann Yonker	20	1	13
2	M. Dickson-B. Royal	33	1	56
3	Rat Trigg	26	0	40
4	D. Williams-M. Hurt	21	0	32
5	Bennie Pope	22	0	0
6	Jim Prim	19	0	30
7	J. Schappaugh-D. Clay	33	1	50
		174	3	221
Workers		49		

Total on Buses 223

It was hard to decide which bus was the honor bus for this week. Both No. 2 and No. 7 each had 33 riders.

Due to the fact that No. 7 has 38 enrolled and Bus No. 2 has 50 enrolled, we are going to call No. 7 the honor bus. (Sorry about that Max and Elton).

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

7:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY JAMES PONDER

or just a meeting. I sincerely hope and pray that we will pay the price for, if so, God's Holy Spirit will move through our midst. Lives will be changed and we will experience real revival.

Nearly 200 of you have already made a commitment to be present for the Lay Evangelism School next week. This is a good sign. (It's not too late for YOU to be involved!)

I'm looking forward to seeing you Sunday in God's House. Pray much for the services.

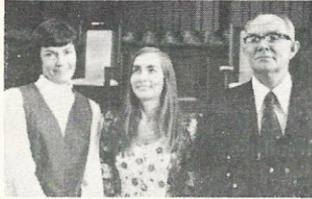
Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



*Mr. & Mrs. Donald Gilbert
(Also pictured is Mark)*



*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Horne
& Michelle*



*Mrs. Delores Hutton
James and Ray*



Mrs. J. R. Korndorffer



Lori Urban

Also received was Mrs. W. E. Tomblin, whose picture was not available.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. John David (Sue) Gilbert, Mrs. H. L. Schlevoight, Mr. W. T. Osborn

Sacred Heart

John Feldman

Naval Hospital

Mr. G. B. Lowe

*University of Alabama Hospital,
Birmingham, Alabama*

Mr. Neil Blue

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Charles (Toni) Clevenger, Mrs. Ola Rampey, Mrs. Anita C. Brown, Mr. W. T. Creel, Mrs. Flossie McDaniel, Teresa A. Markham, Ricky and Bill Sears, Mr. C. W. Kingry

Sympathy To:

Mr. George Lewis in the loss of his Mother.

Congratulations To:

Mary Roth and Sam Lindsey on their marriage March 31.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 8: "The Living Water"

John 4:4-29.

Monday, April 9: "The Meat of God's Will"

John 4:31-42.

Tuesday, April 10: "Food from God's Word"

John 5:36-47.

Wednesday, April 11: "Food for the Hungry"

John 6:1-13.

Thursday, April 12: "Bread from Heaven"

John 6:25-40.

Friday, April 13: "The Living Bread"

John 6:41-58.

Saturday, April 14: "The Unique Christ"

John 7:37-53.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of

MASTER MICHAEL TODD GILBERT

son of

Mr. and Mrs. John David Gilbert

born March 27, 1973

"ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTORS"



Richard Sellers and Joe Brookins are serving as Arrangements Directors for the Lay Evangelism School. They will help us to be sure that we have enough chairs for every person who has registered.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. E. L. Derby and are given by Mr. E. L. Derby.

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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 WEEK

The Church in Study1327
Main Sunday School1314
Crippled Children's Home 13
The Church in Training784
Christian Training Hour239
Other Training Activities545
Baptized8
Tithes and Offerings:
Budget\$ 9,833.49
Specials 747.45
TOTAL OFFERING\$10,580.94

**"ALL OF THESE
GO IN THE PACKET"**



Allison Chestnut and T. H. Blackmon are shown here discussing with James Ponder the materials needed for the Lay Evangelism School.

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, April 8

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Member's Class, Session No. 2
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Lord's Supper
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

Monday, April 9

- * 7:00-9:00 P.M.—Lay Evangelism School

Tuesday, April 10

- * 7:00-9:00 P.M.—Lay Evangelism School

Wednesday, April 11

- * 7:00- 9:00 P.M.—Lay Evangelism School
- 9:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, April 12

- 9:00-11:00 A.M.—International's meeting
- * 7:00-9:00 P.M.—Lay Evangelism School

Saturday, April 14

- 9:30-11:30 A.M.—GA Rally,
Central Baptist Church

BAPTIZED

APRIL 1, 1973

Mrs. Roxana Dawson
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Horne
Michelle Horne
Mrs. Delores Hutton
James Hutton
Raymond Hutton
Lori Urban

FOCUS ON FIRST FOLKS

Janice Wiggins was elected Treasurer of the Student Body for the year 1973-74 at Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C. She was also on the Dean's List for the Fall Term.