

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY



What is the trouble in America? One of Britians leading psychiatrists says it is wealth and women. If this is it, then both are necessary evils. For we have been penny-pinching for years and yet the cost of living reveals that living costs!

"Americans are the most worried people in the world", so says Dr. Joshua Bierer. He explodes the old idea that plenty of wealth produces happiness. His theory is that women are responsible for the situation because they are trying to rule society. "The American man works himself to death at 40 or 50 and leaves rich widows. When men become goody "goodies" the women have nothing to look up to and she becomes unhappy and makes the man unhappy."

He further states that the whole American way of life is in danger. At this point we would all agree. We are trying to buy a certain kind of life and happiness. Some have plans for family happiness and security through wealth.

The psychiatrist may be right on his two points, however, the Bible tells us that sin is at the root of all social disorder. There is nothing wrong with wealth or women. The evil is in the management of each. The real trouble in the U. S. and in Britain is within the hearts of all citizens — men as well as women are liable at this point. "For all have sinned" — not some — not a few — not the poor — not the rich, but "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God".

We concede that some of the emotional and moral problems could be improved by up-grading the womanhood of America, also, by putting wealth to work for a good cause.

SPECIAL REVIVAL PREPARATION

All Sunday School Superintendents will meet next Wednesday, April 27.

SCHEDULE

Church-Wide Supper 5:45-6:25 P.M.
Superintendents Mtg. 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Special Business Meeting
and Prayer Service 7:30-8:15 P. M.
Adult Choir Practice 8:30 P.M.

Please sign the Supper Reservation List this Sunday!

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, APRIL 27, 7:30 P.M.

To Consider The Following:

1. Report of Nominations from Deacons.
2. Report from Property Committee on Air Conditioner and Fire Extinguishers.
3. Report from Special Committee on Baptistery.
4. Report from Church Council.
5. Report from Committee on evangelism.
6. Report from Music Committee.
7. Any new items of interest to the church.

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Sincerely, No. 23506

WHEN WILL THE REVIVAL BEGIN?

This question has been asked several times recently. Usually the simple answer May 9 is given. However, when one considers the true meaning of revival, a date on the calendar will not suffice.

REVIVAL at South Norfolk Baptist Church will begin when

- Church people really want a revival;
- Our people begin praying for revival — individually, as families, in Sunday School classes;
- Our people are willing to attend the services in God's house with regularity and faithfulness;
- Our people are aware of friend, neighbors, and loved ones who are lost and without hope;
- A spirit of concern prevails in each church activity;
- Our Sunday School workers make a concerted effort to reach those already enrolled in Sunday School who are not church members and many other unreached people in the community;
- "... my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14)

THEN . . . we will see the beginning of revival at South Norfolk Baptist Church.

(Adapted)