

# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

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## The 39th General Baptist Convention Will Convene

The 39th annual Session of the General Baptist Convention of the Northwest will convene July 28, August 4, 1991 at the O.B. Williams Convention Center, 220 N.E. Beech Street. Dr. O.B. Williams, President for the past 39 years, along with Pastors and Churches of the City of Portland, is expecting a record number of delegates to this year's session. The session will consist of services, lectures, seminars, and meeting of the auxiliaries and boards of the Convention, which includes 40 churches in Oregon and Washington, making this the largest regional convention of black baptists. Dr. Williams will be delivering his 39th Annual Message as President on Sunday, August 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Special guest of the Convention will be Dr. S.J. Gilbert, Sr. Pastor, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Houston, Texas and General Secretary of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America. He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Alyce Gilbert, who works faithfully at Mt. Sinai with the Youth and Children's Ministries and is the "Hour of Power" coordinator for the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America Ministers' Wives Auxiliary. Dr. Gilbert will preach nightly at the 7:00 p.m. evening worship.

The Convention will begin on Sunday, July 28 at 4:30 p.m. with the Ushers Annual Day. This service will be held at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 North Vancouver, Portland, Oregon. Dr. O.B. Williams, Pastor. The guest speaker for the Ushers will be Rev. Robert C. Jinter of New Hebron, Mississippi, who will

be preaching throughout the week for the Ushers Auxiliary during their Morning and afternoon sessions beginning on Wednesday.

The Boards of the Convention (Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Evangelical, and Educational) will sponsor a Joint Board Worship on Monday, July 29 at the O.B. Williams Convention Center at 7:00 p.m. Dr. A. Bernard Devers, I, Pastor, Progressive Baptist, Seattle, Washington will be the speaker.

On Tuesday, July 30 will be the grand Pre-Convention Musical and Welcome Program. This year's musical promises to be a great highlight as the choirs of the city will be singing. Ms. Eva N. Miles, Chorister of the Convention will be coordinating this gala event.

The Convention opens properly on Wednesday, July 31 with a Prayer Hour at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Memorial Hour at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Walter M. Brown, Jr., New Hope Baptist, Portland, will be preaching. At 10:00 a.m. Dr. Williams will officially call the convention to order and Dr. J.A. Boles, Sr. of St. John Baptist, Tacoma will bring the Bible Lesson. Rev. Charles Dickerson, Galilee, Moses Lake will Present the Theme (God's Available Power for Service), and Rev. James C.E. Faulkner, St. Paul, Portland will deliver the Introductory Sermon.

Scheduled to discuss the theme throughout the week are: Rev. John Eberhardt, Pilgrim Rest, Yakima; Rev. Howard A. Robinson, Jr., Berean, Seattle; Dr. Wilbert Reed, Sr., New Direction, Seattle; Rev. R.L. Stone,

New Jerusalem, Yakima; Dr. Robert L. Jeffrey, Sr., New Hope, Seattle; Rev. J.G. Myers, Union, Longview; Dr. J.A. Boles, St. John, Tacoma; and Rev. Robt. E. Houston, Sr., Greater St. Stephen, Portland.

Ministers that will be preaching throughout the week include: Rev. Raymon H. Edwards, Sr., True Vine, Portland; Rev. M.J. Thornton, Greater Friendship, Seattle; and Dr. R.A. Allen, Boyd Memorial, LaGrande.

Giving leadership to the Auxiliaries throughout the week will be: Mrs. Elnora Wayne (Senior Women), Mrs. O.B. Williams (Mission #2), Mrs. Carolyn Cotton (Junior Women), Mrs. Wilma Pitre (Children's Department), Rev. A. Bernard Devers, II (Youth), Mr. Woodrow Bryant (Ushers), Mr. Henry A. Knight (Brotherhood), and Ms. Danella Bletson (Nurses).

Officers of the Convention include: Drs. F.A. Allen and Joe S. Hardie (Vice Presidents); Dr. C.M. Neal (Vice President At Large); Dr. W.P. Johnson (Vice President Emeritus); Rev. Robt. E. Houston, Sr., (Recording Secretary); Mrs. Mary Marbles (Corresponding Secretary); Mrs. Oneida L. Warren (Financial Secretary Emeritus); Dr. Wilbert Reed, Sr. (Treasurer); Rev. C.L. Buhl (Chairman of Finance); Rev. Raymon H. Edwards, Sr. (Co-Chairman of Finance).

For more information regarding the 39th Annual Session, please call either Rev. Robt. E. Houston, Sr., Recording Secretary at 287-6691 or Ms. Otharyn E. Rand, Financial Secretary at 282-9496. The Exec-U-Lodge at the Convention Center will be the Headquarters Hotel.

## The Family--Changes

BY MARGARET J. ISSACS

No matter what kind of changes occur in our lives; a new job or life style - a new baby - a new husband or wife - a death - changes need to be wrapped in prayer.

We need strength and patience to adapt to changes, and wisdom to initiate changes, and wisdom to initiate changes, and prayer is the connecting link that provides us with knowledge and inspiration from God. The power of the Holy Spirit is released through prayer. As we face the challenges that changes bring to our lives, we must be persistently and increasingly people of prayer.

We must learn to live as simply as possible, keeping focus on serving mankind. We must learn to use what we have for as long as we can. We must raise "Global Christian" by educating our children about the needs of others and how we are all dependent on each other. The "dog eat dog" syndrome has no place in the christian family. As difficult as it seems, it is our christian obligation to become better steward of our God-given gifts of creation.

Changes are inevitable. We experience changes on a regular ongoing basis. Some changes are gradual and long termed, such as aging. Some can happen in the blink of an eye and affect the rest of our lives. Some are planned and caused to happen. Some changes we have no control over and they will hit us like a ton of bricks. Strong confidence is needed in the fear of God and he always has a refuge prepared for those who love and him trust him. Proverbs 14:26; Isaiah 16:4; II Corinthians 12:9. We can do all

things through God who strengthen us. Philippians 4:13.

In mystery and silence, God is present in our changes. He brings new life out of change, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We must learn to see God's hand in the unfolding of our lives. We must learn to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may know the joy God gives to his people.

We must stop apologizing for our lives, our circumstance, our lot in life. Live for the glory of God, using whatever we have internally and externally, making a point to place God in the forefront. Shed the guilt, be consistent, love on purpose (conscious effort), become vulnerable, enjoy being a child of God. God will not allow change to destroy his temple. Share your true feelings with God, God can handle them and will not turn away from his children. I Cor. 3:16-17.

There will be changes in the church, on our jobs, in our homes and some of these changes will hurt us deeply, but be reassured that our God does not place on us more than we can bear. He places more opportunities before us than we can see or comprehend. We should not must not become caught up in our own hopes, plans and fantasies, (and so crushed when they disappoint us), that we close our eyes to the open pathways God sets before us. We must open our eyes and accept the changes offered us (the new life), for by so doing we go on in grace and show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God will judge the immoral and adulterous. We must keep our lives free

from the love of money, and be content with what we have; for God said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Therefore we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid," what can man do to me? Hebrews 13:2-6.

It is our innermost attitudes, belief, and thoughts that are responsible more than any other factor, for our successful handling of the changes that will come in our lives; or for our failure to handle the changes that must come in the lives of all who exist. Negative attitudes and beliefs; blaming others for the problems of our race, our family, is self defeating and leads me to believe that we have no true foundation in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Unleash your inner power, set your vision, build a winning self-image. Psalm 32:8 says "I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress." Psalm 25:12 "Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best."

"The Lord is the one who goes ahead of us. He will be with us. He will not fail us nor forsake us. Do not fail us nor forsake us. Do not fear (change), or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8. James 4:7-Submit yourselves to God; humble yourselves before God, James 4:10. Hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lamentations 3:26 KJV. God bless you and the changes in your life as you grow in Christ and service to mankind.

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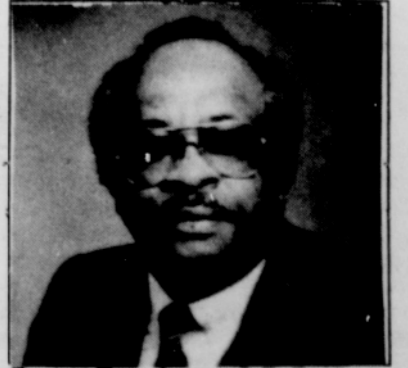
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Sunday School  
9:30  
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Theme: Whatever you're going to do  
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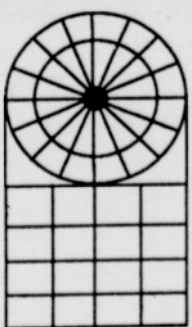
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