



DR. POERSCHKE

Dr. Poerschke To Speak At First Baptist

Dr. Robert E. Poerschke, Associate Professor of Religious Education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will bring the morning and evening messages, Sunday, June 25, at First Baptist Church. The pastor, the Rev. John W. Steen, is away on vacation.

Dr. Poerschke is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson Senior High, Port Arthur, Tex. He earned his BA degree from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Ed.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary and Teachers College of Columbia University, N. Y.

He is married to the former Katherine Kendrick of Greenville, S. C., and the couple have two children.

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'Preparation Week' Begins Sunday

Seminary Professor Will Speak At Baptist Church

Sunday School and other training organizations of Smithfield's First Baptist Church will launch a new year October 1, and the church will observe "Preparation Week" from September 17 to September 24.

Pastor John Ryberg has announced that an associate professor of religious education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will speak at the church on two occasions as emphasis is placed upon Christian training. He is Dr. Robert E. Poerschke, who joined the faculty at the seminary in Wake Forest last year.

Dr. Poerschke will speak this Sunday night (September 17) on "The Why of Christian Training in the Church." The service will begin at 8:15.

On Wednesday night (September 20), he will speak at an 8 o'clock service on "The How of Christian Training in the Church." The Wednesday night service will follow a 6:30 supper for education workers of the church. The group will include leaders of the Sunday School, the Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Music Ministry.

Preparation Week will begin Sunday morning, when educational officers of the church for the new year will be elected at the 11 o'clock worship service. A church nominating committee, led by Chairman Oliver Fleming and Co-chairman W. O. Buie, will submit its report for action by Baptist Church members.

Pastor Ryberg, at the Sunday morning worship service, will preach on "Fish and Men: A Value Judgement."

Prior to the Sunday night service featuring the message by Dr. Poerschke, a Training Union Rally will be held in the church auditorium beginning at 7:30.

The celebration of Preparation Week will reach a climax on Sunday, September 24, which is designated as Promotion Day

in the Sunday School and Training Union.

Dr. Poerschke comes to First Baptist Church with a background of wide experience in religious education. He was director of religious activities at Furman University in 1946-47; minister of education at Charlotte's Myers Park Baptist Church from 1947 to 1956; and minister at Baptist churches in Siler City, Jacksonville, Fla., and Birmingham, Ala., from 1956 to 1966.

A native of Rochester, N. Y., he was graduated from high school in Port Arthur, Texas; was awarded an A. B. degree at Furman University in 1941; received a Th. M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1944; and received an Ed. D. degree from Union Theological Seminary and Teachers College of Columbia University, New York, in 1959.

He served two years as a U. S. naval chaplain from 1944 to



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1947. He was assigned to duty in Okinawa and North China.