

(Pastor, if you are observing OMTSJ Sunday on a Sunday other than October 1, 2000, modify the first paragraph or begin with, "Our church will be observing "On Mission to Share Jesus Sunday on ...give date.)

Dear Church Members,

Our church will be observing "On Mission To Share Jesus" Sunday the first Sunday of October. This comes just 90 days before the beginning of the third millennium A.D. Your church leaders and I have been praying and preparing for this special day in the life of our church for several weeks. I want to explain to you what it is all about.

We are planning for a very special morning service, dedicated to helping each of us make decisions concerning what our church, our homes, and our individual lives will be like in the next millennium. Jesus has told us in Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world." That means we should all be like *lighthouses*. We want our church to be a *Lighthouse Church*. We want the dwelling places of our families to be *Lighthouse Homes*. Individual believers can become *Lighthouse Christians—On Mission to Share Jesus*.

What is a *Lighthouse Christian*? A "Lighthouse Christian" is one who has discovered ways to shine the light of Jesus and bring lost people to Him. Every lighthouse is different, so we do not all have to do it the same way, but we all need to make the decisions that will help us focus on receiving *and* giving His Light. I am enclosing a copy of the Lighthouse Covenant. I would like to ask you to pray about being a Lighthouse Christian and part of a Lighthouse Church. If you have questions please call the church. I appreciate the opportunity of serving as your pastor.

Prayerfully,

Your Pastor

On Mission to Share Jesus

Dear Pastor,

The theme for On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday (OMTSJ)-2000 is "Lighthouse Christians—On Mission to Share Jesus." OMTSJ Sunday is a special Sunday on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar when many pastors and churches schedule services designed to call on believers to share Jesus during the upcoming year. While the 2000 OMTSJ Sunday's suggested emphasis is October 1, 2000, churches may choose to observe it on another Sunday that best fits their schedule and evangelism emphasis. We also recommend that an Evangelism Launch Service be held on Sunday evening of your OMTSJ Sunday.

Many churches have worked hard toward the goals of Celebrate Jesus 2000. Some churches have actually completed the goals of praying for and sharing the gospel with every person on their field. For most, however, there is still much to be done. The 2000 OMTSJ Toolkit is designed to save you time and help you mobilize your church to reach its goals and move into the new millennium with an exciting God-led evangelism strategy.

The "Lighthouse" concept has been sweeping America, especially during the past year. Being a "Lighthouse church" communicates so well what Jesus told us to do, "Let your light so shine" (Matt. 5:16). Lighthouse churches are churches that are made up of "Lighthouse Christians." Lighthouse Christians are believers who understand it is their commission to share Jesus. On OMTSJ Sunday morning, you can present the call for believers to shine the light of Christ in their world. On Sunday evening you can call on the church body to unite behind the church's evangelism goals and plans for the year.

Special features of the 2000 OMTSJ Toolkit include a booklet containing seven sermon outlines on "The Reality of Heaven and Hell," by preachers whose names you will probably recognize. When you add your content to these highly motivational outlines, the Lord can use your messages to prepare God's people to make commitments to share Jesus with conviction and holy boldness. Another feature is a special drama script adapted from Nate Adam's incredible story, "Inside the Lighthouse." A sermon idea written especially to follow the drama is included. With it are outlined notes pages that may be reproduced for your congregation. You will also find a completed copy of the sermon outline that you may wish to incorporate into a PowerPoint presentation or series of overheads for use as you preach. Additionally, a brochure giving information regarding the new soul-winning training called "The NET" is enclosed.

Look over the contents of this toolkit and feel free to customize these plans to fit your context. These materials can also be downloaded from www.namb.net. I am praying that God will greatly use On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday-2000 to bless your ministry and your church.

Serving Our Savior,

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On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday

Sunday Morning, October 1, 2000 Worship Suggestions
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Prelude	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Founds/Rhodes WORD 301-0510 25x	
Choir	"This Little Light of Mine" Rebold/Marsh PRISM MUSIC (Child soloist, Children's choirs, Youth choir, and Adults) or "Shine the Light of Jesus" Eddie Fargason CRISWELL MUSIC, TSC1001Bartlett	
Invocation		Pastor
Scripture Reading		Matthew 5:14-16
Hymn #557	"People Need the Lord"	Nelson/McHugh
Welcome to Guests		Pastor
Drama	"Inside the Lighthouse"	Adams/Wynn
Fellowship Song #573	"Set My Soul Afire"	Bartlett
Offertory Prayer		Pastor
Choir and Soloist	"The Lighthouse"	Scales
Message	"Lighthouse Christians-On Mission To Share Jesus" Matthew 5:14-16	Pastor
Hymn #570	"Lord, Lay Some Soul upon My Heart"	McKinney
Presentation of Lighthouse Pins and Closing Remarks		Pastor
Parting Chorus	"Carry The Light" (Reprise) Congregation	

Hymns are from the Baptist Hymnal, 1991 Edition

Additional Music List:

For Congregation:

From *The Baptist Hymnal 1991*

- #206 "Blessed Be the Name"
- #572 "I Love to Tell the Story"
- #569 "Make Me a Blessing"
- #216 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

For Choir:

- "Song For The Nations" Christensen, arr. Rouse- INTEGRITY MUSIC 13527
- "Reach The World" Bishop, arr. Kingsmore- LILLENAS PUB. CO.
- "All Over The World" (Let Jesus Shine) Martin/Barrett- GLORYSOUND D-5485

Orchestra Or Instrumental Ensemble

"O For A Thousand Tongues" arr. Allen

Instrumental Music Resources

- "He Is Exalted" Gloryland Band Vol. IV PRISM
- "The Lord Is My Light" arr. Kirkland PRISM

On Mission To Share Jesus The Evangelism Launch Service

Sunday Evening, October 1, 2000 Order of Service

Prelude		Instrumentalists
Hymn #595	"Send the Light"	Gabriel
Hymn #579	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	Kendrick
Prayer		Pastor
Devotional Reading	"You Are Light" EXPERIENCING GOD DAY BY DAY, February 21, Blackaby - BROADMAN and HOLMAN One or two readers	
Children Sing of the Light	"Let Your Light Shine" McMahan-Wilson, arr. Tallant, Van Ness Press - YOUNG MUSICIANS Magazine, Winter 1995 or "Let My Life" Dean, BROADMAN PRESS - YOUNG MUSICIANS Magazine, Winter 97-98	
Hymn #577	"The Old Ship of Zion"	Unknown
Testimony	"A Recent Soul-Winning Experience"	Layperson
Solo	"Share His Love"	Reynolds
Church Leadership Presentation of Evangelistic Plans and Goals		
Offertory Prayer		Pastor
Choir	"Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" (#582)	Coggins
Pastor's Challenge	"A Lighthouse Church"	Pastor
Commitment Instrumental		
Commitment Prayer and Closing Remarks		Pastor
Postlude		Instrumentalists

All of the hymns are included in the Baptist Hymnal, 1991 Edition

Preparation Suggestions for the OMTSJ Sunday Morning Service

1. Make copies of the suggested order of service for worship leader(s). The suggestions are only ideas intended to stir creativity. Make plans for a dynamic, Holy Spirit-filled worship service where the people can hear God calling, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us" (Isa. 6:8)?

2. Make copies of the drama script, "Inside the Lighthouse" for those who will be involved.

3. Special option: order Lighthouse lapel pins to be presented to those who sign the "Lighthouse Covenant."

IMPORTANT: These pins should be ordered as early as possible after you receive this OMTSJ Toolkit to ensure availability. (See order form in this toolkit.)

4. Meet with Sunday School/Bible study leadership. Present the plans for OMTSJ Sunday. Explain the "Lighthouse Covenant" and ask them to explain it in their classes or groups and do all they can to prepare the people to respond to God's leadership. Especially encourage them to list the names of people who need Christ and begin to pray earnestly for them.

5. Make copies of the "Lighthouse Covenant" to be mailed to the membership and distributed on OMTSJ Sunday morning. Feel free to modify this covenant to accommodate your situation.

6. Pastor customize and make copies of the sermon notes outline to be distributed on OMTSJ Sunday morning. If a PowerPoint presentation of these notes is desired, they can be downloaded from namb.net/omtsj and used with computer projection.



Your Church Can Do A Monthlong Lighthouse Sunday School High Attendance Strategy!

If your Sunday School or Bible Study organization would like to conduct a monthlong Sunday School and Worship High Attendance Strategy, you can easily design your own "Lighthouse Plan," using the procedure found in the 1999 OMTSJ Toolkit. (If you did not keep the 1999 toolkit, you may access it at namb.net/evangelism/dev/omtsj/steps.asp) Make a poster for each class with the lighthouse clip art. The Lighthouse should have five beams of light, one for each Sunday, going out from the lighthouse. Classes set attendance goals. Each member and prospect is asked to make a commitment to be present every Sunday during that month. On the Sundays when they reach their goal, color in the beam using a yellow marker. Keep the motive clear: God is honored when more people study His Word.