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Streater, John B. (1914-2003) was born in Lakeland, Florida. He graduated from Wheaton College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Golden Gate Theological Seminary. Streater and his wife served as missionaries to China from 1947-1951. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Pinellas Park. Streater and his wife, Carol Miller Lane Streater had seven children.



"Two Years Under the Chinese Communists" will be the subject of the **Rev. John B. Streater's** talk Dec. 12. A native of Lakeland and a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., where he was a classmate and teammate of Billy Graham, **Rev. Streater** also attended the University of California, college of Chinese studies. He has recently returned from five years in China (**Rev. Streater** and his family were among the last of the missionaries to escape from Red China) and will relate a first hand account of the Communist Revolution, and how he and his family lived under Communist rule for two years.

Revival Set at Bonita Springs

The **Rev. John B. Streater**, pastor, First Baptist Church of Pinellas Park, will be evangelist for a revival to be held at the First Baptist Church, Bonita Springs at 7:30 nightly Sunday through Saturday. **Rev. Streater** and his family were among the last missionaries to escape Red China when the Communists took over.

A native of Lakeland, he graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., as did his wife. He served in World War II as a commissioned officer, later attending the College of Chinese Studies of the University of California.

He was missionary to China

with the Evangelical Alliance Mission 1947-1951; a member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team; assistant pastor, Trinity Baptist, Dallas, Texas and pastor Smithfield Texas Baptist Church 1954-1957.

He received his **B. D.** degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has been pastor of the Pinellas church since. He is presently moderator of Pinellas Baptist Association.

The **Streeters** have seven children ranging in age from 26 to eight years. Two sons are preparing for the ministry.

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Leary Memorial Books Missionary

The **Rev. John B. Streater**, former missionary to China, will conduct a revival at Leary Memorial Baptist Church for a week beginning tomorrow.

Rev. Streater, who is 43, just received his BD degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, **STREATER** Texas. He is a veteran of five years of missionary service in China, two years under Communist rule.

A former classmate of Billy Graham's at Wheaton College, **Rev. Streater** worked as a member of the Billy Graham Crusade team as director in St. Louis and a member of the team in Dallas.

He will assume pastorate of Pinellas Park Baptist Church in Pinellas Park March 26. He and his wife, who have seven children, now reside in Fort Worth.



Lakeland Minister To Preach Sunday

The **Rev. John B. Streater**, 44, native of Lakeland and a January graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will preach twice Sunday at Pinellas Park Baptist Church, Park Boulevard and 55th Street North. The newly-formed church has been without a full-time pastor since **Rev. John Gray** drowned last May 5 at Lake Tarpon.

The 44-year-old Lakeland minister accepted the pulpit committee's invitation to deliver sermons at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to which all members are urged to attend. **Rev. Streater** was born in Lakeland, was graduated from high school there in 1932. He is also a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

JOHN STREATER OBITUARY

STREATER, John Baxter, Rev. Dr., 89, of Bokeelia, Fla., died Thursday, December 11, 2003. He is preceded in death by wife of 62 years, Carol Miller Lane Streater, who died April 10, 2003. He is survived by a sister, Alice Fenton; and seven children: John (Priss), David, Mary Claire (Wayne) Hook, Marilyn Sanford, Elizabeth (Jan Peter), Sharon (Joe), and Harold; thirteen grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Born October 12, 1914, in Lakeland, Fla., he lived in Tampa several years during World War I and graduated Lakeland High School, Wheaton College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry. Served in U.S. Navy 1933-1937 and in World War II. Missionaries in China 1947-1951. John worked with Rev. Billy Graham, a college friend, and served as Baptist pastor in Dallas, Smithfield, Pinellas Park, San Francisco, founding the International Christian School, and Mill Valley. As an avid fisherman he had a charter fishing business. In 1997 he published an autobiography. In memory of an exemplary life of love, compassion and faith, donations may be sent to H.O.P.E. Inc. at 3131 N. Boulevard #B Tampa, FL 33603. Published by TBO.com on Dec. 21, 2003.