

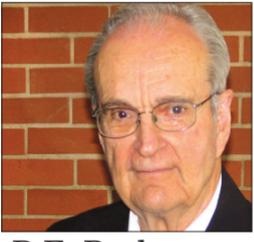
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## Three little words go a long way

The three words "I forgive you" have tremendous power. Multitudes of people in our world need to speak them, and an equal amount of people need to hear them. You need add no additional words than these three to remove the guilt of a person who has offended or hurt you. Doing so will warm your own heart and cool the sting.

In saying the three words "I forgive you" you pledge remember his or her sin no more. They are not magical words. They contain no power in and of themselves. They only have to be spoken with sincerity and honesty.

Like the words "I now declare that you are husband and wife," the words "I forgive you" accomplish the objective for which they are spoken. When forgiveness is given freely, both those giving it and those receiving it are genuinely blessed.

In one sense, what has been said or done can never be unsaid or undone. Even so, the guilt is removed and the healing of a broken relationship can begin. This is true because the promise is given to remember someone's sin no more.

One might ask, "What does forgiveness do for the one who is forgiven?" In one way, I suppose, it is akin to a legal transaction. When a debt of money is forgiven, it is cancelled and the former debtor can never again be called on to pay it. This idea is seen in the words of Jesus, who taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Several years ago a physician in England treated many poor people. At his death it was discovered that in his record book there was a large number of names of these who were poor with a line drawn through their accounts and the word "forgiven" written in next to their debts. The doctor knew they were unable to pay.

Following his death his widow attempted to collect on these debts, and she carried the matter to court. When the judge examined the book he asked her, "Is this your husband's handwriting?" She agreed that it was.

"Well, then," the judge said, "there isn't a judge in England who could in change that fact: what your husband has forgiven is forgiven."

"I forgive you" — three little words! But how much they are needed today: within families,

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TEMPLE THEATRE

# Frankly, my dear



From left to right, Tim Brosnan as Ben Hecht, David McClutchey as Victor Fleming, Michael Brocki as David Selznick, and Peggy Taphorn as Miss Poppenguhl in the upcoming musical "Moonlight and Magnolias" playing at the Temple Theatre starting Thursday.

## The making of an American cinematic classic comes alive at Temple

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SANFORD — It's time to laugh again. Armed with an epic script, a banana and a major show-biz crisis, four local acting veterans invite an on-stage sneak-peek into the behind-the-scenes production problems of the classic cinematic hit "Gone With The Wind" in the comedic farce "Moonlight and Magnolias."

The play, which made its New York debut at the New York City Center in 2005, follows the true-life frustration of "Gone With The Wind" producer David Selznick during a five-day break from production as he works to resolve problems with the film's director Victor Fleming, screen-

Want to go?

The Temple Theatre presents the comedy "Moonlight and Magnolias" March 12 through March 29. Tickets are \$20 for general admission or \$16 for Thursday night performances, military personnel, Lee County Educators, senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at templeshow.com, by calling the box office at (919) 774-4155 or visiting the theater's box office on Carthage Street. Box office hours are 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday; and one hour before show time.

writer Ben Hecht and his secretary Miss Poppenguhl. Hilarity ensues as Selznick discovers Hecht hasn't even read the book the film is based on, dismissing it as "moonlight and magnolias."

"It's been awhile since the Temple has done comedy on the main stage," said Artistic Director Peggy Taphorn, who performs as Miss Poppenguhl in

the production.

Taphorn tapped friend Craig Rhyne, whom she has performed alongside off-Broadway, to fly in from New York to direct the Temple production, of which the pair had seen multiple productions, but had never participated.

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"Moonlight and Magnolias"

**Cast**  
David O. Selznick — Michael Brocki  
Ben Hecht — Tim Brosnan  
Victor Fleming — David McClutchey  
Miss Poppenguhl — Peggy Taphorn

**Production Staff**  
Director — Craig Rhyne  
Stage Manager — Sarah Lewis  
Lighting Designer — Jon McKone  
Set Designer — Eileen Greenbaum-Mintz  
Sound Design — Thomas Edward Dalton  
Technical Director — Michael Brocki

## Maintaining a positive mental attitude



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No one can deny that the United States is experiencing a tremendous economic crisis. While we cannot change that current reality we can alter the way we think about the situation and believe in a better tomorrow.

If we focus on what is wrong rather than what is right, then we miss the opportunity to transform ourselves and enhance the world around us. Positive thoughts are crucial, whatever the circumstances, to promote personal growth, professional advancement, and global progress.

Our purpose in life is multi-fold: to express ourselves, honor each other's differences, be of service to others, contribute to society, and make the planet better because we lived here. For some the highest honor may be giving birth to and rearing children. For certain people it may be laboring in a factory. For another it may be moving up the corporate ladder. For others it may be growing food and crops and taking the harvest to market. Our lives have more meaning when we give and toil with a sense.

Of purpose, whether a volun-

teer, employee, or entrepreneur, and donate time and energy to some aspect of the community.

As unique individuals we have different skills, talents, interests, and passions, however most of us have the common goal of making a living. In recent months we have been shocked that the way of commerce and level of prosperity we once experienced and became accustomed to have faded into the background. Now financial confusion and economic challenges are affecting every aspect of our home

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