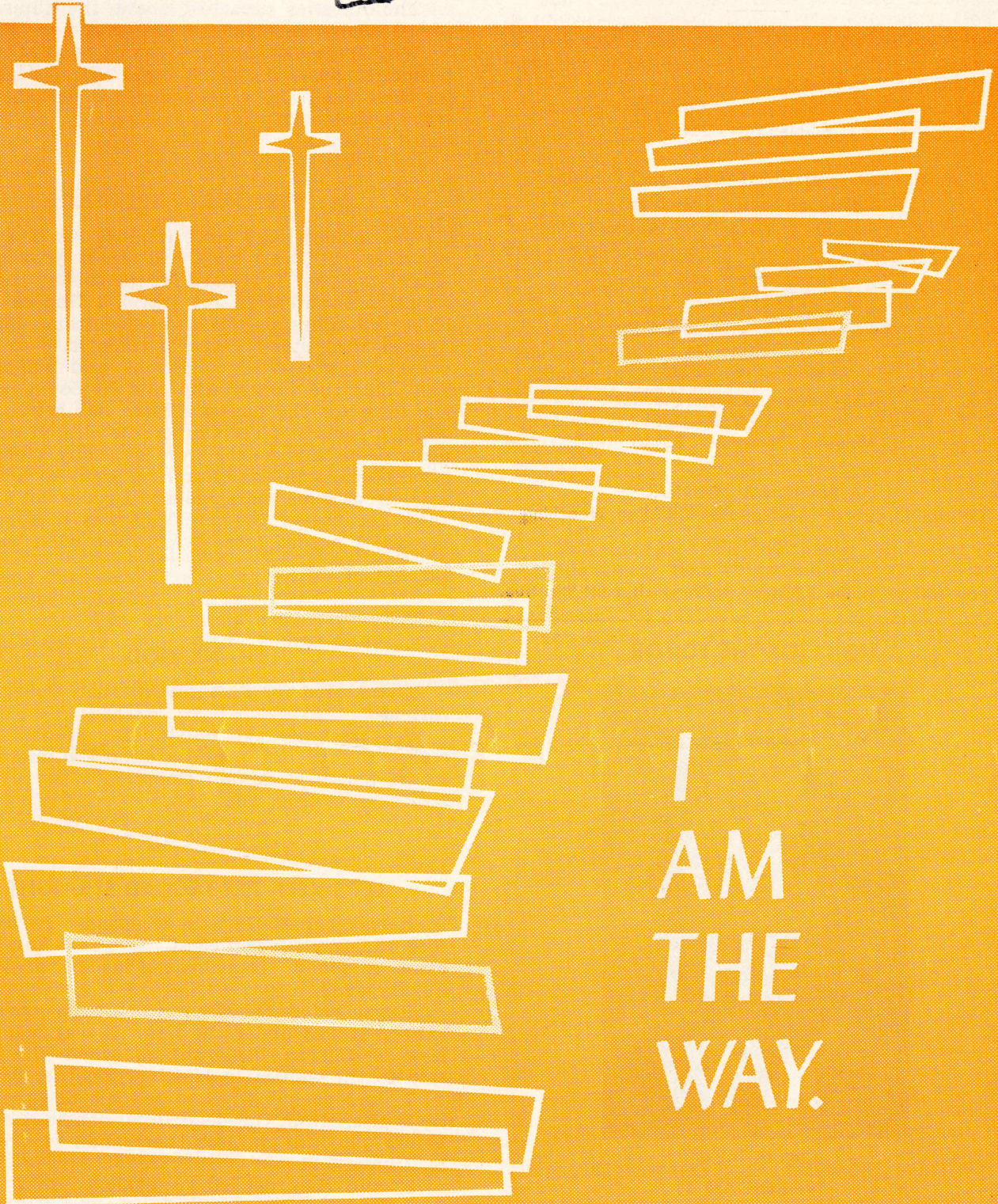


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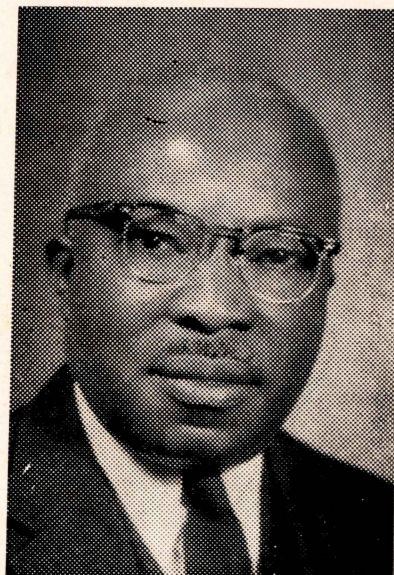
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VOICE OF THE EDITOR



W. H. Taylor

WHERE AM I?

THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS IN THOSE DAYS

I never heard of Parkay, Blue Bonnet, nor any other kind of margarine when I was a boy. I only heard of butter that came from the cow, by the way of the churn. Old-Timers ought to know what I am talking about.

The New Testament tells us that the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ never heard of open-membership nor denominational churches. The Apostles were all dead when open-membership and denominational churches and their founders were born.

The Apostles preached about the Church of Christ whose members are Christians.

Why forge the Apostles' name to that which is man-made, and started hundreds of years after their death? Let peace be to their ashes and rest to their soul.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

The modern drug store reminds me of a variety store, with wash rags, bed sheets, jewelry and what have you. It is hard for me to find the prescription counter. In my travel, I find so many of our churches, pulpits and conventions, like the modern drug store. Some of them have so many clubs, organizations, collections and what have you. Like the farmer who said he could not see the town for the houses. There has been a time when I could not see Christ, His church nor His doctrine because there were so many clubs and organizations in the church. I went to a three-ring circus some years ago and I could not see the show because of the circus. I was disappointed because I needed more eyes to see what was going on.

THANK GOD

Thank God for Eastern Christian College, Bel Air, Md.

Very recently two outstanding students were called to churches in and around Baltimore City. As in Matthew Second Chapter: Wise men are still coming from the East.

LET'S KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

It was before Christ's ascension. It was before the Day of Pentecost. It was before there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind.

It was before the Church of Christ was established. It was under the Law. It was before the New Testament dispensation, when the Angel said to the women in Matthew Chapter 28:

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly.

MY CHOICE AT MY AGE

I have decided to wear out, not rust out, in the service of Christ and His church. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." I believe my last years on this earth are going to be my best years.

As in Psalm twenty-three: My cup runneth over. The Lord gives me strength to preach morning and evening at Emmanuel Church of Christ in Baltimore, and at three P.M., we preach at the 60th Avenue N.E., Church of Christ, Fairmont Heights, Md.

He gives me strength to drive a car around the country and conduct revivals, attend conventions and colleges whenever possible.

The Lord has blessed the Christian Informer. He has given me a large congregation to preach to around the world through the Christian Informer. My congregation is made up of many races, colors and creeds around the world.

The seventy-first Psalm is very near and dear to me.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together.

11 Saying God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

I WONDER

I often wonder why so many of our pastors, preachers and church members are not seen in attendance at our College Commencement Exercises. Could it be that they are wise, or unwise, or not interested in education?

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The Christian Informer is edited in Baltimore and read everywhere. The Christian Informer is a magazine looking to its past with pride, its present with gratification, its future with hope.

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LIKE THE PHARISEES

I know some so-called good Christians in the Church of Christ who are like the Pharisees in Luke 18:10-14.

They put up a beautiful front in the Church of Christ on the Lord's Day Morning. But on the same Lord's Day Evening or at Night Worship, the same church Christ died for, can also die, as White churches did come from Heaven. They be there to help the Church of Christ live at Evening or Night Worship.

You ought to hear those so-called Christians or Pharisees, singing "I love Thy Church O God." "Where He leads me I will follow." "I can hear my Savior calling." If they hear Him calling, they will not be there for Evening Worship, unless there is a funeral or some kind of a program.

DON'T DIVIDE

Let the Church of Christ be the Church and the members Christians. Black churches and White churches did not come from Heaven. They are man-made and Christ did not have anything to do with them. They are the offspring of denominationalism, slavery, segregation and discrimination.

Such organizations as "Lily White," "Lily Black," "Ku-Klux-Klan," "Black Panthers" and many others, keep the Black and White Church alive.

FROM MY YOUTH UP

I was taught from my youth up, never call anybody black. And if anybody called me black, I was told to curse or fight. I still remember my teaching.

You make me feel happy when you call me a Colored American, or a Colored Preacher. I do not use the name, Negro, because my tongue might slip and I would say another name and lose some teeth.

"IT USED TO BE"

When a young Christian Preacher was called to preach, he would go and start a congregation, if he could not find a vacant pulpit.

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"LEFT OVERS"

Some modern young preachers of the New Testament faith, if they can't find a ready built congregation among us, they will deny the faith and take the left overs of some denominational faith.

I AM NOT WORTHY

I am not worthy to be called Reverend, because there is but one Reverend and He is God.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. Psalm 111:9.

"Go tell my brethren." Matthew 28:10.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. Hebrews 2:11-12.

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: First Peter 5:1.

MY CHOICE

I would rather have ninety-nine years of depression, like we had several years ago and fifty years of Watergate than to have thirty days of human slavery like we had before the "Emancipation Proclamation".

I love that old song my people used to sing in church when I was a little boy. It went something like this:

Free at last, free at last, Thank God Almighty,
I am free at last.

Before I would be a slave, I would be buried in my grave. And then go to God and be free.

SO I'LL CHERISH THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

To The Old Rugged Cross (Church of Christ whose members are Christians and to the Republican Party that got me out of slavery.)

I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, Where His glory for ever I'll share. I will cling to The Old Rugged Cross.

If I do not cherish The Old Rugged Cross, the Church of Christ and the Republican Party; what is there for me to cherish?

Should I cherish the party to which the slave-masters belonged?

Should the Hebrew people cherish the Egyptian Party that made them slaves in the land of Egypt?

NOTICE

Because of the unemployment situation, high cost of food, gasoline and everything. The Committee of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ, decided not to have the Convention this year. IF it be the Lord's will we will see you next year.

"LET IT BE DONE"

By

John Brown

After many years aiding anti-slavery forces in Kansas and working on the Underground Railroad out of Missouri, John Brown in 1859 decided to strike a more significant blow against slavery. Traveling through the North, where he raised money and talked with abolitionists of both races, he finally laid out a bold plan to attack slaveholders and liberate their slaves. On Sunday night, October 16, with a small band of less than 50 men he seized the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in hope of securing sufficient ammunition to carry on a large-scale operation against the Virginia slaveholders. Troops, dispatched by federal and state government, overwhelmed Brown and his men. The effect of the raid was to put the South on a semi-war footing, with troops drilling, because of rumors of other insurrections to come. After trial, John Brown was sentenced to be hanged December 2, 1859.

When he heard his sentence, he calmly said: "Now, if it is deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood further with the blood of my children and with the blood of millions in this slave country whose rights are disregarded by the wicked, cruel and unjust enactments, I say, let it be done."

LET'S BE FAIR

Don't get angry with me just because I belong to the true Church of Christ whose members are Christians. That came from Heaven by the way of Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:2-47.)

Don't get angry with me just because I belong to the Republican Party, that was born to save the Union and to break up human slavery.

Please do not get angry with me just because I do not belong to my slave master's party. Let's be fair.

QUESTION

To which party did the slave masters belong?

FORGET NOT

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:2.

Some people I have talked with are like some of the children of Israel whom God and Moses led out of Egyptian slavery.

They soon forgot God and Moses. They made a gold calf and said this is the God that brought us out of slavery. Read Exodus 32nd Chapter.

I have talked with people who wanted to spit in my face because I will not forget the Republican Party, Abraham Lincoln, John Brown, Frederick Douglass, the Union Army and a host of others.

JUST THINKING

I am just thinking of things that happened a long time before Mr. Hoover became President of the United States. And before the depression. And before there was a Water-Gate scandal in the Republican Party.

In 1854 the Republican Party was formed to oppose slavery. Webster's Dictionary Illustrated Page 552.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves with his Emancipation Proclamation, thus putting an end to slavery in all states.

In 1865 Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution ratified, outlawing slavery in the U.S., and all of its territories.

In 1868 Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution ratified, guaranteeing "equal protection of the law" to all citizens.

In 1870 Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution ratified, stating that the right to vote shall not be denied anyone on grounds of "race, color or previous condition of servitude".

In 1870 Congress passes Enforcement Act, placing full force of the Government against any efforts to disobey Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments.

In 1875 Congress passes original Civil Right law "guaranteeing all persons the use of inns, public conveyance on land or water, theatres and other places of amusement."

In 1927 Supreme Court unanimously rules against Texas law barring Colored People from voting in Democratic primaries.

STOP CURSING

If you will read the "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass." If you will read the history of Colored Americans. "From Slavery To Freedom," by John Hope Franklin.

If you will read "Up From Slavery" by Booker T. Washington.

If you would read about "The Underground Railroad" and Harriet Tubman, known as the "Moses of Her People."

Then I believe you will stop cursing the Republican Party, just because a Republican happened to be President when the depression had to come some years ago, and a Republican was President when "Watergate" was discovered not so long ago.

A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER

On the 22nd of January a lovely birthday dinner was given to Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, at the home of Brother Alvin Smith.

Among those at the dinner were Brother and Sister Jasper Ford, Sister Annie Williams, Sister Edmonia Foard, Brother Alvin Smith and Sister Delores Voga. Beautiful gifts were given.



ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL.
Ephesians 4:6

THANKS TO

Minister William M. Ellis, Minister of Washington Shores Church of Christ, Orlando, Fla.

"SHALL I FORCE MY CHILDREN TO GO TO CHURCH?"

... "Shall I make my children go to church?" Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter. Are you startled? Why? How do you answer Junior when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces that he isn't going to school anymore? You know! Junior goes! How do you answer him when he comes in very besmudged and says: "I'm not going to take a bath" Junior bathes doesn't he?

Why all this timidity then in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Going to wait and let him decide what church he will go to when he is old enough? Quit kidding. You didn't wait until you were old enough. You didn't wait until he was old enough to decide whether he wished to remain dirty or be clean. Do you wait until he is old enough to decide if he wants to take medicine when he is sick?

What will you say when Junior announces he does not like to go to church? That's easy to answer. Just be consistent. Tell him, "Junior, in our family we all go to church and that includes you." Your firmness and examples will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion travels into rich and satisfying experiences in personal religious living.

The parents of America can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to our juvenile delinquency, if our mothers and fathers will take their children to worship our Lord regularly.

THANKS TO

Minister Weldon H. Robinson, East 16th Street Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Perhaps the Christian church is new to you. There is much confusion these days as to the "right" church. Many sincere people are confused because of the many faiths and different ways told them to live for God. God would not have you confused. Will you accept what God has to say about the church?

Let us first determine Jesus said it is "my church" (Matthew 16:18). It is his church because "he purchased it with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). Christ is the head of the church. (Ephesians 1:22) If you are searching for the right church, find a congregation of which Christ is the one and only head.

You cannot join the church. In the Bible (Acts) men and women asked, "what shall I do to be saved?" We hope you may read what they were told to do to be saved, and follow in the Bible examples. The Lord "added to the church daily, such as were being saved." (Acts 2:47).

Acts 2, three thousand were saved, and added to the church; Acts 8, an Ethiopian responded to the Good News; Acts 9, Saul followed the instructions of Jesus and Ananias (Acts 22:16); Acts 10, Cornelius, a non-Jewish man and family were added to the church, and a jail keeper in Philippi (Acts 16).

To summarize the above Bible examples of conversion and being added to the church, we find people were told to do four things:

1. Believe on the Lord with all their heart.
2. Repent of their sins.
3. Tell others you believe Jesus is God's Son.
4. Be baptized for the remission of sin, thus being baptized into Christ.

HAVE YOU BEEN ADDED TO THE CHURCH?

Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16.

THANKS TO

Minister Rolland A. Steever, River Park Church of Christ, South Bend, Ind.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

In a recent report under the by-line COSTLY BURDEN it was said that Alcoholism is one of the costliest burdens Americans have to bear. As Rep. William F. Goodling of Pennsylvania recently pointed out in Congress:

- *Public intoxication accounts for one-third of all arrests each year.
 - *One-half of all homicides and one-third of all suicides are related to the use of alcohol.
 - *Alcohol plays a key role in one-half of all the highway fatalities each year.
 - *A minimum of 10 million Americans had alcohol-connected problems last year.
 - *Alcohol dependence is the most serious drug problem in the country.
- Reports like this leave me in a cold fury. A

day does not pass, that I do not see some evidence of the facts reported in the above article.

I well remember the big "repeal" program of the 1932 election year. I can still recall the promises of the blessings that would be bestowed upon our country if the prohibition laws could be repealed. America would be a Utopia unparalleled if somehow we could get the revenue of all the tax dollars that would come from the production and consumption of legal alcohol. Otherwise intelligent people bought this phoney propaganda and now, some 43 years later we are seeing the real truth. The absurdity of it all is that there are those naive, yea, stupid people who still believe that prohibition was worse than this.

Worse yet . . . the same blind reasoning is now trying to convince us that certain, if not all forms of drugs should also be made available on the open market. The subtlety of satanic influence on the reasoning processes of human beings is almost beyond our comprehension.

Satan has succeeded in neutralizing a large enough segment of Christian people in these matters that it makes for an uphill struggle when the church tries to take a stand in such matters. Ministers are caught in a vice-like grip in an effort to deal with these problems on a counselling level. People who refuse to cope with the real substance of life and who refuse to consider true spiritual guide lines for their lives simply cannot be helped. They can be drugged into a limbo existence so that they cannot harm themselves or those about them too seriously, but they are no longer a productive member of the society of which they are a part. Too many still feel that life exists on the level of "eat, drink and be merry." Subjective religious experiences only reinforce their problems . . . never solve them.

The now, long deceased Marshall Petain of France accounted for the easy overwhelming of French resistance by the German armies in the years of World War II, because the whole morale of the country was eroded through excessive alcoholism. General Washington exploited the weaknesses of Hessian troops who were inebriated during the Christmas holidays in 1776 and easily won the battle for Trenton.

America of 1975, beware . . . beware. RAS

BIRTHDAY DINNER

On March 9, 1975 a beautiful birthday dinner was given in honor of Sister Lula Tyree of 1008 Rhode Island Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C.

Friends and members of her family were there from Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the Washington, D.C. area. Years ago Sister Lula M. Tyree was a graduate of Southern Christian College, Edwards, Miss. She worked for the United Christian Missionary Society several years.

She is one of the Founders of the Church of Christ at Fairmont Heights, Maryland which is not far from the beautiful home in which she lives.

WHAT CAUSED IT?

It was the question of slavery that the weapons for waging the Civil War were sharpened. It was the question, slavery, that divided the country and forced them to settle the question by a bloody war.

I Hate Nobody

I am a Christian and I hate nobody, North nor South, East nor West.

Where

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? Psalm 139:7.

Where shall I go in the United States and not see the image of the Republican President Abraham Lincoln? If I go to Montgomery, Ala., he is there on every Lincoln penny and five dollar bill.

If I go to Richmond, Va., he is there on every Lincoln penny and five dollar bill. If I go East, West, North or South he is there on every Lincoln penny and five dollar bill.

Every time I see an auto tag from Illinois, it says "The Land Of Lincoln."

Every time I see children, grandchildren and great grandchildren whose fore parents were slaves, I thank God and His Son Jesus Christ, for what Abraham Lincoln, the Republican Party and the Union Soldiers did to get me out of slavery.

I Do Not Understand

I do not understand how the children and grandchildren of slaves can be members of the slave master's church or denomination, or the slave master's political party.

My Deepest Sympathy

Any man of my race who has read the history of human slavery in the United States, and is a member of the party to which the slave masters belonged, that man has my "deepest sympathy".

A VERY GRATEFUL MINISTER AND WIFE COME TO THE END OF 30 YEARS AND THEIR RETIREMENT!

1945

1975

God's Blessings Have Been Wonderful

Thirty years ago, your minister and wife came to Los Angeles from a very successful pastorate in Columbus, Ohio, a new congregation of Christians and really not knowing where in the city it would be located. With the help of God, we found the 92nd Street property up for sale and so we began to make plans to secure your present location—which is known as the 92nd Street Church and this has proven to be some of the greatest and finest years of their life. We sure have experienced the hands of God upon us and the church.

During the 30 years of service as a church in South Los Angeles (Watts) we have taken in some of the finest people that can be found anywhere. We started out 30 years ago with faith in God, without any members but during those years we have taken in over 750, and our income has gone

from \$900.00 to over \$50,000.00 per year and this has been our best year and so we close out in 1975 (June 1) with even greater faith in God. IT CAN STILL BE DONE BUT IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK.

We have read somewhere and have stated from the pulpit several times that the world is made up of three kinds of people: (1) Those who make things happen; (2) Those who watch things happen; and (3) Those who haven't the slightest idea what is or what has happened! Our church has always made things happen for they are a good group of people but when a group of people have gone through a trouble period as our congregation experienced a few years ago we must be thankful for Godly and stable leadership.

As we come to June 1 of this year when we shall be retiring, you have been and you are a wonderful congregation of Christians and I know that you look forward to a greater work in the future that is before you. There is much work to be done in our church, city and around the world. No one else can do the work God has set for us to accomplish. Let all of the leaders and members with faith in God and His power do the job. GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE VICTORY.

C. W. Arnold, Pastor and wife, Alpha P. Arnold

COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

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Steve Lawhon, President

Brother Taylor Jefferson, Minister of the Church of Christ, Hillsboro, Ohio was the Baccalaureate Speaker for the College of the Scriptures. Mr. Jefferson is also a trustee of the college.

During the commencement services there were four graduates:

1. Acie Palmer, Xenia, Ohio; Bachelor of Arts
2. Mariah Dabney, Springfield, Ohio; Bachelor of Arts
3. Priscilla Zachery, Atlanta, Georgia; Bachelor of Sacred Literature
4. Alice Mobley, Louisville, Kentucky; Bachelor of Sacred Literature

Brother Bob Russell, Minister of the South East Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, was the speaker

The Alumni of the College of the Scriptures honored the President Emeritus Tibbs Maxey during the closing activities of the College, Saturday night, May 17, 1975 at a Roast Tibbs Maxey Banquet. Messers. Richard McClain, Fred Mitchel and Mrs. Magnolia Clark were in charge of arrangements. Many of Brother Maxey's friends were in attendance and roasted him. A gift was presented to the Maxeys during the "Roast."

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Covington, Ky.**

Dear Christian Church:

I am seeking to know something about Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor. We have worked many years in State and National Conventions. Please let me hear about him.

(Mrs.) George E. Letton

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Illinois

To The Christian Informer, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Maryland

Dear Elder Taylor:

The enclosed contribution is in memory of Mrs. Sims, from me and my brother.

Sincerely,
Edward Heghinian

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Ohio

10 Hawaiian Dr.
Madison, Ohio 44057
March 26, 1975

The Christian Informer

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is \$2.00 for two-year subscription. Mail one copy to: Mr. Clifton Smith, 10702 Englewood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44108 (Start with a Spring-Summer issue if possible.) Mail the other copy to me: Ken Hunter, 10 Hawaiian Dr., Madison, Ohio 44057.

In Christian Love,
Ken Hunter

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California

March 26, 1975

Dear Brother Taylor,

Thank you for putting us on the right road.

We had a lovely trip—although it is quite cool here tonight. We wrote a check for the "Informer" and we forgot to hand it to you.

Enclosed is a check for \$25. So glad to have seen you.

Love — The Arnolds

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Ohio

Feb. 4, 1975

Dear Bro. Taylor: —

I have been wanting to write to you for such a long time but have been in and out of the hospital. I just have not done what I should do.

I really appreciated talking to you when you were down here helping Bro. McCain.

I met his wife and children at our Faith Promise program. They really are wonderful people and we both pray not only for them and their church, but for you and the wonderful work you are doing.

I wish I could send more money but our Dr. and hospital bills are keeping us back.

I am subscribing for a year of the Informer

and the extra few dollars is for your work.
May God be with you and your work each day.

In Christian Love,
Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Hollen
6574 Aylesworth Dr.
Parma Hts., Ohio 44130

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Michigan

Feb. 4, 1975

Dear Sir:

I was so happy to get your paper and as usual found it very interesting.

Just a reminder that I am now living with my preacher son — J. Walter Klages,
723 Princeton Dr.,
Lansing, Mich. 48917

Am sending \$5.00 to help in the publication, or any way you see fit.

Mrs. Agnes Klages

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**Mid-Atlantic Christian Church Evangelism
Baltimore, Md.**

Thanks for the inspiration you have been to all who know you.

For the Glory of Christ,
Sam Arnold,
President

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**Eastern Christian College
Training Youth for World Evangelism**

Bel Air, Maryland

Office of the President
"As Ye Go, Preach" — Matthew 10:7

Baltimore Taylor
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Dear Brother Taylor:

We are looking forward to having you in Chapel. Your continuing contribution to the advance of Eastern Christian College as well as to the whole cause of Christ for many wonderful years should be published throughout the brotherhood. I have been around long enough working in the fringe areas where our people are not strong to realize that some of the truly great men of our brotherhood are relegated to obscurity and never recognized for their greatness and effectiveness. I just wanted to say that having known you personally, closely, and over a long period of time my words of commendation and congratulations are sincere and timely.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your work as Editor, Preacher, Elder and Faithful Servant of Christ.

Yours in His service,
J. Thomas Segroves, Pres.

**Eastern Christian College
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Mr. Baltimore Taylor
1702 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21217

Dear Baltimore:

One of the joys of Eastern Christian College is to have preachers and friends in to visit and have fellowship with us and one of the privileges is to have them preach the Word of God in our Chapel sessions. Your coming was all this and more. The message was positive, constructive, practical and inspired. We thank you for helping build the cause of Christ here through your presence.

We are also thankful when our brethren can have a firsthand opportunity to see the work that is being done and the advances that are being made. In these inflationary days it is most difficult to keep up much less to keep pushing ahead for building, and facilities, program and personnel.

Remember us in your prayers and help us advance the cause of Christ here in this area. Thank you again and kindest personal regards.

Yours in His service,
J. Thomas Segroves, Pres.

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**English Consul Christian Church
2733 Daisy Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21227**

February 5, 1975

Dear Friends in Christ:

We take this opportunity to inform you that we have called Brother John R. Bussard to shepherd our flock at English Consul Christian Church.

He will be installed on Sunday, February 16, 1975, at the 11:00 A.M. worship service.

Yours in Christ,
The Officials of
English Consul Christian Church

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**Eastern Christian College
Training Youth for World Evangelism**

Bel Air, Maryland

Office of the President
"As Ye Go, Preach" — Matthew 10:7

March 20, 1975

W. H. Taylor
Emmanuel Christian Church
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217
Dear Brother Taylor:

We missed you at the Men's Meeting. We received word of the death of your wife's sister. Our sympathy and prayers are with you.

May the Lord continue to bless your effective ministry in His service.

Sincerely yours,
J. Thomas Segroves, Pres.

**Boulevard Christian Church
C. Wayne Murphy, Minister
920 Essex Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21221**

Dr. W. H. Taylor, Editor
The Christian Informer
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Dear Brother Taylor:

Thank you so much for sending "The Christian Informer". I appreciate the articles included in it. You will find a small donation enclosed to help with the costs of printing.

I also appreciate your friendship and anticipate our fellowship together as I have come to the Baltimore area.

Because of Calvary,
C. Wayne Murphy,
Minister

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New Delhi, India

Bro. George Varghese
E-15, I.A.R.I.
NEW DELHI-110012, INDIA
March 5th, 1975

Dear Bro. Taylor,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope you will find this letter in perfect health and happiness. I take privilege in introducing myself to you. First we met at Fort Christian Church, later in Cresswell Church where you were the speaker for a week and after that in Eastern Christian College, Bel Air, Maryland in 1974. All these occasions I was very much enriched in spirit by your speeches. Now I have returned to my country after getting training in the missionary field.

The name of my country is India (by name a country of Hindus) 85 per cent of population is Hindus. Only 2 per cent Christians are here. You can well imagine the work among 98 per cent non Christians. But the Lord is enabling us to proclaim the unperishing gospel to the perishing world. Recently God had worked in the heart of a Hindu middle aged man. He left his job in Government of India and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and obeyed Him in waters of Baptism. Please pray for him and our work in this region. We are working basing Delhi capital of India as the center of our work and go to the northern part of India where Christians are not there. We walk miles to mile during the hot season. But we are not disappointed. Kindly pray God to give us more strength in order to work in His field. Our profit in this part of India is persecution and resistance from local people. We are planning to train and keep one native Lord's servant in each village. Kindly pray for this programme. Communist influence is fastly growing in my country. Let God enable us to sow the seed of undying word of God before the whole country goes under communist control. Foreign missionaries are not permitted to come here and

preach the word of God as such native missionaries should come forward to work of the Lord.

Your Christian Informer was an encouragement for me when I was in the United States of America. Kindly send it regularly on my address given above as a gift for which the Lord will reward you and your work.

Kindly remember the work of Gospel in this un-Christian northern region. Your individual and congregational prayer is vitally important.

If God willing we are thinking to have a convention in this northern region within this summer. Please do pray for it too. Please make a chance to visit this place for which I shall render whatever possible help.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Your Bro. in Christ,
(BRO. GEORGE VARGHESE)

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Texas

March 14, 1975

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Pennsylvania

Brushton Church of Christ
February 24, 1975

Mr. William H. Taylor
Mr. William M. Ellis
Emmanuel Building
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21217

Dear Gentlemen:

For some months past the Brushton Church in Pittsburgh, Penna. has been without a minister. It is the hope of this congregation that you may be able to help us locate a man qualified and dedicated to our work here.

We have been able to appropriate \$100.00 per week to a minister's salary for some months to come with confidence that our Church will grow in numbers and prosper.

With kindest regards for your people.

Yours in HIS work,
William R. Hall,
Secretary

Kentucky

Mr. W. H. Taylor, Editor
The Christian Informer

NEWS ITEM

A prophecy has come true. In 1944 the Disciples locked the door on the independent "National Missionary Convention" by absorbing it into the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. At that time I predicted that whoever would train the preachers would win the ultimate contest for the churches. The Lord led me and Dr. George C. Campbell to open the College of the Scriptures in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1945.

Thirty years later Disciple Black churches regularly write or call us for preachers. In October I met with the pulpit committee of a church (at their request and invitation). The Disciples have no preacher training program as such except on a graduate level.

In 1955 in our "back 40" of the Kings vineyard there were exactly 105 churches who sent money annually in Indianapolis. To all intents and purposes that was the Disciple contingent. There were 102 churches under their influence who did not support "The program." There were another several dozen independent churches scattered from New York to North Carolina, Arkansas to California, Kansas to Kentucky.

This number grew to almost 100. The College of the Scriptures has been directly involved in the starting of 33. Winston-Salem has been equally busy.

The call for preachers is there — insistent and demanding.

I said 30 years ago that whoever supplied the preachers would win the ball game. It did not take too smart a man to make such a statement.

So pray that we can meet the challenge by furnishing the supply.

In Him,
Tibbs Maxey

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Pennsylvania

526 Arbutus St.
Phila., Pa. 19119
May 3, '75

Dear Elder Taylor:

Very glad to get the Christian Informer and thank you so much. Sorry to hear of Mrs. Taylor's passing. I read it in the Informer and when I read the article near fifty years ago of the National Christian Missionary Convention the names that have gone before. My uncle Elder Lauderbock, Elder J. H. Thomas and others. Robert Lauderbock, my uncle's son, is in an institution, Staunton, Va., a mental condition. Ruth Thomas Williams lives in Martinville, Va.

A very kind lady by the name of Mrs. Joseph called me right after I received the Christian Informer from the Christian Church, 903 S. 47 Street,
(Please turn to page 16)

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

An American Orator and Journalist. Born a slave in Tuckahoe, Talbot County, Maryland, in February, 1817. Ran away from his master at an early age and became one of the greatest orators the world has ever known.

No voice or pen, save those of William Lloyd Garrison and Harriet Beecher Stowe, contributed more to the cause of freedom than the voice and pen of Frederick Douglass. He believed in the manhood rights of man—not as white man or black man—but as a man. He knew but one race, and that was the human race.



W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor and Publisher, Baltimore, Md.

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Advisory Council

About fifty men have been asked to serve on this council for the next year. Not all of them have consented to serve. We have tried to have representative men who were concerned about Negro evangelism to serve on this council:

Ronald Exline, Matthews Chapel, Winston-Salem
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VOICE OF THE EDITOR

"It Is Written"

In John 3:22-26

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

First Cor. 14:19, 34, 35, 36

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

First Peter 5:1-2-3

How Shall We Escape?

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will? Hebrews 2:3-4

Man made or denominational or open-membership churches. That started in Rome, Germany, England, France, Scotland or America or any other place, hundreds of years after the true Church of Christ was established. (Acts 2:47.)

And after the death of all of the Apostles, those man made churches are free to do what they want to do, such as add or take from the Word of God. (Revelation 22:18-19.) But the true Church of Christ whose members are Christians, ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29.)

Christ said in Matthew 15:7, 8, 9, 13, 14:

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

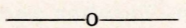
14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

It Is No Harm To Ask Questions

4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

John 19:4

Do you find any fault in him? His church? His doctrine? What he said in John 3:5, John 6:53-54? Do you find any fault in what the Apostles said in First Cor. 3:11, Acts 11:26, Romans 16:16, First Peter 4:16, Acts 4:12?



NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION RALLY

BALTIMORE AREA APRIL 18, 1975

Opening Hymn	"O Zion Haste"	430
Invocation	Mr. Earl King	
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EASTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

EASTERN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

THEME: The Restoration Movement and Missions

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 29, 1975

7:30 P.M.

Presiding: David Trumble
Pianist: Mrs. Jaranell Fritts
Song Leader: Adam Korenczuk
Organist: Mrs. Addie Maye Segroves

Song Service	Adam Korenczuk
Prayer	Don Coulling
Special Music	J. D. Segroves
Report of ECC	Sherrill J. Fritts
	Director of Christian Service and Evangelism
Offertory Prayer and Offering	Oscar Stephens
Offertory Special	Eddie Jones
Guest Speaker	Mildred Welshimer Phillips
	"Heroes of Faith of the Restoration Movement"
Hymn (Standing)	Adam Korenczuk
Special Music	Art Bush and Marvin Westfall
	"The Jackson Brothers"
Guest Speaker	Fred Whitacre
	"The Mission of the Restoration Movement"
Closing Song and Invitation	David Trumble
	Adam Korenczuk
Benediction	W. P. Walker

THURSDAY

JANUARY 30, 1975

SEMINAR-WORKSHOP

10:00-12:00 A.M.

"How the Restoration Movement is Involved in and Committed to a Pertinent and Effective Ministry in Relation to GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.

Presiding: David Jones Pianist: Mrs. Roxie Bittner
Song Leader: Frank Harris

Hymn	Frank Harris
Prayer	George Kutty Parayil
Special Music	Mrs. Jan Westfall and Nancy Aubrey
Panelists	
	(Each panelist will present a 15 to 20 minute message.)
	Claude Hydrick George BonDurant
	Ainsworth Chapman Kenneth Meade
Question-Answer Period and Discussion	
Benediction	Guest Attendant

SEMINAR-WORKSHOP

2:00-4:00 P.M.

"How the Restoration Movement is Involved in and Committed to a Pertinent and Effective Ministry in Relation to SECULAR EDUCATION.

Presiding: Lewis Hensley Pianist: Nancy Aubrey
Song Leader: Mrs. Roxie Bittner

Hymn	Mrs. Roxie Bittner
Prayer	Larry Deffenbaugh
Special Music	Mike McCabe
Panelists	
	(Each panelist will present a 15 to 20 minute message.)
	Loren Deckard Earl B. King, Jr.
	Clyde George Leland Short
Question-Answer Period and Discussion	
Benediction	Guest Attendant

MISSIONARY BANQUET

5:30-7:00 P.M.

Presiding	Frank Harris, Student Body President
Program	Sponsored by ZELOTAI (Zealous Ones)
	On Campus Ladies
Devotional	David Bennett

EVENING PROGRAM

7:30 P.M.

Presiding: David Bennett Pianist: Mrs. Jaranell Fritts
Song Leader: Adam Korenczuk
Organist: Mrs. Addie Maye Segroves

Song Service	Adam Korenczuk
Prayer	Rolando Almengor
Report of ECC	Earl B. King, Jr., Acting Academic Dean
Offertory Prayer and Offering	Baltimore Taylor
Offertory Special	Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McKay
Guest Speaker	"Our Mission in the Time of Catastrophe"
	Isaac J. Flora

Hymn (Standing)	Adam Korenczuk
Special Music	Adam Korenczuk
Special Music	The Messengers
Guest Speaker	"Heroes of Faith of the Restoration Movement"
	Mildred Welshimer Phillips
Closing Song and Invitation	David Bennett and Adam Korenczuk
Benediction	Roger Marvel

FRIDAY

**JANUARY 31, 1975
SEMINAR-WORKSHOP
10:00-12:00 A.M.**

"How the Restoration Movement is Involved in and Committed to a Pertinent and Effective Ministry in Relation to **CULTURES IN THE USA.**

Presiding: Ivan Lambert Pianist: Laurie Hoard
Song Leader: Jerelyn Segroves
Hymn Jerelyn Segroves
Prayer Keith Vogan
Special Music Mrs. Jaranell Fritts and Jerelyn Segroves
Panelists
(Each panelist will present a 15 to 20 minute message.)
Nathan Williamson Glen Barton
Maurice Claiborne W. A. "Bill" Bullis
Question-Answer Period and Discussion
Benediction Guest Attendant

**SEMINAR-WORKSHOP
2:00-4:00 P.M.**

"How the Restoration Movement is Involved in and Committed to a Pertinent and Effective Ministry in Relation to **MODERN ENTERTAINMENT.**

Presiding: Marty Coffey Pianist: Lois Martin
Song Leader: Mrs. Jaranell Fritts
Hymn Mrs. Jaranell Fritts

WINSTON-SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE

Baccalaureate Service

May 18, 1975

4:30 p.m.

Aubrey Payne Presiding

PROGRAM

Opening Hymn 330
Invocation Bro. Robert Hinton
Scripture Reading Bro. Leo Matthews
Hymn 481
Remarks Pres. Leland Tyrrell
Special Music Miss Esther McCray
Presentation of Speaker Dean William Johnson
Special Music Mrs. Carlotta Tatum
Message Bro. Bracey Bonham
Dedication Hymn 444
Benediction
Recessional 546

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:

Spring Banquet, Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. College dining hall. Dr. J. Ray Butler will be the speaker
Spring Music Festival. Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Convention Center. All area churches are invited to take part with special music. The Vernon Brothers will be featured.

Prayer David Keister
Special Music Buddy Swain
Panelists
(Each panelist will present a 15 to 20 minute message.)
Lowell McCoy James E. Headen
Tom Smith Eddie Calahan
Question-Answer Period and Discussion
Benediction Guest Attendant

EVENING PROGRAM

7:30 P.M.

Presiding: J. Thomas Segroves Pianist: Mrs. Jaranell Fritts
Song Leader: Adam Korenczuk
Organist: Mrs. Addie Maye Segroves
Song Service Adam Korenczuk
Prayer Fred Unger
Report of ECC J. Thomas Segroves, President
Offertory Prayer and Offering Ray Murphy
Offertory Special Phil Everette
Guest Speaker — "Heroes of Faith of the Restoration Movement"
Mildred Welshimer Phillips
Hymn (Standing) Adam Korenczuk
Special Music Eastern Christian College Concert Choir
Guest Speaker — "The Mission of Enlisting our Restorationists to Serve in the East — Glen Barton
Closing Song and Invitation J. Thomas Segroves and Adam Korenczuk
Benediction Tom Hoard

Commencement Exercises

WINSTON-SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE

May 22, 1975

Aubrey R. Roberts Presiding

PROGRAM

Processional
Invocation W. H. Taylor
Congregational Hymn 361
Scripture Reading Harold Summer
Special Music Mrs. Carlotta Tatum
President's Report Leland Tyrrell
Remarks Ernest Bernard
Charles Sattenfield
Introduction of Speaker William E. Johnson
Special Music Mrs. Carlotta Tatum
Message Cornelius Daniels
Dean, College of the Scriptures
Recognition of Students Earning Credit
Presentation of Secretarial Science Diploma:
Trudy Jean Bernard
Presentation of Degrees:
Ernest Bernard
Charles Sattenfield
Presentation of Special Award
Congregational Hymn 538
Benediction John Mack
Recessional

Could This Be You?

A pastor was asked if a certain person belonged to his church. His reply was, "No, John does not belong to the church, although his name is on the roll." Then the inquirer was so impolite as to ask the difference between being on the roll and belonging. The pastor had to explain what he meant.

"It's like this," the pastor explained. "John's time does not belong to the church, neither his affection, his energy, his thought. And the work of the church does not belong to John."

"What sort of membership does John have in your church?" asked the outsider.

"You see," continued the pastor, "it is a bit difficult to explain. He never refers to the church and the pastor as 'my church' and 'my pastor.' It is always 'those people' and 'that preacher.'"

"Since his visits to the church are so infrequent, he has no feeling of belonging to the church family, and the church has never become a spiritual home to him. So it would be stretching a point to say that John belongs to the church. If John ever does anything for its support, he feels that he is most liberal.

"Actually, there isn't an ounce of John that truly belongs to the church."

And this community is what Christ intends His Church to be. Remember how He spoke to James and John when they asked to sit at His side in His heavenly kingdom, "Whosoever would be great among you must be your servant."

So does our Lord address us who yet need His guidance, who yet need to be changed in our ways of life, and who yet need desperately to have restored to us that peace and order which the world seems to take away. So if we consent, will God make us wise in His wisdom — and give us the talent to judge our course in the right way. "Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment."

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I Will Try

To make no promises I cannot keep.

To be faithful to every honest obligation.

To be sweet-tempered under criticism, charitable in my judgments, discriminating in my objectives.

To honor no one simply because he is rich.

To despise no one simply because he is poor.

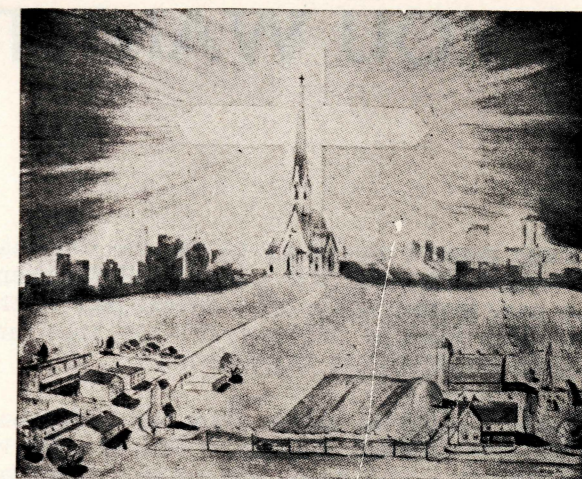
To be respectful, not cringing to the great; sympathetic with the sorrowing; gentle to the weak; helpful to the fallen; courteous to all.

To be simple in my tastes; quiet in my dress; pure in my speech; temperate in my pastimes.

To keep company with great books, to cherish inspiring thoughts and to keep my body on friendly terms with water and fresh air.

To fear nothing but sin; hate nothing but hypocrisy; envy nothing but a clean life; covet nothing but character.

And at last to leave the world a little better for my stay; to face death without tremor, with faith in Christ, who tunneled the grave that I might walk into the larger and perfect life.



How Shall I Give to the Church?

IF I GIVE NOTHING:

I cast a ballot in favor of closing the Church.
I discourage others.

IF I GIVE LESS THAN LAST YEAR:

I show my disapproval of the work that has been done by my Church.
I favor curtailment of the work at home and abroad.

IF I GIVE GRUDGINGLY AND OF NECESSITY:

I shall find no joy in my giving.
I shall not receive the Lord's richest blessing, for it is written that the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

IF I REFUSE TO MAKE A PLEDGE IN ADVANCE:

I make it difficult for the Church to make plans for the year.

IF I GIVE LESS THAN ONE-TENTH OF MY INCOME:

I do less than that which was required of the poorest of the Jews.

IF I GIVE PROPORTIONATELY:

I shall be blessed in my giving, whether the gift be large or small, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not."

I shall probably increase my gifts; I know the Kingdom causes need increased support, and that I have not been giving in proportion. I must ask myself whether or not my giving has increased with my income.

IF I GIVE SYSTEMATICALLY:

I shall make it possible for the Church to plan work in advance, and to live within its income.

I shall make it much easier for myself. I know, from past experience, that the accumulations of small obligations become burdensome

I shall find real joy and satisfaction in my giving.

IF YOU WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN YOU CAN!

Many persons do not try to live the Christian life because they think it too difficult for them. They have worked out a hypothetical plan of the things they must do that is so complex that they are discouraged before they start.

Nothing could be farther from the truth than the opinion that it is difficult to become a Christian. The One who wants you to be a Christian is looking for you, and is ready to supply all the help you need. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

You may have the assurance that when He knows your desire to be a Christian, He will not reject your weakest effort. "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. When a sinner and the Saviour have found each other, Christ has not come down to man's level, but has lifted man up to His level. We are then, members of the family of God—that is, we are Christians. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." I John 3:2. Here in this world God looks upon us with parental affection that far surpasses the love of an earthly parent for his child.

A Christian—a son of God—must conduct himself as a member of this loyal family. He knows that it is not merely a profession of Christianity that is sufficient; it is the possession of the divine attributes that is needed. The one attribute that has made us members of the royal family is God's love for us. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Possession of this divine attribute will cause us to want to give evidence that God has changed our lives. "Let your lives then prove your change of heart." Luke 3:8, Weymouth.

Our having found Christ does not mean that we shall never again commit a sin. Being sons of God, or Christians, we now have certain rights. We do not demand them. God freely gives them to us. One of these rights is our claim to Jesus' righteousness. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2:1.

Christ has presented us to the Father and is now our Elder Brother in the family of God. When our Elder Brother asks the Father to forgive us our sin, the Father, knowing that we have no righteousness of our own, permits the righteousness of Christ to cover our guilt. Thus we are kept in the sinless family of heaven by the grace of God and the righteousness of Christ.

As love and confidence draw two persons together, so must love and confidence draw a man to his God. We cannot put the Creator on the laboratory table for a scientific test. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 1:6. We must with confidence believe that, "like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Psalm 103:13. The atheist, the scientist, the wise man, the simple man, all must come this way. There is no other way.

Friend, if you have doubted that you could ever become a Christian because of some sin in your life, doubt no longer. Christ did not come to save the man who had committed no sin. He came to save the sinner. He came to save you. The greater your sin the more He wants you to believe Him and accept His loving offer. Are you waiting for a more convenient time to give your heart to Jesus? "Behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2. Won't you say:

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Letters To The Editor

(From page 10)

and I really enjoyed her very much. I plan to go out there very soon.

Rev. Taylor, you will please find money order for \$5.00, for which please send me 1 year subscription and use the balance for whatever you see fit. I hope you have been well. I hope some day to come to Baltimore; if I do I will certainly look you up.

My mother lives with me. My father and Mrs. Lauderbock were brother and sister. I don't get to Roanoke often now that she isn't there. My husband joins me in regards to you.

Sincerely,
Ruth P. Witcher