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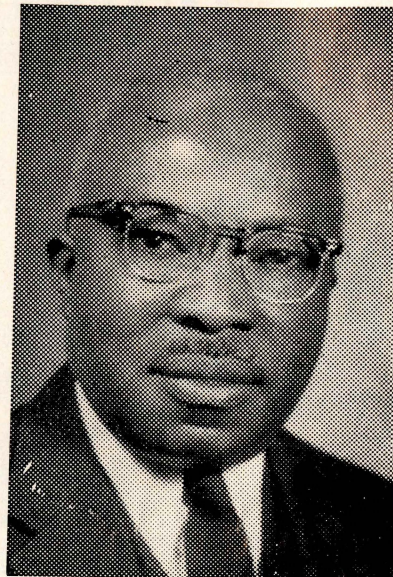
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## VOICE OF THE EDITOR



W. H. TAYLOR

### NOBODY

Let nobody tell you that this Country is not getting better. In my lifetime I have seen great changes. There was a time when we had human slavery. There was a time when you worked from sun up to sun down, in order to get a little money. Now you can stop work, stay at home, and the money will be sent to you by mail.

I have driven an automobile all over this country, and I have had to take my drinking water and food with me, in some places, because of my complexion.

Now in my travel, I take no water nor food with me, I can get that anywhere; and also a hot bath and a place to sleep.

I have preached one sermon, and got more money, than I got fifty years ago, preaching a whole year.

I know a man who makes more money in one hour, than he made in a whole day some years ago.

I know a man who gets more than one hundred thousand dollars a year; just for catching flies on the baseball field.

I know men who got rich, just from knocking baseballs over the fence.

I know men who got wealthy, from throwing basketballs into a basket.

I know men who are rich, from carrying a football across the goal line.

I know several men who got to be rich, by knocking out everybody who got in the ring with them.

I know another man who got rich, by outrunning everybody.

We have never had it so easy. Time will not permit me to tell of the wealthy gospel singers; rich preachers and others.

Remember, there is plenty of room at the top.

### LET'S BE CHRISTIAN

I love black peas with white eyes, as much as I love white peas with black eyes.

I love my white face watch, with black hands and figures, as much as I love my black face watch, with white hands and figures.

I do not care what color the telephone is; let it be black or white, as long as I get my call through.

I never ask my milk man, did this milk come from a white cow or a black cow? I love both, white milk and chocolate milk.

Some time with my complexion, you will see me driving my white 65 Dodge.

I know several white men who drive black cars.

A piano or organ with white and black keys makes sweet music.

Those different colors playing together, won the baseball game from Baltimore for Pittsburgh.

### WHERE THE BOOK SPEAKS

Where the Book speaks let us speak, where the Book is silent let us keep silent.

I read on the front page of a certain magazine this subject: "Afro Evangelism." That is a new one on me. I have heard of "Negro Evangelism, Colored Evangelism, Inner City Evangelism, Black Evangelism." In my opinion, "Afro Evangelism" takes the cake.

The only Evangelism I am interested in, is New Testament Evangelism. Christ said in Mark 16:15, And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

To me, "Afro Evangelism" tastes like last week's hash, with yesterday's gravy. It is not good for my Christian stomach.

### "THAT GENERATION GAP"

When I was a boy, mothers and fathers and school teachers did not have much education. But they knew how to close the "Generation Gap". They would pull your shirt up, and your pants down; and the "Generation Gap" could be seen. Then with a hair brush or razor strap or leather belt or hickory switch or the naked hand; the "Generation Gap" would soon be closed. I never heard the words, juvenile delinquency, till I went to college. Then I thought it was something like baby food. The old people did not have any juvenile delinquency in my neighborhood. And they did not mind closing the "Generation Gap."

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

The only bushy hair I like to see is on a fox tail. The only long hair I like to see is on a woman's head. The only long beard I like to see is on a billy goat, or on Santa Claus.

### DON'T READ THIS

### DO YOU BELONG TO A BOOTLEG CHURCH?

If the name of the founder of your church is not recorded in the New Testament, then you belong to a bootleg church.

I have heard of bootleggers who had plenty of money, fine buildings, fine homes, fine automobiles; until they got caught.

Christ said in Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Acts 4:12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

I Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Romans 16:16. The churches of Christ salute you.

### BOOTLEG CHURCHES WILL HAVE THEIR DAY IN GOD'S COURT

Bootleg churches will get caught. Hebrews 9:27. But after this the judgment. Romans 14:10. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. I Peter 4:17. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

### PLEASE DO ME A FAVOR

Get angry with the Editor. Stop reading his paper, The Christian Informer. Then he will know, that he is getting his message across to you. And he can preach that text found in Galatians 4:16, Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

### GET IN IT

If you think you can get in a better church than the church Christ established, get in it, and tell Christ, that you found a church better than his.

### DID GOD DO THIS?

A certain organization in Maryland, and some of its members whom I loved and respected as brethren, disappointed me. We had preached for them, ate the Lord's Supper with them, dipped out of the same dish with them. Without my knowledge, they started a new congregation not far from Emmanuel Church of Christ; out of my disgruntled members. It would have been alright if they had told me, why they were prowling around in my congregation and holding service in the home of some of my members; when there are thousands of people in Baltimore City without church, but they saw fit to get close to Emmanuel Church.

In recent months four of the leading pastors of churches in this organization have moved out of Maryland. The pastor and the assistant pastor of this new congregation cannot be found.

James 5:16. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

### CAN A CHRISTIAN BE UNCHRISTIAN?

This is my opinion. I think that the TOP BRASS of that organization thought that they could cripple Emmanuel Church and its old pastor by dividing and conquering them. I remember the "BIG THREE" of them were at my home for lunch. And we dipped out of the same dish. I did not think that they had taken a lesson from Judas.



They told me something I already knew. They told me that I was getting old. They also told me that they would like to see a certain fine preacher from Florida or Pittsburgh, Pa., or Ft. Wayne, Ind., in Baltimore. I did not think that they meant to carry out that text, found in Matthew 8:29. "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" Let me tell you one unchristian thing they did. They held church service in the home of one of my Organist, Bible School teacher and Choir member, without my knowledge. I now understand why the king said in Esther, chapter seven: Hang Haman on the gallows he prepared for Mordecai. It is my honest opinion, that some of them were hanged on the gallows they prepared for "Old Baltimore Taylor" in Baltimore City.

I've seen the lightning flashing,  
I've heard the thunder roll,  
I've seen sin's breakers dashing,  
Which almost conquered my soul;  
I've heard the voice of my Savior  
Bidding me still to fight on;  
He promised never to leave me,  
Never to leave me alone;  
For me He waiteth in glory,  
Seated upon His throne;  
He promised never to leave me,  
Never to leave me alone.

Now, get mad and fight at what I have written. I will publish, if you want me to publish, your answer in The Christian Informer.

#### IF I COULD I WOULD NOT

I have been told that a ship's captain is the last to leave a sinking ship. Nobody could elect me captain of a ship when it is sinking. Nobody could elect me Mayor of a city that is almost bankrupt, full of strikes and riots; and the big people, big business, big churches have moved out of the city. Only welfare recipients and a few others are left in the cities, with the big church buildings, and big mansions and big run-down buildings and homes.

I have been told when you see rats coming out of the coal mine, you better come out. Because there will soon be an explosion or a cave-in. Nobody could make me pastor of a big "hand-me-down" church building; with a big fuel and light bill and a small handful of members. A shoe that is too big hurts my feet; and I know that a building too big would hurt my salary. When preachers, members and the whole church congregations are leaving by the hundreds, nobody could elect me moderator of an Assembly or Convention, just because of my race and complexion.

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## Program

### Phase I

10:00—Coffee—Fellowship  
10:30—Opening Devotion—Sermonette  
11:00—Overview—R. H. Peoples  
National—International Convention  
11:30—Resolution No. 47  
Church, Nation, and Black Disciples  
12:30—LUNCH

### Phase II

1:30—In Put  
2:00—Brief Business Period  
2:45—Musical  
4:00—Benediction  
Theo. Freidy, President  
Frank B. Bradley, Program Chairman  
Robert H. Peoples, Host Minister

### Editor's Note:

I attended this meeting November 27th, at East Orange, N.J., as a reporter for the Christian Informer.

#### I AM TOO MEAN TO LIE

I met old friends and made some new friends. I heard a Speaker say something like this. "A NEW DAY AND A NEW DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED FOR THE BLACK CHURCH AND THE BLACK DISCIPLES". Having worked with these Brethren for twenty-one years before 1944; I ought to know what I am talking about. I served as Representative from Maryland, under the late Dr. Preston Taylor, Founder and first President of the National Christian Missionary Convention. Down through the years, we served as National Evangelist, Program Director, Chairman of Recommendation Committee, Second Vice President, First Vice President and President. We left them and started the Christian Informer and the National Christian Preaching Convention in 1944.

If they are going to build a BLACK CHURCH I think I was the blackest man at the meeting. Others were light brown, dark brown, high brown, high yellow, half white, dark white, almost white. They must have been talking to me.

The only "new day" I can see for the so-called "black church and black Disciple" is the day of execution. They have tried every kind of day you can mention. I remember once we tried "pan-cake day".

A "New Door". When I was with them, we tried to get in every door we could to no avail. If the so-called BLACK DISCIPLES stay where they are; the only "New Door" I can see, as an old preacher and a pastor for more than fifty years, is the door to the spiritual gas chamber, where the National Christian Missionary Convention, The Christian Plea Paper, Southern Christian Institute, Piedmont Christian Institute, the old Louisville Bible School and others were put to sleep.

Old Timers like Dr. R. H. Peoples, know what I am talking about.

#### "RESOLUTION NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN"

More was said about Resolution 47, than about God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Someone

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# REVIVAL — REVIVAL

*Man, Don't Miss It —*

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— POWERFUL PRAYER SESSIONS —

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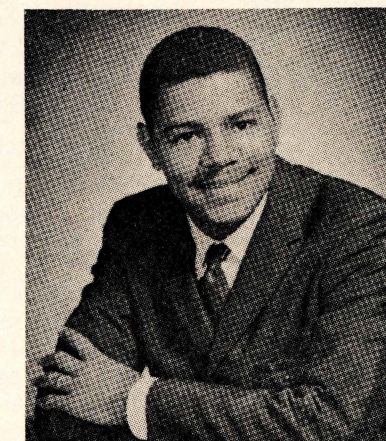
7:00 P.M. — Nightly

HERE IS WHERE IT'S AT —

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Dr. Richard McCain



## Here and There

In the interest of the Christian Informer, we left Baltimore, November 1971, for Wheeling, W. Va., Columbus, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., Joliet, Ill., Chicago, Ill., Ft. Wayne, Ind. In Wheeling, W. Va., and Columbus, Ohio, we met old friends. We arrived in Louisville, Ky., for the Wide World Missionary Rally Nov. 4th. There we met old friends, many new friends, and a fine student body at the College of the Scriptures. We left Louisville, November 6th, for Joliet, Ill., where we preached in the beautiful Forest Park Church of Christ, from November 7-12th. Brother Richard McCain is the fine minister and he is doing a fine work there. Sister McCain is a great help to her husband and the Church. The children and all the members and friends made it very pleasant for me. New members were added to the church, some by baptism.

A chorus from the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., rendered music. Bro. Sammie Winger and his people from Ft. Wayne, Ind., were with us two nights. Brother David Downey, Minister of the Paxton Avenue Church of Christ, Chicago, Ill., and his choir were there and helped with the music.

The Young People's Choir of Mt. Zion Church, Joliet, Ill., helped greatly. Bro. Defor, Minister of the First Christian, Joliet, Ill., and some of his choir were present several nights.

Members of the College of the Scriptures Chorus were Connie McCain, Betty Ross, James Woods, Lawrence Frazier, Roland Moore, Harry Young, Donnie Young. While in Joliet we went to Chicago to see Carrie Anna, her husband and the three children. They were all fine.

Having heard so much talk about what Dr. Sammie Winger is doing in Ft. Wayne, Ind., I thought I would go and see for myself. And when I saw; "My heart rejoiced and my soul was made glad."

While in Ft. Wayne, on the Lord's Day we worshipped at the North Highlands Church of Christ. Brother Robert F. Yawberg is the fine minister and a great preacher. It is indeed, "A Christ-centered Church, that is concerned about others." Being an old man, driving an old car, we left Ft. Wayne about 12 noon for Baltimore. Arrived safe. While away, Brother M. B. Chambers preached at Emmanuel Church. Early Saturday morning, November 27th, as a reporter for the Christian Informer, we left Baltimore for East Orange, N.J., and New Brunswick, N.J. The meeting was held at the Park Avenue Christian Church, E. Orange, N.J. Brother R. H. Peoples is the Minister and Sister Peoples is right by his side helping. They are doing a great work.

We left E. Orange for New Brunswick, N. J. where Brother Z. D. Johnson is minister of the Friendship Christian Church. This church is very near and dear to me; because I am the granddaddy of it. I went to a certain church in New Brunswick several years ago to conduct a revival. There were some misunderstandings concerning the doctrine. And I encouraged

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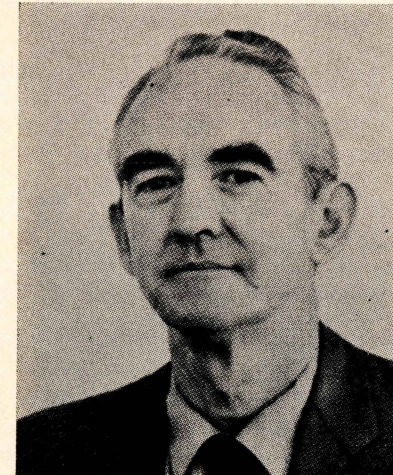
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## Wide World Rally COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES November 4, 5, 6, 1971 Was a Success



Dr. R. Tibbs Maxey, President

**THEME:** "The Whole World in His Hands"  
**Thursday, November 4**

8:45 A.M.—Devotions, Gene Hardaway; Song Leader, Priscilla Zachary  
9:10 A.M.—Lecture and Forum  
"Inner-city Church Planting"—  
Terry Reyes  
11:30 A.M.—Sermon, Dr. Isaiah Moore, Dean  
Afternoon:  
1:15 P.M.—Devotions, William Wilson  
1:30 P.M.—Lecture and Forum  
"Hospital Evangelism"—  
Roger P. Young, Niles, Mich.  
3:00 P.M.—Sermon, W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor  
Evening: Presiding E. Steve Lawhon  
6:45 P.M.—Devotions, William Brown; Song Leader, Wanda Perry  
Chalk Drawing—Ronald Moore  
7:00 P.M.—Mission Message—Sammy Winger, Ft. Wayne, Indiana  
Special Music—College Choir directed by Dale Maxey  
Sermon—Terry Reyes

**Friday, November 5**

**MEN'S SESSION** in Moore Hall Lounge  
8:45 A.M.—Devotions, James Hodges  
9:10 A.M.—Lecture and Forum  
"Reaching Youth Today"—Bobby Smith, Ferry Church of Christ, Waynesville, Ohio  
11:30 A.M.—Rap Session on Youth Problems—  
Sammy Winger  
12 Noon—Progressive Lunch  
Afternoon—Open House

**LADIES SESSION:** Ten-till-Two Tea  
in Buckner Chapel

Presiding: Mrs. Henry Johnson  
Devotional, Mrs. Thurman Jenkins; Special Music, Duet—Mr. and Mrs. T. Jenkins  
Message: Imogen Williams, Thailand  
Music: College Girls Group  
Message: Mrs. Lois Reese, India

**Evening:**

Presiding—Tibbs Maxey  
6:45 P.M.—Devotions, Jerry Upshaw; Song Leader, Vanessa Floyd  
7:00 P.M.—Mission Message, Lois Reese

8:00 P.M.—Sermon W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

**Saturday, November 6**

8:30 A.M.—Twentieth Annual Youth Breakfast on the Campus  
9:00 A.M.—Master of Ceremonies, Ronald Moore  
Informal Hour of Fun  
10:00 A.M.—Song Leader, Joanne Zachery  
Devotions, James Woods  
Speaker, Chauncey Lattimer, Jr.

**Guests:**

Housing will be provided  
All Students are expected to attend all sessions. Attendance will be checked by the Deans.  
**Faculty:**  
Be available to help out in any capacity needed.

## Program

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asked me this question: "What is Resolution forty-seven?" I told them to read Mark 16:16. Quote. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Can you beat that? Thanks for the invitation, fine food and good fellowship.

## ONLY A SUGGESTION

If you are going to have a "Black Church with Black Disciples", then, you ought to have a "Black" Heaven, and a "Black" Hell. If you are going to have a "White Church with White Disciples," then, you ought to have a "White Heaven and a White Hell".

I am a member of the original Church of Christ, where there is no color but the pure in heart. Matthew 5:8.

## Subscribers

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Mr. James Lockhart, Metchen, N.J. Mr. Joe Harrison, Somerset, N.J. Mr. Arthur Lockheart, New Brunswick, N.J. Mrs. Floyd R. Gordon, New Brunswick, N.J. Mrs. Mary Harrison, Somerset, N.J. Mrs. Melva Garcia, New Brunswick, N.J. Elcer W. Benson, Somerset, N.J. Miss Lillie P. Benimon, New Brunswick, N.J. Elder Thomas Gray, New Brunswick, N.J. Mrs. Shirley Cunningham, South River, N.J. Mrs. Catharine Minnis, Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Annie Roberts, E. Orange, N.J. Mrs. Eunice A. Richardson, Philadelphia, Pa. Elder J. F. Spencer, S. Belmar, N.J. Mrs. Janie Tarver, Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Brunette Brown, Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Ruth R. Patterson, Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Annie J. Cooper, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Here and There

(From page 6)

Brother and Sister Johnson and others to start this congregation and I helped. They are doing a great work. A good congregation, they own their church building and bought the building next to them for expansion. While in N. J. I saw Brother J. F. Spencer, minister of the Antioch Christian Church. Brother Spencer succeeded my old friend of many years, the late Doctor S. E. Tilman. While away, Brother J. W. Franklin preached at Emmanuel.



## Gone But Not Forgotten

1941 **Eddie Thomas Clark** 1971

Mr. Eddie T. Clark, 4410 W. Sunset died at 5:30 A.M. Saturday, November 13, 1971 at Veterans Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky.

He was born November 3, 1914 in Charlestown, Missouri, one of 6 children to Thomas and Gertrude Clark. He married Magnolia Marie Ernest in February 1941 and they adopted Ronald Livingston Clark in 1949.

Mr. Clark came to Louisville, Ky. from Danville, Illinois in 1954. He was educated in the Illinois public school system and studied one year at the College of the Scriptures. He was a Veteran of World War II serving with the Airforce in the Asiatic Pacific and was awarded 3 bronze stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential unit citation.

He became a Christian in 1946 and was a chartered member of the Collett Street Church of Christ, Danville, Illinois. At his death he was a deacon, song director and treasurer of the West Side Church of Christ, which he helped to start. He was employed with Dulaney Cleaners and Walker Bag Co.

Survivors include a son, Ronald L. Clark, East St. Louis, Ill., 2 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. LaVerne Sykes, Chicago, Illinois, a brother, Mr. Leroy Clark, 3 aunts, Mrs. Cora Taylor, Detroit, Michigan, Mollie Cox, Lucille Clark, Chicago, Illinois; one uncle, Ed Clark, Mound City, Illinois; 5 nieces, 3 nephews, 2 sisters-in-law, 2 brothers-in-law, a host of cousins and friends to mourn his passing.

Walking along life's road one day  
I heard a voice so sweetly say  
A home up in heaven I am building thee  
A beautiful, beautiful home.  
Home sweet home, home sweet home  
Where I'll never roam  
I see the light of that city so bright  
My Home sweet home.

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November 1, 1971  
West Side Church of Christ  
Funeral Services of Our  
Brother Eddie Thomas Clark  
Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE—"Now I Belong To Jesus" 230  
INTRODUCTION OF SERVICE—  
Bro. Henry Johnson  
PRAYER—Bro. Cornelius Daniels  
SCRIPTURE—Bro. Cornelius Daniels  
MUSIC—  
"Beyond The Sunset" 486  
"I Surrender All" 391  
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MUSIC—"Where Can I Go Unto The Lord" 87  
EULOGY—Bro. Victor Maxey  
RECESSIONAL—  
INTERMENT — Eastern Cemetery  
Pallbearers  
Rudolph Freeman, Marion Dickerson, Walter Henderickson, Oscar Grimes, Lewis Jones, Jimmy Dailey

Flower Girls  
College of the Scripture—Students

## Longevity—Recognition— Service

MT. OLIVET CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Baltimore, Md.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1971 2:30 o'clock

Longevity Committee

Mrs. Edith Harris, Chairman

Mrs. Fannie Frind

Mrs. Marion Battle

John Ferron

Chairman of Congregation

PROGRAM

Mrs. Marie Balark—Presiding

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE .....Mrs. Beatrice Strange

PRAYER .....Mrs. Deborah Tisdale

SELECTION .....Youth Choir—Mt. Olivet

WELCOME ADDRESS.....Mrs. Peggy Willis

SELECTION .....Shiloh C. C. Choir

RESPONSE TO WELCOME.....Mrs. Marjorie Harvie

SERMONETTE .....William H. Taylor

Emmanuel Christian Church

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SELECTION .....Shiloh C. C. Choir

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES—

Frank B. Bradley

ASSISTED BY .....William H. Taylor

Remarks—Benediction

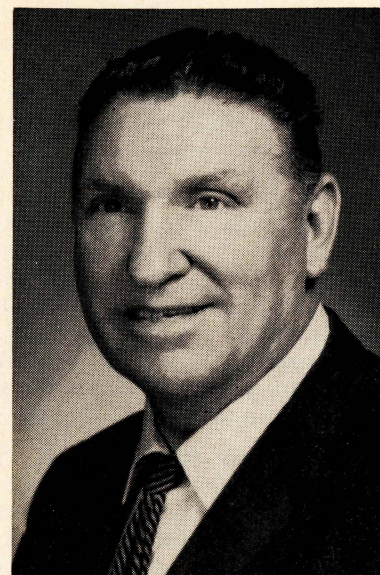
## The Tried Stone



Dr. I. H. Moore, Dean of The College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Moore has been preaching seventy-three years.

This Stone was tried by Satan 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness. Matt. 4:1-11 Tried before Caiaphas the chief priest and elders. Matt. 26:57 Tried before Pontius Pilate the governor, in the judgment Hall. Matt. 27:2 This Stone was sent by Pilate to Herod, Luke 23:6, 7, tried and sent back to Pilate. Luke 23:11 They found no fault in this Stone. He was condemned to die. Then tried by the Roman Cross, buried and tried by the grave. Arose a mighty conqueror. Therefore was victorious over the grave. Luke 24:1-7.

This Stone is Christ the Son of the Living God.



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"As Ye Go, Preach"—Matthew 10:7

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Your prayers are solicited daily. ECC has ventured into a new era of expanded service which necessitates building and additional personnel. Your support is needed in concern, contributions, and encouragement!

THEY said it COULDN'T be done—WE D I D IT!!!

Over a decade ago the man who probably knew the East and her history better than any other said that ECC was dead and beyond hope of revival. Today ECC is healthy, strong, vibrant—and serving Christ!

THEY say it CAN'T be done—We A R E DOING IT!!!

Five years ago the Executive Official of the Department of Accreditation and Certification of Maryland said that we could not deduct our program on such a limited budget and with our limited personnel. Today the budget, the program, and the personnel are doing an effective and fruitful service for Christ in the most difficult area of evangelism in the U.S.A.!

THEY say it CANNOT be done—We W I L L DO IT!!!

To train more preachers for the vineyard, send more preachers into the field, build more churches for His Kingdom, and beget more souls for their eternal salvation—THIS WILL BE DONE!!! Because the Lord wills it and because of such supporters as you.

GOD BLESS YOU!!!

To Evangelize the East  
for His Eternal glory,  
J. Thomas Segroves,  
President & Preacher

## Sermon Outline With Brief Notes

"WITNESSING FOR CHRIST."

Text: "And you shall be witnesses for me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8

I. To begin, we may consider witnessing as a service in itself.

A. Thus, one may think of oneself as a citizen.

1. He is concerned about his environment just around his house, his home; to see if he might improve conditions, etc.

2. He wants to show by action in this area that he is not unaware of common citizenship responsibilities, etc.

3. He is careful about his family; his children are under protective observation so that they also might catch his ideas of doing the right and necessary things which convey a message, if you please, to others.

II. We now speak of witnessing as a service to or for a cause outside of oneself.

B. Here he thinks of himself as being obligated to vouchsafe that cause for the very joy of doing a sacrificial mission in answer to call from God as does a volunteer in time of serious danger to the safety of his country.

1. He goes willingly through serious, stringent training to fit himself for performance of his tasks.

2. He strives to prove his loyalty and unselfishness in this cause which has become to him as dear as his own life itself, as did the great heroes of historic fame.

3. He has discovered fully that he has at last found something that is more and greater than himself, because he is at this point living outside of himself.

III. Now we come to our text where we discover the glorified message of Jesus Christ to his Apostles; His witnesses.

C. Here we find a service which involves a command and a duty. If Jesus had not even told his Disciples to witness for him, it would have been their moral duty to have done so just for what had happened to them through the teachings of Jesus. It is also so of us.

1. Here is the discovery that it is the operation of the Holy Spirit which makes possible the ends we seek. It involves keeping it Christ's message and not our own personal message to which we give witness and carry to others.

2. Because we are trying to put Christ into every phase of human activity and concern that is valid as a means to build character and thereby to add to the dimensions of all areas physical, mental, moral, spiritual growth and development of the human species.

3. The successful achievement of these highly idealistic aims will give to us an input that will sustain and support us as we move into the very dangerous areas of the coming advance of socio-economic, political, and technological prog-

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In the picture above are Sam Winger, Executive Director and Evangelist of the Inner City Mission, Inc., and the present homes being used and purchased by Inner City Mission, Inc.

## The Inner City Mission, Inc. Story

Fort Wayne has long been recognized as a religious community. For nearly thirty years Fort Wayne has been known as "the city of churches". Many of the churches in Fort Wayne, however, have been neglecting evangelism in the inner city. The city and area Churches of Christ have accepted the opportunities presented in this area.

In the spring of 1970, the Fort Wayne community Churches of Christ and the Fellowship of Christian Evangelizers (FOCE) began the sponsorship and support of an Inner City Mission. A ten room brick house was contracted for in downtown Fort Wayne at 624 East Wayne Street. Sam Winger was called to the ministry of inner city evangelism in Fort Wayne. Sam Winger, 35, is a graduate from the College of the Scriptures in Louisville, Kentucky and now serves as executive director and evangelist of the Inner City Mission, Inc. As executive director, Mr. Winger works with existing congregations as well as organizing and directing programs at the mission. Mr. Winger and his family live at the Mission house because he feels that you have to be on the job to do the job for Christ.

One important part of the Inner City Mission's program is the "Inn-Possible". The "Inn-Possible" program offers withdrawal for those addicted to drugs, continuous counseling during withdrawal, and complete rehabilitation toward a healthy Christian life. Great accomplishments have been made in this program. Many people have already been won for the Lord through the "Inn-Possible".

Another phase of the Inner City Mission's work is its educational training program. Classes are conducted at the Mission for those needing special skills to re-enter the job market. Adult education classes are provided for the high school drop-out. Classes teaching math, business, bookkeeping, and English for those who do not speak English fluently are being planned.

A third part of the Inner City Mission's program is its inner city youth organization. A Christian summer camp and youth programs are currently being organized. The summer camp program takes place each year at Wonder Valley Camp in Salem, Indiana.

The goal of all of these programs is, of course, winning souls for the Lord. This is accomplished through continuous evangelism. Personal and group Bible study classes are being held nightly. House to house evangelism campaigns are organized periodically. A bureau for personal and family counseling is being organized. All of this will lead to a strong, Christ-centered inner city congregation for Fort Wayne.

In its short period of existence, the Inner City Mission has succeeded beyond all expectations. Through the support and contributions made by area congregations, civic organizations, private individuals, and area industries; the Mission has become primarily self-supporting. The staff of the Mission publishes its own newsletter once a month which is sent to over 500 people on mailing lists and to 60 area churches. The work of the Inner City Mission has been praised by the Fort Wayne press and news media. Recently, the Mission received a sizeable loan (\$2,000.00) which enabled it to make a down payment on a large home next door to the Mission building now being used. This extra space and additional facilities will enable the Mission to carry out an even more thorough job of winning new lives to Christ.

The most significant example of the success of the Inner City Mission is that over twenty-five human lives have been baptized into Christ. These that have been won to the Lord return to their community and witness by telling others about Christ. As the good news about Christ and the Inner City Mission spread through the inner city, more and more lives are going to be reached for Jesus.

There has been a deliberate effort to plan a flexible and overlapping program so that the Inner City Mission can carry the total Gospel to the total man in order that he might gain his total freedom in Christ. As explained by Sam Winger, executive director, "Our work will always be Christ centered in its goal. Our aim and our goal are simply to lift up Christ so that He, through His Spirit, may draw all men unto Him."

The purposes of the Inner City Mission and its goals, present a tremendous Christian challenge to all Christians everywhere. The Inner City Mission needs the prayers and financial assistance of each and every Christian. In doing so, we fulfill the command of the ascending Christ; "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. . . ."

Information about the work may be had by calling 1-219-743-1606 or writing Mr. Winger at the Mission, 624 East Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802.

## Christian Men's Fellowship Banquet

OCTOBER 20, 1971  
Fellowship Hall  
Havre de Grace, Maryland  
**WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP?**

The Christian Men's Fellowship is made up of all men interested in The First Christian Church. The purpose of the fellowship is to strengthen the Faith of each man through fellowship, worship, and study; to reach out and win new men to our Lord and help to care for the physical part of the Church Building. They meet the third Wednesday of each month and invite you to become a part of this Fellowship.

### MENU

Fruit Cup  
TURKEY and or HAM  
Mashed Potatoes Dressing  
Gravy String Beans  
Candied Sweet Potatoes Cole Slaw  
Corn Relish Tray  
Sauer Kraut Creamed Onions  
Cranberry Sauce CCoffee or Tea  
Rolls Butter

Homemade Pie W/Ice Cream  
Mints & Nuts

### PROGRAM

Doxology—  
Blessing—Jerry Johnson  
Dinner—Everyone  
Entertainment—Ralph Mentzer  
Introduction & Welcome—Miller Doyle  
Introduction of Officers—  
Group Singing—Jerry Schaffer  
Devotions—Steve Zastrow  
Song—What A Friend  
Introduction of Guest Speaker—  
Miller Doyle  
Guest Speaker—W. H. Baltimore Taylor  
Benediction—Minister, Tom Smith  
**C. M. F. OFFICERS 1971**  
President—Mr. Sam Deal  
Vice-President—Mr. Carmen Cianelli  
Secretary—Mr. Dan Deal  
Treasurer—Mr. Jerry Schaffer

## Sermon Outline

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ress which man has built around himself in order that he might make life easier for him to live.

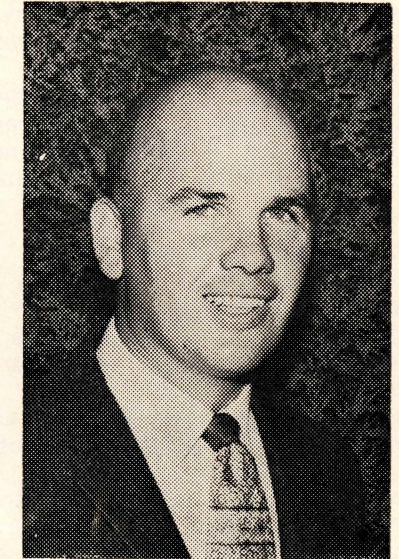
In this struggle there will be:

PROOF as to whether we shall do as did the Apostles to whom the message was first given—: Whether we—

- Stand on the promise of Jesus Christ that He would be with us unto the end of the world.
- Determine to carry out the command: to Go, regardless.
- To believe that we shall overcome, after all.
  - Overcome ourselves.
  - Overcome all earthly opposition.
  - Overcome death, hell and all evil.

Dr. J. F. Whitfield, Minister,  
Capitol City Christian Church.

## Christ IS Coming



Dr. David Downey

Text: John 14:1-3

Intro: Many false ideas about the 2nd coming of Christ:

- An early error John 21:20-23
- Errors especially as to time
  - Paul corrects Thessalonians II Thess. 2:1-8
  - Montanists—middle 2nd century
  - During 10th century
  - About 1660
  - William Miller—1843-44
  - Sabbath day Theory.
    - Heaven is to be a sabbath or rest.
    - The sabbath day was the seventh day.
    - One day is as a thousand years in the sight of the Lord.
    - Therefore after 6 thousand years the Lord will return to take us.
    - Adam to Christ—4,000 years.
    - Christ to 2,000 A.D. makes it 6,000 years.
    - Christ's second coming will be in 2,000 A.D.
      - During the past few years some have expected His return. Made front page while I was in college.
      - Many have sold possessions (what would they do with the money?)
        - Some have not educated their children.
        - Some have not planted trees.
        - Some have not taken care of their homes, etc.

Body: WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?

I. Setting of the 2nd coming:

A. Time:

- It is not for us to know Acts 1:7
- Jesus makes it very plain who doesn't know. Mark 13:32
- When will he come—Perhaps today.

O Blessed Hope! Perhaps today—  
A moment more and then—away!  
Caught up in clouds to be with Him,



Beyond the reach of conflicts grim,  
Of disappointments, pain and tears.

O Blessed Hope! The rapture nears!  
Today, Perhaps! We hail the dawn,  
Of Heaven's glad, eternal morn;  
Above earth's turmoil, strife and fear,  
Christ's, "Lo I come!" His children hear.  
All things declare the time's at hand!—  
God's schedule will mature as planned.

B. Place:

1. Everywhere Luke 17:34-36 (Can you imagine being the one left behind?)

Illustration

- a. A young girl, who was very anxious about her soul, occupied the same room as a young Christian.
- b. As she began to arouse herself at early dawn she looked for her companion, but she was gone.
- c. She remembered that they retired together on the previous afternoon, but now her place was vacant, and she knew not whither her friend was gone.
- d. She thought of the words of the preacher on the previous afternoon, "One taken and the other left."
- e. She stayed not to dress, but went into the next room to awaken her companions, as she went from room to room she saw that all who loved the Lord Jesus were missing and the unsaved ones were left.
- f. She knew not what to do; some slept on in indifference, but the anxious one searched the house,
- g. And at last found the little prayer meeting, and with mingled joy and sorrow she exclaimed,
- h. "I will not leave you again until I know that I am safe if the Lord does come."

2. Every eye shall see Him. Revelation 1:7

Illustration

One preacher said that since we have television today, this will be the time when Christ will come. Through the use of the television all will be able to see Him.

II. Suddenness

- A. Suddenly—when least expected I Thess. 5:1-4
- B. As a thief Rev. 16:15
- C. As the lightning. Matthew 24:27
- D. As in the days of Noah. Mt. 24:37-39
- E. As at the destruction of Sodom. Luke 17:28-30

Quite Suddenly

Quite suddenly—it may be at the turning of a lane,  
Where I stand to watch a skylark soar from out the swelling grain,  
That the trump of God shall thrill me,  
with its call so loud and clear,  
And I'm called away to mee Him whom of all I hold most dear.

Quite suddenly—it may be as I tread the busy street—  
Strong to endure life's stress and strain,

its every call to meet,  
That through the roar of traffic, a trumpet,  
silvery clear,  
Shall stir my startled senses, and proclaim His coming near.

Quite suddenly—it may be as I lie in dreamless sleep—

God's gift to many a sorrowing heart,  
with no more tears to weep—  
That a call shall break my slumber, and  
a Voice sound in my ear,  
"Rise up, My love, and come away, behold the Bridegroom's here."

III. Sureness

- A. Our text told us (John 14:1-3) HE SHALL RETURN.

Illustration

1. A father and a girl of ten years, both good swimmers, entered the waters of the Atlantic at a New Jersey seashore resort a number of summers ago.
  2. When some distance from shore they became separated.
  3. And the father realized they were being carried out to sea by the tide.
  4. He called out to his daughter: "Mary, I am going to shore for help. If you get tired, turn on your back; you can float all day on your back. I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU."
  5. Before long many searchers in boats were scurrying over the face of the water hunting for one small girl, while hundreds of people to whom the news had spread waited anxiously on shore.
  6. It was four hours before they found her, far from land.
  7. She was calmly floating on her back and not at all frightened.
  8. Cheers and tears of joy and relief greeted the rescuers with their precious burden as they came to land.
  9. The child took it calmly.
  10. She said, "He said he would come for me, and that I could float all day, so I swam and floated, because I knew he would come."
  11. May we have such faith in the promise that our Lord shall return. And may we live accordingly.
- B. (Sureness) At His ascension Acts 1:10, 11
  - C. Paul's Promise (Hebrews 10:37) An inspired statement.
  - D. Jesus said Rev. 22:7.

Conclusion:

1. Jesus will come!
2. We know not when.
3. It will be sudden and sure. Matthew 24:42-51
4. Let us be prepared to say "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."
5. (Last verse of "One Day")  
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,  
One day the skies with His glories will shine;  
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;  
Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine!

ARE YOU READY?

Dr. David Downey, Minister,  
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## Letters to the Editor

### DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Last Saturday we received a copy of the September-November 1971 **Christian Informer**. We were happy to see the current number of your magazine, particularly because this was the first issue to be received here at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society since the one for September 1963-July 1964.

We would like to exchange our quarterly **Discipliana** for **The Christian Informer**. The last few issues of the Society's journal are being sent under separate cover.

Under separate cover we are also sending a copy of the newly published **Preliminary Guide to Black Materials in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society**. This free copy of the Guide comes with the compliments of the Society and brings a hearty invitation for you to join in our Black Materials Project.

The Preliminary Guide lists over seven hundred books, pamphlets, periodicals, theses, personal papers, and archives, as well as various files such as educational, institutional, biographical, organizational, and the church in local and regional manifestations. You will notice the listing of **The Christian Informer** on page 22 and of yourself on page 30.

We would appreciate your comments, suggestions, and criticisms on the Guide. Are you aware of any titles which should be included in the Society's collection and in future editions of this reference tool? Perhaps they are already at the Society but were overlooked in the listing. We know there are other sources that should be preserved here at the Society. Please tell us about them so we can try to acquire them or learn more about their existence.

The Guide is one aspect of our Black Materials Project. Other Project activities are the microfilming of significant research materials such as the **Christian Plea**, over 1300 of which are already on film. Another phase of the Project, and, indeed, its dominant purpose is the encouragement of research in the history and current status of Black Disciples.

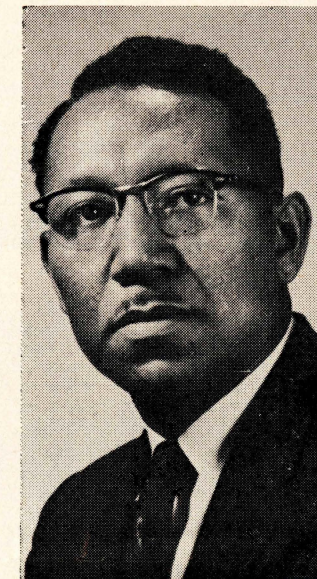
We hope this copy of the Guide will be useful to you and we solicit your help to extend the Black Materials Project in all its aspects.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,  
Marvin D. Williams, Jr.

Director of the Library and Archivist

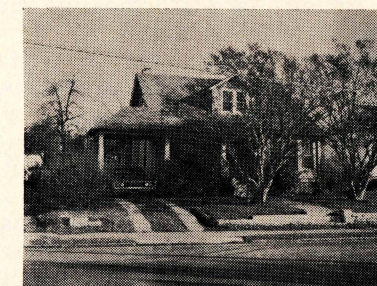
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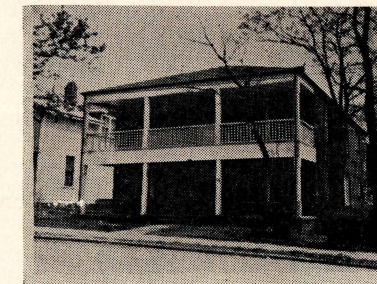
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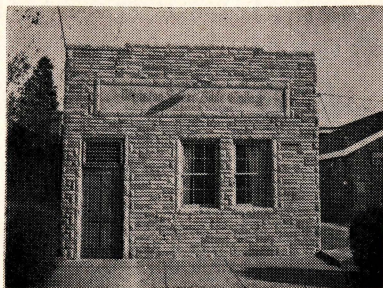


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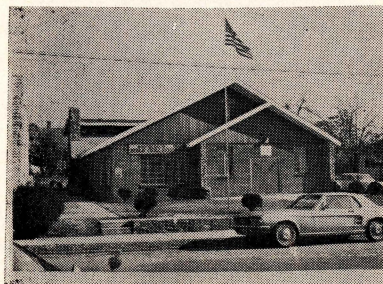


Married Students House





Office Building



Main Building

Mr. W. H. Taylor  
1704 Madison  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Dear Brother Taylor:

We trust that all is well with you up in Baltimore. We here at the school think of you often and remember the good week you spent with us last spring. We are looking forward to having you back with us again.

Brother Johnson asked me to write you a few lines to let you know that everything is going well with the school. We have a wonderful little student body this year. Our men are going to be outstanding church leaders and preachers.

I don't know whether you knew that President Tyrrell had a severe heart attack three weeks ago and has been in the hospital that length of time. However, today Bro. Jones and Bro. Leon Dorleans went to the hospital to bring him home. Needless to say, he was glad to return home but will have to be in a wheelchair and remain very quiet for some time. We are thankful that the Lord is strengthening him. Pray with us for him.

Bro. Douglass was by to see us last week. He is doing well. Mrs. Douglass has been in the hospital for some time and is out now.

Did you know that Mrs. C. M. Robinson and Bro. James Brown both passed away last month?

Let me hear from you. We look forward to seeing you some time before this school year is out.

Sincerely,  
Aloa Harris

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Elder W. H. Taylor  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland  
My dear brother,

Congratulations on being a trustee of Eastern Christian College there. My best regards to

President Segroves. Eastern has been a pioneer in the evangelization of that neglected area!

Plan to again be a featured speaker here in November at the Wide World Rally this fall.

Accept my apologies for not attending the Preaching Convention in August.

Yours in Christ,  
Tibbs Maxey  
President

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B. A. Douglass

Concord, N. C.

Dear Bro. W. H. Taylor:

Hope this will find you in the best of health. This leaves us on the go, Mrs. Douglass is so much better than she has been. She was in the hospital all the summer but she's some better. We enjoyed reading the Christian Informer, glad that you had a fine preaching convention. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity,"

O, I am pastoring at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church. I was called back the third time to this church. We are planning to go to Bristol, Tenn., to ordain a young man to the ministry Oct. 31/71. Mrs. Douglass joins me in sending best regards to you, and the church,

Yours in Christ,  
B. A. Douglass

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**FOREST PARK CHURCH**  
1316 Wisconsin Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60432  
Richard McCain, minister

Church phone: 722-4104  
Parsonage phone: 722-8121

Dear Bro. Taylor,

The Lord has blessed us in so many ways as we labor for Him, and we thank the Lord for every opportunity we have to serve. The work here in Joliet is progressing. We are planning a fall revival here in Joliet in November. The meeting will start on Sunday, November 7 and run

through Friday, November 12. We would like you to be our Evangelist for the week. We thought that since that is the week after the Rally at the College of the Scriptures in Louisville, it would save some expenses. If you come to the Rally, you could come straight from Louisville here to Joliet.

Some of the people from the church heard you speak last year at the College of the Scriptures. They really enjoyed the messages. Please let me know if you can come for those dates and if the other arrangements are agreeable with you. My address is given above.

May the Lord continue to bless you in His service. We always enjoy reading the Christian Informer.

In Christ,  
Richard McCain

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**VERNON M. NEWLAND**

P. O. Box 26  
Leslie, Mo. 63056

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Ed.  
The Christian Informer  
1702 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, Md. 21217

Dear Bro. Taylor:

Just received a copy of the "Fall Issue". Sounds good. Keep up the good work. A small check enclosed to use as needed most. Keep the paper coming.

Best wishes in Christ,  
Vernon M. Newland

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**COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES**

Louisville 18, Kentucky

Dear Brother Taylor,

Again we want to thank you for the contribution your presence made to the College Missionary Rally. You are a person we want our young men and women to hear preach the gospel, and we want them to get to know you out of the pulpit as well. So thank you for coming! We look forward to your being with us again next year.

We hope we'll be coming your way some time so we can have a chance to fellowship with you and your congregation.

May God bless you greatly with health to serve Him long.

Yours for Christ,  
Norma and Tibbs Maxey

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Detroit, Michigan 48208

Hello Bro. Taylor!

Well, the Churches here are going a rapid gait now. The United Christian Church, under R. L. Jordan, has upped their Budget \$17,976.80 for next year. The West Side Church of Christ

has purchased a new Edifice in the 5151 Oakman Blvd. for \$342,000—plus and have moved in, Bro. Woodrow Wilson is Pastor, and the Elmwood Park Church of Christ under leadership of Bro. Orum Lee Trone will move into their new \$250,000 Bldg. in a few weeks now. It has a fine location right down town!

Oh Boy! You ought to be here now to help us rejoice, but I sometimes wonder, for how long? Please send The Informer to

Mrs. Laura B. Burnley  
6377 Scatten St.  
Detroit, Mich. 48210

You may know her, she is the daughter of old Bro. John Wesley Smith, in Tenn., and the widow of Dr. Burnley of Okla., and was a Sec. and Teacher in Jarvis College for many years. Retired now. Bro. Woodrow Wilson was once her student, at Jarvis C.

So much for now, write me sometimes.

Jesus in The One Faith  
T. K. Rouse

(\$2.00 check inclosed)

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Taylor:

It was quite an enjoyable experience again to be with your fine people on August 11, '71 and to have had the opportunity to have eaten some of the good old North Carolina watermelon and other things.

Later on in the year or in the earlier part of next year I expect to go over to be with you and your people again. And give my regards to all who may inquire of me.

Very sincerely,

J. F. Whitfield

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Joliet, Ill.

Dear Bro. Taylor,

We can never thank you enough for carrying on the great revival for us here at Forest Park Church here in Joliet. It was a great boost to our congregation. Everyone is anxious to do more and to go forward for Christ. The great singing, the guest choirs, and the many people who came out were all topped off by your great preaching. As Paul declared the preaching of the "Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation."

Our people have been stirred up. It is always thrilling to see people buried with Christ as we did here. It is wonderful to have people added to the church. The Lord has surely blessed us.

May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve Him. We always appreciate reading the Christian Informer so much. Our prayers are with you.

In Christ,  
Richard McCain





# The Divine Side of . . .

## MEEKNESS

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."*



Heavenly Father through which they overcame the world.

The meek are humble. Humility awakens a sense of weakness, of human weakness, but it creates a consciousness of the possession of Divine power. "God wills it" was inscribed upon the banner of the crusaders, and this is written in the hearts of the meek, as they take recourse to God. Paul, the proud rider, was unhorsed on the way to Damascus. Humbly he fell, prone before the Lord, and from that day he became a chosen vessel of his Lord to the gentiles, a fearless soldier, a courageous fighter in the army of the Lord. Humility is ever a sign of true greatness, but Christian humility makes one subservient to the will of God.

Meekness implies submission to God. Through that submission Christ takes complete possession of a life. Paul had this. He said: "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." Here we have the real source of might in meekness. When the great apostle asked: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" then his Lord became dominant in his life. What courage, what daring, what resistance, what endurance, what heroism that meek follower revealed in his great crusade for Christ.

Through such meek submission to the spirit of God, our life becomes a powerful conductor for the vital flow of God's grace and power. A coil of copper wire, strung on the poles along the highway, remains inert and dead until it becomes connected with a dynamo or turbine, then it becomes powerful, throbs with life and energy, and conveys a mighty invisible force to serve humanity. Meek submission means direct contact with God. It makes our life conductors, vibrating with spiritual power. Then a weak mortal becomes a dynamic force, a living instrument of God.

Such spiritual meekness the world may not understand. It did not understand the meek submission of Jesus to His enemies when they falsely accused Him, when they abused and mocked Him. But it revealed His great self-control when He answered nothing. His calm silence in the midst of the storm, when curses, taunts and ridicule were heaped upon Him, this paid eloquent tribute to His might of meekness.

**T**HIS beatitude, like the others, seems a contradiction of terms. How can a meek person get his share of this world's goods, much less inherit the earth? What virtue, what blessedness is there in being poor, hungry, thirsty and mourning?

When we conceive of meekness as an interhuman relationship it is weakness and not might. A meek person is one who is humble, mild, modest, gentle, submissive, subservient and easily led. We compare him with a lamb, an innocent creature, submissive and easily led, "as meek as a lamb." But the lambs are sheared in Wall Street. The way to power and possession is with the go-getter, he who knows how to subdue, and to make others subservient to his purpose.

But Jesus is here referring to our attitude toward God. Meekness toward God makes us His ready instrument. It makes for courage.

The meek trust God. They are men of faith, relying upon the Divine power. It inspires courage and daring. "Learn of me that I am meek and lowly of heart," said Jesus, but it was He who drove the money changers out of the temple with a scourge, who called the Pharisees hypocrites, whitewashed sepulchres, generation of vipers, children of the devil. His zeal arising from an implicit faith gave Him power.

In that magnificent gallery of the heroes of faith, which the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews depicts so vividly, we find portrayed for us men of might, of courage, of daring, of tremendous power and influence. They were meek, but it was a meekness that made them rely upon the power of their