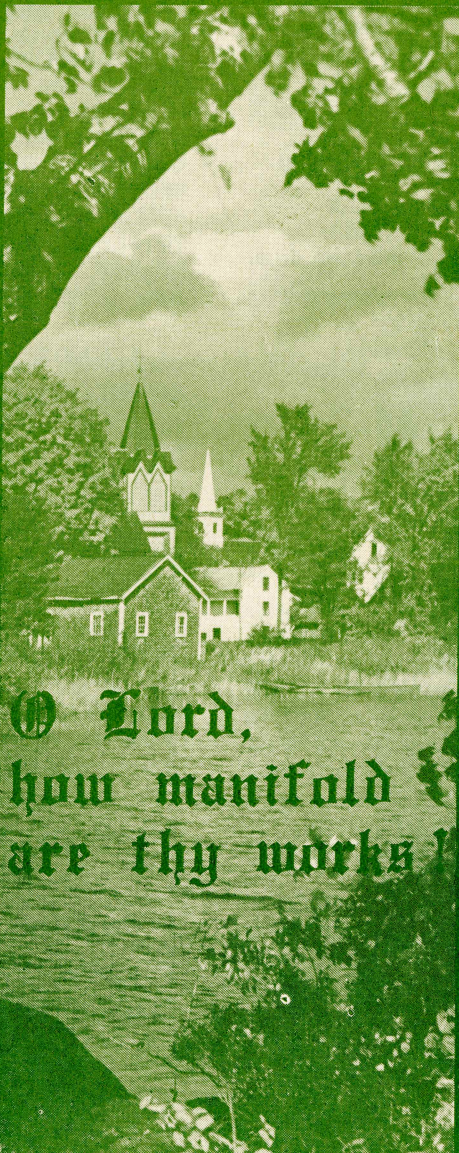
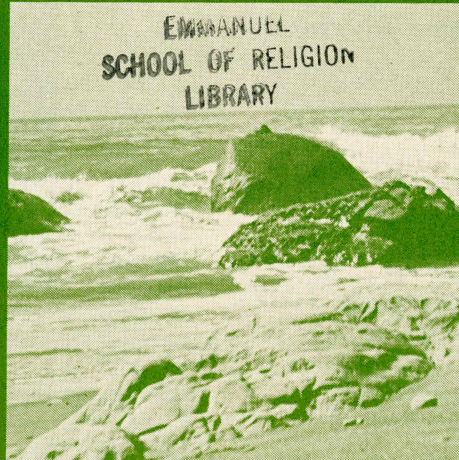
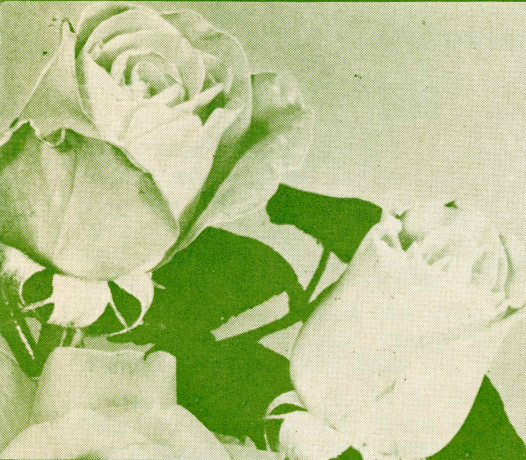


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**VOICE OF THE EDITOR**



W. H. Taylor

**WHERE AM I?**

I do not know where I am, when I visit some so called Church of Christ or Christian Church.

The way some of them conduct their services, and the way some of their preachers dress and wear their hair and beard, I do not know where I am.

I like to see a soldier dress like a soldier. A policeman dress like a policeman. A baseball player dress like a baseball player. A hippie dress like a hippie. A jitterbug dress like a jitterbug.

Let a preacher dress like a minister of the gospel of Christ.

**"BRING BENJAMIN"**

Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. Genesis 43:3

These are the words of a man who was sold as a slave into the land of Egypt. He was not bitter because of the way he had been treated. He had faith in God. He went from prison to the palace. He was next to the king of Egypt. He said to his brothers in chapter 45:4-5 I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

**TO THE CHURCHES AND BRETHREN EVERYWHERE, GREETING!**

We as Christians must bring Benjamin, if we want to see God and his Son Jesus Christ. Where is Benjamin? Benjamin is standing between you and God. Who is Benjamin? Benjamin can be the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky. or the Winston-Salem Bible College, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Let the love of Christ constrain you to bring Benjamin with you, when you go to the Lord's Supper, when you give your offering, when you bow in prayer.

**I KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT**

The College of the Scriptures and the Winston-Salem Bible College are needed more than any other college in America, for my people.

I am not going to let Benjamin keep me from seeing God's face. I am going after Benjamin. I do not care what color Benjamin is. Neither do I care what part of the city he is living in. God told me to bring him.

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Dr. J. T. Segroves

Dear Christian Friend:

On December 17, 1974, J. Thomas Segroves, President of Eastern Christian College will have reached a plateau in his ministry that few men have equaled. He will have preached for forty consecutive years without missing a single Sunday which he did not minister in some place in some capacity.

A special program has been planned to honor Brother Segroves for his accomplishments and his dedication to the ministry of God's Word. You are invited to share with us in paying tribute to this dedicated man. If it is impossible for you to be with us in person, perhaps you would like to send a note or letter, or even a tape expressing your comments and congratulations.

The program will be held at the Mountain Christian Church (Church of Christ) on Tuesday evening, December 17th. With a testimonial dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. and followed by a "This is Your Life" type program. If you have any pictures of Brother Segroves taken through the years, we would appreciate using them. Please send these to me, with your name and address on the back and we will see that they are returned to you after the program. By necessity much detail and planning must go into an affair such as this and thus it is extremely important that we hear from you no later than December 5th if you plan to attend, also the number that will be with you. The price of the meal will be \$5.00 per plate and we will appreciate it if you will attach your check with your reservation.

Trusting you can be with us for this memorable occasion, I am

Yours in Christ,  
Roy J. McCabe, Chairman  
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This Church is identified with the great movement for the restoration of the New Testament Church.

**BY WEARING A NEW TESTAMENT NAME**

"The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." (Acts 11:26)  
"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." (I Pet. 4:16)  
"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Acts 26:28)

**BY BELIEVING A NEW TESTAMENT CHEED**

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God . . . Upon this rock I will build my Church." (Matt. 16:16, 18)  
"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 3:11)

**BY OBEYING A NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM**

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)  
"We are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4)  
"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (I Peter 3:21)

**BY OBSERVING A NEW TESTAMENT COMMUNION**

"This do in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)  
"Upon the first day of the week when the disciples gathered together to break bread . . ." (Acts 20:7)

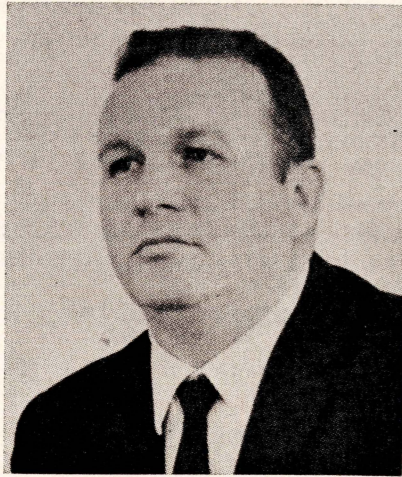
**BY PRACTICING A NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDSHIP**

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)  
"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)

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**PREACH IT**

Because they all agree, that the church you read about in the New Testament is, the church that came from heaven. By the way of Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:2; Acts 2:47; Acts 4:12.



Dr. E. Steve Lawhon, President of the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky.

This College is moving in a fine way under the leadership of Brother Lawhon. May God bless him and his work.

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

If I had met such great Christian men as E. C. Lewis, L. D. Burrus, C. E. Shepred, Abury J. Payne, John Phelps, Henry Reynolds, Stev Lawhon, Tibbs Maxey, Leland Tyrell, J. T. Segroves, David Eubanks, Floyd Clark, L. G. Wymore, Roland A. Stever, W. A. Cunningham, Kenneth Meade, Ray Kontz, and a host of others fifty years ago my life would have been happier. I would not have spent so many years wearing the badge of hatred, because of slavery, jim-crowism, segregation and discrimination.

**"I FELL AMONG THIEVES"**

When I was called to Baltimore about fifty years ago, with love in my heart for the church found in the New Testament, and its doctrine and for none other.

I discovered that I had fallen among open-membership and denominational loving thieves. (As in Luke 10:30.)

They tried to rob me of my loyalty to Christ and His Church. They tried to show to me that a man made church from some place on this earth, was as good as the one Christ spoke of in Matthew. 16:18.

"We Ought To Obey God Rather Than Men." Acts 5:29.

The deed to the church building I pastored when I came to Baltimore was in the name of an outstanding open-membership congregation. Also an open membership organization, some

**TAILOR MADE IN BALTIMORE**

Some time ago a late model two by four, jack leg, or jack ass, preacher with more book learning than common sense, said to me, And I quote. "Brother Taylor, we as ministers in the Church of Christ, should make a new approach for the Church of Christ in every way, because the old preachers left so much undone. End quote.

Having known the history of every Church of Christ or Christian Church in that Little Preacher's state, I asked him this question. Do you know that an old preacher whom I knew started the congregation and built the building you are now pastoring?

Do you know that you get more salary in one week, than that old preacher got in three years?

Do you know that an old preacher, by the name of R. L. Peters, started the Winston-Salem, Bible College?

Do you know that T. B. Frost and J. N. Ervin, two old preachers started Jarvis Christian College?

Do you know that an old preacher by the name of Baltimore Taylor helped put the College of the Scriptures on the right track, in Baltimore, Maryland at a meeting in his church building? That meeting was attended by Tibbs Maxey, Franklin Bennett, Mark Maxey and old Baltimore Taylor. Later on the college was born and old Baltimore Taylor stood by the bedside as a mid-wife or a nurse in time of labor. He is still standing by the Colleges.

Do you know that an old preacher, by the name of Preston Taylor, (no relation to me) born in the days of slavery? He was founder and first president of the National Christian Missionary Convention. He built churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. He was a wealthy preacher. He left his entire estate of more than two hundred thousand dollars to his "late model preachers". What did they do with it?

Do you know an old preacher, the son of a slave by the name of Baltimore Taylor was seventh president of the National Christian Missionary Convention?

Do you not know that an old preacher by the name of Baltimore Taylor is one of the founders of the National Christian Preaching Convention? A voice of one crying in the open-membership wilderness, saying, knock down open-membership, knock down denominationalism, and build the true Church of Christ. As it is found in the New Testament.

Do you know that an old preacher by the name of Baltimore Taylor, is Founder, Editor and Publisher of The Christian Informer?

Do you know that old Baltimore Taylor, nearly fifty years ago, fought against open-membership and denominational loving giants. In those days his subject was "Open-Membership is the main high-way to hell, and those who practice open-membership are hell bound travelers."

where in Indiana held the mortgage on the church building.

I did not have as much religion then as I have now. And when they went about to destroy me, because I preached against open membership, I told that out-standing open membership preacher, that he could have the church on Division St., and go where they do not serve ice cream.

**HERE AND THERE**

Since the last issue of the Christian Informer, we have been here and there. We arrived in Cleveland, Ohio July first to conduct a revival at the new and young South East Cleveland Church of Christ. Brother Richard McCain is minister. The churches and members in and around Cleveland supported the revival in every way like good Christians. I pray God's blessings upon them.

August 9 to 14. We attended the National Christian Preaching Convention in Baltimore, Md.

We left Baltimore August 15th for the Tri State Ass., in Winston-Salem, N.C. We left Baltimore August 22nd., for Memphis, Tenn. To conduct a revival at the Oakville Christian Church. Brother David Tillman is Minister. They have a fine congregation and God is with them.

We were happy to see Brother Blair T. Hunt at the revival. Brother Hunt is the retired minister of the Mississippi Blvd., Christian Church of Memphis. I met Brother Hunt more than fifty years ago, when we were young. We met at the National Christian Missionary Convention, held in Chicago. Brother Hunt was secretary of the Convention. Preston Taylor was President.

We attended the Eastern Christian Missionary Convention, held at Eastern Christian College, Bel Air, Md.

We also attended the Eastern Christian Convention held in Washington, D.C. There we heard great preaching by Brother Leggett of Kentucky, Brother Eubanks of Tennessee, Brother Smith of Kentucky, and others. Brother Kenneth A. Meade is President.

We left Baltimore November 11th., for Louisville, Ky. to conduct a revival at the Old Shepherds Road Christian Church. Brother C. Danile is Minister. It was a great revival.

The churches in Louisville are doing fine. While there we preached at the Prentis St. Church of Christ Brother Jenkins is Minister.

We also preached at the West Side Church of Christ, Brother H. Johnson is the Minister.

November 20-23rd we attended the Wide World Rally held at the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky. Steve Lawhon, President.

December first we life Baltimore for Winston-Salem, N.C., to be the chapel speaker at Winston-Salem Bible College for the week. It was a great fellowship. We were guests in the home of Brother and sister Aubrey J. Payne, Brother Lyland Tyrell is President.

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**THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**

**First Cor. 11:24**

I have been young and now I am old. January 22, 1975, I will be seventy-seven years old.

I do not remember missing the Lord's Supper, on the Lord's Day, since I have been a member and a pastor in the Church of Christ, that has been about fifty-five. When I was in the hospital, my members brought me the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. When I must travel on the Lord's Day from one state to another, I take the Lord's

**THE LITTLE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST**

In session at Emmanuel Church of Christ, Baltimore, Maryland, August 9 to 14th, 1974.

Donated fifty dollars to the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky.

Donated fifty dollars to the Winston-Salem Bible College, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Donated two hundred and fifty dollars to the Christian Informer, which is edited in Baltimore and read everywhere.

A substantial donation given to the preachers who preached.

Donated two hundred and fifty dollars to the local church.

The Convention has no president nor officers. As in Acts 17:28. For in him we live, and move, and have our being.

As in Genesis 49:10. And unto him shall the gathering of the people be. W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, is only the voice of one crying in the denominational wilderness. Saying knock down denominationalism. Build on the True Foundation, which is Jesus Christ. First Cor. 3:11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**ONE OR ONE HUNDRED**

One thing we like about the Little National Christian Preaching Convention, it can operate with one preacher or with more than one hundred preachers.

At one convention Baltimore Taylor was the only preacher present. With the help of God and his Son Jesus Christ, we turned the convention into an old time revival. Preaching, praying, singing and shouting. At the end of the Convention, seven souls were added to the church by baptism. And more than two hundred dollars were raised for the church. With God all things are possible. Remember, God said in Leviticus 26:8. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight.

**IF**

If you do not love the Church Christ established, as mentioned in Matthew 16:18, please tell me which man made or denominational church you love?

If you do not love the name Christian, as in Acts 11:26, please tell the man made or denominational name you love for the members of the church?

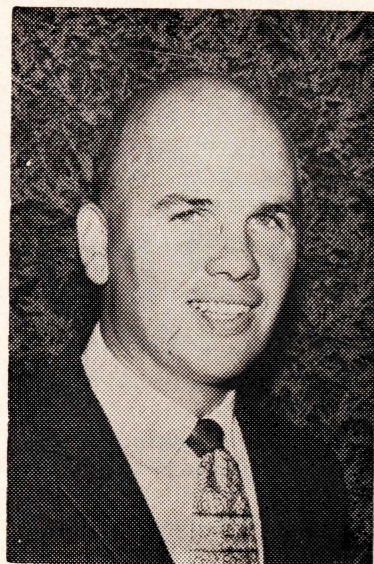
**IS THIS FORGERY?**

Is this forgery and misleading, to write or sign any of the apostles' names to a man made or denominational church, that started hundreds and thousands of years after the apostles died? The apostles gave a reason, why they belonged to the true Church of Christ and called themselves Christians.

Supper with me.

And at eleven o'clock I stop along the highway and commune with Christ, and with those of like precious faith.

**HOW TO INSPIRE EACH MEMBER WITH ZEAL  
TO BE A FRUITFUL WITNESS IN THE CHURCH  
IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WILL**



Brother David Downey  
Minister, Paxton Ave. Christian Church, Chicago, Ill.  
Mt. 4:18, 19

**INTRO:**

1. We are living in a day when apathy, indifference and non-involvement are common.
2. People often can be robbed, molested, murdered or face accidental harm or death while others are looking on who do nothing. (Woman in river near Cincinnati) (Readers Digest elderly husband and wife in auto accident).
3. Stories of such persons as G. C. Brewer who lived in Sherman, Texas seem to be altogether too rare.
4. Not only is there much indifference in relation to man's need for physical help but sadder still, it seems that the vast majority of Christians are apathetic when it comes to the more vital matter of soul-winning.

I think I can safely say that in most if not all of our congregations, the largest percentage of members practice total or almost total non-involvement when it comes to verbally witnessing for Jesus Christ. (J.W.)

**How can this be changed?** How can we inspire each member to be a fruitful witness?

**BODY:**

- I. First of all, I think that we need to do our part better in the individual's conversion and early follow-up.
  - A. We need to stress the Lordship of Jesus more and not just allow the converts to thing of Him simply as their savior (my method of confession).
  - B. They need to be thoroughly shown that they are a part of a continuous cycle that began on Pentecost and that must not end until the angel stands with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land and lifts his hand to heaven declaring that there shall be time no longer. That cycle is

the commandment of Christ in Mt. 28:18-20 teach, baptize, teach . . . teach, baptize, teach. . .

1. Yes, from conversion, while they are grateful for their salvation and on fire for the Lord, they need to be taught to be militant Christian witnesses. (This will cause them to learn the Word of God, be in their place in the assembly, and to steadfastly work and serve.)

EX Waldensians.

2. Christ also give us our marching orders in Mark 16:15. This is a divine command: There is an old story of Czar Peter, the "mad Czar" of Russia. He had a royal bodyguard, the elite of his troops, and he was inordinately proud of it One day he called them before him for inspection. As he proudly surveyed them, his face suddenly turned livid with rage—he had spied, on the coat of one of the soldiers, a button unbuttoned. In a mad fit of rage, Czar Peter said, "About face," and they did an about face, turning to the north. He then said "March," and the story tells us that they marched to their death in the waste lands of Siberia because a mad commander gave the order to "march" and never gave the order to "halt." The Captain of your salvation and mine (Heb. 2:9, 10) is not mad but he gave the order to march and has never given the order to halt.

II We need to stress to all Christians the simple but beautiful truth that we must become involved as our Father God did and as our elder brother, Jesus did.

1. Jn. 3:16
2. Jesus Christ gave up riches in glory
3. Came to seek and save the lost.
4. Died on cross and received our due wages for sins
5. After resurrection said, "As the Father has sent me, so send I you"
6. This must be gotten across, that each Christian is a part of the whole plan of God to reconcile man

III We need to continually teach the truth of James 5:20

1. We must cause them to know that not only have there been certain things for them to do to become a Christian, but that they have also had the help of someone else to become a Christian. EXAMPLES
  2. Show them that it's their turn now to win souls.
    - a. Show them who needs to be won (every one is lost or saved)
      - (1) Backslider  
"Brethren, if any of you  
Example: Acts 8
      - (2) The out-and-out sinner. Luke 10:2 (sickle)
      - (3) Those under false or incomplete doctrines. Acts 18:24-26  
We need more restoration movement.
    - b. Show them why souls need to be won. Life and Death.
      - (1) Worth of a soul Mt. 16:26 Hitler

- (2) Mark 12:29-30 with II Pet. 3:9
- (3) Love of our neighbor Mark 12:31 (reverse)
- (4) If we don't, it is sin to us. James 4:17

**4 Lepers**

II Kings 7:3-9 reveals that the city of Jerusalem was surrounded by the Syrian army and the people were starving to death. Four leprous men outside the closed gate, decided to go into the Syrian camp, which they did and found it deserted. (Hittites and Egyptians) They began to eat and drink and hide the silver and gold. Suddenly, they stopped and said, "We do not well: this is the day of good tidings, and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come that we may go and tell the king's household" (II Kings 7:9). They had the good tidings that could save Israel from starvation. You and I, likewise, have the good tidings (Luke 2:10) that can save lost souls from eternal damnation. We must not be guilty of the sin of silence.

2. Finally show them what they must know and do to win the lost.
  - (1) Must know that they have followed the plan of salvation, not some man-made way.
  - (2) We must have prayer. (Partnership with God) (God gives the increase)
  - (3) We must know the scripture
  - (4) We must be separated from this world (in apparel, language, thoughts and materialistic desires)
  - (5) We must realize there is a Hell.
  - (6) We must be willing to be hated, ridiculed, and persecuted if necessary.

**CONCLUSION:**

Have them ask themselves two questions:

1. Have I been the main human factor in a soul being won to Christ?
2. Have I, in the least way helped to win a soul?

EXAMPLE: Boy on bus.

If so, they know the joy.

If not, they should begin and find the joy.

Let this be every Christian's prayer;

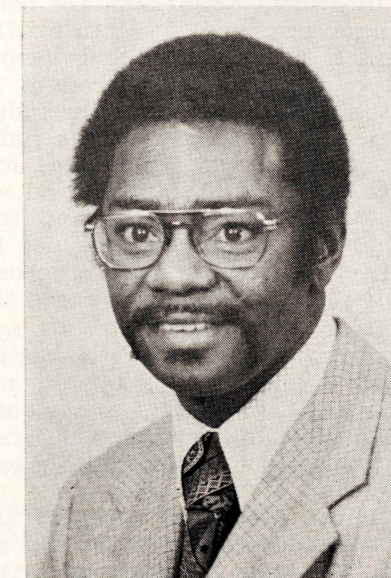
**"Lord lay some soul upon my heart,  
And love that soul through me,  
And may I nobly do my part  
To win that soul for Thee."**

**ASSOCIATE EDITOR**

David Tillman is a native of Augusta, Ga. Bro. Tillman is married and there are two children in the family. He received his ministerial education from the Memphis Christian College. He is now serving the Oakville Christian Church in Memphis, that has grown to about two hundred members in two years. During the revival I meet five fine young men that are preaching the gospel, they are Lawarance Matthew 11, Paul Tutwiler 13, Stafan Sanders 13, Kenneth Walker 14, and Sammy Tate 18, this church has a great future.

**RIGHT OR WRONG**

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August 29, 1974

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man—but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Since it is so easy to be wrong, each of us urgently needs to be concerned about whether his own religion is right or wrong. Why does error thrive in the realm of religion? When one stops to recognize the fact that there are many different beliefs in the religious world it is rather apparent that some are right and some are wrong. Obviously these different beliefs cannot all be right.

God does not guide man in one direction at one place and in a different direction at another. Truth is the same no matter what the geographic location or what the century in which it is found. The different convictions of men are evidence that man is mistaken in many of his most cherished beliefs. The very existence of nearly 300 separate denominations in Christianity is an appalling evidence of man's ability to multiply error. It shows the frequency with which man can be wrong.

When one begins to try to explain why man is so often unaware of his erroneous beliefs, he finds that it is often a result of the fact that God's verdict is not immediate but ultimate. A man can live his whole life-time in rebellion against God, or in religious error, and suffer no dreadful consequences. "God maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust." Matthew 5:45. Religious error often goes unpunished in this life so that there are many who confidently conclude that it must be acceptable to God. So many times people will say if I am wrong why won't the Lord show me, but they refuse to see that the revealed will of God is in the Scriptures.

When he told the Parable of the Tares, Jesus further pointed out that the final verdict concerning men's lives is not to be given in this life,

but at the judgement to come. When it was discovered that an enemy had sowed tares among the wheat, ". . . the servants said unto him will thou then, that we go and gather them up. But he said, no lest while you gather up the tares, you root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until harvest time. . ." Matthew 13:28-30. Rebellion against God and religious error often pass the test of this life quite successful, but the final accounting is yet to come at the judgement. So it is when man stands before the judgement of God, then his error will be branded for what it is. The fact that God does not brand error as error immediately in this lifetime and the final verdict is an ultimate eventual verdict has led many to have confidence in broken reeds which will eventually pierce them through and through.

Why are so many wrong? The first reason is lack of study. Many hold the Bible in high regard yet never find time really to study its pages to learn God's message for them. They are quite content to accept the statements of others about what God desires of them. Some time ago I suggested to one man of my acquaintance, that we sit down with the Bible and carefully study to learn God's will concerning certain key matters. He responded, "you know too much about the Bible for me, it wouldn't be fair, for I know so little about the Bible, and beside I am perfectly satisfied with my religion." He did not wish to discuss what the Bible said, for he was satisfied and he did not wish to have his complacency upset.

The second reason why so many people are wrong is wishful thinking. Men invented the ideas of purgatory, for example because it was a doctrine full of comfort. The fact that no such doctrine is mentioned in the Bible, has not prevented it from becoming a major teaching in one of the world's largest single denominations. Still another reason for man's error is pride. Most people will freely admit, of course I often make mistakes, however it's an entirely different matter when we point out one of those mistakes. Nine times out of ten when our error is pointed out by someone else we will try to defend our error, but then we realize it was all right.

How can we be sure we are right, when there are so many different churches all claiming to be the way that is approved of by the Lord, the Bible is the only authority in religion.

Christianity is built upon truth and not upon myths and opinions of men. Christianity is a religion of authority, with the inevitable conflicts and differences among men, therefore God gave His Word as final authority by which all spiritual matters are to be regulated. If all religions respected the divine authority of the Bible, there would not be the confusion of denominationalism and sectarianism we have in the religious world today.

The fact that there are so many denominations, even any denomination, is evidence of the fact that man does not always respect God's authority. The confusion and division that exist in religion today is not because men cannot understand the Bible alike, the trouble is that man will not accept God's appointed authority in all religious matters. When we come to respect the divine authority of the Bible, division will be

eliminated.

You that want to please and serve the Lord according to his will, must realize that if our religion is acceptable unto God it must be by divine authority of Christ and His apostles. There is no authority in any man—or group of men—that may be recognized in religion, except that divine authority that comes from Christ and his apostles, as revealed in the New Testament.

You must reject the doctrines, commandments and institutions of men, and go back to the Bible. Believe and obey only the word of God taught in the Bible. The divine authority of Christ is expressed, revealed to us in the New Testament. Do not be misled by men of the earth, souls may be lost. Remember: the Bible only makes, Christians only. Jesus declared "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 What shall I do when I find that I am wrong. Great men often change their minds, little men never will. When we find the facts to be in opposition to our beliefs, the path of wisdom is to change our beliefs. All of us can be wrong, and all of us often are wrong in one way or another. But the Bible is always Right.

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**EXTENSION SESSIONS  
 AND PERSONAL SCHEDULE  
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- October 6-21 — Session I — 4th Christian Church, Springfield, Ohio
- October 28-November 16 — Lectures, "Cross Culture Evangelism" and "Black Church History" — Intermountain Bible College, Grand Junction, Colo.
- November 21-23 — Wide World Rally, College of the Scriptures, Louisville
- November 26 — Forum "Sharing—about the Central City" at Convention Hall, Cincinnati (Tuesday 12:00-5:00 P.M.)
- November 26-29 — Cincinnati, Ohio — National Christian Missionary Convention
- December 10 — Leave Louisville for winter 1975
- February 16-23 — Session II — Lafayette, La. — John Manning
- March 2-14 — Session III — Orlando, Fla. — Clarence Green
- March 16-April 6 — Session IV — Kingston, Jamaica — Albert Thompson
- April 14-25 — Session V — Atlanta, Ga. — Fred Mitchell
- May — in Louisville, Kentucky
- June 8-14 — Miller Reunion, Pine Haven, Minn.
- June 16-29 — Session VI — Joliet, Ill. — James Woods
- July 6-20 — Session VII — (New York City)
- August 1-10 — Maxey Reunion, Dallas, Texas
- August 24-30 — College Camp
- September 1 — Fall Semester, Teach, College of the Scriptures
- September 12 — 40th Wedding Anniversary
- November 30 — 65th Birthday, Tibbs
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- October 15, 1974

**THINK ON THESE THINGS**

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

**LET US GET JESUS OUT OF THE CRADLE**

The sentimentality of the annual Christmas season is made up of a strange list of ingredients, and occupies a rather peculiar place in the scheme of things . . . particularly in the life of the Christian.

The recent fire in a Japanese store which swept it to complete destruction and took a great number of lives was said to be occupied by many "Christmas shoppers." In view of the fact that Japan has only a small fraction of 1% of its population even nominally Christian, this raises an interesting point. To what extent has tinsel, transistorized gadget gifts and the spirit of Santa Claus invaded the whole world? Obviously, this "spirit" which has spread from "Christian America" has little or nothing to do with Jesus. It is impossible to estimate the nature of a multi-billion-dollar business that has stemmed from the fact that a baby boy was born in a manger some 2,000 years ago. This shabby and rather ludicrous facet of the Christmas "madness" has kept most people's concept of Jesus tightly fastened to an infant boy in a cradle. It is high time we got Jesus out of that cradle!

I am sure there is no way to stop the selfish gift-receiving concept of Christmas. Human selfishness is too deeply ingrained to even hope for such a change.

But, it is possible for the people of God to break loose from all of this and begin to demonstrate what the coming of Jesus to this earth was really all about.

**First:** His coming was the fulfillment of the promise of God through the people known as Israel, or in the Roman concept, Judeans, that Jesus was in fact their promised Messiah.

**Second:** He lived an obscure life in a 30-year period of preparation, and then burst forth upon the scene of that day with a powerful demonstration in word and wonderful signs that He was the Son of the Living God, and the Word became flesh.

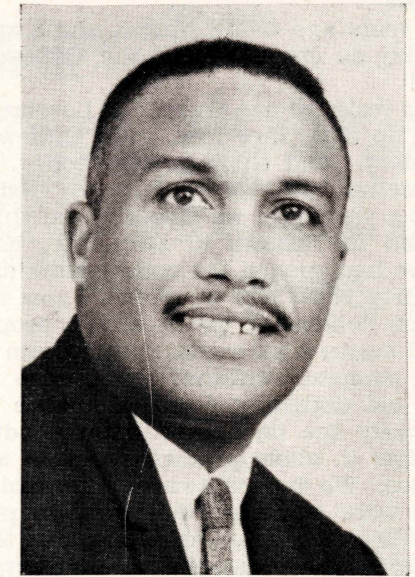
**Third:** He voluntarily submitted to a sacrificial death, in an ignominious fashion, to become the ransom price for the sins of the whole human race . . . and then graciously revealed that it was in the will of God that anyone could receive the benefit of that sacrificial gift if they would willingly accept it.

**Fourth:** He made all of this valid in a "test case" situation by declaring that He was doing this willingly; that His death was a part of God's plan and that He would destroy death . . . the one last enemy that mankind truly feared. This He did by coming forth from the tomb.

The birth of Jesus was necessary that He might become man, and dwell among men and be tempted in all points like man is tempted so that

(Please turn to page 14)

**GIVING OUR SCRAPS TO THE LORD**



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

. . . I once owned a dog. The only food he got were our scraps. Sometimes mother would fix a wonderful meal, but we never served our dog first. After we had eaten until we could hold no more, I would fill a plate with what was left over and whistle for my dog. But it isn't for the dogs I'm pleading.

I have some friends that I love dearly who treat our Lord just like my little dog was treated. If He ever gets anything from them, it is the "scraps." Some days and some weeks they "need all their time and money" and the Lord gets nothing. Occasionally they toss Him a "gnawing bone" or let Him "lick" the gravy bowl. I protest such actions. My Lord is not a dog. He deserves more from us than scraps!

Do you come to the services only if you do not have company? Only if you are caught up with your fishing and picnicing? Only if none of your friends or relatives have invited you to their place? Only if it isn't too hot, or too cold or too wet, or too dry?

These friends of mine use their checks to pay all their bills, add to their savings, buy cigaretts, soft drinks and all forms of recreation and if there is anything left, their Lord gets a little . . . "the Scraps!"

These friends of mine use their checks for nearly every purpose imaginable in spite of the fact that the Bible teaches plainly that the Lord and the Church Must Come First. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. . ." (Matt. 6:33) Christ won't allow us to "first go bury the dead" (Luke 9:58). He absolutely will not be second, third or fourth in our lives. If He is to be anything to us, **HE MUST BE FIRST.**

We don't serve a God who gave us only His "scraps," but one who gave His best and His life and His shed blood. Neither should we attempt to give Him only "scraps!"

## FROM TIBBS AND NORMA MAXEY

Dear friends,

Thirty years ago today Norma and I spent our first full day as employees of the College of the Scriptures!

We had resigned our church at Loveland, Ohio. There was no assurance from man that we would get our salary. And there is none today. But we threw ourselves upon the promises of God!

Almost a year later we incorporated this school and opened for classes in Louisville, Kentucky. (In 1943 we had opened the college bank account.)

But thirty years ago we didn't know where to put the new college. It was to find a proper location that I began a six weeks trip by train October 15th. My companion for the long trip was my four year old daughter, Linda Lee. We went to see personally the important Negro leaders that I knew after a whole year of research and correspondence. We held a two week school in New York. We were offered a building and plenty of students. At Goldsboro, North Carolina, the black brethren offered me a building, a library and a ready-made student body. I spoke for the first National Preaching Convention at Baltimore Taylor's church. In Martinsville, Virginia, I visited the campus of the dead Piedmont Christian Institute and interviewed Mrs. Thomas, the founder's widow. The school had been closed in 1932 by the U.C.M.S. At Washington, North Carolina, I visited the home area of Dr. George Calvin Campbell of Cleveland, who had agreed to help me start the college.

In Florida I was re-united with my wife and, by that time, glad to turn over to her care of my lovely blonde baby. In Tampa we located the site of a dead Black church. My whole trip thru the south was like visiting a cemetery of dead schools and churches. AND CERTAINLY the dead consciences of my brethren about racial justice and Negro evangelism! !

People have congratulated me on what we have done in 30 years. But let me say that, having seen the needs of the field, I could not have turned away and forgotten it all.

In Edwards, Mississippi, we visited the (400 student) Southern Christian Institute. It was then 65 years old. The U.C.M.S. later closed it in 1954 and the old campus stands as the centerpiece in that cemetery.

These 30 years have rushed by. Echoing in my ears is a familiar phrase, "We don't need the College of the Scriptures." I have heard it every year of the thirty, first from Disciples and later from various Caucasians. But my eyes have seen the results of just keeping on.

We are not going to put one more school in that cemetery of closed colleges! We have turned the leadership over to younger hands. But Norma and I are still a part of the scene. Now we can go back out on the field and serve the people on the spot; in new church evangelism and in running Extension Schools in widely scattered areas.

Campbell, Maxey and Moore planted. Daniels, Lawhon and Ellis watered. And God gives the increase!

Meanwhile, please continue to hold up our hands in support of our labors.

Your servants in Him,  
Tibbs and Norma Maxey

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Thanks to Dr. Elmer C. Lewis, Pennsylvania Always try to know what you are talking about, but don't bore people by always talking about how much you know. —Selected

### GOD ANSWERS:

God answers prayer. A whispered word Doth not pass by His throne unheard. God answers prayer. A simple plea Is heard and heeded lovingly. God answers prayer. A tearful cry Gets an immediate reply. Whate'er thy need, thy load, thy care, Tell it to Him—He answers prayer.  
by Jack M. Scharn

I do not think the Providence unkind That gives hard things to this life of ours; They are the thorns whereby we, travelers blind, Feel out our flowers.

—Alice Cary

The BEST ADVICE is only as good as the use we make of it.

### TIME OUT . . . FOR MEDITATION

from Elmer C. Lewis,  
Christian Minister, A.B., M.A., Ph.D.  
R.D. 1, Fayette City, Pennsylvania 15438

### THE DRIVER'S PRAYER

O ever-present Lord, I pray,  
Be with me at the wheel today,  
Fill every corner of my mind,  
So roaming thoughts no lodging find.  
Take control of my two eyes,  
That I may be alert and wise,  
And take my feet, and take my hands,  
That they react to quick demands.  
Give me Thy guidance, Friend Divine,  
For other folks as well as mine,  
Then when I come to journey's end,  
My prayer to heaven will ascend,  
In utter Thankfulness to Thee,  
Who kept the wheel all day with me.

### RULES FOR GROWING OLD

Thou shalt not sit around listening for a knock in your engine.  
Thou shalt not let irritations get your goat.  
You have to work; so learn to like it.  
Have a hobby which involves pleasurable expectancy. Ideally something at which you excel.  
And always be planning something.

—Dr. John Schindler

### READ THIS AND PRAY IT IS NO SECRET

For this thing was not done in a corner. Acts 26:26.

If God and His Son Jesus Christ, Abraham Lincoln, the Republican Party, General Grant, General Sherman and the Union Army and a host of others, who fought, died and won to get me out of slavery a long time before there was a "watergate."

Please tell me. What party was it that fired on the American flag? Set up a capitol of their own? Made a flag of their own? Fought, died and lost trying to keep me in slavery?

You ought to know why I am a Republican and a member of the True Church of Christ, that came from Heaven. Acts 2:47.

## COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Louisville, Ky.

Mr. W. H. Taylor  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Dear friend:

Walter Birney has agreed to set up a place for us to meet at the National Christian Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, November 26, all day Tuesday from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Topic: "Sharing—about the Central City." Please plan to attend if possible.

There will be no set program as I am calling the meeting and feel no urge to set up a rigid system.

Rather my idea is to have a roundtable discussion on the general topic. Let each one come prepared to (1) raise the questions he feels need answers and (2) to tell what did work for him.

We might want to set up an ad hoc committee to continue the pursuit of the topic, tho I certainly abhor any permanent committee that takes itself more seriously than it should.

No doubt I have overlooked many people. So you invite all your people who should be there.

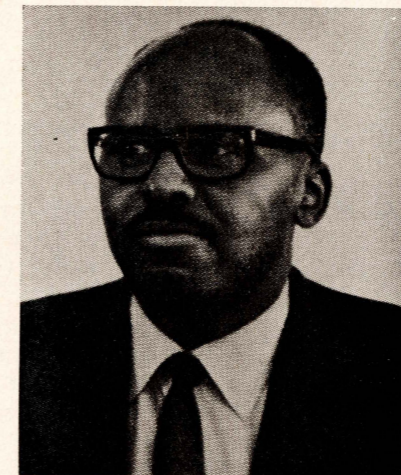
I will be spending most all my time (with the blessing of our trustees)

- (A) Starting churches
- (B) Conducting Extension Schools
- (C) Lecturing on "Problems and Answers in Cross Cultural Evangelism"
- (D) Involvement on the street level

My wife's illness seems to be over and as she recovers we will be more able to get around.

In Him,  
Tibbs Maxey

TM: ma



December 16, 1974

Dr. W. H. Taylor  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Dear Dr. Taylor:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are writing to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for the excellent soul stirring messages during our recent Fall Revival at the Old Shepherdsville Road Christian Church.

Everyone enjoyed the messages and fellowship with you. It is our prayer that you arrived home

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Virginia

Mr. W. H. Taylor  
Baltimore, Md.  
Dear Sir,

I enjoyed so very much the last issue of The Christian Informer. I enjoy each issue but the last one seemed very special.

Enclosed a small gift.

My God bless you as you proclaim the message of redemption.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. W. Holland

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### Indiana

God's peace and joy  
be yours  
at this glorious  
time of year!

Sincerely,

Rolland & Ethel Steever

Hope this finds you well. We would love to see you again. You and your work for the Lord are always in our prayers.

Ethel

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### Maryland

Mr. & Mrs. George A. Hart  
1701 Eutaw Pl. Apt. 920  
Baltimore, MD 21217

Best Wishes for  
the holidays  
and happiness in  
the New Year

Enclosed please find donation

Bessie & George Hart

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### Chicago, Ill.

Bro. Taylor:

Sorry to be so long sending the money. Please find check for thirty dollars.

God Bless  
Ethel Brooks

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### Pennsylvania

Brother Taylor:

Just a little to help with the INFORMER. Keep the good work going.

AND . . . may you have a very happy, healthful, and profitable Holiday Season.

Best wishes always:

Elmer C. Lewis

safe and sound.

Thank you for being in attendance at the Wide World Rally. You were indeed a source of encouragement and strength to all of us.

Please send me the dates of the Preaching Convention as it is our intentions to be in attendance, the Lord willing.

Mrs. Daniels and our children join with me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Cornelius Daniels  
Academic Dean

CD:jh

## Ohio

Dear Bro. Taylor —

May joy and peace be with you  
today and always

We so enjoyed working with you this past summer at the Southeast Cleveland Church of Christ. Thank you for the paper. I think the subscription price was \$1 — if not please let us know. God bless you in your continued laboring for Him.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klee

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## Washington, D.C.

Dr. W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor and Publisher  
THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Dear Brother Taylor:

I just love receiving THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER. Your life is a real inspiration to me and I am never with you but what I feel the presence of the Spirit of the Lord.

Congratulations on choosing an excellent Christian gentleman to be your associate Editor. Brother Bill Ellis is indeed a man of God.

Brother Taylor, I hope you have received the publicity on the Eastern Christian Convention. I am enclosing some extra copies for your use. I do hope you will be able to attend and share in this opportunity for more fellowship.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please just let me know.

Enclosed is a check to help with the cost of printing THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER. With it comes my Christian love.

Yours in the joy that

Christ is coming again,  
Kenneth A. Meade, Minister  
encl:

P.S. We rejoice that things are working out so well for you concerning the building inspection problems you have encountered. It's wonderful the way God takes care of His own, isn't it?

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## Pennsylvania

The Christian Informer  
Elder W. H. Taylor, Editor  
Office - Emmanuel Bldg.  
1702 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore 17, Md.

I would like very much to have information on the Christian Informer. I was baptized under Rev. Louderback which was my uncle in Roanoke, Va. the 9th Ave. Christian Church.

I have a clipping of a Christian Church. Rev. Edward S. Armstrong, 5840 Overbrook Ave., St. Peter's House which I plan to visit real soon.

I would like to have the Christian Informer. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Ruth Pannell Witcher,  
526 Arbutus St.,  
Phila., Pa. 19119

Elder Taylor was the minister of the Emmanuel Christian Church.

## WESTLANE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

7220 Grandview Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

July 30, 1974

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Praise the Lord! This past Sunday, Christy Leggett was baptized into Christ. On the 14th day of July, Ron and Carlean Smith were baptized into Christ.

Last Sunday's attendance: Bible Study—19,  
Morning Worship—20.

"All Christian people ought to go to church every Sunday unless hindered by sickness or necessary work or necessity of some kind. It ought to be a matter of conscience and an act of worship."

For the month of August we will be preaching through Paul's letter to the Philippians. **Philippians portrays Jesus Christ, our joy.** "This letter was written to the first church founded in Europe. Paul was called there by the vision and the cry. **Come over into Macedonia and help us.** (Acts 16:9) Paul urges the church to have Christian unity and joy. This letter shows how Christian unity can be broken. Christ is the secret of joy 'Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.' (Phil. 3:1) 'Joy' and 'rejoice' and 'all' are the words to underline. Paul tells us of his joyful triumphs over trying circumstances because of his trust in Christ. Christ must be our joy, our trust, and our aim in life."

An outline of Philippians: CHRIST OUR JOY

- I. JOY IN LIVING (1)
- II. JOY IN SERVICE (2)
- III. JOY IN FELLOWSHIP (3)
- IV. JOY IN REWARDS (4)

The board will meet Thursday, August 8, 1974,  
at 7:30 p.m.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together as some are doing. Instead let us encourage one another, all the more since you see the Day of the Lord is coming near." (Hebrews 10:25)

Sincerely yours in Christ.  
Jim Arnold, preacher

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## Tawa

Hi!

Please keep the Informer coming. We both read it from "cover to cover."

Roy uses some of the poetry in his daily "Dial a Devotion" telephone 2-minute messages.

Thanks a lot.

Roy and Dolores Wilson,  
R. 2 Wilson,  
342-21st Place,  
Clinton, Iowa 52732



Brother W. E. Johnson, Minister and Dean of Winston-Salem Bible College, was one of the speakers at the Wide World Rally at Louisville, Ky.



Brother C. E. Shepherd of Winston-Salem Bible College is teacher and a great evangelist.

I am asking the churches of Maryland to help me have Brother Shepherd, in our State, that he might preach one or two nights at your church. Let me hear from you?

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## WINSTON-SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE

Winston-Salem, N. C. 27102

Dear Brother Taylor:

How is everything going with you up that way? I had meant to write you much sooner, and now find it to be almost the middle of the summer already!

The matter I am writing you about now is the election of new board members in our last Board of Directors meeting. Your name was submitted for membership on our board, and you were unanimously elected, providing, of course,

that you will accept. Will you do so?

Please write me immediately or phone and let me know whether you will accept this position.

As you may know, the board meets twice annually unless there are other called meetings between the regularly scheduled ones. There is a called meeting for July 19, so if you accept membership, we would like you to be present for that meeting.

Please let me hear from you very soon.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Aloa Harris

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524 W. Martin St.,  
Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401  
July 29

Dear Elder Taylor:

Just a short note to tell you I have been sick for over a year. I was down to John Hopkin's Hospital in 1973 for 5 weeks tried to locate but you wasn't home. I also had a heart attack a year ago but I am still getting along fairly well. Hope you are well. I see where you have retired.

Write me sometime or come up to see me.

Enclosed you will find check for \$1.00 for my subscription.

With Love,  
Estelle Phillips

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## WINSTON-SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE

November 13, 1974

Dear Board Member:

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Winston-Salem Bible College is to be Friday evening, November 22, at the Bible College. We will meet for the evening meal at 6:30 p.m. and for the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Many activities and successes for the Lord have come to pass since we last met. We are sure that you will want to be brought up to date concerning these at the meeting and that you will have suggestions for our continued growth.

Lord willing, we look forward to seeing you at the November 22 meeting.

Sincerely,  
Aloa Harris, Secretary

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## Virginia

Please send a one-year subscription to "The Christian Informer" to:

Fred McCaleb,  
5825 5th St. South,  
Arlington, Va. 22204

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## Tri-County News

Tennessee

Dear Bro. Taylor,

Please send sample and price list of "The Christian Informer." Also any other printed material you have available.

Thanks,  
Lovell Green

Bro. W. H. Taylor  
1702 N. Madison  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Dear Brother Taylor:

I know that you are aware of our plans for the annual fall retreat at Indian Lake Christian Service Camp on September 6 and 7. I hope you had planned to be with us as you usually are. However, I would specifically like to have you as one of the panel speakers during the morning session on the 7th. We are planning to have a panel discussion on "Inner City Christian Work." Your most significant contribution and long and fruitful involvement in the inner-city of Baltimore make you probably the most qualified man in our brotherhood to speak on the subject "History of Inner-City Work of Christian Churches."

Please write me at 306 Roxbury Court, Joppa, Maryland 21085, or call me at 679-8661, if you can honor us with your presence.

Hoping you will be able to assist us in this matter, I remain,

Yours truly,  
Donald S. Shaffer,  
President,  
Chesapeake Area Christian Men's Fellowship

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**Tawa**

1423 Evelyn St.  
Perry, Iowa 50220  
Nov. 19, 1974

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor  
Emmanuel Bldg., 1702 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, Md. 21217  
Sir:

I have a copy of your Spring-Summer issue, 1974 "The Christian Informer." Perhaps I received it at the N.A.C.C. I don't recall having subscribed.

Therefore I send my check of \$10.00 for 3 yrs.—\$3.00 and \$7.00 gift for your work for the Lord.  
In Christian love,  
Mary Jane Harrison

I am 75 yrs. young this next May 12, 1975. I was immersed Jan. of 1912 in Church of Christ. A rural community 10 miles south of Perry, Ia. I attend church there. The church here in the city of Perry is Liberal (Ecumenical).

I have a copy of "The Terrifying Goal of the Ecumenical Movement by Dr. G. Wasserzug, Ph.D.", published by The Midnight Call, Inc., Hamilton, Ohio 45012 .95.

But our liberal minded brothers and sisters in these Ecumenical groups won't listen that they are supporting Rome and Communism.

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The Board of Trustees of New York Christian Institute is pleased to invite you to the Investiture of H. Dean Warren as President of the Institute Friday, October 11, 1974, eight o'clock in the evening at the Clarence Church of Christ, 5875 Old Goodrich Road, Clarence, New York. Reception following.

Washington, D. C.

Bro. Taylor,

Each time I receive The Informer, I promise myself that I'll send something to you to help cover its costs. Frankly, I don't enjoy most of the

Christian magazines that come wandering thru. But yours frequently contains some real nuggets of pure gold.

Sincerely, Bill Gorman

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**Maryland**

Elder William Henry Taylor  
Pastor, Immanuel Christian Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Elder Taylor:

We desire to take this time to express to you again our very sincere appreciation for your taking the time to come to worship with us at our Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 20, 1974.

Please be assured that—in a very unique manner—you challenged every person in the audience with your most unusual message. It has been a long time since we have witnessed such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the worshippers listened intently to your spiritual lesson. Your words of wisdom; your ability to lift persons to reach for a higher goal; your expressed desire that all persons should find happiness in the service of the Almighty King; and your rare method of "getting it all together" so that it would be so easily understood—all of this just left us spell-bound.

Please keep on preaching so that men and women will continue to become dissatisfied with their sinful ways and come to the Living Christ.

Thanks again for the splendid message that you brought to the audience at our Anniversary Service.

Sincerely yours,

Medina Temple #1—Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Queen of Sheba Court #1,  
Daughters of Sphinx  
Columbus McNeil  
Grand Potentate—Shriners  
Mary C. Frazier  
Most Worthy Grand Matron—Sphinx

**Think On These Things**

(From page 9)

the Son of God might have the necessary empathy for man in his sin situation. Yet, He was without sin.

We must move away from the birth-place of Jesus. We must leave Bethlehem. We must go to Golgotha and to the scene of the empty tomb. Here is where the glory of God rests and this is the point at which we should truly rejoice. Man will never again see Him as a babe. We will see Him in the clouds of glory as King and Judge. How will you measure up to that experience!

Rolland A. Steever

## The Gordian Knot

CUTTING the Gordian knot means to solve a difficult problem in a bold, direct or unusual manner.

According to legend, the people of Phrygia, in Asia Minor, received an oracle that their civil troubles would cease if they would elect to the throne the next person who rode up to the temple of Zeus in a carriage.

While the people were still deliberating, a poor and simple peasant named Gordius drove into the public square and stopped his ox cart before the temple.

Gordius was at once chosen king, and to show his gratitude he dedicated his cart to Zeus and placed it in the temple of Gordium, a city which he founded as his capital.

The yoke which had been used to draw the vehicle was fastened to the pole with a strangely entwined knot that was so ingenious and intricate that even the ends of the cord could not be perceived.

Later a report spread throughout the civilized world that another oracle had declared that whoever succeeded in untying the Gordian knot should rule all Asia.

Many tried to untie the famous knot, but none succeeded.

When Alexander the Great passed through Phrygia on his march of conquest he desired to untie the knot at Gordium, to create the impression that he was destined to conquer and govern the world.

In his life, Plutarch says: "Upon taking Gordium, which is said to have been the seat of the ancient Midas, he found the famed chariot, fastened with cords, made of the bark of the cornel-tree, and was informed of a tradition, firmly believed by the barbarians, that the fates had decreed the empire of the world to the man who should untie the knot. Most historians say it was twisted so many private ways, and the ends so artfully concealed, that Alexander, finding he could not untie it, cut it asunder with his sword, and so made many ends instead of two. But Aristobulus affirms that he easily untied it, by taking out the pin which fastened the yoke to the beam, and then drawing out the yoke itself."

According to estimates made by the U. S. office of education, the average American child in the first grade knows 3,000 words, the average well-read person 40,000 and some professional person 50,000.

**Laziness grows on people; it begins in cobwebs, and ends in iron chains. The more one has to do, the more he is able to accomplish.**

## To The New Year

By James Whitcomb Riley

One song for thee, New Year,  
One universal prayer;  
Teach us—all other teachings far above—  
To hide dark hate beneath the wings of love;  
To slay all hatred, strife;  
And live the larger life!  
To bind the wounds that bleed;  
To lift the fallen, lead the blind  
As only love can lead—  
To live for all mankind!

Teach us, New Year, to be  
Free men among the free;  
Our only master, Duty, with no God  
Save one—our Maker—monarchs of the sod!  
Teach us with all its might,  
Its darkness and its light,  
Its heart-beat tremulous,  
Its grief, its gloom,  
Its beauty and its bloom—  
God made the world for us!

## Nuggets of Knowledge

THE saying, "Trust in God and keep your powder dry," is supposed to have originated with Oliver Cromwell during his campaign in Ireland in 1650.

According to tradition, Cromwell made an impassioned speech to his Ironsides when they were about to attack the enemy strongly entrenched across a river.

He wound up by saying: "Put your trust in God, but mind to keep your powder dry."

In 1834, a British army officer named Colonel Blacker composed an "Orange ballad" entitled Oliver's Advice, each stanza of which ends with "Put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry."

During the French revolutionary war a troop of cavalry captured a fleet.

The history of mankind is one long record of giving revolution another trial—and then limping back to sanity, safety and hard work.—E. W. Howe.



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David Tillman, Minister

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2 TIMOTHY  
CHAPTER 4

1 CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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