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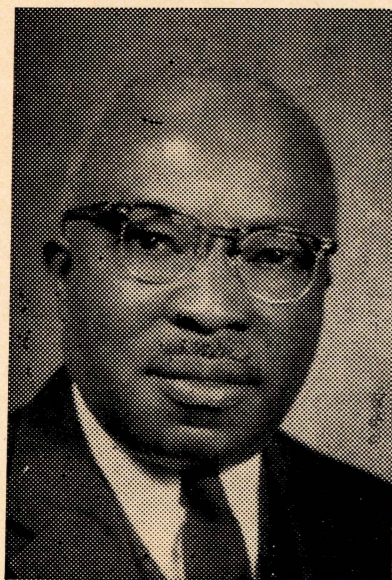
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VOICE OF THE EDITOR



W. H. Taylor

**North American Christian Convention
July 11-14, 1978
Oklahoma City, OK**

It has been my pleasure to attend several N.A.C.C.'s. I knew the first President, the late Dr. P. H. Welshimer.

To me the Convention is like taking a special course in college. There you hear, see, and feel the best in everything. The best in singing and preaching. You see thousands of Christians from around the world. You will feel a warm fellowship with many races and colors. All blend into one color, "the pure in heart" Matthew 5:8.

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SIXTY-ONE YEARS

**Sixty-one Years In The Pulpit As A Pastor
In The Church Of Christ**

If I had sixty-one more years to live, I would ask God and His Christ to let me live them in the pulpit as a pastor in the Church of Christ, whose members are Christians, where I might earnestly contend for the faith, where the Bible speaks, I would speak; where the Bible is silent, I would keep silent. The pulpit has been good to me. My first salary sixty-one years ago was fifty dollars a year and a black suit at convention time.

Most of my pulpit brethren of sixty-one years ago have gone the last mile of the way.

Fifty-five years in the pulpit in Baltimore, Maryland. The Lord is my shepherd: and He keeps me from wanting. I have not had a salary in forty-five years. I have never charged for a revival anywhere, nor for a marriage or funeral nor anything spiritual. The people always give me more than I expected, and I can go back to that church again or they will call me again.

We have been in the pulpit from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, to Florida; from New York to Texas, from Baltimore to California. For twenty-one years in every pulpit of the National Christian Missionary Convention, until they sold out to an open membership organization in 1944.

We went in to the pulpits of the National Christian Missionary Convention as National Evangelist, Chairman of Recommendation Committee, Program Director, Second Vice President, First Vice President and President.

We have been in the pulpit of every National Christian Preaching Convention since we started in 1944.

We have been in the pulpit at the College of Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., Winston Salem Bible College, Winston Salem, N.C., Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tenn., and Eastern Christian College, Bel Air, Md.

We have been in the pulpit of many state and local conventions everywhere. We have been in the pulpit of many races, colors and creeds. No man can say that Old W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor has ever denied the faith.

We have been in the pulpit of the International Convention, the World Convention and the North American Christian Convention.

I will stop counting the years,
They go so fast.
I will count my friends,
They will always last.

Down Through The Years

As in the twenty-seventh Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes (and the open membership men), came upon me to eat up my flesh, in Baltimore and at the National Christian Missionary Convention, held in the Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, Ky., in 1944, to eat up my flesh (to stop me from preaching against the evils of open membership) they stumbled and fell. All of them have gone to their home beyond the River.

The Lord has been good to me. He has given me good health, good eyesight and a voice to continue to preach against the "evilness of open membership".

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EIGHTY MILES HIGH

January Twenty-second, 1978, Old W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor was eighty years old. As I look down from this Mountain, eighty miles high, a happy thought comes to me. That thought is this:

Of all the pulpits I have preached in around the United States and Canada, I have been asked to come back and preach again. I have never been idle on the Lord's Day. I do not remember missing the Lord's Supper in sixty-one years. When I was sick the church brought it to me. When I would be traveling from one state to another, I would take the Lord's Supper with me and stop along the highway and have my service.

By Faith

From this eighty mile high mountain, I can view the Promised Land. Like Moses did in Deuteronomy, thirty-fourth chapter. I have no desire to come back down this eighty mile high mountain. I want to keep on to City and see the King and His Christ, whom I have been preaching about for sixty-one years.

Looking Down Through The Years

I have seen the lightning (open-membership) flashing, I have heard the (denominational) thunder roll,
I have felt sin's breakers dashing, Which almost conquered my soul;
I have heard the voice of my Savior, Bidding me still to fight on;
He promised never to leave, Never to leave me alone.

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STRANGE THINGS

We have seen strange things today. Luke 5:26. I never thought that I would live to see the day when children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of slaves would turn against the Republican Party that saved the Union and broke up slavery. I never thought I would live to see the day when the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of slaves would be members of the Party that fought and lost trying to keep me in slavery.

**MY FRIENDS EVERYWHERE, GREETINGS
Thou Art Come To The Kingdom For Such
A Time as This. Esther 4:14.**

Giving thanks to the subscribers, the readers, to those who sent donations, to those who renewed their subscriptions, to those who asked God's blessings upon us and the Christian Informer "for such a time as this", we thank you.

To those who bought things they need that are advertised in the Christian Informer, and sold for the benefit of the Christian Informer, we thank you.

My prayer for you is: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor

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IT IS NO HARM TO ASK QUESTIONS

What do you think Christ would say about some of His ministers going to the jungles of Africa in order to start churches of Christ, but they will not start one on the other side of the railroad track in the county, town, city or state in which they live?

Neither will they go as Christ said in Luke 14: 23. Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

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HOW MANY?

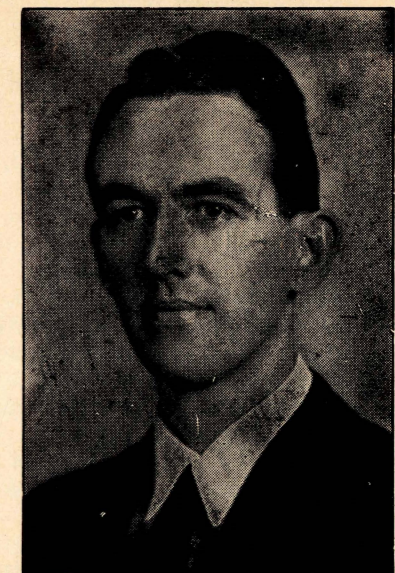
How many churches of my race are in your county, town, city or state, that are loyal to the Restoration Movement?

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IN THOSE DAYS

In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judaea. Matt. 3:1.

In those days when open membership raised its evil head to destroy the National Christian Missionary Convention, of which I was president. There came R. Tibbs Maxey, founder and first president of the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., preaching better race relationship among the churches of the Restoration Movement.

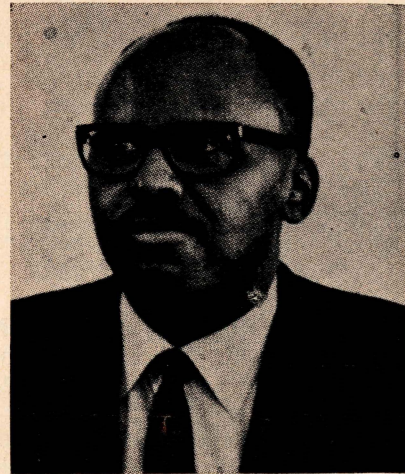


R. TIBBS MAXEY

Welcome Welcome Welcome

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION WEEK

August 23 - August 25, 1978



C. DANIELS

August 23, 1978

- Dormitories Open, Freshmen only.
- 9:00 AM Assembly Classroom #2
- 9:30 AM Placement Test. All Freshmen and 1977-78 Second Semester students who haven't taken these tests.
- 12:30 PM Freshman Luncheon with the Deans.* (place to be announced)
- 1:30 PM Free Time
- 6:30 PM Evening meal together at a local restaurant*
- 7:30 PM Devotions: Bro. David Young, Sr., Minister of North West Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall R. Tibbs Maxey Building.

August 24, 1978

- Dormitories Open—Upperclassmen
- 9:00 AM Upperclassmen Registration begins.
- 10:00 AM Meet the Dean for Orientation to the college program, dormitory regulation. Questions and answers period.
- 11:00 AM Our First Chapel service and meet the Administration and Staff. Our Speaker—Pres. E. Steve Lawhon, College of the Scriptures.
- 1:00-4:30 PM Freshmen tour of the city
- 5:00 PM Supper*
- 6:30 PM Social hour — Fellowship Hall
- 7:15 PM Devotions: Bro. William Wilson, Sr., Fellowship Hall

August 25, 1978

- 9:00-10:00 Registration for Upperclassmen, Graduate and Night Students
- 10:00-12:00 Freshmen Orientation
 - A. Scholarship and Work program.
 - B. The use of the library.
 - C. Christian Service and Chapel Service.
 - D. Class Schedule.
- 12:00 PM Lunch*
- 7:00 PM 33rd Annual Convocation
 - Our Speaker, Dean of Men, Henry Johnson, Minister of Westside Church of Christ.



HENRY JOHNSON

August 28, 1978

First Day of Classes

September 4, 1978

Labor Day

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Cornelius Daniel
Academic Dean

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THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH



Jim Nealis, Minister, Berlin, Md.

I. NAMES THAT APPLY TO THEM

1. **ELDERS OR PRESBYTERS.** . . . Both of these words appear in our English translations. They are from the same Greek word, meaning one who is older. (ACTS 14:23.....ACTS 20:17.....I TIMOTHY 4:14.....) This meaning is reflected in I Tim. 3:6.....

2. **BISHOPS OR OVERSEERS.** . . . Both of these words appear in our English translations. They are from the same Greek word, meaning one who is over in authority and responsibility. (ACTS 20:28.....TITUS 1:7.....). How do we know that 'bishop' 'overseer' designates the same person that 'elder' does? (TITUS 1:5-7.....) in verse 5 Paul speaks of 'elders', and in verse 7 'bishops', when referring to the same class of persons. Also compare ACTS 20:17-28.....the 'elders' in v. 17 whom Paul called to him, he called 'overseers' in v. 28. Therefore they are used interchangeably.

3. **SHEPHERDS OR PASTORS.** . . . In I PETER 5:1-4....., Peter exhorts the elders to do the work of shepherds. In EPHESIANS 4:11....., the term pastor occurs. The word pastor means, to shepherd or tend. Thus, the word 'pastor' is one of the designations of the elders of the church. Note—Preachers are often referred to as 'pastors' today. Since preachers are not elders, and since that term applies to the elders, it is an error to speak of a preacher as the pastor of the church.

Why are three classes of terms used in reference to this one office? The first class speaks of their person as regards their age and Christian experience; the second class refers to their position as superintendents of the congregation; the last 'pastors' beautifully describes their work as that of shepherds of God's flock.

II. THEIR FIELD OR PLACE OF SERVICE

The New Testament teaches that the elders are local officers, serving in the local congregation. The New Testament does not teach that the elders are to be in another city, or over a group of churches, handing down orders. (I PETER 5:1-2.....ACTS 14:23.....TITUS 1:5.....)

III. A PLURALITY OF ELDERS

A congregation when set in order is to have a plurality of elders: Wherever the Scriptures speak of the office, they speak in the plural form. (ACTS 14:23.....TITUS 1:5.....I PETER 5:1.....ACTS 20:17.....PHILIPPIANS 1:1.....JAMES 5:14.....). In this matter, caution must be taken not to ordain an unqualified man just to have a plurality.

IV. THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS...... (I TIMOTHY 3:1-7.....TITUS 1:5-9.....I PET. 1:4.....).

I. **NEGATIVE.**.....1. Not given to wine, 2. not a striker, 3. not covetous, 4. not a novice 5. not self-willed, 6. not soon angry.

2. **POSITIVE.**.....1. Husband of one wife, 2. vigilant, 3. sober, 4. of good behavior, 5. given to hospitality, 6. patient, 7. a lover of good men, 8. just, 9. holy, 10. blameless, 11. temperate, 12. apt to teach, 13. of good report among them without, and (14) one that ruleth well his own house.

Some claim that no man can meet these qualifications, but, aside from being apt to teach and not a novice, which of these qualifications is not to be found in the life of every married man with a family who is a Christian? Remember that Paul said, a 'bishop MUST be' what he describes in these qualifications (I TIMOTHY 3:2.....).

Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Lewis, Pennsylvania . . .

IT'S THE DRIVER

It isn't the car that begins to whine when forced to stop for an old stop sign—it's the driver.
It isn't the car that takes a drink, then quickly loses its power to think—it's the driver.
It isn't the car that fails to heed the dangers of reckless, discourteous speed—it's the driver.
It isn't the car that steps on the gas and causes an accident, trying to pass—it's the driver.
A car may be bent and twisted awry, but it isn't the car that will have to die—it's the driver.

—National Safety Council

WE NEVER BEG

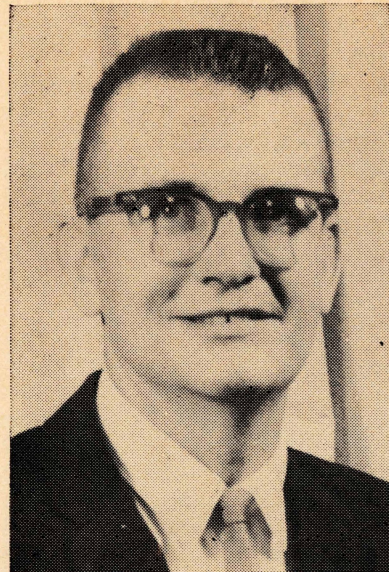
The Emmanuel Church of Christ in Baltimore never begs. This congregation was organized 45 years ago when there were soup and bread lines everywhere, and we did not beg then, when the open membership masters wanted me to leave town.

I am still here preaching against open membership and its evilness. We have never begged for the Christian Informer, which we started in 1944. Because of high prices of everything, before we would beg, we would rather sell first quality merchandise. To dig I am too old, to beg I am ashamed. Luke 16:3.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Psalm 121.

In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me. Psalm 120.

IF YOU ARE —



DARYL LANE, MINISTER

Tired, fed up and disgusted with denominational sectarianism, and you would like to go to church somewhere and hear the Word of God preached, free from denominationalism, we invite you to come to church.

We have dropped every kind of denominational affiliation because they are unscriptural, and many times anti-scriptural and confusing. Read I Cor. 1:10 and 3.3.

If you hear everything except the Bible, where you go; if you are longing to hear the blessed Word of God preached and applied; if you want to be saved according to God's plan as revealed in the Word of God; if you want to help us answer Jesus Christ's prayer in John 17, where He prayed that all His followers might be **One, United in Him**; if you can see the fallacy of **Denominational Overlords**; if you are willing to listen to God's Word and obey it; (adding nothing to it and taking nothing from it) if you will be satisfied to be a **Christian**; (nothing less and nothing more) if you would like to be a member of Jesus Christ's Church, His Bride on earth; if you are willing to accept Jesus Christ as your only **Commander and Chief**; if you are willing to abide by His Word, living faithfully for Him who saved you, then we invite you to come to this church and fellowship with us.

Remember we are not a denomination! We are just a congregation of Christians, trying as best we can to lead others to know our Christ and find salvation in Him! You need Christ, and we need to **help each other!**

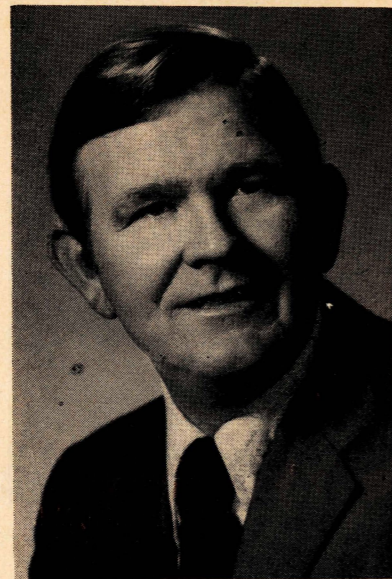
Daryl Lane, Minister

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JESUS IS COMING —

Friend, WILL YOU BE SAVED?



David L. Bennett, Minister Country Side Christian Church, Cambridge, Md.

To be saved, I must:

BELIEVE in the Lord Jesus Christ.
John 3:16, Acts 16:31, Heb. 11:6.
But faith without works is dead.
James 2:14, 17, 26.
Faith and Works save.
James 2:22, 24. Acts 18:8, 8:12, 37.

REPENT — Lk. 13:3, Lk. 15:7, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30, 2 Pet. 3:9.
What is repentance?
1 Pet. 3:11, 2 Cor. 7:10.

CONFESS — Matt. 10:32, 33, Mark 8:38, 1 Tim. 6:12, 13, 1 John 4:15.

BE BAPTIZED — Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:16, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 16:33, 8:36-39, Rom. 6:4-6, Col. 2:12, 1 Pet. 3:21.

To remain Spiritually alive, I must:

OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER
John 6:53-58, Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7.

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
2 Pet. 1:5-12, Matt. 24:13, Rev. 2:10, 26, 27, Rev. 3:10, 21.

THE BIBLE ONLY MAKES CHRISTIANS ONLY

The independent **CHRISTIAN CHURCH** accepts Christ as the Divine Son of God and only **SAVIOR** of the world. We are pleading for all religious people to come out of the confusion of denominationalism and be "just a Christian." The **CHRISTIAN CHURCH** is **NOT** a denomination. It is neither Protestant nor Catholic. Visit Sunday. "A new church holding to the old **FAITH.**"



W. M. Ellis, Orlando, Florida

"THINK ON THESE THINGS . . ."

"A GROWING CHURCH BEGINS WITH YOU"
. . . Human nature causes every individual to want to be a part of something that is alive and growing. It is no different with the church. You cannot influence or win another person to Christ if **YOU** do not attend the church services. . . .

If **YOU** do not gather around the Lord's table each Sunday.
If **YOU** do not give your tithes and offerings.
If **YOU** do not attend the Prayer meeting and Bible Study.

The church can only be as strong as **YOU** make it. The Bible says, "Let your light so shine before men that they might see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

You will notice the poster when you enter the church building which says, "A GROWING CHURCH BEGINS WITH YOU."

PAXTON TIMES

Paxton Ave. Church, 8312 S. Paxton Ave.
Feb. 20, 1978 D. Downey, Minister

PREPARE, REVIVAL AHEAD!!!

Chicago, Ill.

Just one month from the date this article is being written and we open our Spring, 1978 Revival! We are exceptionally fortunate to be able to have an evangelist of the caliber of Bro. "Baltimore" Taylor scheduled to hold this meeting for us. Bro. Taylor has previously held two meetings at Paxton Ave. and they both had some wonderful results. The fill-the-pew nights of those two meetings were the two highest revival attendances of this decade! The top attendance was 191. In his first meeting with us we averaged 100 per service in attendance and there were 13 additions. Let's prepare for another great meeting! Prepare with prayer and witnessing. Start inviting now! Encourage everyone you talk to to make plans to attend.

LADIES' PRAYER PACT

Our ladies have made a Prayer Pact to pray every day at 12 noon for the revival with Bro. Taylor. All ladies are asked to join together at this time every day praying specifically that God will bless our meeting with a harvest of souls; that their loved ones will be won and released from the burden of their sins; that our church family will grow closer and be zealous of good works.

DOUBLE, DOUBLE, DOUBLE, DOUBLE

Let's all work diligently to double our membership, double our attendance, double our finance and double our building.

21 DAYS TO GO!!

Yes, just 21 days from the time this article is written and we will begin our Spring Revival with Evangelist, Bro. "Baltimore" Taylor. Bro. Taylor held meetings for us in '73 and '74. All of you who were present then will remember his powerful preaching filled with good, strong Bible doctrine. You will also remember the great attendances we had for both of those meetings. Responses to the invitation for either initial obedience or transfer of membership during those two revivals totaled 14!

It has been four years since Bro. Taylor was last here and we're looking forward to a great time in the Lord. We want to have a good crowd each evening and we hope to have a real record-breaker on fill-the-pew night. Our former record was 191 and that was at Bro. Taylor's first revival with us. Easter Sunday morning will be Bro. Taylor's final sermon and it is our desire to top all attendance records that we have had at that service. Let's work and plan to go well over 200!

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TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

Text: John 6:53-69

INTRODUCTION: Most everyone has someone to whom they turn for advice. In time of sickness, they seek the advice of a doctor; in legal matters, they seek the advice of a lawyer. But there are some things for which man does not have the answer. As we face eternity with a never dying soul, to whom shall we turn?

I. TO WHOM SHALL WE GO WITH OUR SINS?

- A. Shall we go to some outstanding man of wealth? Ps. 49:7
- B. Shall we go to some modernistic positive thinking preacher, who would try to get us to forget our sins by covering them with a change of thinking? Prov. 28:13 (The sinner is negative).
- C. Shall we go to some earthly priest and confess them? I Tim. 2:5.
- D. Shall we go to Calvary, to Christ who said, "Come unto Me"? Matt. 11:28-30
 - 1. It is a fact that Christ died for our sins. Isa. 53:6; Acts 4:12, I Cor. 15:3
 - 2. It is a fact that if we refuse or fail to come to Him, we shall die in our sins; John 8:21, 24.

II. TO WHOM SHALL WE GO FOR INWARD PEACE?

- A. The sinner has no peace and there is no peace to be found in the pleasures of sin. Isa. 57:20-21
- B. True peace is to be found only in Jesus Christ. John 14:27, Isa. 48:18. This peace became possible at a great price. Col. 1:20. So easy to receive. Rom. 8:1

III. TO WHOM SHALL WE GO FOR ASSURANCE AND SECURITY?

- A. Not to our own opinion alone. Prov. 14:12.
- B. Not to some religious pretender. II John vs. 7
- C. We can go to Christ Jesus for assurance and security. John 10:27-29

IV. TO WHOM SHALL WE GO WHEN LIFE'S DAY CLOSES?

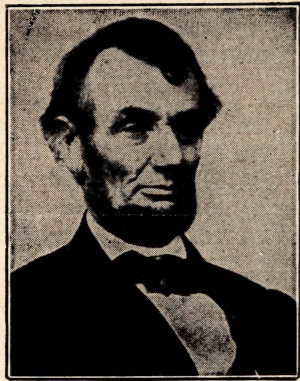
- A. This depends entirely upon our decision for or against Christ. If we have accepted Him, we can rest upon Psalm 23:4.
- B. If we have rejected Him, we can be sure of an eternal burning Hell. Matt. 7:21-23 To be a Christian read Acts 2:38-47

In our congregation we had people from: Philip-pines, Jamaica, Trinidad, American, French Canadian and English Canadian.

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Rodney Warren, Minister

IT IS WRITTEN OF MR. LINCOLN



It is written that the father and mother of President Lincoln were members of the Christian Church in the state of Kentucky. And Mr. Abraham Lincoln was baptized into the Christian Church by a Christian preacher in the state of Illinois, in the waters of the Sangamon river, by a Christian Evangelist whose name was John O'Kane.

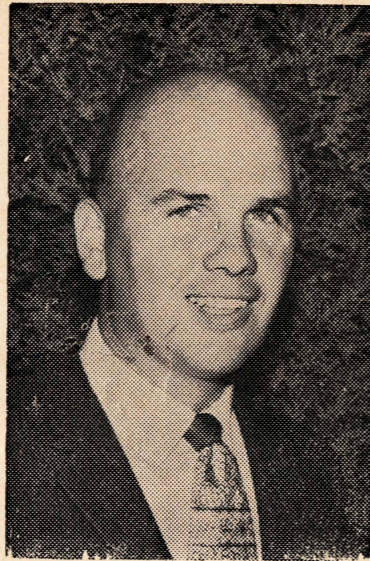
IT IS WRITTEN

That President Abraham Lincoln said, "If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong." That sounds like a Christian talking.

PAXTON AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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David E. Downey, Minister
David S. Downey, Youth Minister



March 26, 1978

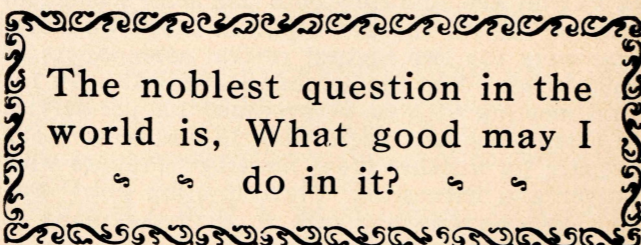
EASTER SUNDAY

PAXTON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

Prelude	Mrs. Lois Borton, Organist
	Darlene Downey, Pianist
Hymns 164, 417	
Prayer Hymn	#416
Special Music	
Sermon by Bro. "Baltimore" Taylor	
Hymn of Decision	#308
Announcements	
Communion Hymn	#377
Prayers for the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine	
Tithes and Offerings	
30 PIECES OF SILVER OFFERING	
Doxology	
Offertory Prayer	
Benediction	
Closing Hymn	#173

VESPERS

Hymns 280, 96	Communion Hymn 261
Prayer Hymn 279	Offering
Hymn Requests	Doxology
Sermon by D. S. Downey	Offertory Prayer & Bene.
Invitation Hymn 266	Closing Hymn 173



PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW, "WHERE ARE THE PREACHERS YOU HAVE TRAINED?"



LELAND TYRELL
President Winston-Salem Bible College

Here is a partial list.
Nelson McCall preaches for the Midway Church of Christ in Tazewell, Virginia.
Harold Moore preaches for the Fellowship Christian Church in Winston-Salem.
Nathaniel King preaches for the Baileytown Church of Christ at Walnut Cove and the Center Tabernacle Christian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

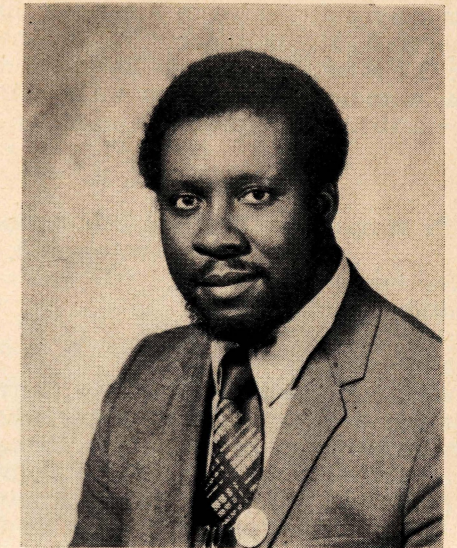
Ed Simmons preaches for the Shady Grove Church of Christ in Eden, North Carolina.
John Higgins preaches for the Mt. Olive Christian Church in Concord, North Carolina.
Harcourt Saunders ministers to the East Clemmons Road Christian Church here in Winston-Salem.

Bernard Blackman is the minister of the Brush-ton Church of Christ in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Bob Woolfolk serves the Agape Christian Church in Denver, Colorado.
Sharon Garvey is the minister of the First Christian Church in Compton, California.
Rudolph Mullings preaches for the Martindale Avenue Church of Christ in Indianapolis.

Willie Jones ministers to the Carver Road Christian Church in Winston-Salem.
Harold Sumner preaches for the Philippi Christian Church at Louisa, Virginia.
Albert Joseph is ministering in Haiti as is also Leon Dorleans.
Lushington Bogle has started two congrega-tions since returning to Jamaica.
Archie Barr and John Rolle are serving in the Bahamas.

In addition to this group, our Dean, William Johnson, preaches for the Spencer Memorial Church of Christ in Winston-Salem.
Many others are serving in various leadership capacities here and in other countries. Our gradu-ates and others who got their education at Win-ston-Salem Bible College are serving nearly one-half of all the independent black churches in the brotherhood!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



SAM J. WINGER

The year 1977 has been many things to us here at the Inner City Mission but the greatest thing is that it has been a blessing to us and many of the people we have served. I feel that the year 1978 will be one of our greatest years. I pray that God will give me the strength to complete another year of serving Him by serving you and others. Someone has said that the future is now, and I sure believe that is true for us and the Inner City Mission.

Many of last year's goals were fulfilled and I look forward to more fulfillments in 1978. Now in the words of an old show business phrase; "On with the show."

Goals For 1978

1. To develop an avenue within Inner City Mission that more effectively recycle men and material for our Lord. (A Christian work program.)
2. To upgrade and add to the present Inner City Mission Staff and Buildings.
3. To intensify the depth of the inner city out-reach ministry.
4. To develop more activity committees to oversee all phases of the Inner City Mission Christ-Centered Rehabilitation ministry.

In closing, let me say, I hope to keep building a sound love-based and people-centered program for the Lord. I know all of these things can come with you at my side and God as my guide.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they la-bor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain." Psalm 127:1

Sam J. Winger
Executive Director and Evangelist
P.O. Box 722 Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Some of our young ladies have graduated and gone on to become nurses. Some are doing secre-tarial work. Some have married our young preachers.

The money you spent to help us train preachers and others serving in leadership capacities is bear-ing fruit at home and abroad.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Dr. R. Tibbs Maxey

The last word at the North American this year was given by W. H. "Baltimore" Taylor, the great preacher. He is not quite 80 but he acts forcefully — as if he were not quite 50. How we need Brother Taylor as a living example for a minister of the gospel.

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North American Christian Convention

August 8, 1977

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Dear Brother Taylor:

We had a great 50th Anniversary Convention in Cincinnati and a number of those who were preaching in 1927 were in attendance. Recognition was given Thursday evening at the Convention and an honor roll was posted in the Anniversary Area at the entrance to the Convention Center. Your name was there!

Wayne Smith had us provide for those who were recognized in the sessions a paper weight carrying the logo of the Convention. We want you to have one of these for your keepsake. It is presented with a genuine love for you and in appreciation for all that you have meant to the cause of Christ over the years. It is our prayer that you will continue to enjoy good health and be showered with lots of love by those dearest to you.

A list of all who have been preaching 50 years or more will appear in the August/September issue of the NACC UPDATE—Be on the watch for it around the end of September.

Yours in Christ,
/s/ Leonard G. Wymore
Convention Director

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Eastern Christian College

September 7, 1977

Baltimore Taylor, Minister
Emmanuel Christian Church
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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

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

Dear Brother Taylor:

With my very heavy schedule, I frequently fail to write those for whom I have great respect and with whom I have enjoyed rich fellowship in the sharing of our Lord. I just wanted to let you know that the "Christian Informer" is much appreciated by all of us at Eastern Christian College. It is displayed in our library so that all information is available in an age of urgent need.

May the Lord bless you as you continue your ministry.

Yours in His service,
/s/ J. Thomas Segroves

JTS/ckl

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15 Aug., '77

Brother Taylor:

Publishing is rough these days . . . but keep plugging away.

Best wishes for your continued health and happiness and I will be looking for the next issue of The Informer.

Sincerely,
E. C. L.

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North Tazewell, Va.

Dec. 28, 1977

Dear Bro. W. H. Taylor:

I am very glad to get this Christian Informer that you sent to my husband, as you did not know I lost him; he passed away on May 13, 1977, after the last trip you were here. He had been sick for over three or more years.

I do enjoy reading this magazine, it gives me a new spirit to help myself in this time of sadness and loneliness. But I do feel that God knew what was best for us all and He always does what is best for us. I do miss him so very much; he was a good and wonderful husband. Please pray for me and my little family. I have one daughter and her two small children staying with me in the home.

Let me thank you again for this book and I DO want to keep taking it on and I am increasing a year's price of \$1.00 for one year. Please DO keep sending it to me to this address.

Mrs. Dianah Sharp, P.O. Box 422, North Tazewell, Va. 24630.

Thank you so very much.



Winston-Salem Bible College



W. E. JOHNSON, DEAN

Dear Bro. Taylor:

Greetings in Christ.

As I think of you this morning I dare not wait another day before I write.

Trust that your health is still good.

We are progressing nicely here at Winston-Salem Bible College and The Spencer Memorial Church of Christ. Our spring revival is over. R. W. Dickerson, from the Bethany Christian Church in Cleveland, Ohio, was the evangelist for the week.

We had four baptisms, five reaffirmations of their faith, and one change of membership; for this we feel very humble and are most grateful to the Lord.

Bro. Mack is not very well at present.

We broke ground at the church for additional room Sunday, April 23.

Enclosed is a copy of our school closing.

Family sends best regards.

Yours in His Service,
W. E. Johnson

Enclosed is a small check for your paper.

Kindly send your paper to my mother.

Mrs. Lucille Johnson
Roefoe Place
RR #1
Dover, KY 41034

P.S. Mrs. Harris said that she had sent to you a copy of the school's closing activities.

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Sterling, Col.

Sept. 2

Brother Taylor:

I like your paper. I am sending herein a check for \$2.50. Is this enough for a year's subscription? And can you send me four copies of the last month's issue? God bless you and your work for Jesus Christ.

I am yours truly,
Clyde C. Wiuss
309 Platte St.
80751

Dear Brother Taylor:

Thank you for a grand revival. We had a good harvest of souls and spiritual victories.

Here is the list of folks who provided meals for you:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris
8348 S. Phillips
Chicago, Ill. 60617

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson
5550 Dorchester
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jackson, Sr.
8326 S. Merrill
Chicago, Ill. 60617

Mr. and Mrs. William Waddell
8311 S. Paxton Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60617

Mrs. Mary Mickey
7221 S. Constance
Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Lillie Smith
8332 S. Merrill
Chicago, Ill. 60617

Thank you again for coming. It was a pleasure.

In Jesus' Name,
Ruth Downey
Chicago, Ill.

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August 16, 1977

Mr. W. H. Taylor, Minister
Emmanuel Christian Church
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Dear "Baltimore":

Time is drawing near for the Eastern Christian Convention. Most of the plans are made and already finalized. I am proud of the program that we have planned.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for consenting to lead the workshop on "Restoration Movement Among the Blacks". I believe you are most suitable for the task. I will be praying that God will lead you in your preparation and that the workshop will be a blessing to those who attend it.

We have a total of 26 workshops planned but individuals will only be able to attend 3 of them. Therefore, if it is possible, please prepare a manuscript or outline so that those unable to attend your workshop may benefit from it in that way. If you would like, you may send me a copy of it no later than October 15th and I will see that sufficient copies are made.

Pray for the convention; pray for me! Together we will be able to proclaim that "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD"!

Serving the Savior,
/s/ Wayne
C. Wayne Murphy, President

CWM/ab

Dear Brother Taylor —

May peace and joy be yours
at Christmas Time
and throughout the new year.

Just to let you know we still remember you and
your Message for The Lord.

In Christian love,
Yona and Ed Klee
Mentor, Ohio

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St. Louis Christian College

August 22, 1977

Christian Informer
W. H. Baltimore Taylor
Emanuel Bldg.
1702 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21217

Dear Christian Informer:

Our library would like to resume a subscription
with you. The last record we have of receiving
any magazines was in 1976. We would like to re-
ceive your magazine again for one year — start-
ing again in September, 1977. Please bill us ac-
cordingly.

If there are any questions concerning this re-
newal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
/s/ JoAnn Smith
(Miss) JoAnn Smith
Librarian

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Brother Taylor:

Do you have an extra copy of your latest
"Christian Informer"?

Lewis G. Smoot
239 N. Marlyn Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland 21221



Paxton Avenue Church of Christ

Dear Bro. Taylor,

We are looking forward to your preaching our
revival Monday, March 20th through Easter Sun-
day the 26th. You will be staying at Mrs. Taylor's
again as you did before. She especially requested
to have you. She does live in a different apart-
ment now.

You will be bringing seven messages while you
are here.

By the way, immediately following your Easter
Sunday morning message here at Paxton I will be
leaving to preach a revival for my son-in-law at
Chapmanville, W. Va. If you come by train, I will
be glad to have you ride with me to Cincinnati,
O., Huntington, W. Va., or Charleston, W. Va. to
catch a train back to Baltimore. Whatever is most
convenient for you. If you want your train fare
in advance please let me know shortly. Also, please
let me know what station you will arrive at and
the time of your arrival.

I'll be looking for your letter, or if you prefer,
call me collect. If you call, make it person to per-
son so that you are sure to get me.

Your friend in Christ,
David E. Downey

The Wonder of His Love

Upon the Cross of Jesus

Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears,
Two wonders I confess—
The wonder of His glorious love,
And my unworthiness.

The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord,
In every star Thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold Thy Word,
We read Thy Names in fairer lines.

—Isaac Watts

Happiest they of human race
To whom their God has given grace
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,
To lift the latch, to force the way;
But better had they ne'er been born
That read to doubt or read to scorn.

—Sir Walter Scott

For whatsoever things were written
aforetimes were written for our learn-
ing, that we through patience and com-
fort of the scriptures might have hope.

—Romans 15:4