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URGENT \$5 MILLION NEEDED

Sept. 24 Set Aside For 'Miracle Day'

Hundreds of LBC students streamed up Liberty Mountain to the place where the loud speakers and platform had been set. The thermometer approached 90 degrees. There was excitement in the air. It was Friday, August 25, 1978, the first chapel service for the new school year. But the buildings were not finished, and there was no place on Liberty Mountain large enough for the crowd.

Over 2,500 persons sat in a grassy field in the sun for a prayer meeting. The audience included over 2,200 college students, plus faculty, staff and friends.

Robbie Hiner led in singing, "I Want That Mountain." From the singing of the crowd, the average observer could sense an urgency.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, chancellor, announced, "We have gathered on this mountain to conduct a prayer meeting; we are begging God for a \$5 million dollar miracle."

After the message by Dr. Falwell, the audience divided into small circles for prayer. Before they came down from the mountain, almost everyone had besought God for a miracle.

And when the answer comes, it will be a demonstration of faith because of the great amount of money that was needed. Because of the number who prayed, the prayer meeting will be televised on the "Old Time Gospel Hour," September 10, 1978, and an estimated 20 million viewers will see it.

Dr. Falwell told the students, "September 24 is set aside for 'Miracle Day.' On or before that date, \$5 million is needed over and above the \$2.5 million we have to pay off our contractors. We have faced a financial crisis for construction, for repairs on our buildings and with some of our vehicles. In addition, there are several unfinished buildings on Liberty Mountain that are desperately needed by the young people who have already arrived here from all 50 states and many foreign countries. To complete all of this, \$5 million is needed immediately."

The constant threat of a postal strike during the summer caused some potential donors to withhold their contributions due to apprehension that their gifts would get lost in the mail. The cost of our Clean Up America Campaign was tremendous. In addition, the normal 'summer slump' of contributions was felt during July and August.

"Back in the spring of 1978, the Old-Time Gospel Hour Board met and decided to go ahead with the building program, called Phase I, on Liberty Mountain. This was based upon what appeared at the time to be a firm financial commitment for interim funding. This financial commitment fell through. Inflationary costs which caused additional problems compounded the situation.

"We have already cut 166 stations from our radio network and several television stations. If this \$5 million miracle does not occur, more stations will be removed; maybe all of them. The other side of the story is what could happen to Liberty Baptist College if this \$5 million miracle does not occur. It is conceivable that the schools could be greatly damaged and the buildings left unfinished.

Falwell told the hot crowd, "We have learned that God performs miracles. In January, 1977, I met with the students for a similar prayer meeting, but it was in sub-freezing weather. We stood in eight inches of snow on this same Liberty Mountain. We had decided not to build until all college indebtedness had been eliminated. We prayed that \$2.5 million of college indebtedness would be eliminated in the month of February—only 28 days. A miracle happened. The excavation of Liberty Mountain began the following month, and since then, many buildings have been erected there."

As Dr. Falwell stood in the August sun, beads of perspiration showed on his face. He preached a message from the book of Joshua. The students listened carefully as their pastor described the people of Israel and their impossible situation as they faced the high, strong walls of Jericho. He drew the parallel that the Thomas Road Baptist Church ministries face similar obstacles. The Jews had come through 400 years of bondage. God had delivered them from the Red Sea by the hand of Moses. After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, God had delivered them from the River Jordan by the hand of Joshua. They had come far by faith. But now, having arrived in the

Promised Land, they found the Walls of Jericho immovable. The inhabitants of Jericho had been reported to Joshua to be "giants." Everything seemed lost to the children of God. Defeat seemed imminent.

Dr. Falwell explained the situation. "Liberty Mountain is our Promised Land. For many years we have prayed for this 3,500 acres of sanctified property. After 22 years of miracles, we have arrived on Liberty Mountain. But now, we find ourselves looking up at the high walls of past due bills and unfinished buildings. The young people are here, but we have no place to teach them. A great miracle is needed."

The pastor then told how Joshua met the unseen captain. He told how the Lord not only assured him of the victory but gave him the plan for it. The Jews were told to march around the walls once a day for six days. Then, the seventh day, they were to march around seven times. The men of war were to march up front. The seven priests with trumpets of rams' horns were to march directly behind them each day, sounding the trumpets all the way. The ark of the covenant, typical of the Lord Jesus Christ, was in the midst. The congregation was to follow the ark.

Dr. Falwell drew the analogy of the men of war being prayer warriors. He called for thousands of local prayer warriors to "walk point," symbolic of those who go first into battle. He asked millions who would be watching by television to do the same. He assured the prayer warriors that, as they circled these walls of impossibility, the preachers in Lynchburg would keep preaching and sounding forth the message of the Gospel.

Falwell quoted the promise of our Lord, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst." He indicated that millions of saints around the world would follow them as they marched on this trek of faith. In short, our pastor called the Christians of North America to join with him in believing prayer for a \$5 million miracle on September 24.

As far as we know, nothing of this magnitude has ever happened in the Christian ministry during the church age. We are challenging God's people everywhere to rise to the occasion.

In spite of circumstances and in the face of a possible national postal strike, we

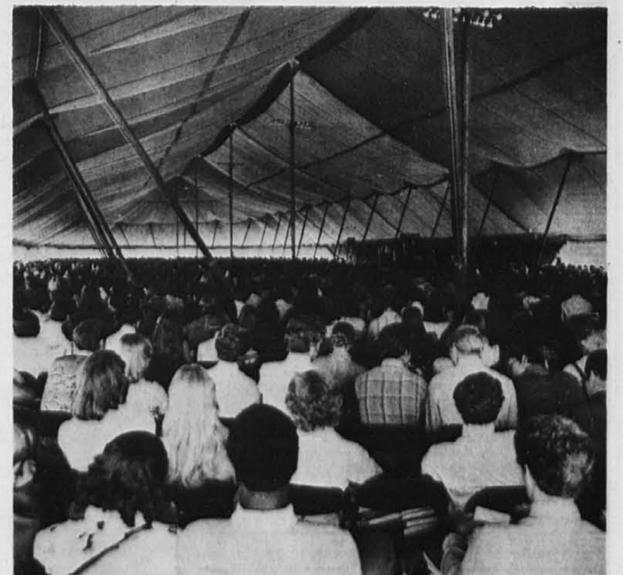
believe God will perform a miracle. Falwell maintains, "The mailstream is not our source. God is our source. Therefore, whether there is a mail strike or not throughout September, God is able. God's people can wire the money by Western Union. They can make a bank transfer. The money can be delivered by many means if God wants to give that miracle. All we need to do is ask Him and trust Him."

On the six days preceding Miracle Day, September 24, Dr. Falwell has committed to drive along the circumference road of Liberty Mountain once each day, praying for a \$5 million miracle. The road which encircles Liberty Mountain is 11.3 miles in length. It begins at the main entrance of the college on state Route 670. It then intersects with state Route 677 and follows along the back side of Liberty Mountain to the old Rustburg Road. At that point a left-hand turn is made toward Lynchburg. This will go by Dr. Falwell's childhood home on the right. Finally, arrival is made at U.S. Route 460 which is the new East-West expressway being built right through Liberty Mountain. Traveling approximately three miles west on that highway, which fronts Liberty Mountain, one arrives back at state Route 670 which leads back to the main entrance of Liberty Baptist College.

On Sunday, September 24, Dr. Falwell will rise early and encircle the mountain seven times—79.1 miles—praying for a \$5 million miracle all the way. He is asking Christians all around the world to pray once a day, Monday through Saturday, for this miracle. He is asking them to set aside seven specific times of prayer during Miracle Day for the breakthrough.

Because the buildings are not finished, a huge 3,000-seat tent has been erected on campus for college chapel and some of the large classes. Dr. Falwell told the students, "It is better than sitting in the hot sun like today, but it will get cold in December unless we pray in the money."

September 24 is also being called Hallelujah Day as an act of faith. After God's people walked around the walls seven times, they shouted and the victory was won. When the \$5 million dollars comes in, we can all shout "Hallelujah."



View of LBC campus (top) while students hold chapel in tent (below).

EDITORIAL

Accreditation

Regional accreditation for Christian colleges is a controversial subject. Some parents will not permit their children to attend a college unless it is accredited. Their reasoning is, "Since parents are not trained to evaluate colleges, we will not send our children to a college unless it has met some standards." On the other hand we hear the complaint, "Accreditation kills a college and makes it become liberal."

We face this question because Liberty Baptist College has candidate status with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, and is presently pursuing full accreditation. Liberty Theological Seminary is striving for candidacy with the same agency not only because the laws of the state of Virginia require it, but primarily because the Liberty Baptist Schools are committed to the highest standards of excellence in every area of endeavor. We believe accreditation will enhance this excellence, not dilute it.

We do not see a "cause and effect" relationship between accreditation and spiritual decay. First, let us look at history. The missionary school on the island of Iona in the fourth and fifth century was as aggressive as any modern fundamental Baptist church, yet it lost its fervency. Accreditation had nothing to do with its demise. The same could be said for other soul-winning institutions throughout history. Many of the great Wesleyan colleges were built on revivalism and holy living, yet they have become liberal. Harvard, Yale and Princeton were each established with a strong commitment to the fundamentals of the faith, yet each was lost to the faith. Accreditation had nothing to do with the problems of these colleges. Therefore, we feel there are other contributing factors which corrupt a Christian college.

Those who determine accreditation do not set aims, rules or arbitrary requirements. The purpose of accreditation is simple. It is to determine the integrity of the objectives of a college via self-study and examination. It thus establishes the credibility of the educational institution which lives up to its self-determined goals and aims.

When an institution uses the name "college," a higher education than high school is implied; History, that the student can communicate properly; English, that the student has a grasp of the past; Literature, that the student can read and interpret the writings of other men; Mathematics, that the student can use numbers at the college level; Biology, that the student understands the world of science and physics; Psychology, that the student understands personality and basic human adjustment; Philosophy and Logic, that the student can think properly and analyze the thoughts of others.

Higher education also implies that a student has mastered an area of specialty. This is called the student's major.

We think a college student should show competency in the above areas. Accreditation only guarantees that the majority of the students graduating from a given college have reached a standard of maturity in those areas.

Accreditation helps the student transfer credits to like-quality institutions. The accreditation of a student's credits is like trading money. U.S. money can be spent in Canada because the money in both nations is worth something. This is like one college accepting another's credits. However, Indian beads cannot be spent at McDonalds because the beads have no value in the American economy. This is like a non-accredited college attempting to transfer credit to an accredited college.

When a young person invests four years of his time listening to lectures and doing homework, he should receive an education. When he invests thousands of dollars in college fees, his degree should be worth

something. Accreditation adds worth to a college degree.

Accreditation Problems

All is not "peaches and cream" with the process of accreditation. The process of accreditation has hurt some Christian colleges; however, it was the process that damaged the college, not accreditation itself.

We have helped four colleges seek accreditation with four different accrediting agencies. We noticed that the damage to the college comes from the inside, not from the external accrediting agency. Many educators with liberal tendencies have used accreditation as a club; "If we don't reduce the number of Bible courses, we will not get accreditation." The college board of directors is usually made up of non-educational people, and they listen to those whom they have hired. They reduce the Bible courses and the school begins to drift.

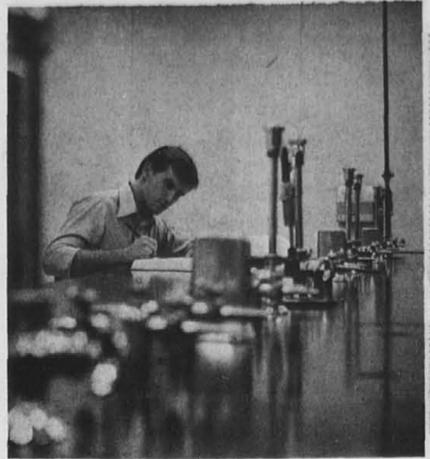
Another cause of the spiritual degeneration of Christian colleges has been the tendency of leaders to compromise their convictions and commitment to a spiritually dynamic institution. We engage in age-old arguments concerning which is more important -- a quality education or a spiritually dynamic institution. A strong argument at L.B.C. is the connection between the college and the local church. As long as the church remains fundamental and the leadership remains committed to spiritual goals and excellence in education, there is no reason to believe accreditation would diminish our resolve. On the contrary, it should strengthen the college. Accreditation will force us as an institution to continually evaluate our program against our goals.

The second law of thermo-dynamics states generally, "Everything is in a state of deterioration." A college or a church will deteriorate if not closely watched. Sin, like leaven, works in individuals, and the enemy will try everything possible to dilute a Christian college.

A college committed to the Christian fundamentals swims against the stream of educational practices. Some students do not want to study so a college must help them learn discipline. Many find a way to excuse their laziness. It is those who tear down standards. Many students will complain that the rules are too strict and the classes too hard. They put pressure on the faculty to ease up, and when they do, the college drifts.

Some students feel their idea of college is correct, and if they could, they would make the college a little better. If, in fact, some students had the opportunity, they would bring the college down to their lower levels of expectation because of their spiritual immaturity and inexperience.

Accreditation does not corrupt a Christian college. People corrupt a Christian college. We feel that the greatest foes of a Christian college are not always those without. We who are members of the Liberty Baptist College family feel a responsibility to God to be as pure as the goals of its founders. And Liberty Baptist College will remain as pure as we keep it. We would like to go a step further. We would like LBC to do more for God than any other college in history. We would like to grow in size, realizing that size only guarantees numbers. We would like to grow in our commitment to the fundamentals of the faith so that we are closer to truth than we have ever been. We want quality, which is what accreditation is all about.



LBC is a melting pot of learning. There are libraries, laboratories, music rooms, drama auditoriums—even TV control rooms—all part of a unique educational experience.

They Went Too Far

We note there are demonstrators who protest the building of nuclear power plants throughout the U.S. They are afraid that some nuclear reaction might be set off about an accident occur. Others are concerned about harm to the environment. We are concerned about a nuclear accident and we are concerned about the environment, but there is a risk with every step in progress. We live in an "energy driven world" and nuclear power is one answer to our energy problems.

We believe the U.S. made the right decision 33 years ago when they dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. It has been estimated that one million U.S. servicemen would have died if a land invasion of Japan had been necessary. Also, millions of Japanese soldiers also would have been killed defending their country.

Recently, the anti-nuclear protestors disrupted the Sunday service of the First Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. when President Carter was in

attendance. President Carter said, "To have a demonstration in church that disrupts the worship service was not the best form for expressing one's feeling." We feel his language was too mild. The protestors were wrong in their issue and wrong in disrupting a public worship service.

A church service involves private communion between man and God, but it is more than that. A church service is the expression of a group of Christians who provide the facilities, organization and support necessary for the preaching of the gospel. And finally, a church service belongs to God, nothing should be contained there that is dishonoring to Him. The protestors violated a man's private communion with God, violated the purpose for which a group of Christians had organized the service, and finally, violated God's possession, because the church belongs to Him.

The Freshman's Web

Most Americans are impressed with the spectacular, such as a missile launch, a burning building or a superbowl game. Even Christians seem to be influenced by big reputations or spectacular events. Christians flock to hear the "saved" moviestar or they never miss a church service when there is a special musical group.

God is interested in numbers, because He wrote a book by that title. But the Lord also never overlooks the insignificant. "Are exceeding wise" (Proverbs 30:24). The last small thing on the list is "the spider (who) taketh hold with her hands, and is in the king's palaces" (Proverbs 20:28).

Now a spider does not usually excite people. But those who desire wisdom can learn from the small spider.

The strength of the spider is its tenacity, "Taketh hold with her hands." We delight in those who persevere in their task. We admire people who do not give up. College students, Sunday School teachers and average Christians can learn from the spider. Once you start a task, do not quit.

Christians glorify the football player who gives a testimony or the valedictorian who radiates Christ. These are champions for Christ and they encourage us all. But let us not forget the struggling students who "burn the midnight oil" for a passing grade. Also, let us not forget the working student who invests 40 hours

or more a week of his time to pay his way through college. These students remind us of the spider who is in the king's palace, faithfully spinning its web.

Spiders sneak into the finest homes in town, even the king's palace. They irritate housewives who ask, "How did he get in here?" Our experience is not always the smartest student becomes the millionaire or the most talented builds the greatest work for God. Just as cream rises to the top, the insignificant student sometimes becomes the greatest leader in the land. Tradition has it that Prime Minister Winston Churchill was an average student, yet the wisdom of his decisions and the eloquence of his speeches reflect his ultimate brilliance. Therefore, learn from the spider that faithfulness in a small responsibility leads to a promotion.

We also have a word for the incoming freshman who thinks he has few spiritual gifts. The faithful use of a few gifts leads to a greater responsibility and the acquiring of other gifts. In the parable of the talents, the servant who faithfully exercised his talents, was given more talents. When a student faithfully prepares a speech assignment, he is preparing himself to preach to thousands. When a student faithfully prepares an English composition, he is preparing himself to communicate through journalism.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
Thank you very much for the copy of the *Journal-Champion*.

I share your deep concern for the way in which the federal bureaucracy has grown and for the threat to personal freedoms which that growth entails. In order to preserve our personal freedoms, it is necessary to limit the role that government plays and make the government more responsive to the needs of the people. I am enclosing a copy of my "Strategy for Freedom" which more fully explains my views on the need to limit the role of government in order to maintain individual rights and initiative.

With warm regards, I am
Sincerely,
Jack Kemp
U.S. Representative
38th District, New York

Dear Editor:
The problem addressed (your editorial on federal bureaucratic excesses) is one which has been of very active concern to me throughout my Congressional service, because I have seen virtually all lines of human endeavor coming under the control or heavy influence of federal "guidelines."

The suggestion you put forward certainly deserves serious consideration. I am one of the sponsors in Congress of a somewhat different approach which, rather than creating a new review agency, would provide for screening by the Congressional committees which wrote the original legislation of all major regulatory actions proposed in the Executive Branch pursuant to such legislation.

The purpose would be to identify any regulation which clearly exceeded the intent of the Congress in enacting the basic legislation. Through its committee system, then, the

Congress could exercise a veto power over such excesses.

Sincerely,
J. Kenneth Robinson
U.S. Representative
7th District, Virginia

Dear Editor:
This letter is a reply to your editorial "Good-bye to the Good Times" I just read today. I think all churches must be dishonest.

We have younger people whose incomes go up year after year in the same job and sometimes doing less because a contract might call for an extra coffee break, more clean-up time along with more pay.

In our church we have older people who have worked all their life thinking they had enough. They are being robbed by the younger people in the same church.

Yet, no one speaks out about the evils of being paid more for the same or less work year after year. It is swept under the church rug.

Sincerely,
C.F. Dockstader
Yucaipa, CA

Dear Editor:
Thank you very much for the *Journal-Champion*. It is a timely and valuable addition to religious and church publications. You are to be commended for the publishing and the content. God bless it for His glory in my prayer.

Sincerely,
James E. Thompson, Ph.D.
Pastor
Haynes Avenue Baptist Church
Shreveport, La.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the last issue of the *Journal-Champion*, the front page pictures of the food unloading were inaccurately labeled. Those photos were taken in New Orleans as the ship was being loaded prior to departure for Haiti. The food was unloaded there on July 16, as reported, but suitable pictures were not available.

Dear Friend,

I hope you have enjoyed this complimentary copy of the *Journal-Champion*. You have noticed that the paper is designed for everyone, including pastors, lay leaders and families. For example, there have been articles dealing with the bus ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, Good News clubs, Christian schools, Christian counseling, national and local news, sports and well-known Christian leaders. Page three has been designed to report national news about fundamentalists throughout America.

I know you enjoy the back page of the *Journal-Champion*. It is devoted to a local fundamental church that is growing and doing a great work for the Lord. It gives an inside view of the reasons for its successful growth.

There are in-depth editorials and articles in every issue dealing with topics vital to today's fundamentalists. We have dealt with topics such as, "What is a Fundamentalist?" "Test Tube Babies," "ERA - A Breach of Faith," "Withdrawal of Troops From Korea," "America Threatened by Creeping Bureaucracy," and "We Believe in the Church." We are dedicated to dealing directly and intensively with issues facing fundamental Christians today.

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PURPOSES

To champion the cause of righteousness, calling this nation back to the principles of truth, equity and decency that are based on the Word of God.

To tie together the Thomas Road Baptist Church family by publicizing events, personalities and trends so that together they can carry out their God-given purposes.

To encourage aggressive evangelism among all Christians in churches both in our nation and around the world.

To communicate the fundamentals of the faith and defend from all attacks.

To rally all Bible-believing Christians to the cause of Christ.

Dear Friends,
 We want to thank you who made it possible for us to go to Lynchburg Christian Academy this year. We prayed for over a year, and know it is a privilege to attend a Christian school. The Lord answered our prayers through you. We pray God will bless you, too.
 The Good Boys



Dr. Falwell and Batema confer with Senator Briggs.

Dr. Falwell Joins California Senator To Battle Homosexual Ordinance

Dr. Jerry Falwell asked, "Where are the Gideons who will take up the challenge in other cities?" He was referring to the fact that three cities defeated homosexual ordinances this past spring. The *Journal-Champion* had listed the 40 cities that have pro-gay ordinances. Falwell wanted others to now help clean up homosexuality.

Ray Batema, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Pomona, Ca., was stirred by Falwell's words. He called Senator John Briggs who had sponsored Proposition 6, an anti-homosexual ordinance for the entire state.

Batema pledged to the 3,200 people of his church to join in the battle with Briggs. Senator Briggs flew with Pastor Batema to meet Dr. Falwell on Wednesday, Aug. 16, in Memphis, Tenn. The three men discussed strategy to defeat the growing homosexuality among school teachers in California. But the battle will not be easy because "gays" have vowed not to loose California.

Senator Briggs led a drive that gathered enough signatures to qualify a proposal for this November's election, known as Proposition 6, which would create a law that would make it mandatory for school boards to dismiss any teacher who is engaged in or advocates homosexual practice.

According to Briggs, the proposed legislation does not involve any public employee other than teachers and does not attempt to determine who is a homosexual. "The law deals with those who solicit, advocate or engage in homosexual activity."

Recently, a California school board was prevented by court action from dismissing a second grade teacher who was a known practicing homosexual. This spurred Briggs to action. He has spent 10 years as a state legislator and two years as a state senator. At first, several stood with him, but when a vicious campaign was launched against him by homosexuals, many dropped from the battle.

According to Senator Briggs, Los Angeles has 31 teachers who are open homosexuals. A member of the Los Angeles gay teachers union told him there are 3,000-5,000 homosexuals in Los Angeles who are still in the closet.

Every preacher who believes the fundamentals will have to get into the battle if the homosexuals are to be defeated in California. Money will have to be raised, volunteers will have to be recruited and door bells rung. There is only one month to get the job done.

A news reporter told Briggs, "Homosexuality is the biggest social issue since the slavery question."

Every preacher must take a stand for righteousness.

1. Phone another pastor and get him involved.
2. Contact Dr. Ray Batema and get a packet of information.
3. Rally your congregation to vote for Proposition 6.
4. Preach a sermon against homosexuality (a copy of the

sermon preached by Dr. Jerry Falwell is available in the book *How You Can Help Clean Up Your Town*. Write for your copy at: Box 1111, Lynchburg, Va., 24505.

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Donald Named Vice President, Paul Promoted By Guillermin

Edward R. Donald has been named vice president for administrative affairs, while H. William Paul Jr. will become administrative assistant to the president, according to Liberty Baptist College President, Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin.

Donald, a native of Allentown, Pa., is a former real estate businessman. He graduated from LBC in 1974 and will receive his masters degree from Lynchburg College in December. He has been administrative assistant to Dr. Guillermin since 1975.

Paul, a native of Baltimore, is a retired Navy senior chief petty officer who entered LBC as a pastoral student in 1973 and graduated magna cum laude in 1976. He received his masters in

education in guidance and counseling from Lynchburg College in May of this year.

Paul has been director of Christian service at Liberty Baptist Schools since 1975.

Donald is a senior real estate appraiser in the state of Pennsylvania and is past president of the Allentown Board of Realtors and past president of the Lehigh County Chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers. He is married to the former Miss Lorriane German of Allentown, Pa.

Paul served 20 years in the Navy in communications.

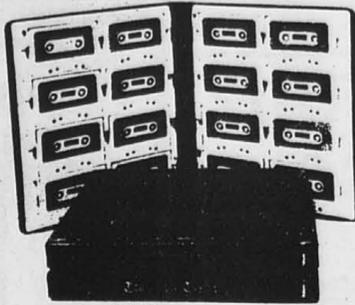
Paul is married to the former Miss Priscilla Ann Dieterich of Baltimore and they are the parents of five children.



THE POINT—Dr. Jerry Falwell emphasizes that the Bible calls homosexuality an abomination and is not permitted by God as an alternate lifestyle during New York City television debate Tuesday, Aug. 19. At left is WNEW-TV "Midday Live" host Bill Boggs while at right is Episcopal homosexual priest Robert Herrick, administrator, National Gay Task Force. (photo by Sarah Solomon)

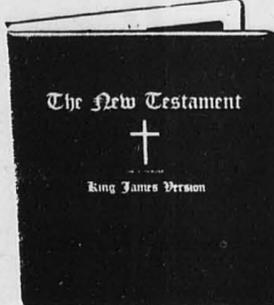
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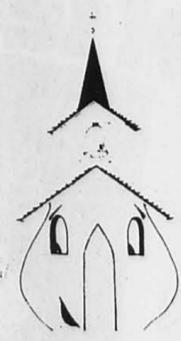
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Hank Willis at left tackle, Roger Mackey at left guard, Marty Martin at center, Randall Owens at right guard and Rupert Wright at right tackle will line up across the front of the offensive attack for the Flames.

The defensive team should return strong as the entire secondary is intact from last year's squad. Rod Gladfelter and Randy Peoples will be at the cornerbacks with Jeff Wolfe and David Hertzler at the safety positions.

Jerry Grundy and John Sanders will start the game at linebacker while Roy Marshall and Bruce Stewart will attempt to keep the opposing backs from getting outside the defense at their end positions.

The defensive front three will return two-thirds intact from last season. Ed Landis and Ron Blackman will be joined by Derrick Chapple in their attempt to plug up the middle ground for the Flames.

As the Flames of Liberty Baptist College prepare to open the 1978 football season the team is taking shape. Liberty opens Friday night, Sept. 1, against the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, and will then return to Lynchburg on Sept. 9 for their home opener against Mars Hill College.

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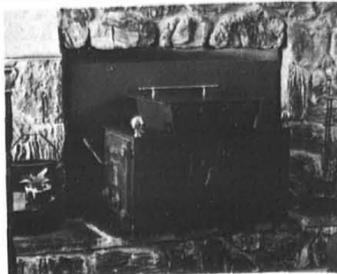


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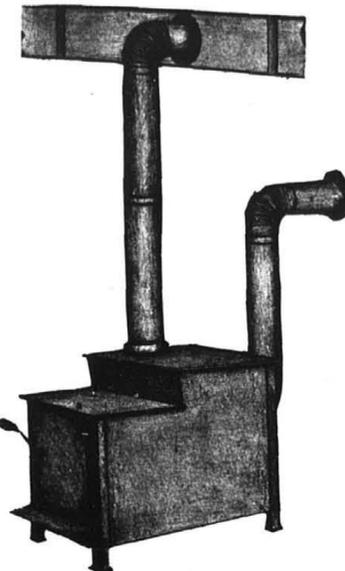
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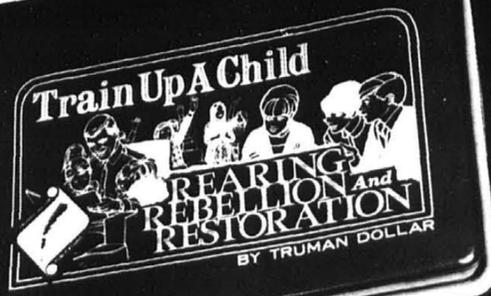


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"I didn't know the other men very well," testified Dr. Curtis Hutson, then pastor of Forrest Hills Baptist Church in Decatur. But the men agreed they would not begin the school unless Hutson became the president. If they were going to make an impact in the southeast, the university would have to be located in Atlanta and Hutson pastored the largest church in the area.

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The university was founded in 1974 in the midst of a national crisis caused by the Arab oil embargo. It moved from Tampa to Atlanta and had to overcome serious financial problems. Yet a CPA audit each year added financial credibility to the school's scholarly reputation. As



DR. CECIL HODGES

students saw the board and staff members sacrifice, they gained a pioneering spirit. As students saw God answer prayer, they grew in faith.

God provided them a church campus worth over one million dollars for only \$300,000. At present, Baptist University of America has dormitory space for 140 women and 95 men. There are over 200 independent Baptist Churches in the greater Atlanta area, providing a clientele with which to grow. The present campus can accommodate over 500 students without new buildings.

Dr. Cecil Hodges became president in 1977 after Curtis Hutson resigned his church and the university to go into full-time evangelism. The board unanimously elected Hodges because of his reputation as an effective administrator and successful fund-raiser. Hodges is in Atlanta at the university Tuesday through Thursday, giving the rest of his week to the congregation in Savannah.

The college has grown each year and expects over 400 students this fall. Dr. Hodges has a burden for journalism and law, hoping to add majors in these areas in the future.

The school year begins with a conference on September 7 and 8. Dr. Tom Malone and Dr. Curtis Hutson speaking. Veteran missionary Larry Burgett from Japan will teach the missions courses this year.

A growing percentage of the graduates have gone to pioneer churches in such areas as Peoria, Ill.; Morgantown, W. Va.; and Athens and Gainesville, Ga.

Dr. Hodges notes, "The Board of Directors has tremendous enthusiasm for the university and we see another great year ahead of us." He noted they hoped to be on a new campus by 1980.

Baptist University began tackle football last year and won three and lost five games in its initial year. They played the club teams from schools such as Clemson, Davidson and North Carolina State. Also, they participate in intercollegiate basketball and baseball.

The university was "turned around" last December when the Board of Directors gathered for a phonathon and in two days they personally phoned 1,400 pastors. They asked each church to consider placing Baptist University of America on the church's missionary budget. As a result, the finances have been growing each month and this year the budget will approach one million dollars.

FUNDAMENTALIST PASTOR SEEKS MAINE GOVERNORSHIP

AUGUSTA, ME.—Fundamentalists and ultra-conservatives are getting quite a voice in Maine state politics these days.

It all started four years ago when James B. Longley, an independent candidate, was elected governor. It continued through his administration with widespread tax reforms, and is moving full steam ahead with a fundamentalist pastor's \$250,000 gubernatorial campaign.

Rev. Herman C. Frankland, pastor of the Bangor Baptist Church in Bangor, a member of Baptist Bible Fellowship, has accepted an invitation by Gov. Longley to run in his place on the independent ticket.

One of Rev. Frankland's first campaign promises is that he will produce "the most professional, high-powered, issue-oriented campaign Maine has ever seen."

A key plank in his platform is continued tax reform. Frankland worked with Longley in getting a referendum passed to repeal uniform property tax laws in Maine. "These laws were killing us," Frankland told the *Journal-Champion*. "We are really trying to get the state out of the uniform property tax business."

Frankland worked during Longley's administration from

the people's end of government; the referendum was a people's revolt against wildly increasing property taxes. It preceded the celebrated Proposition 13 tax revolt in California by about one year.

Longley felt the hard tax crunch and decided to do something about it four years ago when he ran for governor. He became so popular and blessed with publicity that he won easily. He became the first independent governor in the history of the state.

During his administration, U.S. News and World Report published an article about him titled, "The Yankee Who Tamed the Democrats."

But when he campaigned, for unexplained reasons he promised the people he would serve only one term. Now that his term is finished, he feels he would be "just another dishonest politician" if he broke that promise.

So he invited his close associate, Frankland, to run in his stead.

Frankland's campaign has been almost as celebrated as Longley's was. Already CBS, NBC and ABC television and radio networks have begun to follow his campaign, as well as a

Washington newspaper columnist.

Furthermore, he has challenged his opponents -- Democrat Joseph E. Brennan and Republican Linwood E. Palmer, Jr. -- to a series of more than 13 debates. They have at this writing accepted four of them, to begin in about three weeks.

Peter B. Gemma, who helped darkhorse conservative Jeffrey Bell defeat Republican Clifford Case in the New Jersey Senate primary election recently, has been named as Frankland's campaign assistant.

Frankland says he will present plans to further reduce individual taxes in Maine and to increase the income of state

employees. Frankland, in addition to being a pastor, is also an educator. He was on the founding board of the American Association of

Christian Schools, and founded the Northeastern chapter of that organization. He also is on the board of trustees of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo.

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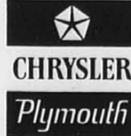
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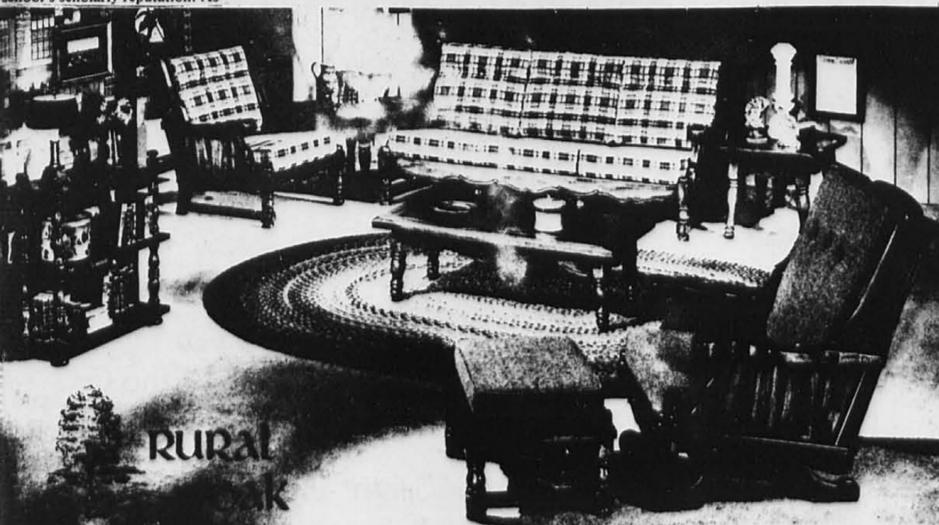
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Mrs. Myrtle McPhail in the foreground above, displays the \$5,000 smile.

By BRENDA EASTERLING

A picture is worth a thousand words, and Myrtle McPhail's smile is worth many thousands of words to the millions who view the Old-Time Gospel Hour every Sunday.

Her smile is an extension of herself, a lady who is proud to be 'I, whose pride is intermingled with humility for what God has done for her.

As she sings in the OTGH choir, it is Mrs. McPhail's smile that conveys her sweet love for Christ, her love for people and her love for singing. The viewers love her. They send her much fan mail, and they send money to the church because of her.

In January TRBC received a check for \$5,000 enclosed in a letter addressed to Mrs. McPhail. "I thought you might enjoy knowing how much the singing and Dr. Jerry's message meant to a 94-year-old man, Mr. John Rudin, whom I was privileged to be nurse for in his home for four years, four months before his home-going with Jesus Oct. 16, 1977.

"I have enjoyed the great singing of the choir. My patient, Mr. Rudin, and I would keep our eyes on you seated left of Dr. Jerry on TV and always remark about the happiness you radiated, but never knew your name," wrote Mrs. Ruby Robinette of Coshocton, Ohio.

In response to this letter, Mrs. McPhail gives God the credit and praises Dr. Falwell as the preacher with the best sermons she has ever heard. "It is my prayer daily that the Lord will keep me in good health as long as He wants me to serve Him," she says.

Mrs. McPhail is a pretty lady, graceful and dignified. Her snowy white hair frames a clear rosy complexion and bright sky blue eyes. Her perfume suits her. She carries herself well, and she keeps busy. Many people in the church her age and younger lovingly refer to her as "Granny."

Mrs. McPhail is a granny's granny. She regularly visits the elderly and bedridden at Saunders Care Home in Lynchburg with 24-year-old-son Jonathan who plays the guitar and sings with her. Mrs. McPhail always presents patients with a message from the Bible and prays with them.

Mrs. McPhail is also a soul-winner. She heeds faithfully what she has learned through the ministry and teaching of TRBC

nouse on Madison Street. Mrs. McPhail lives in the upstairs apartment and has an office downstairs. She sends Bible lessons to prisoners and is a secretary to Mr. Martin.

Mrs. McPhail was saved at 14 when her closest girlfriend asked her at a tent revival meeting if she would accept Christ. "Yes, Lenora, I want to receive Christ. I realize I'm a sinner and I want to be saved," Mrs. McPhail had said.

"I had heard the Gospel all my life. My father was an evangelist who travelled to different churches and preached. He died when I was 14, and that same year at the tent meeting the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sin and I realized I was not saved," she said.

Mrs. McPhail took a secretarial job with a Christian lawyer and began supporting her mother who was ill. "I heard the climate in California would be better for mother, so we packed our suitcases and took a bus to Los Angeles. We always rented furnished apartments because we never owned anything," she said.

In California Mrs. McPhail, then Miss Throckmorton, met Mr. McPhail and married him. New Tribes missions director Paul Flemming challenged them to become missionaries after working at a missionary "boot camp."

"We were called to Japan and the Lord supplied everything for

us by laying our needs on peoples hearts without us ever having to ask," Mrs. McPhail said.

In Japan the winters are very, very cold and the summers are very, very hot. The most difficult thing about being a missionary there, however, is the language barrier, according to Mrs. McPhail. "But we used an interpreter, and our daughters picked the language up right away and later became our interpreters."

The McPhails' middle child, Lois, was an interpreter to both America and Japan at the 1964 Olympics. She is now 31 and lives with her family in California while sister Dorothy and her family are missionaries to Brazil.

Mrs. McPhail has seen many Japanese come to know the Lord, and she has seen many suffer persecution from their families. "When a Japanese is saved, the transforming power of the Holy Ghost changes him as it does anyone who becomes saved. One Japanese gentleman was saved at 80. When he was 83 his son dragged him around inside a room by his thick crop of white hair trying to get him to denounce his belief in Christ. After this, the gentleman who had always come to every service and had such a fine testimony which he always shared with other Japanese, was bedridden. "We later gave him a Christian funeral and, several months later, the Buddhist son who had

dragged him so cruelly across the floor was saved."

Mrs. McPhail's radiant smile continues to communicate Christ wherever she is. Hers is perhaps

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For Mrs. McPhail and many other Thomas Roaders there is little time for "rest." "With the choir and prayer meeting and all the extra activities, sometimes the week is so full I'm out every night," she said. But Mrs. McPhail would have it no other way. She is used to hard work. She and her husband, the late John McPhail, were missionaries to Japan for 11 years.

"We came to Lynchburg seven years ago at the request of Alfreda and Ed Martin to be missionaries here with Hope Aglow, a prison ministry. Since my husband went to be with the Lord four years ago, my son and I have carried on," said Mrs. McPhail who also has two married daughters.

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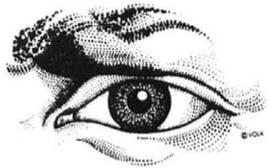
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Featured speakers this year will include Mrs. Al Snyder, Mrs. Robert Hughes, Mrs. Jim Moon, and Mrs. Jerry Falwell. At each meeting there will also be demonstrations of such practical ideas and helps as interior decorating and the making of inexpensive Christmas gifts.

All meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month, except for December and January. A special invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come and be a part of the meetings.

TRBC Ladies Hear Testimony

The August meeting of the Thomas Road Baptist Church Ladies Fellowship featured TRBC charter member Nancy Godsey who gave her personal testimony.

Valerie and Steve Treadway presented a "soap opera" with puppets Liza and Henry. Henry's bucket had a hole in it, and nothing Liza told him to do worked to fix it. Then Liza's attitude changed. She took off her old apron, fixed her hair and put on perfume. She taught the ladies a very important lesson about how to be a better wife.

Mrs. David Gillette was also on hand to present the family lending library.

The TRBC Ladies Fellowship organized to help ladies find new friends and get better acquainted and to help provide areas of service to the church family.

Parsons, Spriggel Wed

The marriage of Miss Pamela Lynne Parsons to Mr. Mark William Spriggel took place Saturday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Engleside Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Parsons of Alexandria, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Spriggel of Lynchburg.

The Rev. E. Wayne Thompson and the Rev. Gordon Luff officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Miss Laura Jane Parsons of Alexandria, sister of the bride. Miss Lori Fry of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Miss Debbie Davids of Arlington, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids. Miss Donna Jean Parsons of Alexandria, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Robert Spriggel of Anchorage, Alaska, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Steve Garland of Fredericksburg, Va., Roy Glass III of Radford, Va., and Mark Parsons of Alexandria, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride is a graduate of Engleside Christian Academy and attended Liberty Baptist College. She is presently employed in the OTGH accounting office.

The groom, a graduate of Lynchburg Christian Academy and a 1978 graduate of Liberty Baptist College, is currently



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Book Review

By **CHUCK CADE**
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 Gen. 2:17; 3:1-19

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1. The Bible is God's clear and powerful word to man.
 2. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
 3. Christ is the center of it.
- The Old Testament anticipates and Promises His coming. The Gospels tell about the Person of Christ. The Acts and Epistles relate the preaching about Christ. The Revelation tells of Christ's Personal return and His future glory. In the four Gospels we see Christ fulfilling types of Levitical offerings. Matthew presents Christ as Trespass Offering — Lev. 5. Mark presents Christ as Sin Offering — Lev. 4. Luke presents Christ as Peace Offering — Lev. 3. John presents Christ as Burnt Offering — Lev. 1.

IF WE FORSAKE THE BIBLE — THEN WHAT?

- I. IT LEAVES A PERSON AN EASY PREY TO SATAN'S FORCES
 - A. The Bible tells about Satan — Bondage
 - (i) It speaks of sin's Power — Bondage
 1. Slavery — (Heb. 2:15; Gal. 4:3) "Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world."
 2. Subjection — (Eph. 2:1-3)
 3. Servant — (Rom. 6:16-23)
 - (ii) It speaks of sin's Purpose — Separation
 1. To Degrade — (Gen. 3:16, 17)
 2. To Divide — (Eph. 2:14)
 3. To Be Destitute — (Psa. 141:8)

- (iii) It speaks of sin's Pain — Tormented
 1. Tormented with fear — (1 John 4:18; Rev. 21:8)
 2. Tormented with conscience (Luke 16:25)
 3. Tormented with fire (Rev. 14:10, 11; 21:8)
- B. The Bible is a book of:
 1. Mental enlightenment (2 Cor. 4:3-6)
 2. Moral and spiritual endowment (Eph. 6:11-18)
 3. Masterful success over our enemy (Rev. 12:11)

II. IT LEAVES A PERSON EXEMPT FROM THE HELP OF GOD.

- A. One day you will need God's help.
 1. Adam needed God's help when He called him. (Gen. 3:9)
 2. Anediluvians needed God's help when He sent the flood. (Gen. 6:1-8)
 3. All will need God's help when He calls:
 - A. In death (Prov. 1:27-33)
 - B. In Judgment (Rev. 6:17)

III. IT LEAVES A PERSON TO HIS OWN EFFORTS FOR SALVATION (Gen. 3:7)

- A. The Word of God is compared to every active force in the Scriptures.
 1. It is like a Fire (Jer. 23:29). The Word of God consumes the chaff of error and false teaching.
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 4. It is like Water (Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5). By the word of God brings spiritual cleansing, from all the defilement of past sin (John 16:3; 13:10) as well as the cleansing from the daily defilement of sin.
 5. It is like a Mirror (James 1:23-25). The Word of God reveals to us what we are, and sets before us the standard of what we may and should be.
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 7. It is like Incorruptible, Living Seed (1 Peter 1:23, 25). By the Word of God comes spiritual generation, the birth from above.
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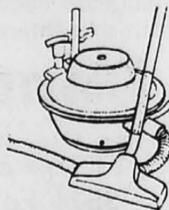
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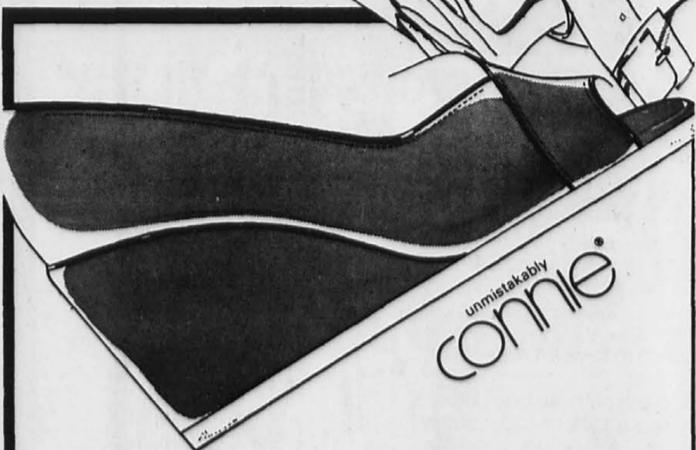
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Single Adults Ministry 'Invades' Rockies, Youth Workers Find Wilderness Exciting

Some 25 young people from the Single Adults Ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church braved cold weather, high altitudes, glaciers, snow, heavy backpacks, freeze-dried food, and the dangers of hypothermia on a wild adventure hiking over the rugged Rocky Mountains of Colorado this summer.

In fact, it may prove to be the most adventurous trip of all for the single adults group, headed by Glenn Wright and Rich Matteson. Matteson, Russ Damas, and George Stephan, youth pastor of Beth Eden Baptist Church of Denver, lead the way for this 33-mile, 3,500-foot climb through the Goo mountain range just west of Denver.

Stephan also happens to be director of WILD (Wilderness in Leadership Development). He and his staff served as guides for the backpackers, while Matteson and Damas offered spiritual leadership.

Stephan's goal was to cover 33 miles and two mountain passes in eight days.

On the first day, the group hiked from an 8,400-foot elevation up a path which took them to Eaglesmere Lake, 10,400 feet above sea level, where they spent two nights.

On the second day, the hikers learned wilderness survival skills. They learned that whatever they do, they must stay dry. A soaking wet body could lead to hypothermia, a condition which could cause the body temperature to drop 10 degrees below normal and kill you.

The trail ended, and next day the packers blazed their own trail to Mirror Lake, climbing another 400 feet in elevation over some of the most rugged rocks and fallen timber in that part of the wilderness.

The fourth day took the group to 11,000 feet, and the following day the group faced its hardest climb so far -- to 12,200 feet. They hoped for greener pastures, but over each summit found only more snow and glaciers.

The most taxing experience for the group was a 13-hour hike across the second 12,000-foot pass on the last day. It included fording streams by rope and fallen logs.

Throughout the excursion, Matteson and Damas led devotions at morning and evening campfires, sharing from Ephesians and Psalm 23. Single adults staff member Bob Dunn also was along to teach wilderness knowledge and first aid skills.

"I thought it was going to be a vacation but it turned out to be work, yet it was really fun, too," Donnie Hargett commented. And Janet Bowen learned that hanging onto a rock for a half-hour 50 to 60 feet in the air can be fun as well as teach you some lessons on survival.

Average packs weighed 35 to 40 pounds for girls and 45 to 50 pounds for boys. They included nine pounds of food (freeze dried but edible), clothing (including lots of socks), rain gear to protect from the uncertain weather in the high country, a down sleeping bag to protect from the subfreezing temperatures, and tent gear (two to a tent).

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the ministries, reports that the teens have been a tremendous help to the maintenance staff and have done a very fine job.

Youth Coordinator Dennis Henderson said he wanted to start the project for many reasons. One was to give our young people a sense of responsibility to the church. A second was to reinforce in our teens' minds the importance of hard work. He said, "It's good to get kids to work with their hands and break a sweat and learn what it is to work hard." A third reason for the project was to help the youth to feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in their church facilities.

Carter, Queen May Attend SS Convention

DETROIT (EP)--President Jimmy Carter and Queen Elizabeth have been tentatively scheduled to address the main celebration for the 200th Anniversary of Sunday School, October 2-4, 1980, at Cobo Hall. The multi-national observance called "The Year of the Sunday School" will begin September, 1979, and continue until October, 1980. Since Rally Day is historically placed on the first Sunday of October, the actual "Birthday Sunday" is October 5, 1980.

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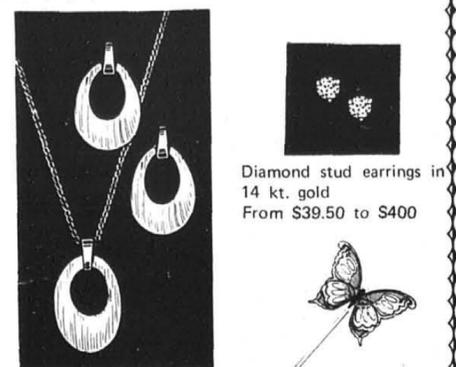
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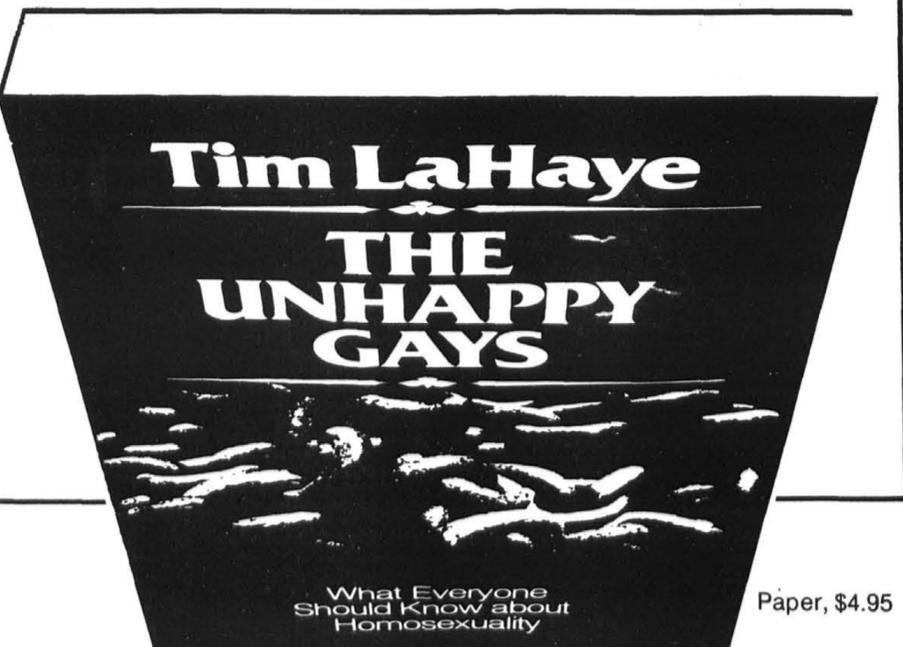
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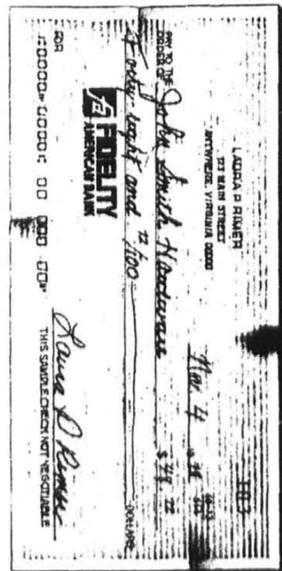
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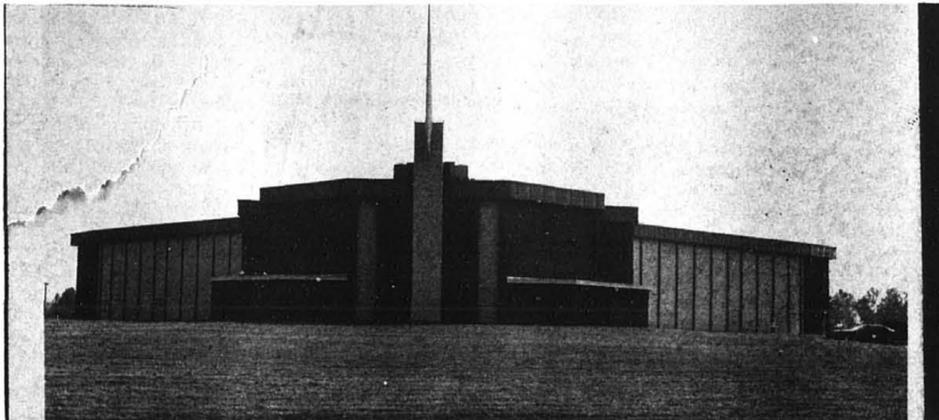
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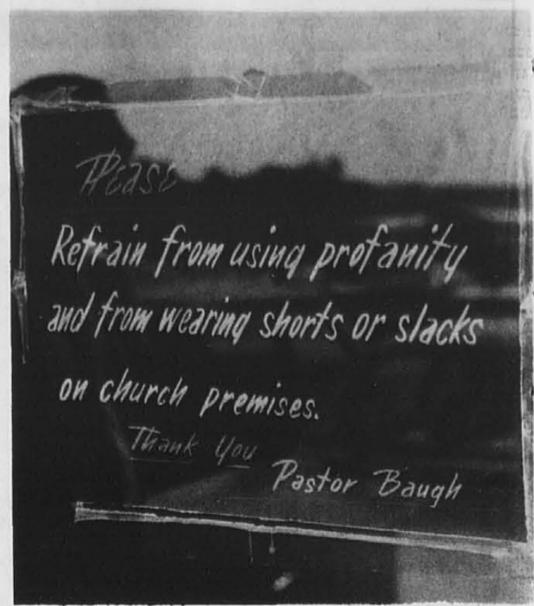
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BBF Pastor Baugh Pioneers Black College

By BOB HARRIS

Terry Hall knelt beside his dead brother's body, tears streaming down his black face. It was the most tragic day of his life; his brother was killed in an argument. He was unsaved.

Terry, 24-years-old, knew there were so many more of his own people just like his brother -- lonely, violent, without Jesus Christ, and sometimes without knowledge of God. He agonized.

As Terry lifted up his eyes, another man -- a white man named Carl Baugh -- put his arm around his shoulder and said, "I'll help you, Terry."

So began the fulfillment of a dream in both their minds -- a way of training black men and women of God to reach a previously unreached mission field -- black America -- with the Gospel. That training ground opens this week; it is the International Baptist Bible College in East St. Louis, Ill., and Terry is its first student.

Carl Baugh, pastor of Calvary Heights Baptist Temple, one of the largest churches in the St. Louis area, is a man with two major jobs. His first job came when he moved with his family from Texas to St. Louis nine years ago with a vision of building one of America's great churches.

Calvary Heights did indeed become one of the fastest growing churches in America. In nine years, it built up a steady, faithful congregation which averages more than 1,000 in Sunday attendance on 16 acres of land next to the freeway bypass just west of town.

But almost immediately God dealt with him about another job -- that of training black people to reach black people for Christ. Baugh and his fundamentalist colleagues had agreed that a work for blacks was needed.

The vision culminated. He had received a negative response from blacks at first, but things seemed to come to a head just six weeks ago. That's when Terry Hall showed up. Calvary Heights won him to the Lord through their bus ministry; he immediately prayed for his own people. Baugh gave him a new bus route. Starting it from scratch, Hall brought in 70 black kids on one bus in just three weeks' time.

Now, six weeks later, he is hauling more than 200 children to church.

But that was only the beginning. Baugh is witnessing in St. Louis what has been called an "explosion in the black community." As president of the Calvary Heights Evangelistic Association (a non-profit organization chartered in both Missouri and Illinois), Baugh bought other sites in the St. Louis area -- both on the Missouri side and the Illinois side.

Leading a church in downtown St. Louis was a man from Trinidad named Roy Collymore. Baugh approached him about using the church on Sunday afternoons to have a special service for the youngsters Hall started busing in. Collymore had peace about the idea, and consented.

In a matter of weeks, Collymore felt the hand of the Lord in the work so much that he resigned the Blessed Hope Baptist

their facilities to Calvary Heights for \$100,000.

Again, it was just a few weeks time before the site was loaded with black children -- 250 of them last week. This became the second arm of the church.

Jay Robbins, one of the white bus workers in the black neighborhoods, tells his story. "Oh, it's so obvious we've not been reaching blacks. When we first went into East St. Louis a few weeks ago, all we had to do was just a little canvassing -- the kids took care of the rest. They told their friends about the new Sunday afternoon happenings at church, and we found out we really didn't need to do anymore canvassing. The kids did it all!"

"We'd just drive down the streets; they'd start shouting at us. We'd shout back, 'Hey, are you coming to church

black graduate of Baptist Bible College and John Powell, the first black graduate of Baptist University of America in Decatur, Ga. And the college is negotiating to get Ed Gomes, the first black graduate of Liberty Baptist College, as another professor.

"It's like God was moving years ago, educating these black leaders, so that they all could come and be a part of this new work now," Baugh said.

Baugh's philosophy is not to over-encourage students to be exceptional. IBBC is looking for the average black pastor to reach average black America. "It is the small fundamental churches that have really won our country -- not the super-large ones," Baugh said. "We have the giants like Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Jack Hyles, and Bob Hughes who are examples and spur us on to be better than we would

high and high schoolers to an average of about 125 in attendance each Sunday. They operate a traveling evangelistic team called Dayspring, which, with music and preaching, enters previously unreached areas. (Butcher got the idea from Roscoe Brewer's S.M.I.T.E. teams.) The team travelled to Newfoundland just a few weeks ago, where they won 135 people to Christ.

The youth themselves tell what Calvary Heights Baptist Church is. According to Brian Blattel, 11, "It means learning the Gospel and what Christ wants you to do."

"It's a good fundamentalist church that preaches the Bible. I've learned a lot of things here," said Diane Delaschmit, 12, who has memorized more than 700 Scripture verses.

"Brother Mark always teaches us a very good lesson," added Leah Baird, 12.

Kevin Blattel, 14, says he learns about "anything in the Bible you can name -- all the truths."

Even though the west St. Louis site is restricted to about 1,000 in attendance, when one counts attendance at all the various Sunday "arms" of the church, the number grows to more than 1,500 and grows by the hundreds every week.

And, most recently, the Calvary Heights Evangelistic Association has become international in scope with a new college in Fiji Islands in the South Pacific. Baugh visited Fiji last year and founded the International Christian College, with the same purpose as IBBC in East St. Louis -- to train blacks to reach blacks. Most of the Fiji group is inhabited by Melanesians -- a Negro stock people. One of Baugh's staff members at Calvary Heights has accepted a call to work in Fiji as a missionary; he will help nationals run the college.

All of this has been termed by church leaders as "unbelievable." "It's almost scary to think of," a Calvary Heights member said. "I thank God for what He's doing here in St. Louis now. But, if it had happened twenty-five years ago, if fundamentalists would only have reached out in the love of Jesus to blacks then, could we have avoided all the horrible race riots and assassinations of the 60's? Could we?"

IBBC will charge its students only \$150 tuition per semester, and most of that can be paid off through work study loans. So students will attend IBBC virtually free of expenses.

Baugh hopes to raise the cost of educating the students from the churches of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, and other fundamental Baptists. The Board of Directors include Dr. Jerry Falwell, as well as Dr. W.E. Dowell, Dr. Cecil Hodges, Dr. Jack Hyles, Dr. Jack Van Impe, Dr. Truman Dollar, and Dr. Al Lacy.

Baugh measures the success of the ministries on a spiritual scale. Since last January 1, more than 1,900 have been saved through the combined ministries of Calvary Heights. Some 37 -- many of their black children -- prayed to receive Christ just last Sunday, while the *Journal Champion* reporter was there.

"Black America will never be the same," Baugh said. "I thank God for it."

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Church and went on Baugh's evangelistic staff. Baugh named him as dean of the new International Baptist Bible College.

The Blessed Hope afternoon session became an "arm" of the Calvary Heights Baptist Church.

But then Baugh turned his attention to East St. Louis, which, with more than a 50 per cent black population, has been called "Little Black America." His church staff started canvassing the area. What they found broke their hearts.

"One little girl reached up to me and said she had never heard the Christmas story," Baugh said. "Another little boy, when we started telling the story, said, 'What's a Jesus?' These dear children had never heard the name of Jesus. Oh, God help us, we've missed a mission field right here in America."

The evangelistic association looked for a site to have a work among blacks in East St. Louis. The Edgemont Bible Church, which owned two beautiful buildings assessed at almost \$1.2 million, desired its facilities to be used full-time to share the Gospel with blacks. When Baugh approached its officials, they agreed to sell

tomorrow?" They said, "Sure, we're coming." It's just amazing. I can't explain it, except that it's the power of God."

The Edgemont site in East St. Louis was also the perfect site for a college. "When I first mentioned plans to start the International Baptist Bible College, fundamentalist preachers all across the country called me, literally weeping their eyes out, saying, 'Thank God you're doing this. Oh, we needed this 25 years ago,'" Baugh remembers.

With its present facilities, Edgemont can not only educate but also house (in an adjacent dormitory building) about 200 IBBC students. Baugh is expecting 75 to enroll for this first semester.

Baugh is president of the college, Collymore is dean. Some of the Calvary Heights staff members -- graduates of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. -- will teach courses. Among them is Mark Butcher, youth director at Calvary Heights, who also teaches an all-black class at the Blessed Hope arm on Sunday afternoons.

But most of the professors are black. Among them are Dwight Scott, the first

have been otherwise. But, you see, an exceptional black preacher can't identify with black people; and black people can't identify with him. We've got to train normal, average people, with average abilities, to be their very best within the range of those abilities."

Baugh has received absolutely no flack from any of his colleagues or church members or friends for what he is doing. The Calvary Heights Baptist Church and the Calvary Heights Evangelistic Association are kept fairly separate, but the church still loves what the association is doing.

As a body, Calvary Heights has slowly shifted its concentrated efforts to reaching the blacks across the world. This is partly because the county has stunted its growth on the St. Louis, Mo., site. For unexplained reasons, building permits are being held up in court; there is no more room to grow.

Yet the Calvary Heights church is growing spiritually, according to Pastor Baugh. Among its strongest ministries is its youth department. Mark Butcher, a 21-year-old BBC graduate, has led his junior



Mrs. Roy Collymore teaches East St. Louis fifth graders how to sing "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus."



Pastor Baugh greets members at Calvary Heights on Sunday morning.



Second graders at Calvary Hights get a big Sunday school lesson.



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