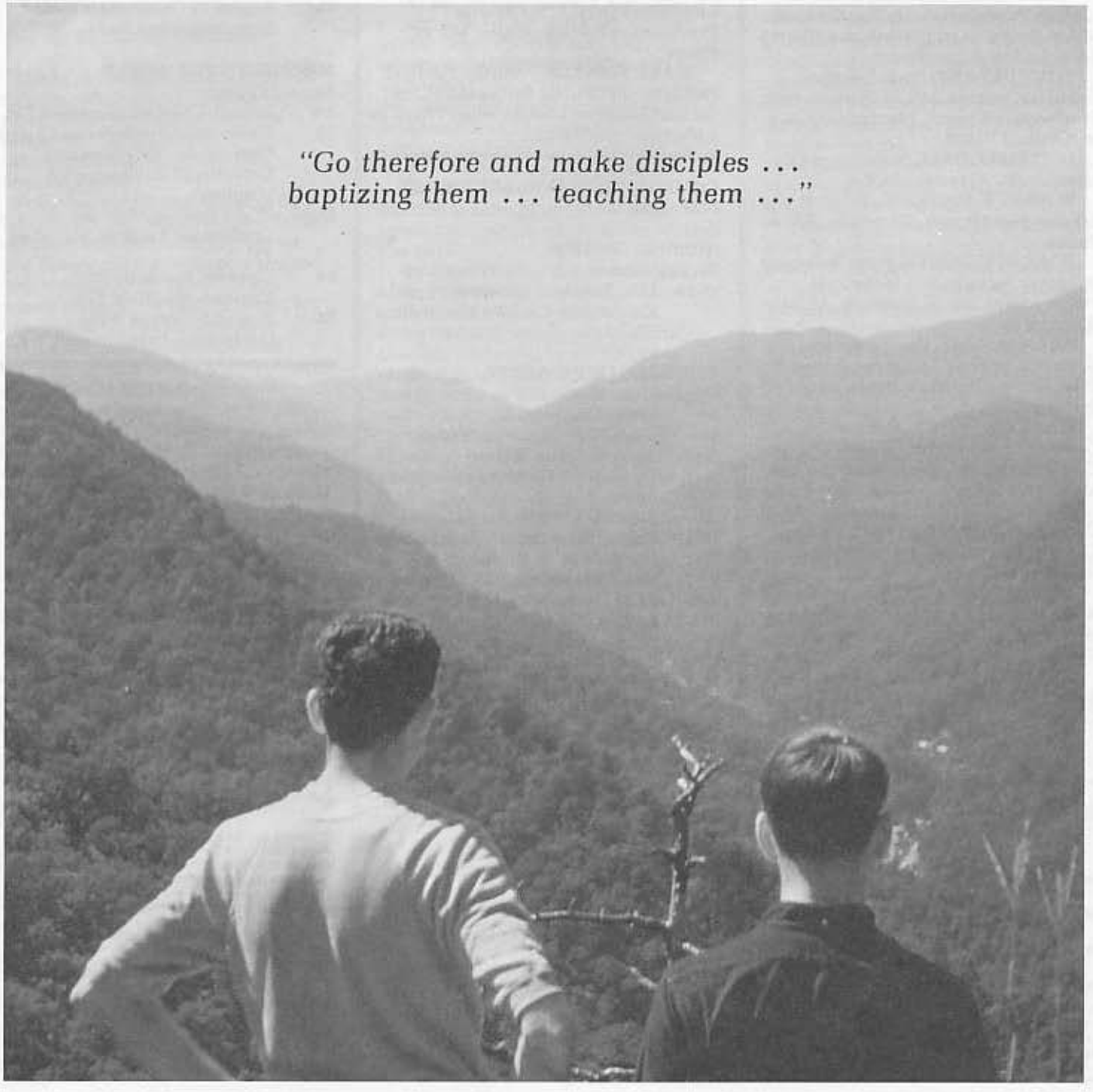
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3 First PCA, Troy, AL
10 Faith PCA, Birmingham, AL
11-13 Conference on Biblical Psychology, Crescent Hills PCA, Selma, AL
17 First PCA, Prattville, AL
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31 Trinity PCA, Montgomery, AL

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Harris Langford

11-15 PCA Family In Missions Conference, Lookout Mountain, TN
24 First PCA, Prattville, AL
31 Westminster PCA, Columbus, GA

MISSION TO THE WORLD,
Jimmy Lyons

15-16 MTW Committee Meeting, Atlanta, GA
20 Covenant PCA, Montgomery, AL
24-26 King Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA
31- August 2 Temple Presbyterian Church, Clover, SC

MISSION TO THE WORLD,
Paul McKaughan

4-8 Retreat, Chestnut Mountain, GA
11-15 PCA Family in Missions Conference, Lookout Mountain, TN
31- August 19 Europe for Field Supervision and study.

MISSION TO THE WORLD,
Kennedy Smartt

4-8 Retreat, Chestnut Mountain, GA
10 Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake, VA (morning) Centralia PCA, Chester VA (evening)
11-15 PCA Family in Missions Conference, Lookout, Mountain, TN
24 Chestnut Mountain PCA, Chestnut Mountain, GA
28- August 6 Peniel Bible Conference, Lake Luzerne, NY

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GOD'S WORK: ONE WORK

By Charles Dunahoo

The PCA was born out of a desire of ministers, officers, and congregations to be faithful to the Scriptures and the Westminster Standards. The denomination was established in December, 1973.

In the Book of Church Order of the PCA (chapter 15), 'The Principles for the Organization of the Assembly' are set forth. Among the ten principles adopted were these four: "(1) The church is responsible for carrying out the Great Commission; (2) The initiative for carrying out the Great Commission belongs to the church at every court level, and the Assembly is responsible to encourage and promote the fulfillment of this mission by the various courts; (3) The work of the church as set forth in the Great Commission is one work, being implemented at the General Assembly level through equally essential committees; (4) It is the responsibility of every member and every member congregation to support the whole work of the denomination as they are led in their conscience held captive by the Word of God".

As the new PCA MESSENGER comes to you, we re-dedicate ourselves to these principles, because we believe them to be Biblical and the official position of the Assembly. In its infant stage, the magazine is purposely designed to show that the work of the Church is one work. Each of the Assembly's four permanent committees will contribute to its content.

We hope to demonstrate that each committee work is complimentary to the work of each of the other committees. Seen together, the one work of the Lord is carried forth.

The Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 is one Commission, yet with two phases: discipling (evangelism, church planting—both at home and abroad) and teaching (Christian education for the world). Both PCA missions committees—MTTW and M-US — the CE/P and Committee on Administration play a vital role in the singular work of the Church 'at every Court level'.

As you receive the PCA MESSENGER each month, we hope that you will be able to depend on it to keep you informed as to the monthly happenings within the Church. Our desire is to use the magazine as a tool to assist you in your prayers and support for each committee. We hope to display that the work of the Sovereign God in the PCA is viewed as one work and each works together to bring glory to God who created, redeemed, sustains, and controls His work.

By direct mailing to individual homes of the PCA we believe that the ministry and mission of the Church will be underscored by family emphasis and concern. There will be something planned in each issue for the entire family, items such as: news, devotional materials, and instructional aids.

You will find some articles on subjects of general interest, as well as significant Church news relating to the place of the PCA in the universal body of Christ. We hope that this magazine will offer its unique contribution to the Christian world of publications. Unlike many others, it will be news oriented and structured to encourage Christian growth and maturity. It will contain no investigative reporting or speculation. It will aim at keeping you aware and informed of the happenings of the PCA around the world.

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TAXES, CAESAR AND GOD

By Sarah Ann DuBose

" . . . Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's"(Matthew 22:21).

A profound statement. Christ stumped those smooth-talking politicians. They made a hasty exit.

All right. It's past tax time now, past Caesar-time. But we are involved with another July 4 national birthday. Since April 15 have you been sizzling and grumbling underneath? Maybe some of those feelings are justified. Let's take a candid look at our situation.

God instructs us to give ten percent of our substance to his work. Caesar demands up to a whopping forty percent. Government takes thirty-five percent of our gross national product and forty-three percent of our nation's total personal income.

1,200 a day? That's the rate of growth of government employees. It's been like that for the past ten years.

One of every five people in the nation is on the government payroll. That payroll is running close to $130 billion each year for 14,100,000 employees; and $40 billion of it goes for red tape, triplicate forms, filing cabinets, postage stamps, and wastepaper baskets.

Now, how does this affect you and me? Taxes take more than two and one-quarter times as much money as what we spend to eat. Taxes siphon off more than three and one-half times the amount we spend to house ourselves, more than five times as much as we spend for those shirts on our back.

Sound pessimistic? Then consider how government spends our hard-earned cash.

In 1974, according to Planned Parenthood, there were more than 900,000 abortions in the United States, 1.7 a minute. Nearly ninety-five percent of these abortions were virtually "on demand" and for the convenience of the not-to-be-mother.

One-third (270,000) were performed at government expense, through Medicaid. That's $40 million from our pockets.

Today social welfare accounts for over half of all government spending. According to Casper Weinberger in a statement prior to his resignation as Secretary of HEW in July 1975, "Unplanned, uncoordinated, and spasmodic welfare programs are quite literally threatening to bring us into insolvency."

Here's another $30 billion: every year that amount washes out for the interest on the federal debt. $30 billion a year.

Farm programs: $25 billion for farm price and income stabilization.

Housing programs: $12 billion for urban renewal from 1941 through 1971. Built, 200,687 housing units ... destroyed, 538,044 units.

Giveaway programs: more than 10,000 of them as they are listed in the Encyclopedia of Government Benefits.

General funds: $500 billion in 1975.

The list, like the beat, goes on.

Of the government, by the government, for the government. Wait. That's not right! It's people. Our Constitution reads, "Those powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people." (The Tenth Amendment)

Ours is (or was) a republic, a system of self-government. It was founded on Christian principles and designated to protect equally the life, liberty, and property of every individual. A servant, not a master ...that was the plan laid out at the Constitutional Convention.

What's happening? Is the order reversed? Upside down? What? Have all federal, state, and local fences toppled? Where are the checks and balances between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government? What about people power?

And what is a Christian to do?

First, we must recognize the importance and design of human government in the affairs of men. God planned three distinct institutions: home, church, and the state.

The state of government is necessary for the regulation and administration of laws in a complex, organized society. It is a defensive mechanism for the protection of its citizens ...not for their provision! Jesus Christ recognized this when he remarked, "Then render to Caesar ...". Paul and Peter admitted to as much when they said that we are to be subject to human laws for the Lord's sake. Read Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2.

Government, then, is not an evil in itself; but government does need controls and a limited sphere of operation. We Americans are an intelligent people. We can elect intelligent men and women to represent us in all fields of government. Yes, we are capable and responsible.

Second, we must be informed. Read, watch, listen, then evaluate. An interesting volume, *One Nation Under God* by Rus Walton*, is packed with vital information and constructive suggestions for getting our nation back in line with God's directives.

Third, we must pray, and we must "pray without ceasing." The Lord is the power Source. Jesus Christ stated, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). To quote from Rus Walton, "Can you imagine the power that would be generated, the Holy and Almighty Power, if forty million Christians got down on their knees in prayer and praise to God for his direction, his help, and his blessing in solving the problems of the world?"

Fourth, we must participate. Bluntly, that means we must get to work. It means we will have to start channeling our money and time to support and elect Christian leaders.

We can no longer afford the luxury of being Christian spectators.

" ...Then render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." Here's our responsibility and our call. The hour is late, but may God give us his desire, knowledge, and grace to move now in these vital areas ... and to continue until he returns.

*Statistics and information from "One Nation Under God" by Rus Walton, and "America: one Nation Under God" by James C. Hefley.

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THE BONEHEAD TAPES

Note: The following transcription was taken from a cassette left on my desk by someone I never met. The tape was, curiously, rather warm and had the distinct odor of smoke and sulphur. It bears all the marks of a communication from a junior-grade devil to his uncle.

Harris Langford, Editor

TAPE 1

SUBJECT: How To Mangle a Conference

My Dear Uncle Fireball:

Although you are aware of the difficulty I have in making these tapes (they keep melting), I thought this would be a good time to report on my progress. I have experienced a remarkable growth in my ability to disrupt Christians who persist in trying to live as their Father in heaven (Hack! Kaff! Pfap!) commands.

It looks as if summer will be one of my best seasons from now on, thanks to your guidance and some devilish luck. But now for the details. ...

Christians, as you know, have a remarkable urge to attend conferences, most of which take place in the summer. At first I considered such events the modern equivalent of the ancient practice of flagellation. I have since discovered certain ways of literally destroying believers' enjoyment, usefulness, and personal example during these gatherings.

I begin well in advance by helping them recall the great conferences they've been to in the past. I urge such thoughts as, "Wow! There'll never be another like *that* one!" If I egg them a bit, no conference ever could be like that one.

After I season this attitude with several unforeseen problems, they're as ready as plowed ground for what I've got next, Uncle.

I encourage them to continue a habit developed over the years: that of not registering ahead of time. They just "leave it in the Lord's hands," and show up anyhow. By then it's too late and there's no room for them. With a little push, they erupt right in the lobby when they're turned away. Last year I was the happy witness of one woman who blew up before the others there, and completely wrecked her testimony as a believer.

Variations on this technique include having them call from the airport for transportation, arriving too early or too late, and not filling in all blanks on their registration form. (Always keep 'em guessing, I say!)

Registration lines are ideal for our

work. I encourage Christians to pack up around the table, talk all at once, and visit. That's the best of all. With twenty people trying to visit around the registration table . . . you wouldn't believe the fire drill it produces (thought you'd like that one).

I've found, as you told me, Uncle, that Christians can gripe twenty-five hours a day, eight days out of the week. If I can jog their (ugh!) redeemed nature slightly off center, the results are outstanding for our purposes. Get them complaining about their room, location, luggage . . . complaining about anything and everything to those who can do nothing about it.

I encourage them to ignore all instructions and signs. Both are given only to make life miserable, so why waste time?

Another little hot shot of mine is to have believers snag busy conference personnel at odd times for things totally unrelated to the meeting. Such as, "Why aren't there any Coke machines on the top floor?" and, "Next year you oughta organize some games for us." (Apparently these adults are paralyzed and unable to do it alone.)

Oh yes, I get them to resent bookstore and snackshop hours. That way they'll try to get in anyhow and forage about like lost steers. This generates excellent confusion when the managers try to account for books and food . . . and can't.

Another little jewel is to get them to shift rooms without letting anyone know. That absolutely turns conference personnel into basket cases when they have an emergency call for such people, and can't locate them. It further advances our cause of, "Do what you want regardless of its effect on others."

One of my favorites is to urge these believers — especially the men — to stand around in the halls talking to others who are standing around talking *during classes*. It has a great effect in convincing others that these people (many are leaders) don't think the conference is important, and in discouraging the teachers. If this won't work, I get them to arrive late or leave class early.

You'd love what happens when they start yelling about the food, Uncle. You and I know that the rest of the world literally feeds on garbage much of the time. But these Christians don't see that. I've discovered that in getting them to complain about the food, the potential for discontentment is second only to that found among GI's in combat.

Then there are the older people who can be persuaded to chew out younger people on the conference staff. These young people can't respond, but it convinces them that being both older and Christian are about as desirable as two days without your roll-on. And youth who don't respond when they are spoken to . . . ah, that gets the older ones thinking that today's youth are totally self-centered. Neither are completely true, unfortunately, but we won't let them know that.

Well, this ends my tape for today, Uncle. I'll make another soon. One last thing . . . I must concentrate on keeping them out of the Bible (Ahh — I hate that thing!). If they ever get the notion that their God . . . that he intends for them to live that book as well as talk about it, we're done for.

Makes me sweat to think of it. But I'll convince them that since they're at a religious conference they don't have to read it daily. After all, they'll hear it in their classes (the ones they don't go to).

Enjoy the flames, Uncle.

Your admiring nephew,
Bonehead

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PCA CHURCHES "DISSOLVED"

Twenty-five PCA churches of Evangel Presbytery have been notified by John Knox Presbytery (PCUS) that the procedure by which they were dismissed from their former denomination was unconstitutional.

Twenty of these churches have been "dissolved" by the PCUS, but may receive their property and a quitclaim deed in return for a one-dollar payment.

Five others in and around the state capital of Montgomery have been charged fees into five figures for their property.

The PCUS offered the same return and deed to the following churches for the noted figures:

First PCA of Montgomery, $64,000
Covenant of Montgomery, $27,000
Oak Park of Montgomery, $21,000
First PCA of Prattville, $38,000
First PCA of Troy, $8,625

A PCUS spokesman remarked that the amounts for the first four were prorations for the expense of starting a new PCUS work in Montgomery's fast-growing eastern side.

The Troy church was assessed the expense of starting a PCUS campus ministry at nearby Troy State University.

Several churches have fulfilled the one-dollar agreements and have received their deed. The five Montgomery area churches are deliberating further actions.

TRINITY PCA TO BE SUED BY PCUS AGENT

In a related action, John Knox Presbytery (PCUS) has appointed an administrative commission to deal with Montgomery, Alabama's large Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The commission constituted itself as the "true Session" and demanded all the assets of the PCA body.

According to Greenville, AL, lawyer W. Jack Williamson, the PCUS agent argues that it is protecting the rights of the loyal minority. The commission, however, refuses to divulge the names of that minority.

The PCA Session of Trinity has contacted all those who voted against leaving the former denomination(less than 10% of the membership). All but twenty-one have given written requests that they remain in the PCA. Of the twenty-one, several have died and most of the remainder have transferred to other PCUS churches.

Trinity leaders estimate that the PCUS' "loyal congregation" number between five and ten of Trinity's 1700 members.

John Knox Presbytery has notified the PCA church that it will file suit against it on June 21, 1977.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS STUDY, CHANGE IN PCA ENDORSING PROCEDURE

The Fourth General Assembly, in response to an overture, decided to re-examine its procedure of endorsing its military Chaplains through the National Association of Evangelicals in Washington, DC.

In February 1977, the PCA Ad Interim Committee on Chaplains met in Montgomery, AL, to consider information from Chaplains now on duty and to make its recommendations.

According to the chairman, J. Philip Clarke (a senior Air Force Chaplain and Pastor of Calvary PCA, Glendale, CA), the committee makes these three recommendations to the General Assembly:

1. That the Committee on Interchurch Relations study the possibility of a joint commission with the Orthodox and Reformed (ES) Presbyterian Churches.
2. That the matter of denominational examination of candidates, endorsement through a recognized Commission, and oversight be eventually handled by the M-US Committee.
3. That in the meantime, the MTW Committee continue to examine and endorse Chaplains to the Armed Forces through the administrative offices of the National Association of Evangelicals.

PCA CAMPUS MINISTRIES CONFERENCE A WHOPPING SUCCESS

In late March a group of 120 college students converged on moss-hung, rustic Camp Garaywa outside Jackson, MS. The weekend conference was sponsored by Reformed Theological Ministries and drew students from Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Delta State, Memphis State, and Southern Mississippi Universities.

The students came to grapple with and dig into the Word of God. The conference speaker was Dr. Henry Krabbendam of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, TN.

Conference leaders Ford Williams, Bebo Elkin, and Mark Lowery reported a remarkable willingness by the students to open up their spiritual needs to one another. Krabbebdam dealt with practical matters of Christian conduct in his lectures and discussions.

Elective subjects and topics available in the learning centers were Capital Punishment, The Holy Spirit and Sanctification, The Biblical Concept of the Covenant, Crisis and Disappointment, The High School Senior Faces College, Evangelism on Campus, Prayer, Worship, The Place of Scripture in Sanctification, Mortification of Sin, and Sanctification and Christian Communal Action.

An insatiable itch for the country bluegrass music of Mississippi Senator George McLeod brought out square dancers who had once considered themselves "too cool to sink to such a level."

According to Coleman Warner, "The crowd divided themselves into two groups — those who got into the dancing and made fools of themselves, and those who stood back and laughed at those who were dancing and making fools of themselves!" It was the sort of evening a man or woman looks back on with considerable happiness in later life. The Lord drew them all closer.

Cindy Smith, a sophomore from Delta State, remarked, "Those Old Testament people were real people, and all those things happened. They are important to our lives today . . . I've got a thousand questions now, but I have a thousand new answers, too."

Seminary student Pieter Tuit evaluated the students' response. " . . . these students are really interested. They have a hunger for God's Word. I think the conferences are making an effect in the lives of the students. Those who attend these conferences will make the future leaders in the church."

3 NEW PCA CHURCHES ORGANIZED IN APRIL, JUNE

During the months of April and June, new PCA churches were organized in Riverdale, GA (Covenant PCA); Orlando, FL (Orangewood PCA); and Charlottesville, VA (Trinity).

More than 100 worshippers were present for the first service of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland, MS, on June 5. The church is a mission of First Presbyterian in Jackson, MS. Bill Whitwer led the believers.



Chaplain (CPT) Doug McCullough describes need for better representation of PCA men. He is assigned to the 82D Airborne Division. Ft. Bragg, NC. Committeeman Earl Fleming looks on.

CHANGES RECOMMENDED FOR PCA ASSEMBLY EXHIBITS

During its June 3 meeting in Atlanta, GA, the General Assembly Arrangements Committee developed recommendations for exhibits at the Fifth General Assembly.

Each assembly has brought increasing numbers of book dealers, colleges, and seminaries wanting display space at the meetings.

The committee concluded that the only displays should be those of the PCA's permanent committees. This will be the recommendation sent to the Assembly for

its approval in view of the following reasons:

1. Changing space availability makes this the only fair means of enforcing a sensible standard.

2. The decision is required now because of increasing requests for space from groups neither Presbyterian nor Reformed.

3. The practice is followed by other churches.

4. This policy places primary emphasis on ministries of the PCA.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE SCHOOLBOOK WAR

Textbooks on Trial, by James C. Hefley (Victor Books, 1976), $6.95.

A stream of textbooks from major publishing firms flows into the nation's public schools. Books in which the student is introduced constantly to violence, racial strife, gutter language, and rebellion. All in the name of education.

The laws of nearly every state in the Union require a basic education for children who reside there. In every school, these children use textbooks. In a growing number of these textbooks students do not study happily ever after . . . they are not even introduced to the unvarnished facts of history, economics, mathematics, and literature.

Author Hefley has detailed the fifteen year-old battle of Mel and Norma Gabler to replace objectionable texts and programs with solid ones in the Texas school system. Since other states used Texas as a model, what it adopts, they accept as well.

"In the beginning, Mel and Norma Gabler trusted textbooks almost as much as they did the Bible." Then they examined several used by their children and were thoroughly shaken up. They discovered that in their school system books at each grade level emphasized a negative view of the nation, attacked the concept of law, derided faith in God, belittled once-great figures of history, and featured violence and raw sex in the study of literature.

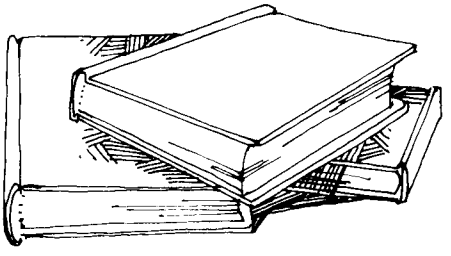
Throughout their efforts to protest such material in their own schools and to suggest better books, the Gablers often met hostility from the State Textbook Committee and the Texas Board of Education. They and a growing army of concerned parents in other states discovered that their children were being indoctrinated in a way of life hostile to every basic principle in which they believed! Yet they as parents had no voice in the matter.

Hefley has actually produced a resource book for parents who want to know what their children are being taught, and who may not like what they discover. The names of publishers and offensive texts are listed, but the author goes beyond negativism. He relates the eventual success of the Gablers in their effort to get better books into use through the Texas system.

A series of appendices describe textbook adoption procedures in major states. There are addresses to which concerned parents may write, organizations which offer detailed reviews of most new texts, and a listing of recommended textbooks for all grade levels.

Parents whose children attend public school must know what their children are studying. A lot of it is acceptable material. A significant amount of it is deadly to those who want a balanced, quality education.

This book tells parents what they can do to restore sanity to their schools.

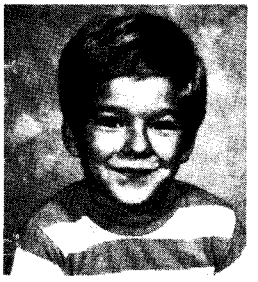


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CATECHISM RECITALS

Congratulations and a Certificate of Achievement for reciting the Catechism for Young Children to:

Donald Lee Randall, Moss Point Presbyterian Church, Moss Point, MS.



Carol Michale Chatham, Moss Point Presbyterian Church, Moss Point, MS

Ricky Allen Duggin, Calvary PCA, Greenville, SC

CHURCHES ADDED

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Riverdale, GA (North Georgia Presbytery). Eugene Hunt is the Pastor.

Korean First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, GA (North Georgia Presbytery). Sam J. Suh is the Pastor.

LIVING MEMORIALS

MRS. J.V. McCAA
by Rev. and Mrs. Vaughn E. Hathaway

MRS. J. V. DURBIN
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MR. JIM LIPSCOMB
by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gilchrist, IV

MRS. HUGH HELMY
by Mr. and Mrs. Steve A. White
by Mr. Sam L. White

Mission to the United States

M-US

M-US HOLDS ORGANIZING PASTORS SEMINAR, LARGEST ATTENDANCE YET

Nineteen states were represented as 71 men attended the annual Organizing Pastors Seminar May 31-June 3 in Jackson, MS.

This year's conference marked another record in attendance. M-US Coordinator Larry Mills remarked that, "By all indications, this was every bit as good as, if not better than, last year's highly successful seminar."

Participants concurred in this, for there was a level of sharing, concern, and participation not evident previously. Many expressed genuine gratitude for the practical instruction and "how-to's" of church organization.

Speakers for the week-long seminar were Larry Mills, Tom Hughes, Lowell Swiger, Paul McDade, Frank Barker, Terry Gyger, and David Nicholas.

One of the men present, Ed Youngs, writes of his impressions during David Nicholas' seminars. Nicholas organized the Spanish River Presbyterian Church ten years ago.

"Nicholas first discussed the Pastor's job description laid out in Ephesians 4:11-12. The pastor whose people just 'sit and soak' is failing, according to the job outline. He has to activate those people to minister.

"The life of the local church," according to Nicholas, "can be divided biblically into three parts: learning, fellowship, and ministries.

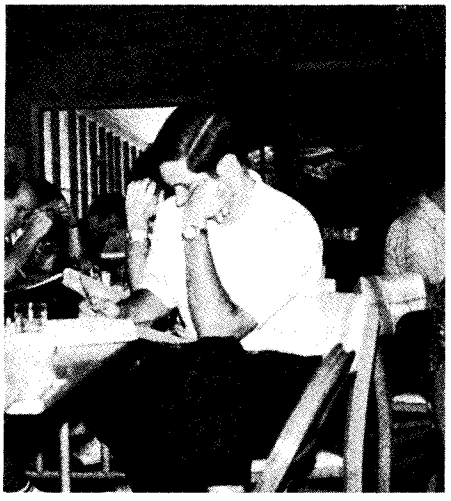
"Learning must concern the *how* as much as the *what*. Loving each other must be practiced daily."

Youngs went on to say, "You would have to attend the rather unusual Sunday evening service at Spanish River to get an idea of how much these believers care for each other. After some loud, enthusiastic singing comes half an hour of sharing.

"The roving wireless mike is passed from one person who asks prayer to another who stands and does the praying on the spot."

Youngs found another challenging ministry to be Spanish River's Adult Learning Center. It's a constantly expanding Sunday morning curriculum of ten courses, a lot like a Bible College on a small scale. Sunday School attendance doubled when this was begun.

In summarizing the impact that the M-US teacher's remarks had in his life, Youngs said, "The one point that Dr. Nicholas emphasized the most was this: the people and not just the pastor are required by God to be the ministers for Christ, to both one another and a lost world."



The seminars required work and study.

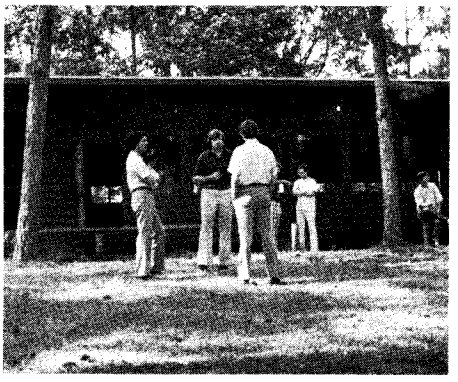
Remember Your Wife!

Ric Canada, an organizing pastor from Little Rock, AR, wrote to M-US, "One of the most helpful of all the courses was that taught by Larry Mills. He prodded us to consider the needs of a pastor's wife.

"He encouraged us to concentrate on understanding our wife's needs, then to meet her needs. He gave us a checklist for selecting a church secretary with her relationship to the pastor's wife in clear view.

"A pastor must be careful that his secretary does not take over or perform any of the duties which belong to his wife. His wife needs to know that she is needed and that she alone can meet the needs of her husband.

"If possible, a pastor's wife should be on a deeper level of friendship with his secretary than the pastor himself. The pastor's relationship with his wife should be, must be the model of Christian marriage for the entire congregation."



The men gathered in small groups to talk it all over.

The Pastor Is a P/R Man

Like it or not, the pastor is a public relations man for a body of believers.

Chuck Coe of Memphis, TN, said that Lowell Swiger's remarks about this gave him a jolt. "Swiger told us that, 'The organizing pastor must be a good P/R man. He is constantly making an impression on the public. It will be good, bad, or mediocre, but it will be there!

"You must be aware of your appearance, manners, behavior, and public statements," said Swiger. "They must be appropriate to back up the gospel. Also, be industrious and faithful. The impression you make in your community will be up to you."



Others took time out to think of putting ideas into action.

The Leader's Philosophy

Another teacher whose work struck home was Tom Hughes. Hughes dealt with the need of a pastor to have a coherent framework into which he fits his thoughts and plans.

"As a pastor, you must have a philosophy," he said. "You need a clear understanding of the purpose and goals of the ministry to which Christ has called you."

In his summary, the assistant Coordinator of M-US urged his men to use Jeremiah 17:15-16 as a nutshell philosophy for their ministries.



At the head of the line(?), Larry Mills (R) and Ed Solomon (L).

Meat and Potatoes

Mike Williams was struck by the candid remarks of Frank Barker. The pastor of Briarwood PCA in Birmingham, AL, described personal evangelism, home Bible studies, and discipleship as the "meat and potatoes" of his own church.

Williams said, "I was impressed when Barker told us that his evangelism program failed for two years. It did so because it was so involved that only a seminary grad could grasp it. Then they simplified it and they began to move."

Barker described how the extensive home Bible study operation grew out of his work with one new Christian who insisted on sharing his faith with others, then bringing them with him to the discipleship study.

"One of the points he made," said Williams, "was that often people have a relationship with the pastor or teacher, but not with each other. Bridging that gap is often the key to multiplication of believers."

Money Matters

Paul McDade, M-US Staff Accountant, dealt with financial matters relating to the tax status of mission churches. One pastor said, "We were challenged with the constant need to enlarge the return on every M-US dollar invested."

McDade stressed an active program leading toward self-sufficiency in each mission as a means of expanding that investment.

The Need for Balance

Terry Gyger, pastor of the Immanuel PCA of Miami, FL, picked up the issue of squaring church growth with Reformed theology.

Gyger accented the need for reaching a balance between "The world of goals, objectives, planning, and strategy," and that of "flexibility, fellowship, and joy." He remarked that an imbalance here frequently results in churches which lack the joy and excitement so basic to biblical Christian living.

M-US NOTES . . .

Riverside, GA: Covenant PCA, in this suburb of Atlanta, has 80 to 90 attending worship. The church began in February 1977, was organized on June 5, and now has its own renovated, rented facilities. Their organizing pastor is Gene Hunt.

Greensburg, PA: The David McKays, new from seminary, count on the core of believers in this new church. For three months they have prayed for the McKays, though pastor and believers have not met each other yet.

Union City, CA: 45 believers have met in a Jewish synagogue till they recently leased a school for Sunday use. Pastor David R. Brown figures they 'll be located where the action is: in a new section of homes just off the Nimitz Freeway, the main line between Oakland and San Jose.

Ascension Presbytery: According to Harry George, Presbytery Evangelist, "We are going to have new churches throughout this presbytery. Four new works have begun this year. We have a training program to equip organizing pastors as they enter this work directly from seminary."

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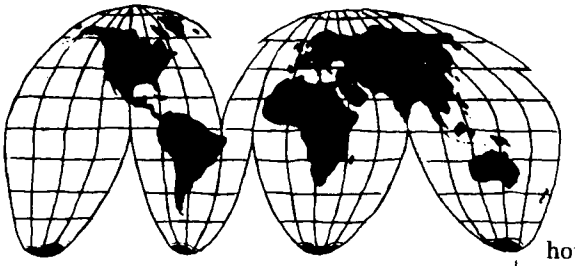
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MISSION TO THE WORLD



THE FORGOTTEN GENERAL

The title "General" immediately marks an individual as a very important person. When the title is used, it's natural for us to assume that such a person is held in high esteem and is responsible for a multitude of tasks.

A general carries ultimate responsibility for the completion of a job. It is literally up to him to see that all subordinates carry out their assignments. At the same time, the general must have the support of those who are under his command. Without this, he cannot function. Loss of support may result in his own downfall, loss of his command, perhaps a lost battle or war.

Generals are remembered when they win and lose battles. Who has forgotten General Andrew Jackson and the Battle of New Orleans? Or George Custer and the Battle of the Little Big Horn? No one forgets a general. Or do they?

There just may be one general within the PCA army who has been forgotten. His name? General Fund, assigned to the Committee on Mission to the World.

General Fund has fought and won every battle to which he was assigned since the command was formed on January 1, 1974. But during a recent weakness from responsibilities added each year, the battle of April 1977 was nearly lost.

The General Fund balance of the MTW Committee sank to an all-time low of $2,000.

The MTW program has been used by God since its origin in 1974 with missionaries and assets from ECOE (overseas arm of the Presbyterian and Evangelistic Fellowship).

By May 21, 1977, God has led 102 men and women to MTW as his servants for overseas ministries (and that's a "net" figure!). Others who were once part of the PCA team have now moved on to different areas of service.

As the Lord provided the people for the job, he also brought in their support through gracious people and churches across the PCA. The problem, however, is that despite the excellent supply system upholding our missionaries, General Fund himself has been forgotten.

MTW's General Fund is ordered to cover all administrative expenses related to operating the Committee. In addition, there are "program" expenses such as the cost of itinerating approved candidates when their expenses have not been met by local churches.

Other charges include missionary prayer cards and letters. Then there is the deficit which frequently enters a missionary's account before adequate pledges are received. This expense alone has exceeded $100,000.

Without the General Fund, MTW would be crippled. Please remember this general. We plan to win this battle! We continue to praise the Lord for your support of these missionaries.

By the end of April MTW had more than $190,000 of restricted funds for use in their ministries. These funds have been sent into MTW designated specifically for missionary labor.

When you pray for your missionaries, ask God to provide additonal funds for General Fund.

Don't forget the General!

SUCCESS CREATES PROBLEMS AT MTW

Mission to the World now has over 100 missionaries and candidates who have been approved for service overseas. Designated giving has continued to rise to meet the support needs of God's ambassadors.

In the past three years, designated giving has increased 350% and the approved missionary force nearly 300%. This is quite a testimony to the dedication of the PCA in world evangelization.

But blessings have created problems. The superstructure has far outstripped the foundations. The MTW office is understaffed and still operates in the red because it is financed by general funds.

These are funds which arrive through the Administration Committee office in Columbus, GA, or the MTW office as undesignated gifts. These gifts have increased only 87% in the past three years.

To put it briefly, the funds have not kept pace with expansion of the missionary force.

General funds (undesignated monies) pay the salaries of office staff, rent office space, pay committee members' travel expenses to all meetings, and handle a host of other ordinary but vital affairs.

The problem which has developed over several years has now become a crisis. A computer service, essential to servicing the missionary support program, has been put on "hold" until funds are available.

A few individuals and churches have discovered the need and have responded. But they are too few with too little. Pete Austin, MTW Finance Subcommittee Chairman, has urged every PCA Session and leader to consider solutions for the program. Then, act to help.

MTW GROWS HERE AND THERE

The MTW team continues to grow in numbers both at home and abroad.

New faces in the office include Administrative Secretary Jim Hughes, Administrative Assistant to the Coordinator Mary Lou Bohnsack, and Receptionist Darlene Kyle.

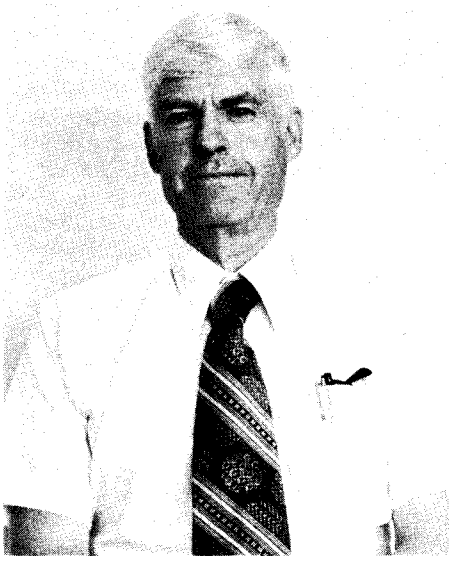
Meanwhile, new candidates for the overseas work begin to circulate among PCA churches. At its May meeting, the committee approved seven new workers.

Celia Barnes heads for the Philippines; Heidi Bowman and Ed Travis go to Indonesia under a co-op agreement with Wycliffe. Ray and Cathy Smith travel to Haiti under a similar arrangement with West Indies Missions; and Bill and Martha Goodman join a team of church planters in Mexico.

FEATURING MTW COMMITTEEMEN:

G. W. "Gerry" Sovereign has served on the Mission to the World Committee since the First General Assembly elected a group of men to begin working with the directors of ECOE.

At that time, he was an Elder in Pensacola, Florida's McIlwain Presbyterian Church and the chairman of its Missions Committee. He "retires" from the committee at the Fifth General Assembly, and MTW is going to miss him greatly.



Mr. Gerald W. Sovereign

As the Chairman of the Candidate Subcommittee, Sovereign has gained the reputation of being the best informed, most diligent member of the committee. Under his leadership, the number of missionaries has increased to more than 100 in four short years.

Gerry was not born a Southerner. He hails from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. He was graduated from Queens University, Kingston, Ontario. There he was active in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. He went to work for Chemstrand and moved to Pensacola, FL.

He had grown up as a Baptist and was coverted to Christ when he was very young. In searching for a church that satisfied his hunger for God's Word, he was led to McIlwain. Don Graham and Don Patterson, both organizing leaders in the PCA, pastored the church where Sovereign grew as a Christian.

Gerry and his wife Kay have five children. One of these has served as a missionary nurse in Colombia. Another is married to a young man looking toward Reformed Seminary upon discharge from the Navy.

Their last child was graduated from high school this spring. Gerry and Kay celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary this past May 31.

Kennedy Smartt of the MTW Committee observed recently, "It is men like Gerry Sovereign who make the PCA a great church, and the MTW work a great ministry."

AFTER A CONFERENCE . . . THEN WHAT?

Local missions conferences present to each member of the congregation the work of missions around the world and that member's opportunity to be involved in that work. Many church members respond to the conferences by volunteering for service overseas. God has caused others to realize their responsibility to support foreign missions with prayer and finances.

Usually there are three to five missionaries at each conference. The church builds a relationship with these people. Instead of praying generally for "our missionaries," the church begins to pray for their missionaries by name. Members correspond directly with the missionaries whom they have met and are supporting.

The financial support of missions is almost always increased through missions conferences. Those churches who have a history of having missions conferences, e.g. McIlwain Memorial, Briarwood, First of Jackson, MS, etc., also have a history of much missions support. In recent years, many churches have found that they can become active in missions support.

The Carolina Presbyterian Church of Locust, NC, the Chesnut Mountain, GA, Presbyterian Church, and the Monte Sano Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, LA, are among many of the churches in the PCA General Assembly which have raised large missions budgets in the past several years. These churches point to their missions conference as the stimulus of their missions budgets.

Since January of 1977 several churches have had their first missions conference. The 44 members of the Old Madison Presbyterian Church in Canton, MS, pledged $16,000 annually for use in world evangelism. The Presbyterian Church of Perry, GA, pledged over $17,000 at its first missions conference in April. The pastor of the West Hopewell, VA, Presbyterian Church was overwhelmed when his church of about 200 members pledged over $22,000 for overseas missions at their first missions conference.

The First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg, MS, had its first missions conference in March resulting in a total pledge of $28,000 for world evangelism. These are a few of the many PCA churches actively involved in foreign missions. If your church is not already having an annual missions conference, why not write to Mission to the World for some helpful suggestions on how your church can share in this opportunity to become involved in the lives of our missionaries around the world.

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UNDERSTANDING OUR HERITAGE

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles designed for use in family training. The PCA has a heritage which must be studied and appreciated.

The roots of the PCA could be traced back to Bible days, in the sense of being a Church built upon the teachings of Scripture. We need to know our roots. Our children need to understand. We are a part of the movement known as the Protestant Reformation.

We need to understand God's timing of the Protestant Reformation in history (HIS-story). Many things built to a break within Roman Catholicism prior to the late 15th and 16th centuries; however, for our purpose we begin with Martin Luther, the son of a German miner. Though his theology was not as consistently Biblical as was his contemporary, John Calvin, he was a key person in the beginning of the Reformation movement.

Let's see this in historical perspective! Luther was only nine years old, when Columbus discovered America. He was born Nov. 10, 1483. By the age of 18 he had become a brilliant law student, following his father's desires. But, to the surprise and offense of his family and friends, he entered a convent of the Augustinian Order and became a priest at the age of 23. He received a doctorate in theology at 28 and took his famous stand at Worms at the age of 33.

The Bible was the key to Luther's life. Having been taught to save himself by fasting, prayer, penance, and works, he found no inner peace. When finally allowed to read the Bible at the age of 20, he came to know Jesus Christ who takes away sin, brings peace and fellowship with God. He described his experience as he read the Word, "Peace came into my heart." He was a good student. St. Augustine's writings were influential in his life and faith.

Here's what happened. He saw his Roman Church as a perverted institution not teaching the Bible, offering forgiveness of sin for the price of a "dollar". Those indulgences, as they were called, gave Rome's pardon from sin both in this life and that to come.

Luther became furious when the Dominican Friar Tetzel began his high pressure tactics of selling indulgences to collect money from the poor people to use selfishly. He saw the abuses within the Church of Rome.

In response, as was customary in those days, he wrote the famous 95 Articles and nailed them to the door of Castle Church in Wittenburg, October 31, 1517 (All Saints Day). His intention was not to start the Protestant Reformation but to save the Roman Church. His actions were not the whole, but they were a part of a series that led to the Reformation.

The 95 Articles were printed and circulated by the thousands throughout Germany. With the desire not to break with the Roman Church but rather call her back to the Bible and its message "Salvation by Grace Alone", Luther stood. He wanted the people to know that indulgences sold by the Church could not remove nor remit sins or God's punishment of sin. "Only God can forgive sins", said Luther.

On June 15, 1520, Luther was excommunicated. The Pope ordered all of Luther's writings to be burned; however, in protest Luther publicly burned the Pope's orders.

Then came the Diet of Worms. There Luther stood against the Papacy. His friends had urged him not to appear, but this eloquent preacher-teacher had to make his witness. He admitted that there were as many devils in Worms as tiles on the buildings. But he wanted his Church reformed.

Luther was asked to retract his position. But the 37 year-old monk dressed in the black robe of the Augustinian order replied, "If the emperor desires a plain answer, I will give it to him. It is impossible for me to recant unless I am proved to be wrong by the testimony of Scripture. My conscience is bound to the Word of God. It is neither safe nor honest to act against one's conscience. Here I stand. God help me. I cannot do otherwise."

For that stand, Luther was condemned and placed under a ban by the Emperor. He moved into hiding for a year. It was then that he translated the Greek New Testament into German. This proved to be a major step encouraging the Protestant Reformation. Now, the Scriptures could be read by everybody.

Luther became Germany's symbol of reaction against Rome and her masses for the dead, her sales of indulgences, her perversion of the Lord's Supper, and distortion of Salvation.

Because he was influenced by his Greek philosophical background Luther was not as consistently reformed as was Calvin. But he loved the Lord and His Word, and he became a bell in God's hand to ring, loudly and clearly, and to call the true believers back to the Bible.

Luther was a great man of God — a hero of the faith. He wrote over 400 works, including the hymn *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*, and the *AUGSBURN CONFESSION* of 1530. He was a family man, having fathered six children of his own, and he had eleven adopted children.

His death came as the result of a stroke at the age of 63. By that time, God had begun a work that was irreversible, the Protestant Reformation. Men were returning by the thousands to the Biblical view of the church. They were proclaiming the priesthood of all the members of the body of Christ over against Rome's elite priesthood. People were encouraged to read and study the Word of God.

Whatever may be said of this great movement of history, we must understand it as a return to the God of the Bible. It was an action of submitting to the Word of God written, as the standard of authority.

Thank God for men of the Biblical faith. Martin Luther was such a man. God help us to be.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of family devotions prepared on the Shorter Catechism by Rev. Richard Harris, a PCA minister in Signal Mountain, TN.

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

The question might be stated: What should be the most important thing that any parent or child will ever do?

The answer would be: Why, the most important thing anybody could ever do would be worship God always and be happy with Him forever.

The Bible says (I Cor. 10:31), "Well whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for God's glory." Romans 11:36 says, "For all things exist through Him and for Him. To God be the glory forever! Amen."

This is certainly the right place to start our study of the Shorter Catechism — with God. We should always put God first. When we put God first, we make him happy, and we then become happy too. Now, a lot of people will tell us that we have to think of ourselves first if we ever are to go anywhere. But that's not true. God says to put him first in our lives, and we shall be happy, and we shall prosper. God wants us to worship him with our heart — to really love him above everything else because, you see, he loves us — you and me. Why, the Bible says that God is love, and that he loves his children with an everlasting love.

If you haven't already — begin now putting God first in your life — at home, at church, at school, and in business, too. He will bless you.

Jesus put it this way in the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:6), "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires: God will satisfy fully." How much happier can you get than being satisfied fully?

It is difficult for all of us to put God first in all things that we do, isn't it? Yet we are told that, if we constantly try with all our heart, we will be blessed by God. I know that as I begin each day with the purpose in my heart to serve God in all things, I see His hand of mercy directing time and time again. You see, the reason is that God is faithful. He promised.

GCP JOINT-VENTURE EXPANDS STAFF

Great Commission Publications, jointly owned by the PCA and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, has increased its staff to produce a wider variety of materials for our church. Mrs. Dorothy Anderson has prepared an adult study guide on *CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE HOME* by Dr. Jay Adams. She also is revising the VBS materials to be available for 1978. Assisting her in that project will be a newly acquired editor-writer from *BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS*. Samples will be available from the Montgomery office by February 1978.

New Senior High Materials are projected for the Spring of 1978. Romans (Winter quarter 1978-79), Knowing God (Fall '78), The Church (Spring '79), and Worship (the final series) will be the areas included in the new studies.

Mr. Michael Smith, managing editor, said, "GCP is building up a tremendous head of steam. It is, therefore, a critical time to prepare the way for it to begin rolling and efficiently use the energy that is building."

CE/P DEVELOPS STAFF AND MATERIALS

Seeking to meet the needs of the educational programs within the PCA, the CE/P office has good materials available.

More than 40,000 pieces of materials were mailed from the Montgomery office last year. Materials are available for local churches in many educational areas.

New materials are being developed by the office. Harris Langford is preparing a series of study guides for youth ministry programs. Dr. Jack Scott has completed his manuscript for the 1978 WIC study guide, *God's Plan Unfolded*. His adult Sunday School lessons will be ready for January 1978.

Studies and training materials for officers, communicants, and new members are being written. Children's studies by Paul and Georgia Settle are being printed and will be available in the Fall of 1977.

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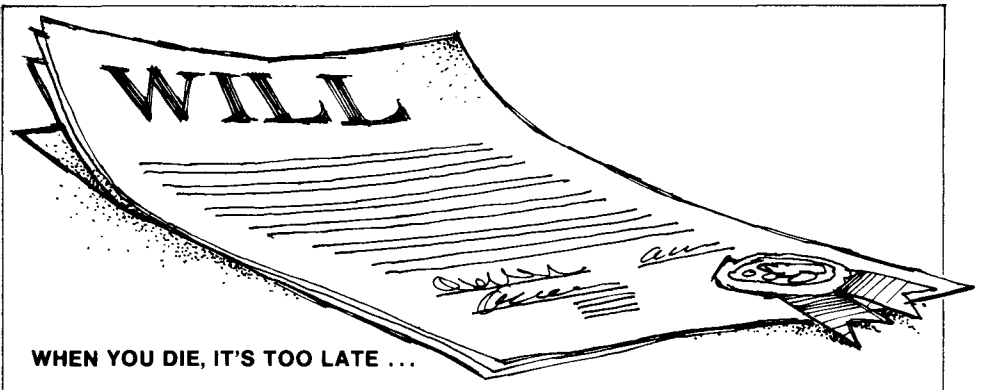
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Sample packets have been sent to all our churches. However, if your church does not have a supply, you may receive a packet by returning the coupon printed below.



WHEN YOU DIE, IT'S TOO LATE ...

... to write a will, that is. According to an article in the May 1977 issue of *Family Circle* magazine, 1.9 million Americans died of a variety of causes in 1976. Seventy percent of them left no will, thus totally giving over to the state the disposition of their property. Regardless of their personal desires and the needs of those for whom the deceased cared, the states had the last word.

It could easily happen to each of us.

What is a will? Who needs one? How do I prepare one? These are all legitimate questions a person should ask. Often we assume that our families will naturally inherit whatever we leave behind. Nothing could be more wrong. Perhaps we intend to get around to writing a will, but .... There is hardly a greater disservice to one's family. Maybe we just haven't thought about it. That, too, has painful consequences.

Every state in the union has its own laws regarding wills, inheritance procedure, and property distribution. A will is one item in a Christian's possession which must first of all exist, then be kept current. Of what use is it for a believer to carefully develop his or her property for Christ's sake, only to have it pass into the hands of the state of residence where its dispersal may bear no resemblance whatever to that person's spiritual priorities?

The PCA Subcommittee on Stewardship Ministries offers a "Wills Clinic" for churches interested in advising believers on proper legal coverage of their possessions.

Included in the clinic are topics such as "What is a Will?", "Who Needs a Will?", "How to Provide for Your Family's Financial Security and the Lord's Work", "Tax Savings from a Properly Prepared Will", "Those Legal Terms and What They Mean", "Reviewing and Updating Your Will", and "Guardianship of Your Children".

According to Stewardship Director Milton Howland, these and other matters are handled by qualified instructors in the single-evening seminars soon available from the Subcommittee's PCA Foundation.

Churches and individuals desiring further information should express their interest to "Wills Clinic", The Presbyterian Church in America Foundation, 1020 Monticello Court, Montgomery, AL 36117.

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RETIRED MINISTERS' EXPENSES PAID FOR 1977 ASSEMBLY

The 1976 General Assembly authorized the Committee on Administration to find a means of paying for the transportation, lodging, and meals of honorably retired ministers at future assemblies.

The Administration Committee is carrying out a one-year experiment to see if the required cost can be borne by the Relief Fund. After one year's expenses have accumulated, the issue is to be reconsidered.

The committee has sent a personal notification of the action and provisions to each retired minister in the PCA.

Administration Consultant Dan Moore remarked, however, that some undoubtedly will not receive their notice. Any honorably retired PCA minister who has not been notified should contact:

Dr. Dan Moore, Consultant
P.O. Box 6287
Columbus, GA 31907

FAMILY PRAYER REMINDER FOR JULY

(use this prayer calendar with your family devotions each day and remember to pray together as families).

July 1 — The new work in Myrtle Beach, SC and their need of an organizing pastor.
Harris Langford, CE/P as he completes his study materials for youth on the Cults.
The Young Parks in Seoul, Korea, ministry among 900 students in Seminary, teaching responsibilities.

July 2 — Bob Wilcox church planting ministry in Carolina Presbytery.
The Jayson Kyles in Papua, New Guinea teaching and leading Bible studies.
Great Commission Publications and its schedule for production of new materials.
Dr. Dan Moore and his duties with the Administration Committee.

July 3 — The Dick Dyes in Mexico as they minister the Word and reach into new areas.
Westminster PCA Church of Greenville, Texas their building program and need of a pastor.
The PCA Messenger and the CE/P staff responsible for its publication.

July 4 — Mrs. Dorothy Anderson of GCP staff preparing VBS materials for 1978.
Thank God for our Nation and pray for her repentance, faith and healing as the Gospel is preached.
Ron Eillis's in Kangneung, Korea ministering in a city of 80,000 along South Coast.

July 5 — Rev. Eugene Hunt organizing pastor in Riverdale, GA. The Church is one month old.
Grady Simpson — new Evangelist and Consultant and Church Planter in Evangel Presbytery, AL
Dr. Jack Scott as he joins the CE/P staff in Montgomery.

July 6 — The need in Prescott Arizona PCA for a pastor.
Charles Martin in Haiti, West Indies, and the new hospital of Light opened in May.
Gary Herring, Business Manager of CE/P in his work and continuing education.

July 7 — Rev. David Brown and the Community Presbyterian Church of Union City, CA.
Kathy Koren in Taipei, Taiwan teaching in Christ's College.
Mr. Roy Gamble writing the Youth Ministries Manual for CE/P.

July 8 — Paul McKaughan, the new co-ordinator elect for MTTW as he directs work on foreign fields.
New Life Church in Clearwater, FL and the Pastor Jac Hosman.
Mrs. Shirley Holcomb, Chairman of the WIC Advisory Committee and the ladies working with her as they direct the WIC Program for CE/P.

July 9 — Pray for a pastor for Lakewood PCA Church in Dallas, Texas.
Ken Smartt as the (co) coordinator for MTTW and his work among the churches in US.
The preparation of officer training materials from CE/P.

July 10 — The families attending the Missions conference at Covenant College.
Barbara Perry working with insurance and annuities in Columbus, GA.

July 11 — Jimmy Lyons work with MTTW speaking in churches and presbyteries.
Blessing of God as Covenant College this week of PCA Missions Conference.
The publication of the new WIC study guide for 1978 by Dr. Scott.

July 12 — The Peter Jones's in France and his teaching at Aix-en.
Plans for CE/P resuming the mini-conferences in the Fall.
Rev. William Fox, pastor of Concord PCA Gulf Breeze, FL and their outreach.

July 13 — The Hugh Lintons in Korea and Hugh's church planting and Betty's work in the TB Clinic.
Thank God for the new building for Fort Smith, Chapel, Fort Smith, AR.
The publication of children's materials written by Paul and Georgia Settle for CE/P.

July 14 — Dr. Morton Smith new Stated Clerk of PCA in his many responsibilities.
Search for pastor for Faith PCA Robertsdale, AL.
John Kyles PCA missionaries with Wycliffe.

July 15 — The Covenant PCA at Satellite Beach, FL and its outreach.
The Sidney Andersons in Nigeria, West Africa teaching in Seminary.
Different teaching opportunities for CE/P staff across the PCA.

July 16 — Meeting of M-US Committee today at Covenant College.
Milton "Pappy" Howland and the stewardship ministry program of the PCA.
Virginia Rogers with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Caixa Postal, Brasil.

July 17 — Dr. William A. McIlwane retired missionary and retiring moderator of PCA General Assembly as he prepares the moderator's address.
Bill Iverson and his inner-city ministry in Newark, New Jersey.
Charles Dunahoo Co-ordinator of CE/P teaching in a family conference in Pensacola, Fairfield Church.

July 18 — Bob Wilson new organizing pastor in Fayetteville, North Carolina.
Mr. Robley Johnston Executive Director of GCP for CE/P.
Jean Lappin in Ammon as she studies Arabic and speaks to people.

July 19 — Marion Mounger as she teaches and witnesses at Christ College Taipei, Taiwan.
Dana Stoddard who begins a new work with blacks in Alexandria, LA.
Joey Pipa staff writer for GCP assisting in preparing Sunday School materials.

July 20 — Peter Anderson organizing pastor in Kailua, Hawaii.
Jeanne Ropp in Surinam, South America, West Indies Missions teacher of missionary children.
The Jack Scott's packing and preparing for move to Montgomery.

July 21 — Bob and Betty Watts in Seoul Korea as they minister and preach the Word.
Tommy Irby new organizing pastor in Haines City, FL.
The Churches using GCP Sunday School materials produced by joint-venture.

July 22 — David Clowney and Mitchell Hall in the inner-city work in Atlanta, GA.
Virginia Rogers PCA missionary with Wycliffe in Brasil (Jamamadi).
CE/P office staff as they assist the program staff in development of new programs.

July 23 — Bible study group in Munford, TN led by Chuck Coe of Memphis.
The Ed Farrises in Mexico with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
The CE/P committee and Mr. Ed Robeson, chairman, who work so faithful for the Assembly in directing this phase of the ministry.

July 24 — The John Rollos in Bukidon, Philippines technician with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The blessings of the Lord in the mailing and distribution of the new PCA MESSENGER.
Westminster PCA of Louisville, KY, and for John Findlay who will return to RTS for completion of seminary training.

July 25 — The people in Covenant Presbytery who attended the M-US Church Growth Seminar.
For Jim Baird, Chairman, MTTW and his committee who labor long and hard for the Lord.
Financial needs for the PCA scholarship fund supervised by CE/P.

July 26 — The David Whites in Taipei, Taiwan, Christ's College (rebuilding home after fire).
Frank Barker, Chairman, M-US and committee who serve the Assembly on this important committee.

July 27 — Rev. Frank Coho organizing pastor in Stamford, CN — that God would provide needs.
The Lee Trinkles in Taiwan in the team ministry of church planting.
Harold (Pat) Patteson and the Administration Committee as they serve the Assembly in this area of work.

July 28 — Pray for needs for CE/P in area of audio-visual equipment to use in education program.
Randy Pope working with North Georgia Presbytery in NE Atlanta area.
The Douglas Millers in Grenoble, France, as they minister the Word and witness for the Lord.

July 29 — Bruce Gardner working this summer in Hancock, MD an M-US ministry.
The David Hamiltons PCA missionaries to Ecuador.
Final Plans for Fifth General Assembly in Smyrna, GA.

July 30 — Rev. David Livingstone organizing pastor in Willow Grove, PA.
Woody Lajaras in Guatemala PCA missionary teaching in the seminary.
WIC Organization of CE/P and their fine support and help across the Assembly.

July 31 — Larry Mills, Tom Hughes, and John Bergland in their work with M-US.
Paul McKaughan and Ken Smartt working with MTTW.
Charles Dunahoo, Harris Langford and Jack Scott with CE/P.
Dan Moore, Morton Smith, "Pappy" Howland and Barbara Perry with Administration and Stewardship.

