WHERE BIBLE BELIEVERS ARE PROPAGATING THEIR FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD AND IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Jesus a Real Friend
Mr. Bryan Leads a Man to Christ

A missionary on furlough to his home reached the Hawaiian Islands and became acquainted with another traveler to the American Continent. This stranger related to him a fragment of his tragic life.

As a young man in the United States he had become rapidly and marvelously successful in business. Riches were his and then a home with a beautiful wife and a little flaxen-haired girl, whom he idolized. They were companions at every opportunity. He loved her to the limit and dreamed of her future. Suddenly death entered that heaven which he called home and carried out this much loved child. Within two months the dark-robed angel stood again at the threshold and his wife was gone. In his despair and almost loss of reason he sold his home and business, arranged his affairs, and departed. He went, hardly knowing whither he went, determined to travel and get far away from it all.

Some years passed by before he found himself on the Hawaiian Islands. After a brief time had elapsed the United States government offered him a position, which he accepted. He was grateful and successful and they gave him a more responsible one, and then a still better one. At this time a message came from Washington asking him to make arrangements to entertain President Taft. This was done and he received emphatic appreciation.

Then another message came asking him to do the same thing for another great American—William Jennings Bryan. This program was arranged and carried out just as successfully and satisfactorily.

When aboard the boat conveying Mr. Bryan around the islands, very early the first evening Mr. and Mrs. Bryan excused themselves and retired to their stateroom. Afterward those on deck heard Mr. Bryan reading the Bible and his wife with him in prayer.

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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

March 19  July 26
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Day of Prayer

The day following the annual Bryan Birthday Banquet has been set aside by the University family as a Day of Prayer, a time when both praise and petition will rise to His throne of Grace, as we seek to know His will in the many problems confronting the University and as we seek to express to Him our thanks for the even greater blessings that have been received.

The speaker for both the banquet and the Day of Prayer will be Rev. J. B. Thornton, pastor of the Hope Congregational Church, St. Louis, Mo. Brother Thornton has long been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, has spoken at the annual Bible conferences, and has been His messenger for other special occasions. His has always been a ministry needed and blessed.

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Friends of the University are invited to join with us on the Day of Prayer by setting aside a portion of that day, March 18th, for the purpose of asking God's continued blessing on His work on Bryan Hill. The

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In The Beginning...

One day during The War to make the world safe for democracy I sat in the Metropolitan Auditorium in New York City and listened to the incomparable Commoner, then, Secretary of State in President Wilson's Cabinet, William Jennings Bryan, as he gave three of his greatest lectures—My Relationship to God, My Relationship to Society, and My Relationship to Government—in one two-hour talk to more than a thousand clergymen.

He began by reading the first verse in the Bible, and then he said, "Gentlemen, I prefer to begin with God. All do not share my feelings in this matter. Some so-called scientists would rather begin with protoplasm and have the opening statement of the Bible read 'In the beginning mud.' I do not envy them. They may keep their mud or slime and name it protoplasm. I have made my choice, and it is the God-breathed statement written by the great law-giver, Moses, 'In the beginning God!'"

Later on he gave a personal testimony and told his audience how at
Dear Dr. Rudd,

I was certainly glad to get your letter, as I often wonder how things are and often think of the good times I had, thanking the Lord for them.

God is certainly working in our midst. Our church has 87 stationary seats, and in our recent boys and girls meetings we had 223 in attendance in one meeting, and in the week of meetings 75 had said “Yes” to Him. God has given us a new Sunday School Register, Communion Table, Altar Cross, envelopes, and a Building fund. We are going to double the size of our auditorium as soon as spring comes. Besides all of this we have our own building, with approximately $1500.00 in the bank. You may have heard of the auto accident I was in. I had my suit torn off of me, and the folks here bought me a new one. They gave us a grocery shower when we first moved with somewhere between $150-200 in groceries ending up as ours.

We didn’t have any place to move so we prayed about it, and the next day we had a 4 room bungalow where we can step right out of our back door and into a beautiful State Park. We are about 5 blocks from the church.

The church was in a wonderful spiritual condition when I came, and I believe it still is. God is blessing with souls, restorations of backsliders, and dedications of life by several young people. We have a Gospel Team which is made up of approximately 20 members. They have two mission services in Chicago a month, one service a month at the County poor farm, and one service a month at the County Jail.

This is just a small picture of what God has blessed us with while here. We can not count His blessings to us.

With Christian love and prayers,
Gene and Ruth Stevens.

Perhaps you have wondered who did the printing on Neusette and other literature. Above are pictured Bruce Brickel, at the press, and Dale Mead, head printer, at the stone.

LUTHER ON UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS

In his great History of the Reformation. J. H. Merle D’Aubigne quotes Dr. Martin Luther, giving his estimates on the universities and schools of the future, which amount to almost a prophecy. Luther wrote: “I am much afraid that universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt.”

Every word of what this great man of God wrote centuries ago is true. And Dr. D’Aubigne adds, “Weighty words, upon which governments, learned men and parents in every age should seriously meditate.” Alas! frequently we meet heartbroken parents of boys and girls who lost their faith in the Word of God in some educational institution. How needful are institutions in which the Bible is being taught and the Gospel with all the great foundation truths upheld. Our Hope.

Printers at Work

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the age of thirteen he was converted and gave his heart to Christ in an old-fashioned Methodist camp-meeting. “That was the most important decision I ever made. And since then ‘for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain’,” said Bryan. I shall never forget the mighty impression that simple and straight-forward testimony made upon his hearers.—Editorial—The Congregational Beacon.

*Note: The memoirs of William Jennings Bryan indicate that he was converted at a revival held in a Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William Jennings Bryan said...

I submit three propositions for the consideration of the Christians of the nation:

First, preachers who break the bread of life to lay members should believe that man has in him the breath of the Almighty, as the Bible declares—not the blood of the brute, as evolutionists affirm. He should also believe in the virgin birth of the Saviour.

Second, none but Christians in good standing and with a spiritual conception of life should be allowed to teach in Christian schools. Church schools are worse than useless if they bring students under the influence of those who do not believe in the religion upon which the Church and church schools are built. Atheism and agnosticism are more dangerous when hidden under the cloak of religion than when they are exposed to view.

Third, the taxpayers should prevent the teaching in the public schools of atheism, agnosticism, Darwinism, or any other hypothesis that links man in blood relationship with the brutes. Christians build their own colleges in which to teach Christian interpretation of the Bible!

We speak of breaking the ten commandments. Actually, we do nothing of the kind. We violate the commandments, and they break us. It is as if a man flung himself in fury against a stone wall, and the result is that the wall stands as before but the man lies broken and bleeding, in need of a doctor, a nurse and a hospital.

Bryan University
THOU SHALT NOT MUZZLE THE OX THAT TREADETH OUT THE CORN

Judson A. Rudd, President

Outstanding in their faithful testimony for Christ in our generation have been those missionary and other religious organizations known as faith works. In striking contrast to old-line denominationally supported and financed programs, such things as orphanages, missionary organizations, Bible institutes, and colleges have been and are being supported by faith in God, and without a highly organized and dominated constituency.

In the beginning of the movement jealousy and opposition from the denominations, not yet apostate, were avoided by shunning anything that might appear to be a solicitation of funds. The pioneers, George Muller, of Bristol Orphanages, and Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, were chosen of God to demonstrate that God could take care of His own in simple faith and in answer to prayer without soliciting of funds. By their shining examples, many have been encouraged to undertake, without any visible source of support, a work to which God called them. Many have seen, as a result of God’s faith justification for their policies and methods as contrasted with the generally accepted plans for financing the Lord’s work.

Because God has so blessed the faith of such men as Muller, Taylor, and others who have followed in their train, many have supposed that their policies as to finances were more scriptural or at least more spiritual than were the policies of soliciting organizations. The fact is that Muller and Taylor were scriptural and spiritual because they obeyed and trusted God. They were also scriptural and spiritual in that they did not claim that God’s plan for them was to be adopted by others. Both were conscious of a special call of God and were careful not to claim special scriptural justification for their policies and methods as contrasted with the generally accepted plans for financing the Lord’s work.

Dependence on a plan because it was successful with George Muller or Hudson Taylor does not imply dependence on or faith in God. God has undoubtedly led some to solicit contributions for the support of a faith work. When one has given up what men consider a dependable income or has gone out as did Abraham, “not knowing whither he went,” that man is on faith. When one is guided of God, be it to go to thebrook Cherith for the ravens to feed or to solicit a meal, as did Elijah from the poor widow of Zarephath, that man is living by faith. It hardly need be said that a man of faith will be in communion with God. Prayer is the very breath and life of faith.

Perhaps there are no faith works apart from a sense of urgency in doing a work for God while it is still today. A. B. Simpson said, “Great faith and great sacrifice will always be found together.” For this reason, no better investment of the Lord’s money can be made than where the workers are on faith.

To be on faith does not encourage an easy-going or passive life in the Lord’s service. There is constant pressure to get things done for God. Results must not only be secured but reported. Others must be enlisted if the work is to grow and not to stagnate.

There are certain minimum essentials for the handling of “the Lord’s money.” Responsible officials should administer financial affairs and render reports. Needs should be stated and results reported, that the Lord’s remembrancers may be faithful both in prayer and in praise. The facts should be presented to the Lord’s people to guide them in giving and praying. To stimulate confidence and interest, reports should go far beyond financial figures and auditor’s reports. Personal contacts with the workers or their representatives should be maintained. Praying and contributing friends should be largely blessed in their own ministry, and the obligation to them must never be forgotten.

Many of those in faith works, acutely conscious of financial limitations, have felt greatly restricted by taboos and resentments against soliciting of gifts. In some cases it is definitely known that the most certain way not to get a gift is to ask for it; some contributors respond most generously to those who make most of not soliciting gifts.

The tragedy is that apostate Christ-denying and Bible-rejecting denominations and institutions are “raking in” the millions from the Lord’s people, while we, His children, sit supinely doing nothing about it, inhibited by taboos whispered in our ears by Satan himself.

We have in mind a woman of wealth who showed a genuine interest in a fundamental institution. But, before she died, she had furnished the money for founding two colleges and for the construction of several buildings on as many college campuses, all left under the control of an apostate denomination. What loss to the woman as well to as the cause of Christ! Did someone forget to pray, or did someone fail to be realistic in the exercising of a little God-given common sense? Spurgeon said, “Grind while the winds blow, or if not, do not blame Providence. God sends every bird its food, but He does not throw it into the nest.”

We are not suggesting promiscuous financial solicitation and appeals, but surely God wants His people to have a chance to give. We are not suggesting begging from those who do not know Christ. We do need divine wisdom as to when and to whom to make appeals. No attitude should excuse us from presenting the opportunities for real investments in the Lord’s work anymore than it excuses us from presenting the Gospel. With a “world on fire” it is our responsibility to sound the alarm without being overly concerned about the response.

In writing appeals or in personal solicitation let a man be fully persuaded in his own mind as to the will of the Lord. Let him search the Scriptures, and he will be amazed at the conclusions after such a study. The Scriptures deal with finances boldly and frankly. How would the reader feel if told to beg from the widow of Zarephath? We had never distinguished between “alms giving” and support of the Lord’s work until a brother called our attention to the real meaning of Matthew 6:1-4. What a sensation it would cause even in Christian circles today if an Ananias and a Sapphira were carried out dead because of not being as generous as they pretended to be!

If there is a sense of divine urgency about our work, if there is a burden for getting our work done, will we not be impelled to show our faith, as did Moody, by calling on any Christian who is possessed of the Lord’s wealth for a generous gift? Isn’t it high time we did something about the faithful testimonies for Christ that are struggling along with limited financial support because the needs have not been adequately presented to and urged upon God’s people? With due apology to Vance Havner we make a slight change in a statement of his, “There come times of holy desperation when, as others in the Gospels did, we must tear up roofs and climb sycamore trees.” (Continued on Page 2)
HOME-COMING WEEK-END

Former students and parents of present students should be laying plans now to attend the Home-Coming Week-End, April 12-14, on Bryan Hill. An interesting and happy time of fellowship is promised, with an opportunity to see the students at both work and play. The program will include a Forensic Day on Saturday, a vespers service on Sunday evening, and a special assembly on the following night, with the Scarlet and Gold teams vying for honors on the platform in humorous programs.

Reservations for rooms in town should be requested well in advance of arrival, as the housing problem is still critical.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

When a telephone message came through that "The Cathedral," the little chapel built several years ago up the gulch near Morgantown, was in danger of being burned to the ground by what had begun as a grass fire, it caused numerous young men to look hungrily at a generous cut of cherry pie before rushing from the table for fire duty. But rush they did, and five or six cars were soon roaring off the hill, through a rather startled Dayton, and out to the chapel, only to find no fire. Someone had already put it out, and no damage done.

SECRETs of BIBLE

Study

1. Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse.

2. Pray it in. Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a part of your very own life.

3. Put it down. The thought God gives you, put in the margin of your Bible or your notebook.

4. Work it out. Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.

5. Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody what you have learned

Early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. —Mark 16:2.

VALENTINE PARTY

TOPS SOCIAL CALENDAR

On St. Valentine's Eve students and faculty members assembled in the dining hall for a time of fun and fellowship.

William Breckbill, chairman of decorations; Miss Vivian McBride, program chairman; Miss LaVerne Howland, chairman of the refreshment committee, and their assistants kept hearts in season.

Large hearts pierced by real arrows decorated the windows, and small hearts trimmed the walls.

Ian Hay, competent master of ceremonies, busied the one hundred fifty people with games and songs, and added extra surprise features, such as a chorus of the male members of the faculty, and a skit from Romeo and Juliet, performed by Elaine Kennard and Tom Taylor.

The devotions of the evening turned hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ, for in every phase of Bryan activity, Christ is honored.

Ice cream topped with hearts, heart-shaped cookies, and Russian tea were served by waiters, Byron Kensing, Charles Riley, Lyman Goehrig, and Hugh Coombs, who, wearing their hearts on their sleeves and aprons, added a few more laughs to a very enjoyable evening.—F. C.

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Of course, there must be a restraint, keeping us from going to extremes. Like Paul, we must limit the use of our power, "lest we should hinder the Gospel of Christ." And we must be kept in bounds by the fact that we cannot go beyond our prayer support. We are in a spiritual warfare. As Aaron and Hur, stayed up the hands of Moses, so today hands must be held up in prayer.

But, as Joshua and his men fought with Amalek in the valley, so God's warriors of today are doing battle with Satan and his forces. Which side are we on? If faith works are really giving out the bread of life in our day, isn't it about time that we took the muzzle off the ox that is treading out the corn?
THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT GIVES
Wooler Choir—"Magnify the Lord"
Piano Solo—"Il Signo"
Girls’ Quartette—"Ireland"
Piano Solo—"The Island Spell"
Steward Choir—"The Lord Is My Light"
Prayer—Mr. Dalmain Congdon

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Wooler Choir—"Il Signo"
Misses Bean, Howland, Misshall, King
Misses Cannon, Smith
Soprano Solo—"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"
Gunn............. Miss Gloria Coxer
Soprano Solo—"Thou Art the Night Wind. Gay"
Mrs. Esther Moeiler
Piano Solo—"Galatea Concert. Lenzburg"
Miss Helen Crow
Girls’ Trio—"Jesus, Savior"
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Piano Solo—"Il Signo"
Misses Helen Howland, Mrs. Esther Moeiler

"LET’S LOOK AT THE RECORD"
Wayne C. Williams

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He began the fight against imperialism and the retention of the Philippine Islands almost single-handed. Not a leading statesman in America favored this policy when Bryan began his fight in August of 1898. Bryan brought his party and his country around to his principles. He lived to proclaim the passage of the bill granting the Filipinos independence. His stand against imperialism for any nation (as national policy) was not favored by any other great nation (in 1900), but today the whole world is coming to Bryan’s views. And for a long time Bryan fought this battle almost alone.

But this is only the beginning of the record of Bryan’s vindications. Most remarkable was the change in Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1896 could not say enough bitter things against Bryan’s views of wealth and economic justice, but who ten years later was espousing those very views, attacking Wall Street and smashing the trusts with a big stick, adopting so many of Bryan’s views that many wondered if Bryan would have any policies of his own left to advocate.

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They heard the call
GIDEON’S BAND

15. A Friend
16. A Friend

HOME FRONT ARMY

25. Mrs. B. V. Graves
26. A Friend
27. A Friend
28. A Friend
29. Rebecca Peck
30. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Huck
31. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carlson
32. A Friend

MUSIC DEPARTMENT GIVES
SECOND RECITAL

The second recital presented by the music department under the direction of Professor Stock was held February twenty-first, in the University Chapel.

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The second night the same thing occurred. When the rest of the party disappeared also to their apartments for the night, our friend stayed alone on the deck and toward midnight stood at the rail in the moonlight, looking down into the attractive waters and considering the question of ending his wretched life and getting out of a dark and cruel world, for him, a godless world. Suddenly he heard soft footsteps near him and turned to discover his great guest standing by his side only partially dressed and in slippers. Mr. Bryan kindly placed his hand on the arm of his new acquaintance and said, “I have been watching you since we started, and I know something is troubling you. I want to help you.” The troubled young man replied: “You are right, sir, but you cannot help me; no one can help me.” “You must tell me the story anyway,” said Mr. Bryan. The request was so tenderly and sincerely made that he could not refuse, so he related the sad experience of the recent years. The great man placed his arm about him: “I have a friend who can help you.” “And,” said the man: “Before I knew what was happening, he was on his knees and had drawn me down by his side. Then came a prayer passing anything I had ever heard, and tears mingled with words. It came from the depths of his big heart and reached like a flash the heart of God. That night on the deck of that boat he passed me over into the keeping of Jesus Christ as my real Friend, and I have been there ever since and have lived in a changed world.”

(An excerpt from Courtland Myers in "How do we Know?")

HUMBERD ADDRESSES
PASTORS’ FELLOWSHIP

On February 24 the Student Pastors’ Fellowship honored the Reverend Mr. R. I. Humbert with a luncheon at the Aqua Hotel in Dayton, Tennessee.

Mr. Clair Brickell, toastmaster, introduced members of the male quartet who sang, “Standin’ In The Need of Prayer,” “Wonderful Story of Love,” and “Haven of Rest.”

After a very fine meal, Prof. Earl Williamson, sponsor of the Fellowship, introduced Mr. Humbert, who, in his address to the group, presented a number of stimulating helps for pastors.—R. C.
JAMES SHIRLEY

Newsette regrets to announce the death of James Shirley, brother to Professor Robert Shirley. Prayerful sympathy is extended to Professor Shirley and other members of the family in their loss. Mr. Shirley's home was in Saltsburg, Pa.

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Tenor Solo
(a) Blue Are Her Eyes,......Watts
(b) The Old Ship Zion (Ship Ahoy),...
....Teatner-Farrar
Mr. John Layce
Piano Solo—Caprice of the Gnomes,.....Erickson
Miss Mary Frances Kennedy
Girls' Quartet—He Will Hear and Answer
Prayer
Mrs. Mueller, Misses Phillips,
R去掉her, Riley

Duet Piano—Mahagnens,.....Luciano-Nash
Miss Della Huck, Miss Jacqueline Hopson
Violin Solo
(a) Sweet Hour of Prayer...Transcription
(b) 'T'd Rather Have Jesus
Miss Margaret Walker
Piano Solo—Jumpli.,............Davis
Miss Betty Thompson
Soprano Solo
(a) Sonny Boy,..............Curran
(b) My Home Sweet Home,....Vandall
Miss Wanda Lautzenheiser
Piano Solo—Sea Gardens,.........Cohee
Miss Wanda Lautzenheiser

Male Quartet
(a) Just a Little Talk with Jesus Brower
(b) Shall I Crucify My Savior........Derrick
Piano Solo—March Grotesque,.........Stobin
Miss Della Huck
Girls' Ensemble—Lullaby and Goodnight,....Brubus
Miss Pella Thompson

Prayer
Dr. William H. Wrighton, for years head of the Philosophy Department of the University of Georgia, left that institution for service in a definitely Christian institution of higher learning, where he might more effectively serve the Lord. Such organizations as the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship are doing a good work for Christ on many campuses.

Undoubtedly, more and more of our own graduates will find positions in non-Christian schools, where they will be witnesses for Christ. To prepare our students for service in places where a Christian witness will be none too welcome, every activity, department, and class in Bryan University must be definitely Christian and spiritual to a degree not generally found in Christian colleges and in distinct contrast to non-Christian schools. Through all channels we desire to reach our students for Christ and to strengthen their faith in Him, so that they may render outstanding service to the Lord wherever He leads them.

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 needs are great and many. If we are to care for the young people seeking admission even at this early date, we must provide additional dormitory and class room space. We must have additional equipment. We must work. We must pray. His hand is not shortened. Will you pray with us?

CHRISTIAN TESTIMONIES IN NON-CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

In stressing the advantages of Christ-centered education at Bryan University, we do not desire to leave the impression that Christ is without witnesses, even in non-Christian schools. The story of Miss M. Belle Sperry, appearing in the February 1, 1946, issue of The Sunday School Times, illustrates the possible influence of a Christian teacher on the lives of students in a non-Christian school.

God has raised up a good many teachers to touch the lives of students for Christ on non-Christian campuses, and some of these teachers are good friends of Bryan University because they see the need for definitely Christian schools. Dr. William H. Wrighton, for years head of the Philosophy Department of the University of Georgia, left that institution for service in a definitely Christian institution of higher learning, where he might more effectively serve the Lord. Such organizations as the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship are doing a good work for Christ on many campuses.

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Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

"Are we downhearted? no... no... no-o-o." Well, at least, we are not too down-hearted to take our February slump in stride and look forward to better times in March. This is our "birthday" month, you know. Will it be a good one? We are far behind our budget.

Yours in His work,

Sam