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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

Undermining The Family, Home And Bible

By C. CHRISTOPHER ROSS
Journal Champion Special Writer

A surface attempt at honoring children is nothing more than a subterfuge by the International Year of the Child to undermine the family, the home and Bible morality.

This is the opinion of most Christian leaders whose ministries preach that parents are the leaders of their children and families and not the government and the courts.

Dr. Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church and director of the world-wide Old-Time Gospel Hour, is among the national religious leaders who are vehemently opposing the International Year of Child (IYC) as proclaimed by the United Nations and supported by the executive order of President Carter and the dollars of the American taxpayers.

"The Bible is explicit in listing the duty of parents and rights of children," Dr. Falwell said. "The Bible is the proper guidebook for every American family and every husband and wife in the world. Clearly, the Bible tells us "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.""

The Virginia-based Christian leader said "government is not the solution to family problems. I believe the IYC is attempting to take the rights of parents away from parents and give the rights of family leadership to the governmental bureaucrat."

In March 1979, the IYC became a federally-funded program whereby $1,372,000 was appropriated to promote "children's rights" as defined by the federal government.

Dr. Falwell said the burden of raising children "is solely the duty of parents and not the job of the federal government. I believe that instead of encouraging a strong moral family home in which every child can grow, the IYC seeks to control the environment which will influence the child into adulthood."

Parents must be the influence for children, to teach them the rights and wrongs of life and to instill God-given rules for living into children, Falwell said during an interview.

"Loving is not to be hard and cold," he said. "The difficulty with many people in this modern society is they have never been taught the proper Christian precepts and rules for growing and nurturing their lives and family love."

This is where the governmental aspect of shaping young lives fails miserably and runs afoul of Christian ethics for proper upbringing of children, Falwell said.

"It causes me great concern and trouble when I read about courts granting rights to children," he continued. "Quite possibly the court can do it well in many cases but the overall effect of these rulings undermine the strength of every American family. Without a shadow of a doubt, God has arranged the right of bringing children into the world and the right to raise these children to parents. At all costs we must make certain that parents maintain their influence over these youngsters."

Falwell said he is "greatly concerned over the widespread abuse of children in families. I believe this has become a national nightmare and disgrace. But, the answer to the curb in this horrendous situation is for a spiritual revolution in the homes and lives of husbands and wives."

Without question, children face the modern problems of illegitimacy divorce, undisciplined environment in public schools, exploitation, drug and alcohol use, Falwell said. The "answer again is God revolutionizing lives with the power of Jesus Christ."

"Quite frankly, we don't need the International Year of the Child," Falwell said. "We need an importance and influence placed on the strengthening of American homes. Child-rearing is the duty of parents and there are many instances where husbands and wives fail in this duty."

Falwell said that while a large majority of Americans belong to a church and that millions claim to be "born again" Christians, we are failing to put our trust totally in the Lord Jesus. God will punish those parents who fail in their responsibility of disciplining their children. And, many of these parents need to learn the difference between loving their children and hurting their children."

The radio and television evangelist said children's rights "are never to supercede the rights of parents over them. It breaks my heart to see the rising statistics in child abuse, child molesting, juvenile suicides and the many psychological problems confronting the youth of the world. But, the job of changing these wrongs belongs solely to the family, specifically the family which is living under the solid Biblical teaching and believes the God, through Jesus Christ, is the lawgiver."

Falwell also criticized the movement in America of "liberating children in general while at the sametime permitting the immoral, indecent and constant murdering of innocent children through government-controlled abortions."

He has been "caused tremendous personal concern with the trend in America today where normally God-fearing, family loving and people-oriented citizens have allowed themselves to be participants in the daily murdering of children through unjustified abortions. How saddened and angry I become when I see how little Americans value human life. God will hold each of us accountable for this assault on the future generations."

On one hand, Dr. Falwell said, "we say we must stand up for children's rights and then in the same breath, we permit wholesale murder. This nation will face the wrath of God for this action. For too many years, Americans have withstood the assault on worldwide murder of people of all races, creeds and colors and now, in a time when Americans don't want to be bothered, we say that the murder of abortion — the taking of innocent lives — is legally acceptable."

Dr. Falwell said the "future of America depends on the return to strong Bible teaching and Christian family living. No billion-dollar public relations program will transform any life. Plain and simply teaching of Christ's message will change those who abuse their children and those who kill them by abortion."
Complacency To Government: Problem Of Urgency In The Summer Interlude

By KEN KIVIDEN JR.

Indiana is perhaps the most conservative state this side of Dixie. Yet, she is represented in the U.S. Senate by Birch Bayh, perhaps the most liberal politician this side of Fidel Castro. Why? The United States of America is a proud nation built on the concepts of the free enterprise system, peace through strength and “We the People.” Yet, she is railroaded by Jimmy Carter into such liberal endeavors as SALT II, deregulation of harmful hallucinatory drugs, amnesty for military deserters, the Panama Canal give-away and abandonment of Taiwan, South Korea, South Africa, Nicaragua and NATO. Why? Across America, the hands of fundamentalist preachers have become callus-hardened as they pound their pulpits in defiance of unscrupulous and Bible-rejecting bureaucrats who seek to silence the church through unreasonable, and often unbelievable, regulations. Yet, the bureaucrats and their congressional buddies remain unflinching behind mahogany desks with feet perched comfortably thereon. Why? The question is, once again: “Why?” The answer may come in a variety of forms, but the word which best concludes these forms, I believe, is complacency. I am appalled at the arrogant inconsistency of Americans who loudly abhor the crimes of draft-evaders and deserters for refusing to do their “bit” for freedom while they, themselves, won’t lift a finger (or give a dollar) to insure the election of conservative political candidates. Sometimes, they won’t even vote. If we, as a free people, are to regain those precious freedoms snatched away from us by the political left in recent years, we must involve ourselves in the electorate system.

By HARRY COVERT

It is a curious thing that Americans have sat back so agreeably and watched the gasoline prices rapidly soar to the point that we are involved with “preventive” driving. I have found people are talking about the energy crisis and listening and watching the broadcast newspeople and watching the broadcast newspeople about the energy crisis and listening to the tourist trade has dipped to financially dangerous positions. We have seen how slowly the federal government is working to solve the gasoline crisis for Americans who, like lambs being led to the slaughter, just accept the unbelievable rise in the cost of gas per gallon. I paid 97.9 cents in Bedford County, Va., because I had no other choice. I was scared to travel during the summer and we’ve long heard of the gasoline crisis for Americans who, like lambs being led to the slaughter, just accept the unbelievable rise in the cost of gas per gallon. I paid 97.9 cents in Bedford County, Va., because I had no other choice. I was scared to travel during the summer and watched the broadcast newspeople about the energy crisis and listening to the tourist trade has dipped to financially dangerous positions.

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An Encouraging Growth

By ELMER TOWNS
CHURCH MERGER IN A DAY
OF SPLITS

Rev. David Rhodenhizer grew up at Thomas Road Baptist Church and was a student in the original class of Liberty Baptist College. A year ago, Dr. Falwell contributed monthly support to a young church in the area, Calvary Road Baptist Church, had magnificent facilities (worth over $2 million) a stable membership, a Christian school and a financial base.

Both churches needed the other. "I married" the churches on June 17 which was to officially recognize the merger of the congregations. They took the name Calvary Road Baptist Church because it was well identified in the community. The church outreach is

seen to be almost limitless.

Suppose Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego piously accepted the governmental regulations of their nation by "spiritualizing" their way out of it. I'm sure the Hebrew children could have rationalized that being executed in the furnace of their nation's "White House" was, indeed, a poor testimony. Ah, but what testimony was claimed when the king caught a glimpse of the Messiah walking about in the midst of the flames aside the accused.

When I occasionally encounter Christians who have determined, by reasons of mind, that born again people are somehow exempt from governmental intervention, I usually am persuaded that their reasoning is the fruit of laziness rather than Holy Spirit conviction.

known as New Life Ministries. On the day of the "marriage," they totalled 252 in Sunday School, over 400 in the morning service and an offering of over $5,000. The most thrilling thing was to see adults excited about reaching lost people through the bus ministry. Bus attendance was up that day and there was excitement for lost souls in the church.

STABILITY IN GRAND RAPIDS

Dr. David Wood was saved and grew up at Thomas Road Baptist Church. He was called to preach under the ministry of Dr. Falwell. When he graduated from college he planted the Harbor Baptist Church in Columbus, S.C., in 1964 and led it to an attendance of over 1,000. Then Dr. Wood felt God calling him to start a new church in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Wood began meeting with a handful of people in January and in the first five months the results are greater than any other young church in the United States. Heritage Baptist Church had an attendance of 349 on a high day, bought 34 acres of prime property at a major intersection, have $46,000 in the bank towards a new building, the offering averages over $2,500 a week and the Sunday evening attendance averages over 288, mostly adults. The church has 40 adults on the Sunday School staff, and the most amazing fact is this explosive growth is not the result of a bus ministry.

This phenomenal growth is happening in Grand Rapids, a stronghold of reformed Christianity, and a center of evangelical publishing houses. One major pastor told Wood he could never build a soul-winning church in Grand Rapids because of the reserved tradition of reformed theology, that it is not oriented to soul-winning and revivalism.

Dr. Wood feels he has a great opportunity to build one of the large fundamental testimonies for God in America — in Grand, Rapids, Michigan.

Editor:
I have read several copies of your "Journal Champion." I think the paper is a blessing to all who read it. I am manager of the truckstop and my father-in-law owns it. He pastors a small church near here.

I would appreciate it if you could send me about 25 copies each week of your paper to give to motorists when they come by. I think you are doing a great work for God and maybe we could help a little with your papers to make people more aware of your work. If we can help you any way please let us know. Our prayers are with you.

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Editor:
Recently the LBC Choral gave a sacred concert in our chapel on the base that houses the Headquarters for the U.S. Forces in Korea. I was able to make contact to have them come through Billy Kim who is coordinating their Korea tour.

What a blessing they brought to our chapel. The spirit in which they sang was so real and so powerful that many of our folks were in tears when the concert ended. They were just magnificent. What a tribute to your ministry and your school to have young people such as these representing you. We will never forget them.

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue your ministry and may He bless you with wonderful young people that so blessed us here.

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Along with Dr. Falwell will be the LBC Chorale, elected officials, and other patriotic Americans taking a stand against abortion-on-demand, homosexuality, pornography, sex and violence on television, and interference by the IRS in the Christian school movement.

“I Love America” rallies will be held throughout the country. The first rally will be September 13, at 11:00am-12:30pm on the Capitol steps in Richmond, Virginia.

Look for announcements about the rally coming to your state’s capital.
Rallies Scheduled For State Capitols

Dr. Jerry Falwell and the "I Love America" team consisting of Don Norman, Robbie Hiner and a group of singing young people representing Liberty Baptist College, will present the patriotic program, "I Love America" on nearly all of the state capitol steps in America over the next two years, beginning at Richmond, Va.

Praying and working towards "revival" in America for the return to Biblical truths and moral decency, Dr. Falwell and the red, white and blue clothed team will begin their Crusades in September. The state programs will be much like the national "I Love America" program conducted on the U.S. Capitol steps April 27 and televised nationally. Taking the stand of Pro-God, Pro-America, Pro-Life and Pro-Family, Dr. Falwell will speak against such issues as pornography, sex and violence on television, homosexuality, the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion on demand, and the IRS investigation of non-public schools.

Each of the state legislators will be invited to attend the rally in their state as well as attempting to involve pastors, Christian school officials, teachers and pupils and anyone interested in seeing "revival" in America.

The schedule for the first four rallies is as follows: Thursday, Sept. 13, Richmond, Va.; Monday, Sept. 17, Columbus, Ohio; Tuesday, Sept. 18, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Monday, Sept. 24, Albany, N.Y.

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VICKIE SNAVELY DIES IN ACCIDENT
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Miss Snavely, along with several other Treasure Island counselors and friends, were hiking near Crabtree Falls, about 40 miles from Lynchburg. At the time of the accident, Vicki and two friends had walked over near the falls for a better view. She lost her footing on damp ground and fell 150 to 175 feet to her death, according to police.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ronnie Riggins in New Cumberland, Pa., Saturday, July 7. She was buried in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Vicki transferred to Liberty Baptist College last year from Shippensburg College in Pa. As a summer counselor at Thomas Road Baptist Church's Youth Camp, Treasure Island, Vicki's life demonstrated a concerned and conscientious attitude and she exercised patience and love towards each child, according to Camp Director Al Hickey.

For years, Grit, "America's Greatest Family Newspaper," has been read across the hinterlands almost as closely as the Sears, Roebuck catalogue and the Bible. I remember as a child selling Grit every Friday night and Saturday morning. Everyone loved Grit and they still do, more than one and a half-million Americans. This weekly newspaper, published in Williamsport, Pa., and respected by one and all, has given its front page a new look with the addition of color. And, the July 15 edition features Dr. Jerry Falwell, almost life-sized on the cover, and an outstanding story about the Old-Time Gospel Hour and Liberty Baptist College and Schools.

Grit Assistant News Editor Ronald D. Smith came to Lynchburg in June at the behest of Bill Faulkner, national public relations director and press agent for Dr. Falwell. Scandinavia is also interested in Dr. Falwell's ministry. A reporter for a group of newspapers in Denmark visited Lynchburg and Thomas Road Baptist Church earlier this week.

Marvin Watson, former U.S. Postmaster General under President Lyndon B. Johnson, has been named chief executive officer of the Old-Time Gospel Hour by Dr. Falwell. An organization to inform the public on vital legislative issues before Congress is being formed in Washington, D.C., called Moral Majority. Inc. Dr. Bob Billings is executive director and will be aided by Charles R. "Chuck" Gade, a graduate of Liberty Baptist Seminary in Lynchburg. Cade, a native of Rome, Ga., is one Georgian who believes and works for conservative causes.

One of the year's better books is the recently published "Aflame For God," the biography of Jerry Falwell written by Ruth Tomczak and Gerald S. Strober. The book will be in bookstores in the fall and is published by Thomas Nelson, Inc. "Liberty Baptist College's basketball team in 1979-80 will break into "bigtime" competition in December. The Flames will play Virginia Tech, a Division One NCAA school and former champion of the National Invitation Tournament. VPI has been trying to gain admission into the Atlantic Coast Conference, the nation's prestigious basketball conference.

Dr. Woodrow Michael Kroll, the 35-year-old native of Bluff City, Pa., who has been named chairman of the Division of Religion of Liberty Baptist College, has been director of LBC's International Studies Program, which takes students abroad for academic credit. He is one tour leader who doesn't need interpreters for his "tourists." Dr. Kroll, in addition to English, speaks fluent French and German and reads easily Greek and Hebrew. Dr. Kroll is a believer that elementary school students ought to be taught foreign languages at an early age. Most language teachers I talk with agree that youngsters could become fluent in second and third languages more readily than by waiting until they reach high school.

When I visited Bon Air, the northeast as "wide open for the gospel." Four new churches, two of them started by Liberty Baptist College and Thomas Road Bible Institute (now Liberty Bible Institute) graduates, are booming.

Christianity is making an upsurge in New England and Adams plans to lead another group and to keep an interest in evangelization of this beautiful area of the nation. Adams reports that New England is an area 90 percent Catholic and only five percent of the population goes to church regularly.
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia Battling Communists

A delegation from Liberty Baptist College spent 21 days in war-torn Zimbabwe-Rhodesia during the month of June struggling against the atheistic Communism that threatens that nation's existence.

The LBC faculty and staff did not involve itself in military activity or choose political sides, but rather they preached the Gospel, handed out Bibles and ministered to those who are involved in a war against Communism.

While in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, Dr. Roscoe Brewer, Missions director of Thomas Road Baptist Church, and Dr. Edward E. Hindson, Bible Professor, interviewed Abel Muzorewa, 53, prime minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. He told them, "I accepted Jesus Christ at age 23."

Muzorewa, a black bishop of the United Methodist Church, was recently elected to the highest position in his country by a national referendum of one man, one vote (not recognized by the United States).

Muzorewa told the LBC delegation, "I am a product of the foreign missions endeavor of the United States." He proclaimed, "I want to build a democratic nation that represents all people. I want Zimbabwe-Rhodesia to be built on Christian principles."

The Lynchburg delegation flew into the United States of South Africa and travelled by bus to Rhodesia. A military escort met the LBC team at the border and protected them throughout the stay in the African country. On one occasion where it was dangerous to travel by convoy into Communist-controlled territory, a military plane flew them in so they could minister to those on the military front (62 services in 22 towns and cities).

As a result of the ministry in Rhodesia, the LBC team distributed 10,000 Bibles, New Testaments and booklets. The purpose, according to Dr. Hindson, was to saturate the seed of the Word of God in a country that is threatened by revolution.

Hindson's conviction is that if the United Methodist Church, the United States and other Communist cities. We must not give aid or comfort to guerrillas who would overthrow a democratic government and install a Marxist government."

Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Marxist government in Zambia (aided by Moscow), sends raids across the border into Rhodesia.

Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa Of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia Receives Bible Gift From Dr. Edward E. Hindson (Left) And Rev. Roscoe Brewer Who Directed Summer Tour In African Nation With Liberty Baptist College Students.

Also Robert Mugabe, who is influenced by Peking sends terrorists from Mozambique. These are guerrilla terrorists that have been supplied finances by the World Council Churches, Brewer said.

Brewer was quoted as saying, "Andrew Young is the voice of black revolution around the world." After President Carter confirmed that he was continuing sanctions against Rhodesia, he mingles with the blacks on the lawn of the White House and for the first time in months, was surrounded by applause from a black audience.

Brewer said, "Carter is trying to get elected by a black vote rather than standing for democratic principles of a nation that is struggling against Communism."

Brewer described Rhodesia as a nation of six million people, yet its mineral wealth holds one of the keys to the survival of the free world. He sees a Communist struggle to seize all of Southern Africa, and the key is Rhodesia.

At the end of the interview, Brewer said, "With the recent change occurring in Africa, most Americans don't even know where Rhodesia is much less are they concerned if it and South Africa falls to the Communist. When the United Nations takes over Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa, we must lose democratic representatives. Communism will control one of the richest mineral deposits in the world, and our pipeline of oil that sails from the Near East around Africa, will be jeopardized."
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Editorial Ignores Facts Of Niehous' Captivity

By FORREST J. BOYD
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A business executive kept his sanity during an ordeal of three-and-one-half years as a captive in the jungles of central Venezuela and the Washington Post couldn't figure out how he did it.

William Niehous, an official of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, was freed after being held for all that time, often tied to a post in a jungle hut. To quote the Post concerning the discovery of Niehous by two mounted policemen: "What they found was a remarkable man, whose essential remarkable quality seems to have been that he was able to retain his sense of normalcy under the most abnormal and harrowing circumstances."

The editorial noted that Niehous, unlike some other famous prisoners, did not have a desk or paper with which to write and occupy his mind and his time and, in fact, had nothing in his latter months of captivity, but a box-size, lightless room with a zinc roof. "How someone survives such isolation is almost beyond imagination," the Post editorial writer said.

What is strange is that the Post completely ignored that Niehous had explained fully and perfectly how he had managed to keep his sanity throughout his ordeal. What he said was that he kept his sanity by reading, thinking, remembering his family and praying. "I prayed a lot," he said, "and I believe in God now more than before, if that is possible."

The newsman who wrote the editorial for the Washington Post could have ignored what Mr. Niehous said boggles the mind. In the very same edition of the Washington Post there was a brief story in the "People" column which gave some of the information. And that same morning, the New York Times printed a rather complete version with an abundance of quotes.

Yet, the Post editorial writer was bewildered. He noted that whatever political reasons had originally impelled the kidnapping of Mr. Niehous, must have become crazily abstract. But, he went on, "clearly Mr. Niehous had something to hold on to that was neither crazy nor abstract." We are left to ask "What could it possibly have been?" And the editorial ended as though there were no answer.

One is forced to the conclusion that the omission of the answer, the failure to quote Mr. Niehous on the matter, was deliberate. And one is further tempted to conclude that the reason for the deliberate omission is that there was a religious angle.

Either a sophisticated, intelligent journalist knows that Niehous was only joking about praying and believing in God, or the writer's bias was allowed to rule over journalistic standards of reporting truth.
INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Station Agrees To Return Robison To Airwaves

By CAL THOMAS
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A crowd estimated by Capitol police at more than 15,000 turned out July 4 in Washington, D.C. for an Honor America observance. Organizers had hoped for a larger gathering but the gasoline shortage and the threat of rain are thought to have contributed to the lower turnout.

Evangelist Billy Graham, who delivered the main address, called for a new declaration of dependence upon God and one another. Graham noted that many leaders feel America has lost the will to survive. He said, "I believe there are millions of Americans who have great courage and great will — not only to survive, but to roll up their sleeves and help make America an even greater country, dedicated to justice for all and peace in our time."

Dr. Graham also noted our nation was founded on moral law in which a person's rights were balanced by a person's responsibilities. Said Graham, "A dependence on God will also mean that on the anniversary of our national independence we should declare our dependence upon the need for personal and national repentance and turning to God by faith. The breakdown of the home, the violence, the drugs, the fraud, the corruption, often the indifference to the lonely, the elderly, the needs of the poor. There is too much prejudice left. There is too much injustice in the land."

Graham noted that if God did not spare the chosen people from judgment and punishment, He will not spare America either. Remembering the chants of the Polish people during Pope John Paul's recent visit there, Graham said, "wouldn't it be a glorious thing if millions of people throughout America would begin chanting "We want God, We want God, We want God."

Television station WFAA in Dallas has reached an agreement with Evangelist James Robison that will allow Robison's program to return to the air. Robison had been cancelled by the station after he preached a sermon in which he referred to homosexuality as a sin. There were protests to the station by homosexual groups in Dallas. Robison says the agreement in no way limits what he can say, but he said he will be more sensitive to station policy and the problems faced by the station.

A Nueces County, Tex., grand jury has indicted Rev. Lester Roloff on charges of operating a children's home without a license. Roloff had closed down the last of his homes in Corpus Christi after state officials threatened to move in and shut them. The evangelist said he is reorganizing the homes so he can keep children in the capacity of a conservator. But the Nueces County District Attorney says Roloff broke the law and he intends to see that he stands trial.

The Supreme Court ruling that minor girls in certain circumstances can get abortions without the knowledge or consent of their parents has been soundly condemned by pro-life groups as an invasion of the family and home. March for Life President Nellie Gray in Washington noted that the ruling does not absolve doctors from responsibility of the abortion results in physical, mental or emotional impairment of the minor child.

A survey by the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene reveals two-thirds of young American women have sexual intercourse by the time they are 19 and nearly all of the instances are before marriage. The survey concludes "the greater sexual permissiveness that has been going on for some time" is responsible for the findings. A representative sample of more than two thousand young women was used to determine the conclusions.

Delegates to the 10th World Congress International Council of Christian Churches meeting in Cape May, N.J., denounced Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's use of God's name at the SALT II signing ceremony in Vienna. Brezhnev had said, "God will not forgive us if we fail." The ICCC said the statement is a "bad revelation of the hypocrisy and deceit of the atheists." According to the ICCC, "the use of God's name in this meeting at the initiative of the atheists should be enough in itself to turn all God-fearing people against any such treaty."

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By WANDA WATSON
Journal-Champion Staff Writer
Wauchula, Fla.

"Every Christian believer must recognize that he or she is God's tool, His instrument and His voice to the people of the world we live in today," says Wauchula, Fla., Bill Woods, founder and director of the newly-formed Christian Prayer and Voters League.

For the purpose of defending the God-given rights of the United States and to protect the freedoms guaranteed under the First and Fourth U.S. Constitutional Amendments, the Christian Prayer and Voters League was formed. According to Woods, "It will be an instrument to let our political leaders and their bureaucratic appointees know that Christians have a voice and a big influence in this nation."

A recent national poll reported that of the 100 million registered voters, 17 million were Christians. The same poll also stated that 40 percent of the people are Christians, thus, showing that at least 23 million Christian Americans are not registered voters. The Christian Prayer and Voter League hopes to establish chapter offices throughout the nation to bring the registration of Christian voters down to a grass roots effort before the 1980 election.

The uninvolved Christians in government today is not to be taken lightly, Woods said. Some 14 years ago Christians sat back while an atheist leader had prayer removed from schools and many public buildings. Legislation and local ordinances are being passed daily which subject Christians to court action. Christian schools are being attacked as the IRS and HEW are attempting to tax and license them.

Woods is presently travelling around the country conducting one-and-one-half hour "Information Seminars."

Those interested in more information may call or write Rev. Bill Woods, P.O. Box 1034, Wauchula, Fla. 33873, (813) 773-3525.

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LCA'S JOAN BRYANT CROWNED 'MISS VIRGINIA'

Sweet Briar, Va.

Lynchburg Christian Academy student Joan Elizabeth Bryant was crowned Miss Virginia United Teenager June 16 at Sweet Briar College in Amherst County, Va.

Joan, 14, was selected from 57 Virginians ranging from 14-18 years of age. Adopting the nickname, "Baby Queen," Joan is the youngest girl ever to receive the title of Miss Virginia United Teenager.

Contestants were graded on beauty, poise, personality, scholastic ability and the writing and reciting of their own essays entitled, "My Country." Each girl must also have participated in at least eight weekly hours of a community or church service.

Joan is active in the Thomas Road Baptist Church youth department's puppet ministry, Light Company and in the singing group, SALT.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence V. Bryant of Lynchburg, Joan is now eligible for the three-phase national contest to be staged in Washington, D.C.; Hollywood, Calif.; and Honolulu.

The National Miss United Teenager, to be crowned in Honolulu on New Year's Day, receives a scholarship, a $5,000 personal appearance contract, a $2,000 wardrobe and the use of a Thunderbird automobile for her reign.

Miss Bryant began her reign by co-hosting the Miss Oklahoma U-T Pageant with Miss U-T North Carolina on June 29-30. She will make several personal appearances this summer including attendance at the Miss West Virginia U-T Pageant this month.

Joan's long range plans are to attend Liberty Baptist College, following high school graduation and to major in youth work and psychology.

Lynchburg, Va.

The Tiny Miss Lynchburg beauty pageant was held June 2 in Lynchburg, Va., with Cynthia Madama Cole selected as winner.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cole of Lynchburg, the five-year-old titleholder was chosen from 23 contestants between the ages of five and nine.

Cynthia, sponsored by her parents, was crowned by Mrs. Wayne Eperson, pageant director.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brooks of Lynchburg and her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Josef E. Cole of Tampa, Fla.

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Sex Educators Fail To Begin Classes In District

By MURRAY NORRIS
Special To The Journal-Champion
Clovis, Calif.

Sex educators tried to force sex classes into the schools in New Hartford, N.Y., but they failed.

The reason?
Concerned parents who were willing to pray and act.

In a letter to Christian Family Renewal, Richard C. Tardiff wrote a five page outline telling the methods used in the victory. He thanked the leaders of Christian Family Renewal for guidance and direction.

"You can see that we took your advice and put out public notices rather than try to convince the officials," said Tardiff. "You can also see from their statements that they didn't change their minds about the need (for sex education classes in the public schools). They decided not to put it in because the public was informed. Thank you for your help."

It was a school board vote of six to one that closed the door on sex education classes switched to evenings so both parents and children could attend. Again the victories came because the parents were willing to pray and act.

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Because both newspapers were against the parents, paid ads were published in the papers. At the same time, the papers stepped up their drive in favor of sex education, the school pushed its meetings of the Family Life Task Force.

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WHO ARE FUNDAMENTALISTS?

The Split Christian Personality

By HAROLD O. J. BROWN
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Many evangelical Lutherans in our country believe in all of the fundamentals of biblical faith, including the inerrancy of Holy Scripture. But even conservative Lutherans have seldom thought of themselves as fundamentalists.

The term fundamentalist was popularized during the so-called fundamentalist-modernist controversy, which for a long time did not affect the German-heritage, often still German-speaking Lutheran churches, such as the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod. When the modernist controversy began to trouble the Missouri Synod a few years ago, the liberals began to call the conservatives in the Synod fundamentalists.

An independent Lutheran newspaper, "Christian News," went to one of the outstanding spokesmen of independent fundamentalism in America and interviewed him on who fundamentalists are and what they believe. Since the LC/MS takes a strong anti-abortion position, he was asked what fundamentalists believe about abortion.

"Abortion is the equivalent of murder," what are fundamentalists doing about it?"

"Nothing," was the answer. "Fundamentalists believe in the separation of church and state."

Fortunately for the future of America, that fundamentalist was not entirely correct. Although fundamentalists, like most Americans of all religious persuasions, believe in the separation of church and state, quite a few of us are committed to doing all that we can to stop abortion in America. Unfortunately, though, that spokesman's position is typical of too many otherwise sincere and committed Bible-believing Christians in our country. It is one of the major factors leading to the impotence of Christians in America, a society that has a higher percentage of Bible-believing Christians than any other major nation in the world and where the Chief of State himself makes a point of stating that he is born again.

It is not the concept of the separation of church and state that creates this impotence among Christians, however, but something quite different. I call it the split Christian personality.

Today in America Christians are allowed to vote and we have many Bible-believing Christians in positions of authority—even a Christian President. But Christians' convictions in general are still not represented politically because our form of government does not allow it, but because the philosophy of the split Christian personality immolates Christian leaders both in political life and out of it and makes us willing to allow every viewpoint to be represented but our own.

The split Christian personality can be observed in Christians who are in political life as well as in non-political Christian leaders such as pastors, evangelists and teachers. In political life, many a Christian says something like this, "Of course, as a Christian, I know that such-and-such is wrong and I am personally opposed to it. However, as an elected official, I represent all the people and hence I will go along with it. I won't impose my personal opinion on anyone else."

That is tantamount to saying that as a political leader he will not seek to lead, but simply will let everyone do as he pleases. What would we think of a Christian doctor who said to a patient, "Of course I know that your heavy smoking is harmful and will probably aggravate your lung problem, but as a physician, I serve all people, both well and sick, and I will not impose my personal opinion on you?"

A Christian leader may say—and I have talked with well-known leaders who have said precisely this—"You know that I believe homosexuality, and abortion, to be wrong. But there are some sincere people who do not. In order to minister to the greatest number of people, I believe that I should keep silent about these controversial issues, and just preach the Gospel."

The Gospel itself, Jesus tells us, is controversial ("I came not to send peace, but a sword," Matt. 10:34). But it probably would not have been controversial if the Lord had confined Himself only to talking about edifying things and had never taken issue with the legal and religious practices of His day. This same Christian leader also told me, "You know that I believe in inerrancy. But if I said anything on the subject, I would alienate friends on one side or another and my ministry would be hindered."

I think that we are entitled to make an end run through unfortified ground.

Christians may be scientists, lawyers, doctors, even philosophers, but they should never lose an essential simplicity. And they should never lose the ability to give a Christian answer to any question that they can answer.

Can one imagine a Christian simply looking on while a murder is being committed and refusing either to go to the aid of the victim or even merely to call the police and then explaining his failure to do "something" by saying, "I am an Christian, and I believe in the separation of church and state?"

Another leading fundamentalist, who has been very outspoken on some moral issues, defended his refusal to take a stand on abortion by asking the question, "Who is to say what and when is murder?"

In correspondence with that well-known warrior, whose name would be familiar to readers of this journal, I asked him, "If I came into your office with a .38 revolver and attempted to shoot you, wouldn't you be able to warn me that I was about to murder?"

Instead of facing the issue, he replied, "You are entitled to your opinion and I am entitled to mine."

We might analyze the comments of these leading representatives of our fundamentalist position as simply a lack of love or a failure to think the matter through. But we are not talking about hillbilly preachers.

The men in question are internationally known, one in education, the other for his pulpit ministry and his writings. It is not that they cannot think, but simply that in some areas they have allowed their thinking to be short-circuited.

Evidently the proposition that says that Christians should do nothing about abortion, even if they know it to be murder, as long as they believe in the separation of church and state, would also imply that Christians should not do anything about anything in the state of which we are a part. I often say facetiously, I am afraid—"that when the government stops collecting taxes from Christians, that is the time when Christians no longer should try to have a voice in our government."

"No taxation without representation!" was a battle-cry of the War of Independence. In those days, King George III was taxing colonists who were not allowed to send representatives to Parliament.

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