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Phyllis Schlafly: 'ERA: It's Morally Dead'

By Tommy Thomason

Anti-ERA activist Phyllis Schlafly told students at Liberty Baptist College recently that opponents of the Equal Rights Amendment had overcome "the most tremendous odds of any political battle of the 20th century" in their successful opposition to ratification of the amendment.

But she said that the battle is not yet over and that anti-ERA forces should "continue to reject ERA, no matter how long it takes."

Mrs. Schlafly spoke to chapel services at LBC, where she was enthusiastically received with two standing ovations. A housewife and mother from Alton, Ill., Mrs. Schlafly has emerged as one of the principal leaders in the anti-ERA movement.

Mrs. Schlafly compared the time extension given by Congress to ERA after the amendment failed to win the necessary approval by state legislatures to a football game forced into overtime after one side had won a clear victory.

"The only difference," she said, "is that in this overtime the team that's ahead is not allowed to carry the ball."

She was referring to attempts by the federal government to block states which had already ratified from rescinding their approval of ERA.

Mrs. Schlafly said that ERA was "morally and constitutionally dead" when Congress voted a three-year extension on the time allowed for ratification earlier this year.

Mrs. Schlafly said that "one of the real motivations" behind support for the Equal Rights Amendment was the fact that it would grant sweeping new powers to the federal government. She said that seven other constitutional amendments with similar wording have allowed a great intrusion by the federal government into the power of the states.

"One of the biggest pushes behind ERA," she said, "has come from the executive branch of the government. Former Sen. Sam Ervin has said that it would shift to the federal government 70 percent of the power that resides in state governments."

She also said that the wording of the amendment was so vague that it would allow great latitude of interpretation by the courts. Mrs. Schlafly explained that the ERA does not mention women, but only forbids discrimination on the basis of sex, without further definition of the word.

"This is like giving a blank check to the Supreme Court, to tell us what it means after ERA is ratified."

She said that the effect of ERA, if passed, would be to put all laws into a computer which would "kick out sexist words in favor of sex-neutral words." These "sexist" words would include man, woman, husband, wife and other such designations.

One effect of this would be to make unconstitutional the United States draft law which exempts women from compulsory military service. It would also nullify laws exempting women from combat duty.

"It's absolutely contemptible for a nation to send its women into combat," she said, "but this would be a definite effect of ERA."

Citing laws on marriage, divorce, insurance regulations, prison organization and adoption procedures which would become unconstitutional if ERA should pass, Mrs. Schlafly said that any sex designation in a law would have to be removed, "no matter how reasonable it is."
More Of Everything, Except Leadership

By Harry Covert

By the time many people are perusing these pages, the Decade of Destiny will be unfolding — the 1980’s, the latter days of the Twentieth Century.

The world remains in turmoil, perhaps more seriously than anytime in the history of the earth. And, the one nation, which we believe has been given the position of leadership, appears to be abdicating its God-given responsibility.

If God’s people are truly committed to serving the Master, then the Great Commission is the primary duty of every Christian and Bible-believing church. This is the only way America can change the course of the world which is falling prey rapidly to a Godless mankind.

Take a few moments to think about the international troubles. Think about the problems facing every other nation — the evil, the greed, the hopelessness, the carelessness. Sin is rampant. Peoples of the world are enduring physical and spiritual hunger.

During this holiday season of Christmas when we are celebrating the greatest Gift, it is normal that the world turn its attention to “religious” activities and thought. Yes, we believe in Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men but these deep tenets must be convictions of daily living and guidance. How soon the world forgets the Christmas season.

However, looking over the events of the last few weeks is a deadly and sober reminder of the responsibility of world leadership that God has placed in the hands of the United States. We must assume that position of leading and not just existing and following. The world, from every report, is simply waiting for this nation to LEAD.

The burden and price of leadership is high. It is easy for boogeymen and missionaries, intellectuals and educators and pastors, preachers and teachers to give advice. It is difficult for those who want to lead to assume that position unless they are willing to pay the price, no matter what adversity. In previous words, we have commented about the commitment of America to the world as keeping our brothers. Yet, we must feed the world and provide for the homeless and hungry, both physically and spiritually, but America must be the strength and hope of a war-torn world and America must be the defender of imprisoned people.

Probably the safest hemisphere in the world is North America. Here the people enjoy more freedom, more pleasures, more food, more clothes and more of everything than anywhere else in the world. Over this desk, there is a map showing the world, just where the foreign lands are conquered and/or controlled by despots; where families live in daily fear; where men and women and boys and girls are impoverished; where individuals are taught to do exactly what the state says.

Americans have no earthly idea of how difficult their lives would be in a foreign world. Conversations with missionaries to all parts of the globe in recent days and weeks bears out the sad condition and difficulty of simple plain living in foreign lands.

Often, in the freedom of America, we are unaware of the great manifold blessings. The very things we take for granted — the basic necessities of life are not so basic in foreign lands. The U.S. economy and standard of living are overwhelming to those outside of the American culture.

The nations and peoples of the world could not survive with wishy-washy political and military people.

Survival in the Decade of Destiny will come when Christian America sets the pace and demands that the United States leads, lead and lead from courage and conviction.

Weekend Missionary, Fulltime Prisoner

By Harry Covert

Melvin Bailey, a 32-year-old Christian pilot from Newport News, Va., will spend his Christmas 1979 in a Cuban prison.

Mr. Bailey has been languishing in the Cuban island since May 27 when his rented single-engine Piper aircraft crashed into a dump truck after running out of fuel.

The pilot was on a weekend missionary mission, apparently carrying Christian literature. He and an associate were arrested and convicted of violating Cuban airspace and dropping literature.

There has been some notoriety to Bailey’s case. His hometown newspaper reported on his crashing into Cuba on May 27 (the flight departed on May 26). His crash landing and capture was not made public by the Cubans until Aug. 3.

Bailey has been sentenced to 24 years in jail, according to his wife, who has attempted to gain support from American officials to help her husband.

There are some problems. The United States has no diplomatic relations with Fidel Castro’s communist nation and Cuba doesn’t have to respond to any requests concerning the captured missionary pilot and his Christian friend.

Efforts by Mrs. Bailey’s congresswoman, one of Virginia’s senators and a member of the White House staff have failed to help Mr. Bailey. He is a member of the First Friends Church in Newport News, Va., and his mission, as pilot of the ill-fated journey, was totally Christian. Today he is sitting in a Cuban prison.

It appears so easily to find that the American government can allow this man to sit in Castro’s Cuba. It seems so tragic that Christian Americans will keep a hands-off attitude to a Christian brother in a foreign prison.

My interest in this case comes from a desire to help a man who was doing his part of the Great Commission. The only way, beyond prayer and God’s help to free Melvin Bailey is to call attention to his dilemma, to use this word mildly.

Americans are concerned about the hostages in Iran, and we should be, but we should not forget about the thousands of others who are held hostage as political prisoners throughout the world.

I happen to know the details of the Melvin Bailey case. I have looked into them, interviewed his wife and made several attempts to see what the United States government can do. With the latter, without formal diplomatic relations, there is little the U.S. State Department can come up with to help Melvin Bailey and Tom White, 31, a former schoolteacher.

Fundamental, Bible-believing Christians should become concerned about Melvin Bailey and Tom White, both being mistreated and mishandled in the Cuba prison. Never forget that life in Castro’s Cuba is not like the city jail in your town or city. And, we’re not talking about criminals, spies, or shiftless men, but committed Christians who are concerned about the lost souls of the world.

When you think about evangelizing the world or full-time, part-time missionary service, think about the price that Melvin Bailey and Tom White are paying for carrying 750 pounds of Spanish-language pro-religious anti-Communist leaflets sealed in plastic.

When you think about serving the Lord in foreign lands, think about the price the families of these two men are paying.

The only way to help these Christians is to marshal support throughout America, call attention to the godless Castro comrades who hold them in prison. Think about how difficult the task is to help a world which hates America and hates Jesus Christ.

I believe Christians must stand together to help. And, if we’re serious about serving the Lord and committed to carrying out that Great Commission, then we’re going to take action.

Spreading the Gospel is a costly business. And, in these latter days of the Twentieth Century, more and more Christians will be paying a severe price for serving Jesus.
Building A Great Seminary

By Elmer Towns

I became dean of Liberty Baptist Seminary as of November, 1979. This is one of the greatest challenges of my life. Dr. Falwell said in introducing me to the students, "We want to build the largest Seminary in America with the greatest influence for God."

I have been teaching Systematic Theology in the Seminary for the past year and have been impressed with its outstanding students. Because the total ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church is so encompassing, not many people have been aware of the Seminary. There are 163 students from 32 states and six foreign countries, everyone a college graduate. Even though the Seminary is only seven years old, the Seminary library has a solid core of research books, numbering over 25,000 volumes. Already the Seminary has 114 graduates; 21 founded the churches they are now pastoring; and 25 took established churches.

Seven faculty members teach with me, each one has an earned doctorate. When a representative of the accrediting agency visited the campus, he commented on the organizational strength of LBS, specifically on the complete division of classes between College and Seminary.

The weakness of many young seminaries is that students from both Seminary and College attend the same classes. We have separate facilities, classes and faculties; yet, one administrative leader, Dr. Pierre Guillermuin, president.

The Seminary is one in spirit and brotherhood with the other Liberty Schools, yet it fulfills the Great Commission at the graduate level of education. And all of the schools are an extension of the heart of Thomas Road Baptist Church and its pastor, Dr. Jerry Falwell.

Liberty Baptist Seminary is an outstanding place to study. You should recommend young people here to you if you want them to become aggressive in their Christian life and service. We believe in zeal. We will give our students clear purpose in how to start and pastor a church. Almost 200 young men have gone out of the Liberty Schools to plant churches. Young ladies are working toward degrees in counseling, Christian school administration and Christian education. These you send here can do the same thing.

We want our students to master the Bible and theology. Because of this, we do not apologize for the rigorous demands or our theological positions. We do not just expose students to the various interpretations, we teach doctrine so they will be fundamental Baptists.

Seminary students will be immersed in the doctrine and life of the local church. We want them to catch the spirit of Thomas Road Baptist Church by attending its services and by studying its techniques. A leading evangelical recently predicted, "the local church" is the emphasis of the 80's. They are coming around to what independent Baptists have always believed.

Since Liberty Baptist Seminary is the theological graduate school of the entire ministry, the students will reflect its 20th century methods that communicate the historic message of the gospel. The church uses television, computers, journalism and correspondence schools; the college owns an airplane to fly its students to the mission field and a fleet of large Eagle buses to transport music groups around the country. We want Seminary students to catch the spirit of efficiency and modern technology. Then we want them to be able to totally mobilize their ministry for maximum production.

The total ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church reaches to every area of life; the senior citizens, the alcoholics, recreational evangelists, the single adult, and AWANA club ministry to mention just a few. The students are involved in these ministries so they can serve Christ during their seminary days, plus gain experience for their vocation after graduation.

Many years ago, I used the phrase "hot poker" to explain why 23 of the pastors of the 100 largest churches in America came from one Bible college. The young men in that college were set aflame by contact with the great pastors who preached in that college.

In the same way, Lynchburg has become the "hot poker" to set aflame the students of Liberty Baptist Seminary. We have some of the greatest speakers in America on our platform.

The Cutting Edge

I have some dreams for Liberty Baptist Seminary. It should be among the leading graduate schools in fundamentalism. The faculty should write the books that are studied in other colleges and they should do the research that expands the input of fundamentalism.

Ten Percent Of A Giant

Dr. Falwell has a vision of 30,000 students on Liberty Mountain. At least 10 percent of the student body should be in the graduate schools, preparing for service to God through sacred music, missions, the pastorate, youth directors, directors of Christian Education and other realms of service.

To Save A Nation

Dr. Falwell is using all of his energies to call this nation back to its foundation before it is too late. The Liberty Baptist Seminary must not only capture that vision, but become involved in carrying it out. The graduates will reflect this concern in their ministry and will be instructed in methods of carrying it out.

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Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to a letter written to the editor in your Nov. 9 issue. The person writing the letter said that the Christian Church will lose influence in the 1980's. The reason he gave was because Jerry Falwell "forced his bigoted ideas" on the public.

Well let me shout that Jerry Falwell tells it like it is and in my opinion, anyone who does not like what he says, does not like the truth because they have had their "feet stepped on."

Medicine is hard to take, I say that Jerry Falwell is a true man of God and I'm sure when he gets to heaven, the Lord will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," May the Lord continue to bless Jerry Falwell and his ministry, of which my husband and I are enthusiastic supporters. As a result of Dr. Falwell's ministry, thousands of souls have been saved each year.

I don't think that is losing influence. The man who wrote his opposition letter to you said that the result of Dr. Falwell's preaching was a "sad and tragic story," Well the only tragic story is that when the truth of morality is spoken, it is criticized and protested, but immoral acts and viewpoints are published and televised as the right and "in" thing to do. Jesus himself, told people "like it is" — the truth. I thank our mighty God for Dr. Jerry Falwell, and others like him.

Mrs. Mary Lou Silbaugh
Johnstown, Pa.

Editor:

Regarding the letter by the United Methodist minister appearing in the Nov. issue of the Journal Champion, I would like to state that after 1 year 5 months as lay leader of the Abingdon United Methodist Church, I and my wife Naomi, who also held elective office in the church, resigned our offices and removed ourselves from church membership because we could not accept the ultra-liberal policies of the General Church on homosexuality, women's rights, abortion, ERA and the ordination of homosexuals.

I would never have known the policies of the General Church if I had not been elected to the position of lay leader and thus received the church newspapers and magazines in which the local congregation do not get.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter explaining our position to our District Superintendent, Rev. Claude Edmonds. I never received a reply.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip A. Bailey
LBC’s Cooperating Board Are

The 18-member Cooperating Board of Trustees of Liberty Baptist College met during the third annual Super Conference at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

This Cooperating Board of Trustees is comprised of 18 outstanding fundamentalist pastors. They are charged with the responsibility of guaranteeing the theological and evangelical purity of Liberty Baptist College.

Their primary responsibility is to direct the spiritual development of Liberty Baptist College through curriculum and behavioral guidance and input.

These men work hand in hand with Dr. Falwell in perpetuating the goals of the Baptist College.

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DR. GEORGE RIDDELL
Dr. George Riddell, pastor of Open Bible Baptist Church in Williamsport, N.J., has led the ministry in the past 11 years from an average of 50 to 1400 in attendance on the average Sunday morning.

Under the leadership of Dr. Riddell, there are 18 buses bringing in over 750 children and adults each week.

OBEB, Open Bible’s Excited Youth, has grown and reaches many teens for Christ. As part of their ministry, a youth chorale and puppet team (The New Life Chorale and Puppeteers) travel on the east coast ministering to other churches.

The newest youth ministry is Victory House, which is a home for troubled girls. The church has a growing deaf ministry, an exciting Teen-Age program which reaches those 55 and above and averages over 125 senior citizens a week and a new tape ministry called "Victory Productions and Sound Studios", which is equipped to mass duplicate, produce, record on location, do sound reinforcement work and studio record.

Dr. Riddell was saved at eight years old. He was called to preach at nine years of age.

Through his teenage years he drifted from the Lord, however, all this time God was continuing to deal with his life.

At age 18, he surrendered his life in total to Christ.

South Carolina, in addition, the church operates the Florence Christian Schools, which have an enrollment of 600 students.

Dr. Monroe serves as the vice president of the Baptist University of America of America in Atlanta, Ga., and is on the board of directors of the American Association of Christian Schools and on the Cooperating Board of Trustees of Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, Va.

He attended Appalachian Bible Institute, Columbus Bible College, the University of South Carolina and has been awarded the Doctor of Divinity Degree by Hyles-Anderson College. He is married and the father of three children.

DR. JOHN W. RAWLINGS
Dr. John Rawlings has been preaching for 40 years, and has been on radio for that same period of time.

One of the founders of the Baptist Bible College, Dr. Rawlings was vice-president of the college for 20 years. He was the president of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International for five years.

Dr. Rawlings has pastored two churches: Central Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, for 10% years and the Landmark Baptist Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, for 20 years.

Landmark Baptist Temple, among the 10 largest churches in the world, has an extensive radio and television ministry.

It is also the home of Landmark Christian Schools.

Most recently, the Landmark Baptist Temple, under the leadership of Dr. Rawlings, has enlarged her outreach into the city of Cincinnati by locating full-service, satellite congregations in extension buildings in certain key locations of the city.

These nine congregations, all together, make up the Landmark Baptist Temple church family. This has enabled the church to better minister to her friends and members in the peripheral areas of the city, and to actually touch the heartbeat of the community.

April 7, 1940 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was saved on Aug. 19, 1958 and the following September enrolled in Tennessee Temple Bible College in Chattanooga, Tenn., to study for full-time Christian service.

He graduated from the Bible college in May 1964 with a Graduate of Theology (th. G.) degree and a Bachelor of Bible (B. B.) degree.

He has been pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Pomona, Calif. for the past 15 years. Central Baptist Church membership has grown to over 7,000 and has recently averaged over 3,000 in Sunday School, the largest Independent Baptist Church in the Western States with a record attendance of over 10,000.

The church also operates 48 Sunday School buses and a Christian school, American Christian Academy, grades kindergarten through 12th.

Dr. Jack Hyles and the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., highly honored Brother Batema by bestowing an honorary doctor's degree upon him in 1973.

The church has its own camp grounds of 300 acres in Auberry, Calif.

Dr. Batema is chairman of "Citizens for Decency and Morality" in California and co-author with State Senator John Briggs on Proposition 6, an initiative aimed at prohibiting homosexuals from being advocated in California's public schools.

Dr. Batema was born May 14, 1929 in Chicago, Ill. Here he lived until the summer of 1946 when his family moved to Jacksonville, Florida. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea after which he attended Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and Jacksonville University.

On May 5, 1966 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Homestead College of the Bible, Homestead, Fla.

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DR. JERRY PREVO
Dr. Jerry Prevo has been the pastor of Anchorage Baptist Temple of Anchorage, Alaska, for the past eight years. During this time, the church has grown from an average attendance of 325 to over 1,800 with a high attendance of 6,318. Over 400 people are baptized annually.

During the past eight years, a new auditorium, educational building and gymnasium have been built on a new 20 acre location valued at five million dollars.

The church operates a Christian School with 300 students, grades K — 12, a Bus Ministry with over 20 buses, and a 50 acre Youth Camp.

Dr. Prevo is a graduate of the Baptist Bible College, and has done additional work at Belmont College, Tennessee Temple University, University of Tennessee and Chapman College. A Doctor's Degree was conferred upon him by Hyles-Anderson College.

He has traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East, and the Orient.

In Alaska, he is known as the pastor of Alaska's largest and most active church and appears often on TV and radio talk shows.

REV. JACK J. DINSEEBER
Rev. Jack J. Dinsbeer, was born May 14, 1929 in Chicago, Ill. Here he lived until the summer of 1946 when his family moved to Jacksonville, Florida. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea after which he attended Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and Jacksonville University.

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Dynamic Men Of God

faithful in leading University Baptist Church since 1953. Although many of our charter members remain, to most he is the only pastor they have known. Jack Einstie is the senior Baptist Bible Fellowship pastor in Florida being in his church longer than any other Florida BBF pastor. He is founder and president of University Christian Schools.

The pastor of the church has four children, Wayne, Steven, Debbie, and David, a daughter-in-law, Donna, and one grandchild, David Allen.

REV. CHARLES M. ESTERLINE

Rev. Charles M. Esterline is pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Madison Heights, Va.

The ministers of this 1,000-member church include the Temple Christian School (K-3 through 8th grade), a large bus ministry, tape ministry, ministry to the deaf, ministry to the bereaved, the AWANA program for boys and girls, and weekly radio broadcast.

The church has a worldwide missions outreach and presently sends monthly support to 73 missionary families and projects.

Pastor Esterline graduated from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., in 1971, receiving a BTh degree. He was born and reared in Chicago, Ill., graduating as valedictorian from Argo Community High School. Before entering Baptist Bible College, he attended Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill., graduating in 1968 with a BA degree.

Rev. Esterline is 34 and is married to the former Susan Gramm. They have four children, Elizabeth, 11, Eric, 9, Christopher, 8, and Stephen, 7. They presently make their home in Washington, Va.

Rev. Esterline formerly pastored the Fellowship Baptist Church in Falls Church, S.C. and the Bible Baptist Church in Mohawk, N.Y.

His ministry has been one of fervent soul-winning to reach the unsaved and a sound and regular Bible study for the saints.

Dr. R. Herbert Fitzpatrick

Dr. R. Herbert Fitzpatrick was born in Roanoke, Va., where he attended elementary school and graduated from Jefferson Senior High School. Following graduation from high school, he attended Practical Bible Training School in New York. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bible Training School in New York. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bible Training School in New York.

In 1947, Dr. Fitzpatrick founded and organized the Calvary Baptist Church in Connersville, Ind. The church began with 13 members who met on the front porch of a home. Over a period of 17 years in Connersville, Dr. Fitzpatrick distinguished his church by building it into Indiana's largest Sunday School, with an average of over 1,200 in attendance. When Dr. Fitzpatrick left Connersville, the church had a membership of 2,500 in a town of only 17,000.

In 1964, Dr. Fitzpatrick felt the need of a large church in metropolitan Washington, D.C. As he responded to the call of the First Baptist Church of Riverdale with 797 members, his success in Connersville was only a foreshadowing of the tremendous things that would be accomplished in Riverdale. The First Baptist Church of Riverdale is now Maryland's largest Sunday School, averaging over 2,000, with a church membership that has grown to 3,500. The impact of the church is tremendously felt throughout the Washington D.C. area, and the church has established a fine reputation world-wide.

Dr. Fitzpatrick is featured on the Riverdale Baptist Hour, a daily radio program presented by Riverdale Baptist Church. Through this program, Dr. Fitzpatrick is able to reach into the homes of hundreds of thousands of local residents.

Dr. Fitzpatrick has served as Trustee of the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri and also a three-year term on the Missions Committee of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. In 1951, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Connersville, as the outstanding young man of the year.

The Fitzpatricks have two children. Their son, Keith, has attended King's College and Mansons College of Music in New York and is pursuing a career in music in Nashville, Tenn. Jeri, their daughter, attended the Medical College of Virginia and is a Registered EEG technologist. She is currently attending the University of Tennessee in Nashville in their pre-med program.

Wendell Zimmerman was born in Altus, Okla., April 29, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman Sr.

As a nine-year-old, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. His family moved to the state of Arkansas when he was a senior in high school.

Dr. Zimmerman surrendered his life to the full gospel ministry when 17 years of age and preached his first sermon the first Sunday of August of 1933 in the Riverdale Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.

The following September he began his college training at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. His first pastorate was in Centerton, Ark., from whence he commuted to the University of Arkansas.

During the next few years he ministered to several churches in Arkansas and in Southern Missouri. In 1940 he founded and organized the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Joplin, Mo.

In April 1943 Rev. Zimmerman founded the Kansas City Baptist Temple and had 25 men pastored the Kansas City Baptist Temple and had 25 men.

In November of 1974 he assumed the duties of editor of the Baptist Bible Tribune.

Dr. Zimmerman's family consists of his wife, Virginia, and five children.

Rev. Michael L. Grooms

Rev. Michael L. Grooms is pastor of the Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church in Frederick County, Va.

Rev. Grooms, son of Evangelist J.O. Grooms, was saved in 1971 while attending Landmark Baptist Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio under the ministry of Dr. John Rawlings.

He attended Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Va., graduating in 1975. He was among the initial group of students to begin classes in the fall of 1971 at Lynchburg Baptist College, the first school year.

During his last two years of college, he served as assistant pastor of the Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church in Winchester, Va., traveling 300 miles roundtrip each weekend to help build the infant church.

When Rev. Donnie Cantwell resigned in the summer of 1975, Mr. Grooms was called as the fulltime Pastor.

Under his leadership, the church has grown and matured to an average attendance of over 600 each Sunday. The church which is just seven years old has purchased 33 acres of property, built a $250,000 gymnasium-multipurpose facility.

Pastor Grooms has led the church into a multiple ministry as a super aggressive New Testament church, with an annual budget of over $325,000 and six fulltime staff members to assist in its many activities. In recognition of his spiritual leadership and work with Christian Education Tri-State

Dr. David Cavin

David A. Cavin was born in the State of Kansas where he grew up in a Christian home. At the age of twelve, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in a Baptist tent meeting in Isabel, Kansas.

He was married in 1936 to Maxine Miller. They both attended the same church in their youth.

They have two children. Their son, David E. is pastor of the Westridge Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and their daughter, RoJean, resides in Florida.

Dr. Cavin has had only three pastorates in his forty years as a pastor. He pastored the Bible Baptist Church in El Reno, Oklahoma from the beginning and stayed there for eleven and one-half years, then he became pastor of the Castleberry Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.
Texas where he pastored for fourteen years. He is now pastor of the High Street Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri where he has been for fifteen years. All of the churches that Dr. Cavin has pastored have been affiliated with the Baptist Bible Fellowship, and all of them have been highly evangelistic and missionary. The High Street Baptist Church is the second largest giving missionary church in the Fellowship. There has been a great demand made on the ministry of Dr. Cavin for evangelistic meetings, missionary conferences and youth camps. Dr. Cavin has two telecasts each week on the local television station, one of which involves the morning service of the High Street Baptist Church. He is also on the Fellowship radio station KFPC, Springfield, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 A.M. Just recently the church has expanded their television outreach to Cablevision which carries their services to southern Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and California. The Sunday school averages over 2,000 each Sunday. The properties of the church are valued in excess of four million dollars.

Dr. Cavin is presently serving his third term as President of the Baptist Fellowship International. The Baptist Bible Fellowship International is composed of 2,700 independent fundamental Baptist churches with more than half-a-million in membership.

The miracle of Berean Baptist Church began on April 1, 1965 when God saved Rudy Holland at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

It was at this time that he gave his heart, life and future to Christ. God led him to Tennessee Temple Schools to prepare for God's future direction and in January 1966 he answered the call to preach.

While at Tennessee Temple Schools, his pastor, Dr. Jerry Falwell, asked him to pray about starting a church in Richmond or Roanoke, Va. Rev. Holland began to pray and felt definitely that the Lord was leading him to Roanoke Valley to start a church.

In 1970 following his graduation from Tennessee Temple, he went to the Roanoke area to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus. It took eight weeks of patience and faithful knocking on doors before the first family of four was enlisted.

On Aug. 28, 1970, the Berean Baptist Church was officially organized at Northside High School. The little band of determined people moved to Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center and this was their home for eleven months.

As the church grew, a decision was made to purchase an acre of land and build the first building. As God continued to bless with salvation and growth, additions were built in 1972, 1973 and 1974. Today the church has a membership of 1600. The church is currently averaging 800 in Sunday School and 900 in the Sunday morning worship services. In 1977 the church was awarded the banner for the fastest-growing Sunday School in Virginia.

Rev. Holland has been written about in several books and newspapers such as Capturing a Town for Christ, Church Aflame, The Evangelist, and the Journal Champion.

He was recently chosen as the Moderator of the Virginia Assembly of Independent Baptists for 1979-1980. This group represents 229 churches across the Commonwealth of Virginia that have joined together for the purpose of maintaining religious liberty.

The church presently has ministries to include the following: radio, bus, jail, youth, senior adults, mentally retarded, the Christian school which includes more than 350 children from pre-school through the eleventh grade and the mission program which supports missionaries in the United States and 15 foreign countries.

Mr. Holland and his wife, Doris, have two children. Paul, 7, and Angie, 9. He is 32 and has a God-given dream to plan, work and sacrifice that God can, through him and the people God has given him, fulfill that dream.
Dynamic Men Of God

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REV. DONNIE CANTWELL

One often hears at the Open Door Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., that “the church is not a showcase for saints, but a hospital for sinners.” So says the church’s pastor, Rev. Donnie Cantwell, a 27-year-old native of Kingston Tenn. Known as the “fastest growing church in Richmond,” under Rev. Cantwell’s leadership the church has grown from an attendance of 363 to an average of 845 in just over two short years.

Just who is this man of God affectionately known as Donnie by young and old alike? Like many, Donnie was saved at a young age while attending Vacation Bible School. Six years later, at the age of 15, he answered the call to preach and immediately launched his evangelistic ministry.

Although still a young man, Donnie has already conducted well over 500 revivals in America and overseas. Even while attending Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Va., he constantly sought every opportunity to preach the Word of God. Later as a fulltime evangelist, Donnie conducted numerous crusades throughout the United States and several foreign countries resulting in the salvation of thousand of souls. After leaving the field of fulltime evangelism, Donnie assumed his first pastorate at Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church in Winchester, Va., where the Sunday School enrollment rose from 93 to a high of 809 in just two years. He moved in 1977 to the Open Door Baptist Church.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Donnie also serves a chaplain for the Chesterfield County Police Department. Through his efforts, the people of Open Door were able to purchase a special Police Edition of the New Testament in the hands of every county police officer. During every worship service at Open Door, Donnie’s attention is increasingly focused on the youth who sit packed in the first 10 pews. The Lord has particularly burdened his heart for the teenagers of America whom he calls “the church leaders of the 80s.”

As a direct result of this burden, a few years ago Cantwell initiated Youth Encounter Ministries. What began simply as a summer youth camp has now blossomed into a vibrant, explosive youth movement that will this coming summer touch the lives of more than 2,000 teens in four states through youth Bible camps.

His effectiveness for Christ is even more enhanced by the supportive help of his wife, Doreen. The parents of two small boys, the Cantwell’s unity in God is so apparent that one cannot help but sense the love they have for one another, their children, their church and their Lord.

He has many times received the plaudits of men. He was recipient of the True Gentleman Award and was selected by the Jaycees as one of the three outstanding young men of the state of Tennessee. The Kingston Optimist Club hailed him as the Teenager of the Year.

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SECULAR SURVEY

Family Not Doomed, Says Poll, Result Shaky

By FORREST J. BOYD

Although there have been some alarming statistics about the family, an expert opinion-taker contends the family is not doomed.

Yankelovich, Skelly and White, Inc., has made a number of national surveys of the American family over the past decade and has made some surprising conclusions.

First, the firm acknowledges the statistics: the divorce rate has soared during the last 15 or 20 years. In 1978, there were 1.1 million divorces — and 2.2 million marriages. The U.S. Census Bureau also reported that the number of couples living together, without the bond of matrimony, has doubled in the past 10 years.

This is also an age when people are losing confidence in nearly all of our major social institutions — from the church to business to government — and news headlines suggest that no institution has taken a greater battering than the core of society itself, the American family.

But, the Yankelovich company has concluded from its surveys that the news is better than it seems. . . not altogether encouraging, not unmixed, but definitely better.

The American family no longer drifts away from other institutions, but not from the family itself.

In 1978, for example, 92 percent of all adult Americans interviewed in a nationwide Yankelovich survey said that the family is very important to them as a personal value; 83 percent indicated that they would welcome more emphasis on traditional family ties; 78 percent indicated that the family is the most meaningful part of life, compared to nine percent who felt that way about work or leisure.

Regardless of the bow questions were asked, adult Americans said the family is considerably more important to them than other personal attachments such as work, leisure and friendship.

One of the reasons for this attitude may be explained by columnist M.J. Sobran. Writing in The Human Life Review, he notes one value of the family is that it provides freedom. “Membership in the family,” he said, “gave one an irreducible measure of independence from other orders of society . . .”

Christopher Lasch puts it another way: the family is a “haven in a heartless world,” a haven from the impersonality of contemporary life.

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U.S. Leadership Falls, Says Congressman

By ROBERT E. BAUMAN
Chairman, American Conservatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With dramatic suddenness, the world saw recently just how far the United States has fallen from its former position as leader of the free world and as a power with which to be reckoned.

Americans had the results of the Carter Administration's lack of will thrust into their faces with the spectacle of U.S. citizens being held hostage by the fanatical forces of the Ayatollah Khomeini. It wasn't the first time, but it was certainly the most horrifying.

The simple fact is that American power and influence has been systematically weakened in every sphere of the world.

Witness the Caribbean: a Marxist regime in Nicaragua was given to a dictator, and the question of Soviet troops in Cuba has been totally whitewashed. Or take Africa: led by Andrew Young, Carter consistently sided with leftist terrorists in Rhodesia. And don't forget the Far East: there Mr. Carter turned America's back on a long-time ally, the Republic of China on Taiwan.

The list, sad to say, goes on.

The current problem is more disturbing still when one considers the days immediately preceding the embassy outrage. The State Department knew that anti-American demonstrations were becoming increasingly vicious. Why wasn't action taken then, before American lives were endangered? Because our State Department was afraid of damaging the already nonexistent relations with the mad Ayatollah. This is the same State Department that deserted the Shah of Iran earlier this year during the revolution which brought Khomeini to power.

And thus, once again, the U.S. is seen throughout the world as a weak, pitiful giant.

The immediate question is how to put sufficient pressure on the Iranians to assure the U.S. hostages' safety. I have sponsored legislation in the House which would place an embargo on all trade to and from Iran. We shouldn't hesitate to forfeit the 4 percent of our total oil supply which comes from Iran; given their fanatical anti-U.S. attitude, it will probably be lost in any case. The $305 million in pending U.S. military aid and equipment to Iran must be cut off now. And the Iranian students whose galling anti-American displays in our own country have incensed Americans should be deported immediately - and I've sponsored legislation which would do exactly that.

The grimmest part of this incident is the probable effect this incident will have on America's future relations with the nations of the world. Allies and enemies alike have taken close note. We have bargained from a position of voluntary weakness for too long, and Iran simply puts the results of that policy into stark relief.

The anger and frustration of Americans is understandable, and was perhaps best summed by the person who viewed a demonstration of Iranian students in California and said, "I'm just sick and tired of being pushed around."

Me, too.
The Iranian Equation

By Edward E. Hindson

The attention of the western world has been drawn to the Iranian-American hostage crisis in Iran. This crisis has been of major concern to the United States, as it has led to a resurgence of Islamic fundamentalism by the Iranian government. This crisis has been an important event in the history of the Islamic world, and it has led to the awakening of anti-American sentiments in the Islamic world. As a result, the United States has faced the challenge of maintaining its influence in the Islamic world and of preventing the spread of Islamic fundamentalism.

Invasion

Invasion is a term that refers to the act of entering or occupying territory by force. The term is often used in the context of military conflicts, where one country invades another to gain control of its resources or to expand its territory. In the context of the Iranian-American crisis, the term invasion refers to the Iranian government's attempt to gain control of American diplomatic personnel and to use this as leverage in negotiations with the United States.

Valley of Bones

The Valley of Bones is a term that refers to a location mentioned in the Bible, where the bones of the people of Israel were scattered after they had been defeated in battle. The valley is located in the region of Jerusalem, and it is mentioned in the Bible as a place where the bones of the people of Israel were scattered after they had been defeated in battle.

In this context, the term Valley of Bones refers to the scattering of the American diplomatic personnel in Iran after the Iranian government had invaded the American embassy in Tehran.

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Massachusetts To Permit Prayers

By CAL THOMAS
International Media Service

The state of Massachusetts has a new law which permits voluntary prayers in public schools. Christian activists, Rita Warren, who worked hard for the bill in Massachusetts, is now concentrating her efforts on Washington, where a similar bill sponsored by U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, (R-NC), has passed the senate but is stuck in a House committee. Mrs. Warren has talked to House democratic speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, and urged him to get it out of the committee, since his home state has passed a prayers in schools bill. She believes if the bill gets to the house floor for a vote, it will pass. She believes, also, that President Jimmy Carter will sign it.

The New Jersey State Senate has adopted an abortion regulation bill that requires physicians to inform a woman seeking an abortion of the "inherent" dangers of the procedure and of alternatives, such as adoption. The measure also imposes a 24-hour waiting period after the woman signs an "informed consent" document before the abortion can be performed.

A recent opinion poll shows that American opposition to abortion on demand is increasing. The poll was taken three weeks after the visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States and those surveyed were asked their response to the statement: "The right of a woman to have an abortion should be left entirely to the woman and her doctor." Overall, approval of the statement dropped from 75 percent in 1977 to 68 percent this year. Disapproval increased from 22 to 28 percent. Four percent had no opinions both years. Researchers thought the Pope's visit had an impact, but this factor couldn't be measured because the visit wasn't mentioned in the survey questions.

America's Roman Catholic bishops voted to reject two proposals to eliminate what some regard as sexist references from the church's liturgy. An example of the change would have been the wording of the holy communion liturgy in which the priest says Christ died "for all men." Those who favored the changed contended the new language would be truer to the original Latin and more inclusive. The decision appears to have further worsened relations between Catholic women and the church.

The Unification Church has filed a suit in Federal District Court in Manhattan asking $3 million in damages against the Town of New Castle in northern Westchester Country, N.Y. It charged delays on its efforts to get a permit to use a 97-acre estate it bought from a Roman Catholic order. Bruce Brown, the plaintiff's legal affairs director, said the town also had violated its civil rights and imposed "unconstitutional requirements" by accepting documents dealing with "the nature of our religious beliefs" during hearings on the permit.

Georgi Vins, the Baptist minister who was released from a Soviet prison last spring, told a Baptist meeting in Los Angeles that unregistered Baptist churches in the Soviet Union number about 2,000.

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A Credibility Crisis For The Media

By Tommy Thomason

Mark Twain said that he became a journalist because he couldn't find honest employment. Unfortunately, many modern Americans would agree with Twain. Among many conservative Christians, especially, the media suffers from a credibility crisis. It's not uncommon to hear charges that the press has twisted someone's statement or distorted a news event.

Some of these charges against the press by conservatives come from a lack of understanding of the role of journalism in a free society. Statesmen as far back as Thomas Jefferson realized that our democracy required not only checks and balances within government, but also a free press that would be a watchdog on government.

But despite these lofty ideals, it's not that difficult to find evidence of media bias or inaccuracy. Many of the journalism school graduates of the '70s were disciples of "advocacy journalism," which emphasizes expressing a point of view over the traditional objective reporting of the news. The aim of the advocacy journalists is not to present facts, but a certain interpretation of those facts which advocates a particular position.

Several studies made in the 1970s claim to show evidence of anti-conservative bias in television or newspapers.

The journalism program at Liberty Baptist College is dedicated to turning out young men and women who will represent the finest traditions of the profession. We believe the answer to criticism of the media is not to restrict the First Amendment freedoms of the press, but to send into American journalism some new professionals who can make an impact in newsrooms throughout the nation.

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Some newsmen have never met someone who consistently lives out the Christian life in the nitty-gritty of everyday circumstances. They've never met anyone who can give intelligent answers to the real questions of modern secular man. Reporters live daily with bad news — murders, rapes, robberies, corruption, terrorism, natural disasters and the like. And the response of many has been a bitter cynicism.

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(Mr. Thomason is professor of journalism at Liberty Baptist College. He is an outstanding teacher and writer.)

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Hyde Amendment Would Ban Abortion Money

By CAL THOMAS

ISLANDIA, New York Service

President Carter has declared in a nationally televised White House news conference that "no religious faith on earth condones kidnap­ ping. No religious faith condones blackmail. And certainly there is no religious faith that condones the sustained abuse of innocent people."

Responding to questions about the 49 American hostages held by Moslem fanatics at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Carter accused the Iranian govern­ ment of Ayatollah Khomeni of an unprecedented violation of international law and standards of civilized behavior and declared that the United States "will not rest" until the hostages are freed "from their imprisonment and abuse."

President Carter made a rare visit to Capitol Hill earlier in the day to attend a Senate prayer breakfast. Mr. Carter accepted a long standing invitation from Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) to attend one of the closed weekly meetings. More than 20 senators attended, though none knew in advance except Hatfield that the President would be there. One senator who attended said it would be safe to speculate that members prayed with the President about the U.S. hostages in Iran and the outcome of that crisis.

The U.S. Supreme court has agreed to consider the controversial Hyde amendment. The amendment, authored by Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) prohibits the use of federal money to pay for welfare abortions except when the mother's life is in danger. Hyde says the Constitution specifically reserves the right to Congress for spending authorization and he says he is optimistic the Court will rule in favor of his amendment.

Michigan's House of Representa­tives has passed a controver­sial prayer in school bill that requires time be set aside by public school teachers at the start of each day so that students may either pray or meditate. Supporters of the measure argued it will give students an alternative to illicit drug use, vandalism and other anti-social activity.

Opponents say it violates privacy rights and they question its constitutionality under U.S. Supreme Court rulings dating back to the early 1960's.

Sixty-one fundamentalist churches in California have banded together to fight the state tax office over what they regard as an unconstitutional interference in their Christian schools. Harry Jackson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Fair­field, Calif., says the state requires churches to fill out special forms each year to renew their tax exemptions and he is concerned about the nature of many of the questions. Jackson says because of a technicality in the church's constitution, his church was denied a tax exemption and when it refused to pay taxes, the church property was seized by the state and is scheduled to be sold.

Artificial blood has been used for the first time in the United States on a patient at the University of Minne­sota hospital who had refused a blood transfusion because the patient is a Jehovah's Witness. The blood substitute, a mixture of chemicals called In­ferocarbons that can carry large amounts of oxygen, was given to a 67-year-old person to replace blood lost during surgery. The patient was not identified. Jehovah's Witnesses believe the Bible forbids blood transfusions.

A public education group called "Alternatives," based in Jackson, Mississippi, is sponsoring a best and worst Christmas contest to seek examples which illustrate the worst of commercialism and the best of meaningful Christmas giving. The examples must be of gifts actually received. There are $500 prizes, but the money must be designated to a "non-profit, human needs or social change organization" as a donation. Entries may be submitted to Alternatives, 4274 Oaklawn Drive, Jackson, Miss., 39206.

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Educators Read Between The Lines!

By Russell L. Weiss

Being a reading specialist/teacher in a large public school system, and having the responsibility of directing the reading program in the junior high school, my familiarity with new books, methods and instructional materials is a necessity.

Almost daily I am pelted with circulars and notices presenting student book clubs, textbooks, magazines and new techniques. Until recently, I had never taken cognizance of the influx of questionable types of literature being introduced to our classrooms.

After seeing the extent which authors, publishers and distributors have subtly initiated their amoral and "everybody do his own thing" philosophies, it dawned on me that action had to be taken.

This article is directed primarily toward the Christian educator in the public school. However, teachers and administrators in private church related institutions are encouraged to read and hopefully accept the following conclusions.

Before going any further, there are a number of emphatic questions we must ask ourselves. Are some of us unknowingly contributing to the moral and spiritual decay of our schools and country? Are we afraid of what fellow teachers might think and say about our beliefs and Bible ethics? Have we been so influenced and indoctrinated by the so-called "right to know" movements that we have deserted our responsibilities as Christian leaders and educators? Regrettably, the answer to most of these queries, if answered honestly, would have to be "yes."

As previously mentioned, I receive (as do most teachers) hordes of information from book companies, publishers, distributors and student book clubs. This is definitely the origin of the problem.

A Prevalent Idea

In a recent student book club offer, for grades 7-9, six of the 36 books, as pointed out in the teacher's notes, were "controversial" or "noteworthy." Contained in these paperbacks was the prevalent idea of pre-marital sex and sexual intimacy.

Other principles introduced were "future society's acceptance of infarmary marriage" (better known as incest), abortion, drugs and the occult.

One principle said that "sexual intimacy is an accepted and valid way of life." We are also told that there are many different love styles that exist between humans and "all are acceptable." Specific chapters deal with how gay individuals live "fulfilled and productive lives." Health concerns, legal issues and the various types of discrimination shown toward the homosexual.

Way Of Life?

Shocked? I admit, I was set back after reading this. Here, homosexuality, a gross sin, is presented to elementary and junior high school students as a perfectly acceptable way of life. It paints a rosy picture of a life style that the Bible clearly states is wrong. In other words, "don't listen to the obscene views of the Bible or what God has said — take the word of modern man, he's much more intelligent."

This same publishing house goes a step further by offering a book which deals with that ever popular theme, "student rights." This publication gives young people, for grades 6 and up, knowledge of the law concerning making major purchases, car searches, child abuse, marijuana, marriage, venereal disease and where to go for legal aid. Actually, the writer is showing youngsters how to break various laws or experiment with sex and drugs and not get caught.

Let's face the facts. In this day of lawlessness, divorce, immorality, disrespect and drug abuse, is this the type of book that should be given to 6th graders? Will this style of literature help retard the problems facing our youth? Or will it merely put ideas into their easily influenced minds? Would you want your eleven or twelve year old reading about ways to successfully break the law and abandon all responsibilities?

Another company recommends a group of books for junior high school students that focus primarily on philosophy and religion. Of the nine books advertised, four emphasize Zen Buddhism and the "great knowledge" revealed through Zen training. One of the collections explains the techniques and methods used in becoming a follower of Zen.

The seriousness of this problem is apparent. We cannot expect it to heal itself by our ignoring or wishing it away. To simply throw the catalogs and book club offers into the trash will not stop the flow of mind altering compositions. Mere lip service will have no real, lasting effect either. We as Christians must let our presence be known.

Another Course

To simply present an issue as I have is not enough. We cannot be objective in our thinking without also delivering a course to follow in opposing the world's actions and motives. Following are nine guidelines which I believe can be effective in combating these problems. They attempt to use common sense and tact in letting ourselves be known.

(1) Don't buy the book. This is one of the most obvious ways to stop young minds from being wrongly influenced. If the book is not purchased — the publisher and author will be left "holding the bag." As a result, further printing will cease for economics sake.

(2) Boycott the publishing and distributing companies. Do not purchase anything from establishments pushing the literature. Look around! There are still good, basic, uncompromising companies with which we can do business.

(3) Write to the publisher and distributor. Let them know: a) The name of the book(s) you are opposed to. b) What action you are taking in relation to indecent literature. c) Why, in particular, you are taking such action.

(4) Let fellow teachers know why you are against these books. Tell others you work with your reasons for your opposition and do it in a manner that reflects your Christianity. A flat "I don't believe in it" isn't good enough. Be specific in your reasoning. Know what and why you believe it.

(5) Let parents know the type of materials coming from certain publishing houses. Most parents will appreciate this information. Be sure to share with them how you are responding to the problem.

(6) Inform leaders and members of your church. Let them know the extent that "degrading and immoral" literature has reached in our public schools. Remember, group action such as letters, writing, petitions, boycotts, and telephone calls carry much more weight than a one man action.

(7) Inform leaders of the local Parent Teachers Association. This is still one of the strongest organizations in the public schools. Their influence and potency can have an effect over the entire nation.

(8) Read. It is imperative that we as Christian educators read everything we can about new programs and literature that is being shoved toward us. Never order anything blindly. Know who wrote it and what it is about. If you get one "slipped in on you," don't be hesitant to send it back to the company. Be sure to let them know why you are returning it.

(9) Pray for guidance. This should and must be our guidepost. We must pray for the Lord's guiding hand and strength in approaching problems of such magnitude. Without His help and leadership, we can do nothing, but with it, we can win the victory.

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