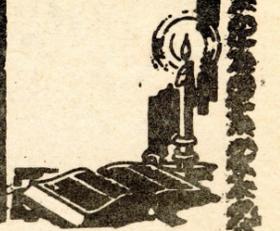




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And A Happy New Year**



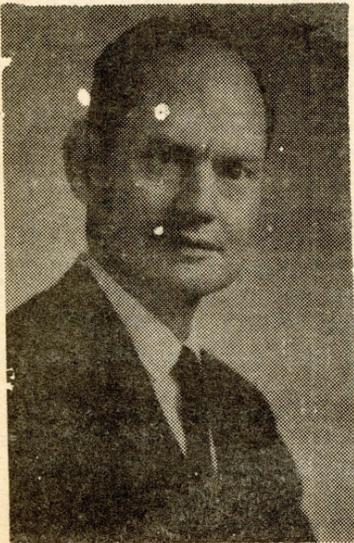
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Dr. Wayland

They Missed Christmas

Every year about this time we read in the papers about a child who the physicians say is going to miss Christmas. Usually it's because of leukemia. The parents and other loved ones get busy and give him a tremendous party, with Santa, tree and presents.

You and I will be here on Dec. 25, most probably, but we could miss Christmas...not the day but the Christ. It is an amazing fact that most people missed the first Christmas when it happened in Bethlehem long ago. There was quite a stir in heaven and earth, a great deal of singing and lots of joy, but few experienced it. The prophets had told about the coming of the Messiah, but when he came few knew it. They were not ready.

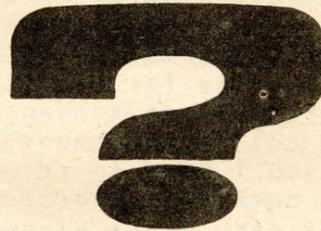
Herod the King, who thought he knew what was going on in his country, was taken by complete surprise when the Wise Men told him of their pilgrimage. Herod called the chief priests and the scribes and asked for information. They told of Bethlehem as the appointed place for the babe. Herod then asked the Wise Men to make the trip for him and, when they found the child, to bring word back so he could go and worship him too.

Herod missed the joy of Christmas because he didn't believe in that kind of stuff. He was a pagan, well acquainted with power politics and the sly ways of eliminating one's competitors. He probably gets the award for being the worst hypocrite in history! But mainly he missed Christmas because he let someone else make the pilgrimage. No one can find Christ by proxy! In his unbelief, in his cold calculating dog-eat-dog existence, he experienced winter, but no Christmas. Many will miss the warmth and joy of the Savior's

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DID YOU KNOW



Messiah Tonight

Special preparations have been made that expression might be given to the Christmas season through the chapel programs. Please note the following:

- Dec. 15 "Unto Us, Unto Him"
Dr. Carlton
 - Dec. 16 The Men's Chorus of Southeastern Seminary will present a program of Christmas music.
 - Dec. 17 "The Road to Bethlehem"
Dr. Adams
 - Dec. 18 "What Christmas Means to Me"
Dr. Binkley
- (ed. note) The Seminary Choir will present a Christmas Concert on WRAL T.V., Channel 5 at 1:00 P.M. Dec. 20.



Dr. Johnson

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will present The Messiah by George Frederick Handel, tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Seminary Chapel. The soloists for this performance will include Delia Becton, soprano; Donna Funderburk, contralto; H.S. Yarborough, Jr., tenor; Dan McFadden, tenor; Ben Johnson, baritone and Wayne Brown bass. In addition to the beloved and familiar choruses the choir will sing the beautiful but rarely performed "And He Shall Purify", and "Worthy is the Lamb that Was Slain", with the famous "Amen" fugue. Ted Gossett is organist and Dr. Ben Johnson is conductor of The Messiah. The auditorium is large enough to accommodate groups who may wish to attend and we cordially invite everyone to come.

The Better Gift

During this time of year we consciously and unconsciously begin to think to whom we'll give and usually from whom we'll receive gifts. So often the persons who need most receive the least. We become so involved in being thankful to the persons who gave us gifts, that we don't give proper thanks to the giver of all gifts, Jesus Christ.

Through the years this thought has been with me, the author is unknown, "Every man must seek his own way to make his own self noble and to realize his own self true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man who has need of man's help, somethings for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." I hope this holiday season we'll not only pray for the needy, but help them as well.

"Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward...let not thy right hand know what thy left hand is doing... and the Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."
Matt. 6:3-4

Clifford A. Jones
Ethics Committee

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

ENJOY IT

Howdy Again

Christmas is a bit different for most Southeastern students. Seven out of ten here are involved in some form of church service or vocation. Since this is one of the high moments of the church year, our vacation period is filled with much preparation...much work. In addition, many of us will carry home "catch up" work in hopes of being ready for the final exams in late January.

Instead of swinging merrily through the season one can literally meet it head on if he isn't careful. It is my prayer this doesn't happen in your situation. Our lives fleet all too quickly for a single Christmas to pass before we can absorb at least some of what it has to offer. I speak here not as one removed from the problem. I have been guilty and I hope to reform to a certain extent this year. I have two wonderful little ones who are in the middle of the Santa Claus dream and visions of sugarplums and everything nice. They want to spend Christmas with Dad in spite of all this; they want to share it all with papa.

What about you? What about your kids? Maybe you have other loved ones who are hoping you will find the time this season to be with them in a meaningful way.

In spite of the pressure you feel from your involvement here, leave it till you come back! You'll get it done.

Next Christmas may not afford the same opportunity.

INFORMATION VS. INSPIRATION

Professors, administrators and students, are asking, "What's wrong with our school? What's missing? Where are we failing? I'd like to venture an opinion here.

Let me first establish my credentials. I am a graduating senior engaged in this educational process since 1963. I gave up a job in industry at age 30 making \$400 a week. For me, a call to preach was a call to prepare. I sold my home and belongings, moved my family to a new state and finally arrived here.

I surrendered to the will of God. Not because of the effects of the intellectual aspects of a sermon on my head, rather, because of the convicting presence of the Spirit of God in my heart. It is not only sad but ironic that the young pastor who challenged me with God's message came to this seminary later only to receive a failing grade in preaching class because his homiletical outline did not agree with the professor's. Discouraged, he left the ministry. I have worked through the learning process here to be the best possible Christian communicator I can for the glory of God.

But the problem is this: There is much information, but little inspiration, there is a strong emphasis on academic excellence but weak impetus on the spiritual. (spiritual mediocrity is tolerable) Prayer is poo-hooped, evangelism is excluded, the convention is chastised, the church is condemned. (There is a difference in positive negativism and constructive criticism).

In short, there is an over-emphasis on the scholarly to the negation of the spiritual.

If we say we should strive for balance ("That the man of God may be complete") How can we neglect the spiritual dimension of our lives?

Some have made scholarship their God while sacrificing spirituality on the altar of academic ocumen. I call this idol worship!

I appreciate what I have received here, but let me hasten to warn: the critical, academic climate alone stifles and kills the spiritual atmosphere of the "community".

We need to clear the air so the spirit of God can breathe a fresh and anew.

I have pointed to the problem; what are we going to do about the solution?

Gene Carnell

Howdy Mr. Editor,
What's all this fuss about us Southern Baptists having a doctrinal reader? I thought that every traditionalist religion had to have such an office. After all, if the Jews hadn't had a doctrinal reader, I don't believe they would have recognized Jesus as a heretic and given him a chance at resurrection.

Doctrinal readers have done a lot of good for Christianity, Mr. Editor. The ones who worked for the Roman Emperors gave us a long line of martyrs to respect. If the Roman Catholic Doctrinal Readers hadn't caught John Huss in heresy and started him to fighting, they might have delayed development of that great Christian implement of conversion, mobile artillery, by a hundred years or more.

I think the office of S.B.D.R. is a great addition to our convention. It adds spice to independent thought, lends the authority of underground activity to a critical study of the Bible, and puts the fun back into heresy.

Vaya con Dios compadre,
Ben Clark



SPELUNKING?

Has anyone complained lately about the inadequate outdoor lighting on campus? If not, I would like hereby to register such a complaint. Coming on to the main part of campus at night one encounters a magnolia-veiled expanse of impenetrable darkness, and he becomes quite sure that if something doesn't get him on the way to the library then it certainly will if he should venture so far as the chapel. And not infrequently a moonless night combines with an uneven walkway to insure a somewhat hazardous outing--that is, if one has any place to go.

So, Mr. Editor, before I am obliged to buy a flashlight, or stop visiting this forsaken place at night, let us see if we could not appeal to the administration's sensibilities to the needs of fair maidens (who dare not go spelunking on this campus without an escort) and clumsy walkers (short on vitamin A), and see if they will not install outdoor lighting.

Chip Conyers

"AN OFFERING TO GOD"



"It is easier to go to church than to be the church", Joe Stroud, music secretary for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, reminded us in chapel. He emphasized worship is man's response to God's revelation and should be filled with awe and wonder, confession, cleansing and dedication. The chief business for the church is to worship God and the other aspects of our ministry such as mission evangelism, etc. will grow out of our experiences.

He said one should think of worship as the hub around which life revolves. In our church services we see many who come to examine the program, few who come to pray; many who come to see others and few who come to see God. Many come to hear the choir and preacher, few to hear the voice of God.

He concluded, "We should consider our worship as an offering to God. Therefore, our offering should be worthy of divine approval."

Larry W. Freeman

Let me add this...



The welfare committee still needs items for needy families. Bring your gifts to the second floor of Mackie Hall from 10-11 a.m. Tues. and Thur., Dec. 15-17

SMILE

It used to take two bales of cotton to make a woman's dress. Now, a silkworm can do it on his day off.

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Degree Study

Dean Brown conveyed the following message to The Enquiry regarding the actions of the faculty on the Doctor of Ministries program.

"At the present time the faculty here is engaged in reviewing the M.Div. MRE degrees and is studying standards for the D.Min. degree. The faculty has voted to hold meetings in January, Feb. and March to give attention to matters involved in the degree program offered here. As decisions are reached they will be communicated to the students."

Dean Brown

SUNDAY'S SERMON

What the world needs now more than anything else is to accept the greatest Christmas present of all; the Christ Child who grew up to become Love Incarnate.

Merry What?



When you wish someone a merry Christmas just what do you mean? Which Christmas are you referring to? For an example please note the contrast:

"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called 'Emmanuel' (Which means, God with us)" (Matt. I:23)

Contrast: "Here comes Santa Claus, Here comes Santa Claus..."

"And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes..." (Luke 2:7)

Contrast: You should see the beautiful fur coat my husband gave me for Christmas."

"For to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Contrast: "Now little fellow, what do you want more than anything else for Christmas? Ho! Ho! Ho!"

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace among men with whom he is pleased." (Luke 2:14)

Contrast: "God Almighty! This Christmas traffic will kill me yet. The next person who steps on my toes is gonna get it right in the nose!"

"And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, as it had been told to them." (Luke 2:20)

Contrast: And they returned to the various department stores fussing and fuming and stewing over all that was given to them that was too small.

So, which do you mean mister? You say both? It can't be fellow; it can't be.

"Bill Gracchus"

Who Am I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nation.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of guns.

I steal in the U.S. alone over \$500 million each year.

I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the strong and the weak, and widows and orphans.

I destroy, crush, and maim; I give nothing, but take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I am UNSAFE ACTS!



Visit

THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS OF THE CHILD CARE CENTER INVITE THE SEMINARY FAMILY TO COME FOR "JUICE AND COOKIES" ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16 from 8:15 to 9:50

LIBRARY

Christmas-New Year schedule. 1970-71 *****

Dec. 18: 8:00-4:30

Dec. 19-27: CLOSED

Dec. 28-31: 8:00-4:30

Jan. 1-3: CLOSED

Jan. 4 REGULAR SCHEDULE

LONELINESS IS ...

campus on Christmas Day
Christmas dinner with one chair at the table
unchosen Christmas trees, cut and soon to die
an empty room on a rainy day
a twenty-watt bulb fighting back the dark
a cry in an empty football stadium
an urge to die and no one to tell who cares.

a dollar and fifteen cents for the weekend
a twisted limb; pimples
people touching in crowded stores, touches like cold drops from rainy branches down your neck
a counter girl's wistful glance at a college girl en route home for the holidays
soldiers bumped for first-class passengers
an old lady whose only Christmas card is from her life insurance company—data-processed
a black face in a Birmingham country club
a white face in a Harlem Baptist church
a time to die and nowhere to do it.

They tell us, Jesus, you knew loneliness. Teach us what to do with ours.

—William W. (Bill) Marshall
FMB field representative for the Middle East

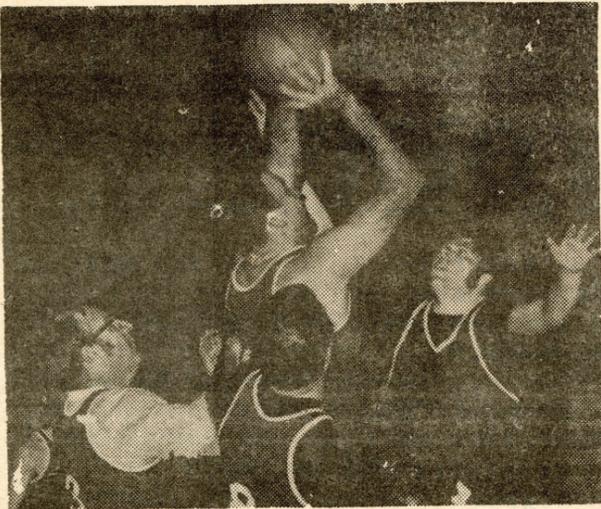
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"Isn't that ridiculous?"

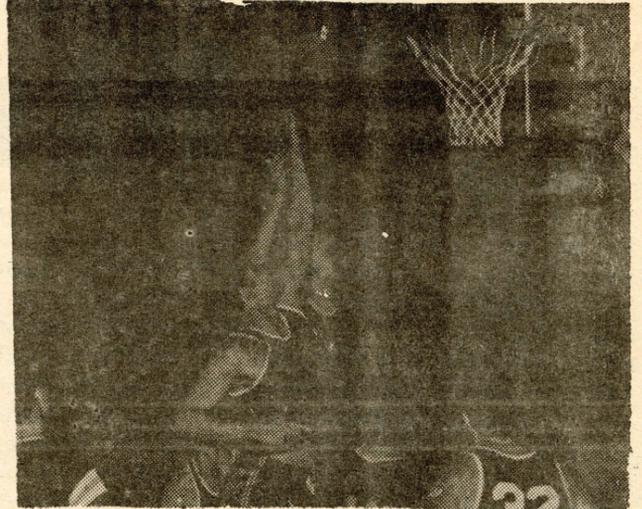
SPORTSRAP

By SIDNEY RODRIGVEZ



Hogsed Pops Two

Round Ball Season In Full Swing



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Rattlers And Tigers Win

Mike Catoe's Rattlers opened the 1970-71 Intramural roundball season with an exciting 60-57 win over Jim Harman's Lobos. Hot-shooting Charlie Page led the Rattlers' strike with 24 points.

Al Lisko and Dudley Neal were also Rattler ring-leaders, hitting for 14 and 10 points respectively. Neal tied Don Kriner for the Rattler rebounding lead with 10 apiece.

Bit Jim Hogsed was the Lobos' outstanding performer, racking up 19 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Bill Harris added eleven rebounds as the tall Lobos controlled the boards 43-40. Steve Parker, with 12 points, was the only other Lobo performer to scratch double figures.

The "Tiger Ghost" came back to SEBTS last Thursday as Al Thomas' Bengals took advantage of numerous enemy turnovers and superior rebounding to rout the Badgers, led by Larry Wakefield. The final score was 68-38, Bengals.

Thomas was a stellar performer in this game, bagging 19 points and an incredible 23 rebounds. Rookie guard Mike Jenkins was another royal Bengal with 20 points, while Temple Myers, an original Bengal-Tiger, bagged 11 points. Cliff Jones chipped in with 12 rebounds, helping the Bengals dominate the boards, 58-40.

One highlight for the Badgers was the play of Steve Shoemaker who led his team in scoring and rebounding with 12 points and 14 rebounds. No other Badger scored in double figures, but Captain Larry Wakefield contributed 10 rebounds in a losing cause.



FREEDOM IS..

Playing With
The Next
Generation

All-Stars Roll On

The SEBTS All-Stars avenged their only defeat of the 1969-70 season by crushing the team from Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity at State, 84-49 in Gore Gym December 8.

The All Stars were in command throughout the game. Only an outstanding individual performance by the Frats' Kelly Sparger (29 pts., 12 rebounds) kept them from an even worse defeat. The All-Stars shot 50% from the floor, and placed four men in double figures, led by Buzz Harrison's 16 tallies. George Scruggs had 12 points and Temple Myers bagged 11 while Phil Baily came off the bench to add 10. SEBTS had 40 FG's to Lambda Chi's 22. Ron Medlin had 8 points, but led the SEBTS rebounders with 10, as SEBTS outrebounded the Frats 61-41. Page of SEBTS made full use of his bench, playing 13 men in all, each of whom scored at least one tally. The Stars' play tonight in Gore Gymnasium, meeting a team representing the local black community. Come on out and see the Stars try for a 3-0 record.

Sportshorts

Jogging Joe Winstead has reached the 100 mile mark. Way to go, Jogging Joe!

The faculty seems to have a monopoly on the Championship Flight of the Seminary Golf Tournament. Ted Janes won the tourney, while Dr. Elmo Scoggin won the consolation round.

Correction: OKT did not defeat SEBTS last year.

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love because of unbelief. They will celebrate in their own way, not God's. It is simply amazing that the high priests and scribes also missed Christmas. They had the knowledge, but they didn't put it into action. They had plenty of religion but it was hide-bound, sterile, legalistic and of the stay-in-Jerusalem variety. Those of us who live and work in the seminary setting know how that can happen. We handle sacred things so commonly and so frequently we are prone to lose any sense of mystery, wonder, enthusiasm and joy. We find it easy to become overconfident in our knowledge of God and His ways with men. We tend to feel we have already arrived and lose every desire for moving on out in creativity and adventure. We don't expect any new revelations of God's power and glory, so we are not disappointed. The chances are excellent we will be here on this earth on Dec. 25, and it just could be we will miss the word from heaven-God's Christmas.

"He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the sons of God."

John Terrill Wayland