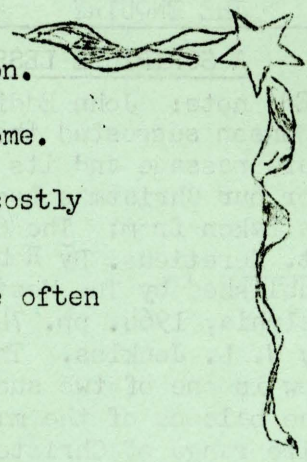


CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST

FILE

Patience to allow another to express him/herself as a person.  
 Empathy to identify in another so as to understand them.  
 Acceptance of another in anticipation of what they can become.  
 Courage to stand-up and speak-out in spite of inhibitions.  
 Encouragement of another who stands and speaks in face of costly consequences.  
 Openness to perceive the important little things in life.  
 Newness of vision to see beyond shattered dreams toward the often cloudy but ever hopeful horizon.  
 Energy to carry on when the going gets rough.  
 Acknowledgement of His lordship in our lives.  
 Renewal of commitment to our life and work.  
 Toughness of mind; yet softness of heart.  
 Humility in the sharing of freedom through servanthood.



A D V E N T

Expectation, perhaps calculation.  
 Waiting, perhaps anxiety.  
 A pregnancy; you know better than I do.  
 A baby, but more than a baby.  
 Formulae, words, steps: Human development.  
 More than a man developing.  
 A man who develops man!  
 Never since David or was it Kennedy?  
 We wait and rejoice with Mary.  
 Light another candle.

Bob Clyde



The falling snow brushes the window pane  
 The family inside are united again  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The pious meet to sing and pray  
 Tomorrow young and old will play  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The P.F.C. fell to bleed and die  
 Soon his young widow will sit and cry  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The surgeon washes his hands with soap  
 The transplant has failed in spite of hope  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

Citizens of the southern hemisphere  
 Warm in December are full of cheer  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

They make up baskets for the poor  
 And through the slums make annual tour  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The tenant child shivers on a cot  
 Under a cover more holes than not,  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The Biafran child dies at last.  
 Victim of a political fast  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

Last minute shoppers crowd ever way  
 Blasted by carols over the P.A.  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The municipal manger scene is a real hit  
 For all who pass are impressed a bit  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

A welfare mother of three little boys  
 Silently weeps at the price of toys.  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

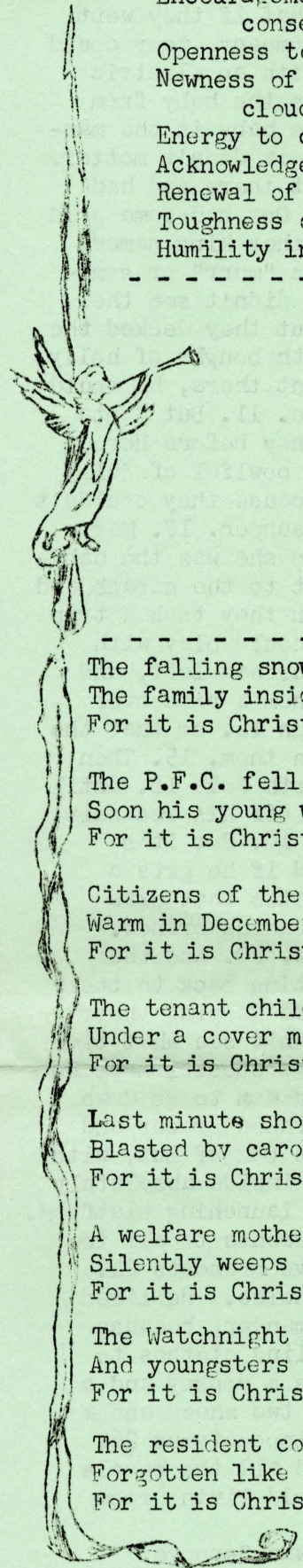
The combined choirs sing, "O, Holy Night"  
 But modern man with anxiety is up-tight  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The Watchnight Service has just begun  
 And youngsters dream of tomorrow's fun  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

He came Himself to dwell with us  
 Without fanfare nor a bit of fuss  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

The resident confined to an institution  
 Forgotten like a New Year's resolution  
 For it is Christmas Eve.

Where would He be -  
 once born in a manger bare.  
 Do you know? Do you really care?  
 For this is Christmas Eve.



A SCRIPTURE LESSON FOR ADVENT

(Ed. note: John Eddinger and Alfred M. Johnson suggested the following scripture passage and its introductory notes for our Christmas Lesson. The material is taken from: The Collected Writings of St. Hereticus. By Robert McAfee Brown. Published by The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1964. pp. 74-77. Copyright, 1964 by W. L. Jenkins. The material printed below is one of two such items in the book. The balance of the material spans the entire range of Christendom and theological studies. We highly recommend the book to all seminarians who, caught up-tight in church work, need an uplift to put their task in perspective as they resume the work of the Church.)

Introduction

St. Hereticus says, regarding his Gospel, "...I would not claim originality for its message any more than my distinguished colleagues...would claim originality for their contributions to the canon. I would claim only that I have been faithful, in a most literal way, to the oral traditions and written records that have been circulating freely in the second half of twentieth century Christendom....Sources upon which I have been dependent in composing ch. 2, which shortly follows...have been the G source (Gimbels); the various pericopes of the C source (commercials), notably Cr (radio) and Ct (television); the S2 source (Sunday School); the P source, notably P1 (pageants) and P2 (Protestant pulpit); and the C2 source (Christmas carols).... I have left the text in the American koine, without attempting to rearrange it. This would be to tamper illicitly with the text. 2:27 has obviously gotten misplaced."

Chapter 2

"1. Once upon a time God lived at the North Pole. He wanted little boys and girls to be happy and have lots of good times. But if they wanted toys, they had to be good. 2. So God sent a spaceman to tell the shepherds not to be afraid, because even though Santa Claus was coming to town, Herod was going to kill all the little babies. Next week on the ABC television network the three wisemen watched the baby Jesus coming to earth 3. in a spaceship that was so bright it looked like a star. 4. They followed the spaceship for a long time. But they didn't get tired, because they came in a sled that was drawn by three camels named Prancer and Donner and Blitzen, and the sled went jingle, jingle, jingle, all the way. 5. The noise frightened the

shepherd's sheep, who started to run, and the pilot leaned out of the spaceship 6. to tell the shepherds not to spank their sheep, because this would make them sore afraid. He said that if they went to the Bethel Steel Company, they could see Jesus in a manger with an electric light bulb in it to keep the baby from getting cold. 7. But the baby in the manger was only a doll, so it didn't matter. 8. The kings finally got there and had presents for the baby. One had some gold from Fort Knox, and another king named Frank Incense gave Jesus "murr" or something. 9. The shepherds didn't see the spacemen anymore, 10. but they decked the hall where Jesus was with boughs of holly, so that if bad Herod went there, he would prick his finger and die. 11. But Santa Claus got down the chimney before Herod had a dream, and left a bowlful of jelly for Mary and Joseph, because they couldn't get into the hotel for supper. 12. Mary was great with child, so she was the baby-sitter while Joseph went to the garage and got the donkey. 13. Then they took a trip to the desert so Jesus could play with the sand toys Santa Claus had left, and then Santa Claus gave them a ride over the Red Sea in his sleigh 14, so that the Egyptians wouldn't drown them. 15. Then God went back to the North Pole 16. until next Christmas and took off his red suit 17. and made more toys. 18. But it's always Christmas for Dad if he gets a carton of filter cigarettes that draw better than all other leading brands. 19. Impartial tests show. 20. And the shepherds were late getting back to their flocks, because they were keeping their watch by night and couldn't see what time it said. But they left a special message for us 21. about telling Mom to go down to the friendly neighborhood grocer and buy a giant economy size box of Zuz, with a plastic wind-up angel inside absolutely free, 22. complete with launching platform. 23. Since Jesus gave presents to all the animals, we ought to give presents 24. even to our aunts and uncles. He liked all the animals in the manger, because they were wearing swaddling clothes to keep warm, and there was a donkey and a cow 25. and a horse and two sheep and a bear and a lion and a hippopotamus 26. and a pushmepullyou, and all the people wore clothes made from old living room curtains, 27. Herod's other name was Scrooge."

AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE

S.C.C. MEETING

The Editor of the Enquiry, Mr. C. Creed Caldwell, Jr., has invited me to write a series of brief articles and I have accepted his thoughtful invitation. This additional channel of communication will be used to express ideas about the purpose and processes of theological education in the United States today, with special attention to the objectives and plans of this school.

Let me take this occasion to express the hope that at the Christmas season we shall think about the relation of our intellectual and spiritual heritage to the quest for peace on earth. It is my intention to spend one day next week in reflection upon the question, "What are the things which make for peace among men and nations?" Will you join me in the reflection wherever you may be?

The members of this community of learning have an excellent record of competent and courteous driving on the highways. I trust that those who travel during the days immediately ahead will have safe journeys and joyous days.

Olin Binkley

CHAPEL

December 17 - 10:00 a.m.--President Olin T. Binkley.

9:30 p.m.--Vespers..Max Smith, Organ.

December 18 - Dr. George Shriver, John Edwards, Cletus Gilbert, Melvin Green, Earl Harding, Steve Hoffman.

December 19 - 10:00 a.m.--Choral Worship.

5:00 p.m.--Vespers..Max Smith, Organ.

December 20 - "Worship the Creator".

ADVENT

E In addition to regular worship at  
S 10:00 each morning, the Chapel doors  
P will be opened at two other times  
E this week. Chapel organist, Max Smith,  
R will play for thirty minutes on Tues-  
S day evening, December 17, at 9:30; and  
on Thursday afternoon, December 19, at 5:00. The programs will be varied, with music from pre-Bach to Messiaen, and will relate to the Christmas theme. This is a good opportunity to bring the family and friends to our Chapel to partake of some of the joys of Christmas through music.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Fellowship Club will meet tonight, December 17, at 7:30 in the Bethea Room.

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WE WISH THE SEMINARY FAMILY  
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS  
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !!  
The Staff.

All students are invited to the regular monthly meeting of the S.C.C. to be held this Thursday, December 19. Meeting time is 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of Mackie Hall.

SEBTS INTRAMURALS

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT--The winners in the first round of the singles' double-elimination tournament were Clifford, Robinson, Elliott, and Brunson. In the second round played last week, Clifford and Elliott won. Second round matches must be played by Tuesday afternoon. The third round must be completed by Friday. Clifford and Elliott are the only undefeated players at this moment.

BASKETBALL--(Regular Season Play)

On Tuesday, December 10, Joe Johnson's Creeping Crawlers defeated Dick Teaster's Eagles 38-30. High scorer for the Creeping Crawlers was Johnson with 15 points while Teaster led the Eagles with 16 points. Dowis' Tigers conquered Finch's Deacons 62-51 on Thursday. The Tigers were led by Page, Dowis, and Myers with 21, 20, and 16 points respectively. Leading scorers for the Deacons were Medlin and Elliott with 19 and 10 points respectively. Dowis' Tigers and Finch's Deacons, both hit 31% of their field goals; in the free throw department, the Tigers hit 66% of their shots in comparison with the Deacons' 44%.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Dec. 17 --Eagles vs Deacons.  
Thursday, Dec. 19 --Tigers vs Creeping Crawlers.

--D.B.

TUTORING SERVICE

After the Christmas holidays, Southeastern students will have an opportunity to be of valuable service in a new endeavor sponsored by the Extension Committee.

In cooperation with a Mission Action Group of the Campus W.M.U., students may participate in a tutoring service. The Wake Forest Elementary School has an unlimited number of students who need individual attention, encouragement, and help with their school work. The tutoring will be on a one-to-one ratio; that is, one student for each Seminary volunteer.

The principal of the Wake Forest school has indicated the work will involve 7th and 8th grade students who have a difficult time with reading. This subject (reading) will be the prime area of concentration.

This service is a wonderful opportunity to share our Christian witness and also to help those students who really need help! It could be the means of helping to prevent a potential school "drop-out".

A student may tutor as often as he can, but is asked to have at least one hour session each week with his student.

The first planning session will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1969, however, the actual tutoring will not begin until after examinations. Please consider this.

Before leaving for the holidays, please give your name to the Field Work Office or to Wayne Brown.

(Wayne Brown, Johnson 204, Extension Committee Chairman.)

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