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NEWSLETTER

OF SPECIAL INTEREST
TO SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN

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Galatians 3: 28 ~ ~ ~ There's neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Let Jesus Judge

How can we say who's to serve Him?
Who's to stay and who's to go?
Where does our savior tell us
Only men His will can know?

Here in a world most needy,
Where the lost will die in sin,
How can we choose that any should stay
And not gather the lost ones in?

So perhaps the gravest question
That faces you and I,
Is not how to keep her out,
Not when or where, but why?

Lonnie Cook
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In Christian community, we are given the precious gifts of one another. In our differences we teach, challenge, encourage and frustrate each other. In our commonalities we bring each other strength, unity, and a sense of being at home. The Women's Forum discussion with the Rev. Addie Davis was an experience of Christian community at its best.

Rev. Davis brings to Christian community the gift of understanding each person's need for a sign of God's presence in daily living. She speaks often of visiting the dying and burying the dead, of helping members in interdenominational marriages, and of setting an example for teens growing up in a world full of temptations. She wants her sermons to reflect God's Word to people who are trying to live faithfully; she wants to provide practical help. To spend time with Rev. Davis is to experience God as Sustainer as well as Creator and Savior.

In style, Rev. Davis is soft-spoken, patient, and conserving of life. To those of us who work aggressively for change, she brings the challenge of an underlying faith that God will bring change through the slow, steady work of obedient Christians. One could not rally round Rev. Davis as a cause celebre for women's rights or for the ecumenical cooperation which is so dear to her. She is willing to let others focus on those spheres, all the while maintaining that she must be allowed to serve in her way. What is important is that each of us is faithful in responding to God's call wherever it leads.

Jane E. G. Smith
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FROM THE EDITOR

"So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free men, men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28, Good News Bible

Addie Davis believes this. She felt called by God to be a minister, and she responded to that call. She came to Southeastern seminary, received her M. Div on May 3, 1963, and was ordained on August 9, 1964 in Durham, NC.

Isn't that what ministry is about - responding to God's call in a responsible way?

In her chapel address to the seminary on September 13, Rev. Davis shared with us the things she has learned in her journey of faith. Important to Rev. Davis is answering when God calls us to a task, whether it is professional ministry or not, whether one feels a call to be ordained or not. "Your call is between you and God - what's in your heart. One person can make a difference in God's kingdom. It is important to strive to do His will, to fulfill His calling."

Out of her ministry and life experiences, Rev. Davis shared with us the gift of her wisdom. She feels that God has a word for our age, as he has had for every age in the past. That Word is the Living Word - the Living Christ. The Gospel is for all people, in all situations, no matter what our predicament.

"As we participate in so many activities, as so many things make a new road upon our way of thinking, we need to be still and know that God is God, that in quietness and confidence He shall be our strength."

Rev. Davis concluded with helpful words to all of us. "Be good to yourself, so that you can minister well to others. We do the best we can do, and God takes care of the results. Answer your call to God with diligent preparation and devotion to study."

Rev. Davis' chapel sermon was very encouraging to me. Addie Davis is a model for us all. We can learn much from her, especially by striving to answer our calling from God as responsibly as she has.

CALENDAR

- October 22, 1984
ESTHER ADAMS SEMINAR - SEBTS
Eleanor Nutt, Speaker
Sandwich supper, 5:30, Broyhill Hall
- November 8, 1984
FORUM - SEBTS
7:00 p.m. Sarah Ann Hobbs, Speaker
Appleby Seminar room, 2nd floor
- April 11 - 13, 1985
CONVOCATION ON WOMEN - SEBTS
More information will be released
at a later date

ORDINATIONS

- * Tammy Ayscue, New Bethel Baptist Church,
Ensom, N.C. July, 1984.
- * Mary Agner, September, 1984
- * Vickie Gilbert, October, 1984
- * Christine Milam, Maryland, November 18, 1984
- * Peggy Haymes, 1st Baptist Church, Winston-
Salem, N.C. November 18, 1984

ARE YOU OPPOSED TO THE SBC RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOMEN? If so, we need your signature for a one-half page Sunday newspaper ad to be placed in the Raleigh News and Observer on Sunday, October 28 to affirm and support the role of women in ministry. The cost is \$2.00. Call Theresa Riggins, 556-1887, or Debra Collins, 556-6372.

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BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK-OUT FROM THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER:

From the twelve-part series, Choices: Guides for Today's Woman (Westminster Press)

* Emotions, by Rochelle Albin, affirms "women's greater capacity to experience emotions as a strength" and deals with the bind of the tradition that values the rational over the emotional. 118 pp.

* Singleness, by Dorothy Payne, helps the single woman determine the sources for her identity apart from the status as someone's daughter, wife, or mother.

* Work and Career, by Nancy Van Vuuren, explores identity, too, as there is now more for women to do than "woman's work." 115 pp.

* Do not avoid Who Is the Minister's Wife?, by Charlotte Ross (Westminster Press, 1980), just because the title doesn't apply to you. The problem of the identity of the minister's wife is not hers alone, but belongs also to parishioners who neglect to treat her as a person.

- Mary Sagar
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