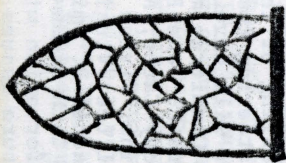


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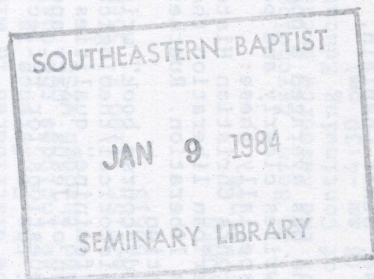


Prayer: Mother,

here i
come again
pulling at your
apron
strings,
not for
anything
in particular but
for your tilted head, the
com-
passionate inquiry
tumbling like cotton from
your mouth and
the

reassurance,
the cup of
water
with an ice
cube and your mighty
fine fingers tickling
over
my baby's brow
like snow

Mother, here i
come
again



—Elaine Orr—

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN. By Marilyn Mayse, Staff Chaplain, Alabama Baptist Hospitals-Birmingham; M.Div., SEBTS, 1983.

- * One of my favorite authors is Rosemary Ruether, a Catholic theologian who has averaged a book a year for some 15 years, on various subjects. A Medieval historian, she writes clearly and persuasively, with historical perspective and documentation. I recommend especially these:
 - a. LIBERATION THEOLOGY (Paulist, 1972), pb. Subtitled "Human Hope Confronts Christian History and American Power." Includes chapters on black theology, Latin American liberation theology, and anti-Semitism, as well as two excellent chapters on women's liberation. Ruether sets these topics against a well-stated Christian theology of liberation.
 - b. MARY--THE FEMININE FACE OF THE CHURCH (Westminster, 1977) pb. A "study course book" written for local Presbyterian churches. Easily read, this book presents a historical/theological rationale for the importance of Mariology in keeping alive certain "feminine" qualities in theology. Especially interesting are chapters on Mary and the mission of Jesus; Mary and the Protestants; and Mary and the humanization of the church. Includes questions for reflection after each chapter.
 - c. NEW WOMAN/NEW EARTH: Sexist Ideologies and Human Liberation (Seabury, 1975) pb. A collection of essays on religion and sexism; sexism and ministry; women and other aliens (such as blacks and witches); psychoanalysis; socialism; and ecology. Ruether seeks to lay a groundwork for recognizing the interrelation of ideology and social structure in the history of sexism.
 - d. RRR and Eleanor McLaughlin, WOMEN OF SPIRIT: Female Leadership in the Jewish tradition, the early church, the patristic age, through the 20th century in Protestantism, Judaism, and Catholicism. Essays by 16 historians.
 - e. RRR, ed., RELIGION AND SEXISM: Images of Woman in the Jewish and Christian Traditions (Simon and Schuster, 1974) pb. \$4.95. Another collection of essays, this one focusing on theological writings from the Old Testament to Barth and Tillich.
- * Nancy Friday, MY MOTHER MY SELF (Dell, 1977) pb. A basic book for a woman seeking to understand and claim her identity. It examines a woman's principal ties: first, to her mother, the most lasting and crucial relationship; and then the influence of that relationship upon bonding to a man, one's child, other women, and work. I recommend it even (perhaps especially) for those women who discount or deny the influence of their mothers upon them.
- * Irene Claremont de Castillejo, KNOWING WOMAN: A Feminine Psychology, pb. Could more accurately be titled "Knowing Persons: A Masculine/Feminine Psychology." Using Jung's archetypes, the author discusses the masculinity/femininity in all of us, and the development of a balance through our relationships with others and with ourselves. Chapters entitled "Meeting," "What Do We Mean by Love?" and "The Rainmaker Ideal" are all wonderfully expressive of the struggle to be fully human. Thought-provoking, inspiring, exciting, life-giving.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE SET

By the mailing of this issue of the newsletter, the steering committee for the resource center will have met twice.

The Steering Committee members are: Bernice Ashcraft, Jane Bailey, Mary Ida Buzhardt, Woody Catoe, Amy Cosby, Edna Frances Dawkins, Vivian Jones, Brenda Kneece, Ethel Lee, Virginia Meiburg, Anne Neil, Rachel R. Smith and John Steely and Leila Stennett.

More information will be shared in future issues. We ask your prayer support.

WOMEN'S FORUM

The January meeting of the Women's Forum will be a planning meeting for the 1984 programs. All ideas and input are needed.

We will meet Thursday, January 12th, at 8 pm. Look for announcement of place in the Campus Bulletin.

A FORUM Committee will be formed at this meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please let Brenda Kneece know.

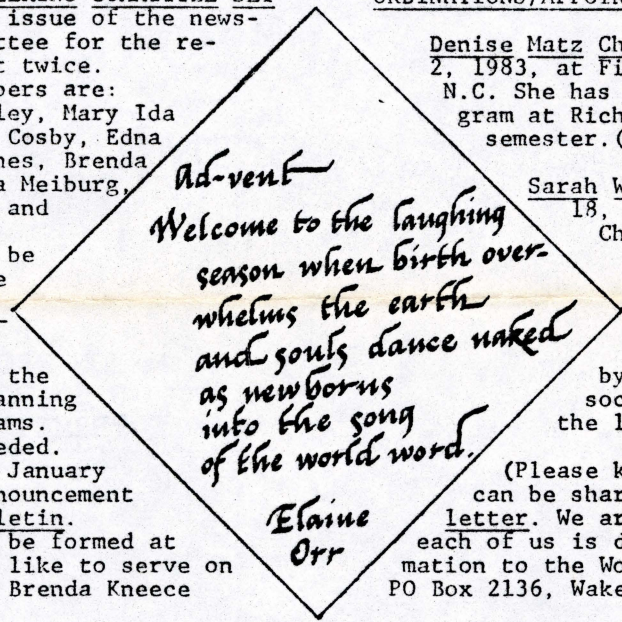
ORDINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/ETC.

Denise Matz Childers was ordained October 2, 1983, at First Baptist Church, Drexel, N.C. She has been enrolled in a CPE program at Richmond Memorial Hospital this semester. (M.Div., 1983)

Sarah Wood Lee, ordained December 18, 1983, at St. John's Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. Sarah and Sean are Church Planters (HMB) in Burlington, North Dakota.

Lynn Moore Stanley, employed by the Yadkin Ministerial Association as the chaplain at the local hospital.

(Please keep us up-dated on news that can be shared in this part of our Newsletter. We are most interested in what each of us is doing and where. Send information to the Women's Resource Center, SEBTS, PO Box 2136, Wake Forest, N.C. 27587)



CALENDAR

- * January 12, 1984
WOMEN'S FORUM - SEBTS
Planning session. Place will be announced the SEBTS Campus Bulletin. All interested persons are encouraged to participate.
- * January 15-17, 1984
A MINISTERIAL SABBATH
Three days of "Sabbath Rest" for ministers. Intentional Growth Center
Lake Junaluska Assembly, Box 67, Lake Junaluska, N.C. 28745
- * February 13-16, 1984
THE MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL COUNSELING
For ministers who have embarked on their own spiritual journey and want to assist others as they embark on theirs. Intentional Growth Center, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Box 67, Lake Junaluska, N.C.
- * March 9-11, 1984
JOURNEY INTO CHRISTIAN WHOLENESS
The contemporary challenge and the actual process of Christian growth will be considered theologically and practically with special attention given to whole and holy living. "Let us speak the truth in love; so shall we fully grow up into Christ." (Eph. 4:15) With Thomas Langford, The Divinity School, Duke University. Intentional Growth Center, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Box 67, Lake Junaluska, N.C.

CALENDAR CON'T.

- * April 2-4, 1984
TRANSCENDING THE DIFFERENCES: A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY
A seminar focused on ALLIANCES...at the personal and organizational levels. ALLIANCES deep enough to transcend our differences. Intentional Growth Center, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Box 67, Lake Junaluska, N.C. 28745.
- * April 6-8, 1984
WEAVING A NEW CREATION
Women's Inter-Seminary Conference (12th annual)
Dorothee Soelle, of Hamburg, West Germany, lecturer, writer, theologian.
Delores Williams, Union Theological Seminary poet, theologian, Danforth fellow.
Registration forms will be distributed in mid-January 1984. The fee for the Conference is \$40.00 per person. This fee includes the cost of housing that is provided through WISC.
For more information write: WISC, 1100 E. 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615
- * April 7, 1984
TEACHING/LEARNING ABOUT WOMEN
Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia
For more information: Dr. Van Heyn, Psychology Department (Coordinator of the Resource Exchange Cluster). Or call Office of Continuing Education (703) 389-2351, ext. 208 (8 am -4:30 pm).

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On Nov. 15th, in Greensboro, NC, at College Park Baptist Church, a meeting of persons supporting women in ministry was held. Those attending the meeting voted to establish a task force to work toward a more formal organization of the group. The task force was also charged with planning a meeting for the group in Ashville during the 1984 N.C. Baptist Convention. Meredith Neill (Th.M-SEBTS, 1983) will chair the task force.

This issue: Poet - Elaine Orr, Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University
Calligrapher - Kelly Lennon, M.Div. Student, SEBTS