ALUMNI HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES FOCUS ON RUDD MEMORIAL CHAPEL OCTOBER 1-3

Alumni Banquet Features Dedication Of Brock Bicentennial Hall

The Rudd Memorial Chapel, which has been the focal point of alumni interest for six years, will be the literal hub of the 1976 Homecoming activity.

The Alumni banquet will be held on Saturday evening in the fellowship hall on the lower level and two concerts, one on Friday evening and one on Sunday afternoon, are scheduled for the main auditorium. A Homecoming schedule sent to you in an August mailing provides the details of these and other events. Contact the Alumni Office (Ph. 616-775-2041) for reservations or further information.

Woven into the plans and even into the construction of the Rudd Memorial Chapel are many significant contributions of alumni ideas and enthusiasm as well as financial gifts. The idea for erecting such a building was born on the day of the funeral of Dr. Judson A. Rudd, when Alumni President Allen Jewett ’52 voiced the suggestion which was received enthusiastically the next day at the Homecoming business session. As Chuck Westgate ’62 picked up the reins of alumni leadership in that fall of 1970, he energetically promoted the project and outlined a plan of involvement for the entire Bryan constituency.

This Homecoming of 1976 enables us to see the fruit of the labors of these alumni leaders who challenged the administration, the trustees, and a host of friends of the college to rally in a united effort which has made the Rudd Memorial Chapel a reality.

Among those loyal supporters investing very generously in this building are Col. and Mrs. J. Henderson Brock of Bradenton, Fla. They were introduced to the Bryan fellowship by Allen Jewett, who became acquainted with the Brocks during his ministry in Bradenton several years ago. Col. and Mrs. Brock have made several trips to visit Bryan, the most recent being on August 15 to attend the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Clementson, retirees who occupy the brick home nearest the new chapel.

One of the special features of the Alumni Homecoming Banquet on October 2 will be the dedication of the banquet room as the Brock Bicentennial Hall. Allen Jewett will represent the alumni in the formal recognition of Col. and Mrs. Brock, and Chuck Westgate will be the banquet speaker.
CONFERENCE ECHOES

This article is the abbreviated text of one of Mr. Park's messages at the Bible conference from his series on "Biblical Approaches to Practical Christian Living." His series of five messages and Dr. John Reed's five messages on "Running as God's Champion" are available on Cassettes for a total of $9.50 or a single Cassette tape with two messages is available for $2.50.

Bitterness—Its Symptoms, Source, and Solution
by Michael Park '55

There are areas in the Word of God that are practical and have a concern for the believers' daily lives. There are some areas that are very plain. I want to talk to you very plainly. I want to talk to you about one of those areas. As a pastor I have discovered that believers have problems and run into difficulty in trying to know what to do about these issues of life that so often cripple us must be dealt with.

Look at Ephesians 4 for a moment. This marvelous chapter is often skipped over as we go through it so quickly; we avoid the calling with which we have been called, which deals with our oneness in Jesus Christ, the necessity of the saints to one another, and the greatness of our God and all that He has done in giving us one another.

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SYMPTOMS

I want to use this, first of all, at the symptoms of bitterness then the sources of bitterness, and then the solution to bitterness.

The Scripture says, "Let all bitterness and wrath, anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice; and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other just as in Christ God also has forgiven you." Bitterness is a symptom of problems. I have discovered that there are a lot of people in the world who are bitter, who have been bitter for many reasons. I have found it in the Christian world and it is very difficult to deal with. Bitterness is a symptom of a problem.

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ALUMNI GLEANINGS

MARGARET ANN MCKINNON '43 returned to the States in May from the Philippines and is dividing her time between her home in Ohio and newer friends in Chatanooga, where her brother, Jack McKinnon, is active in Christian circles.

RonalD STRIKER, a university student, returned for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in Mentor Elementary School in the Blount Co. system in East Tennessee. Mr. Bracy, his older brother, has been stationed in the 2nd, and has another friend, the source of bitterness is basically born out of our own knowledge of these hateful people and we despise being around them, because it is not because they are just hateful, but we discover that there is a root of bitterness.

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SUMMER BIBLE PICTORIAL

Walter and Harriet Janzen's family is seated in the center with their children, left to right: Elva, John Reed '51 (left) and Sharon '56 (right) enjoying the coffee break with Gary (faculty) and Betsy Phillips (center).
CONFERENCE Review Inspiration

1936
S. D. HODGES, assistant vice-president of Third National Bank in Nashville, TN, U. S. Army, 1941-46, major, Pacific theater; Long Rifle Award in Boy Scouts of America; Board of Directors, Jr. Achievement, 1966-73; Rotary Club (29 years); Manager, Dan & Bradstreet, Inc. (retired after 50 years); member and officer in numerous educational and civic clubs; member of Woodmont Baptist Church with various office and committee responsibilities; travel to Australia, Philippines, Mexico, Panama, and Canada. Wife, Mildred; children—Carolyn (Mrs. E. W. Simpson III); Sam III; Mary Ann; and grandson Ted Simpson.

1946
JOHN M. HUMBERD, superintendent of schools in Spring Cove School District, Martinsburg, Pa.; Wife, Betty; children—David, 26; Larry, 22; Charles, 18.

1951
ROY J. CLARK, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, in Fort Wayne, Ind. Pastored Bethesda Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, for 18 years, was one of the founders and the president of the Board of the Baptist Christian School K-12 (330 students) in Cleveland; vice-president of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission; teacher and vice president of Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland; travels include three tours of Israel and Egypt. Wife, MAXINE (LYKEN) x'52; children—Jim, 23 (married); Ron, 20; David, 13.

F. EDMOND MEYNAR, missionary of Cleveland Hebrew Mission in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since 1958. Graduated of Grace Seminary, masters from Faith Seminary, 3 mos. study of modern Hebrew in Israel; organized "Friends of Israel Society of Brazil"; founded "Moses Gitlin Institute" to teach Hebrew to Brazilian pastors and laymen; teaches Hebrew. T. studies in three Brazilian seminaries in Rio area; broadcasts program called "Jacob's Well" on two Brazilian stations. Con- structing a mini-Bible conference grounds near Rio Janeiro to accommodate interested Jewish people. Wife, DORINA (BLAINE) x'53; children—Andrea, senior at Bob Jones U.; Joan, junior at Bryan; Marty, senior in Brazilian high school.


DELORES WOODY PLEASTON, missionary with Gospel Missionary Union. Spent four years in Morocco until expired in 1969; working with Arabs in Brussels, Belgium, since 1970. Husband, Dan; children—Lori, 15; Sheryl, 13; Ophelia, 12; Mary S.; 9. LOIS FRIESSLY WOOD, missionary of Conserva- tive Baptist Foreign Missionary Society since 1959; language study in France; service in Ivory Coast since 1961 with furlough every four years. Moving to capital city, Abidjan, to work in future production center as secretary. Widow with children—Lori, 15, and Greg, 13.

WILLIAM E. PORTER, senior computer software specialist for Delco Electronics Division of General Motors. Graduated from Grace College; worked for General Motors for 18 years; transferred from Mil- waukee, Wis., to Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1972. Wife, Grace; children—Mike, 18 (attending Biola); Marcy, 16; Byron, 12; Mark, 3.

MARTHA THORTON MILLER, homemaker in San Diego, Calif., for husband, Don, and children—Scott, 14; Curt, 11; Heidi, 9; and Sarah, 2. Don is conducting Bible studies, rallies, and conferences and is assisting in greater San Diego Billy Graham Crusade in August. THOMAS SACHER, home missionary with the Bible Club Movement residing at Camo Streamside, Strouds- burg, Pa. Began in 1957 with Bible Club, which had its first camp year. Wife, Joyce; children—Susan, 17 (repre- sented Penna. as "Senator" at Girls' Nation in Washing- ton, D.C., as result of selection at Penna. Girls' State); Sandra, 15; and Sharon, 14.

Outstanding Young Women
The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America Award Program has announced that the four alumni from Bryan College have been selected for inclusion in the 1976 publication. They are:

MARTHA JONES '72, missionary to Thailand.
SHEILA MERCER '72, teacher of Trenton, N. J.; currently on faculty at Tallahassee Community College.
THOMAS SACHER, home missionary in South Africa; Board of Directors, Jr. Achievement, 1978; serves as "Senator" at Girls' Nation in Washing- ton, D.C., as result of selection at Penna. Girls' State.

Roma Lantz Reel, homemaker, Coatesville, Pa. Visited Holy Land, also Rome and Switzerland, in October 1976 on 17-day tour. Husband, Robert; children—Rosanne (Mrs. David Points); Richard, 17; and Ronald 14. Grandchild, David Points, Jr., born April 1976.

LORENE VERSAW BYRD, homemaker, Denver, Colo. Husband, Ed, recently completed his 21st year with Denver Police Dept. and is now a lieutenant, for past four years has been night commander in northeast Denver. Three daughters, Lenora, 17; Vicki, 15; and Nancy, 14, all attended Silver State Baptist High School, an outreach of South Belgian Baptist Church, where the family is actively involved.

SHIRLEY (ARDELEAN) FEHL, missionary together with husband, LARRY, '57, in Nigeria, West Africa. Larry is principal of Igbeja Theological Seminary in Nigeria, where 20 graduated in June. The Fehls are currently on furlough in Westland, Mich., and will travel in U.S. and Canada to represent S.I.M. and especially Nigeria. Children—Jun, Wendy, and Cindy.

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Did you return your Alumni ballot? Have you made your Homecoming reservations?

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think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man. Then in the terms of our relationship to God, here is one of the sources of bitterness is when we reject authority outside ourselves, when we set ourselves up as authority in our own lives. Instead of being God's so-called ‘children of God’, we are often seeking approval for ourselves.

If we don't have a proper understanding of ourselves, a Biblical concept of our self image. I have found a lot of Christians are walking with very crippled self images. I went through a time of rejection with a God that was doing away with me, I felt bankrupt.

After God dealt with me on Romans 12:3. Now I can hobnob with the best of them, like I'm equal. Do not think I will be of no account. If the Spirit of the Lord is in you, the Spirit of the Lord is in me. I used to be around great preachers of the Word, men who were very capable preachers of the Word.

As Jesus Christ has forgiven us and loved us, we are to forgive and love others. That will help us to get away from bitterness and the things that we are doing. Bitterness is when we reject authority outside ourselves, when we set ourselves up as authority in our own lives. Instead of being the source of our authority, our preferences become the source of our authority.

In life if we don't have edifying love, it will often create a sense of bitterness. The Apostle Paul had love, but he had times when he lacked edifying love. In love we don't criticize; in love we don't pass judgment on others. Bitterness is when we reject authority outside ourselves, when we set ourselves up as authority in our own lives. Instead of being the source of our authority, our preferences become the source of our authority. God deliver me from people who prefer things to be their way.

To LARRY 73 and PATTY (BAKER) 75 PUCKETT a son, Christopher Browning, on June 6 at Dayton, TN, in July after completing his course at the junior college in Carthage, Illinois, and being a member of the Baptist Church there.

To ERIC 75 and JILL 75 RUBENSTEIN a son, Scott, on July 7 at New Orleans, LA, in September after completing his course at the junior college in Carthage, Illinois, and being a member of the Baptist Church there.

To BRENDA 75 and JACQUI (BRIGHT) 74 FERGUSON happily display their playdaughter Emily Janette. Brent became minister of youth and education at the First Baptist Church in Bryan, TX, after completing two years with the Admissions Office at Bryan.

To ROBERT and LOIS (RINGLER) 75 the birth of their son, Daniel R., on August 7, in Liberty, MO.

To LARRY 77 and JENNY (BARRY) 77 SCOTT a son, Jonathan, on August 15, in Jacksonville, FL, in the presence of the First Baptist Church.

To ROBERT and LOIS (RINGLER) 75 the birth of their daughter, Jennifer, on August 15, in Liberty, MO.