ALABAMA PRODUCES 1979 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Light From Shades Mountain

To Howard (Mickey) Park, Bryan College Alumnus of the Year, 1979

By Herman Shakespeare

(With Apologies to Mr. Stephen Collins Foster and Miss C. Susanna)

From Mobile, Alabama, That's the road to pay Park, Who met a King's young daughter, And their eyes began to spark. He said that they couldn't see so short, They could not see to see Until they knelled upon the ground, In the shade of that blue hickory. Hi, Old Mickey! We're honoring you today. You came from Alabama And brought sunshine our way, Or he went to Dallas To the Seminary. Next he rode to French Camp To teach at the academy there. Back once more to Bryan, As Rep. in the Alumni field: Many fruitful contacts His efforts they did yield. Hi, Old Mickey! We're honoring you today.

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In recognition of his faithful service for the Lord, his gift of leadership, his response to the call of the ministry field in a summer teaching ministry, and in appreciation for his continued interest in and support of Bryan College, the alumni executive committee selected HOWARD (MICKEY) PARK '55 of Birmingham, Ala., as the recipient of the 1979 Alumnus-of-the-Year award.

Because pastoral duties prevented Mickey from being at the Homecoming banquet on Saturday, the presentation of the award was made at the Homecoming chapel on Friday, showing his message to the student body.

Enlarging on the historical review included in the poetic tribute to Mr. Park are the facts that he earned the Th.M. degree at Dallas Seminary in 1960, taught at French Camp Academy in Mississippi from 1960-63, served one year as field representative at Bryan, and then in 1966 to 1966, where he became pastor of the only independent church in the city at that time (Pastor's predecessors have been established since then). He has taught at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, travelled in conference and camp work, served on the Alumni Board and the National Advisory Committee at Bryan, and is developing a family-centered ministry at his church with a balance of Bible teaching and evangelism. His two African trips this past summer were with Campus Crusade for Christ to minister to both national and foreign staff in Nigeria in July and to an international Bible School in Kenya in August.

To share the spiritual challenge and encouragement of Mickey's ministry, the basic thoughts of his chapel message are reproduced for you below.

Did you ever stop to think what a challenge it is to speak at Bryan's chapel? Will I be answering questions that nobody is asking? You wonder if Lincoln's line from his Gettysburg address will apply when he said, "The world will little note nor long remember what I say here..." All these considerations leave me only one alternative—to communicate a concern of my heart to you through the Word of God.

Now I am not concerned nor do I believe that the younger generation is leading us down a one-way road to destruction. If the younger generation is on the wrong road, it is because the older generation built that road.

I am not so much concerned about those issues the world is struggling with, which indicate that the ungodly world is precisely that—ungodly. BUT, I am deeply concerned over the devastating dissatisfaction I see in the lives of so many followers of Jesus Christ.

Disatisfaction rears its ugly head, and we interpret it as the Lord's will, so we change churches, we change schools, we change mates, or change our minds; but to our horror we discover that dissatisfaction all along has been the source of its dissatisfaction.

Since Scripture speaks to every issue of life we face, let's permit the Word of God to speak to that issue this morning.

John 6 records a dissatisfaction multitude. They had even been mountain climbing (v.3) just to hear the glorious words of Jesus and to see the mind-boggling miracles He was performing.

The main event occurred when He fed them all, at least 5000 of them, with just five loaves of barley bread and two fish. That was the clincher. This man ought to be king. This was really just another expression of their dissatisfaction—"We don't like things the way they are." And as they pursued the Lord, the multitude revealed the source of its dissatisfaction.

First, they were missing the point of what was really important (v.22-27). The Lord was a lot of things to the multitude, including salvation, but they were consumed with one thing and that thing was hunger. The multitude was missing the point of what's really important, and such an approach to life results in dissatisfaction.

We do the same thing. Today, the ultimate test of any truth is, How does it make me feel? That's not the most important issue. For example, today methods of communication become more important than the message communicated. It's true in music; it's true in preaching; and on and on the line. I sometimes think the life verse of communicators is, Man does not live by bread alone, but by overheard!

What is important? TRUTH. Why? Because truth sets you free. And your freedom is limited by whatever truth you cannot face.

On August 13 my wife and I left for Kenya for three weeks. That same afternoon one of the saints of our fellowship had exploratory surgery. The doctors found rampant cancer, saved him back up, and gave him two to six months to live. We didn't know his condition until we returned and when I asked how he was doing, this was the response: "He's already led about six people to the Lord just from his testimony." When I saw Steve and we prayed together, he asked God to glorify in his body whether by life or by death.

In the front line trenches of Shades Mountain Bible Church or in the Christian academic cloister of Bryan...
Class of 1954 Takes Reunion Honors at Homecoming

Also significant among members of the class of 1954 is a large number of 25th wedding anniversaries being celebrated this year.

BUD (ARMOND) and LENORA (JOHNSON) PECK '40, alumni executive secretary.

BURLINGTON TOLIVER '37 from the Philippines, who is now on a Stateside assignment with Overseas Missionary Fellowship, and NORMA SWEENEY '53, Child Evangelism director from Sao Paulo, Brazil, responded to a photographer's request for a picture with REBECCA PECK '40, alumni executive secretary.

HEELS, and Delores JOHNSON completed their 25 years on August 28 in Dallas, Texas, where she is vice president of the National Bank.

The third evidence of dissatisfaction was believing that you only believe that which you can comprehend, and if you only believe that which you can comprehend, then that limits you to your own knowledge and closes off the potential of God working in your life. It is something like the cartoon I saw. There was this preacher, I could tell he was a preacher by his dress, his manner, his way of speaking. Above him were three angels blowing long-stemmed trumpets. Obviously something prophetic was about to happen. The preacher looked up at the angels, then at his prophetic chart and said, "You're early!"

And we're dissatisfied because we have been pack-aged God's dealing in our lives so that He has enough leeway to make us recognizable but not comfortable. Limiting God in our lives causes great dissatisfaction. A fourth thing we glean from John 6:34, 35 about dissatisfaction is the misunderstanding of the implications of real commitment, "Lord, everywhere give us this bread." This really meant "We'll take breakfast at 7:00, lunch at 12 noon, and dinner at 6:30." They were a little like people who marry without understanding the meaning of real commitment.

People marry in a flash of passion to get away from parents and the pressure they exert; but all of us, if we have any sensitivity at all, soon discover than marriage is a test of your character. It doesn't make you or break you—it exposes you.

Jesus put it this way, "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things I say?"

The dissatisfaction generated—Is it sitting in these chapel seats or stalking the halls of Bryan College, or quietly seething in the secret recesses of your inner being?

"And Jesus said, I am the bread of life. He who..."
Ted x '53 and Jean Bricker visited Bryan recently. They continue to live in Huntsville, Ala., since Ted's recent retirement.

Wanda Burcham '49 has been back in India for a year rejoicing that five women from the Women's Bible School graduated and are now teaching in the church. It was expected that the new term which began on July 2. Wanda's mission board, International Missions, Inc., the successor to The Mission Institute, marks the 50th anniversary of its founding on January 1, 1980. Missionaries are praying for revival among Christians and a vision for a new outreach to multitudes of lost as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. There is concern over the resurgence of Hinduism with proposed legislation to introduce a "Freedom of Religion" bill which makes it possible to accuse conversions of being "forced."

LaRaine Kolderup '49 continues working in the Wycliffe literacy office in Mexico and assisting on the preparation of literacy materials in spite of suffering from a stopped-up Eustachian tube. The discomfort of her postnasal drip has been treated to bounce off the eardrum and echo in the head, so that all sound or noise is a great irritation. LaRaine greatly appreciates the quiet times during her recovery to enjoy meditation and fellowship with God.

Jackie (Howell Oakley) Mitchell '50 is now a nurse anesthetist and of Bryan-Janes to serve as a „sophomore and Judy to enter as a freshman. The Ashley family furlough home is in Phoenix, Arizona, where Lois and Jervis are in the process of revising the Tausug language. They will be assisted by two helpers from the Philippines, Irene Hassan and Arta Pian, both in Ph.D. work in Philippine philology.

Dr. Kenneth Campbell '56 was appointed in July to the pastorship of the United Community Church in Glendale, California. The church is the newly formed Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service. Representing both home missions and the Brethren missionary society of the Brethren Church, Dr. Campbell will be involved in an estate-planning ministry throughout churches associated with the Grace Brethren denomination.

Millie Mobsy '53 anticipates a furlough in 1980 and possibly an extended leave to care for her mother in Clearwater, Florida. She plans to visit the Sudan Interior Mission high school in Egypt, which is a boarding school for 580 Nigerian boys and girls. Each school has its own girls' school and Millie includes Bible reading and prayer in her classroom.

Eunice '52 and Lois (Cartwright) '54 Lee with their daughters, Tina and Karen, arrived in the Solomon Islands early in the summer. They are beginning to learn a new culture, learning to understand and speak the language of the missionaries who have been in Pijin for the new two years. He is making a survey to assess the extent to which Pijin is understood and used for the purpose of planning the literacy program in Pijin for the new two years. They are affiliated with the Tony Trunnell Evangelistic Association and make their home in Madisonville, Ky.

Kurt Dibble '71 is music director and assistant to Pastor Jimmy Felders at Cedar View Independent Methodist Church in Newmarket, Ohio, where Lois and Seymour continue on New Testament revision for the Tausug language. They will be assisted by two helpers from the Philippines, Irene Hassan and Arta Pian, both in Ph.D. work in Philippine philology.

Dr. Robert B. Collitt '50 has resigned the pastorate of the Heath Grace Brethren Church in Reading, Pennsylvania, to become administrator of the newly formed Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service. Representing both home missions and the Brethren missionary society of the Brethren Church, Dr. Collitt will be involved in an estate-planning ministry throughout churches associated with the Grace Brethren denomination.

In Him, Eugene H. Bengston

Dr. David Fish '66 and his wife, Gloria, with their three children now live in Bloomington, Ill., where David became junior pastor of the Oxford Evangelical Church in September. David recently completed all requirements for the Ph.D. in New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. One third of his work was done at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati where he studied rabbinic history. He was a Garrett Fellow at the Seminary for four years and taught Greek this past year. His dissertation was on the hermeneutics of C. H. Dodd.

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Bill '70 and Jenny (x'80) are anticipating graduation in May from Rochester Institute.

Larry '57 and Shirley (Ardelean) '56 FEHL visited Bryan during their recent furlough and enjoyed seeing a number of old camp-school activities with their daughter, Jan, who is a sophomore. They returned to Nigeria in September to live in Jos, where Larry has administrative responsibility for the Nigerian Interior Mission. Their daughters Wendy and Cindy returned to Nigeria on August 7 to begin their new year in high school.

William Bryan Jennings '50 is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in West Branch, Mich.

Chester Palfrey '52 is assistant principal of Rossville Junior High School in Rossville, Ga.

David '66 and Ann (Kelly) '65 LIND returned with their two children to Fortaleza Academy in Ceara, Brazil, in time for the opening of school on August 7. They had the dorm responsibility for a family of ten children—7 boys and 3 girls.

Randy and Sandy (Pogue) '86 MORREN with their three children arrived on August 13 in the country of Guatemala, "The Land of Eternal Spring." During the summer, they spent a month in Norma, Okla., where Randy assisted in the literacy course and Diane took it for profit through the University of Oklahoma. Later they spent three weeks visiting relatives and friends until on August 9 they began their journey by van through Mexico to Guatemala. The Morrens were invited in that country for two years (1964-66) with the Peace Corps and are now embarked on an intensive Spanish study to prepare themselves for five years in that country.

Robert '68 and Robin (Seaver) '68 CRANES are residing with Bob's parents in Richmond, Va., during furlough from their ministry in Fort Wayne, Ind., under the Slavic Gospel Association. Bob enrolled during the summer in a course in that Grace Theological Seminary offers for experienced missionaries.

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WEDDINGS
JUDITH ANN JENKINS ’71 and Eddie Dean Bingham on June 30 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Knob Noster, Mo.

BENJAMIN FRAKLIN KYKKER II ’78 and NANCY RUTH HODUL’77 on October 5 at Bearden Hills Presbyterian Church in Ooltewah, Tenn.

NANCY ANNE SANDERS ’78 and George O. Kitchen on August 3 in Hollywood, Fla.

TERRENCE CRAIG HARMON ’78 and SUSAN ELIZABETH QUARLES ’79 on October 6 at the First United Methodist Church in Post, Tex. Joe, Fls.

NANCY LYNNE HELTZEL ’80 and David J. Cox on September 1 at the Riverside Bible Church in Worthington, Ohio.

WESLEY HUGHES JOHNSTON ’79 and Laura Susan Schneider on August 25 at the Tyner United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

REBECCA LYNNE SHIPLEY ’80 and William Howard Coots on September 29 at the Unity Baptist Church in East Ridge, Tenn.

CHERYL LOUISE HAMILTON ’80 and Floyd E. Peters, Jr. on August 11, at the Allen Park Community Church in Jamieson, N.Y.

IN MEMORIAM
BETHEL (SMITH) SAWYER ’45, who died on July 2, 1979. Bethel had displayed faith of a rare quality during the months of her final illness. Bethel had con- tinued college work after Bryan at Olivet College, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Regis College, Greensboro, N.C. After her marriage in 1948 to the Rev. Joe Sawyer; she shared with him in pastoral ministries in Factoryville, Pa., San Antonio and Houston, Texas, and Enid, Okla. In 1970 the Sawyers returned to Indiana where Bethel accepted the position of secre- tary to the general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church and her husband became general secretary of extension and evangelism for the same organization. In the fall of 1978 she was employed in the office of The College Wesleyan Church and later by Marion College. She is survived by her husband; one son, Gary, pastor of The Wesleyan Church in Austin, Texas; two sisters, two brothers, and two grand-children.

ALUMNI GLEANINGS (Continued)
JON EISENBACK ’74 received the Ph.D. in plant pathology from North Carolina State University re- cently. He has accepted a research associate position in the plant pathology department. He and MARYLIN HAWKINS ’75 moved recently to Garner, N. C. Marilyn has “retired” Indiana teaching second grade after more than four years to concentrate on family responsi- bilities.

KIM (ALT) ’74 and Claire LUCAS have moved to Philadelphia where Kim is working at the Westminster Seminary library while her husband is a seminary student.

GLEN ’75 and SHERRY (PORTER) ’73 JORDAN live in Decatur, Ala., where Glen is working in quality control at Chamber Paper in nearby Calhoun. Last year Sherry taught third grade at Grace Baptist Schools in Decatur. They have three children—Heather (5), Brooks (3), and Whitney Lynn, born in September.

Opinions: please . . .

In a recent letter in the [name of the publication] and its continued growth and development, we invite your reaction to the questionnaire below. Please complete it and return to the ALUMNI OFFICE.

BRYAN ALUMNI OPINIONNAIRE

1. If I could have changed some thing at Bryan when I was a student, I would have . . .

2. I would like to see the following changes made at Bryan now in order to improve the college and its services: (omit if the answers are the same as for the first question):

3. Do you have an active Bryan alumni fellowship in your area?

4. If not, would you participate in a Bryan fellowship for alumni in your locale if there was an active group?

5. Would you participate as an alumni group leader?

6. If training (at a convenient time) was made available in a Bryan seminar on how to form, maintain, and direct an alumni fellowship, would you attend such a workshop?

BIRTHS
To DENNIS ’64 and LYNN WILLIAMS a son, Aaron Bruce, on July 10 in living, Texas. They have a daughter, Jenna L., born in September.

To SYLVIA (TOLIVER) ’67 and Dan MAC NEILL their first child, Gwen Elizabeth, on September 12 in Columbus, N. C.

To WILLIAM ’69 and JANINE (BROWN) ’68 SLODUM their third child, Kevin Alan, on May 8 in Coldwater, Mich. Their other children are Lori (3) and Todd (2).

To WILLIAM ’70 and KATHY (PAGE) ’70 WILSON a son, Aaron Jonathan, on September 12 in Pensacola, N. L.

To GEORGE ’71 and PATTY (WELLS) ’72 HIPPLE a son, Stephen Michael, on September 20 in Chatta- nooga, Tenn.

To PHIL ’72 and SANDY (GIBSON) ’72 LONG a son, Jebatul Daniel, on September 11 to join Aaron (3) in Alexandria, Ky.

To PAM (GARRIS) ’75 and Ricky MCDANIEL a daughter, Michele Lee, on September 18 in Lafayette, La.

To GLEN ’75 and SHERRY (PORTER) ’73 JORDAN their third child, Whitney Lynn, on September 5 in Decatur, Ala.

To JOHN ’75 and LINDA (MINTER) ’73 PETERSON a daughter, Melissa Sue, on June 25 in Bemidji, Minn. They have an older daughter, Maridith (3).

To MARK ’75 and CAROL (MCKEEM) ’75 TRAIL a son, Nathan Daniel, on September 9 in Villalda, Ga.

To DON ’75 and CAROLYN (LYNN) ’75 HICKSON their first child, Amber Dawn, on July 9 in Columbus, Ohio.

To GEORGE ’76 and JOY (WITZKY) ’77 MCLAWHON their first child, Kyle Evan, on July 14 in Duncan, Oklahoma.

To RANDY ’77 and SUSAN (MEYERINK) ’79 PAEPLOW a son, Paul Jason, born July 31 in Pahokee, Fl.

To MORRIS ’79 and CATHERINE (ROBERTSON) ’78 BARNETT their first child, Jeremiah Paul, on August 25 in Dayton, Tenn. The Barnett’s have moved to Chattanooga for Morris’ employment.

To TERRY ’73 and LILY ANN (STEWART) ’73 YODER their fifth child, Johnathan, on October 4 in Moore, S.C.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
1978-79

Nov. 22
Jenise Brown
Bryan H o l i d a y C l a s s i c 7:30
Nov. 30
BRYAN H O L I D A Y C L A S S I C 6:30, 9:30
Dec. 5
Graysburg
Bryan Holiday Classic 4:00, 6:00
Dec. 7
UWA
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Dec. 9
Tenn. Wesleyan
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Dec. 14
Christian Bros.
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Jan. 12
Milligan
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Jan. 15
Jacksonville
Bryan Holiday Classic 5:30
Jan. 17
Tenn. Wesleyan
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Jan. 19
Temple
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Jan. 23
Memphis
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Jan. 25
Christian Brothers
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Jan. 28
Lee
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Feb. 1
Milligan
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Feb. 2
Lee
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Feb. 5
Lincoln Mem.
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Feb. 7
Tenn. Temple
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:00
Feb. 9
Christian Brothers
Bryan Holiday Classic 6:00
Feb. 16
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Feb. 18
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Bryan Holiday Classic 7:00
Feb. 23
SCAC FINALS
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30
Feb. 28
T O W S T O R S T E N T A Y
Bryan Holiday Classic 7:30

MEN’S BASKETBALL
1978-79

Nov. 9-10
Olivet Nazarene
TBA
Nov. 13
Johnson Bible
8:00
Nov. 21
Graysburg
TBA
Nov. 27
Tenn. Wesleyan
7:30
Nov. 28
Phillip steward
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Dec. 1
King College
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Dec. 2
Southern Nazarene
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Dec. 7
Tenn. Wesleyan
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Dec. 11
Bethel
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Dec. 15
Miami Christian
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Jan. 1
Tenn. Wesleyan
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Jan. 24
Maryville
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Jan. 28
Covenant
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Feb. 1
King College
7:30
Feb. 5
Lee
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Feb. 7
Temple
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Alumni Earn Advanced Degrees
LOUISE DAVIS BENTLEY, honorary alumna and former fine arts and English teacher at Bryan from 1962 until 1973, was awarded the Doctor of Arts degree at the summer commencement of Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Bentley’s dissertation was entitled “Human Reflections in Robert Frost’s Dialogue Poems.” She is teaching part-time at Dyersburg State Community College, where her husband, Dr. Blair Bentley, is history professor.

Bryan graduates who recently received the Master of Arts degree from Tennessee Technological University include the following:

June 2, 1979 graduation

GARY RANDAL DEGERMAN ’77, administration, supervision, and curriculum

NANCY LEE ST. GEORGE ’73, elementary education

BUFFORD OWEN NIVEN ’68, administration, supervision, and curriculum

Aug. 18, 1979, graduation

GLENN MAXINE MOFFETT ’68, elementary education

RHONDA JEAN EVANS ’75, elementary education

CORA ANN FUGATE ’72, elementary education

Those who received the Master of Business Administra- tion degree in August are:

PAUL JAMES MCCARTHY ’78, MBA studies

CHARLES H. BASSFORD IV ’77, MBA studies