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BULLETIN





WORD AND TESTIMONY

The following is a summary of the message given by Dr. Jeremiah at the first service in the new Cedarville College chapel on May 26, 1976.

We believe the Word of God is supernatural in its origin, complete in its structure, united in its testimony, accurate in its prophecies, inerrant in its content, authoritative in its utterance, plenary in its revelation, reliable in its history, safeguarding in its warnings, and assuring in its message.

I. AUTHORITY

"For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ," our college motto, is the **authority upon which we depend**. The Word of God is referred to as the "scripture of truth" (Dan. 10:21). In contrast today, some say truth is truth only if it is expedient. An idea is true only if it works, or if it achieves the desired end. We are told man is ever in quest of certainty, but forever destined never to find it. Finalities are changed to chance and security to struggle. This is NOT the philosophy of the college. We believe the Bible to be **absolute Truth**. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (Jn.17:17). Truth is not relative, but absolute. The Bible therefore is credible, dependable, and durable. It is the same authority upon which our forefathers rested, and it is the authority upon which we depend.

II. PURPOSE

The motto states the **purpose for which we exist**. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable . . ." (2 Tim. 3:16). It is profitable for several things: for **doctrine**—to teach us what we ought to do; for **reproof**—to bring conviction when we haven't done what we ought to do; for **correction**, or restoration—to bring us back to the place where we once were to do what we ought to have done in the first place; and it is profitable for **instruction**, or discipline—to enable us to continue in the path in which we started. "All scripture is profitable . . ."

The first purpose of Cedarville College is to "undergird the student in the fundamentals of the Christian faith, and to stimulate him to evaluate knowledge in the light of scriptural truth." We believe in indoctrination. We do not hesitate to teach the Word of God with conviction because it is the "scripture of truth."

III. RESULTS

"The Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ" suggests the **results for which we labour**. To the Thessalonians Paul wrote: ". . . ye received the word of God . . . not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." God's Word **convicts**, for it is ". . . quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword . . ." (Heb. 4:12). It **converts**—"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul . . ." (Psa. 19:7). It **cleanses**—"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (Jn. 15:3). It **changes**—"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed . . ." (2Corin. 3:18). It **calms**—"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psa. 119:165). It **comforts**—"Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Paul did not say to comfort one another with these "ideas," "concepts," or "views," but with these **words**. The Word of God for which we stand gives us the basis and purpose, the goals and challenge to labor because we know it is true and therefore it works.

IV. CONVICTION

The "Word" and "Testimony" bring to mind the **conviction for which we may suffer**. In the early church there were those who ". . . received the Word of God in much affliction." John was on the isle of Patmos for ". . . the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). He was there on **account of** the word of God. Was he there to preach the Word? Was he there to receive the Word? He was exiled because of his testimony and suffered because of it. Few of us know what it means to suffer, but once in a while we get a hint of how the world feels about Christ. Several years ago Cedarville College asked a certain organization to build and finance a dormitory. We were told that when we were accredited, the college would be qualified for gifts from the C.I.T. foundation. Now a letter informs the college: "I regret to say that the Advisory Committee for the C.I.T. Accreditation awards program did not find Cedarville College eligible for an accreditation award under the program." The reason? ". . . It was noted that in your general regulations students are prohibited from engaging in certain forms of personal conduct that are quite acceptable in the American culture. I cite in particular attendance at theaters, motion pictures, dancing, and card-

playing." If we take this stand and miss the gift from C.I.T., so be it! Think for a moment what the cost would be if we took any other stand! This school would no longer exist "For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ"!

V. MESSAGE

The "Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ" suggests the **message by which we evangelize**. Acts 8:4 states that "they . . . went every where preaching the word." Another purpose of Cedarville College is to "help the student to accept his responsibility in faithful Christian service." We are to shine as lights in the world, holding forth the Word of life until the day of Christ—not by gaudy methods, religious entertainment, cooperative compromise nor shortcut programs that lead to easy-believism—but by Biblical methods going "every where preaching the Word." We believe evangelism based on the Word of God will be used and blessed of God.

VI. HOPE

The college motto reminds us also of the **hope unto which we press**. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). The Bible is the only authentic record of our past—from whence we came. It is the only explanation of our present—why we are here. It is the only unfolding of our future—where we're going. The only people in the world who can come to a time of sorrow and find comfort or come to others in the time of sorrow and bring comfort are the believers who stand for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

VII. PERSON

The Word of God also leads us to the **Person to whom we must surrender**. Jesus said of Himself that the scriptures "testify of me." Wherever you read in this wonderful Book, you will find Jesus there. In the Pentateuch He is the "end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth." In the history of the Old Testament He is the "King of Kings." In the poetry of the Bible He becomes the "theme of my song." In the epistles He is "Christ in you, the light of the world, and the hope of glory." In the Revelation He is "the coming King and the One who shall reign in righteousness." Both believer and unbeliever will bow to Him and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. We either submit to Him now in this life or in the life hereafter.

Since the "testimony of Jesus Christ" is the great theme of "the Word of God," can we say the "service of Jesus is the vocation of my life, the will of Jesus is the law of my life, the presence of Jesus is the joy of my life, and the glory of Jesus is the crown of my life"? We can answer this question in the affirmative as we stand uncompromisingly "For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ."

GRADUATION 1976

On June 5, 1976, 201 seniors shook hands with President Jeremiah, received their diplomas, turned their tassels, and became graduates of Cedarville College.

For the graduates the commencement ceremony was the culmination of years of hard work. Their college experience had meant studying, learning the truth of God's Word and His reality in their lives. It had also meant growing, sharing, searching and learning about people.

For the entire college family and their friends commencement was a time of rejoicing and giving thanks to the Lord, not only for the graduates themselves, but also for the realization of a dream—the blessing of a new chapel facility at Cedarville College.

The dream began to take form on July 1, 1975 when ground was broken for the new chapel. Since that time many people have prayed, worked and sacrificed to make the dream of a new chapel a reality.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1976, nearly 10 months later, the first service was held in the completed chapel! The entire college family gathered for this special time of praise and thanksgiving.

For the first time in the history of Cedarville College there was enough room in the chapel for all who wished to attend. The former chapel accommodated only half the student body while the new 30,850 square foot chapel seats 2,000 with room for expansion.

The color scheme in the chapel incorporates the school colors, blue and gold. On the pulpit is the emblem of the college verse, "For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ."

Being able to graduate in the new chapel facility was a special joy for the class of 1976. This class was also the largest to ever graduate from Cedarville College.

Ten special awards were given to students during commencement exercises



Rev. Jackson receives the Doctor of Divinity degree from Dr. Jeremiah.

including—James Goetz, Wall Street Journal Award and the President's Trophy; Randy Helmick, American Chemical Society Award; Kathy Howell, Music Trophy Award; Ellen West, Music Trophy Award, Louise Smelser Memorial Award, Martha Louise Brown Memorial Award; John Street, Martha Louise Brown Memorial Award, Jimmy O'Quinn Evangelism Grant; Diane Hall, Oxford University Press Scofield Bible Award and Faculty Scholarship Trophy; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wimer, Arthur Franklin Williams Award; Delmar Hager, Clifford R. Maddox Memorial Award.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah presented the degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rev. Mark E. Jackson, pastor of Walnut Ridge Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Pastor Jackson is presently chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist Bible College and

School of Theology at Clarks Summit, Pa. He is a member of the Council of 18 of the GARBC and serves as a council member of the Association of Baptists for World Missions. Pastor Jackson is well known for his Bible preaching, his stand for the faith, his ability to serve with others in the work of the Lord, and his emphasis on missions and evangelism in his pastoral ministry.

Although the chapel building is complete, it is not yet totally financed. \$400,000 has been realized in gifts and pledges toward the \$1 million chapel. Please continue to work and pray for the urgent needs of the chapel program. We trust that the Lord will use His willing servants to provide the funds as they are needed. We are thankful for those who have already helped to provide this beautiful and functional chapel building for Cedarville College.

Summer Swordbearers

The Cedarville College Swordbearers are ministering in churches throughout the Midwest and West this summer. Their three-month itinerary includes visits to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

The purpose of the eleven-member team of students is to aid the local church in its evangelistic outreach by working with and encouraging young people and their families.

Young people especially enjoy the discussion seminars led by the Swordbearers. "Is God For Real?" is designed to help young people understand who God is. Other seminars discuss questions and problems often experienced by teenagers including; "The Dating Game and How to Play It," and "Born Free—But Not Wild." Biblical concepts for dealing with self-acceptance, God's will, and the use of leisure time are also presented.



Singing, testimonies, Gospel magic, ventriloquism, chalk talks, and programs for children using puppets are also a part of the Swordbearers' total ministry.

The team also aids the local church by canvassing, going on visitation with church members, teaching Sunday School classes, preaching, and assisting with youth services and recreational activities.

Welcome New Readers

Thank you for letting us share Cedarville College with you! We are expanding the ministry and outreach of the college so that more might benefit from the teaching and activities of Cedarville as we labor for Christ.

Faculty, staff, students and friends of the college were asked to submit names of those who would be interested in learning more about Cedarville. It is a privilege to acquaint you with our work in Christian Education. We trust that our ministry will be a blessing to you.

For further information about the college, or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to write the Development Office, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

What Then Is Good?

by James Grier

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The twentieth century is an age characterized by ethical stalemate. Technocratic man is bent on the pursuit of that which most satisfies human need. Self-satisfaction is the value that has eclipsed all others and man gives his time and energy to obtain the economic wherewithal necessary to increase his pleasure and hide his pain.

Hedonism is alive and well in bicentennial America. The crudeness of hedonism's former historical manifestations have been replaced by sophisticated educational, philosophical, psychological, and theological expressions of its tenets. No boundaries are able to contain its subtle pervading appeal. Manifestations of its vitality are found in the community of the

redeemed as well as the kingdom of darkness. Christ the Creator-Redeemer is proclaimed as the giver of the highest possible pleasure to man. The church has come dangerously close to placing before the world a Christ who gives man the greatest possible pleasure, i.e. satisfaction of all his desires.

The ethical stalemate emerges at this juncture of pleasure-satisfaction as man's highest good, and the basis for what constitutes man's duty or obligation. If satisfaction is my highest value, how do I move to the statement that I ought to do that which satisfies? Man's dilemma is that the intrinsic good of his life is incompatible with his duty. Culture demands that man obey the civil and societal laws, that he love his fellow man, and that he commit himself to the happiness of others. He can not live for his own pleasure-satisfaction and still feel obligated, in a genuine way, to do for others.

The church in her preaching of Christ makes some absolute demands of obedience on those who profess to know the Saviour. Christian man can't live for the satisfaction of all of his needs and still feel any genuine obligation to obey that which is non-fulfilling and painful to him. Contemporary Christian man lives for an intrinsic value that will not cohere with a Biblical statement of his duty. A great cleavage has come between hearing the Word and doing it. The ethical stalemate of the age has penetrated the body of Christ and all of her institutional manifestations.

Christian ethics, based on God's self-revelation in Scripture, declares that man's highest good is the will of God. Jesus Christ said, "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness . . ." The Kingdom of God is nothing but the program of God for man expressed by His will as moral precept. Man's highest good is to will the will of God. The will of God is to be freely adopted as the highest good around which I organize all of my life. God has promised to act again in history by sending His Son to implement His will on earth as it is done in heaven.

What then constitutes our obligation? Can Christianity offer a coherent obligation? Our duty is to do the will of God. Sin is repudiation of his preceptive will. Righteousness is obedience to the will of the Creator-Redeemer. Our righteousness is substitutionary and not our own. Faith in Jesus Christ our substitute acquits guilt and imputes his righteousness to the believer. The Holy Spirit recreates us in new birth and gives a new heart in which is written God's law (will). By God's grace we can now will God's will freely and thus grow in practical righteousness.

Christian Theistic Ethics heals the contemporary dichotomy of value and duty. The good and the duty of every believer is united in the gracious will of God. Seek first . . . and all these other things shall be added—fulfillment, happiness, contentment. They are the product of willing God's will and not to be sought as the primary value.

Pastors' Conference

The ninth annual Cedarville College Pastors' Conference will be held September 13-16 on the Cedarville College campus. Guest speakers will be Dr.



Dr. Sugden

A new feature of the conference this year is that pastors' wives are being invited to come with their husbands. In addition to having workshops specially designed for pastors' wives, their activities will include a tour of the Air Force Museum in Dayton and a picnic in John Bryan State Park.

Dr. Sugden will be speaking on the theme "The Pastor in Today's World." His messages will include: "Priorities in a Pastor's Life," "The Power of the Parsonage," and "The Pastor's Adequacy."

Dr. Wagner will consider "The Pastor in the Study," dealing with the pastor's home life and the ways and means the pastor's wife can help in his study and mes-

Howard Sugden, pastor of South Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan; and Dr. Charles U. Wagner, president of Northwest Baptist Seminary and pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington.

sage preparation, and "The Pastor in the Field," discussing the pastor's personal evangelism as well as his regular pastoral calls.

Mrs. Sugden will discuss the priorities, responsibilities, pressures and joys of a pastor's wife during her three workshops for wives. Mrs. Wagner will also present two workshops with her husband.

Representatives from Cedarville College's faculty and administration will also speak to conference participants about the work of the college.

Dr. Jeremiah's Itinerary

August 2-7—Family Camp, Warm Lake, Idaho

8-14—Bible Conference, Billings Baptist Church, Billings, Montana

14—Cedarville College summer school commencement

23-Sept. 3—Camp Patmos

September 20—North Bethel Meeting, Fayette, Ohio

Faculty Opening

Due to the retirement of Dr. Cleveland McDonald, Cedarville College has an opening for a sociologist. Master's degree minimum. Some experience required.

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TWO COLLEGES

*A compilation of college costs at various area schools in Sunday's Dayton Daily News yields an interesting contrast. Antioch weighs in near the top at \$4,480 a year; nearby Cedarville hits rock bottom at \$1,500.**

There are some other interesting contrasts, too.

Antioch's enrollment has been dropping; Cedarville's has been rising.

Antioch's academic standards have been going down, while Cedarville's have been going up. Last year Cedarville was accredited by the North Central Association. (Antioch's standards are probably still the higher of the two.)

At Antioch they maintain an office in Washington to seek out federal grants. At Cedarville they do not seek or accept federal grants.

At Antioch they aim to help the poor. They charge \$4,480 a year. At Cedarville they are more interested in saving souls. They charge \$1,500 a year.*

At Antioch everything is under lock and key, yet robbery remains a serious problem; assault and rape are so frequent that the college schedules seminars in how to cope. At Cedarville folks trust one another and treat one another with respect; assault and rape are unheard-of.

The fundamentalist Baptists at Cedarville have a simple explanation for their success. Follow God's will, and things come out right.

For a scientific rationalist, that explanation is not very helpful. Yet one can see some differences in behavior, as well as in theology.

At Cedarville the primary currency is commitment. Teachers, administrators, alumni, members of the church work harder, expect less for themselves, give more to others because they share a common commitment.

At Antioch there may be no central motivating force. For quite a few people, however, the top candidate seems to be money. If you doubt this, listen to the screams when anyone is asked to accept less or give more.

Of course there are some things about Cedarville's Baptist fundamentalism that most of us would not want to emulate. The acceptance of anything as absolute, final authority seems to contradict a spirit of scientific inquiry. But before we enlightened liberals laugh too hard at the Bible-quoters, we might pause to consider. Their way is working. Is ours?

—KC

(Reprinted from the Yellow Springs News, April 14, 1976)

*Editor's note—This figure is an error and should be \$3,150.

WALK-A-THON RAISES \$44,000

Blistered feet, sunburn, fatigue, and a great sense of accomplishment were the results of the Cedarville College Student Body Project Walk-A-Thon held April 28, 1976. The goal of the Walk-A-Thon was to raise \$40,000 to purchase pews for the new chapel.

Over \$44,000 was raised by the 500 Cedarville College students, faculty and administrators who made the 15 mile walk from Cedarville to Springfield, Ohio.

The morning of the walk, participants gathered in the new chapel for some singing and a short message from Dr. Jeremiah. Then the crowd made an enthusiastic start toward Springfield led by the school banner bearing the words, "Cedarville College, for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ."

While walking through downtown Springfield, students had the opportunity to witness to several observers. Channel 7 TV news filmed a portion of the walk and aired it that night.

The most rewarding hour for Walk-A-Thon participants was on Wednesday, May 26, 1976 when they entered the completed chapel for the first service and saw the gold padded pews that they had worked so hard to provide. "It was a great feeling to know that I had helped purchase the pews," one student shared.

Mark Keough, Chairman of the Student Body Project gave a report at the first chapel service on the project's success. He expressed everyone's feeling of triumph that the pews were installed and paid for when he said, "Well, I guess there is not much to say except—you're sitting on them!"

The Cedarville College family would like to thank all those who contributed to the Student Body Project. Your concern for our new chapel is appreciated and was a great encouragement to those who participated in the Walk-A-Thon.



Dr. Jeremiah addresses students before the Walk-A-Thon.



Students leave campus for the 15 mile walk to Springfield.



Campus Rescue Squad chief aids a Walk-A-Thon participant en route.



First service in the completed chapel.

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE PRODUCES CABLE TV SERIES



Lee C. Turner interviews Dr. Al Monroe, Professor of Social Science, for "Cedarville College Presents."

"Cedarville College Presents"—a thirteen week series of programs over cable television. The airing of the programs over cable television is an exciting challenge for Cedarville College, extending the ministry and testimony of the college. The purpose of the programs is to meet the need in society by presenting Christ through interviews, testimonies, and messages and to communicate Cedarville College—its campus, its faculty and staff, its standards, and its goals.

The opportunity to produce and air the programs was presented to Cedarville College by Jimmy Rea Electronics Inc. of Columbus, Ohio. The firm is generously providing the equip-

ment and technicians for shooting and editing the series of programs, as well as handling the circulation of the cassettes to the cable television stations. Paul Gathany, Director of Christian Educational Publications at Cedarville College, is working closely with Jimmy Rea in producing the programs.

The first series of thirteen programs, to be aired beginning August 1, is entitled "Cedarville College Presents" and will feature the Abundant Life Singers. Each program will be composed of several musical selections; an interview with a faculty member or student of the college, conducted by Lee Turner, Director of Development; and a message by campus president James T. Jeremiah.

All music is under the co-ordination of Lyle Anderson and will be performed by the Abundant Life Singers, the Joyful Sounds Trio, the Choralaires, Lyle Anderson, and Kathy Howell. The theme song, "I Love Him Better Every Day," will begin each program.

Dr. Jeremiah's presentations will consist of a series of nine messages dealing with prophecy. His following messages will deal with the home and current trends. An effort will be made to relate to the viewers and to meet their needs.

Paul Gathany states that Cedarville College currently has twelve stations over which to air the programs. Advertising and promotion is under way now to place the programs on more stations. A brochure containing a listing of the participating stations will be published at a later date. Hopes are high that this venture will be well-received and will lead to an extension of the weekly program.

Cable television subscribers are urged to consult their local viewing guides for this program. If "Cedarville College Presents" is not on your cable system, you may want to contact the management and let them know it is available free of charge through Cedarville College.



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