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Personal Reflections

Surveying Churches, Preachers, Schools and Orphan Homes

For some years now *Where the Saints Meet* has been published. It enables people to know something of the basic doctrinal position(s) of a local congregation. While not perfect it does provide some assistance. In the preface the publishers write: "It is our prayer that this directory will provide Christians who travel or are moving with a means of contacting congregations in other areas." In the 1991 edition there are listed more than two dozen positions that help to identify the particular doctrinal stand of congregations. This information was said to have come from "those who completed and returned the

over fifteen thousand questionnaires that were distributed."

Preacher Surveys

Do you think value could come from the publication of preachers doctrinal positions? What should be the questions asked to have an idea of the position occupied by preachers? Who should send out a questionnaire to local preachers and publish what is known about what given men hold and teach? Would this be helpful to elders and congregations when looking for a preacher on the move? Do you think

preachers would fill out a questionnaire? Do you feel preachers would be honest in what they state for public consumption about their beliefs? Do you think some preachers would have a problem harmonizing their published answers with their practices? Do we hear of some preachers who are not aware of changing (or so they say) while the brotherhood and denominational bodies are well aware of their drastic changes?

College Surveys

Do you think that questions posed for publication from colleges funded by brethren might prove helpful? Do

**Should Questions Be Asked?
Should Questions Be Answered?
Would You Answer Questions?**

you think they would be honest with the questionnaire? Do you feel that the administration and faculty would admit changes from original positions occupied? Do you think some would deny changes had taken place since members of the faculty and publications from their staff and printing presses publish materials clearly denying what was once taught and believed by past administrators and faculty members?

Orphan Home Surveys

Should a questionnaire be included for orphan homes that seek funds from brethren? Do you think one set of answers would be provided by fund raisers while visiting to raise funds and a totally different set of answers would come from the speakers on special workshops under the same parties? Do you think some might be disturbed to answer questions?

Conclusion

Why would a preacher be ashamed to let all know his doctrinal convictions and actions? Why would a school administrator or faculty member not want class notes and lectures to be known by all? Is honesty a Christian virtue? Has misrepresentation of facts become an essential art for

hiding the true convictions and actions of some? Do you think the things under consideration here are worthy of personal evaluation? Should individuals and congregations have no concern for what their brethren think or believe? Should any and/or all actions done in the name of a "Christian work" be supported?



IN THE MAIL

"Just a note to say how much I appreciate and enjoy the book of sermons from this year's lectureship. We usually attend but were not able this year due to illness. Our preacher brought us "The Doctrine of Christ." We read it through nearly three times and hope there will be one again next January.



"Thanks to everyone involved. A lot of folks worked very hard.

/s/ Morris Hoover"



"May 14, 1994
 "Florida School of Preaching,
 "Thank you again for sending me your Bulletin, May the Lord continue to bless you in your good work. I enjoy hearing about the good work you continue to do, and the need gets greater.
 "May the Lord bless you all,
 "Christian Love,

"/s/ Eunice Perry"
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"May 17, 1994
 "Contribution check is enclosed. Sorry I missed the graduation, but do wish each of them well.
 "We appreciate the good work accomplished by the school.

"/s/ Mary Garrett"
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"May 13, 1994
 "Dear brother Stearsman,
 "We wanted to write and thank you for the wonderful job you did for the Graduation last Sunday night. We were so pleased that the graduation was delivered in such a dignified and honorable manner, that was so fitting for these men that have trained so hard.

"The honor and recognition bestowed on them from their fellow servants will always be such an encouragement to them throughout their life long work. . . .

"Thank you most sincerely,

/s/ Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Hudson, Sr.



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Twentieth Annual Lectureship

January 16-19, 1995

Theme: The Good News That Troubles the World

| Monday | | Tuesday | |
|------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 9:00 | Why Does the Good News Trouble the World? Freddy Bell, Lakeland, FL | 9:00 | Identifying Trouble Makers Mark Mosher, Jacksonville, FL |
| 9:45 | The Good News and Our Reward V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL | 9:45 | The Good News and the Church V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL |
| 10:45 | Good News Troubled Jerusalem Winfred Clark, Athens, AL | 10:45 | Good News Troubled Thessalonica Winfred Clark, Athens, AL |
| 11:30 | Lunch | 11:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 | Trouble in Restoration History: Part I Adron Doran, Lexington, KY | 1:30 | Trouble in Restoration History: Part II Adron Doran, Lexington, KY |
| 2:30 | The Good News Troubles the Homosexual Wade Johnson, Winter Haven, FL | 2:30 | Jesus Troubled the World Robert McAnally, Lakeland, FL |
| 3:30 | The Good News Troubles the Ignorant Chris Steele, New Port Richey, FL | 3:30 | The Good News Troubles the Indifferent Bob Winton, Sebastain, FL |
| 4:30 | Dinner | 4:30 | Dinner |
| 7:00 | The World Troubled Jonah William Howard, Daytona Beach, FL | 7:00 | The World Troubled Elijah Neil Lopez, South Ozone Park, NY |
| 7:45 | John the Baptist Troubled the World B.C. Carr, Lakeland, FL | 7:45 | The World May Infiltrate the Church: Part I Harold Redd, Memphis, TN |
| Wednesday | | Thursday | |
| 9:00 | The World Needs Peace Jimmy Clark, Athens, AL | 9:00 | We Must Not Make Peace With the World Bill Cantrell, Huntsville, AL |
| 9:45 | The Good News and Grace V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL | 9:45 | The Good News Troubles the Prejudiced Billy R. Davidson, Clearwater, FL |
| 10:45 | Good News Troubled Athens and Ephesus Winfred Clark, Athens, AL | 10:45 | Elders: Protecting the Church From the World Maurice Davis, Lakeland, FL |
| 11:30 | Lunch | 11:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 | Trouble in the Church Today: Part I J.E. Choate, Nashville, TN | 1:30 | Trouble in the Church Today: Part II J.E. Choate, Nashville, TN |
| 2:30 | The World May Infiltrate the Church: Part II Harold Redd, Memphis, TN | 2:30 | Jeremiah Distrubed the World David Watson, Orange Park, FL |
| 3:30 | The Good News Troubles the Educated Elite Bill Cantrell, Huntsville, AL | 3:30 | The Good News Troubles Some Women Charles Orr, Orlando, FL |
| 4:30 | Dinner | 4:30 | Dinner |
| 7:00 | The World Troubles the Christian David Dominessy, Ocala, FL | 7:00 | The Good News Troubles Denominationalism Larry Williams, Bradenton, FL |
| 7:45 | Paul Troubled the World Jimmy, Clark, Athens, AL | 7:45 | Confronting the World With Good News Winfred Clark, Athens, AL |

Lectureship Director—Jackie M. Stearsman (813) 683-4043

Registration Schedule

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Fall Semester Begins August 22, 1994

Date _____

Phone _____

Name _____ S.S.# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

 Check Classes Desired

| Hours | Course | Instructor | Credit |
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| Monday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 | Hebrews & Galatians 21343 Introduction to O.T 31379 | Davis Burgett | 3 3 |
| Tuesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 ___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. | Greek 21322 Church History 21341 Interpretative Readings 11263 | Stearsman Stilwell Blackman | 3 3 2½ |
| Wednesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 | Life of Paul 21362 English Grammar 11324 | Stearsman Franklin | 3 3 |
| Thursday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 | Ezekiel-Daniel 21314 Song Leading 11333 | Stearsman Davidson | 3 3 |
| Friday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 | Sermon on Mount 31380 Personal Work 11320 | Stearsman Maxwell | 3 3 |

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