



GENERAL CHAIRMEN SELECTED FOR CAMPAIGN



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Directors of the North Central Christian College Foundation are happy to announce that brethren Warren S. Jones, Ernest O. Stewart, Jr. and L. Arnold Watson have consented to serve as General Chairmen of the forthcoming campaign to raise funds for the establishment of a Christian school in the North.

Brother Warren S. Jones preaches for the Northwest Church in Detroit, where he is in his fourth year. He is a native of North Carolina, but was raised in Virginia. Brother Jones received his BA degree at David Lipscomb College in 1948 and his MA from Wayne University in 1954. He is now working toward a Doctor's degree at the latter school. He has been a gospel preacher for 13 years, having served in this capacity in Virginia, Tennessee and Indiana before coming to Detroit.

Ernest O. Stewart, Jr. is also a graduate of David Lipscomb College, where he was president of the student body. He was raised in Ohio, and has been a gospel preacher for 10 years. He worked with the church in Frankfort, Indiana, before coming to Detroit five years ago. Brother Stewart preached for the Fairview Church for four years, and during the past year has been working with the East Side Central Church.

Brother L. Arnold Watson preaches for the church on Chase Road in Dearborn, where he has been located for the past six years. He is a native of Idaho. Brother Watson graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1937 and also studied for two years at Pepperdine. He has done located work in Idaho, California and Texas before coming to Michigan.

These men are all sound gospel preachers, and, as such, are aware of the great need for Christian education today. We are thankful that they are willing to take time from busy schedules to serve in this important capacity. May each one of us work with them to speed the day when Christian education at the college level will be available to our young people in the North.

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Brother King will welcome your calls at any time.

WHY A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE?

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The need of a Christian college in any area can only be fully appreciated when the true mission of a Christian college is understood. This mission is grounded upon a foundation of durable rock that cannot be moved. That foundation is the Bible. Heaven and earth knows not a more permanent foundation for Jesus said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away!" Upon that foundation, the true Christian college rests her mission. To genuine New Testament Christians the significant value of such a mission is fully realized.

Last February, I heard brother Jack Pope, a Texas Judge, speaking upon the opportunities of a Christian college, make the following statement:

"Our mission in Christian education should therefore be clear. It is to teach the Bible, for that is the instrument through which we are commanded to go forward. In that mission, we should neither tolerate any proscriptions, nor expect any aid, however slight. Christian Colleges are our responsibility and ours alone. There is no political climate anywhere in all the world more favorable to our free and unmolested exercise of such education, and we should not become a willing arm to any plan which would open the door to official proscription of our mission. Our greatest opportunity is therefore our sole responsibility.

"Just as Christian colleges are not an instrument, directly nor indirectly of public education or the government, neither are our Christian colleges the church of Christ. Support must come from individuals and not from churches. And yet, we must encourage our young people at all times in the advancement of their Christian living and this is as true during their school years as at any other time. To pray, to sing, to study God's word, to learn about life among Christians are as necessary during school years as during years at home or years after school. When our mission is thus clearly defined and these confusing ele-

ments are removed from our thinking, we may proceed about our own business of private education."

Another excerpt of his lecture bears repeating here and warrants our sober reflection.

"The time is at hand when Christian colleges should cry out to all the world that we have, and are practicing the method for which they search. Educators and scientists will one day lead their students to the doors of Christian colleges and say to them: "We have taught you science of all kinds, the arts, economics, higher mathematics, and many other specialties, and many other specialized fields. Your education is as yet incomplete. We secular professors have gone as far as we can . . . to the doors of a Christian college. There you must learn about man's purpose on earth and of his hope for the future, the story of mankind upon this earth, how we should behave toward himself, his neighbor, and his God. It is there you will learn about truth and the Author of all nature's mysteries, about life, and death and the hereafter. We have taught you, "he will continue," about the body and the mind, but here you must learn also about the soul and spirit. Here you will learn about God, and his Son, Jesus, in whom all Knowledge is unified.

"Unless you have learned that man is made by the Creator in his own image and is the crown of God's special care; that he is the object of God's special care; that no man is fully developed without knowing his relations toward God and about God's manner of dealing with the human race, his plans, and his gospel; you are incompletely educated. Without that knowledge, your life may end in disaster. With that knowledge you are an educated young man or woman.

"Yes, we have the method and in our times, I think the world has come to know it. In a Christian college, the Bible is the core of curriculum. An education for the body and mind, without an education of the soul, is an edu-

cation for "hearts of rags and souls of chalk." The most gifted mind, denuded of the Bible, is as undeveloped as is a physically well-developed idiot. Christian colleges should afford every intellectual pursuit desired by a student, but it should be provided in the atmosphere of the Bible and of Christianity. We have the method. We are providing the curriculum."

Why I Am Sold on CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By R. S. Bell,* Dallas, Texas

To be permitted to tell others how I feel and what I think about Christian education is indeed a joy. I can think of only one thing I would enjoy more, and that would be to tell some dear friend that is lost how to be saved.

Before becoming a grocerman, I was a Certified Public Accountant, and in the years that have followed I have been unable to rid myself of that early training. I find myself demanding facts and figures, inquiring always what has been accomplished and how was it brought about. Will you please bear with me for just three facts, a half dozen figures or so, and a ratio or two.

Fact No. 1

I am informed that in the year 1906, fifty years ago, there were two churches of approximately 25 members each in the county where Abilene, Texas is located. Fifty years later, there are one or more churches in every community within 150 to 200 miles of Abilene. In the year 1906, there were approximately 50 members of the church in this county and 8,000 people, a ratio of 1 member to 160 people. Today there are over 4,000 members in the city of Abilene, a ratio of 1 to 16 people. You may well ask, "Should all the credit for this go to Abilene Christian College, or should the praise and the glory go to God and his church?" To God and the church, by all means, but dare anyone deny that great has been the fruit of those who received a Christian education from this college.

What is the ratio in your city? Is it 1 in 16, or 1 in 60? In Dallas, as near as I can determine, the ratio is about 1 in 60, and much of this has been accomplished through the labors of former students of A. C. C. Dr. Jones, an elderly member of the church at Preston Road who came to Dallas shortly after the turn of the century, told me that when he came to Dallas the ratio was 1 member of the church to each 170 people. Today it is 1 in 60. In Abilene, the ratio is 1 in 16, four times better than in Dallas. Why? To me, these are facts and figures that have meaning. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Fact No. 2

How many of those that are baptized into Christ where you live remain faithful? I can't answer that question with any degree of accuracy, and I doubt if many of you can. But as an estimate, as a guess, what will you say? 30%? 40%? 50%? 60%?

There are some 20,000 ex-students of Abilene Christian College, and of this number over 90% are today faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. To me, these facts and figures have meaning. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Fact No. 3—Marriage and Divorce

You have heard much in times past about campus marriages, and sometimes that which you have heard has been in a sarcastic vein. May I raise this question? What greater contribution can a Christian school make to the cause of Christ than to give to a Christian boy and a Christian girl the opportunity to meet — to fall in love — to marry and to create a Christian home? Do you know of any evil more dangerous to our American way of life than the evil of divorce? HEAR ME! In over 4,000 marriages — marriages where boy met girl on the campus of Abilene Christian College — less than 1/2 of 1% have resulted in divorce. Over 4,000 marriages and less than 20 divorces, these facts and figures have meaning for me. And again I say, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

But enough of facts and figures.

WHAT IS EDUCATION?

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A number of years ago, I was asked to make a talk before a Parent-Teachers Association on the subject of education. As a first step in preparing for that talk, I looked up the meaning of the word in the dictionary. Much to my surprise, I learned that education is not solely a matter of what we know, but what we are. Let me give you a few definitions:

Mr. Webster sums it up in this language:

"THE PROCESS OR MANNER OF TRAINING YOUTH FOR THEIR STATION IN LIFE."

But what is the station in life to which we desire our children to aspire? Is it not a station of service and discipleship in Christ Jesus?

Another has defined education in this language:

"TO PREPARE US FOR COMPLETE LIVING, IS THE FUNCTION WHICH EDUCATION HAS TO DISCHARGE." (Herbert Spencer).

But what is complete living? What is a complete life? Can any life be complete that is not Christian? Can any be complete outside of Christ?

Our state educational institutions and many others, in addition to providing academic knowledge, teach and encourage good citizenship and good morals. But this alone is not enough. There must be taught the reason for good citizenship and good morals, and that reason is "the Father — the Son and the Holy Spirit." Any educational institution that fails to instill in its students an abiding faith in these three has, in my humble judgment, failed in the realm of complete education. Certainly, it cannot be called Christian education.

I would ask you a question, and I beg of you to ask of every Christian father and every Christian mother at every opportunity the same question that I now ask of you:

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT YOUR BOY OR YOUR GIRL TO BE MORE THAN ANYTHING IN ALL THE WORLD?

If you can say "a Christian," if you truly want your son or your daughter to be a faithful and abiding child of God, then I beseech you to give him a Christ-

ian education, for in all probability, he'll be what he is taught to be.

Once upon a time, I knew a pure and innocent Christian girl. She was just entering high school in a large city. She had looked forward to this event with great anticipation and joy, as all young people do. Here was a milestone in her life; here she would be treated as a grown-up; here she would make new friends; here she would meet men, and not boys, and perhaps fall in love. For her it was the great adventure.

But before the end of her first year, disillusionment had set in. The other girls and boys did things that she had been taught were wrong to do. They went to places that she had been taught were wrong to frequent. They wanted her to go with them, and when she refused on the grounds that it was wrong, they laughed and sneered at her. She had begun to be very unhappy, but she reasoned within herself that this was the first year and that they were young; they hadn't had the opportunity to grow up as she had, and that surely next year — her junior year — would be different.

She counted on that and planned on that all through the summer, but her junior year was different only in that it was worse. She had heard preachers and Bible school teachers all her life talk about God's people being a peculiar people, but it hadn't registered. It was registering now. She was a peculiar girl, different from almost all the rest — laughed at, sneered at, and made fun of on every hand. Boys didn't ask her for dates after the first and second time. Life to her was becoming almost unbearable. It took nothing but pure courage to go back for that last senior year, and it was a year of torture.

What would college be? Would it be the same thing to go over again? Could she endure it? She enrolled the following September in Abilene Christian College.

After she had been on the campus for one month, she came home. Her father, hesitatingly and fearfully, asked her how she liked it, and her answer was: "Dad, it's as near heaven as you can find on this earth. Why, I am no longer a misfit. I fit in. I am no longer a square peg in a round hole, and nobody calls me 'a square' out there. They are just like I am. They have the same ideals and the same problems and the same aims in life that you and mother have taught me to have, and I can hardly wait until I get back. I just came home to say 'hello' to you and mother, to tell you how happy I am, and how glad I am you talked me into going to a Christian college."

That young lady graduated from that school, and hers was one of the campus marriages that I referred to a moment ago. They have a Christian home of their own now, and they are faithful and zealous workers in the Lord's church.

This young lady had a younger sister, and her history parallels that of the older sister almost identically. She too came to this school, spent four years, met boy, married same, and they too are faithful workers in the Lord's church.

My friends, these two case histories are the case histories of my own daughters. Believe me, these facts have meaning for me. —

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