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College of the Scriptures

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Transitioning!

At 2:00 P. M. Wednesday November 7 College of the Scriptures became a lessee and not the owner of the property it occupied since 1958.

Norfolk Southern Railroad became the owner of the campus. COS signed a one year lease for a dollar giving us the right to remain on the campus until September 30, 2008.

During this year we must find a new location and move our offices, library and class room space. This will be a major challenge but with the Lord's help we will accomplish it.

Pray for our faculty, staff and students and alumni as we go through this transition process.

Scripture meant in their lives brought tears to our eyes.

Even though this was the final evening together on the campus for the Wide World Rally it was not a sad time. Everyone looked forward to next year's Wide World Rally in a location yet to be revealed by the Lord.

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Mission Statement

"College of the Scriptures seeks to equip leaders for the New Testament Church in general, and specifically the black community so that they may share in the gospel and fulfill the commission Christ gave us."

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Wide World Rally!

November 1-2 was the final Rally on our campus. There were strong emotions: tears, laughter, joy and memories.

Many of those in attendance had life changing experiences in the Samuel Buckner Chapel 9(the first building on the campus) such as baptisms and weddings.

Anecdotal stories could be heard as alumni walked through the Buckner Building. "I used to sit in this class room." "We said our marriage vows in front of the baptistry." "I could spend hours reading through these books."

Richard McCain and Fred Mitchell each spoke on different evenings to a rapt audience. Sam Winger alternately sang, spoke and preached bringing laughter to the lips of everyone as only he can do.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship dinner on Friday evening. While not as large as some in the past the crowd was very appreciative as well as emotional. Testimonies, special songs, personal anecdotes about what College of the

Trustees Act!

Necessity is the mother of invention. Necessity is staring us in the face. It is in the form of a railroad and their taking our property for an inter-modal. The result? The Lord has challenged our men to act and they have done so wonderfully.

In April the trustees held a retreat at the Spalding Conference Center near Bardstown, KY led by Dr. Tom Mobley. We met for two days of prayer, Bible study and discussion.

Out of this came some clear goals toward which COS is working which are:

1. Continuing to train people for Ministry.
2. We want to put the College of the Scriptures in the best position possible to move forward.

Spring Semester

Registration, Second Semester , December 10-21
Instruction Begins 8 A.M. January 7, 2008
Martin Luther King Birthday January 21
Last Day for Incomplete Work, Semester I
February 11
Last Day to Change Class Schedule
February 18
Black History Week February 5-9
First Exam Period March 3-7
Good Friday March 21
Easter "He Lives" March 23
Spring Break April 4-11
Instruction Resumes April 14
Second Semester Ends May 9
**Final Exam Period May 12-16
Meeting of Incorporators May 16
Meeting of Board of Trustees May 17
Last Day for Incomplete Work for II Semester
July 11
** Seniors may take finals one week early.

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Closing A Reality!

November 8, 2007 was a red letter day, yet anticlimactic.

Two o'clock that afternoon the Norfolk Southern Railroad was to make a wire transfer of funds for the purchase of the campus of College of the Scriptures. Mr. Murphy showed up for the festivities (you've heard of Mr. Murphy of the famous Murphy's Laws I know) and the transfer did not take place until the following day. But what's twenty-four hours in the grand scheme of things?

We are now renters of our campus of almost fifty years. Basically we are homeless. Well, not quite. Our father has a home for us he just has not let us know the address yet.

We have two committees who are now functioning to help cure the situation: One is the finance committee, headed by Richard McCain of Cleveland, OH, whose responsibility is to handle the sale funds; the second, headed by Clint Jackson of Gary, IN, is the property committee whose job it is to find us a new home.

The target date for finding a home is January, 2008. The target date for moving is June of 2008.

Please pray for these two committees and their chairs, Richard and Clint, as take on this monumental task.

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Purpose of the Church

"Seeker friendly" some say.

"Provide for my needs" another says.

"Have a great youth program", says still another.

But these are all half-truths. The purpose of the church is to make disciples and immersing them into the "name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt.28:19-20)

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Trustee Goes to Be With His Lord!

JOHN McKinney of Sturgis, KY was killed in a plane crash near Owensboro, KY on his return from a trip to Alabama.

John was the most recent board member at College of the Scriptures. He came to us with great qualifications: attorney, agriculturalist, former missionary 9ten years as an agricultural missionary in Haiti), and commercial pilot.

His contributions to the direction of the college were invaluable. He leaves behind two teen-age children who are in High School as well as his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry McKenna of Sturgis, KY plus two sisters and a brother.

We will miss you John. Your advice and counsel will be deeply missed.

A trust fund has been set up for his children. If you would like to contribute to it in his memory please send any donation to:

McKenney Children Trust Fund
% Dr. Jerry McKenney
145 McKenney Lane
Sturgis, KY 42459-7176

Special Book Offer!

Books are our best friends. They are always with us silently awaiting our attention. Their thoughts, wisdom and entertainment silently take us where they would. We travel time and space; enter the sanctuaries of the great and the hovels of the poor; share the adventures of explorers, warriors and revolutionaries all without leaving our chair, bed, office, car or plane.

Often one can tell when another has ceased learning by looking at the date of the last book they purchased. Reading and exploring through books is essential to continuing education.

Books provide us wisdom and insight that are the culmination of the thoughts of greater minds that have fought our battles for us long before we were conceived. I am always looking for good books. Recently I rediscovered a valuable old friend reprinted for a new generation. Now I am offering him to you for a small gift to College of the Scriptures.

Dr. H. C. Thiessen's book on New Testament Introduction was a text I used at Ozark Bible College (Now Christian College) and which I have used yearly since. It was reprinted in 2002. I have bought a number of them. Now I offer it to you if you will send College of the Scriptures a gift of \$25.00 or more.

Please mark on your check or in your letter "Book offer."

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"Moral Outrage"

Freedom is rooted in the right to freely speak and write. That idea is succinctly expressed in the **First Amendment** of our **Bill of Rights** which says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

This small paragraph is a bloody battlefield on which our citizens do battle in the courts, libraries and public forums of our land. It

is one of the things we Christians, especially preachers, take for granted. It is what has largely allowed us to have a peaceful atmosphere in which to proclaim the gospel of Christ. But there are dark clouds on the horizon which bode heavy weather for us if we are not careful and prudent.

Whenever totalitarians arise one of the first things they do is to attempt to shut down freedom of speech.

Let me assert here: "**Everyone has the right to freedom of speech**" This includes the ignorant, stupid, intolerant, bigoted, offensive and even obscene." The way to handle such people is NOT to silence them but to allow them full freedom to make fools of themselves. John Stuart Mill once wrote,

"If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, and only one person were of a contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

Why do I write this? Because there are people afoot in our land claiming that certain issues and ideas are so important that "calm, dispassionate analysis is a waste of time. They ask 'Why tolerate ideas that are so obviously wrong?'"¹

Whether on the right or left politically or religiously all must have an equal right to speak or we will not long remain free to speak at all. Much of this attack comes under the guise of protecting group rights: homosexual, feminist, and racial. But when the sanctity of a group or their ideals are deemed so significant that they preclude discussion or even opposition then they have gone too far.

There are those who yearly attempt to censor books from libraries and school in order to protect us. They forget that the real protection comes not from silencing those we dislike or disagree with but in remembering the words of President Woodrow Wilson, who said,

"...if a man is a fool the best thing to do is to advertise the fact by letting him speak . .

¹ David G. Burns and B. Bruce Wagener. A Process Approach to Public Speaking. Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. 1994. 356.

. the secret is out and the world knows that he is a fool.”²

Moving!

I spent twenty-four years in the U. S. Army. One of the things I learned from that experience was the role of planning. We read of great battles fought; great generals who led these battles. What we don't read about are the unsung heroes of the logistics corps—in the Army these people are known as “S-1” They are responsible for seeing that the commander and troops have all that they need to fight with when they get to the battle field. In fact, the army would never even reach the battle field without the S-1 who calculates the number of troops needed, what kinds, the transport they will use, the fuel, food, ammunition, weapons of various types, medical people and supplies—even calculating the estimated number of body bags needed to return the dead from the battle field.

Why do I tell you of the S-1? It is because we are facing the problem any S-1 faces in the military when confronted with a major operation. We are in the early stages of planning a major move. What does this mean for us?

First, we must locate and secure a new home. Already Clint Jackson and his committee are working on this. He and Keith McCain have looked at thirteen properties here in Louisville. Their target is to locate and secure a new home for College of the Scriptures by January, 2008.

Second, once securing a new location we must pack up and move. Sounds simple doesn't it? Let me review with you some of the challenges we face.

1. We must box up 20,000 volumes of books in an orderly manner so that we can un-box them and put them on the shelf.
2. We must then move all the shelving that holds the library and set it up in its new location.
3. We must dis-assemble, move and re-assemble our computer laboratory.
4. Sifting through sixty years of records, files and office furniture in preparation for moving what we need to and

re-assembling it in its new home will be a challenge.

In order to accomplish all of this we will need help—lots of it. Some things we will have to rent or lease—such as trucks or trailers—for the actual move.

So this means we need YOUR help.

Can you volunteer to help:

1. Box up books.
2. Work on computers.
3. Physically help us move when the time comes?

So, the bottom line is we need volunteer groups to come and help us prepare to move then move. We will provide the work of the S-1 in planning but we need workers. If this is something you can help with please contact:

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Online Courses A Coming Reality!

Technology is driving massive changes in the way we learn and do business. That is no less true for Christian education. All one must do is to peruse the Christian education and book catalogs to see how much of the holdings of traditional libraries are now available electronically. In fact, many of our schools have gone so far as to eliminate human interaction in the registration for school—which is a negative. Even the north American Christian Convention charges a penalty for using a printer and pen to register.

College of the Scriptures is launching out into this turbulent sea as well. We have signed a contract with Scholar 360, an online course company. They provide the technology and we will provide the scholarship in developing course. The yearly cost at present is \$2500.00 to begin working with them.

Clint Gill has agreed to begin developing a course for us. As we get deeper into the process others will come on board to do the same.

We will keep you posted on this as it develops.

² Burns and Wagener, 356.

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Did You Know? The Indianapolis Recorder
founded in 1895 by George P. Stewart grew
from a small advertising publication called the
Directory to become a champion of equality.