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Dr. Clyde Taylor at Commencement

Dr. Clyde Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals will address the graduating seniors at Commencement, Monday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Taylor, as Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, has traveled in every area of the world and knows the political and religious situation as few people know them. Dr. Taylor is also a member of the Governing Board of Fort Wayne Bible College.

Dr. Taylor says that he will try to present some challenge to the seniors regarding the possibilities of serving Christ in every level of society.

Seminar Scheduled

The Seminar on the Improvement of Instruction will again be held at the Bible College this year. It will be held June 19-23. The Seminar is sponsored jointly by the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges and Fort Wayne Bible College.

Speakers include: Professor Clarence Huffman, of Marion College, Dr. C.R. Maddox of Cedarville College, Dr. Robert J. Hughes, III of Kansas City Bible College, Dr. Milo Rediger of Taylor University, Professor Don Kenyon of Nyack Missionary College, Dr. S.A. Witmer, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and Dr. Herbert W. Byrne, our Dean of Education.

Morning hours will be devoted to problems of teaching general science, general psychology and Bible survey. Afternoon sessions will provide opportunities for study of curriculum construction in general education and Christian ministries. Evening hours will be spent in discussion of the philosophical bases of curriculum construction, fellowship and relaxation.

For reservations or more information write: Dr. Herbert W. Byrne, Dean, Fort Wayne Bible College, 800 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Timothy Warner to Give Baccalaureate Address

The Rev. Timothy Warner, Instructor in Missions, will deliver the Baccalaureate message to the senior class on Sunday, May 28, at 3 p.m. in Founders Memorial Auditorium. “I hope to emphasize the products rather than the by-products of the indwelling Christ,” he says.

Rev. Warner is encouraged by the missionary interest of the graduating seniors. He says that 25 have exhibited an interest in missionary service, 22 are missions majors and 18 indicate a definite call to missions. This means that 34 per cent of the graduates feel a definite call into missionary work.

Five of these have been in touch with the missions boards and one has been accepted as a candidate. In addition, three have already served on mission fields.

When Rev. Warner addresses the seniors he hopes to explain the difference between products and by-products of the indwelling Christ. For instance, “It is not power we must seek, but purity, without which power is impossible.” He decries the materialism of the day which tends to make us emphasize the peripheral things rather than the things which produce genuine spirituality.

A man may be well trained and have a very smooth running service without the warmth created by the presence of the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Spirit’s witness in his preaching. In an effort to instill the latter in our graduating seniors, Rev. Warner will speak boldly and forcefully from the Word of God.
**Commencement Days**

Commencement Days are here again. Within a few days, sixty young people will go forth from the halls of Fort Wayne Bible College to find their way into other places of opportunity and service. We wish for these splendid young people the rich blessing of God and the most fruitful ministry wherever they serve their Lord and Master.

I would remind our seniors of William Carey's immortal challenge, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." The potential for accomplishment in the lives of sixty young people who have great faith and dedication is almost measureless. It is our hope that FWBC has challenged the best in these lives, and that they will face their day and generation boldly and courageously in the power of the Spirit of God.

No senior class has faced more problems in the world they go forth to serve. Spiritual decline, political unrest, increased wickedness, and Satanic influence all combine to present a formidable front. The mighty forces of Communism and nationalism stalk every continent. Hate and distrust charge the atmosphere everywhere. These are the end-time days, days which try men's souls and disturb their minds. It is a day when men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is happening and what will happen in the world. Men live on the brink of the abyss and know it.

This world of problems and pain needs the ministering hand and the healing touch of the servant of God. We are anticipating that our seniors will be going into all the world as always to preach the Gospel and to bring the salvation of Christ to the lost. This is the high hour for bold witnessing and sacrificial serving.

There is an oft-quoted word from the prophet Zechariah (4:6) which I wish to bequeath to our seniors for their very own in the face of their going forth, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." The great job belonging to the church of Jesus Christ will not be accomplished by the might of great armies or by the power of men, but only by God's Spirit. Your lives and your training must be anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit if you are to meet the challenge and win the day in the warfare for Christ. We covet this for you, our seniors, above and beyond everything else.
In the 56 years that Fort Wayne Bible College has served the cause of Christ, one of its prime goals has been: “Training For Service and Service In Training.” Practical experience in various phases of Christian work is an integral part of the student’s educational program.

This year, under the guidance of Miss Joy Gerig, Director of Christian Service, students go out every week into 59 churches representing 17 denominations. In addition, there are seven gospel teams going into various churches, six missionaries are on deputation, 12 are child evangelism teachers, services are held in two missions and in the Allen County Jail and a group teaches Sunday school among the mentally retarded at Fort Wayne State School.

The results of the work of these dedicated young people will only be known in eternity. One student led a man to the Lord in jail and as a result was able to reach his wife and two children for Christ. They are now in a Gospel preaching church where other Bible College Students are ministering.

One pastor has been teaching a child evangelism class has seen her group grow from 14 to 44 children in the past year and a number have been saved.

One of our senior men has been working as a youth director in a large church where the young people had not been exposed to the simple gospel of Christ. Now the group is growing, young people are being converted and the pastor is preaching a more powerful message of salvation through Christ.

One pastor writes of a couple in Children’s work: “Her work with Children’s church has gained exceptional response from the community and the folks here in the church. She is training several of the folks here to take over when they leave. She is the first person in any church that I have pastored that ever made plans for their being absent. We are even praying that the church might be able to employ them after school for Christian Education Director.”

Another pastor, speaking of a young people’s advisor, says he is “dedicated and has a genuine interest in youth work.”

Writing of a music director, another pastor says, “We feel so fortunate to have such a fine young man...as our Minister of Music. There is more cooperation in our choir now that there has been for some time.”

Christian service assignments include Sunday school workers, children’s church directors, youth directors, music directors, choir members, pianists, organists, club workers, gospel team members, student pastors, assistant pastors, mission speakers, counselors, personal workers, tract distributors and jail workers.

The Christian Service Department is trying “to aid the student to gain a working knowledge of, and experience in the chosen organ of Christ for this age, the Church.”

Practical Christian service assignments provide a link between classroom theory and actual field practice. Students are challenged to see the lostness of men outside of Christ. They realize the privilege of service, of being “all things to all men that they might by all means save some.”

Christian service is not designed to compete with classroom study but to complete it.

As James M. Hatch of Columbia Bible College states, “In the classroom...the driving spirit that initiates, directs, and sustains its whole operation should be the Christian service of the student now and in his future life.”

Supervised Christian service provides a motivation for learning. It provides an integrating factor for all learning toward practical ends. It makes education vital rather than being a body of rote facts far removed from life.

The value of Christian service in the lives of our young people is beyond measure. It is the fond hope of the Bible College that it will finally help to develop the complete personality of every student, helping him to mature “in every way and in all things into Him, who is the Head, even Christ!”
Conference Approves BC

The Indiana Conference of Higher Education approved F.W.B.C. for membership at an executive committee meeting in Indianapolis on April 6. This conference is now composed of the 34 major colleges and universities in the state.

The purpose for organizing the conference was to create a forum in which the problems facing higher education in Indiana could be studied jointly by representatives of both state-supported and private institutions.

The conference notes three distinct pressures bearing on colleges today: the demand for more educated young people with special talents; the rapid increase in the number of 18 year-olds for each of the next 15 years; and a shift in the nature of work and in the role of the citizen in an age of rapidly changing technology.

Indiana college enrollment more than doubled between 1930 and 1950. It will probably double again by 1970. Fort Wayne Bible College has a 10-year plan designed to do its share in meeting the needs of these young men and women. But to double enrollment there will have to be large increases in instructional and general administrative costs as well as in building expenditures. The Bible College library is the first of six buildings to be erected as part of a $3 million expansion program.

Seniors Practice Teaching

Eight Bible College seniors are assigned to Fort Wayne area schools for their practice teaching this semester. The program is coordinated by Miss Gladys Schumacher, Assistant Professor of Education. Each education major completes a period of practice teaching before being granted a degree and a license to teach in Indiana.

Student teachers this semester include Georgia Black of Woodburn, Iowa teaching third grade, Gretchen Gallagher of Fort Wayne teaching junior high school music and history, Crystal Hafer of Allen, Michigan teaching fourth grade, Dorothy Johri of Cleveland, Ohio teaching first grade, Ronald Krause of Flint, Michigan teaching sixth grade, Earl Messick of Harrison, Ohio teaching sixth grade, Elaine Neiman of Altoona, Pennsylvania teaching junior high school vocal music and English, and Charles Williams of Fort Wayne teaching English and speech.

Miss Schumacher says, "Because of the great need for teachers in public and Christian day schools at home and abroad, I felt called to Fort Wayne Bible College to help in any way I can in training Christians to become dedicated teachers for whom the profession is not just a job, but a God-given mission."

Summer Tour Set

A two-month long summer tour is being arranged for the Grace Notes, a team of sophomore girls with Miss Joy Gergat, Director of Christian Service as its leader. The girls in the team are Elaine Armstrong of Hamilton, Ohio, Marilyn Dissinger of Auburn, Indiana, and Mary Esther Lupton of Dodge City, Kansas.

One pastor who had this team in his church wrote, "I feel this is one of the finest groups I have seen come from the school....Conduct was tops!" Another wrote, "The families where they stayed expressed to me the blessing the girls were in their homes, especially to their young people."

The summer tour will take the group throughout Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Michigan and Ohio. It will start on June 14 and continue through the middle of August.

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