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John 12:46 "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."
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“One Nation Under Whatever?”

James Wickett

Philip Johnson spoke at the University of Oklahoma Law School on Thursday, April 15th. The topic was “One nation under whatever?”

At the lecture, he argued heavily that evolution is more philosophy than science, and that schools should “Teach the Controversy.” He discussed the importance of looking at science without a priori naturalistic philosophy. During his talk, he discussed the importance of teaching students the difference between observable, testable science and philosophy.

Phillip Johnson explained that he wrote a two-sentence amendment for Senator Rick Santorum. This is commonly referred to as the Santorum Amendment. It states, “(1) good science education should prepare students to distinguish the data or testable theories of science from philosophical or religious claims that are made in the name of science; (2) where biological evolution is taught, the curriculum should help students to understand why this subject generates so much continuing controversy, and should prepare the students to be informed participants in public discussions regarding the subject.”

Who is Philip Johnson?
He is one of the founders of the Intelligent Design movement.
(For more information on Intelligent Design check out these sites: www.ouidea.com and www.arn.org.)



Phillip Johnson did not address the issues about Evolution or Intelligent Design during his lecture but received many questions about these issues in the question and answer period. Several faculty and staff from the University of Oklahoma were present and asked many emotionally charged questions.

One question was particularly important to the discussion. A professor of evolutionary biology asked a question about the lecture and made a reference to the people of the Middle-Ages believing in a flat earth. This was shocking because it is well known in educated circles that people in the Middle-Ages knew that the earth was round. The Flat Earth argument is a farce that was created by two historians of science. Phillip Johnson was a little shocked that an academic still believed such a statement to be true. Hopefully, this is not to the discredit of the educational staff at the University of Oklahoma. Johnson then reemphasized *Continued pg. 5*

Jesus Week Missed the Boat!

Ricky Thomas

Jesus Week missed the boat! It is unbelievable how many students are interested in evangelism and sharing their faith. “Have they not heard of separation of Church and State? Don’t they know that faith is a private matter? They can practice their faith freely within the four walls of their church buildings.”, many would say. I find it strange how each year Jesus Week seems to stir up the onslaught of ‘opinions’ about how faith in Christ should be practiced from people who do not know Jesus personally. Before I came to know Christ, I would’ve shared some of their opinions. The group of organizers that came together this year was different from any others that I have seen in past years. They were in agreement and they fasted and prayed constantly. They certainly missed the boat. The boat of complacency traveling mainstream-lukewarm, watered down Christianity was not meant for followers of Christ.



I believe Jesus Week was as much for those who follow Christ as for those who do not. Purpose, passion, and prayer should be the pursuit of us all. Oh yes, Jesus was considered to be an extreme radical as well, because He took the gospel of the love of God to the streets. This is good news that sets the captives free. *Continued pg. 7*

Max Barnett to Retire from the BSU

Ricky Thomas & Holly Kimbrough

Max Barnett has been the Director of the BSU since January 1967. For the past 37 years, he has grown the ministry here into one of world influence. Thousands of men and women who have come to OU have been directly and indirectly influenced by this man of single passion and vision for the Lord.



Max & Sandra Barnett

He is simply obeying what God has told him to do and doesn’t think it is any more special than you or I doing the same.

On June 1st, he will be handing over the reigns to John Kelsey, OU BSU alum and associate director for the past five years.

Max will be honored in a major retirement celebration on the weekend of June 26th at the Oklahoma Memorial Ballroom on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. His life is truly one that can say, “Follow my example as I follow the ex-

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Editor's choice Websites

Do you have a desire to know more about God, grow in your relationship with Christ, or learn more about what Christians believe? The Bible is the primary source to turn to. Here are some favorite internet links of mine that may help in your personal studies. I may not agree with the full content of the web-sites, but they have some awesome free resources that I believe would benefit everyone. I know that you will be amazed by the content of www.christiananswers.com which has more resources than I could ever list and they include a lot of videos on-line.

www.icr.org, www.ou.edu/css, and www.drdino.com include a lot of evolution and creation research.

www.biblegateway.com is a searchable Bible on-line with a concordance and many translations available.

www.crossministry.org is a ministry that reaches out to those struggling with temptations of homosexuality.

www.cbn.com www.agapepress.org www.worthynews.com are Christian Perspective world news web-sites.

www.worshipguitarclass.com www.waterdeep.com great guitar music.

www.livingwaters.com includes Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort, ministry stuff, videos, and audio links.

www.wallbuilders.com, www.reclaimamerica.org, and www.presidentialprayerteam.org has some great stuff about America's Godly heritage.

www.higherpraise.com has early church writings for free on-line. You can get a free CD with church reformers writings at this ministry's website: www.FreeBibleSoftware.com or by calling 1-866-66-BIBLE.

www.ou.edu/beaconou has all of the past editions of the BeaconOU on-line, information about future events, and web links to other campus ministries. May Truth Increase!!!

Letters to the Editor



Okay, if you haven't been to our web-site, you need to check it out. It has a ton of resources to campus ministries and more information about us, www.ou.edu/beaconou. All of the past issues of the BeaconOU are there plus some information about future events we plan to have on campus. We have just added our new link on the web-site to a comparison of plagiarisms within the Book of Mormon taken directly from the King James Version of the Bible. We have recruited some world news providers, Agapepress and Worthy news, which we are using for the first time in this edition. Send us your letters. We invite the good and the bad comments. We love to hear from our readers. Remember, all letters to the Editor may be reprinted in a latter editon of the BeaconOU unless specific request is made by the sender not to publish their letter. If you believe there are contradictions in the Bible or have questions about it, send them to us. We will try to provide some answers. Let your opinion be heard. We are currently looking for people to help with funding, writing, distribution, web-site design and advertising. We get an information table in the Union twice a week. If you would like to speak with someone personally, we are there or send your letters to beaconou@ou.edu
Ricky Thomas, Editor.

Here is a summary of all of the letters received. Everyone asks about the lawsuit. Well, the University has recently settled with us. James and I have no regrets in filing a lawsuit. From the two who sent letters that said suing is unscriptural, I have still received no response with scripture to back up their defense. There will be some policies changed, the BeaconOU has received \$1000, and \$1500 for

attorney fees. This should greatly benefit student organizations in the future. I would encourage all organizations to apply for funding through the UOSA. This fund is made up of part of the student activity fee, which is not a government fund, but is taken directly from the students, placed into a special account and distributed to student organizations by a student committee. Apply each year. If your organization needs more, apply during the appeals process of the Spring semester or to an emergency committee. If you receive some ridiculous amount due to a bias opinion of discrimination, contact the President's action line at 325-1212. If there is still no resolve, then get some legal advice. Alliance Defense Fund handled our case and they did a great job.

I am not good with lengthy goodbyes. It has been a joy to serve you and I know those who come to take over will do even better than I have. I will graduate this May and then I am headed to Law School. I leave you with quotes to remember me by: Exiting Editor: Ricky Thomas quotes.

"Victory is sweet....and sweat."

"I'm a crazy man with a crazy plan, but it just may work."

"When in doubt, get the Word out."

"When in doubt, think of the words of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. There weren't any."

"Never doubt the answers to your prayers."

"Never pray a prayer that would surprise you if it was answered."

"If you don't speak up today, you will be silenced tomorrow."

"Hi, do you like to write?"

"Do you have any articles for the next edition?"

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Persecution in Nigeria

Aaron Adair

In doing some research, I saw that almost 1500 hundred people were killed in Nigeria because they were Christians. Muslim youths went on a Christian persecution tour by torching nearly 200 churches in Nigeria.

Sam Kujiyat, vice chairman of the Kaduna branch of the Christian Association of Nigeria, said “foreign-funded Islamic extremism” was behind the attack.

Terrorism is a problem somewhere else besides the USA. Just like the USA, the authorities in Nigeria said there is nothing to worry about. Bigger issues could be on the way. Why? About a year ago I had to go to a cultural experience for one of my classes, and I decided to go a Muslim service. They are very passionate people who stand up for their beliefs, but there is NO reason to kill or injure thousands of people from an opposing religion. It is not good to mix terrorism and religion. If these Muslims are posing to be religious just to kill Christians, it is not right because the terrorists are giving the Muslims a bad name.

It is not right for some rich organization to come in and take over just because they have money. Jesus was a common man on earth, and he lived among the people. These terrorists are killing people. It is because of their money. Money is great, but at times it can be the root of all evil.

Please keep the people affected by the persecution in Nigeria in your prayers. Pray there will be a resolution by the grace of God.

Doing the Right Thing

Aaron Adair

There is a group you always see succeed. You get tired of their success since you know they don't play by the rules. Their success continues, so what do you do? With God's help you can confront the unrighteous. Some people may not like you for taking a stand for the truth, but at least you feel better after you said something about it.

You can sit there and allow what you know to build up inside of you. Year after year you see the team win, but you know the way they win is not right. You ask God to help you reveal the information you know to the proper authorities. With God's help you can bring down the unrighteous to make the levels even for everyone. God doesn't favor one man over another, but He does favor those who believe in Him. You have a choice to make, do you want to play by God's rules and be eternally happy, or do you want to cheat to win and suffer for your false success.

“How far would Moses have gone if he had taken a poll in Egypt? What would Jesus Christ have preached if he had taken a poll in the land of Israel? What would have happened to the Reformation if Martin Luther had taken a poll? It isn't polls or public opinion of the moment that counts. It's **right** and wrong and leadership.”

Harry Truman

33rd President of the United States, 1945-53

“For **right** is **right**, since God is God.”

Frederick William Faber

(1814-1863)

English theologian & hymn writer from *The Right must win*.



The Significance of Jesus Christ

Aaron Adair

Man only heard about God in the Old Testament. They did not experience the type of relationship that is available to mankind now. Imagine the Supreme Being known to mankind wanting to help us. God sent His son down to earth as a man so the world could see Him. The people of the Old Testament had great faith as they never saw God, but they just believed in Him. When God came to earth as a human, some people believed and others were in pure astonishment.

Jesus knew His reason for coming to earth was to die for all of man's sins. The question is: why was He treated the way He was? Jesus suffered the way HE did so those who did not believe will remember Him.

Peter Jennings had a three-hour special during the week of Easter on ABC. It was a program full of scholars and Christians talking about the life and death of Jesus. If Jesus hadn't suffered the way He did, there wouldn't be a discussion about Him today. HE put the sins of the world before and after Him on His shoulders and He died for mankind and all we have done wrong. If He had died a simple death, it wouldn't have made such a difference in the world today.

There is one thing that makes Jesus stand out from other world religions; after HE died He rose from the dead. What more do you want to believe in?

It is not enough for man to believe in because man has to see it for himself. It is stated as a truth in the Bible, which is God breathed and therefore true, but man does not accept it.

Man has lost faith as he has turned from God, and he has looked to the world for help. As man sees he is undependable, he loses faith in himself and all of mankind. When man loses his faith in himself, he turns to God.

Today's man needs to look back to God and see what HE has done for us. Man needs to look back to the Old Testament and see the faith these people had. Man needs to rediscover faith, and the only way to do that is to rediscover God.

Read the Easter story and you will see how the King of Kings came down to earth and lowered Himself down to our level.

Always Take a Firm Stand

Aaron Adair

No matter what the odds are against you, always stand up for what you believe in. When God puts something on your heart, let the whole world know what it is. Some people may call you crazy or wild, but that is their opinion. You have divine inspiration for what you are doing, and you will get great satisfaction for it. It is for the glory of God as he blesses our lives in many different ways. Others are jealous of you because of your zest for life and love for God. They could be the same way, but they don't have the courage you do.

God is an amazing being, and man sometimes cannot understand why HE does what HE does. But when He reveals the truth to you, everything you endured or went through makes since.

It is comical as I see people question God. How do you question the supreme being of the earth? You can't. So, you accept what happens until HE shows you why it happened. When He reveals the truth to you, you feel stupid for questioning Him. Man has an inquisitive nature, and sometimes it makes him look stupid.

Be ready for God to reveal His plan for your life. When HE reveals the plan, you will understand why God takes you through your journey in life.

For me, it has been a crazy journey. I have fallen in the 1% of many bad health issues, but it has been a great blessing, not a problem. Why? God has blessed me and made me into someone who can help others.

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Evolution and Science

Jeremiah Johnson

I have had to sit in classes and be indoctrinated by the philosophies of my professors. I am a zoology student, and as such never thought I would have to sit through lectures where my professors spoke about their personal philosophies and convictions. I am speaking about evolution. The professors of which I speak teach not the science of evolution but a philosophy, for evolution has left the realm of science.

I have been an astrophysics major, and when studying physics my professor, Dr. Eric Abraham, would teach from many views. He did not only teach here is the information used today know it, but he taught background and theories that have not worked and why, such as the Bohr Model of electrons. He also taught how knowing something for sure is not scientific. Take the example of Lorentz's contraction laws.

The speed of light had been calculated and measured for the known speed and taking that light is a wave, it was predicted that space, that is the space between celestial bodies, must be some substance more dense than diamond, illuminiferous æther. So when Michelson did his famous wave splitter experiment, it was very surprising that nothing showing an æther wind, as proposed, was observed. Since it was a known fact that æther existed, Lorentz came up with his contraction laws. These laws explained why the æther wind was not observed, but they were wrong. In his zealotry to prove that æther was the substance of space, Lorentz colored the data with his philosophy. Today, we know that space really is a vacuum. This is due to scientists properly applying science and observing and drawing conclusions from the data not extrapolating beyond their means.

In physics, I was taught real science. It was objective seeking out, through unbiased observation, the mechanics of how nature works. Now in zoology, I am taught only that which is explained through natural physical processes is real. What is the mind then? What is information? These scientists will say are philosophical questions, but if all that is in the physical realm then science can define them. Naturalists always want creationists or intelligent designers to come up with an experiment to prove a designer or creator, but they never have experimentally shown evolution. They have made a soup of amino acids, polypeptides, and other organic molecules, but never life. If they had, then it would have been by their intelligence and not by chance. They must observe a system with no life and see it form living beings without interfer-

ing, but this has never been done and cannot be done on the earth. They have no proof for their philosophies any more than a creationist or intelligent designer. So why is evolution taught as the only scientific explanation for the origin of life?

In the movie "Pleasantville", two teenagers from the 1990s are transported to a black and white 1950s TV world. As the teens interact with the inhabitants of Pleasantville the people and the town begin to change to color. The fearful black and whites assemble a counsel and forge rules for all citizens, black and whites and coloreds alike. The scene changes and one of the teens, now in color, is reading one of the supposed rules. Bud/David, played by Toby McGuire, reads, "Eight. All elementary and high school curriculum must teach the non-changest view of history, empha-



ing continuity over alteration." Here the people wanted to maintain a status quo. In our classes and our nation naturalists are trying to change science by imposing their philosophy on it. They call anything that does not fit their view, non-science. They claim that anything else has left the scope of science and is just religion and has no place in reality. But they have ascribed to a new religion,

scientism.

Naturalists will push and attack any explanation for origins by any means other than evolution as unscientific. Remember though that science, as it is originally known, was used by God fearing scientists. Examples of such scientists are: original proposer of the scientific method, Francis Bacon; founder of modern astronomy, Johannes Kepler; father of the mathematical theory of probability and combinatorial analysis, Blaise Pascal; early chemist and stater of Boyle's Law, Robert Boyle; founder many areas of modern science and mathematics, Isaac Newton; Nobel Laurate, Michael Faraday; one of three great theoretical physicist, James Clerk Maxwell; and many, many more. These scientists were able to do science because of their belief in God. Stephen Hawking, a renowned astrophysicist,

has said concerning the chance of randomness producing the universe and life, "In fact, if one considers the possible constants and laws that could have emerged, the odds against a universe that produced life like ours are immense." Sir Julian Huxley a renowned evolutionary scientist said, "We all jumped at *The Origin* because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores." Learn the difference between science and philosophy. Do not be taken in with the deceptive beliefs. I close with a statement from Erwin Schödinger:

"I'm very astonished that the scientific picture of the real world is very deficient. It gives a lot of factual information, puts all our experience in a magnificently consistent order, but it is ghastly silent about all and sundry that is really near to ones heart, that really matters to us. It cannot tell us a word about red and blue, bitter and sweet, physical pain and physical delight, knows nothing of beautiful and ugly, good or bad, God and eternity. Science sometimes pretends to answer questions in these domains, but the answers are very often so silly that we are not inclined to take them seriously."

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to the audience that this is why it is important to "Teach the Controversy." And when we begin to let the issues become discussed freely, we will see more issues like Flat Earth become discredited.

It was great to see Phillip Johnson in person and an honor to have the UC Berkeley professor at our campus. He has written some ground breaking books that you might want to look into: *Darwin on Trial*; *The Right Questions*; *Truth, Meaning and the Public Debate*; and *Wedge of Truth*. His lecture was based on *The Right Questions* book.

Who is Philip Johnson? He is one of the founders of the Intelligent Design movement. (For more information on Intelligent Design check out these sites: www.ouidea.com and www.arn.org.)

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Weekly and Special Events

For accommodations on the basis of disability, please call Rick 325-9790

Monday

► **OU Christian Faculty and Staff LUNCH- For Faculty and Staff only, every other Monday, 12:00 pm**, Alma Wilson Rm., OMU and prayer in the weeks between the discussion meetings. For info. contact kstephenson@ou.edu www.ou.edu/faculty/organizations/ouchrfas/

► ISF- International Student Friendship

Meets at 7:30 PM at Rome XII in Stubbeman Village Mall For info. Wayne 413-3713 <http://www.ou.edu/student/isf>

Tuesday

► **Chi Alpha XA** XALive meets at **8:00-9:30P.M.** at Rome XII above Papa John's in Stubbeman Village Mall. Come check it out! For info. 325-1377 OUXA@aol.com, www.romexii.com Greg & Susan Tiffany OU XA Campus Pastors

► Wesley Foundation:

Meeting time: Vespers - **8:00PM**
Web site: www.wesleyou.org
Info. Rev. Brad Humphrey 321-6266 wesley@wesleyou.org
Bible Studies: 15 different opportunities. Mission opportunities throughout the semester. Frosh Fellowship Sundays 6:30PM

► **Christ On Campus:** meets at **8:00PM** here at the house at 824 Elm Ave. Contact number is 364-2703 - Todd or Tonya.

► **CRU:** Meets at **9:00PM** at Common Ground (Main St. & University) Info. 473-1387 www.oucru.com shawn.mcgrath@uscm.org.

Wednesday

► **F.C.A- Fellowship of Christian Athletes** meets at **8:30PM** Kerr-McGee Stadium Club on the east side of the Football Stadium. Take elevators to the 2nd floor. Contact: adam Barnett22@yahoo.com , Adam Barnett

► **R.U.F.- Reformed University Fellowship** meets at **9:15PM** Dale Hall Tower Lounge, 9th floor Teaching this semester is on Word & Deed: Jesus' Parables & Miracles. Contact Doug www.ouruf.org

Thursday

► **Sooners For Christ** meets at **8:00PM** for Worship Service 1001 Elm Ave. (405) 321-4474 www.soonersforchrist.org

► Baptist Student Union:

Vespers meets at **7:00PM** at 435 W. Boyd For info. (405) 321-2810 www.oubsu.org mailbox@oubsu.org

► Jacob's Ladder Bible Study:

"The Gospel according to Moses."
A Messianic Bible Study in the Book of Genesis meets from **7:30-8:30PM** at 1311 Jenkins Ave. on the corner of Lindsey and Jenkins under Padthai.

► **LifeStream** meets **9:00PM** at Journey Church which is the old Buy for Less building on 12th and Alameda St. Info. Brad Baker- College Pastor 217-8700 Brad@journeyonline.tv www.oulifestream.com

Friday

► **African Christian Fellowship** meets at **7:30-9:30PM** in the Henderson Tolson Cultural Center. We invite anybody to come and worship with us. Info. tititeriba@yahoo.com

Campus Wide Fast

Stan Harwood

"Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter."

-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

God has placed it on the hearts of His people to labor for the lost. This labor has grown into, among many things, a campus wide fast. This campus wide fast is beginning this week and will last until the end of the semester. It is a **one day fast**. Each week, from **Tuesday at Midnight to Thursday Morning** we will be fasting. During this period, take the opportunity to pray during the times you would usually be eating. We will meet in the **Passion Pit Wednesday Evenings from 10:00PM-11:00PM for worship and prayer**. If you know anybody else that would like to join in, tell them about it. Feel free to send me their email if they would like to receive updates for future events.

"He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD." - Deuteronomy 8

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst." - John 6

God Bless

Any questions email Stan Harwood – pierce8@ou.edu

► www.gospelofjohnthefilm.com

Would you like to see the recent film of the Gospel of John shown on campus? If so, e-mail beaconou@ou.edu and let us know.



► Intelligent Design Evolution Awareness I.D.E.A. club

For more information contact. ideclub@ou.edu or www.ou.edu/css



Doug Serven, Campus Pastor of RUF- Reformed University Fellowship, has written a book called *TwentySomeone*. Read the

first chapter online at

Twentysomeone.org



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The Brothers of Beta Upsilon Chi invite you to the 2004 BYX OU ISLAND PARTY, their annual free concert featuring well-known local and area bands. It is taking place April 23 from 4:00PM - 11:00PM at Walker Adams Mall at the University of Oklahoma. Current bands include Radiant and Tink Lipton, and many more are on the way. Check www.ouislandparty.com for a current schedule of events.

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When I am Weak, He is Strong

Kaylan Lytle

“Look at the nations and watch, and be utterly amazed, for I am going to do great things! Things you wouldn’t believe, even if you were told.” Hab. 1:5

Spring Break 2003 was my first leadership experience in missions. I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Bolivia with a group of high school students performing a drama. When I was preparing to return to the States, there is something I left in this beloved country...my heart.

As corny as it sounds, I fell in love with the country in the week I was there. Naturally, I jumped at the chance to visit my heart and my Bolivian countrymen again this year. This time, armed with another year of Spanish experience, I was an official translator for the group. Finally, my two - pastimes of sharing life with others and translating Spanish converged!

Despite a few visa problems and a couple fainting students, we made it to “my” country unscathed. The drama was effective and people were listening! But, as in any missionary situation, the Devil attacks those who are advancing the Kingdom. I was hit where it hurt the most: my voice. A nasty virus stole my voice for several days. Yeah, it is hard to translate testimonies from English into Spanish using merely body language.

In my weakness, I became discouraged. I questioned why I was even there if I was not able to serve my purpose. One afternoon, in the midst of one of my self-pitying conversations, God spoke to me through the face of a 3-year-old. This absurdly adorable little boy was intently watching the drama being preformed. Disregarding his age, his eyes showed that he was grasping the story of Jesus Christ as expressed through the drama. I came to the conclusion that it was not about me and my abilities, or lack thereof. God is the one who draws us near to Him. He merely allows me to participate in the process. Maybe I should be quiet more often....

Max Barnett to Retire from the BSU

ample of Christ.” Go to www.maxbarnett.com for more details of the weekend events.

When asked how Max has influenced them and how they have changed since coming to OU, Craig Bagley and Tony Wu had plenty to say.

Craig Bagley, Chemistry Freshman says, “constantly going after spiritual disciplines, not just in a legalistic mentality, but because of my love for God.” How have you changed since coming to OU? “Spiritual sincerity, I saw people doing the stuff that I had always wanted to do.”

Tony Wu, Architecture Junior says, “At first I thought, who is this old guy? He would always greet me and ask me how I was doing and he cared how I was doing. He has influenced me more indirectly by observing how he lives, how he is willing to share 37 years of his life to reach out to college students. He challenges me constantly. He is always taking notes, constantly learning, even when it is a sophomore speaking. He is another friend of ours. Even though he is retiring, he is still thinking of ways to minister to graduates and bring people from overseas to equip them to go back and share the gospel there.”

Making disciples that make disciples has always been the goal of Max Barnett. He is always encouraging us to make scripture memory verse packs. We can live the Word when it is in our hearts and on our minds.

Max Barnett’s life verse is Isaiah 43:4, Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you. Therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.

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If we stay behind the spiritually chained doors of our churches and we do not share this good news with the world, then we are as captives ourselves, not understanding of the good news of Christ and needy of a Savior.

After I became a Christian, I went to my hometown and spoke with one of my best friends from High School that had become a homosexual. I gave him my testimony. He had grown up in church and knew more scripture than I did at that time. I remember him saying, “if people really believed the message and knew that there was a hell

waiting for those who do not love God, they would do whatever it takes to make sure people heard the gospel.” It clicked with him. He looked up at me and said, “I guess that is why you are here.” I said, “I am here because I love you and I know that God still loves you.” If the gospel of Christ has changed you, then you are like Christ, willing to go wherever God leads you.

It is great to see such a saving faith, a believing faith on this campus before I graduate. Many have prayed for revival to sweep this campus. With our eyes on Jesus and our hearts with His, I believe that it

can. Students are more focused on the things of God. They will continue this school year with a campus wide fast mentioned in greater detail on page 6.

Jeremiah 20:9 But if I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

Dear friends of the 1040 window:

It's been a long time since I have visited you, or thought about you, or prayed for you; it has been a long time since I have worked to serve you as Jesus did. Of course, I am not totally unaware of your situation; I know your needs, and your desperation. You are dying in your sins; completely unaware of the salvation Jesus won for you on the cross. You are dying because we here who know the truth have not yet made our way to you, to rescue you from the lies of the Enemy of God.

We remember the goal of bringing you the light of the gospel. But to be honest, I must admit to you that our progress seems slow. We have been blessed with money, time, people, training and knowledge; we have more than enough of each to support a significant effort to set you free from your bonds. Unfortunately, we have not yet learned how to effectively pool these resources to initiate this effort. The blessings that our God has entrusted us to give to you, we continue to use for other things.

I confess to you, with no excuses, the following statistic: we here spend 95% of the money God has given us on ourselves. We pour it into more Bible Study courses, more Bible editions, more Christian retreats, and more Christian entertainment, music, books and T-shirts. Our responsibility to you, our lost and hopeless brothers and sisters, is sadly hindered by all of this. But I also present to you a slightly happier statistic: 4.5% of God's money here in the US we spend on Christian ministry to non-believers right here in our country. Of course, you can do the math. That leaves half of one percent for you, my friends, you, the neediest and most desperate ones.

Can you remind me again, dear friends, how many you are? Out of the 6 billion in our world, do you still number over 2 billion? Is it still true, you unreached nations of the world, that you comprise one third of the souls on earth? Is your plight still so black, that you have not a single church in your cultures that can effectively and sensitively shine the light of Jesus to illumine your gloom?

Is it still true, that the places where you live suffer under the curse of poverty and devastation, not only spiritually but also physically? Can it still be true, you 2 billion, that generation after generation of your ancestors' souls cry out from Hell for someone to go and warn you, that you might not come there, and yet no one has yet been sent?

Your situation, dark as it may seem, is not completely black. I have felt a fresh wind from God, blowing across our land. He is awakening us to your plight, and renewing and reviving our hearts to prepare us to come to you. I myself, though I am small and helpless, am planning to come; the words of life are in me, and I long to come and share them with you. Others, too, are working; a number of my dearest friends are already there among you, pouring out their lives that yours might be saved; some are still preparing, just as I am. Also, many stay behind reluctantly, to exhort the Body here; and God is using them mightily to soften our hearts more toward your need.

But time still runs away with you, and sweeps you swiftly toward the fire. O forgive us, you hopeless millions; we are so out of shape for this race, and your lives outstrip our pace. Forgive us, brother; forgive us, sister! We have forgotten that you have only one life to live, and after that the judgment. We have forgotten that in your place, just as in ours, time waits for no one.

I pray that by our coming we might yet save some of you; but we will not come soon enough to save everyone. Oh fathers, mothers! Uncles and grandmothers! Age is not kind to you, and so I beg you to forgive us; we will not be there in time to rescue you. We see you from far off, falling over into that chasm of death, and though we run we cannot catch you.

You younger generation, and you middle-aged, please wait for us to come. We will be there soon! Forgive us, if you can, for our sluggishness; forgive us, if you can, for our ease, for our hoarding, for our selfishness! Forgive us, if you can, for our unlove!

The above statistics are real. **Every day** almost 35,000 people die in the least-reached area of the world, called the 1040 Window, without ever having heard the saving message of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. The modern church sends only about 4,000 of its 332,000 full-time workers to those who have no gospel witness in their culture. We spend 95% of our resources on ourselves, 4.5% on evangelism where there is already a Christian witness, and half of one percent on evangelistic effort in the unreached areas of the world.

There are almost 1 billion Muslims, 550 million Hindus, and over 270 million Buddhists in the world today that have no chance to hear the gospel from a church in their culture. While these "unreached" do have missionaries laboring among them, the ratios are staggering; only 1000 missionaries work among the 1 billion Muslims in the world, and so each face the task of reaching 1 million people for Christ.

Spiritually speaking, the situation resembles a small group of people, the Church, feasting on the plenteous blessing of the Lord while a group three times our size still waits for its first bite.

If this information is compelling to you, there are ways you can address this disproportion. Become more informed about the state of the world. The following resources are available to help assist you in your search:

www.thetravelingteam.org

www.heartofgod.com

www.perspectives.org

www.okcperspectives.org

Our Actions Speak Louder than Our Words

Ricky Thomas

Religion can be good as long as it is true religion-to care for the fatherless and the widows. No Christian could argue against that statement with words. Yet, many well to do Christians argue against it with their actions. The widows and fatherless are tossed minor bread crumbs while the elite Christians fill their houses with gold and satisfy their flesh to the fullest. In Revelation Jesus speaks of such, "I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was naked and you did not clothe me". Our actions speak louder than our words and show where our faith and hearts truly lie. "He who knows to do good and does it not to him it is sin", James 4:17 The reason our nation has not been won for Christ is that we have not been won for Him. "Take up your cross and follow me", Jesus says, "Anyone who takes a hold of the plow and looks to the right or the left is not worthy of me".

We pray for revival and revival does not come, because our hearts are evil. Revival must begin with us as individuals. Churches seem so confused about what revival is. They can come together and dance and sing, jump and run in the aisles, yet unless there has been imparted a hunger for the Word of God and a hunger to know Him and make Him known, these actions are no different than what takes place in a day care. If such a revival has no spiritual growth taking place, then it will never reach the surrounding community outside of the church walls. The majority of "Christians" in the U.S. remain infants. Infants think of themselves and can do little by themselves. "Mine", is a word you will hear a lot in a day care. "Mine", is a word you hear a lot in the church of today. By the time they ought to be teachers they still have need for milk, para, Hebrews 5:12 Do they make disciples that are Christians- in Christ image or like Christ? Our churches in America have changed because they have lost their love for God's word and even teach contrary to it. He will return! I want to see that. I hope that you see that and are not ashamed in that day.

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