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Golden Gate restructuring
church-planting program

By Cameron Crabtree

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is restructuring its church-planting program to return to a New Testament model of churches starting churches, according to seminary leaders.

"The spirit of church planting must capture our attention," said seminary President William Crews. "From our vantage point at Golden Gate, Southern Baptists' seminary in the West and Pacific Rim, we are looking at an opportunity of world-size dimension."

Crews said he wants seminary resources -- students, faculty, finances and campuses -- to intensify church-starting efforts. Based in Mill Valley, Calif., Golden Gate is one of six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries and the only SBC agency in the western United States.

The restructured church-planting effort will give major emphasis to "healthy sponsoring churches," said Rodrick Durst, vice president for academic affairs at Golden Gate, because church planting is "not an institutional process."

"Church planting is a real spiritual process and you can't just squeeze it into the confines of institutional processes," Durst said. "So we want to invest a minimum of two years with each student, but it could go beyond that."

Durst said Golden Gate has "a good foundation from components of the previous program, but we lacked intentionality related to leadership with local churches. We want to return to the New Testament model of churches starting churches."

The seminary will play a major role in church-starting efforts by "creating, coordinating and resourcing church-planting teams" consisting of a sponsoring church, a full-time church planter and one or more student interns, Durst said.

He acknowledged the high failure rate of church starts in the Southern Baptist Convention, but noted the "real danger" is for future church-starting efforts.

"The failure rate is not a factor of risking, but of not risking with calculation," he said. "The problem is that such failures inoculate the student against future church planting, to some degree it inoculates the church plant community against it, and it inoculates the sponsoring church against it."

Durst said the new program will go beyond just mentoring students to mentoring churches to plant churches as well.

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Sam Williams, pastor of BayMarin Community Church in San Rafael, Calif., will oversee reorganization of the church-planting program. During their annual spring meeting in April, trustees elected Williams as assistant professor of pastoral leadership at the seminary. He will continue as pastor of BayMarin.

Williams was pastor of Del Cerro Baptist Church in La Mesa, Calif., from 1972-92. Under his leadership, the church became a model for churches seeking to minister amid the California culture. It made the transition from a traditional church, plateaued for many years, to one known for innovative approaches to worship, missions and outreach. During a seven-year period, Del Cerro more than doubled in size and started seven new churches and a satellite congregation.

"I see the seminary as being a catalyst for bringing together sponsoring churches, the church planters and the student interns," Williams said. "The seminary won't start the churches, but it will be the catalyst for bringing the resources together effectively."

An important factor, Williams noted, is identifying churches that have potential for starting churches.

"We want to identify churches in the area that have the potential for being a sponsoring church, but don't realize it," Williams said. "If they are spiritually and relationally healthy -- I think those are the two key criteria -- we can provide the training and skills necessary to help them become a sponsoring church."

Williams also indicated he is committed to helping churches start various kinds of churches to reach diverse communities.

"We don't want to limit this to just one model," he said. "I would like to develop multiple models -- the principles of starting healthy churches are not specific to just one model."

For sponsoring churches, the program will help share a vision and secure commitment for church planting, provide "Churches Planting Churches" training to the leadership and assist as needed with the church-plant effort.

For the full-time church planter, the program will identify individuals who evidence qualities essential for successful church planting, assess compatibility with the seminary's and sponsoring church's vision, provide "Mentoring Church Planters" training for effective field supervision of student interns and assist the church planter as needed.

For student interns, the program will use assessment tools and interview processes to select program participants, provide financial scholarship and academic credit for participation in the program and help identify a site and develop a strategic plan for the student's own church plant upon graduation.

While some details will be worked out over several months, Williams said some philosophical changes include:

- changing from a one-year program to a two-year program;
- higher standards for students wanting to enter the program;
- reassessment at the end of the first year to see whether student interns will continue in the program;
- adding new church-planting courses;
- requiring at least one church-planting course for student interns so that theory and practice "better inform one another;"
- supervision of student interns by a full-time church planter, with the interns given some significant leadership responsibility in an actual church start based on their backgrounds, abilities and gifts;
- in the second year, small-group meetings for interns for self-study and peer learning with supervision from church planters.

In that small-group environment, the interns will develop strategic plans for starting their own churches using a common curriculum, so they are all working on the same issues together -- from developing a vision to studying the demographics of selected areas, from selecting a church name to developing three months' worth of sermons.

If the church start is near the seminary campus, Williams said, student interns can toward the end of the second year begin working with the sponsoring church to develop a core leadership group. This will get them ready so that upon graduation they can start their church, he added.

"We will guide them through the 'prenatal' phase of starting a church in their third year of seminary," Williams said. Even if the church-start site is some distance from seminary area, the student interns should only be three to four months away from getting their church started, William said, because they can do much of the study and plan development away from the church-plant site.

Williams predicted the new program will overcome two inadequacies of the previous program: "First, the student will spend more time devoted to the church-plant effort. It is too difficult to do part-time while you're in seminary. Second, we will make stronger efforts to enlist healthy sponsoring churches -- I've not seen any consistent church planting done effectively by an institution without that."

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Elliff lists standards
for key SBC appointments

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INDIANAPOLIS (BP)--Tom Elliff, to date the only known nominee for Southern Baptist Convention president, listed "four standards" he will use, if elected, for selecting members of key SBC committees.

Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., listed the standards in an interview with John Yeats, editor of the Indiana Baptist, in the newsjournal's May 7 issue.

Election of the SBC president is scheduled for the opening day of the June 11-13 SBC annual meeting in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. Current SBC President and Orlando, Fla., pastor Jim Henry will moderate this year's meeting, completing his two one-year terms.

The SBC president, although an honorary position, has influential appointive powers. The president appoints the Committee on Committees which in turn is responsible for nominating the convention's Committee on Nominations, a group responsible for nominating directors and trustees of all SBC agencies. The president also appoints a Committee on Resolutions, Tellers Committee and Credentials Committee.

Elliff said appointees:

-- "must clearly be an individual who knows Christ and has a daily walk with him."

-- "must be clearly committed to the Southern Baptist view that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God."

-- must have a "Christian walk and commitment ... acknowledged by his or her peers."

-- "must see the appointment as a place of service rather than a place of 'positional glory.'"

Elliff, in the interview, also discussed his view of resolutions adopted during SBC annual meetings.

"I believe resolutions play a far more strategic role than the average Southern Baptist considers," Elliff said. He noted Baptists "are keenly aware that votes taken at a convention are not binding in the most literal sense upon any local congregation. However, when the world at large considers what we do in our convention meetings, the messages we send to them is by means of our resolutions. Resolutions must be seen as our message to the world regarding current issues. These are the concerns on our heart to which we are willing to commit ourselves."

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On the spiritual state of the SBC, Elliff said the "conservative resurgence" within the denomination has emphasized "restoring what I would call a 'high view' of the Scripture as the inerrant, infallible Word of God. Working from the standard of the Scripture, we have sought to emphasize biblical mandates and principles in every area of our convention. Sometimes when I look around and see how far we have come, I shake my head in joyful disbelief. I am so grateful to God for how far he has brought us. It is no secret that never in history has a religious group the size of the SBC ever reversed its steps as it was moving toward liberalism and returned to its conservative roots. The statistical evidence of God's blessing is an indication that the major concern must be our doctrinal integrity, for what God initiates, he always supports.

"The other side of the coin, however, is the frightening reality we still have a long, long way to go," Elliff said. "As a matter of fact, if history teaches us anything, it is that there will always be within human nature the tendency to drift away from the Word of God and away from the God of the Word. Somehow, as Southern Baptists we must see that the struggle to maintain biblical authority is to be a lifetime commitment, not a 10- or 20- year program. As a result, we need to emphasize from one generation to the next, that they must not drop the standard of God's Word."

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Powell talks family values
at Univ. of Mobile fund-raiser

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MOBILE, Ala. (BP)--Retired Gen. Colin Powell said he agreed to deliver the keynote address at a University of Mobile fund-raising event because he is impressed with the school's progress.

Powell told reporters during a brief news conference prior to a "VISION 2000" inaugural dinner May 2, "When I heard about what was happening down here at the university ... and the growth of this university over the last 30 years in a very, very positive way from a piece of nothing to now a full-functioning university of 2,400 students, it sounded pretty exciting."

More than 350 supporters of the Baptist-affiliated university attended the event, which signals the start of a \$30 million multi-phase campaign to provide resources necessary to increase scholarship endowments, improve technology and construct the classroom, athletic and residential facilities needed to keep pace with enrollment, which has more than tripled in the last decade.

Robert McGinley, university trustee and chairman of Phase I of the VISION 2000 campaign, announced at the dinner that more than \$8 million has already been raised.

Prior to the dinner, reporters asked Powell what advice he would give to 18- and 19-year-olds.

"I would tell them that they're entering an environment that is quite unlike the environment that I entered when I was 18 or 19 years of age," Powell responded.

"That the world is changing rapidly, and generally in a very positive way. It's a much more technical world, it's a world of information and computers and instantaneous flow of capital and technology around the world.

"And they had better get the highest quality education they possibly can," Powell said. "And it better be an education well grounded in the liberal arts so they will understand this multi-cultural world that they're now entering. And it better have a strong technical component to it as well if they're going to live successfully in an information and technology age. And recognize that they may have several careers in the course of their working life and not just one as I did, because things are changing that rapidly.

"Education, education, education," he concluded.

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At the dinner, Powell said what makes the story of his life so compelling is because it is an American story, one of "an ordinary kid" who grew into extraordinary circumstances.

He stressed family values, saying his parents were "united forever in marriage" and provided him with the values of a family -- knowing the difference between right and wrong and believing in God, hard work and the value of an education.

Powell prescribed the same remedy for the future success of America, saying, "We all have to start thinking as family again."

The retired general served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton. He is widely acclaimed for his leadership during Operation Desert Storm. He retired from the U.S. Army on Sept. 30, 1993; his memoirs, "My American Journey," were published by Random House in September 1995.

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ANALYSIS

Fasting's self-denial
releases power of God

By Marty Croll

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--What will your fasting do to free the Buddhists of Tibet from a dead religious rite and reveal to them the person of Jesus Christ?

Nothing, unless you are doing more than just missing a meal or two. Fasting gains value only as it reflects devotion to God and allows him to ream out a channel for power from heaven to flow through your own spirit.

"As Americans, our culture conditions us to obey our every desire, which results in powerless bondage," says Randy Sprinkle, who directs prayer strategy for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. "As Christians, God conditions us to obey his every desire, which leads to a powerful freedom."

That freedom releases God's Holy Spirit through us.

"Fasting is not a discipline of simply not eating that brings merit in itself," says Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin. "Its merit comes as a reflection of devotion to God that pre-empts eating and physical concerns.

"I trust Southern Baptists will join in this day of prayer and fasting because they have a heart for reaching those who have no opportunity to know Jesus," Rankin says. "The kind of prayer that will bring down the strongholds of Satan -- and open doors that are closed in such places as Tibet -- arises from an intense devotion and sincere commitment."

The desire to eat holds power over all of us at some time or another. Christians gain freedom as they allow God to develop discipline in them.

"The self-denial of fasting provides an open door for the Spirit of God to come in and advance the process of liberation," Sprinkle says. "Prayer that rises out of seasons of fasting is prayer of focus, passion and refined purity that cannot be realized any other way.

"It is prayer that touches God, moves heaven and changes earth."

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Tibetans desperate for hope,
need good news of freedom

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LHASA, Tibet (BP)--Hundreds of pilgrims hurry through the pre-dawn darkness along the Lingkhor, an ancient path encircling the oldest district of Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

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Sunrise glows at the horizon, illuminating thousands of prayer flags fluttering in winds the Tibetans believe will carry their scripted prayers into the heavens. Hundreds of gold-painted prayer wheels line the path. The faithful reach out and spin the capsules, launching requests to benevolent spirits or begging appeasement from jealous demons.

A pilgrim spreads his body onto the path and presses his forehead to the ground. Then he rises, steps to the imprint of his forehead in the dirt and drops again to the ground. He has inched his way nearly 200 miles in an arduous journey he believes will help him escape Buddhism's painful cycle of life, death and rebirth.

"Tibetans believe the more merit one has, the better chance one has to be reincarnated into a better, higher way of life," explains a Christian in Tibet. "Just about everywhere you look in Lhasa, you see people seeking hope and escape from this cycle.

"Their devotion is staggering, but so is their bondage," the Christian added. "Satan has blinded them. It tears at us that they've had so little chance to see the light."

Southern Baptists have set aside a 24-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. May 24 to pray for the people of Tibet. The 1996 Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization focuses on the nearly 5 million Tibetans worldwide. "Tibetan Buddhism, behind its thin veneer of kindness and nonviolence, is a hopeless religion of works that only leads its adherents into an ever-deepening bondage to the powers of darkness," said Randy Sprinkle, director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's international prayer strategy office.

"The saving love of the one, true God as ultimately expressed in his son, Jesus Christ, is almost completely unknown in Tibet."

Tibet lost its independence as a Buddhist state in 1950 when China invaded the country. Tibetans have stubbornly defended their culture and ethnic identity against efforts to integrate them into Chinese society. An estimated 1.3 million Tibetans have died in prisons, violent clashes and from starvation under communist occupation.

There are no more than a handful of Christians in Tibet, and no known congregations.

"Tibetans are poor, desperate people who pour out everything they have to worship these idols, these demons," Sprinkle said. "Southern Baptists can have a powerful part in changing that by participating in the day of prayer and fasting for Tibet."

A resource kit to support the prayer emphasis is available from the Foreign Mission Board. The kit includes a video about Tibetans; news coverage on Tibet adapted from May issue of The Commission, the board's magazine; and a prayer guide. To order, call (800) 866-3621 or write FMB Customer Services, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230-0767. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

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**Baptist sailor doubles
as 'Chaplain America'**

By Sandi Dolbee

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SAN DIEGO (BP)--He leaps towering dilemmas with a single bound. Is faster than a speeding scandal. And is more powerful than a temptation.

He's Chaplain America, come to keep the U.S. Navy shipshape.

Armed with his "Insight Ray" gun and dressed in superhero tights, the comic strip savior fights for truth, justice and the American sailor.

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Chaplain America bears an uncanny resemblance to his creator, Lt. Bryan Finch, a Southern Baptist chaplain at Naval Station San Diego and a member of New Hope Community Church in Bonita.

When he's not being a superhero, Chaplain America is Lt. Goldfinch, a chaplain in -- you guessed it -- the U.S. Navy.

Both wear glasses (Finch's are round, Goldfinch's are rectangular). Both have athletic builds under their uniforms (Finch works out and runs; Chaplain America works out and flies).

Finch, the real-life chaplain, grins a Clark Kent smile and rocks back in his chair.

"It reflects a lot of my values. ... I'm sure it's got a lot of my personality," he said.

Finch began writing the Chaplain America comic strip a year ago, when it debuted in a chaplains' newsletter distributed at the base. Finch is assigned to the Navy's Regional Support Organization there.

But the story begins a couple of years ago, when Finch was in Europe and saw a mock comic book cover from World War II about a character named "Chaplain America," who had a sidekick named "Altar Boy."

After coming to San Diego he was at a base exchange and started noticing what the sailors were buying.

"One of the things I observed is that they really went for the comic books," said Finch, who is 38 and has been a chaplain in both the Army and Navy.

"I thought that this might be one avenue" for communicating core values, he said.

So Finch got busy turning the mock comic into a reality.

He wrote the story lines and found Mike Webb, a free-lance animator in Atlanta, to draw the strips. "The Adventures of Chaplain America USN" was off and flying.

In the past months, Chaplain America has conquered Boredom, a sinister bald man who wants to get a pair of unsuspecting sailors "stinkin' drunk" so he can "roll 'em."

He's also come to the rescue of a stricken petty officer who was about to fall into the clutches of Stressor, a villain who looks a lot like the Grim Reaper.

Now Finch is putting together Chaplain America's first comic book, which he hopes to distribute on the base sometime in the spring. The comic book will tackle the core value of courage, which Finch describes as "standing up for what is right."

The story line includes an admiral standing up for his sailors before a Senate committee hearing.

Finch also included contributions from three other local chaplains -- Marine Lt. Mike Hall at Camp Pendleton; Lt. Kermit Holl, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Steven Leapman, a rabbi.

Artist Webb is doing the sketches for the comic book, which Finch figures will have a modest run of about 3,000 copies.

Webb and Finch, by the way, have never met. And though the two talk out the concept of each of the characters, the artist just laughs when asked about the uncanny similarities between the comic strip chaplain and the real one.

"Most superheroes tend to wear glasses and are mild-mannered," Webb said, noting the description also fits the "arch-typical chaplain." Webb said he likes drawing the Chaplain America strips. "I just like the character," said the 38-year-old animator, who describes himself as an "up kind of guy."

Finch sends Webb the script for each strip, they talk about the characters and Webb roughs out the art work. Webb then sends it to Finch for inspection before inking the final product.

Webb said his Chaplain America depiction has shades of other superheroes he's admired over the years -- including Captain America and Captain Marvel.

But Chaplain America also comes with some unusual touches -- like the anchors on the clasps of his cape.

Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Cole, a public affairs officer, thinks Chaplain America is a good way to reach sailors -- and others -- with lessons about values like truth, honesty and responsibility.

"This is the kind of thing to be shared with other family members even outside the Navy," Cole said.

Keep in mind, said Cole and Finch, that many sailors are relatively young, 19 or 20 years old, with comparatively big responsibilities.

"There's a lot of weight on their shoulders," Cole said.

As for Finch's messages, it's no accident that his debut strip a year ago tackled the subject of drinking.

"It had been something that I'd seen a lot of people have a lot of problems with in my 14 years of experience," he said. "I've seen a lot of good sailors and soldiers go out the door because of stupid mistakes brought on by drinking."

Or, as Chaplain America puts it when he zaps the errant sailors with Insight Rays, "You can make a better decision!"

In the comic strip, as the sun sinks in the west, the sailors walk away from the booze and back to their squadron. Chalk one up for Chaplain America.

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88-year-old too busy to stop serving

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)--Some 88-year-olds would be tempted to spend their hours reflecting on the past. Not Ed Packwood. He's too busy planning for the future. The former auto parts salesman, new car dealer, gas station operator, Baptist Foundation head, college vice president has been elected to new four-year term on the board of directors of the Baptist Retirement Centers of Oklahoma. "It's a statement of faith when someone who is 88 makes a four-year commitment," said Larry Adams, BRCO vice president for development. Packwood has been living on faith since growing up in Missouri as the 10th of 11 children. He doesn't see any sense in ending his service, especially since he is a resident of one of the retirement centers. "The people are treated so good," Packwood said. "Who would do those things for them if it were not for our retirement centers?"

Ministry on menu at Chinese restaurant

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--Leia Humber is proof you don't have to travel to China as a foreign missionary to minister to the Chinese.

The Montgomery, Ala., high school senior took a job at a Chinese restaurant and found herself up to her entrees in ministry opportunities. "When I first started working there the owner was totally against religion," the Acteens leader at Morningview Baptist Church said. "Recently, she asked me to take her kids to church. She said 'Leia, I don't know why you're the way you are, but if it's because of church, then I want my children to go.'"

Patience, persistence key to witnessing

VANCLEAVE, Miss. (BP)--Witnessing doesn't always meet with overnight success. Greg Potts, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vancleave, Miss., received a pleasant reminder of that truth as he dug through prospect cards in his office. While tidying up his files, Potts came across a card on an entire family who joined the church, including a husband who gave his heart to Jesus. He was astonished to note that it had taken two full years of visitation, prayers and Christian kindness before the family joined the church. "Do not give up," Potts said. "Do not get discouraged. Someone in your circle of friends needs to know Christ. He would come to church if you would invite him. Sow the seed."

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Church finds 1,600 prospects in apartment ministry

RENO, Nev. (BP)--Apartment complexes once were invisible to Ron Chalmers as he searched for ministry opportunities. Now, he sees the residents of multi-housing communities in a whole new light. Chalmers has become the chaplain of Southwest Village Apartments, where he and members of Steamboat Baptist Church in Reno minister to 1,600 residents on a daily basis. "We are going, first of all, to fulfill and meet physical and social needs," Chalmers said. "Once we build a trust, we are able then to let them know of the love that Christ has for them." As Chalmers and church members have organized worship services and "Kids Clubs" for the apartment complex, he has seen interesting paradox emerge. The apartment manager, instead of being hostile to the church's ministry, has been extremely receptive. "One of the things that he has indicated to me was that when we suspended our 'Kids Clubs' last summer, crime increased," Chalmers said. Crime, vandalism, graffiti and false 911 calls all have decreased and made the manager's job easier.

Fifteen adults and seven children have been led to Christ through Steamboat Baptist's ministry at the apartments, Chalmers said. "The key to this thing is if just one person, through all the efforts and all the time, had come to know Jesus Christ, it would have been worth it."

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Johnston is a former newspaper editor and currently an advertising planner in the Baptist Sunday School Board's marketing planning department. Dana Williamson and Michael McCullough contributed to this column.

Despite Random House move,
Allen book to stay on market

By Ken Camp

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DALLAS (BP)--Random House's recent decision to cast off Moorings, its Christian publishing branch, should not adversely affect former Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen's book, "Burden of a Secret: A Story of Truth and Mercy in the Face of AIDS."

The book, published under the Moorings imprint, tells how one of Allen's sons, Scott, lost his wife and two children to AIDS following a tainted blood transfusion. Another son, Skip, is HIV-positive.

Allen's literary agent, Barbara Jenkins, said the book was one of a number of titles being absorbed under the Random House label.

"In some ways, it's almost a bump up," she said, out of the exclusively Christian market and into the larger marketplace.

Allen is slated to appear on "20/20," the ABC-TV newsmagazine, June 7 for an interview related to the book.

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CORRECTION: In (BP) story titled "Baptist leaders assess future of denominations at NABF meeting," dated 5/3/96, please correct the 23rd paragraph to read:

In an address titled, "The Evangelical Nature of the Church," Chapman traced the beginnings of evangelicalism to a rebuttal to the 19th century movement "broadly called liberalism." Liberalism's first attacks, Chapman said, were "directed against the authority and integrity of the Scripture" and extended to such "essential tenets as the deity of Christ and the bodily resurrection."

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