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PROBLEMS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
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DEMONSTRATION EVANGELISM

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Several years ago a student made a statement that has stayed with me through the years. He gave me a term that day that has been a part of my vocabulary since that time.

His statement was, "We have tried many different kinds of evangelism. I would like to suggest a type of evangelism that we have largely neglected. We have tried personal evangelism and mass evangelism. We have tried visitation evangelism and cultivation evangelism. I think it is time for us to put more emphasis on demonstration evangelism."

What did that young theological student, who is now a teacher in a theological seminary, mean by "demonstration evangelism"? He meant, among other things, that more of us need to demonstrate in our lives the ultimate results of real evangelism. In other words, we need to live like men and women who have been born again, like persons who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Without belittling or deprecating one iota any other approach to evangelism, can't we agree that we need to try far more consistently than we have "demonstration evangelism"? Nothing would add more to the effectiveness of our evangelistic efforts than a demonstration in the lives of more of God's children of what it means to be a real Christian.

In many of our church services, Sunday after Sunday, there will not be in attendance any unsaved young people or adults. Also, in many of these churches their evangelistic results will be restricted to the children of church members.

Why are these things so generally and distressingly true? There may be many reasons, but a major factor is the fact that so many of us do such a poor job of living the Christian life. Our practice falls far short of our profession. Others see little of the spirit of Christ in our daily walk,

What if most Christians consistently demonstrated in the home, in the shop, on the street, as well as in the sanctuary what it means to be a real Christian? What if others could see revealed in our lives the Christian spirit as we play and work as well as when we worship? What if more of us were genuine Christians in contrast to nominal Christians? What if men could honestly take knowledge of us, as they did of the early disciples, that we had been with Jesus?

Will you not agree that if the preceding were true then our neighbors, friends, and loved ones would become aware that we had something in our lives that many of them did not have? When that happened they would want to discover what that something was.

In the search for an answer many of them would come to our churches, and we believe that many of them would open their hearts and lives to the gospel message.

If the demonstration is to be most effective it must be evident where we live, work, and play as well as where we worship.

Also, for the demonstration to be most meaningful it must represent a minimum of conscious effort on our part. Some effort may be necessary because of our spiritual immaturity. However, as we mature the outer expression of our lives will increasingly flow from the inner quality of those lives. In turn, the inner quality or character of our lives will be determined by the vitality of our relation to the indwelling Christ and by our responsiveness to that relationship.

It should be added that for the demonstration to be most effective it must be group or institutional as well as individual or personal. In other words, the church as a fellowship of the redeemed should demonstrate in that fellowship the kind of society we would have if that society were redeemed.



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Seminary Names Buildings
 For Binkley, Judge Denny

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--The board of trustees for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here has voted to name its library building for Emery B. Denny, former chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and its chapel building for Olin T. Binkley, the seminary's president.

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The board also confirmed the seminary with the American Academic Institutions in the Consortium of Schools at the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem.

Tenure was granted to Robert E. Poerschke, professor of Christian education, and Donald D. Moore, associate professor of pastoral care, and the board confirmed the election of John W. Carlton as professor of preaching.

Invitations to Theodore F. Adams, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, and I. N. Patterson, former executive secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, to serve next year as visiting professors were approved by the board.

Sabbatical leaves were approved for E. Luther Copeland, professor of missions, and John I. Durham, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation. Copeland plans to study at the University of Chicago and Durham hopes to spend the year in Heidleberg and Oxford.

Trustees also authorized the establishment of the Emery B. Denny Endowment Fund and the Larry Love Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Judge Denny, a member of the seminary's board, has been a member of the state Supreme Court since 1962. Like President Binkley, he is a son of a Baptist minister and holds honorary doctoral degrees from both the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Binkley has been president of the seminary since 1963, serving previously as dean of the faculty. He is the only Southern Baptist to serve as president of the American Association of Theological Schools.

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Editorial Takes Lawmakers
 To Task For Law Violations

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--An editorial in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has taken the governor and state legislators to task for failing to obey the laws they have made concerning mixed drinks.

Referring to serving mixed drinks at the Arkansas Legislative Ball, Editor Erwin L. McDonald wrote:

"We should like to say to the governor and the members of the legislature: please show enough character (guts, if you prefer) to vote your convictions on mixed drinks and all other issues before you, but show the same guts in abiding by and upholding the laws that are on our books."

The editorial also said that "the open flaunting of the laws of the state by the very men and women who are supposed to be paragons of law and order is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in Arkansas.

"As we see it," the editorial continued, "this involves far more than whether Arkansas is to be publicly wet or dry. The real issue is whether or not citizens and lawmakers alike are to be lawabiding men and women of integrity and honor.

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"We can respect one who feels different from the way we feel about the manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages," the editor wrote. "But we can only deplore the conduct of those who deliberately trample under foot the laws of the state, whether those laws relate to alcohol, to safety on the highways, or to some other area of vital concern to the welfare of the people.

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Theology Institute Planned
At Seminary For Seniors

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FORT WORTH (BP)--An Institute of Theology ("IT") has been established for college students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here ~~June~~ 23-July 18.

Students will choose two of ten regularly scheduled classes, one at 8:00 a.m. and the other at 10:40 a.m. Courses are in theology, church music and religious education and will be taught by seminary professors A. Donald Bell, David Conley, Huber Drumwright, W. R. Estep, David Garland, Joe Davis Heacock, John Newport, Ralph Smith, Charles Tidwell and James Williams.

Bell, professor of counseling and human relations, will serve as dean of the institute. He will be assisted by a faculty and staff committee including Trozy Barker, Bert Dominy, Clyde Fant, Milton Ferguson, Doris Norton, Bill Pinson and John Seelig.

The institute is open to college students who are church vocation volunteers, who have reached senior classification by June 23, and who have a grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 system) or its equivalent.

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Golden Gate Slates 25th
Anniversary Celebration

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--A banquet and two convocations featuring addresses by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention will highlight the observance of the 25th anniversary of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 14,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas and president of the 11.3 million-member SBC, will speak at the two convocations.

A convocation of students, faculty, staff, trustees and the general public will be held at 8:55 a.m., Thursday, March 13; and a second session for the trustees, development council, faculty and staff, will be held that evening.

The 25th anniversary banquet will be held on the evening of March 13, following two sessions of the board of trustees.

Anniversary observance activities will begin Tuesday, March 11, with a special chapel when W. A. Carleton, vice president and academic dean at the seminary, will deliver a history of the seminary.

Trustees will hear the president's annual report by Harold K. Graves on Wednesday, March 12.

Chapel services Wednesday will be led by Clifford Hoff, pastor of the University Avenue Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii and president of the Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association.

Golden Gate Seminary has ~~been~~ located on the Strawberry Point campus for 10 years and is presently in its 25th year of operation.

Enrollment for the academic year is 361, the highest cumulative enrollment since the seminary moved from Berkeley, Calif., and the second highest cumulative enrollment in the 25 year history of the seminary.

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