

# Our School Deserves Our Support

## February 13th Designated Bethany Sunday

### "GIVE BETHANY THE TOOLS"

Bill Alexander,  
Alumni President

Perhaps for the first time since the foundation of the Reformed Baptist Church, its members have come to realize that by uniting their forces with God's unlimited power they can achieve goals far beyond the greatest expectations of even the more optimistic.

In past years the activities of the churches have been largely confined to their individual local affairs, but the development of the Bethany Bible College campus has shown that we need not and must not limit our vision to local affairs only. The point has been reached where the victory of a united effort is sweet, but let us not stop here. In this progressive age of innovation, wars, discontent and such the world is in need of men and women — men and women capable of working for the glory of God! People with the required qualities do not just happen to appear from nowhere: their respective characters, personalities and abilities must be discovered and developed by their own self-discipline and by the guidance of others. Bethany is a sanctuary where a young mind, if it so wishes, may discover itself and by the leading of teachers be made aware of the opportunities offered by the acquisition of a knowledge of God and of His creations. For Bethany to be able to carry out her function of training young people, she must be adequately equipped with the necessary tools and godly teachers. A fine work has been started, but let us not allow the vision to cloud; rather let us pray that a new and greater vision be given. The world of tomorrow must be coped with by the young people of today. To insure that they are prepared to handle the problems of this seemingly godless world, let us foster the growth of a college that will be a fountain, giving forth the truths of God and science.

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of Peter, the biblical source of the phrase ((II Pet. 1:1). Mr. Ericson showed us that it is sort of "democratic" phrase, placing in the same spiritual position all those who have saving faith in Jesus Christ. I find this a helpful interpretation; the more I study the passage the more helpful it becomes.

From studying nine versions of the New Testament and six commentaries, I have found a wealth of material in this one verse. What I particularly wish to share at this time, however, are some observations that arise from our innocent, understandable, yet inadequate use of the phrase.

I. Basis for wide Christian fellowship.  
"Like precious faith," on most of the occasions when I have heard it used, has had a strict, sectarian meaning. (Forgive me if **you** do not mean it that way. In my ignorance, I did.) It is certainly a sectarian phrase, but it is important and inspiring to me that the sect involved is the Church of Jesus Christ — the whole body of believers! This biblical phrase offers me a basis for a wide Christian fellowship — a family relationship with those "who have been allotted a faith of equal privilege" with mine (Moffatt). I feel like David who said (Ps. 31:8) "Thou hast set my feet in a large room." (Probably another misapplication, but the feeling of freedom is the same, I am sure!)

The generally accepted opinion is that

Let each one give unto God that He may use and increase Bethany Bible College and the work it is doing.

### The President Asks "WHAT'S GOING ON . . . ?"

What's going on at Bethany—besides classes, programs, and such? True, there is much of our life that is comparable to that of school life anywhere. To say this, however, is not to tell the whole story of life at Bethany—no not all.

In a recent faculty fellowship meeting we discussed and evaluated the work of the school in the lives of our students. Different students were spoken of by name as faculty members commented on the personal development of these students. In some cases we had the privilege of observing the students over a period of two or three years; in other cases only since Fall.

The development we noted was not merely development of youth maturing as they might anywhere. We knew the issues and the problems in these lives, and we were quite sure that we knew some of the influences that had brought personal development.

The benefit of regulated living, the answers to questions of spiritual consequence, the understanding and guidance of a staff member, the strengthening influence of a Christian environment, the inspiration of example—these, and many other forces, had helped these youth toward fulfillment. They had been changed by the quiet, steady influence of a Christian school.

For us as faculty members it was a rewarding experience to share our observations. We were re-assured that our labour is not in vain and that this cause is worthy of one's life work. In this confidence we ask your generous support on Sunday, February 13th.

Peter was addressing this epistle to the widely scattered Gentile believers of his day. He was conceding that even though they had not seen Christ as had the apostles and other Jewish believers, God had given them a faith of the same value and standing. We know that it was fitting for Peter thus to acknowledge the catholicity of the Gospel (cf., Acts 10:9ff). I believe it is helpful for Peter, the orthodox Jew who had known Jesus in the flesh, to remind me, the orthodox Wesleyan who proclaims full salvation, of the fellowship available in the family of faith. Peter has much more reason for condescension than I; the very lopsidedness of the parallel makes all the more slippery any pinnacle I have conjured up for myself.

There are, of course, those outside the family who think they are in it. We cannot enjoy a family fellowship with those who deny Jesus' deity or the redemptive power of His death. The glorious fact remains that we do belong to a brotherhood of all those who are exercising saving faith in our Savior. This leads to one further observation.

11. Basis for Christian unity.

Those of us who have received this "like precious faith" are now experiencing a vital spiritual unity. At least we may, if we will open our hearts to it. This phrase, then, offers us a basis for true Christian

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### A CHALLENGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN Bethany Bible College Board

A good offering for Bethany on Sunday, February 13th will encourage our faculty, enrich the treasury, enthuse the students, and enable the work of the College to go forward.

Bethany looks to its supporters to support it!

W. L. Fernley

### "PREPARE THEM FOR LIFE"

— Wayne Cliff, Alumnus

In these days when so much emphasis is being put on youth I think it only practical and realistic that we as Reformed Baptists should support our Bible School so that we may teach our young people, not only the doctrines of our church, but prepare them for life.

### INVESTMENT IN PRICELESS VALUES

— Douglas MacCallum,  
Board Member

Giving to Bethany is an investment not measurable in the monetary values of space and time yet one which pays the highest dividends. How do you measure the value of Christian education? Sacrificial service? Born-again believers? Everlasting life? Your returns are spiritual rubies, sapphires, pearls, emeralds and pure gold. Priceless!

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