

# Religion and Politics

## SGA Minutes September 29, 2003

- I. Called to Order at 7PM (L. Mayer)
- II. Invocation (G. Ottley)
- III. Members in attendance: L. Batzel, J. Berkeley, R. Breinich, J. Burdette, J. Friend, A. Heyward, B. Nelson, G. Ottley, J. Puckett, M. Silver, A. Sinclair
- IV. Financial Status Report: \$457.21 after a \$70 donation from a group of ladies invested in the Presbyterian Children's Home Christmas Party sponsored by SGA
- V. Fundraising Committee Report (J. Burdette & A. Heyward)
  - a. Half Court Basketball Throw - J. Friend talk to Coach Robinson to secure a date for the event
  - b. Haunted Trail/Mansion as PCHCP fundraiser: L. Mayer talk to Dean Lance/Teresa Price/Al Edwards; meeting 6 October 6:30PM
  - c. Thrift Store Prom: Tentatively scheduled for Christmas time-frame
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Recycling Program: Paper recycling bins put out around Belk 30 Sept.
  - b. Contact list/phone tree: To be completed for next meeting (K. Fisher)
  - c. Campus-wide clean up: All SGA members meet in front of the Caf on 1 Oct at 4PM to hand out trash bags. Convo credit available for clean up participation. Campus Blitz Convo Cleanup suggested. (G. Ottley)
  - d. Street sign below mirror: Al Edwards in communication with Montreat City Council to determine procedure for affixing a sign to telephone pole (A. Presson)
  - e. Spotlight on American flag: L. Mayer to talk to Al Edwards
  - f. Mass e-mail: all reps should consult Sandra Owen for their respective constituents' email addresses and send a note soliciting input from students
- VII. New Business:
  - a. SGA Food Committee: suggestion from Dr. Wilmoth at Open Forum Convo; SGA reps include M. Silver, J. Berkeley, and A. Heyward. Meeting time to be arranged with Scott Adams and Dr. Wilmoth
  - b. Homecoming Volunteers: B. Sambalaibat and A. Heyward requested SGA volunteers to help with Homecoming events.
  - c. Coin machines in dorms for laundry money and swipe capability on vending machines: L. Mayer talk to Mark Neil
- VIII. Announcements
  - a. Meet at the gym by 3:45PM Wednesday, 1 October for Campus Wide Cleanup
  - b. Next Legislative Board meeting 13 October 7PM
  - c. BMC Harvest Festival meeting 6 October 6:30PM
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM (L. Mayer)

### Living Water

By Johanna Wright

#### "Word of God Speak"

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."  
Matthew 22:29

A group of Jewish leaders called the Sadducees stood agape as Jesus accused them with these words. The Sadducees were quite knowledgeable when it came to matters of the Law. How could Jesus accuse them of not knowing the Scriptures? Perhaps it was because they only recognized the first five books of Scripture, or maybe because they had a limited theological perspective on life after death, or possibly because they rejected the idea of a spiritual world. Though these descriptions each accurately portray the group, the problem that Jesus saw in them was much deeper than any of these matters.

The Sadducees knew the Scriptures in a theologically educated, legalistic, and exacting sort of way. They did not know the Scriptures in connection with the power of God in a life-shaping, heart-transforming, relationship-forming way.

Friends, let us take heed and avoid the error that the Sadducees fell into. Let us take hold of and know the Scriptures and the power of God in a life changing way. The Word is such a precious gift to us from our Father in heaven. The joy that we feel when we receive a special note from a friend or loved one is the same joy that should sweep over us when we read the words that God wrote to us in the Scriptures. His words are ageless, universal, and at the same time very personal. God speaks directly to us in His Word and through the power of His Spirit if we will venture to listen for His voice as we open again and again the letter He has written to us.

The group Mercy Me has a new song that powerfully demonstrates the desire to truly know the Scriptures and the power of God. Here is the chorus:

Word of God speak  
Would you pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see your majesty  
To be still and know that you're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness  
Word of God speak

I pray that the Word of God would speak into your life today as you seek to know the Scriptures and the power of God.

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## Letter to the Editor

Why is it that in life people have to be labeled, they have to be in groups, they have to "fit in"? There are jocks, preps, nerds, and the list goes on. The question is why?

Why cannot people just be who they are, and if that means you are not in a group, or you do not have a label, that what does it matter? Jesus went against the popular group and he hung out with who they thought were the bad people.

What happened to Jesus? He was killed for you and for me, but even better, he rose from the grave three days later so that our sins were covered. So why is it in a place like Montreat where Christ is the center of all that goes on that there are people who struggle to find who they are and where they can fit in?

Maybe as Christians, we fail to show Christ love and that makes people long to fit in. Maybe as people as a whole we fail to love ourselves. The love of ourselves comes out of Christ's love for us; the closer we draw to Christ the more we understand his love for us and our ability to love who we are in Him.

Maybe as a Christ Centered Institution, we come short of being able to show Christ centered love to others. Just some food for thought.

In Christ,  
-Jason Fisher

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## Blood Drive Results

The American Red Cross would like to thank Montreat College Participants who volunteered in the 2003 blood drive. The goal this year was 45 and 43 units were collected. Way to go Montreat.