



Religious Viewpoint

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Signs Of Hope In America

The battle will always rage between the forces of good and evil. The conflict will never cease until our Lord returns. There are many hopeful signs in our society which seldom make the evening TV news.

The "Good Housekeeping" magazine, which has a monthly readership of 20 million, has reported the 10 most admired Americans. It is interesting to note, according to their survey, most of the top 10 are religious leaders or Christian men. Our President Reagan still tops the list; and former President Jimmy Carter makes the list. The Reverend Jerry Falwell, to the surprise of many media people, placed second topped only by the President. The Reverend Billy Graham was third; and Pope John Paul was next with Pat Robertson included among the 10 most admired Americans.

In front of a national television audience of 60 million, Kellye Cash, Miss America, 1987, gave credit to God for her success. The 21-year-old, born again Christian from Tennessee, has strong beliefs regarding abortion, pre-marital sex, peer pressure, and drug abuse. She feels pre-marital sex is wrong. She gives credit to President Reagan for a moral comeback in America. She feels drugs are the greatest problem facing young people today.

Another hopeful sign comes from "Life" magazine. "Life" notes that 70 percent of teenagers belong to a church; and more than half attend church weekly. The report states that 95 percent of all teens believe in God.

The grass roots of the American people have faith and believe in God. Let all Christians pray that these seeds of hope will bring spiritual awakening to our nation.

Scholarship Honors Pastor

A scholarship to enable young ministers to get an education at Gardner-Webb College has been established in memory of the late Reverend Forrest C. Feezor of Shelby, N.C. More than

\$10,000 in endowed gifts has been received by the Christian Service Organization of the college since Feezor's death December 2.

Dr. Bob Morgan, president of the Christian Service Organization and professor of French and mathematics at Gardner-Webb, announced the endowment of the Feezor scholarship at the winter meeting of the Christian Service Organization in January. On hand for the announcement were Feezor's daughter Anne Joy Ballew of Waco, North Carolina, and her husband, Rev. Royce Ballew, as well as several of the initial donors to the scholarship fund.

According to Morgan, Gardner-Webb's Christian Service Organization welcomes additional contributions to the Forrest C. Feezor Memorial Scholarship. Memorial gifts will be acknowledged and should be sent to Gardner-Webb College, P.O. Box 897, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

Feezor, who died at the age of 94, was a well-known and beloved Southern Baptist preacher. His autobiography, "Spirit-Led Man of God," has been compiled for publication by his close friend, Dr. Garland A. Hendricks, director of the B.E. Morris Academy of Gardner-Webb College.

Speaking about the life of Forrest Feezor at the meeting of the Christian Service Organization, Hendricks announced that one half of the royalties from the sale of "Spirit-Led Man of God" will go into the scholarship fund memorializing Feezor.

Hendricks chronicled Feezor's struggle to get an education with remarks entitled, "He Couldn't Get an Education, So He Did!" Born in 1892 on a humble farm

Louisa Munn To Speak On Mission Work In Haiti

Louisa Munn of Gastonia will present a slide show and talk on mission work in Haiti Saturday at 6 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain.

Ms. Munn has made several trips to Haiti as a

Volunteer in Mission for the United Methodist Church.

Following the program, refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. Allan Sinclair, Interim Pastor, invites the public.

Program Scheduled

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church of Bessemer City, North Carolina will hold its annual Black History Program on Sunday, February 8, at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Edward D. Sadler, Jr., Principal of Ashbrook Senior High School.

All are invited to attend.

Hotdog, Bake Sales Set

First Assembly of God Church at 105 Waco Road will hold a hotdog and baked sale February 7 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the church.

Hotdogs may be eaten at the church or taken home.

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outside Lexington, North Carolina, Forrest Chalmers Feezor grew up as he himself later said, "with an insatiable desire to get an education." A second unquenchable desire was to become a Christian minister.

However, at 18 years of age, Feezor had only a fifth grade education. His father released him from the farm to attend school but warned Feezor there would be no money from the family for his education.

Making his own way financially, Feezor entered Wake Forest College in Wake Forest, North Carolina, when he was 23 years of age. At Wake Forest he had the opportunity to play football and basketball, debate with the Euzelian Literary Society and pastor several Baptist churches. The day he graduated from college, he won the oratorical contest.

Hendricks relates, "When the college president gave Forrest the winner's medal, his father broke down and wept. At lunch that day he handed Forrest a twenty-dollar bill. Forrest handed it back to him."

Feezor eventually became pastor of some of the largest Baptist churches in North Carolina and Texas, served as pastor to a governor from each state and still preached in such plain and simple language that the least educated and sophisticated people in his churches could understand his messages. He was known as a crusader for Christian principals, a peacemaker and an effective gospel preacher.

Hendricks congratulated the Christian Service Organization of Gardner-Webb College for its role in the creation of the Forrest Feezor Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund should grow with passing years, Hendricks commented, enabling deserving young men and women to get an education and to prepare for Christian service.

Breakfast Scheduled Saturday

El Bethel United Methodist Church will serve a country style breakfast Saturday morning from 6 until 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

All proceeds are earmarked for the van fund of the church.

The menu will include ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, gravy, biscuits, jelly and coffee.

The public is invited.

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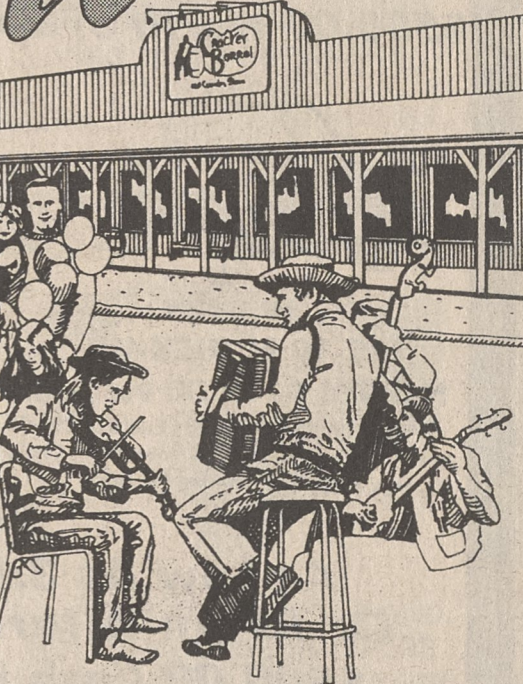
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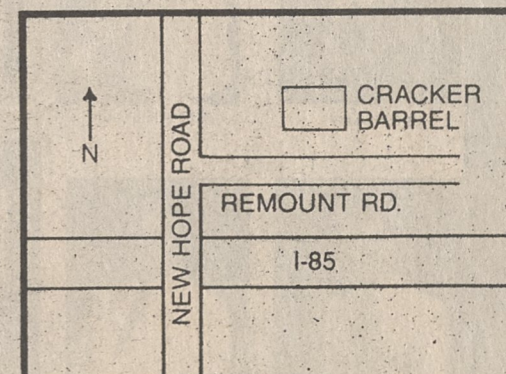


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