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# CHRISTIAN ARRAY

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## 1991 CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY - HOUSTON

The 1991 Annual Christian College Day - Houston is rapidly approaching. This will be the second annual event, following a very successful event in 1990. The program will occur from 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 24, 1991. It will be an exciting day for everyone.

A primary purpose of this event is to acquaint our youth of the outstanding resources which exist at Christian colleges. A second purpose is to help the colleges to get their message out to as many youth as possible.

The event will provide a forum for Christian colleges to efficiently present their programs to Houston area high school students. It will provide a forum for our youth to efficiently learn about the capabilities of the Christian colleges. Hopefully this will assist many of our youth in the decision to select a Christian education.

The colleges which participated in the First Annual Christian College Day - Houston were:

Abilene Christian University  
Abilene, Texas

David Lipscomb University  
Nashville, Tennessee

Faulkner University  
Montgomery, Alabama

Freed-Hardeman University  
Henderson, Tennessee

Harding University  
Searcy, Arkansas

Lubbock Christian University  
Lubbock, Texas

Oklahoma Christian University  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Pepperdine University  
Malibu, California

At the first event last year, approximately 170 were in attendance. Each of the participating schools were pleased with the results, and most have already indicated that they will participate again this year.

In 1991, Memorial Church of Christ will host the event again. The program plan will be slightly altered from last year:

- 2:00 to 4:00 - All will meet in the central portion of the Family Center. Each participating college will be given a 10-15 minute time segment to present their material to the audience. Primary presentation means will be a VHS projection system. At about 3:00, a 15 minute break will be taken for refreshments, still in the Family Center.
- 4:00 to 5:30 - The rooms around the perimeter of the Family Center will be used again for schools to meet individually with potential students. The format of the presentations or discussions in any individual room will be at the discretion of the individual college. Refreshments will be served again.

This announcement newsletter is going out to over 300 congregations in the greater Houston area (713 and 409 telephone area codes), in addition to individual members. We are hoping to at least double the attendance from last year.

Some ways that you can assist in this work are:

- Spread the word about the event and encourage your youth to come learn of the opportunities in Christian education.
- A center page in this newsletter next month will be an advertisement designed to be placed on your youth bulletin board. Place it on your bulletin board and call your youth's attention to it.
- Make sure your youth minister or other involved adult brings a group to talk with these excellent Christian counselors.
- Place reminders in your bulletins.

Surely we will all be blessed by the attendance and strengthening of our youth at one of our outstanding Christian colleges. If you ever wanted to influence your youth to attend a Christian college, this is your chance.

To get to the facilities of the Memorial congregation, take the Blalock and/or Echo Lane exit off I-10. It is the sixth exit west of Loop 610 on the west side of Houston. Go south on Echo Lane approximately 1/2 mile to the building on the left. (Note: Blalock goes north from the intersection) The church facility is immediately across from the Memorial High School campus.

We pray that with your assistance and your participation, this event will be another success in 1991.

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"Making a difference in the lives of children."



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Thomas J. Seay, Jr.  
Executive Director

Tom Seay (Executive Director) is a most gracious host while conducting a tour of the facilities of the Central Texas Children's Home. Houseparents Charles & Beverly Ratcliff and Gordon & Dee Zamzow provide warm and caring support for the activities of the home in support of the lives of the children which they touch.

On visiting the facilities, one quickly comes to the realization that Central Texas Children's Home is truly a work which lives up to their motto: "making a difference in the lives of children". More than that, you will individually know that here is a work which needs your personal assistance in doing a truly Christian service.

The facilities consist of the original structure and 2 newer cottages on 152 acres of land south of Austin, Texas near I-35. It is in fact the closest home to the greater Houston area. The 2 newer cottages are actively housing children which attend school in the nearby Del Valle School District.

The original structure is a composite of 2 houses and has a lot of life left in it. However, it is not suitable for certification for a child care residence by the State of Texas. It is presently used to warehouse supplies. There are no administration offices presently on the campus. Administration occurs in the offices of Cameron Road Church of Christ about 15 miles away in Austin.

## SHORT TERM GOAL

We are participating in a short term goal of refurbishing the original structure to improve the general appeal and serviceability of the campus. This will generally consist of:

1. Refurbish the outside by replacing several pieces of siding, painting the siding, repairing the roof, repairing the eaves, replacing 3 windows, and placing an Austin Stone facade on the front.
2. Close off the front 3 rooms and a restroom for on-campus administration offices. This will require paneling, carpet, ceiling tiles, rest room fixtures, and minor carpentry, electrical, and plumbing work.
3. Investigate removing some non-load bearing walls and making repairs in the rear to make the facility more flexible for storage of supplies.
4. Securing 3 offices of furniture to allow the operations.
5. Soliciting donations for contemporary office equipment, such as DOS computers, FAX machines, copiers, etc.

We are planning to do the bulk of the work on October 11 and 12, 1991.

If you have access to building supplies for donation, have time to assist in the work, have access to office furniture, or can donate monies to assist in the purchase of these items, please let us know as soon as practical. Items can be donated directly to the home or directly to BCE Publications as is most convenient for the individual. BCE Publications is a non-profit organization, so any donations will be tax deductible. The address of the Home is:

Central Texas Children's Home  
1925 Crane Road  
Buda, Texas 78610  
(512) 243-1386

As with other homes, Central Texas needs your ongoing assistance in monthly support and endowments to insure long term operation of the home. There are probably few if any areas in which you can individually or from your church budget send monies which will more positively assist in spreading the word. We would ask you to consider placing Central Texas in your budgets for the upcoming year. If you would like to have additional details on the home, call Tom for a visit, or ask him or an area representative to come to your congregation and personally present the home to you.

Surely, this is pure and undefiled religion.

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## QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

Titus 1:6 says with respect to the qualifications of elders "any man...having children who believe". (NASV)

I Timothy 3:4 says with respect to the qualification of elders "keeping his children under control with all dignity". (NASV)

Last month we discussed "children" with the conclusion that the Bible states that an elder (singular) must have children (plural). This month we will discuss "believing".

1. An elder who was appointed an elder shortly after adopting a single small child assured me that the baby believed what he told her.
2. An elder who had a single child told me that he had believing children because he was a school administrator and the students believed what he told him.

Does the fact that a small child believes his or her father when the father tells him or her that Santa Claus is real suffice for being a believing child. Does "believing" relate to religion?

What is the measure of belief? James 2:19 tells us that the demons believe. Surely having a child which is a demon would not qualify a brother to be an elder. An unqualified belief in Santa Claus is surely not what is required.

Ultimately, each of the qualifications to be an elder must be a qualification. If we dilute the requirement to where everyone in the world meets it, then it becomes merely a waste of words. It can be reasonably concluded that qualifications are meaningful, not just God hearing Himself talk.

If we say that a brother is qualified because his child believes when he tells him about Jesus or Santa Claus, it is not a distinction. It is a universal truth. A small child believes what his or her authority figure says in all but the most extreme cases.

- If we conclude that the belief must:
1. Exceed a naive Santa Clause like belief in Jesus,
  2. Is not like the belief of demons in which a knowledge exists but is not acted upon, and
  3. That the belief is distinctive enough to set the individual apart as a qualification,
- then we come to the conclusion that the children must have a belief in Jesus which causes them to be baptized and to be faithful Christians. If anyone can come to any reasonable conclusion other than this, send it and we will print it.

The conclusion now rests at the point that it is a qualification for an elder to have a plurality of children who are faithful baptized believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

The Brookshire congregation in Brookshire; the Longmire congregation in Conroe; the Spring Congregation in Spring; and the Houston congregations of Burbank, Candelight, Hiway 249, Westfield Loop, and West End have started putting an advertisement in the Houston Chronicle titled "WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?".

We would like to commend this effort by these brethren and sisters in using mass media to give people in the city an opportunity to realize that their present religious beliefs may well be in conflict with Biblical teachings.

Surely, this realization is a critical link in starting an individual's search for pure scriptural truths.

### What Does the Bible Say?

#### About the Blood of Christ

- \* We are redeemed by his blood... I Peter 1:18-19
- \* We are washed from our sins in His blood... Revelation 1:5
- \* We have remission of sins in His blood... Matthew 26:28
- \* We are at peace with God through His blood... Colossians 1:20
- \* Christians are cleansed from their sins daily by His blood... I John 1:7
- \* Jesus purchased the Church with His blood... Acts 20:28
- \* Jesus ratified the New Testament with His blood... Matthew 26:28

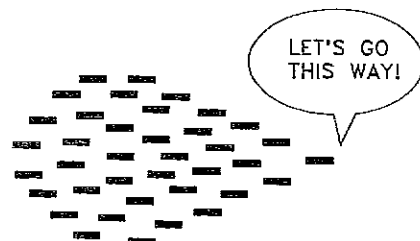
**How does one reach the blood of Christ?**  
**Answer: The blood is in Christ... Ephesians 1:7**  
**We are baptized into Christ... Romans 6:3**  
**Hence, Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." Mark 16:16**

Come to worship God and learn more of His Word where you will be welcome, at one of the churches of Christ listed below:

**Brookshire:** Brookshire, 16835 Rock Bend.  
**Conroe:** Longmire Road, 200 Longmire Road.  
**Houston:** Burbank, 9722 Fulton; Candelight, 4215 Watonga; Hiway 249, 11707 Texas 249; Westfield, Westfield Loop at East Hardy; West End, 718 Malone.  
**Spring:** Spring, 1423 Spring Cypress Rd.

*"The Churches of Christ salute you." (Romans 16:16)*  
**\*\* Please call 713/869-1336 for a recorded message.**

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## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION!

Atheistic evolution generally claims that the earth is 4 1/2 billion years ago. The Sun is reported to be shrinking at the 0.1% per century. Assuming the shrinkage rate to be true, the Sun would have been so large only 20 million years ago that the earth's orbit would have been inside the diameter of the Sun. How can any scientific person accept both those "facts" to be true independently?

## WHAT DO YOU TEACH?

The Episcopalians teach that sprinkling can be used for baptism. The Bible and first century history clearly teach that baptism was by immersion. What do you teach?

## NOTE :

It is the intent of this publication to be as scriptural as possible. This involves both the most reasonable approach to interpreting the scriptures, and the most reasonable application of that approach.

Our approach to interpretation is stated as "Guiding Principles" in the January 1990 issue. Our method of application is indicated in the title of the newsletter as strict constructionist. A copy of the guiding principles is available to anyone on request.

We request your prayers in following this plan if valid, or your comments where it is not valid.

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## AREA WIDE EVENTS :

SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY  
Presentations of Christian education by Christian colleges  
11-24-91 @ 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Memorial, 900 Echo Lane, 464-0271

CENTRAL TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY  
Work day to assist in refurbishment of structure for administration offices.  
10-11 & 10-12 (See article)

If no one is following, you are not a leader.

A congregation is like a chain, it is easier to lead than to push.

## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION - \$100

This publication continues to make a standing offer of \$100.00 to the first person who can give any reason (1 or more) as to why atheistic evolution is a better explanation for the universe and/or life than creation by God; the Father of Adam, Abraham, and Jesus; as revealed in the Bible.

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