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Meet the Full-time Faculty Serving at LCBM



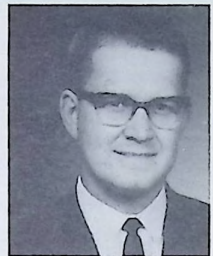
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W. LARRY DICKERSON

MUSIC DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Mr. W. Larry Dickerson has been appointed to the faculty as an Associate Professor of Music. Mr. Dickerson possesses B.A. and M.F.A. degrees from Bob Jones University. He will be responsible for instruction in voice and for the direction of the College Chorale. Mrs. Dickerson is also a graduate of Bob Jones University with B.A. and M.A. degrees. She will be teaching part-time on the faculty in the areas of piano and organ. The Dickersons come from Flint, Michigan, although Mrs. Dickerson is a Canadian, a daughter of Rev. Lorne Hisey of Quebec.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Some faculty members have received administrative appointments for the coming year. Rev. Kermit A. Ecklebarger has been appointed to the position of Chairman of the Department of Biblical Studies. Rev. Donald A. Leggett will serve as Librarian and Director of Christian Service. Dr. William R. Foster has been appointed as Acting President for the coming year, and until such time as a new president is appointed to replace Dr. Macaulay.

PART-TIME FACULTY

Three new part-time instructors will teach on the faculty during the coming year. Rev. Robert W. Wilson, B.A., M.Th., pastor-elect of Wortley Baptist Church, will teach Homiletics. Rev. James Rendle, B.A., M.Th., pastor of Glen Cairn Baptist Church, will teach Ethics, and Rev. Edwin H. Mitchell, B.R.E., Minister of Education at Wortley Baptist Church, will teach Organization and Administration of Christian Education.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Since the 1960 school year the size of the student body has **increased 68%**. During the same time, the total cost of educating each student has **decreased 8%**. This year it will cost \$875. for each student. Of this, the student pays about \$250. in tuition. The remaining \$625. for each student must be provided by donations. Government grants are not available to Theological colleges.

As this school year begins and we prepare to minister to a much larger student body will you share in this ministry with your gifts?

PRAISE

1. Provision of Music and Christian Education Professors.
2. Student Body Growth.

PRAYER

1. For the students as they come to London — finances, accommodation, etc.
2. For the faculty as they fulfil their ministry in the classroom.
3. For the \$7,000. needed in donations each month to meet operating costs.
4. That the spiritual tone of the school would be high so that the students might mature as we know the Lord would have them to.

LARGER STUDENT BODY EXPECTED

The number of applications received to date, August 9th, indicates that many more young people are being called to prepare for the Lord's service at LCBM. We are thankful that the Lord is increasing the ministry of the college.

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Christian Development

A new group of students will begin their studies at London College of Bible and Missions in a few weeks. The desire to change is one major factor which has stimulated them to attend Bible College. They are not satisfied with themselves as they are. To assist the student in achieving this personal transformation, London College seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to the development of a well-rounded Christian personality.

But College freshmen are not alone in their need for change. Some of them are just more aware of it. Faced with the tremendous adjustment of assuming their place in the adult world, they sense their own inadequacy for this new and more demanding role. The person who has already made this transition must beware of contentment with the status quo. It is important that a man have self respect, but should be linked with a desire for self improvement. Self satisfaction can easily lead to intellectual paralysis, social isolation and spiritual stagnation.

Steady growth of the total personality should characterize a healthy Christian. Even Jesus, the God-man, "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). If the incarnate Deity matured mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially, how much more do mere redeemed humans need total personality development!

The well-balanced Christian experience involves the growth of the total man. The Christian life should be nothing less than the process of achieving "mature manhood, measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ" (Eph. 4:13 N.E.B.).

What a high and worthy goal for each individual believer to desire and achieve.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, September 16, 8:00 p.m. — Faculty Reception for New Students

September 26 - 30 — Fall Bible Conference
Dr. Stephen Olford, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New York, N.Y.

10:40 a.m. — College Chapel

8:00 p.m. — Central Baptist Church

September 30 - October 1 — Alumni Homecoming

Sunday, December 11 — Annual Christmas Musicales

January 25 - 27 — Missionary Conference
Dr. Allan Lewis, President
Baptist Mid-Missions
Rev. Virgil Newbrander
Candidate Secretary, F.E.G.C.

March 1 - 3 — Academic Lecture Series
Dr. Roy Zuck, President
Scripture Press

March 28 - 29 — College For A Day

Friday, April 7 — Graduation Banquet

Saturday, April 8 — Spring Musicales

Sunday, April 23 — Baccalaureate

Saturday, April 29 — Twenty-ninth Graduation

ALUMNI CORNER

—Coming home from the field of New Guinea in August will be Velma Foreman, '59. Velma is a Wycliffe Bible Translator.

—In August Chuck '51 and Elena Johnson plan to return to Bolivia with their family. They are with the New Tribes Mission.

—Returning to Peru in August will be Bill and Ruth (both '48) Large. They serve with the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism.

—The official opening of the new West Park Baptist Church, London will be held on August 30. Douglas Dakin '61 is the pastor.

—"The first four graduates received their diplomas from the President of the new Fairview Baptist Bible College," writes Muriel Davis '50. Roland Smith '58 is the College President.

—There are ten alumni serving the Lord at LCBM in training young people.

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Christian Development

by Rev. Kermit Ecklebarger
Dean of Students

To be static in one's Christian experience, is to rob oneself of the daily enrichment which God intends and has provided for His own. One of the great blessings of being a Christian is that it is a life of growth and fresh discoveries about God. Even the apostle Paul, near the end of his ministry after his three missionary journeys, acknowledged that he still needed to grow as a believer. Full maturity had not yet been reached. Paul was not content with the experiences of the past, but rather was anticipating the potential of the future. For Paul, the whole period of life, not just youth, was the time for growth (Phil. 3: 12 & 13).

Physical growth is fairly automatic. By early adulthood maturity is usually achieved. But throughout life sound health habits must be practiced. Care of the body is implicit in Christian commitment. Since our bodies are "temples of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6:19), we dare not abuse or neglect their physical well-being.

Socially, the believer must learn to relate himself to others in a wholesome Christian manner. The believer should seek the constant improvement of his social graces throughout life so that he can have effective personal contact with his fellow man. As Christians who are interested in sharing the gospel, we must develop social flexibility so that, with Paul, we can "become all things

to all men," and "by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22).

Learning must not end with graduation from college. A formal education is only intended to give one the foundation for a life of stimulating intellectual activity. The Christian knowledge of God, His Word and the world He created should be ever expanding. Unfortunately this is not always true of individual Christians. Of some it must be said "for when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God" (Heb. 5:12).

Spiritual development is likewise a lifetime process. The spiritual nourishment necessary for this growth is appropriated through the study of the Bible. Peter advises younger Christians, "as new born, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Failure to utilize this spiritual food leads to spiritual retardation. Such spiritual immaturity is contrary to God's purpose for the Christian as stated in Col. 1:28.

"So, naturally, we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about Him, so that, if possible, we may bring everyone up to his **full maturity in Christ Jesus**" (Phillips).

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