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PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Surely prayer is one of the greatest powers of the church-- a gift not just for requests, but also a medium for praise and thanks.

For those who seek any enrichment in this area of the Church's life, a special time has been set aside each week for members of the seminary community (including wives) for the sole purpose of meeting for prayer.

Prayer Fellowship, as it is usually referred to, meets every Tuesday at 9:00 P.M. in the small chapel and usually lasts one half hour to forty-five minutes. The Fellowship's main objective is to provide time for discussion and prayer, which, merely because of the time element, cannot be placed in any of the other community worship experiences.

It is a community function; persons meet and discuss, if they want, about what or for whom they are praying--at times there are requests for a person who is sick or about to undertake some uncertain experience; other times there are just words of thanks. The discussion beforehand allows others in the group to know the circumstances which one person may pray for and thus all are praying with the individual. Others may just take advantage of the time to pray silently.

Everyone in the seminary community is invited--just come. Those who have been meeting feel that the time has been extremely

well-spent and are sure that it adds to the spiritual enrichment for the whole seminary community.

Jim Rodgers

WOTS UP?

All aboard! Get ready for the BIG Gettysburg Battlefield Tour. Enrich those dull seminary moments by making the big move Wednesday, October 9th to the Tour Information Center. Here all WOTS members and their husbands and children will congregate at 5:00 P.M. to board the world famous bus with a tape recording of the Gettysburg action we all missed 105 years, 3 months, 6 days, 2 hours, 40 minutes and 3 seconds ago!! Right!! (Those going on the trip are also invited to bring along a packed lunch, which will be eaten at a designated room in the Ad building following the enlightening tour.)

This trip and other interesting tidbits were reverberating from the walls of the Aberley Room, September 11th and 25th.

Fun and frolic was enjoyed by all the ladies attending the opening meeting this Fall. With a good deal of fellowship, games were played and plans were made for future meetings this Fall. WOTS is looking for people interested in helping to plan and work with the Holiday Bureau in December. For more information contact Audrey Stapf. Another WOTS project is the "adopting" of a deprived child for the seminary year. This involves a couple taking a local child

several times to an outing or to their home. This will also be the child they will bring to the WOTS Christmas party.

WOTS is in the process of organizing a study group (of Biblical and theological content) for those interested.

The September 25 meeting centered around reports given by the past year's intern wives. These experiences ranged from inner city to rural settings. City problems involved overcoming racial barriers. As one wife reported, "You can be in the middle of black and still not know how it is." She added that in this context she found out more about herself. Some

books to read for enlightenment on these problems were suggested by another wife. They are:

- 1) The Human Heart
- 2) For Human Beings
- 3) Dark Ghetto
- 4) The Fire Next Time
- 5) Black Like Me
- 6) Death at an Early Age
- 7) How Children Feel About John Holt(?)
- 8) WASP

These can all be found in our library.

COMMERCIAL: Get your WOTS hot Christmas cards and stationery featuring the one and only Gettysburg Seminary before the big merger. It's really being sold by the faculty wives. See Mrs. Matthews in the library.

A D. H. Lawrence poem and a scripture reading constituted the devotions led by Peggy Michaels. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Donna Sacherich
Barbara Heilman

LUTHER'S LITTLE LAP BOOK

Once again, kiddies, it's time to open Luther's Little Lap Book and see what goodies are in store for today. If you remember correctly, the last time I promised to present a translation of an ancient manuscript which was unearthed by an archeological expedition near

the Old Testament town of Sockie --Toomey. Fate has indeed been smiling on us. We have just received the translated document in time to include it in this issue of Table Talk. There was some doubt concerning the time of arrival of the document to us, because it was promised to another school to be used before we could employ it. However, we have it, and here it is in its entirety.

(Editor's note: Any similarity between persons, places and/or seminaries as described in this manuscript, and those of real life, is strictly pejorative.)

SEMINARIAN'S ENCHRIDION or

(Helpful hints on how to get more for less)

To the most notable and life long friend of mine. In response to your inquiry I am sending to you some of my reflections concerning my first year here at the Rabbinic Ding-Dong School of Theology. Hopefully, this will enlighten you and be an aid to you in recognizing the shape of today's school of theology, and the life therein.

1) The students cheerfully take an active role in the life of the school, community and local college.

2) The goal of every good student is to become a BMOS.

3) BMOS does not stand for "Big Man on Systematics."

4) Professors are human -- sometimes.

5) Bible-thumping is not the only sport in which the students engage.

6) Athletic scholarships are available to the promising young stars of tomorrow in football, basketball, softball, ping pong, tennis and all other various sports enjoyed by the students except Bible-thumping.

7) Ping pong can be played from a wheel chair.

8) The Pub is an extension of campus.

There are rigid requirements for admission.

1) One must resemble a human being (n.b. It has been known that this requirement has been waived if the applicant possesses other admirable qualities.)

2) One must be creative.

3) One should be hostile and be able to identify ulterior motives in others. Also, he should be able to readily overlook someone's good qualities in order to spot something bad in him/her. If the entering student is weak in these areas, upperclassmen will readily and willingly counsel and train him in order that the proper outlook and attitude be attained as soon as possible.

4) One must be honest.

5) Draft dodgers will find it impossible to obtain admission. The well-trained and ever watchful eye of the admission committee readily weeds out these applicants.

6) The applicant should be willing to go the extra mile only if the road is not rough, and there is something in it for him.

7) Group-life weekend is enjoyed by everyone and should not be missed by anyone.

8) The student will soon learn to be super critical, finding faults with everyone except himself.

9) "Class attendance is essential."

10) Fresh fruit is available to those students who eat at the refectory -- sometimes.

11) Apple Annie is not a nightmare -- she lives!

12) The branch of AA on campus does not stand for Alcohol -- Anonymous.

13) New students who possess insight soon realize that the favorite pastime of other students is "talking down" other students behind their backs.

14) The official tube steak

record is ten.

15) A theological student can be trusted to keep his promise. If he says he'll do something, nothing in the world will keep him from carrying through with it.

16) Theological students in their first year of study enjoy, in addition to group-life weekend, the biggest event of the year, viz., decorating the statue of the first true rabbi, Martin Lutherstein.

17) The friendly atmosphere that permeates the campus is readily seen by the new student. It is nice to be a part of a community in which everyone is concerned about building up -- not tearing down -- each other.

That is all. I hope, Theophilus, that you will be able to benefit from my observations. Take them for what you deem them to be worth.

Should you decide to enroll at the Rabbinic Ding Dong School of Theology, you will find that your years in the school will constitute a proving ground -- how many losers can be enrolled in one school? Can they be trained to get along in society? How long will it take before even the sane people are affected by them? Often the school does not prove anything, but it is always trying.

Thus endeth the reading for the week from Luther's Little Lap Book. So, kiddies, we must all return to the "boredom-tedium--ad infinitum" that is essential for our preparation for future lives as ministers. Harry

Blood Donors -- Today at 3:00 P.M.

Those who wish to give blood to the blood bank in the name of the woman from St. James congregation who was recently operated on should meet in front of the Library today at 3:00 P.M. Transportation to and from York will be provided

Dr. Myers' granddaughter,

with a broken leg. She is eight years old and would dearly love receiving get-well cards from anyone who cares to send one. Send to:

Miss Mary Ann Bream
248 Chambersburg Street
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
17325

Dr. Heim is presently in a Baltimore Hospital, and cannot receive either mail or visitors for the moment. This restriction will be lifted shortly but until then, any questions or requests should be channeled to either Dr. Jordahl or Dean Stroup.

The fall football league has been playing games for several weeks now. Real interest has been shown by all of the participating teams--not to take anything away from those loyal students and wives who have enthusiastically supported the teams.

In the first game of the season, the Juniors put it to the Middlers by a 12-0 score. Both teams were stifled in their offensive drives in the first half. In the second half, Dave Ritterpusch intercepted Barley's pass and ran in for six points. Later, Fred Lehr ran a kickoff into the end zone on a splendid play.

The second game pitted the Seniors against the Juniors. The Seniors emerged the victor by an 18-0 score. The scoring came on an intercepted pass by Harold Truax, a pass completion from Rudolph to Ray Dice, and finally a pass from Rudy to Burl Latshaw.

In the second week of play, the Juniors again met the Middlers. Again they won--this time 24-0. The Juniors dominated play from the start of the game. Their scores came thus: a QB run by John Carlson, a kickoff return by Rick Brunsell, a "flea-flicker" from Carlson to Smith to Brunsell, and a pass to Smith from Carlson.

Sept. 26th brought the Seniors and the Middlers face-to-face for the first time. The Middlers came through with their first victory, 8-0. In a rugged game, both defenses played very well. Several times the Seniors were held just short of paydirt. The Middler TD came on a pass from Barley to Ken Schott just before the close of the first half. The 2 points came near the end of the game

an 18-6 victory over the Juniors. This was the second time that the Seniors had beaten the Juniors. Particular scoring plays of this game are not known at this time.

This week sees the Middlers against the Juniors on Tuesday at 3:45 and the Juniors versus the Seniors on Thursday at 4:00.

The volley ball league has been playing for a couple of weeks also. Because of shortening days, we are planning to start games at 6:15.