NO HEROES — ONLY JESUS

Luke Sewell has just died. Most people will not remember this former American League catcher for Cleveland and manager of the St. Louis Browns. I remember him because once I had a baseball card showing him in his catcher's gear along with similar cards of Hank Greenberg, Jimmy Fox, and Babe Ruth and many others. One nice thing about baseball cards was the way they always carried the nice aroma of the chewing gum which originally came with them. Also, having a large stack of baseball cards was a real sign of affluence and produced envy on the part of the kids of the whole neighborhood.

Life back in the 1930's with its so-called "depression" and problems was, as I recall it, a most wonderful time to be a boy. My dad filled his old Willys Knight up with American Legion kids and along with many other similar dads, carried us to Detroit's Navin Field to watch our heroic Tigers play. Little did we know that we were the last of a wonderful era. Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins among others were developing a new socio-economic order. In education, in seminaries and in every other area of our national life, a new deal was being forged. We heard of the New Deal, but we were not aware whether the deal was going to be good or bad.

In living through what has transpired since those happy days of the thirties, one can reflect that very little which is truly good has happened.

My father's corner grocery is gone, along with multiplied thousands of similar independent American businesses. My uncle's farm as well as my grandfather's farm lies fallow and unproductive. Many similar farms have been lost across the entire country, many being bought up by foreigners and big cartels. Charity and brotherly love have been taken over by government programs and United Fund campaigns. Three wars have been fought since Luke Sewell's era of the thirties, and we are currently involved in military ventures all over the world, the majority of which are unsuccessful.

We have television, X-rated movies, Playboy magazine and crack, AIDS, condoms, organ transplants, abortion and every imaginable kind of evil on every side. One Episcopal woman priest nominated to be a bishop has advocated the modification of the Ten Commandments to exclude adultery. One physician, soon to head up the Medical Ethics Program of a major northern American medical institution, does not believe
in faith or in prayer. He is in the atheistic majority since physicians who are Christians are Christians in secret. (John 19:38)

Back in the Luke Sewell era we didn't have penicillin or any antibiotics. Sulfonamide drugs were just being tried for the treatment of infections, many times disastrously. Cardiac surgery was entirely experimental, and no one remotely considered transplantation. Life and death were much simpler. Faith was simpler. God seemed more accessible. Robert Frost and Edgar Guest were writing poetry, and Americans actually had time to read their thoughts and their pensive comments on life.

At my high school graduation there were no drugs, no alcoholic drinks and almost no one smoked. No one had any money, but everyone had true enjoyment. Even the music was happy and beautiful. There was no television so none of us knew much about what was happening in Germany, Russia or Palestine. There were rumblings of war and trouble ahead, but few of us thought it would ever come near us. We actually believed that George Washington's admonition in his Farewell Address, which we all had to read and knew about, warning against foreign entanglements would be adhered to. After all, our fathers had fought to save the world for democracy and no one wanted to go through that kind of carnage of our youth again.

Now, a half a century later, we are a nation beset with affluence on one side and abject poverty on the other. Even among the affluent there is not much hope. Such non-orientation toward God has produced Boesky, Gary Hart, Ted Kennedy, Watergate, Rosenberg's, Pollards, Len Bias, Dr. Ruth and Dwight Gooden. There just aren't any Babe Ruths or Charles Lindbergs anymore. Even those who have been held in great esteem in television evangelism seem to let us down.

Oh, we do have transplant surgeons and atomic scientists (those who gave us Hiroshima and Chernobyl). We have sent men to the moon and some right now are circling the globe in outer space. We have sacrificed Poland, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, the Russian people and are in the process of destroying South Africa—giving it to the communists as we did Rhodesia.

As to transplantation, consider the words of a surgeon who describes an incident at a Cleveland hospital. "A little boy sitting outside the pediatric intensive care unit looked up as an older child was wheeled out on a cart, surrounded by a group of nurses and physicians. The chest of the child, the prospective donor, was moving up and down with respirations produced by a ventilator. 'That's my brother,' said the little boy, 'He's dead and they're taking him to surgery.'"

For these and many other reasons, maybe disillusionment with the system, with the AMA, with hospitals with universities, and politics, I find myself throwing myself upon the love and caring concern of my Savior, Jesus Christ. As our church busies itself with prayer book changes, hymnal revision, ordination of women priests and bishops, compromise with homosexuals and sin in general, when the world is giving up, I see only one brilliant ray of hope. I see the great mass in America and Canada of truly good people who love God in secret. Perhaps we can give them a large dose of IV narcan, spiritually speaking, to reverse the narcotic (booze and drug) induced anesthesia of society. Spirit-filled doctors and nurses can save the day. To do so we must wake up. We must identify our mission for Christ. We must not compromise. We must begin to act, full of God's love, His Power and His Spirit. The age of Luke Sewell is gone. A new day can dawn if we who love God and fellowman will only follow Jesus Christ, the Messiah through the man-made satanically oriented Wilderness of Sin into His Promised Land. This is the mission of Christian Medical Foundation.

William Franklin Reed M.D.

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**BOOK OFFER**

This month in connection with the Women of the Bible tape series, we are offering the book ABIGAIL by Lois T. Henderson. With Biblical realism, Mrs. Henderson recreates the life and story of Abigail, the Widow of Nabal and the wife of King David. It is a beautiful and inspiring story of one woman's faith and courage in the face of overwhelming difficulties. Each book is $9.95, this includes postage and handling. Florida residents should add 5% sales tax.

**TAPE OFFER**

In 1977 Kay did a special series on the Women of the Bible. We are offering two of these tapes in connection with our book offer. In a richly insightful two-part series, Kay studies the life and faith of Abigail. The tapes are ABIGAIL I, tape #77-0104, KR-NLE and ABIGAIL II, tape #77-0111, KR-NLE. We are also offering a recent message Dr. Reed gave here at OF entitled SECRET DISCIPLES. Each tape is $5.00. This includes postage and handling. Florida residents should add 5% sales tax.
CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

Below are two items from two wonderful letters which came recently:

I. "I've been thinking a lot recently about the dilemma many of us find ourselves in, with more and more worthy causes needing support and no more income to stretch. Maybe it is not a lack of interest that is causing the slow response. It could be confusion over priorities, or it could be a combination of IRS payments and the prevalent tendency of people to invest about all the money they can lay their hands on, so that they are perpetually short of ready cash. A bold question: Could you address the business of setting priorities for giving, and offer some ideas on how to arrive at a wise system for distributing one's tithe? For example, if one does not have much money, is it desirable to give relatively small amounts to six or more causes, or is there a better way, from the recipients point of view?" K.K.

ANSWER - Consider: (1) Am I giving 10% of my income? (2) Is my tithe going to a truly Biblical, Christ-exalting endeavor? (3) Do I know anything about the financial status of my church or any organization I support? Do they have an annual audit? (4) Where do they stand on Humanism, Abortion, Homosexuality, Biblical standards regarding bishops and priests, Marxism, Liberation Theology, Missions, Planned Parenthood, ERA, Creationism, Sex Education in the schools, Prosperity doctrine, Morality? (5) What is the lifestyle of those in control - salaries, bonuses, accountability?

One should not give to causes which fall short in the above issues. Giving should be divided between several honorable Christian works. The widow's mites add up and everyone benefits. One TV ministry receives $500,000 every working day. One day's income exceeds the CMF annual budget by 50%! Pray about whom to give to. Give to those whose endeavors live up to Biblical principles. Do not give to those who solicit through the use of gimmicks and questionnaires (Madison Avenue Techniques).

II. "As I see my financial needs, I also see occasions to see my God working in my life with miracles, as all needs get answered. No ministry will do well where monies are abundant. I also get tired of forever working out puzzles with dollars, but the real truth is that He will always provide at the last minute. It is up to us to accept with patience this constant challenge to our trust. Please do not give up ever your leadership and administration of CMF. If someday He wants to end it, He will be gentle and loving to let you know CLEARLY, but money will never be the issue. Money is too easy for Him to raise, even if He sends it in installments. The financial challenge of CMF is actually the greatest blessing that you can ever imagine. It is the paradoxical way of God to form "Saints", holy people, who through constant struggling to raise funds, will exercise more and more faith for other more important things, like the spiritual well-being of others. You are a blessed man, a chosen one, a holy one, who should become an Abraham and believe in the unbelievable. I will pray for you and your wife that spiritual growth be always at your home, so that we all journey by leaps and bounds into the arms of the Father, bringing with us our patients and other colleagues in the health profession. What a beautiful, triumphant marching into heaven we will have at the end of the times. Glory, Glory, Alleluia —" M.G., M.D.

PRESENT NEED - $46,000

YES, I would like to help CMF proclaim the new Spiritual Medicine.

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[ ] West Bank Land  [ ] Littlest Angel Renovation
[ ] Marion W. Griffin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

YES, I would like this month's offer for:

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE/DESIRED


PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT graduating in August desires position with Christian physician in Central Florida preferably in Family Medicine or General Surgery. CONTACT: Evelyn F. Snyder, PA-S, 674 San Pablo Avenue, Casselberry, FL 32707.

CHRISTIAN PEDIATRICIAN wanted - many low income families provided with quality care in rapidly expanding practice in northwestern, Ohio. Hospital across street from beautiful office building. Income with good benefits guaranteed. CONTACT: William Lero, M.D., 536 Van Buren Street, Fostoria, OH 44830.

PSYCHIATRIST wanted to associate with Christian Internist and help direct a psychiatric/substance abuse day hospital program and care for hospital patients. CONTACT: Darvin W. Smith, M.D., Whole Person Health Center, 999 Alpine, Boulder, CO 80302, (303) 449-4121.


ESTABLISHED FAMILY PRACTICE in South Central Pennsylvania seeks BC/BE family practitioner. Hospital of 500+ beds with all specialty services available. CONTACT: Robert D. MacDougall, M.D., 1207 S. Queen Street, York, PA 17403, (717) 846-8869.

POSITION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY in Family Practice. Young, dynamic Christian wanted to join practice in Winter Springs, Florida. CONTACT: Dr. Peter Hsu, 116 West State Road 434, Winter Springs, FL 32708, (305) 327-3322 or (904) 441-1477.

MEDICAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

MEDICAL PERSONNEL wanted to join team of American doctors and medical personnel in a Chinese hospital in Tibet. Required to stay 18 months, living in Chinese quarters and those who speak Mandarin are preferred but not required. CONTACT: A J P OF COLD WATER, P.O. Box 300, 3770 AH Harderwijk, HOLLAND.

HOSPITAL IN PAKISTAN seeking volunteer doctors to help alleviate staffing shortage until permanent staff is found. Greatest needs are for General Surgeons and Female OB-GYNs. CONTACT: Neal Mathias, World Witness, Board of Foreign Missions Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, One Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601-3696, (803) 233-5226.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP to Guatemala last two weeks of July to help with project whose aim is teaching "hands on" medical experience and helping supply needed supplies, medicine and equipment to meet their critical needs. CONTACT: Peter Knight, M.D., USF Medical Clinic, 12901 N. 30th St., Box 19, Tampa, FL 33612.
JULY

25 DAYTONA, FLORIDA - 7:30 p.m.
CMF Monthly Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Ave.

AUGUST

10-14 EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS
MORE Conference; Speaker - Dr. Reed
CONTACT: Sandra Burrus at (501) 253-7379

22 DAYTONA, FLORIDA - 7:30 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER

5 ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA - 6:30 p.m.
FGBMI; Speaker - Dr. Reed
CONTACT: Ogburn Yates (919) 629-9161

BIBLE STUDY- Tuesdays with Kay at 10:00 am, and "Clinical Correlation of the Gospel" & Healing Service at 1:00 by Dr. Reed. At CMF (813) 932-3688.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

We are proud to announce this year's recipient of the Marion W. Griffin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship of $2,500 was awarded to Gregory Joseph Coffman of the University of South Florida who will be attending the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia.

FAMOUS HISTORICAL TAPES OF OSL-CFO:

A 1951 tape by John Gayner Banks, founder of the Order of Saint Luke entitled, "Definitions of Prayer and History of the Order of Saint Luke", tape #51-1006, JGB(SRU) from the CMF archives, is being made available in a special offer. The part of this tape on Metaphysics is not the stated position of CMF, but is retained because of Dr. Bank's comments. Please send $10 to cover the cost of the tape and mailing. Florida residents must add 5% sales tax.

JUST A HOMEMAKER????

"The most creative job in the world involves: taste, fashion, decorating, recreation, education, transportation, psychology, romance, cuisine, designing, literature, medicine, handicraft, art, horticulture, economics, government, community relations, pediatrics, geriatrics, entertainment, maintenance, purchasing, direct mail, law, accounting, religion, energy, and management. Anyone who can handle all those has to be somebody special. She is. She's a homemaker."

—Raymond D'Argenio

Dr. Tony Dale of England will be speaking at the Caring Professions Concern Conference, July 11-12th at Christian Heritage Church, 3881 N. Monroe in Tallahassee, Florida. For more information call (904) 562-3156.
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

Summer in Florida, especially at CMF, is much quieter than during the winter season. We miss all our winter friends, but know "home" in the north country is a welcome retreat from the Florida heat.

I want all our friends to know that to date $18,101 has come in from the Angel donations. The building is completed, the awnings are up and only the gardens and lawn furniture remain to be purchased, and best of all, everything is paid to date.

I want to thank each one of you who has been a receiver of one of our "special angels", for they surely have spread their wings over the entire United States.

A gazebo is planned to connect the Book Nook with the Littlest Angel, and pretty lawn furniture will be scattered around the lawn where the ladies can eat their lunch on Tuesdays. If you wish to be a part of this final project we want you to know there is still an angel for you.

It is the 25th Anniversary of CMF and we are preparing for our National Conference in November. There will be much activity on the grounds, and the Littlest Angel will be very much involved. Help us to be ready for November 11-15th when our 15th Annual Physician's Conference will be held.

Love,

Kay

Sitting: Victoria and Kay
Standing: Littlest Angel Volunteers

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