The Ephraim McDowell Award this year was presented to Dr. Jack Cooper of Duncanville, Texas. Dr. Cooper is an exemplary ophthalmologist, who also orient his every day to Jesus and God’s Holy Spirit. Jack was at the conference with his beloved wife, Grace. They have been part of CMF for many years. It is my opinion that if all American and Canadian doctors were like our McDowell Award recipients, who live and practice for Jesus, our profession and our nation would be transformed by God’s unfailing righteousness.

Excellent and deep thinking, Christ-centered speakers voiced their opinions regarding “Spirituality” in its true sense in contrast to various mental and psychologic false or spurious imitations, also termed “spirituality”.

Our purpose in Charlottesville was oriented to exalt our triune God, to proclaim Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all those who practice medicine or nursing. If the care of the sick can be made truly righteous, no doubt all of America will follow our lead. Please pray that our endeavors will produce the fruition of God’s richest blessing upon our nation, upon the world and upon the lives of those in this world who Jesus died for in Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

Freedom of Speech

The outcome of our endeavors will be in God's Hands, regarding Medicine and truly all aspects of our American national future. Our approach will be to evaluate God's righteousness in contrast to soulish, inferior pronouncements common in education, politics, law and Medicine. The Church in general has not been exempt. Our nation, in this new century, is in the process often neglecting righteousness.

Righteousness is defined in Webster as “purity of heart as a rectitude of life; conforming of heart and life to the divine law”. It is nearly equivalent to holiness..., including all we call justice, honesty and virtue. In Proverbs 14:34 we read “Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to nations”.

At this time in America we are in the process of redefining righteousness as well as sin. We call homosexuals “gay”. We call abortion “choice”. We call socialism “liberal”. In the so-called “separation of church and state” our people actually are advocating “the separation of true Christianity from all government, educational, and medical considerations”. We truly are losing freedom of speech, and the principles on which our nation was founded are being destroyed or ignored.

“Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace...” Ephesians 6:14, 15
The Marion W. Griffin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded this year to Brett Frazier, a first year medical student at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. Before being accepted into medical school, he completed the physician assistant program, where he received his masters degree, and worked for three years as a neurosurgical physician assistant in Lakeland, Florida. Brett has a real heart for missions. He has been heavily involved in a Haitian ministry with his church, where he did primary care medicine clinics in Haiti.