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SUMMER GRADUATION SLATED FOR AUG. 26 AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College will hold its 15th summer commencement Friday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Kirby, Durham District Superintendent, N. C. Conference of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Kirby was pastor of Hay Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville from 1968-74.

During the commencement program, College President Elton Hendricks will confer an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree upon Mary Lynn McCree Bryan of Fayetteville. A noted historian/archivist, Mrs. Bryan edited The Jane Addams Papers and has been active in historic preservation groups in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the nation.

Dr. Lynn V. Sadler, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reports that 57 students have declared their candidacy for graduation Aug. 26.



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VEAZEY
AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP BY METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Kirk Veazey of 511 W. Jersey Avenue
Brandon, Florida has been awarded a \$6150 Honors
Scholarship to attend Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC. Kirk
currently attended Brandon High School.

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of liberal arts and sciences with a full-time enrollment of approximately
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KELLY

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP BY METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Peter Kelly of 7 Burnham Court,

Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada has been awarded a \$4,612 Honors

Scholarship to attend Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC. Peter

~~currently~~ attended Fredericton High School.

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The Daily Gleaner
12 Prospect Street W.
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AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP BY METHODIST COLLEGE

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of 3130 wagoner St.

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--

Eric Green

has been awarded a \$7100 Honors

Akron, Ohio

Eric

Scholarship to attend Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC.

High School.

currently attended Coventry

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44 E. Exchange St.
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Dr. Wallace Kirby's

Commencement Address 8/26/88

No one

~~None~~ of us in this auditorium, at this particular moment, is world famous.

Not a single one of us at this graduation exercise has achieved national fame.

If we had, the TV stations would be here with cameras, newspapers and news magazines would have their top reporters on campus interviewing us, Reeves auditorium would be packed, as well as the hallways and the grounds outside.

Can you imagine what would be taking place today if Dan Quayle were here to speak to this graduating class?

Or suppose one of your graduates was the son or daughter of Cher, or maybe a grandchild of Ronald Reagan?

The crowd on Methodist College campus would resemble the crowd that will be on the Duke campus this coming Sunday evening when Jesse Jackson is speaking at Cameron Indoor Stadium. In fact, one has to have special tickets in order to get inside the stadium. My concern is where will I park when I get there.

But let's pretend that within the next 15 to 20 years one of you will become famous:

... maybe as an entertainer

... or as a candidate for vice-president

... or as a news commentator

... or a scientist who discovers a cure for cancer

... or even as a national league football player.

What do you think would be the reaction of the folks in your home town?

Spring Lake -
Clinton -
New Fayetteville -

Have you ever thought of all the mixed emotions that come out when a famous person returns to his or her hometown?

You could take the reaction my mother made when one of my high school friends returned to our home town to practice medicine and magnify ^{that reaction} it. Tom had gone through four years of college, four years of med school, had done his internship, had returned to school for specialization, had practiced at the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine for about three years -- and then decided to come back home to set up practice as an internist. My mother's reaction: What could little Thomas Long know about medicine? You can make sure I'll never go to him.

I often wonder what comments the older folk in Mt. Airy made when Andy Griffin went home after his success in the Mayberry episodes, or what the older citizens of Wilmington had to say about David Brinkley who achieved fame as a news analyst, or the folks of Johnson County when Ava Gardner became famous not only for her acting but for her numerous marriages.

Do you think you might have heard something like this:

... "Andy was always singing and telling jokes, and I knew that he end up in show business!"

... "David was always the best debator in high school, and read every book in the town library."

... "Ava was always a beauty!"

And I sure there were other reactions that ^{might take} ~~took~~ the opposite turn:

... "With that kind of ego, I ^{I knew} ~~thought~~ Andy would push his way to the top."

... "The Brinkley boy was nothing but a bookworm."

... "Did you know about Ava's reputation in high school?"

Ginseppe Angelo Roncalli got off to a very slow start in early years, but he did bloom forth in his latter life. I doubt if there are many of us who knew him by his given name. We recall him as John the Twenty-Third, Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, who brought a breath of fresh air to that church. After he was elected Pope, one of his old classmates claimed to have remembered Angelo as the smartest boy in their class. But that comment represented more piety than accuracy -- for Angelo was never studious in his early years. He was bright, but not studious. When Angelo went into the priesthood, his father predicted that he would never be able to function effectively as a priest.

There was another young man whose home town folk never thought he would amount to much, and even when he did set out to remake the world, ^{Some of them} ~~they~~ went up in arms and had negative reactions to him.

... When he has achieved fame in the surrounding areas,
^{Some}~~they~~ were impressed at first, but when they discovered
this plan for the new world called for some changes in
their life-styles, their reactions were different.

... Even though most of them were excited to ^{have} him return
home for a speech, they didn't like what he said and
were ready to discount his citizenship and throw him
out of town.

His name was Jesus.

You know his story well.

I have tried to imagine what it would have been like to have
lived in Nazareth, and my own reaction to this hometown boy who
was thought to be the Son of God.

... Maybe my reactions would have been the same as the folk
of the first century. I know that I would have been
influenced by what they felt.

... Now it is two centuries later, and I can be more
analytical in my thinking.

And I think that the people of Nazareth changed their feelings
about Jesus because he had the courage to say some things
that needed to be said, to do some things that needed to be
done.

There are two kinds of courage:

(1) There is what we might call the courage of the moment.

This is when a person, almost without thinking, reacts to some dangerous situation, and becomes a hero or heroine even without noticing it.

We are constantly reading about such courage:

... A boy jumps into a pool to rescue a child.

... A man pulls an accident victim from an automobile that is likely to explode.

... A girl dashes into a burning apartment to lead an older person to safety.

It is the courage of the moment in which we act with impulsiveness -- almost without thinking.

(2) But there is another kind of courage.

It is the courage of a person who sees a worthy goal, as well as the obstacles that lay in the way toward achieving that goal.

But moves on towards that goal in spite of the obstacles. Those obstacles, those difficulties could be avoided if he or she would abandon the goal. But because of commitment, the courageous person goes steadily, inflexibly on.

William Tyndale was an Englishman who wanted the people of his day to be able to read the Bible. So he began translating it into the English language. There were those who did not want the common people to have access to the Scriptures, so they burned Tyndale's translation of the Old Testament.

He was threatened, but he kept working on the New Testament translation. "I expect some day they will burn me too," he said. But he had the courage, the commitment, to keep working toward his goal in spite of the threats.

... Eight years later he was burned at the stake
and was labeled as a heretic.

There is no doubt as to which of these is the higher kind of courage:

... Most of us can react courageously in the face of an
emergency.

... Not all of us have the courage to move towards some
worthy goal when there are threats and dangers on
the horizon.

Jesus had made a decision about his goals in life. He knew, from the wilderness experience, that the course he had set for himself would bring misunderstanding, rejection, suffering. But he also knew that course was right and he had the courage to keep going on in spite of the obstacles.

There were three courageous traits he exemplified in his life, traits that I sense you and I can exemplify in our lives. In a few moments you will be college graduates, which means that as young people you are beginning, or as adults you are making changes in your career.

You knew these courageous traits already, for I feel confident they are and have been part of your lives. But it is good on occasions such as this to say them out loud, to put them

out there and look at them again, and perhaps do a bit of inventorying as to where we are at this particular junction.

1. The first is this:

having the courage to speak our convictions.

That ^{was} the kind of courage Jesus had. That day in his hometown church ~~at~~ Nazareth he was asked to participate in the service. He read the prescribed scripture, and the beautiful words of the prophet Isaiah sounded marvelous to the folks who gathered in the synagogue. But when Jesus went on to interpret the words, his listeners got upset.

He knew that the atmosphere would change if he spoke his convictions. But he had the courage to go on in spite of what he knew would happen.

"These words of Isaiah are fulfilled today.

I am here to bring the good news,
to release,
to give sight,
to set free,
to include."

In the words of a very used, but serviceable phrase, Jesus had stopped preaching and go to meddling.

You have heard the tale about the young preacher coming down hard on the sin of gambling, and how one dear sister on the front row gave an audible 'amen.' When he launched out on drinking liquor, she could be heard three or four pews away with her

comment of approval. He bore down on sexual lust and she almost shouted. Then he came down with denunciations about smoking cigarettes and dipping snuff. Being a dipper, her final comment was: "Now he's stopped preaching and gone to meddling."

It's an old story.

We say we want the principles of the Christian faith to prevail in our lives, to permeate our thoughts, to pregnate our social structures. But when someone purposes to bring this about, we look for a nearby psychological cliff over which to push them.

- ... It takes a strong conviction on the worth of all people to speak out when an ethnic group is being discredited.
- ... It takes courage to stand by the conviction of "no false witness" when we hear a reputation being ripped apart.
- ... One has to really be strongly courageous to let our position, our stance be known even though it might be costly in terms of "being included,
being well-thought of,
being popular,
being accepted by our peer group,

I have watched a lot of lives deteriorate because people have compromised their conviction.

I have also seen the cost involved when others have stood strong and thus have lost a nomination,
lost a job,
or lost a position,
or even lost a friend.

The movie that most American can hardly wait to see, thanks to the enthusiastic boycotting by Christian fundamentalists, is "The Last Temptation of Christ." Universal Studio has played the game well over the past month, and a lot of ^{well-meaning} Christians have supported the studio in its publicity scheme.

The movie, I understand, follows the 1955 novel by the Greek author in portraying the human struggles of Jesus. We often miss that aspect of his life and ministry: the human side.

Jesus, like us, wanted friendship,
wanted acceptance,
wanted people to make a positive response.

But he never compromised his convictions to order to fulfill those desires. He had the courage to speak his convictions even though he knew to do so would mean rejection,

misunderstanding,
and suffering.

2. Jesus had another courageous trait:

He stuck by his principles.

The people of his day expected something totally different from what he was. They expected a messianic deliver who would give them prosperity,

favoritism,
protection,
freedom from enemies,
peace of mind,
victory over disease.

~~Victory over disease~~

He kept saying to them over and over that he came to serve and not to be served, and that they must follow him in that servant role. And even though I firmly believe he could have called down an army of angels to deliver him from any adversity he underwent, he never went against his principle of servanthood and service.

There are certain basic principles that we all need to live by. You know them, and I feel that most of us try to live by them. But there are times in life when it would be so beneficial physically or materially to forget our principles. We are so geared in our society to have immediate gratification, immediate satisfaction, immediate results that we feel forced at times in laying aside the basic principles we have been taught to live by.

I was having a second pre-marital counseling session with a young couple. They had been honest in filling out a questionnaire in the first session, which had given me some insight into their thinking and feelings. Along with some other things that needed resolving before their marriage, they indicated they were having disagreements concerning their physical relationship.

As we talked about this, she said that one of her principles had always been "no sexual intercourse before commitment in marriage." She had stuck by that principles for over 20 years, and she intended to do so in spite of being engaged, in spite of being called an "old foggy" in today's promiscuous society.

That took courage, for she was pressured by her own emotional feelings about the young man she was to marry, by

him, and by today's moral standards.

But her principles won for her a deeper admiration and higher respect by her fiance ... as well as respect for himself.

It has always been and it always will be a struggle to stick by principles, especially if they are based on moral and religious foundations.

Pressures will always be put upon us by peer groups,
by individuals,
by society.

Young people today are much more aware of this when it comes to sex and drugs. I never faced the problems that today's teenager and young adult face. The society in which I grew up was not as promiscuous as today's society.

So I know it takes courage to stick to your principles.

3. Let me mention one more courageous trait:

The courage to retain our integrity.

If we have integrity, we are whole,
entire,
undiminished.

A person of integrity is one in whose character all the diverse elements of personality are perfectly blended.

That person is one and the same in every situation:

... in the home,
... at the office,
... at school,

... in council chambers,
... at the beach,
... in prayer,
... at church.

If we are people of integrity, we are sound. Wherever we are found, we are sound.

Our personality is marked by soundness,

uprightness,

honesty.

dependability

All through his life you could detect this integrity in ~~the~~ Jesus of Nazareth. He has shown us that all of life must be together if it is to be sound. There must be no masquerading.

A few years ago a minister became so disturbed by the amount of shame and pretense and insincerity that he saw in people's religious professions that he wrote a novel and titled it, Holy Masquaerade.

The main character of the story is a minister: the type of clergy whom the world judges to be successful. He is ambitious, wants to get ahead, and craves popularity. He uses both God and the people of the church to promote himself, for nothing but self matters to this handsome and popular minister.

The other main character is his wife. She almost loses her mind watching her husband and some of his parishioners pretending: pretending to be righteous and holy, but basically dishonest. It gets to the point that his wife embarrasses and bothers him. He is mortified in the home of some affluent members when she refuses to eat dinner one Sunday evening during Lent, after he has made a plea from the pulpit that morning on

behalf of world hunger. The people all think she is crazy. And when she finally gives up in desperation, sets fire to the church, and destroys herself in the flames, they know they were right in their evaluation.

The irony of the whole story is that she is the only one not pretending, not wearing a mask. She is the only one with integrity.

She says to her psychiatrist:

"I want to be all one piece, like a good piece of linoleum rug, the same on the underside as on the surface. I want to be one and the same in all I do, and say, and think -- one single thing on the outer and the inner, in the physical and the spiritual."

Centuries before that novel was written and those words were put in her mouth, Jesus said the same thing. He was talking to those who pretended to be righteous and religious:

"You clean the outside of the cup,
while the inside is full of greed and self-indulgence."

Jesus was a person of integrity, and he had the courage to retain it in spite of what it cost him to do so.

We don't have to be world famous to be famous.

For ~~all of us~~ each of us, is famous within our own right.

And with the kind of courage that Jesus gives,

we can remember this day,

and every day of our lives,

as the day to speak our convictions,

stick by our principles,

and maintain our integrity.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Fayetteville: Khaled M. Al-Shatti, Business Administration; *Wilbur Bushrod, Business Administration; Quo-Votis Covington, Social Work; Joseph M. Gonzalez, History; Camelia Dawn Hunt, Sociology and Social Work; Brenda Gailtina Porter (Cum Laude), Business Administration; Donald Ray Rhodes, Business Administration; John Kennedy Pecoraro, Business Administration.

Neighboring Communities: Milton Cicero Green (Cum Laude), Kelly, NC, Accounting and Business Administration; Yvonne Cummings Hansrote, Ft. Bragg, NC, Business Administration; Gail Victoria Mosa Bell Leonard, Ft. Bragg, NC, Business Administration; Virginia Ann Mott (Cum Laude), Roseboro, NC, Business Administration; Teena Marie Perry, Cameron, NC, Business Administration.

Other Areas: Valerie Mae Gee, Laurel, MD, Elementary Education; Katrina LeMaster Huffman (Cum Laude), Wilmington, NC, Business Administration; Michele Paula Quinones, Arlington, VA, Business Administration; Hidetaka Suzuki, Maebashi, Japan, Business Administration.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:

Fayetteville: *Wilbur Bushrod, Accounting; Deborah M. Cardenas, Accounting; Bobby Wade Herrington, Business Administration; Larry Lavern Martens, Business Administration; Carol Edward Mitchell (Cum Laude), Business Administration; Timothy Alan Moore, History; Sandra Macauley Shannon, Sociology/Pre-Law; Katharine Lynn Smith, Elementary Education; Boyce Stephens, Business Administration; Edward Ray Stojakovich (Cum Laude), Accounting.

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BACHELOR OF MUSIC:

Carolyn S. Rehrer, Charleston, SC, Music Education; Dedra Rae Tart, Wade, NC, Music Performance.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING:

Gail Gardner (Cum Laude), Hope Mills, NC; Lillie Pernell Herring, Garland, NC.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS:

Fayetteville: Kelly Sue Dickerson, Business Administration; Paula Francis Guillotte, Spanish.

Other Areas: George Edwin Pidgeon, Ft. Bliss, TX, Business Administration.

* Received two degrees



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METHODIST AWARDS 40 DEGREES AT 15TH SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College awarded 40 degrees to 39 persons at its 15th summer commencement Aug. 26.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Kirby, Superintendent of the Durham District, North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, urged members of the graduating class to emulate three character traits of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Kirby said Jesus: 1) had the courage to speak his convictions, 2) stuck by his principles, and 3) retained his integrity. He urged class members to seek the type of fame secured through steadfast pursuit of worthy goals.

The Friday afternoon commencement included two special presentations.

May graduate Robert Graham presented the flag of India, his native country, to College President Elton Hendricks, continuing a tradition begun in May, 1985.

President Hendricks conferred an honorary Doctor of Letters degree upon Mary Lynn McCree Bryan of Fayetteville. A noted historian/archivist, Mrs. Bryan was cited for her work as editor of The Jane Addams Papers and her service to the Historic Fayetteville Foundation, the Cumberland Community Foundation, Associates of the Museum of the Cape Fear, and Friends of the North Carolina Archives.

Lance W. Kuhn, a business administration major from Crofton, MD, graduated Magna Cum Laude, with the highest average in the summer class.

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(A list of summer graduates is enclosed.)

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Katrina LeMaster Huffman of Wilmington,
North Carolina, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- David Bowling Carrier of Charlotte
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Physical Education Aug. 26, 1988 at Methodist College in
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Joan Cynthia Brooks of Roswell
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Valerie Mae Gee _____ of Laurel _____,
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- George Edwin Pidgeon of Fort Bliss ,
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Lance W. Kuhn of Crofton,
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- Lillie Pernell Herring of Garland ,
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MC PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FALL CLASSES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--The Methodist College Preparatory School for the Performing Arts will begin fall semester classes in music, dance, and theatre Sept. 12.

Designed especially for young children and teenagers, the school offers a wide variety of private and small group classes in music, dance, and theatre. Classes meet one afternoon a week for 13 weeks.

Fees for the courses range from \$70 for a 13-hour dance class to \$260 for 13 hours of private instruction. For registration information, contact Joy Cogswell, Director, at 822-9267 or 488-7110, Ext. 256.

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(A list of classes is enclosed.)



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METHODIST COLLEGE BEGINS 29th YEAR WITH RECORD ENROLLMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College enrolled a record 1,527 students for the fall semester, an increase of six percent over last year.

The college began its 29th academic year with 955 students in the day program and 572 students in the Evening College. The day enrollment increased 14.6 percent over Fall, 1987, while the evening enrollment declined six percent. A total of 441 students are living on campus, 23 percent more than last fall's 359.

The college enrolled 417 new freshmen and transfer students. Of that number, 157 are residential students and 260 are commuting students. The students represent 25 different states and five foreign countries.

Aside from more students, Methodist has recruited better students for 1988-89. The average SAT score for the freshman class is 907, up 70 points from last year. The college received a record 1,249 applications for the fall semester, up 35 percent from last year.

College President Elton Hendricks attributes this year's quantitative and qualitative gains to increased visibility for the college, a growing reputation for excellence, improved retention of students, and "hard work by the admissions staff and all who recruit for Methodist College."

At an opening dinner for college personnel Aug. 19, Dr. Hendricks said that 1988-89 will be remembered for a marked gain in residential enrollment, construction of a \$3.2 million Physical Activities Center (now under way),

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and a self-study for reaffirmation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He also expressed his pride in the college faculty and staff, saying he would be proud to entrust his own son or daughters to them.

The self-study to which Dr. Hendricks referred at the opening dinner is required every 10 years of SACS members. The Methodist faculty and staff began working on the new study in 1986. A committee of college educators will visit Methodist April 10-13, 1989 and then offer its recommendations to the college and the full association regarding reaffirmation of accreditation.

President Hendricks said the self-study "requires that we take a serious look at ourselves and evaluate our facilities, programs, and processes." He said an "outcomes assessment" approach is a new element in the self-study process, one that "requires measurement of the impact of what we do on students." He also noted that more attention is being given to long-range planning.

Dr. Garland Knott, chairman of the faculty Steering Committee for the self-study, said the process will help Methodist "become the best it can be." He also stated, "I'm very confident we will be reaffirmed (for SACS accreditation) and that we will benefit greatly from this study."

During an opening convocation Sept. 2, President Hendricks urged Methodist students to use their time in college to read, reflect, worship, and think about becoming better human beings.