

EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

Campus ministers are expected to do a number of different things. In addition to being administrators, counselors, teachers, mission educators, and enablers/facilitators, campus ministers are often called upon to lead in corporate worship. Assisting in genuine worship experiences may be one of the most crucial tasks a campus minister performs. This issue of *The Campus Minister* is dedicated to Biblical preaching in which the Word of God heard in the Jesus event and proclaimed in Scripture may be heard afresh today.

An investigation of campus ministry training programs and the skills-development literature of student work indicates that minimal emphasis is placed upon the preaching role of the campus minister. The underlying theme of this journal issue is the conviction that the good news of the Bible is relevant and has the power to change the campus and the world. We devote this issue of *The Campus Minister* to our preaching role in order to dramatize our confidence in the power of expository proclamation. Whether a person is slow of tongue or a facile orator; whether he or she performs the ministry of hearing and speaking willingly or under constraint, there is the need to speak when good news is available.

We hope this issue is of practical assistance to our readers as they prepare for preaching and worship leadership opportunities. Dr. Jerry Oswald of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has done an excellent job in describing issues a campus minister should be sensitive to in sermon preparation.

In addition to Dr. Oswald's article several respected campus ministers from around the nation have submitted sermons relative to different issues of student work. Our intention in publishing these sermons is not only to inspire our readership, but to offer them practical suggestions in preparing for preaching opportunities in their university communities.

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Instead of a Book Review Section, we have printed the Code of Ethics which was adopted by the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers at their 1988 annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. We have also printed the presidential address which was delivered at the same annual meeting by out-going ASBCM President Arliss Dickerson.

If this journal is to fulfill its role within the profession of campus ministry, it must be supported by a wide variety of people. Readers are encouraged to submit manuscripts and book reviews for inclusion in future journals. Any submission should be applicable to the ministry of Southern Baptists within the academic setting, oriented toward the individual campus minister and his or her needs, and reflect quality writing and research.

Our next issue will deal with "The Counseling Role of the Campus Minister." Your thoughts, suggestions and input concerning that topic are desired and needed. Your involvement will make this a truly professional journal.

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