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TEACHING

LEADERSHIP

YOUTH

"LEADERSHIP . . . A SACRED TRUST"

Brad Brumley



It has been a most enriching experience to serve as chairman of the **1967 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' WORKSHOP** steering committee along with James Fife in planning and coordinating the program. When Dr. W. Joe Hacker called and asked that I serve in this capacity, my reaction was one of mixed feelings — that of pride and humility. Now that the program is planned and off the press, I continue to entertain very similar feelings. I owe so much to both James Fife and Dr. Hacker; and to the many people who so willingly offered their time and talents by accepting our invitation to serve on the staff.

In examining the immediate and pressing needs of the local church, three specific areas seem to have been most vital: (1) **LEADERSHIP**, (2) **EDUCATION**, and (3) **YOUTH**. Harding's 1967 workshop program is designed with these three areas in mind. Complete and separate staffs have been secured for each of the three. Those who are elders, deacons or serve in some other leadership capacity may attend the **LEADERSHIP WORK-**

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SHOP. Wives of these men and others who teach may attend the TEACHERS' WORKSHOP, while their children (grades 7-12) may participate in the CHRISTIAN YOUTH FORUM which will be a complete program within itself. This year's workshop offers a unique advantage to families who want to combine the family vacation with profitable Christian activities and experiences.

For the first time, Bible school supervisors will find that considerable emphasis has been given to their needs. Unquestionably, the departmental supervisor is a key person in any educational program. Consequently, this year's program includes some rich and vital classes for these people. Every local congregation would do well to see that their supervisors have the opportunity and necessary encouragement to attend.

In planning the program, we have tried to avoid "fillers." That is, we did not intentionally include classes or personnel merely to fill up the program. The basic format was planned only after a thorough study of the suggestions offered by those attending last year and after carefully considering what we deemed to be some of the urgent needs of the church on the local level.

The program is so designed from hour-to-hour that those who desire to pursue a unilateral interest may do so. For instance, we have tried to have something each hour on each departmental level, or in each interest field. At the same time, this allows the individual to "switch" levels or fields during the day.

By no means do we who planned the program consider it to be the ultimate, or without its weaknesses. However, we are convinced that those who attend will derive tremendous benefits from their participation. I know of no better way to spend the summer vacation than that of attending the Christian Workers' Workshop. Elders would certainly be spending a part of the budget wisely by providing the transportation and paying the registration fee for their teachers and other interested people.

A LOOK AT THE PROGRAM

James Fife

Months of planning will be translated into meaningful experiences August 7 with the opening address by John Allen Chalk. An all-encompassing program with over 210 class sessions will be underway.

Three basic concepts have motivated this year's program: **PRACTICALITY, INVOLVEMENT,** and **CHALLENGE.** Classroom study plus the opportunity to put newly acquired skills to work have guided many of our decisions.



John Allen Chalk

Keynote Speaker

Dynamic John Allen Chalk, first full time radio evangelist for the Herald of Truth, will keynote the general assembly at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. He was formerly minister of the Broad Street congregation in Cookeville, Tennessee. He has appeared on a dozen college lectureships and has conducted over 70 campaigns. A prolific writer as well as speaker, he is the author of **The Praying Christ and Other Sermons** and is a regular

contributor to brotherhood publications. The messages he will bring will inspire every individual to reach toward greater heights in the service of the Master.

Bible School Teachers

Each day four Houston area churches — Lindale, Shaw Street, Southwest and West University — will team with the Brentwood church of Austin in conducting departmental sessions teaching methods and techniques. They will treat such matters as how to select teaching aims, how to conduct pre-session activities, how to instruct through the use of the five senses, how to translate lessons into life application and how to adapt to mid-week and special class sessions. From these five congregations about forty teachers, representing all walks of life, will lead these outstanding class activities.

Christian Leadership Forum

Specific areas of activity requiring informed, decisive leadership such as developing or financing a building program, elder-deacon relationships, and organizing and conducting an effective zone program will be explored and discussed.

Specialized daily instruction will be provided for Bible school supervisors — a key leadership function in the church. Under the capable direction of Brad Brumley, supervisory responsibilities, relationships, teacher selection, training and morale will be investigated. Daily swap shops led by successful Bible school supervisors will be conducted for the purpose of sharing ideas and experiences among those attending.

Youth Forum

The Youth Forum for junior and senior high school students will be led by Doug Kostowski of Paragould, Arkansas and Ben Zickefoose of Abilene, Texas. Dr. Hacker will speak to them each evening. These young people and will emphasize human relations and service in this new program.

Meaningful field trips and organized recreation have been included in the week's activities. One hour every night will be given to special interest groups — discussion, chorus and dramatics. Outstanding choral directors, Richard Palm and Dr. Erle Moore, will assist in the choruses which will be organized during the forum. A variety program will be conducted the closing evening, and all young people are encouraged to bring any special equipment needed for a talent show.

This year's 90 member staff is composed of outstanding religious and public school educators from many geographic areas but their one goal is "to make something happen for Christ."

The three-fold concepts of this year's program remain: emphasizing the PRACTICALITY of Christian living in our modern age, showing the intrinsic value of INVOLVEMENT in Christian responsibilities, and presenting a CHALLENGE to better our stewardship and the "sacred trust of leadership" in Christ.

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