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WORLD CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE

The World Convention of Christian/Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ will be held in Nashville July 30th—August 3rd, 2008. Among the speakers will be Mike Cope of Abilene Christian University, and Rhonda Lowry, who is the wife of Randy Lowry, the President of David Lipscomb University.

will speak at the combined Bible study period on Saturday, August 2nd, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. It seems interesting that both still claim to belong to the church of our Lord.

Those behind the convention desire to see a unity of the three groups under the title of the Convention. Yet, the Disciples have been trying to unite with the Methodists, the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians and Catholics.

Cope will give the worship lesson Friday night, August 1st, from 7-9 p.m. and Mrs. Lowry

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JEFF WALLING & THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Jim Waldron

On June 29, 2006, Jeff Walling spoke before about 6000 at The North American Christian Convention in Louisville, KY. At which time he advocated unity between the churches of Christ and the Christian Churches with their instruments. This he did without a word to call the latter to repentance over the fact that their preachers caused the division in the first place in the latter half of the 19th century. This they did by introducing machinery with sacred music (Eph. 5:19) and "the society."

In the autumn of 2006 a DVD of Walling's speech was sent to a cappella churches of Christ across the country. This was done by Rick Atchley, the senior preacher for the Richland Hills Church in Fort Worth, TX, and Dudley Rutherford, senior pastor for the Shepherd of the Hills church in Porter Ranch, CA. Those receiving the mail-out were asked to view the DVD in which Walling in words and action - a Bible swap with a senior minister of the Christian Church - advocated unity in diversity on the instrumental music question. Is it not appalling, that change agents from among us (See 1 John 2:19) such as Mike Cope of Abilene Univer-

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WALLING AND WINTERFEST

Jim E. Waldron

In the latter part of 2006 while Jeff Walling was continuing his crusade to get the churches of Christ to merge with the Christian Church, I phoned Dudley Chancey, CEO of the Winterfest Corporation and asked him if he was going to continue to use Walling. Brother Chancey, who is a professor at Oklahoma Christian University, stated that he intended to talk with Jeff, because others had asked him about Walling's appearance at the North American Christian Convention. Later Dudley sent me an email (12-06-06) saying, "Jeff will be at Winterfest" (cf., [www.waldronmissions.org/Bulletin Briefs](http://www.waldronmissions.org/BulletinBriefs), July 06, December 06, January 07).

Walling will also be at Winterfest in 2008, at Arlington, TX January 18-20 and at Gatlinburg, TN February 15-17. Others appearing will be Joe Castillo, Bob Stromberg, Chris Lindsey, Jerome Williams, Marylyn Laszlo, a two piece band: Bean and Bailey and a five piece rock band called Kutless. The latter, among other things, gets its kicks out of jumping over props on the stage, guitars in hand (see www.winterfest.org).

In the matter of compromising with the Christian Church, Walling is to the church today what Isaac Errett was in the 19th century when, as editor of the Christian Standard, he led the charge into apostasy with the proclamation: *musical instruments in worship are simply a matter of judgment*. With the crude jokes that Walling makes about conservative beliefs (order the tape listed below) and the gospel rock beat of drums and guitars, it is no wonder that young people are mesmerized. Well did the Master say, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15-16).

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The home as god would have it

Perry B. Cotham

The home is one of the rich gifts from our Creator. Deep in the human soul is that of home affections. When many of us speak of home, we are borne on the wings of imagination to that place made sacred by the remembrances of a father's care, a mother's love, and the cherished associations of brothers and sisters. How often we hear persons speak of the home of their childhood. Their minds seem to delight in dwelling upon their home of former days.

The home should be the sacred refuge of our lives, whether rich or poor. The affection and love of a good home is wonderful and bears the stamp of heaven, which is worth many social ties. It has often been said, "*He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.*"

A happy home is the one single spot of rest which man upon this earth has for the cultivation of his noblest Christian character. In a real sense, home makes the man. As the home goes, so goes the nation. The strength of any nation is the well-ordered homes of people. To Adam, Paradise was home. To the good among his descendants, home is Paradise. The home is the basic unit of society.

The spirit and tone of our homes will have a great influence on our children. The home is the chief school of human virtues. From our homes are born children, and they go out with the stamp of these homes upon them. Only as these homes are what they should be, will children be what they should be. Solomon wrote, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it*" (Proverbs 22:6).

The Christian home is a great power for good. We should always be grateful for our good Christian homes! In the present age, the crying needs are homes built on Christian values. Building good homes is one of the greatest works in which people can engage.

God expects the home to be the religious training ground for the children. Moses told the people of Israel exactly that in Deuteronomy 6:5-9. Note especially verse 7: "*And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*"

Paul reminded fathers that they are to bring up children "*in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*" (Eph. 6:4). God gave children to parents, not to the church or the state. Therefore, it is the parents who must accept the responsibility to teach and set the right example before their children. Of course, the church is to help in this teaching also.

God in the Bible gives dignity to marriage and the home. Yet, in many respects, the teaching of the Word of God regarding the home, as God planned it, is being banished from our way of life. As

a result, the nations of the world are in serious moral and spiritual crisis. Fornication has become a national pastime. Many are making a mockery of the social institution of marriage between a man and a woman. Many have wrong ideas about the marriage laws. Often, what is being preached and taught with the label of Christianity has little resemblance to what Christ really taught.

The relationship of husband and wife, the tender love of children and of brothers and sisters, is a human family, a home. This is what God would have each to be. There is nothing on earth so beautiful as the household where the teaching of Christ dwells in the hearts of the inhabitants. In many homes, on the wall in some room, is the plaque that reads: "*Christ is the head of this house.*"

How wonderful it is in the family if this is true! A good home should be the object of every family. The great joy of a happy marriage and a happy family is nothing short of heaven on earth! But in every home the will of the Lord should be first (cf. Matthew 6:33; 10:37-39; Luke 14:26-27). God's blessings alone can make the home what it should be, but home is nothing but a name if true love, affection, and obedience to the Lord are not there. A cottage will not hold the bulky, expensive furniture of man, but if God is there, a cottage will hold as much happiness as a sumptuous mansion.

Much of man's success and happiness depends upon the character of his home. If he has no one to care for him at home, if there is neglect or coldness, then, even if he prospers without, it is dark indeed within. He may despair of life's best blessings. The great evil of divorce, which threatens the stability of our society, can be corrected by making the home a Christian one. As a rule, "the family that prays together stays together." (This article is taken from brother Cotham's tract "The Home." See our book list for free copies).

"THE GOLDEN COMPASS"



The above title is the name of a fantasy movie starring Nicole Kidman that is to be released on December 7. It is based on the writings of Philip Pullman, an English author who is an avowed atheist.

Pullman has written a trilogy of books called, *Northern Lights*, which are marketed in the U.S. under the title, *The Golden Compass*. The author left little doubt about his aim when in 2003 he said, "**my books are about killing God.**"

The movie, which features Kidman, is a watered down version of Pullman's first book. The aim is to get parents to take (or allow) their children to see the film and judge perhaps it's not too bad, then buy the books for them, thus putting money into the hands of an atheist who wants to kill off belief in the true and living God.

see <http://snopes.com/politics/religion/compass.asp>

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