

From: Laura Baker bakerl@acu.edu
Subject: Re: mid/late 1800 Gospel Advocate archive?
Date: August 2, 2021 at 10:08 AM
To: Mac Ice mxi13a@acu.edu

LB

That sounds like a great plan, one mutually beneficial for Tom, ACU, and researchers.

I have received a few requests for GA over the years, and I think people will benefit from having it online. Thanks for letting me know about the status of this publication. It just affirms how blessed ACU is to have you here.

Laura

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 12:04 AM Mac Ice <mxi13a@acu.edu> wrote:

Very sorry for the extraordinarily tardy reply. June is something of a blur. But I did not want this kind note to go unacknowledged. I appreciate your kindness very much!

The longer story on the GA digitization is that it was a labor of love for Tom Childers which in most cases he generated directly from original issues rather than microfilm. It was a years-long project and what he charges nowhere near covers his expenses or reimburses for time involved (at least I don't think it does, but I don't know how many sets he has sold). It was not without difficulty from the GA offices either. They tried to block him for doing so, but it appears that copyright law is on his side and so I think out of some deterrence to them cut it off at 1963. But having 1855-1963 on a thumb drive is remarkable.

I have in mind to wait a few years and see if I can get permission from him to put the files online. I suppose by then those who want them will have purchased them and there will no longer be a market. Again, not sure how much of a market there is for them, even at the relatively low price he charges (about \$100 for over 100 years of material). And he has watermarked his PDF files, so it would be quite obvious if I put his files online (although I think someone else tried that and now those have been taken down). Just would not look good at all. I think if I wait and build a good relationship with him we can eventually license them for less than it would cost to scan them ourselves. I'd like to make Tom an offer something along the lines of a non-exclusive license for ACU to host them online for free, with him retaining rights to sell the thumb drives to whomever would like to purchase them. There seem to be folks who know of his work and who do not know of ours. So he could recoup some of his costs for labor and travel, and we could gain the research value of having them online. I'm hopeful that day will come. Tom is in good health, in his 70s.

Maybe this more than you wanted to know.

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On Jun 16, 2021, at 5:42 PM, Laura Baker <bakerl@acu.edu> wrote:

Thanks, Mac, for setting me straight on Gospel Advocate. I didn't realize there was more than one.

Is there any digitized version free to use online? Can we put issues online? Just wondering. If Tom Childers can do it, could we?

I greatly admire and respect your research expertise in Stone Campbell history. You are such an asset.

Laura

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 4:31 PM Mac Ice <mxi13a@acu.edu> wrote:

Looks like Dr. Shearer applied the ask-everyone approach.

This is what I sent to him. The issues you located online are a different title than what he is interested in. However, *that* Gospel Advocate is one of a few Unitarian papers that actually does have early relevance for the Christian Connection preachers in the Northeast. The Connection folks who affiliated with Barton Stone in the West were absorbed into what became known as the Stone-Campbell Movement. And more than that some of them perhaps had some influence on the early life of David Lipscomb. Roundabout web of connections. But not the same Gospel Advocate he was looking for.

If he contacts the lead I provided him, he will have what he needs at hand to look at David Lipscomb's writings.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mac Ice <mxi13a@acu.edu>
Subject: Re: mid/late 1800 Gospel Advocate archive?
Date: June 8, 2021 at 12:03:41 PM CDT
To: Glenmore Shearer <Glen.Shearer@usm.edu>

Thanks for the note Glen. Gospel Advocate is available from Tom Childers:

https://www.tomchilders.net/Journals_c_17.html

I have been very pleased with his work. I use it often.

Please let me know if I can assist further

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On Jun 7, 2021, at 4:19 PM, Glenmore Shearer <Glen.Shearer@usm.edu> wrote:

Hi Mac,

I'm a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi and am working on a research project regarding some of David Lipscomb's writings in **The Gospel Advocate** from the mid/late 1800's. So far, my attempts to find a digital archive have been unsuccessful. Does ACU have a digital archive of **The Gospel Advocate** for this time? If not, do you know of another possible source?

Thanks for your help.

Best regards,
Glen

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