

## FINAL PERSPECTIVE

**IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY ELECTED OFFICIAL** in Brevard County is either under indictment or investigation. And



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since the Wackenhut's have moved in, even the investigators are under investigation.

But in the church things ought to be different. Our church covenant (which I hope your new officers will read at every morning

service until you secure a new pastor) states that as Christians we "solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ ....to walk together in Christian love".

**SO, WHO RUNS A BAPTIST CHURCH?** The congregation! Yet, it is not only impractical and foolish, but often times dangerous to try to run a church from the floor of a business meeting. Therefore, the group elects officers and TRUSTS them to lead. The congregation RELINQUISHES its authority and empowers the officers to make God-led decisions. Thus, only the treasurer has the power to write checks - not every member of the church.

**DEACONS** are "servants" of the church. However, they are ordained to be **LEADERS** in spiritual affairs - not followers of the whims of any particular group or individual.

**THE PASTOR** is called as the spiritual head of the church. He is also designated as the administrative leader. Once called he then should be free to lead as God leads him.

It is tragic to see a group of people that don't trust one another. It is tragic to see a group of people that are suspicious of each other's motives. Therefore, my parting word is to urge you to learn to trust one another - to learn to love one another - and to for-

get about your self rights and lose your individual identity in doing the Will of God. Not democracy - but Christocracy.

### ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 18

The Associational Youth Night, under the joint sponsorship of the Assoc. TU Department and the Assoc. Youth Coordinator will be held this Saturday night at the First Baptist Church of Eau Gallie.

The Better Speaker's Tournament and Sword Drill will get under way at 4:30. This will be followed by a hot dog supper and hootenanny at 6 p.m.

Highlighting the stunt period will be a singing group from the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island doing selections from "The Music Man".

Woody Watkins, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Stuart, will be the inspirational speaker at the 7:30 hour. Mr. Buckingham, the Assoc. Youth Coordinator, will be the Master of Ceremonies and will direct the music.

All Intermediates and Young People are urged to attend. Travis Coleman will represent HCBC in the Speaker's Tournament.

