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GIFTS TO THE OHIO ASSOCIATION

David Dye, Fin. Sec.
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JANUARY, 1970

Avon Baptist	\$ 5	First Baptist, Medina	200
Berea Baptist	37	First Baptist, New London	25
Berean Baptist, Oregon	180	First Baptist, Rittman	30
Bethel Baptist, Toledo	10	First Baptist, Valley City	5
Bethel Baptist, Warren	10	First Baptist, Wellington	10
Bethlehem Baptist, Cleveland	5	First Baptist, Willowick	15
Bible Baptist, Bedford	85	First Regular Baptist, Bellefontaine	13
Bible Mission Baptist, Reynoldsburg	25	Fostoria Baptist	200
Brookside Baptist, Cleveland	5	Fundamental Baptist, Tallmadge	300
Brown Street Baptist, Akron	10	Grace Baptist, Kent	5
Calvary Baptist, Ashland	38	Grace Baptist, Lina	369
Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine	100	Grace Baptist, London	15
Calvary Baptist, Chillicothe	38	Grace Baptist, Minford	13
Calvary Baptist, Findlay	1039	Grace Baptist, Troy	29
Calvary Baptist, Massillon	15	Grace Baptist, Urbana	54
Calvary Baptist, Painesville	95	Grace Baptist, Westerville	10
Calvary Baptist, Sandusky	110	Grace Baptist, Westlake	662
Calvary Baptist, Tiffin	115	Grace Baptist, Willoughby	10
Calvary Baptist, Xenia	8	Grace Baptist, Youngstown	5
Camden Baptist, Oberlin	25	Graham Road Baptist, Cuyahoga Falls	500
Cedal Hill Baptist, Cleveland	60	Highview Avenue Baptist, Akron	35
Central Baptist, Columbus	15	Hinckley Ridge Baptist, Hinckley	120
Chaffe, Stuart L., Xenia	10	Huntsburg Baptist	50
Champion Baptist, Warren	5	Immanuel Baptist, Arcanum	10
Clintonville Baptist, Columbus	20	Immanuel Baptist, Columbus	28
Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo	317	Lakeview Baptist, Dundee	20
Emmanuel Baptist, Xenia	70	Lapp, R., Medina	10
Euclid-Nottingham Baptist, Euclid	85	Lennox, D. Columbus	10
Evansville Baptist, Niles	15	Madison Missionary Baptist, Lucasville	19
Fairfield Baptist, Thurston	44	Marantha Baptist, Springfield	15
Faith Baptist, Amherst	83	Memorial Baptist, Columbus	50
Faith Baptist, Lakeview	5	Midbrook Baptist, Brook Park	5
Faith Baptist, Novelty	1	Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Homeworth	25
Faith Baptist, Van Wert	40	North Royalton Baptist	4
Faith Baptist, Bowling Green	20	Northfield Baptist	30
First Baptist, Findlay	5	Northside Baptist, Lina	25
First Baptist, Gallipolis	35	Norton Baptist, Barberton	30
First Baptist, Lancaster	42	Peoples Baptist, Brunswick	15
First Baptist, McDonald	45	Riley Creek Baptist, Bluffton	20
		South Canaan Baptist, Athens	2
		Struthers Baptist	5
		Swartz Road Baptist, Akron	5
		Temple Baptist, Portsmouth	1354
		Trinity Baptist, Lorain	75
		Union Baptist	10
		Webster, D., Parma	5
		Wheelerburg Baptist	20
		Whipple Avenue Baptist, Canton	25
		TOTAL	\$7364

FRONT COVER

The Cedarville College choir, under the direction of Mr. David Matson, began their 1970 tour on March 15 in Indianapolis, Indiana. They also travelled to Mississippi, Iowa and Illinois. The Lord blessed throughout!

A Campus Concert is to be presented on April 24. During late April and the month of May, they will perform in ten Ohio churches. Their final concert will be given at the Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio—May 24.

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Practical Christianity

Pastor Garrison E. Rice of the Bible Baptist Church in Bedford recently delivered a message on the washing of the disciples' feet by our Lord. In it he emphasized the need of our having love and compassion for others.

As the congregation sang "Help Somebody Today" an appeal was made for his listeners to come down the aisle and receive *voluntarily* a prepared assignment which would require of them both time and money. This assignment would lead them to some act of kindness to be done in Christ's Name and for His glory.

Over 40 people responded and took envelopes containing assignments. They ranged from buying a poor little girl a dress to commending the principals of our Baptist Christian Schools. Missionaries and evangelists also were included. It proved a blessing to all!

"Youth Emphasis Week"



Paul Dixon and Ken Nichols

The Blessed Hope Baptist Church held its annual "Youth Emphasis Week" with Evangelist Paul Dixon as speaker. The meetings were well attended and the Lord blessed.

One of the highlights was the singing of "The New Life Trio." The girls, members of Blessed Hope, sang each evening. The Dayton Youth Choir from Emmanuel Baptist Church presented music on Thursday and Friday nights with Grace Baptist of Cedarville bringing their youth choir to sing on Wednesday night.

"There is More to Life than Living" was the theme and the messages, music, and testimonies carried it out in a most effective way. Ken Nichols is the Youth Director for the church.

Did You Notice Our New Cover?

This is a "first" for The Ohio Independent Baptist. A cover with COLOR! We are having 4900 copies of this issue printed. (A new high!) It cost us two cents per copy more to go to color. Do you like it? We chose GREEN because it speaks of Spring. It is also the color that depicts life . . . ETERNAL LIFE!

Cause For Rejoicing

The First Regular Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio, has been experiencing the blessing of the Lord in their midst!

For some time they were without a pastor. Attendance was on a steady decline and the spirit of the people at an all-time low.

In September '69, Rev. Murray Murdoch, a professor at Cedarville College, agreed to serve as their Interim Pastor. It was with his coming that Heaven seemed to open and the Lord poured forth great blessing.

By October 8, the members of the church declared the work must press on. By December 31, the mortgage on their property was burned.

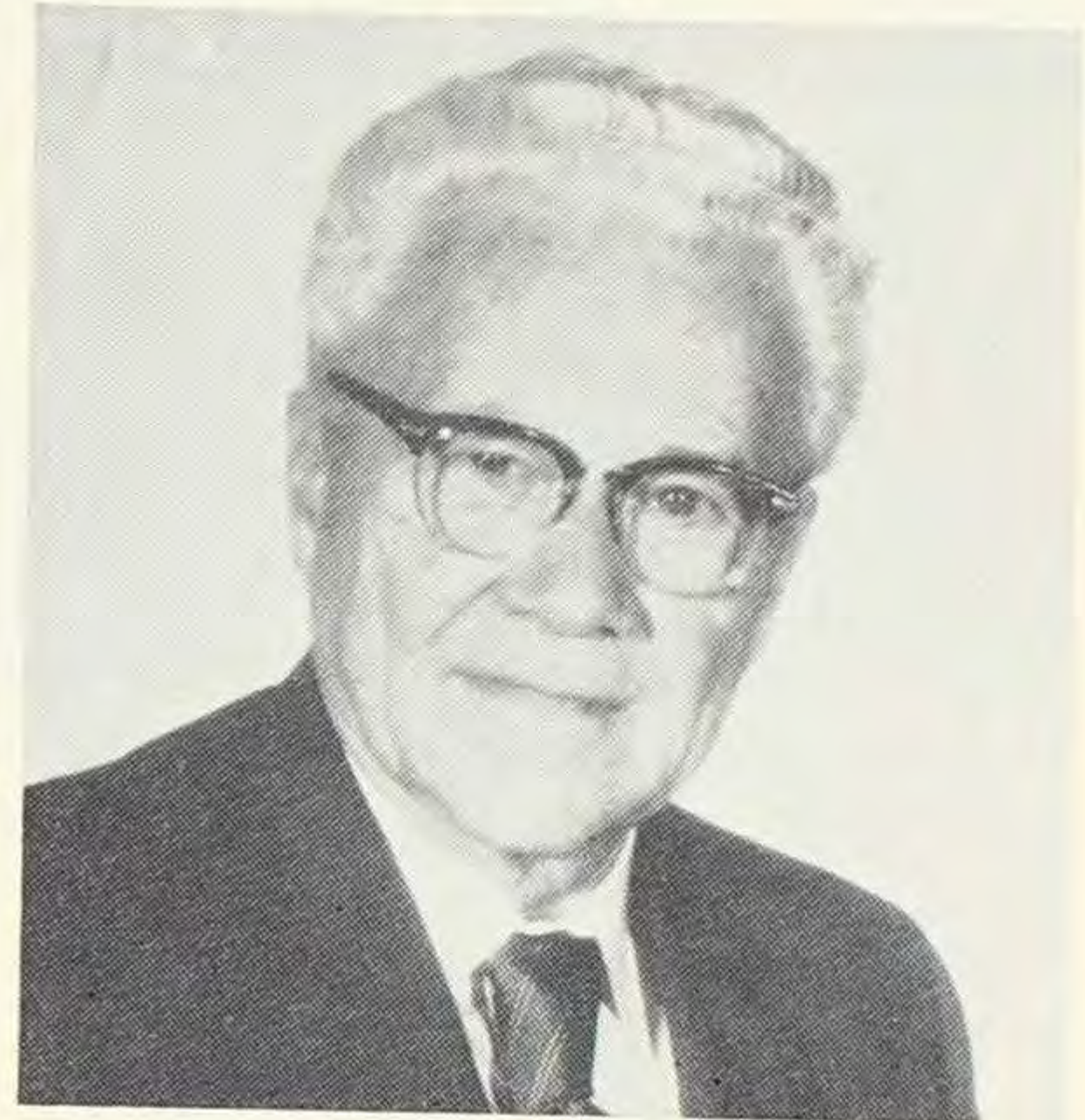
Brother Chelsea Stockwell was with them December 8-14. There were decisions in every meeting. In the past five months over fifty have made decisions for Christ. We have seen our people anxious to work, visit and call.

Changes Made At Wheaton Academy

Wheaton Academy will become independent of ties with Wheaton College, effective March 1. This action is in response to a request from the Academy Board of Trustees, to undertake complete responsibility for the operation and administration of the school.

According to Charles Strobeck, Wheaton, chairman of the Academy board, the name of the school will be changed to the Wheaton Christian High School.

Dr. Van Gilder Returns To Ohio



Dr. H. O. Van Gilder will be moving back to Ohio in May to engage in a Bible conference ministry. He pastored in Ohio for several years, and it was while he was pastor of Central Baptist Church in Columbus that the Ohio Association of Independent Baptist Churches, as it was then called, was organized at a state-wide meeting held in that church. He later pastored the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth from 1932 to 1944.

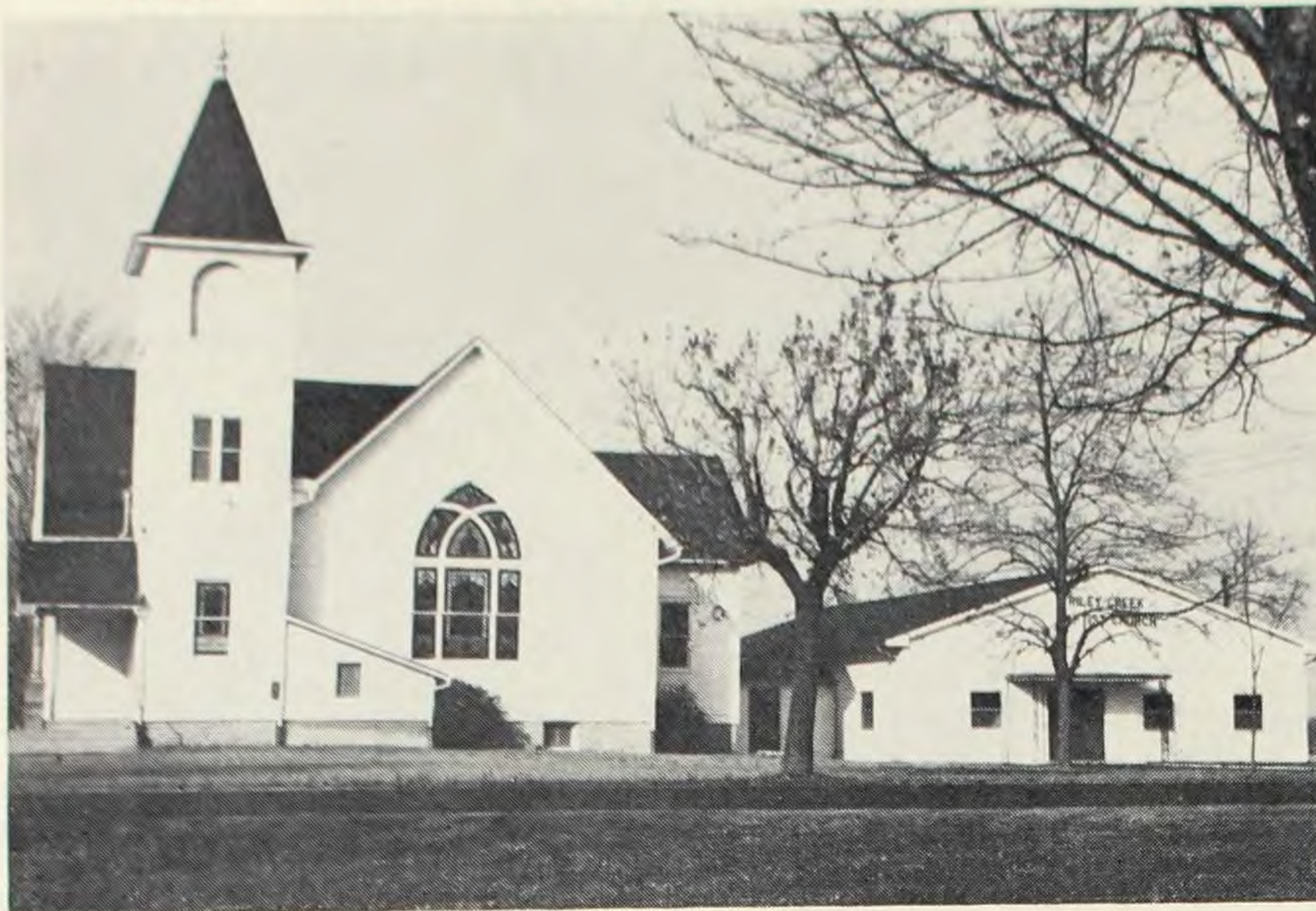
In 1944 he resigned his Portsmouth pastorate to establish the home office of the GARBC in Chicago, and to serve as the first National Representative of that body. In 1948 he resigned that position to become president of Western Baptist Bible College, then located in Oakland, California, an office which he held for sixteen years.

For nearly six years, since resigning from the college, he has pastored the First Baptist Church of Los Gatos, California. In the Spring, he will be leaving there to enter upon what he anticipates will be an enlarged phase of ministry among Regular Baptist churches.

His first conference will be with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Columbus, May 3-10. Following that he has conferences scheduled in Arcanum, Berlin Heights, Portsmouth, Bowling Green, and Chillicothe. During winter months he will be ministering in churches on the West Coast.

After May 1, Dr. Van Gilder's address will be Powers Avenue, Rt. 2, Georgetown, Ohio 45121.

RILEY CREEK CHURCH RECOGNIZED



A Recognition Council, composed of churches of the North Bethel Fellowship (OARBC) met on February 23 to examine the Constitution and Statement of Faith of the Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton, Ohio.

After a thorough examination, it was agreed (by majority vote) that the Riley Creek Baptist Church be recognized as a duly constituted and properly organized Baptist Church.

It was, however, recommended by the council to the church that they revise their constitution and include in it as many of the council's recommendations as possible. It was further recommended that they have Rev. Earl Umbaugh, State Missionary, assist them in doing this.

To Minister At World's Fair

History's largest World's Fair is a ready-made opportunity for the Pocket Testament League to carry the Christian message to a great host of people in the space of a few months, according to PTL International Director J. Edward Smith. "When Expo '70 opened March 15" he announced, "our team was poised at the heart of the fair grounds, ready to distribute over half a million Gospels of John to visitors."

In addition to handing out hundreds of thousands of Japanese Gospels PTL is also distributing Gospels of John in at least fifteen other languages—including Russian—to visitors from more than 70 nations.

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A unique honor has been extended to Trans World Radio by the Government of Netherlands Antilles. They have issued two postage stamps which will be on sale for two years from February, 1970, commemorating the fifth anniversary of Trans World Radio in Bonaire. TWR now reaches millions of otherwise unreached people in many parts of the world.

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Cedarville College NEWS

A record enrollment for Cedarville College was established for the Winter Quarter, reaching 927 which tops the 356 students enrolled one year ago and also tops the 925 enrolled in the Fall Quarter this year. The steady increase in the number of students attending Cedarville since 1954 is a tribute to the excellent cooperation shown by the pastors of our supporting churches, as well as the dedication and foresight of the College trustees, administration and faculty.

"Three to Grow On," the largest capital campaign in Cedarville College's history, is over one-eighth of the way toward the goal of \$800,000. As of this writing, the campaign is just over sixteen weeks old and has concluded the first stage of a selling campaign in Ohio. Michigan will be the next state with Indiana, Pennsylvania, and New York scheduled after this year.

For more complete information, please write for the special "Three to Grow On" brochure. Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

The College's radio station, WCDR-FM announces a new lineup of radio programs. These began on March 1st.

Their "NEWS" programming format has been rearranged, permitting more

local news plus sports being heard hourly.

Sunday afternoon includes a one-hour block of programs running from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is geared for the entire family.

1:00—The Children's Bible Hour

1:15—Kid's Request Time (Stereo)

1:30—"Living Reality" (GARBC)

Sunday evening at 11:30 p.m. an outstanding stereo program—"Songs In The Night."

On weekday evenings, the younger generation reigns supreme at 5:00 p.m. with "Big Jon and Sparky" and at 6:00 p.m. with "Secret Hideout."

The College operates a Speakers Bureau for the purpose of furnishing pulpit supply for churches. Twelve ordained men with preaching experience are available for pulpit supply, banquets, and rallies.

Pastors wishing to schedule speakers should write the Director of Development, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314 or phone 513-766-2211.

The Third Annual Pastor's Conference has been announced for the campus of Cedarville College on September 8-11, 1970. The featured speaker is Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe of the First Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky.

What Is A Soul Winner?

by Warren Wiersbe

Perhaps the greatest joy a Christian has is that of leading a lost soul to Christ. Certainly this is our greatest obligation, and it ought to be our greatest desire.

A soul-winner is compared to many things in the Bible. In Prov. 11:30, he is compared to a hunter; for the word "winneth" really means "to capture" as a hunter captures game. This doesn't mean we trap sinners. But it does mean that we don't give up, we keep after them as the Lord directs until we rescue them from Hell.

He is compared to a fisherman in Mk. 1:17. Sometimes we use one hook and catch one fish, but it's far better to use the net and catch as many as possible. According to II Cor. 5:20, soul-winners are God's ambassadors, bringing the message of peace to a world at war with God.

In Acts 1:8 we are witnesses—not judges or prosecuting attorneys—but witnesses of what Christ has done for us. The world may be able to argue about our doctrine, but they cannot argue about our own personal experience with Christ.

Jn. 4:35 compares us to harvesters. This means we must plow the ground, sow the seed, water it with our tears, and be alert for the harvest. Jesus says that the "harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Sad to say, most Christians are willing to enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but they are unwilling to share in the work of the harvest.

Zech. 3:2 and Jude 23 both compare the soul-winner to a fireman who rescues people from the burning, and I Cor. 4:5 says that the soul-winner is a spiritual father who helps to bring the "new babes in Christ" into the world. This means travail and sacrifice, but it also means joy as the family increases.

Satan is a soul-winner! He is out trying to "snare" people and "take them captive" (II Tim. 2:26). Sad to say, Satan's ambassadors seem to be more zealous than those of us who are ambassadors for Christ. "He that winneth souls is wise."

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"I See You Loud and Clear"

by Ken Nichols

The author of this article is presently serving as Minister of Youth at the Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio. The Lord is using him greatly in working with youth.



Mr. Kenneth Nichols

Carl Jordan is a freshman at a major university and comes from a Christian family background. His family are members in good standing at the local church and from all appearances are leaders with a respected reputation.

Carl is 19 years old now and has attended Sunday School and Youth Groups since he was a small boy. Mr. & Mrs. Jordan are very much concerned because the letters that they receive indicate that Carl is falling away from the Lord. He has rarely attended church services since he left home and reports now have it that he is mixed up with a gang at school. The Jordon's are heart-sick and just can't seem to figure out where their son went wrong.

Or consider John Cook who is now in Viet Nam. Like many of our church's young men who go into the service, he writes that he is having some real problems with his Christian stand. In fact, he says that he finds it hard to believe that a loving God could allow such a war to take place at all. His buddies are always riding him about having a Bible and he is beginning to feel that what he "thought" he believed just isn't worth too much in a place like Viet Nam. His folks, too, are very upset and are hoping that he will get involved with church when he returns from the service.

Then there is Mary Ingle. She always sang in the youth choir in her church and attended most of the youth activities. She graduated last year from high school and met an unsaved boy

whom she is to marry in the Spring. At first she brought him to church regularly, but now she argues with her folks about going every Sunday herself. Her Mom reminds her that she was "practically raised in the church" and "when she was younger she won a four-year attendance pin." Mr & Mrs. Ingle cannot understand why she has no real love for the Lord or why she seems to experience no closeness to Him.

Some Turn Away

Our young people continue to be 'raised' in the church and when they reach the time to make their own decisions, some turn away in disappointment and confusion. Because of this the church family reacts in dismay over these young people who 'go astray'. We need to explore and expose reasons why this trend is alarmingly consistent. A leading author in the field of psychology and human understanding states: "Research seems to suggest that through the psychological principles of IMITATION AND IDENTIFICATION the teacher becomes a model for appropriate behavior and students take on, assume, and ultimately reflect those personal characteristics most dominant in the teacher."

One major hang-up for our youth today is that they see very little worth while in our adult Christians with which to identify or to imitate. Teens have a natural bent to identify with something that is on the move, something that makes a difference, and something that works . . . success!

A most significant factor in the cause of this present-day dilemma is the ATTITUDE INDICATORS of our parents and Sunday School teachers as well as the Pastor and other Church leaders. It is necessary first to establish a common definition of the term "attitude." An attitude is a position or manner indicative of feeling, opinion, or intention toward a person or thing. They are clear pictures of what you truly are inside. They tell the story of your life . . . just like it really is!

The message that many pew warmers project is repulsive to the teen who has been taught that there is reality in Christ, and he replies with; "Even so faith, if it hath no works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17).

Research in the field of educational psychology has, without exception shown that the attitudes of teachers and parents have an indelible and far reaching effect on the learning process. Likewise in our churches the attitudes of today's adult Christian leaders have an alarming and lasting effect on the young teen mind. Our teens are learning through imitation and identification far more than is being taught by the teacher or parent in a purposed effort at indoctrination.

Attitude Indicators

Regardless of the pursuit in life attitudes make the difference in the ultimate outcome. Whether it be sports, business, marriage, school, housework or the local church ministry, attitudes will make a clearly definable difference in the results attained. This article is purposed to question exactly what type of non-verbal message our teens are receiving from our church leaders and parents. Remember that ATTITUDE INDICATORS are non-verbal communications which are clearly received and interpreted by the pupil.

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We no doubt live in a day when ruth is easily spoken but too often either distorted to our own fancy or disregarded experientially. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16) What you say by your ATTITUDE INDICATORS will be received with far greater impact than what you are constantly declaring verbally.

Consider These

Take Carl for example. His parents are thought of as a leading couple in the church and they sincerely desired to raise their son in a way that would bring glory to the Lord. Let's analyse some of the ATTITUDE INDICATORS that had a tremendous influence upon Carl.

Carl was always told that it was important to pray and his parents were upset if he did not say his prayers before he went to bed. But Carl distinctly remembers that his folks didn't attend prayer meeting at the church . . . they just didn't have the time. He never recalls a time that his family prayed together over family problems or over the soul of an unsaved one. Not once did he see his Dad or Mom on their knees really pouring their heart out to God. They told him it was important to pray, but he got another message!

In Sunday School Carl's teacher was constantly pushing Bible reading, and his family was quick to assert that it was very important to study God's Word. He knew for a fact though that his folks rarely touched the Bible throughout the week and can't remember them relating to him something that God had thrilled and blessed them with through the Word. Therefore he was not very impressed with the need for feeding upon the Word. The Bible is a Book for Sunday!

And talk about answers to life's problems! Everytime something went wrong at the office for Dad, or when Mom had troubles at home, well, you just wouldn't think that they had any advantage over the unsaved. At least it wasn't easy to see!

Mr. Jordan was a stickler for being on time for his golf appointment and for work. To the point, in fact, that he often would cause a real family burden to insure that he would not be late. Carl recalls though that it was a different story on Sunday mornings. They always seemed to be a few minutes late to church and the folks just didn't seem to care. God's business was not that important, Carl concluded!

John, now in Viet Nam, can remember when he was challenged by the youth director to encourage his

family to have devotions on a regular basis in the early morning. He suggested this to his parents and his Dad said that "in this type of work it was important that he get plenty of sleep." The truth was that they just couldn't get excited about getting up an hour or so earlier. Today John can't help but smile as he reflects back to the many times his Dad would get up at 4:30 a.m. to go hunting or fishing or to start a family vacation trip. But obviously it just was not important enough to the family to put forth the same effort for a time in family devotions. John really learned from his parents!

He was also confused as to why his parents would always leave early to go to the school play and practically be rude to others in order to get a front seat. Must have been terribly important to them, but when it came to church and learning more of God and how to live a victorious Christian life, why they practically fought for the back pews and indicated that the sooner it was all over the better. John got the message!

Mr. Cook is involved in a bowling league and Mom in a couple of civic clubs, but when they were asked to serve in the church they explained that, "they were just too busy" or "they didn't feel qualified to teach."

Once Mr. Cook came home from work complaining that the company had decided to give them a measly ten per cent annual bonus. "How cheap can they get" he exclaimed. But he has some sort of distorted pride when he occasionally manages to tithe his weekly income. John reads them loud and clear!

This same attitude was carried over into the Biblical concept of separation. His folks approved of certain types of movies and felt that a properly chaperoned dance wasn't sin, and if John wanted to run around with the wrong crowd, well, he had to make his own friends and "after all, didn't Jesus eat with the publicans and sinners?"

The Bible says that we are to be witnesses and Mary's parents would agree that this is important . . . when

you are led to witness! Mary can never remember her folks sharing a burden for souls, or being concerned about their neighbors. The Pastor would announce visitation from the pulpit each week, but in vain. Nobody showed up and the youth got the message!

The minimum time spent in Mary's family each week watching television was ten hours and yet they couldn't find the time for prayer, Bible study, devotions, or for more than the regularly scheduled church services and activities.

Who Is To Blame?

Carl, John and Mary are taking one of two avenues; completely leaving the church or being unusable pew-warmers. They rarely, if ever, attend prayer meeting; cannot see the need for tithing; do not carry any responsibility in the local church; have yet to lead their first soul to the Lord; just cannot seem to get anything out of the Bible or the Pastor's messages and prayer is a real drag! They have never really experienced a vital, victorious exciting, fruitful, and successful relationship with Christ. Sad to say, if our ATTITUDE INDICATORS are not changed, many other teens may follow in their path and swell the ranks of tomorrow's "church-drop-outs."

Today's parents could save thousands of words and many fruitless efforts telling the teens about the Christian life if they would only spend the same energy and time in personal searching and in fellowship with the Master. When they indeed experience reality in Christ, words are not necessary to communicate with their teens. They get the message, and it is attractive to them!

Do not talk reality in Christ, the thrill of His fellowship, how much you love the Lord and His ministry, until you are first resigned by God's grace to experience what you declare to be so right for others. It is not nearly so important to be teaching and talking as it is to be learning and living!

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA —

Rev. Terrence Rudd has accepted a call to serve as our Minister of Youth. He began his ministry here March 15.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS —

During March we held a Sunday School Attendance contest with Temple Baptist, Portsmouth. March 29 through April 5 we were ministered to by Dr. William Ward Ayer. His messages were on Bible Prophecy. Our Men's Fellowship sponsored a Sweetheart Supper for their wives.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA —

Missionary Ernest Johnson, who has worked many years among the Jivaro Indians of Equador, spoke concerning his work of reaching "Headhunters". The church voted to give \$50.00 per month for six months to Grace Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ohio. On March 1st we were privileged to have Harold Tolsen, Norwegian Concert Pianist and Singer present a sacred concert.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES —

Dr. William E. Kuhnle ministered to us just recently. His ministry was one of great blessing. Our Missionary Conference is scheduled for April 19-26.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH —

Former pastor, Evangelist Bob Sumner, recently held an evangelistic series in our church. During March we engaged in a Sunday School attendance contest with the First Baptist Church, Gallipolis.

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, REYNOLDSBURG —

Pastor Thompson has started a series of messages on Russia, Israel, and the United States in Ezekiel. They are being broadcast on our LIFE and LIGHT program, WCOL-FM. Missionary June Stone, now home on furlough from Central African Republic, is to minister here in April. Rev. B. F. Cate of Tallmadge, Ohio will be one of our Bible Conference speakers June 8-11.

BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD —

During April we are to have Missionary John Marlot and members of the Wheaton College Band. On April 22, Doctor David Seymour, Baptist Mid-Missions, Africa, will be speaking. Our Annual Missionary Conference proved most unique and profitable. The work of Home Missions (FBHM) was emphasized. Our Building Fund program has been launched. We are anxious to see it grow!

NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH, BARBERTON —

Special evangelistic services were held March 29 through April 5. Guest evangelist was our brother Paul Levin. With him was blind singer, Bob Findley. "Paul and Bob" are one of the oldest gospel teams in America. Brother Levin is the author of 32 gospel tracts which have been published in 71 languages.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD —

Pastor and Mrs. Rice had the joy of making a trip to the Holy Land. They visited also the cities of Athens and (old) Corinth, Greece. The trip was made possible by families within their church. The church's Annual Missionary Conference was held March 12-15.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BUCYRUS —

A special service was held on March 18 when Alan McGill, baritone gospel singer, presented a unique program of Christian song and testimony. Mrs. Howard Jones, our pastor's wife, was in the hospital.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CEDARVILLE —

Pastor Broughton presents an early morning devotional weekdays at 7:35 a.m. over Cedarville College's radio station WCDR-FM. It is called "Psalms at Sunrise." The work on the new educational building is moving right along. Mr. Emerson Russell presents his "Tele-Bible Time" each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. over station WLW-TV 2. Brother Russell also has completed an excellent little booklet entitled "Inner Space Challenge."

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

During March our Sunday School engaged in a contest with the First

Baptist Church of Kenmore, Akron. Guest speakers during the month were Mrs. Allan Patterson, Baptist Mid-Missions and Dr. Merle Hull, Editor, Regular Baptist Press, Chicago. A gospel team from Shepherd's School presented a most challenging program.

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

We had an excellent three-day Missionary Conference with ABWE missionary, Dr. Donn W. Ketcham as guest speaker. Rev. Wm. Fusco spoke to our Women's Missionary Society luncheon. During February we held a Cedarville College Sunday.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Evangelist Roland L. Reed ministered to us during our special meetings of March 8-15.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Pastor and Mrs. Brock attended the annual convention of the American Association of Higher Education. The Lord continues to bless in our Christian Day School. The Marion work has been formed into a Fellowship. Services began there on March 1.

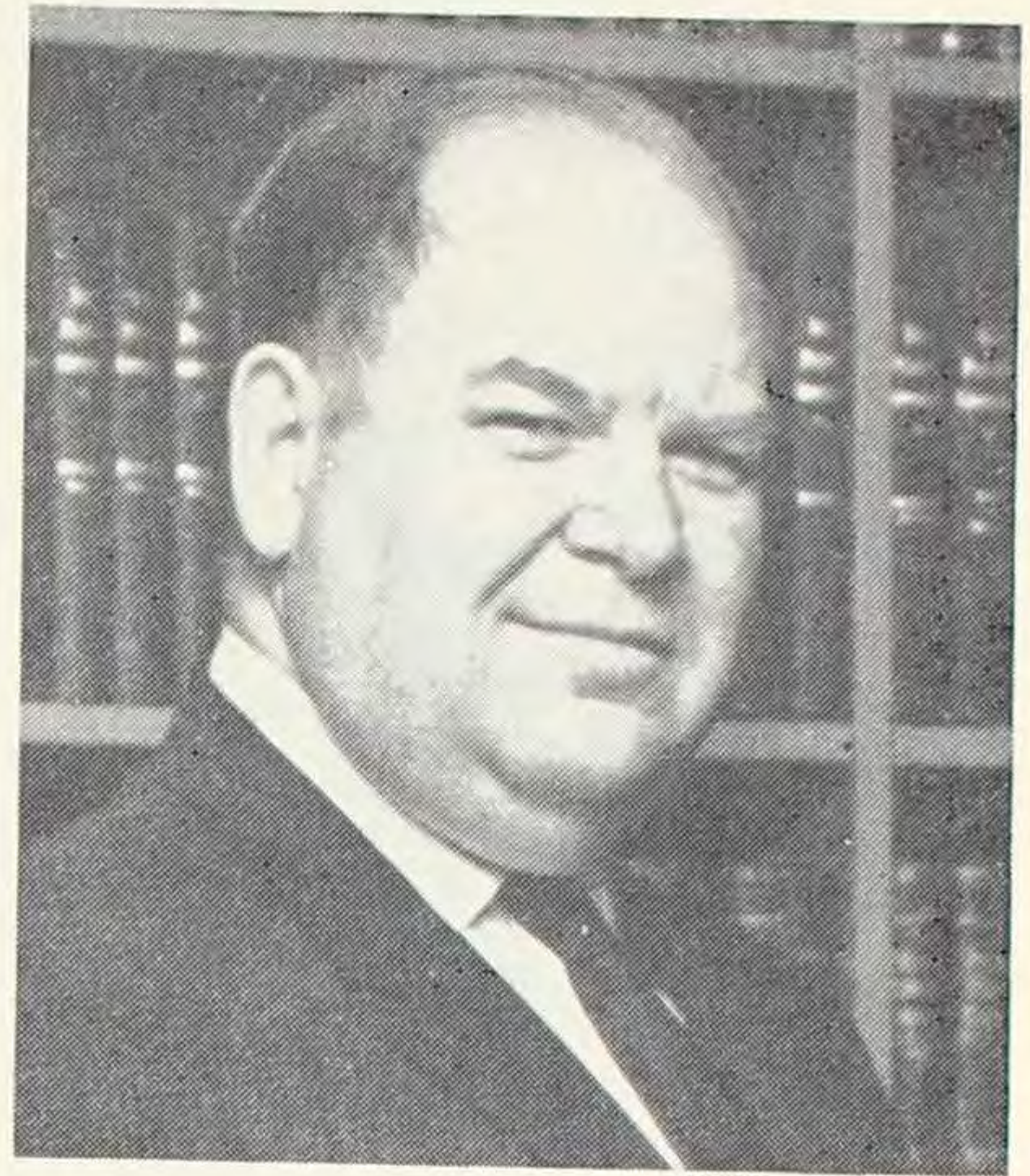
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON —

Our special meetings, with Brother Hugh Horner of Sandusky doing the preaching, will run April 12-19. Mr. Harold Engle will be leading the singing. Cedarville Choir presented a service in music on March 15.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON —

We had a "March to Sunday School in March" campaign with the hope of breaking all previous records. A special "Boys' Brigade Night" was held at which time they participated in the program.

Baptist Bible Seminary NEWS



The Rev. G. Arthur Woolsey, D.D., president of Baptist Bible Seminary for the past ten years, is resigning that position effective August 31. Dr. Woolsey has headed the college since Dr. Paul R. Jackson vacated that post in 1960. During the sixties there have been major curriculum changes to incorporate new programs of study. Recently the college has been given approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to grant the Associate in Arts degree for a two-year program. The Christian Day School program for training of teachers was launched under the Woolsey leadership.

At its February meeting the Trustee Board of B.B.S. approved a missionary nursing program scheduled for launching in September 1970 and a theological seminary program tentatively scheduled for the fall of 1971.

B.B.S. Seniors are moving into the last few weeks of classes which will culminate in Commencement on June 1. The calendar of events includes a faculty-senior breakfast on Friday, May 29; the annual spring banquet, Saturday May 30, at 6:30 p.m.; the Baccalaureate Service, Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Gro-macki of Cedarville College faculty speaking; the Graduates' Service at 7 p.m. followed by the President's Reception at 8:15, all in the Abington Heights Senior High School. Monday, June 1, the President's Chapel will be conducted at 10 a.m. in the college chapel and the Alumni Luncheon and meeting will be held at 1:15 on campus. Commencement for some 100 graduates is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior High. The speaker for that occasion is Dr. David Nettleton, President, Faith Baptist College, Ankeny, Iowa.

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MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD —

Presently we are having a Soul Winning course presented in our Mid-Week service. We have been pleased with the fine group which meets for this each week. Revival services were held Palm Sunday through Easter. Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Henson were used of the Lord to reach young and old alike. They do excellent work with children!

FAIRFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, THURSTON —

Missionary Wm. Kuhn ministered here the first Sunday of March. He serves with Hiawatha Baptist Missions. His message greatly challenged us. April 5 through 12 Evangelist Curt Wetzel will be holding special meetings. Brother Curt is known as "The Flying Evangelist".

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH —

We are holding a Bible Conference April 9-11 with speakers from Canada, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. (Ed. note: Elsewhere in this issue is a more complete article regarding this conference.)

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE —

Our choir presented an Easter cantata entitled "Hail, Glorious King!" which was written by John Peterson. There has been a good interest shown in our Sunday School Training Classes. We are looking forward to our Mother-Daughter Banquet which will be held at our church on May 1. We praise the Lord for our new organ. A special organ dedication service will be held Sunday evening, April 12. Mr. Eric Franker, former staff organist for Moody Bible Institute, will be playing the Dedication Recital.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

Our meetings with "Dusty" Rhodes proved to be a blessing. Miss Patsy King will be speaking here on April 26. During May we hope to have Brother Jim Louden who is being greatly used by the Lord in getting the gospel behind the Iron Curtain.



Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Inez Milner — Women's Editor—

Prayer and Fasting

THIS PROBLEM, THIS EMERGENCY, THIS HEARTBREAK—WHAT SHALL WE DO? HOW CAN WE TAKE IT? PRAY! READ THE WORD! I haven't time to pray. I have too much to do. I need help NOW! Do we remember our Father, Who "knows the end from the beginning," Who anticipates our needs, Who has already walked in our tomorrows; and already knows whether we will come to Him about it? He loves to hear us pray, to answer our prayers. He knew long ago about this emergency that would strike NOW. . . . "and it shall come to pass, that before I call, He will answer; and while I am yet speaking, He will hear." (Isa. 65:24) Have you ever marveled at the rapid answer to prayer? Do we believe "PRAYER CHANGES THINGS"? Satan would have us busy at things, any thing to keep us off our knees. The Bible speaks of "fasting and prayer." Right away we think of going without food, but in these days many other things are harder to "give up" than food. We love the swing, whirl and entertainment of "things." We are so caught up with doing and running, even to finally needing physical and mental help—we are "bushed"! Did we pray today? What about these problems, emergencies, heartbreaks? Did we lay this at another's door and fail to place it at His feet to pray about it ourselves? Are we on speaking terms with our Heavenly Father? "If ye ABIDE in ME, and My Words ABIDE in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)

This old world needs Believer's prayers much more than Scientist's bombs! Without prayer we resort to bombs. It needs the resources of GOD'S STOREHOUSE, which He is ready to release in REVIVAL OF CHRISTIANS, who will in turn by His Holy Spirit lead misguided, sin-sick, dope-filled people BACK TO GOD. These people are totally ignorant of the power and joy of the Lord—the adornment of the Gospel. If we do not have time to pray as we ought, let's *fast, give up* some of these other things and MAKE TIME for prayer. Let God (whom so many say is dead) prove what He CAN do. May we not hinder and restrain Him by our prayerless, shallow lives. "PRAYER CHANGES THINGS"—LET US PRAY! "He arose, Hallelujah! CHRIST AROSE."—"May be morning, it may be noon, may be evening, it may be soon."—"O, what a wonderful day that will be." "JESUS IS COMING AGAIN."

A Special Report

BETHANY WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP MID-WINTER RALLY was held at the Grace Baptist Church, Youngstown, Tuesday, January 27 at 1:00 p.m. with 78 women present. The First Baptist Church, Niles had the highest attendance with 14 ladies present, while First Baptist of McDonald and Vienna Baptist Church, Vienna were runners-up with 11 women present.

Our challenging speaker was Miss Blanche Hamilton from New York, missionary to Japan under Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. A veteran missionary, the thrust of her message was to urge prayer support for missionaries in foreign lands, particularly for new missionaries. She described by personal illustrations, adventures the missionaries meet, such as difficult living conditions, language

barrier, customs, problems among co-workers. Her work has been an evangelistic teaching among children, teenagers, women and university students; translating eight Bible Club teacher's manuals, the entire "Footsteps of Faith" series with the help of a national co-worker. She is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary and is currently doing extra work at Cedarville College.

Our dual project for the coming year is to purchase a 10 by 12 foot camping tent for the Glenn Nune-makers in Niamey, Niger, East Africa for use in a trek evangelistic ministry, and tape recorder for Miss Florence Houck, a missionary teacher in the Niamey French Government School. These missionaries serve with Evangelical Baptist Missions. Cost for these two items will be approximately \$300

and they will be purchased by funds provided by each local Women's Missionary Society group.

A thank-you note from Miss Ruth Nephew was read for the \$300 gift toward a kerosene refrigerator which was the Bethany Women's 1969 project. She is serving with Baptist Mid-Missions in Central African Republic.

Announcements included: Mrs. Frank Odor, pastor's wife of Vienna Baptist was recently appointed the new correspondent for the group. Mrs. David Warren, pastor's wife at Champion Baptist and Advisor for our group introduced a new idea for a prayer and fellowship night at the various pastors' wives' homes to be held February 17th from 7 to 9 p.m. Mrs. Donald Moffat, wife of the Editor of *The Ohio Independent Baptist* magazine told briefly of the bundle-lot plan for obtaining the magazine more economically for all church families.

A table loaded with missionary gift items contributed by the churches represented, were available to the missionary speaker.

Officers of the group are: President, Mrs. Charles Friend, Vienna Baptist Church; Vice President, Mrs. Lee Bennett, First Baptist Church, Niles; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. John Evans, Evansville Baptist Church.

COMING EVENTS: A luncheon for Pastors' Wives and Officers of the Local Women's Missionary Groups on March 19th. The Spring Rally to be held April 28th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Niles.

—MRS. FRANK ODOR, CORRESPONDENT

STATE SPRING RALLY

All aboard for our Ohio Regular Baptist Women's Missionary Union Rally! It will be held April 21st at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio. Morning service begins at 10:00 a.m. Luncheon reservations can be made by writing Mrs. Clifford Johnson, Cedarville, Ohio. The cost of the luncheon is \$1.35. Make your reservation NOW! Afternoon session at 2:00 p.m.

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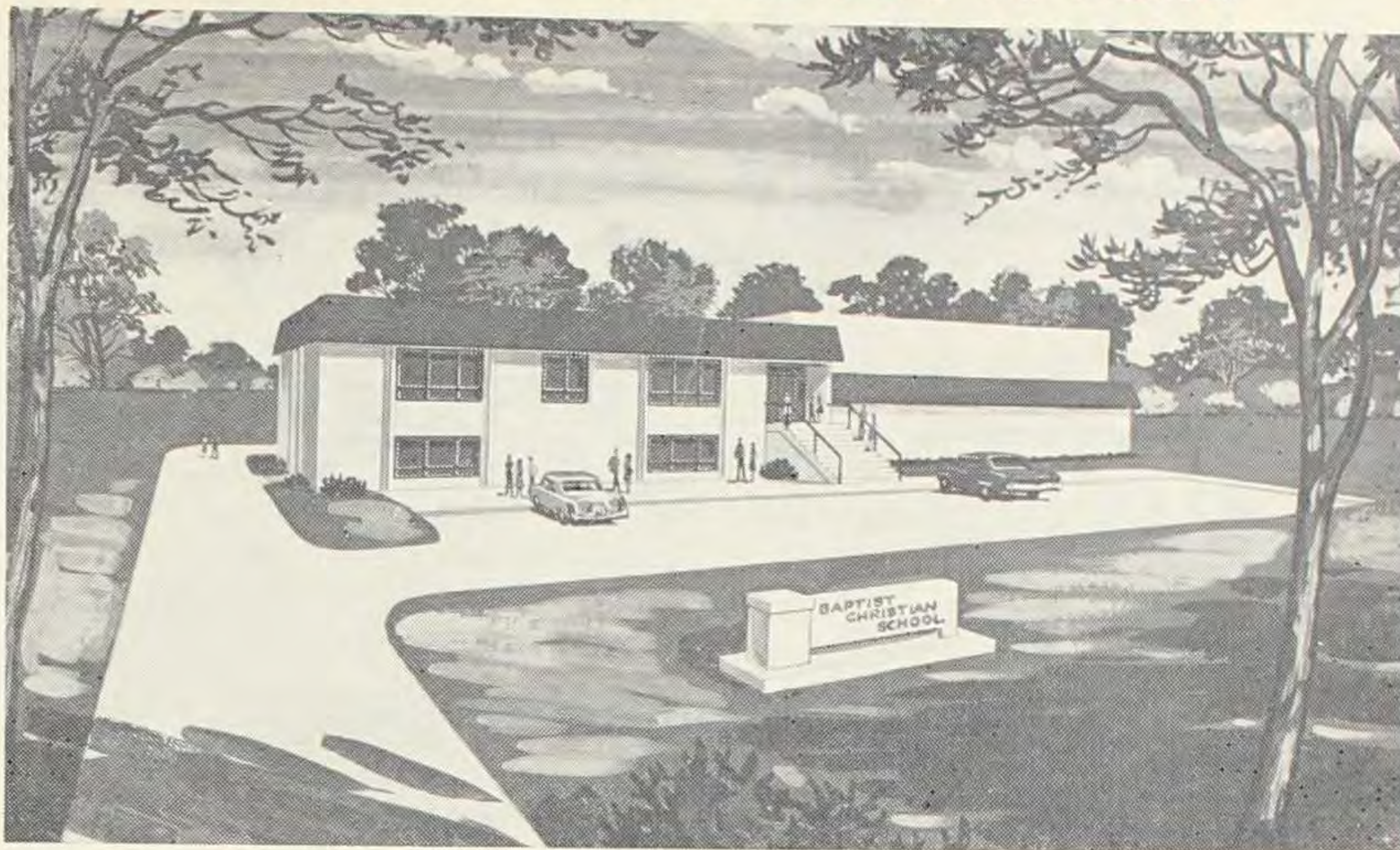
Each student seemed to really appreciate their box; one boy writing, "It seems like the Lord knew exactly what and when I needed a lift, for your box came at just the right moment! The money paid off a debt, the kleenex went for my cold, the deodorant came a day before my roommate took the dwindling supply of Right Guard home with him, the after-shave just before a date. I could go on. Each item I found with growing surprise and delight as being just what I needed. Thank you again for making my vacation a lot brighter."

One girl wrote, "Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmas! The box of things was really nice and I sure could use them! It was fun opening it!" Another wrote, "Last week was exam week and really rough, but your package made me turn my mind off my studies for a while and onto the things you sent." A third wrote, "Thank you so very much for the lovely Christmas box you sent. I can't begin to tell you how much it is appreciated. I was surprised as I took each thing out of the box, down to the bottom. It was so thoughtful to think of us college-age young people this year." These are just a few comments made by the students. Any one of these notes would have made this project well worth while. It was a real privilege to serve the Lord in this way.

—ROSE BRADLEY, SECRETARY

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This building is designed to accommodate 250 students. It will cost approximately \$225,000. This cost may be cut by parents and friends who have volunteered their help. Bricklayers, carpenters and electricians are among those who have pledged their assistance.

Ground breaking services were scheduled for April 5, 1970. Rev. Donald Woodby was the main speaker. Rev. Roy Clark gave a brief history of the School's growth. Each pastor of the seventeen sponsoring churches turned a spade of dirt.

The Test Of Yesterday Is The Test Of To-day

"NEBUCHADNEZZAR.. COMMANDED.. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.. FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE IMAGE WHICH I HAVE MADE; but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

"SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABED-NEGO ANSWERED OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE TO DELIVER US FROM THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE.. But if not, be it known .. that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image."

(DAN. 3:13-18.)



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THE WORD OF REVERENCE

In Phil. 4:8 a list of items appears, marking out the things with which our minds are to be reckoning, toward which our hearts are to be constantly turned. These things are matters of doctrine and practice, and all are inter-related to the other. True things are at the same time honest and just, etc. So each predicate applies to every other item in the list. These are the things which are to occupy our thinking, ever taking account of them for what they are, always reckoning with them as the great and genuine values which mark the desire and design of the believer's heart, never entertaining any but them. It is these things which our minds and hearts are to embrace, our inner energies fully at work upon them, always gravitating toward purposes and practices that are godly, and thus commendable and right.

The second item in the list is of special interest in our present day: "whatsoever things are *honest*". The word translated "honest" in the KJV is the Greek *semnos*, and refers to that characteristic of a person or thing which entitles to reverence and respect. It describes that which is honorable, worthy of being venerated. Whatever is *semnos* may show its face at any time and be respected, honored, and revered as true and reverend. The word is derived from *sebomai*, "to revere, to worship", and thus connotes what is divinely dignified and august, and worthy of worshipful reverence.

In the papyri and inscriptions the word in its various forms appears frequently. A wife describes herself as being "worthy of more respect" (*semnon*) than she was apparently receiving from her husband. The city of Hermopolis is described as a "most august city" (*semnotateis*). Nero invited the presence of certain Greeks

at Corinth in 67 A.D. and wrote that he desired "to requite most noble Hellas for her good will and piety (*eusebeias*) toward me." The people of Priene are praised by the Praefect for their "religious piety" (*to theion eusebeia*). Both Euripides and Plutarch use the word to describe a "stateliness" of form.

Such is the word chosen by the Holy Spirit to describe a significant aspect of the true play of the inner thought-life of the believer, in Phil. 4:8. All things that are characterized by reverence and godly veneration — reflect, reason, reckon up *these* things. Of course it is true that all of us have many things to think upon, which are secular in nature: related to business, trade, profession, occupation, etc. But this will not deflect the true flow of the mind's reasonings and the heart's hopes. Things that are sacred, pious, and reverend will find direction and place in the thoughts, when we remember that we are the Lord's and

that in our whole life we must be true to Him, and that even our thought-life is to be exemplary.

The word also occurs in I Tim. 3:4, where the servant of the Lord is admonished that, having taken his divinely-decreed position before his people and his own household, he is to remain there, superintending well — and if and when there are children in the home, continuing to have the children in subjection with all dignity and reverence (*paseis semnoteitos*). Any Christian man should function well as head of his own house, establishing and maintaining discipline in the family, with all dignity and reverence—but the servant of God must take the lead in this vitally important matter. One who fails to maintain a household in which there is dignity, discipline, and reverence is not fit to enter the ministry. "For if a man does not know how to superintend his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?" (vs. 5). Ill-trained, unruly, undisciplined children reflect on any pastor, not merely because they are rebellious and injurious examples to the other children in the church, but still more because they show that the father is incompetent for his office.

In an age of rebellion against constituted authority, when reverence and piety are not popular, nevertheless the true servant of God is admonished to "exercise himself with respect to godliness" (*eusebeian*), i.e. reverence, dignity, and devotion to God, (I Tim. 4:7). In Tit. 2:1, 2, God's true servant is instructed to engage in healthy teaching so that older men may be "temperate, dignified (*semnous*)", i.e. venerable and reverend, honorable, and devoted in the Chris-

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Challenge Or Chattering?

by Larry Wilson

In the December issue of the O.I.B., this writer presented a challenge to the OARBC concerning church building programs. The article was directed to Christian Architects, Professional Engineers, Draftsmen, Pastors, and any others who have had experience in church building programs. The challenge was to form a corporation which would work expressly with GARB churches. We thought there would be enough replies and comments from interested parties to warrant the formation of an Architecture Department and/or Church Advisory Board plus the personnel to staff the same. But only four persons were interested in working with such a group: a Pastor, a Mechanical Engineer, one Draftsman, and a Material Supplier.

There have, however, been several others who commented, saying it really meant a lot to them to read such a frank discussion of these very common problems. Some indeed have become so challenged that they have revived old building programs and are

now going full speed ahead toward a new church building. Praise the Lord! Maybe this was God's reason for having the article written.

Whatever the purpose—whatever your reaction, this writer is quite happy to have stirred your thoughts. If we are to ever reach America and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we must EXPAND! This means new buildings, new additions, upgraded facilities, etc. There are many churches who have good buildings, but for one reason or another, are not getting their maximum use. Poor acoustics or poor heating often reduce the effective capacity of a building and sometimes it's just poor management of space. These deficiencies can usually be corrected a lot cheaper than erecting new buildings. Before making changes to a building, however, you should engage the services of someone qualified to design such work.

It is noteworthy, to say the least, that not one Architect or Consulting Engineer already engaged in this business made a reply to the "Challenge". May God richly bless you who are content in the profession to which God has carried you. Serve Him well, He wants only your best. Just consider this whenever you are engaged to design a House of Worship: Is the

Professional Fee Schedule actually pertinent? If unsaved suppliers, manufacturers, contractors, and government agencies can give the churches a break on price, why can't we Professional Engineers and Architects who are called upon to provide plans and specifications or professional guidance do the same? If it hurts your 'professional ethics,' how about a sizeable contribution to the building fund? Consider one other thought: Whom do I serve, God or ???

We are still wide open to suggestions or response to the challenge. Can you qualify?

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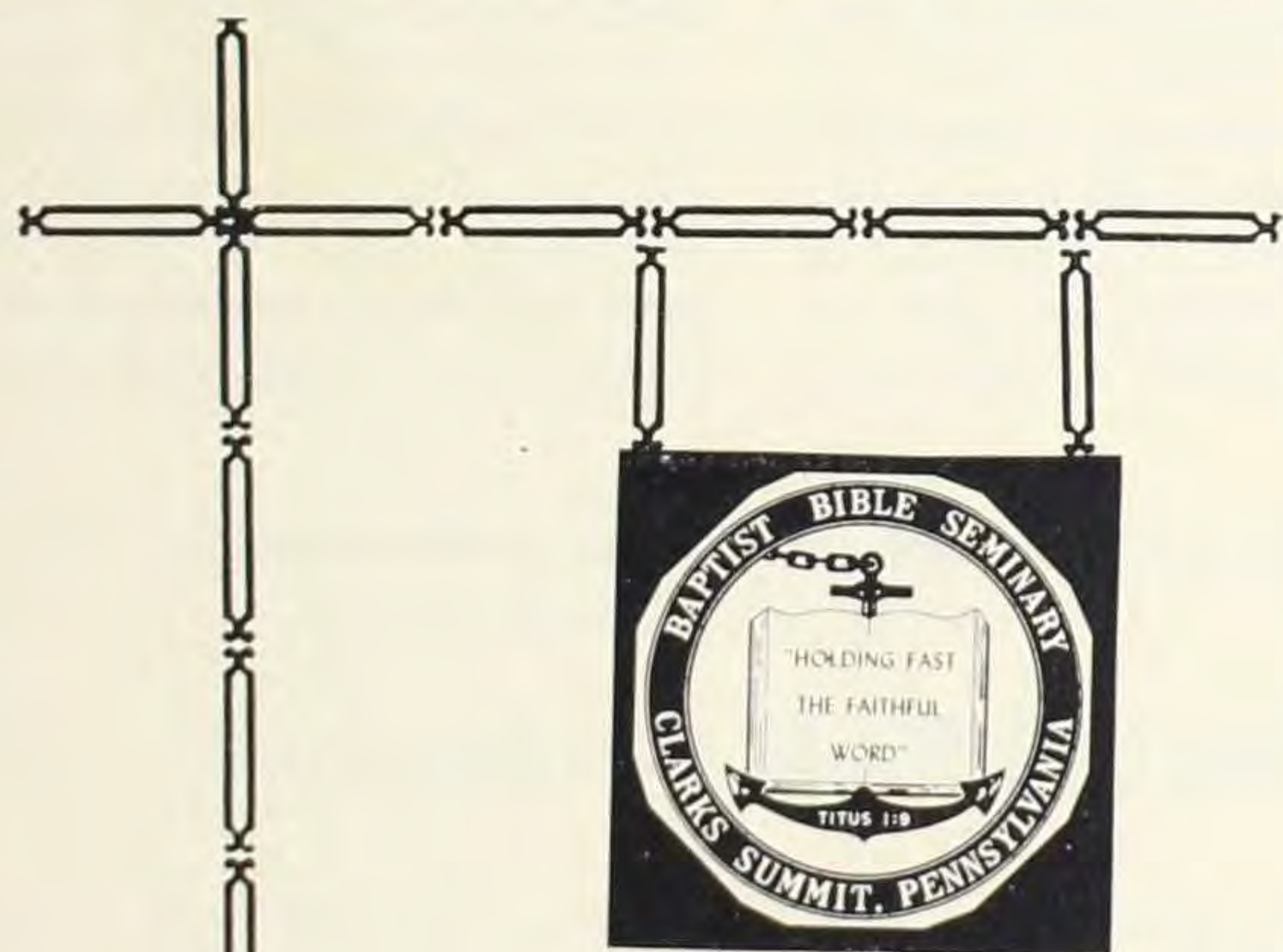
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tian life. In Tit. 2:6, 7, the servant of God is charged with exhorting the young men (*neoterous*, "youth"), to be sober-minded, and in so doing the minister is to provide a consistent example of noble and excellent works, especially as regards the teaching — uncorruptness and reverence (*semnoteita*). Titus 2:12 points out the fact that in this present, ungodly world-age, true Christians must live sober-mindedly, righteously, and with godly reverence" (*eusebos*).

In like manner as the pastor, so also must the deacons be exemplary where dignity and reverence are concerned: I Tim. 3:8, "in like manner must the deacons be *grave*" (*semnous*). The deacons should be men who are of serious and pious bearing *because they are of serious and pious mind and character*. Because they have to deal with a variety of services and with all classes, ages, and types of people — they must be sensible, steady men with disciplined lives, with households characterized by reverence and dignity, and piety toward God. Moreover, women serving in the church must also be trustworthy and dignified in deportment (I Tim. 3:11, "in like manner, women *grave*" — *semnas*), women whose lives are marked by reverence, piety, and devotion to the Lord, free from levity and frivolity.

This word is indeed significant in these days when there is a noticeable lack of reverence and respect, and when piety toward God is ridiculed. Attention needs to be drawn to the fact that there is far too much irreverence and disrespect in the churches today, and too many Christian homes in which there is not enough respect and reverence demonstrated among the members of the household. Too many Christian people and institutions seem to be unwilling and afraid to administer discipline, careless about the proper respect and dignity, and hesitant to manifest reverence and piety in their devotion to God. Hence Peter's statement (II Peter 3:10-11) is of particular importance and relevance: "But the day of the Lord will come . . . what manner of persons ought ye to be in holy living and *godliness* (*eusebeias*) . . .?"

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THE PRIZE OF THE UP-CALLING

(by Kenneth F. Dodson—Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1969; 164 pages, \$2.50).

In a day of growing moral and spiritual degeneracy, viewed with apathy and tolerance (even by some Christians)—there is need for those who name the name of Christ to search their own lives, thoughts and motives in the light of impending judgment.

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ARE THESE THE LAST DAYS? (by Robert Glenn Gromacki—Fleming H. Revell Co., Old Tappan, New Jersey, 1970: 190 pages, \$4.50).

A thorough, orderly, Scriptural presentation of subjects which offer sound answers to questions concerning such things as the Great Tribulation, the role of Israel, the Antichrist, the Battle of Armageddon and many other pertinent subjects of prophetic interest.

Though the author plumbs the depths of what some consider to be problem passages, he consistently comes up with logical, true-to-the-Word conclusions, and presents them in a manner easily understood by every reader. This book makes for excellent, worthwhile reading for pastor and people alike, whether for the purpose of teaching, preaching or obtaining the truth of the Word for the personal blessing it imparts.

INNER SPACE CHALLENGE (by

J. Emerson Russell—Cedarville College Press, Cedarville, Ohio 45314; 29 pages, 75¢).

This booklet consists of twelve one-page comments accompanied by a corresponding full-page cartoon type illustration dealing with the human heart in its "deceitful and desperately wicked" condition. In word and picture Mr. Russell presents God's plan of redemption as it is so clearly defined in Scripture. Good for use in personal work, in dealing with young people, or in teaching soul-winning.

Special Bible Conference

A Bible Conference that promises to be different will be held April 9-11 in the Union Baptist Church, 528 North Main Street, Englewood, Ohio. It is called the SOVEREIGN GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE. Everyone is welcome!

The first meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., April 9. On April 10 and 11, messages will be delivered at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Invited to minister are three who are associated with the Toronto Baptist Bible Seminary. They are Rev. Adams, Rev. Reed and Rev. Fletcher. Brother Reed serves part time as an evangelist. At one time he served at Buckingham Palace as a member of the Queen's guards. Also, Rev. McNeill of the Randolph St. Baptist

Church, Charleston, W. Va. and Rev. Nile Fisher of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Dayton will be speaking.

Holding to the name of the conference, the subjects to be discussed include "Total Depravity," "The Sovereignty of God," "The Sovereignty of God and Evangelism," "Particular Redemption," "False Methods in Evangelism," "Irresistible Grace," and "The Perseverance of the Saints."

Sponsoring churches for the conference are Union Baptist of Englewood, Fort McKinley Baptist, Emanuel Baptist of Dayton, Millerstown Church and West Milton Baptist.

Reservations for any needing housing should be made by writing to the Union Baptist Church, c/o Rev. Jerry Locher, Pastor, Box No. 185, Union, Ohio 45322.

Report from our State Missionary

NEW CARLISLE—

The Faith Baptist Church, New Carlisle is making good progress. Sunday services were begun July 6, 1969 and the group has continued ever since. They are meeting in the Grange Hall which is located on Route 40. Decisions have been made, in recent weeks, for salvation, assurance of salvation, baptism and church membership. These decisions have strengthened the church and are an evidence of the moving of the Holy Spirit in their midst. Several unsaved are coming and the people in the Park Layne area are responding well to this new testimony for Christ. The church has been given a one and one-half acre building site and plans are being drawn up for the construction of their first unit. Pastor Brown and his family have been able to move into a home closer to the work and are rejoicing in this provision.

MILLERSBURG—

We are continuing to meet with a nucleus of people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf, Resident Managers of Sky View Ranch, on Thursday nights with the end in view of starting a new church at Millersburg. Although the group is small, they are anxious to begin Sunday services and it is hoped that this can be done early this Spring. An abandoned theatre, in the middle of town, is being made available to them for this purpose. The group has been in contact with a potential pastor and it is hoped that this matter can be settled soon. The Millersburg community is aware of the effort to start a new church and seems to be responding well to this effort. Millersburg is just two miles from Sky View Ranch.

SPRINGFIELD—

Meetings have been held for the past four months at Perrin Wood Elementary School, John Street, in an effort to draw together a nucleus of people to start a new church to serve the Southgate and Sunny Land subdivisions. There are now five families committed to this work and it is hoped that Sunday services can be started soon in one of the local schools. A young man has been approached about the pastorate of this new church and he is seeking the Lord's will in this matter. The OARB Churches in the area are backing the new work. It is hoped that this will implement their efforts to win the lost to Christ.

DEFIANCE—

For some time, we have been concerned about the fact that we do not have an OARBC church in Defiance and have wondered what could be done to remedy this situation. Shortly after the first of the year, we received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Retcher inviting us to work with them in such an effort. They are members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio and upon moving to Defiance saw the need for establishing such a testimony there. They have gathered a few families together and I am now meeting with them on Saturday nights. Good progress has been made. They have organized a temporary Fellowship, selected the name "Faith Baptist Church," have set up a checking account as well as a skeletal Sunday School organization. As soon as a meeting place can be found, Sunday services will be started. Most of the people composing this group are those who have been disenchanted with the ecumenical movement and its liberal theology.

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