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HEADQUARTERS BUILDING for
ASSOCIATION of BAPTISTS for WORLD EVANGELISM
CHERRY HILL, N. J.

New ABWE Headquarters

Cedarville Eaptist College Cedarville, Ohio 45314

On Our Front Cover . . .

is the artist's drawing of the new "Headquarters Building" for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. It is located at 1720 Springdale Road in lovely Cherry Hill, New Jersey — 08034 and is easily accessible to downtown Philadelphia.

The Bethel Baptist Church of which Dr. Carl Elgena is the Pastor is located on an adjoining lot. Your editor and his wife saw this new building just prior to its completion. It is every bit as beautiful as shown in the artist's drawing!

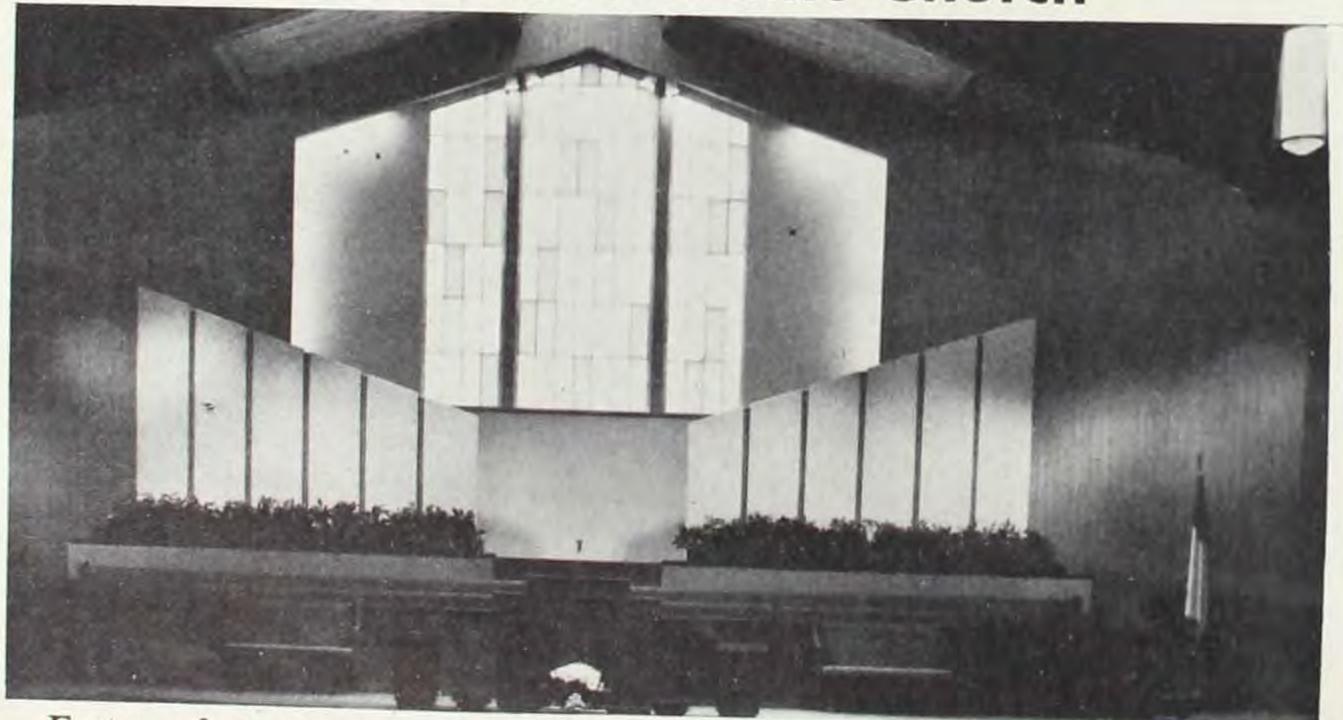
FINANCIAL REPORT for the OHIO ASSOCIATION

David Dye, Financial Secretary 1317 Deerlick Drive Columbus, Ohio 43228

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General Fund	
Total Giving	\$1,589.00
Budget	311.00
Number of Churches Giving	
Fair Share Plan	
Total Giving	1,372.00
Number of Churches Giving	
Other Income	
Honorariums, Subscriptions, Advertising	1,314.00
TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED — April, 1971	\$4,275.00
MAY 1971	
General Fund	
Total Giving	\$1,900.00
Deficit	584.00
Number of Churches Giving	
Fair Share Plan	
Total Giving	\$ 897.00
Number of Churches Giving	,
Other Income	
Advertising, Subscriptions, Honorarium	\$ 846.00
TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED	\$3,059.00

New Bellefontaine Church



Easter afternoon was an occasion for celebration by the congregation of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio when their new house of worship was publicly dedicated to the Lord. Dr. Robert T. Ketcham brought the dedicatory message. A new Sunday School attendance record was set that morning with 454 in attendance. The building will accommodate 600 people and is completely air-conditioned. Rev. John R. Wood is completing his ninth year as Pastor of the church. Our 44th Annual OARBC conference will be held here October 18-20.

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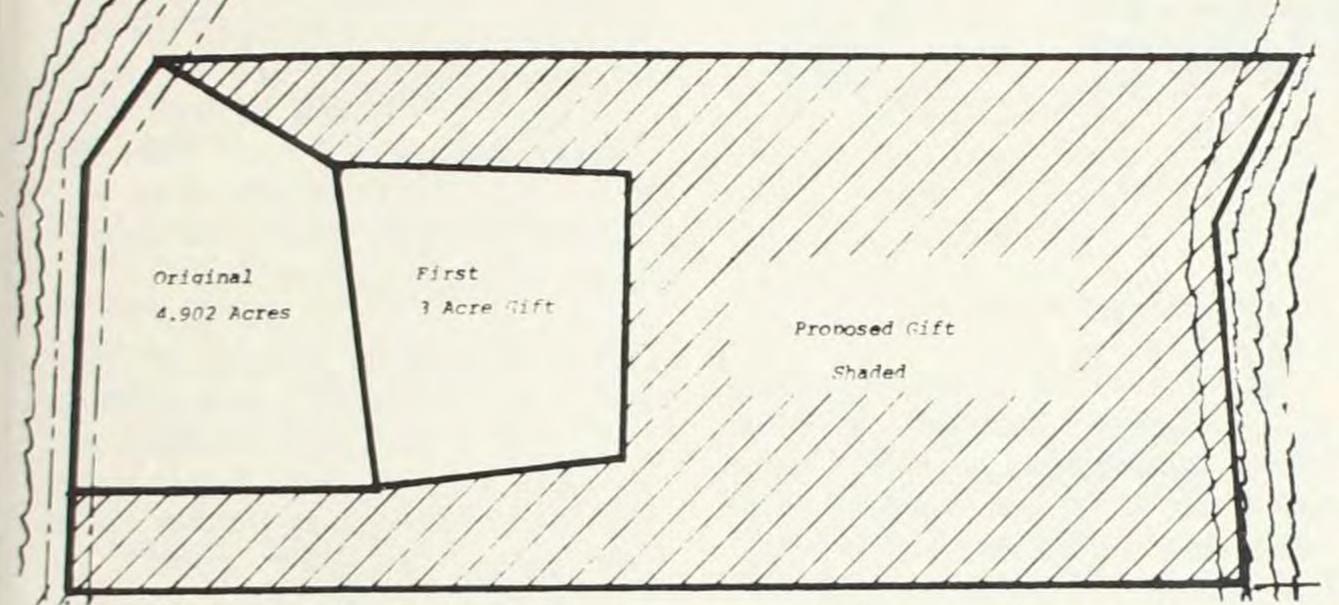
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Patmos Acquires New Land



On a recent visit to Kelleys Island, Inventor John F. Morse announced his plans to give Camp Patmos an additional 18-acres of land. This would increase our acreage from 8 to 26 acres and would have the following features:

- 1. The camp will now extend from the present shore on the bay to the eastern shore of the Island. Old-timers will remember some swimming done there in earlier camp times. The distance from shore to shore is 1575'.
- 2. The property lines running eastwest (shore to shore) are parallel lines 700' apart. The southern line now begins where the entrance road to the camp meets the main road. (Our property used to end just a few feet from the chapel.) The northern line starts just north of the girl's cabin line. Since our property had curved southward from that point, there will be a buffer zone of our own property north of the girls cabins.
- 3. In the relatively near future, the road passing by our camp will become a private drive for us. In its place will be a road running through the middle of our property from south to north. This, of course, will further enhance the usage of our 700' waterfront.
- 4. Mr. Morse has given the land on our southern border to the Boy Scouts of America. This was a most welcome bit of news, since it would mean that older disciplined boys with some

wholesome aims would be our neighbors. Mr. Morse will develop the land on the north for his own personal use.

All of this is great news for which we praise the Lord. God had given Patmos leaders a concern for more land and a buffer zone. Less than a week after a contact by Pastor Lynn E. Rogers, the proposed grant of land had already thrilled our souls. Jehovah Jireh!

An interesting and gratifying comment made by Mr. Morse was that everyone on the Island to whom he talked was appreciative of our camp. We also realized through talking to him that this property is considered by many as prime property, and is expected to be valued at \$5,000.00 per acre.

Things have gone well this summer at Camp Patmos. There have been a good number of decisions, and the weeks have averaged about 260 people with 220 of these being campers. (The one week that is still open is the week of August 30 to September 4, a Junior High-Senior High combination week. This week has many openings.)

One of the highlights of camp this year is the beautiful new lighthouse which functions nightly on the shore in front of the main building. Numerous people stop by to look at it, and many use it as a backdrop for picture taking. The freshly painted buildings have also added a touch of class to the grounds with their beret green color and white trim.

As we continue to pray for all our camps, we are to praise Him for all of these blessings.

Plan New Work In Cincinnati Area

Another effort is being put forth to begin a new work in the Cincinnati area. Attempts have been made in the past but they did not prove successful. It seems that in an area so large there ought to be at least one OARBC church!

Three GARBC families have moved into the Cincinnati area only recently. There are several other families who have shown an interest.

This new effort will be in the Montgomery section on the northeast side of Cincinnati. Any of our readers knowing of folk in Cincinnati that should be contacted regarding this venture, please give their names to our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, 2150 Marhofer, Stow, Ohio — 44224.

Pastor Testifies Concerning Recent GARBC Conference

Never have I been so proud of our affiliation with the GARBC than upon our return from Winona Lake and the 40th Annual Conference of this great Association of Regular Baptists. Never before have I been so blessed by any series of meetings. The more than 1400 churches were represented by more than 1900 registered representatives, while the attendance figure ran between 4,000 and 5,000 people. The fellowship was sweet with no hint of dissatisfaction being offered. All business accomplished was without a single negative voice being raised. The preaching included everything from the best devotionals, the scholarly presentation of outstanding papers, to the evangelistic appeal that brought many streaming down the sawdust trail. I return home with the challenge to stand true to God's Word and work, having been more firmly than ever reinforced in my heart. Thus, I exhort every member of First Baptist Church to proclaim proudly our affiliiation of fellowship with the GARBC. In all my travels, associations, and work, I have yet to find its equal!



We invite all of our OARBC pastors to place us on their mailing list. Send us your Church Calendars each week. Our mailing address is simply—Editor Don Moffat, Box No. 160, Xenia, Ohio—45385.

AVON BAPTIST CHURCH -

Rev. Tom Moore, Youth Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lorain ministered here. Our pastor, Rev. Arthur Christmann has resigned. He will be serving as a home missionary under the Galilean Baptist Mission.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH -

Rev. Robert Gilbert of Baptist Mid-Missions was with us recently. He and Mrs. Gilbert just returned from a trip to the mission fields in Africa. Our new pastor, Rev. Roy Gibbs, is now with us.

Berlin Heights Baptist Church — Pastor Riley held special meetings at Woodruff, Wisconsin. Rev. Paul

Mayo ministered while pastor was away. Special Sunday services were set up inviting various groups who serve in community affairs.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
BOWLING GREEN —

Recently we held special evangelistic services with Dr. Hugh Horner. His messages were inspiring and challenging. Our Mother-Daughter Banquet proved a success. There were 140 present. Mrs. David Canine of Hazel Park, Michigan was guest speaker.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BUCYRUS —

The Moody Bible Institute Ensemble ministered at our services on July 25. Also, we had the privilege of hearing the Tennessee Temple School's Ensemble.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON —

Missionary Doug Couch was with us for Father's Day. We were privileged to have Rev. Gary Holman of Commercial Point Baptist Church and Brother Charles Cuthbertson, (FB HM) Missionary-At-Large in Florida, minister to our people. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CEDARVILLE —

Miss Pat Good, EBM — Africa, gave a report of her work. Miss Sue Moore, a student at Cedarville College and a member of our church told of her planned trip to the Far East under Cedarville's Missionary Internship Service. We were able to give her an offering of \$177.00

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Rev. C. A. Nickell, Baptist Mid-Missions missionary in Manaus, Brazil was with us for a mid-week service. A missionary team from Cedarville College ministered in a recent evening service. We praise the Lord for the increase in our missionary giving.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

We recently hired Miss Lin Mason to serve as a full-time Director of Christian Education and Youth.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Our Maranatha Bible Institute summer quarter began on June 27. As a church, we approved adding Mr. and Mrs Ken Bos, missionary appointees of Africa, to our church missionary budget. This will be for the amount of \$100 per month beginning July 1st.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
DAYTON —

Recent missionary speakers have been Rev. and Mrs. Karl Luyben, BMM — Liberia and Miss Cathleen Kendall, ABWE — Philippine Islands.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH,
DAYTON —

Perry Temple of Bible Literature International shared with us the blessing of God upon their ministry. Also, missionaries Marjorie MacMillan and Jack Moore spoke in a special youth meeting. A goodly number of children received Christ.

WASHINGTON HTS. BAPTIST CHURCH,
DAYTON —

The director of Shepherds Home and School for the mentally retarded, Rev. Andrew Wood, ministered here recently.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH,
DEFIANCE —

ELYRIA —

We held a canvass of the city of Defiance back in April. Of the 35 canvassers, 26 were Swordbearers from Cedarville College. 800 homes were canvassed with 104 prospects discovered and two professed Christ as Saviour. Our attendance has been on the increase! We saw the Lord's blessing in our revival services. Guest speaker was Rev. Roland Reed. We praise Him for those who have been baptized and have joined our church. First Baptist Church,

Recent speakers include Dr. Kenneth Muck, Chaplain Larry Gibbons, Rev. Wm. Fusco, Rev. Buckley, and Dr. Paul Tassel. Rev. James Grier has agreed to serve as Interim Pastor until we call a regular pastor.

EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPT. CHURCH, EUCLID —

Recently the Christian Education team from Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania conducted a Christian Education Conference. This team, all students, did a tremendous job. Eighty per cent of our educational workers were present. In the past nine weeks our bus ministry has grown from eight to 122. We plan on purchasing two additional buses.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH -

Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence S. Henson ministered here. We saw the hand of the Lord in blessing on their ministry. Many young folk made decisions to receive Christ. This has afforded contacts with new families. We hope to have them back again in 1972.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
GALION —

Rev. Richard Durham, ABWE — Philippine Islands, was with us for a Sunday. Our ladies took part in making quilts for the Crawford County Home in Fairview Manor. Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gow, were with us to tell of the work of Trans-World Radio, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.

GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, FAIRBORN —

The Lord gave us a blessed time at our Annual Missionary Family Banquet. Guest speakers for this occassion were Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Nishchik of Baptist Mid-Missions. Newly appointed missionary, Rev. Charles Cuthbertson of FBHM was with us to tell of his work in Florida.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH,
GALLIPOLIS —

We thank the Lord for those recently baptized. The Andersons, missionaries on their way to France, presented the gospel through music. We recently voted to begin a radio program.
It is called FAITH FOR TODAY.
We are on the air 2:00-2:15 Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We hope to occupy a full fiveday period in the near future.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

GALLIPOLIS -

We were thrilled to have Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nelson, ABWE — Philippine Islands, with us recently. Our special "God and Country" service on July 4th proved a blessing. LITCHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH —

We now tape our Sunday morning services. These are being shared with our shut-ins. Special meetings were held with Rev. Karl Gettman of Hudson. The Cedarville College "New Life Trio" presented a fine musical program at our Mother's Day service. Two of its members are from our church. Mr. Dennis Dieringer, a Senior at the college, brought the morning message.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

MEDINA -

The Murk Family presented a sacred musicale here recently. As a church, we are once again holding evening services in the park. This is our sixteenth year. We are looking to the Lord to bless.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

NILES -

Dr. William Kuhnle, Rev. Fred Crown of Findlay, Rev. Thomas Hilterman, Rev. Ray Anglea, Rev. Thomas Finch and Mr. Tom Hoak have been some of our guest speakers. We continue to look to the Lord for the man of His choosing to serve as our pastor.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

PORTSMOUTH -

We greatly enjoyed the Spring Choir Festival. Four different choral groups, under the direction of our choir leader, Mr. Ray Williams, did an excellent job. Dr. James T. Jeremiah spoke at our Cedarville Day services.

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH,
REYNOLDSBURG —

Rev. Lee Turner of Cedarville College was with us for a Sunday. Also, Brother C. A. Nickell, BMM mission to Manaus, Brazil told of his work. Other missionary speakers have been Robert Howell, BMM — Honduras, Robert Clinton, BMM — Jamaica and Pat Barkley ABWE — East Pakistan. We were privileged to hear Mr. Mike Coyle present his testimony in song.



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BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, Springfield —

We had an all-family church retreat at Sky View Ranch. The Lord blessed. Brother Henson's ministry proved a rich blessing to many. Dr. Joseph Stowell, National GARBC Representative spoke recently.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

STRONGSVILLE -

We anticipate the greatest summer of youth outreach. Our VBS proved most successful. Many of our young people will be attending our camps. Aug. 30 through Sept. 4 we plan our very own week sponsored by our church at Shalom Lake.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

SUNBURY -

We had a great time during our Homecoming Day. Guest speakers of late have been Missionary Al Page and Brother Mel Bryant. The Musical Ensemble from Piedmont Bible College were with us for a service.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

TOLEDO -

Special meetings with Brother Bill Compton from Chattanooga resulted in souls being added to our church. We now have a bus ministry and it is proving effective. The Lord continues to bless and things are looking up!

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHHURCH,
TOLEDO —

Missionary Richard Durham, AB WE — Philippine Islands, presented the work of the ABWE in that land. Guest speakers for our Homecoming Bible Conference were Rev.

Myron Williams of Adrian, Michigan and Rev. Edward Schlegel, missionary to St. Vincent Island. Mr. Denny Williams was in charge of the music. Fellowship Baptist Church.

Youngs Corner —

After ten years of ministry here, our pastor, Rev. Harold G. Winter has resigned to accept a call from the Calvary Baptist Church of Monaca, Pennsylvania. Brother Winter began his new work on June 13.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

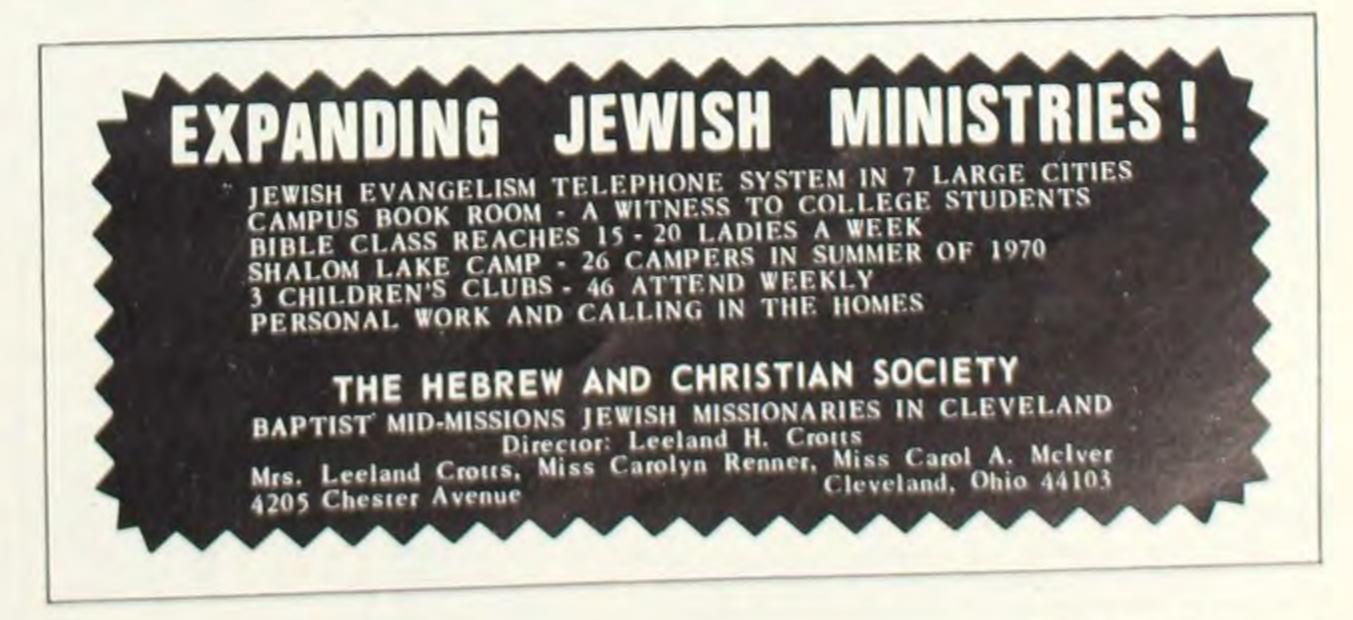
WESTLAKE -

Our new pastor, Rev. Ralph Burns, is now with us. Brother Couch and his family are enroute to Australia. Recent speakers have been Rev. Gunnerfeldt, Rev. Willetts, and Rev. Vernon Billington.

Wheelersburg Baptist Church — Our Senior High Banquet had as its theme — "A Flight To The Orient". Guest speaker was Mr. John Goodman of Dayton. Music was presented by the Cedarville College ladies trio. Missionary Doug Couch told of his call to Australia.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

Our hearts were blessed through the evangelistic ministry of Evangelist Paul Dixon. The Lord has supplied our need of a principal for our Xenia Christian Day School. Mr. Don Higdon, graduate of Cedarville College and active member of our church, has accepted this position. He will be teaching the 4th and 5th grades as well.



The Black Evangelical Dilemma

by Rev. Walter L. Banks, D.D.

Three great chasms exist within the framework of the Black Evangelical Church world today. These have variously been ignored or tolerated during the first half of the twentieth century, but time and events have pushed them steadily toward the front in the thinking of a few leaders during the last 15 years. Despite the "handwriting on the wall" highlighting the fact that we have been "weighed in the balances and found wanting," no immediate solution looms on the horizon at the present time. This is only suggestive of the fact that being so imperiled on all sides, no solution has aggressively been sought.

Much has been written, and endless comment has been made upon the fact of an unfortunate agglomeration of protestant divisions within Christianity, and yet within that context this three-fold chasm grows even wider year by year. Of more farreaching significance and greater tragedy is the fact that instead of an apparent program to bridge the gap, the dilemma of which I speak has been created and is seemingly become

fixed and permanent.

Through well-meaning, though ofttimes weak or incoherent thrusts of a white evangelical witness among black Americans, small evangelical contingents have come into existence. But apart from a feeling based upon the philosophy of the few crumbs which fell from the rich man's table to satiate the beggar's hunger, little tangible relationship is sustained between the two counterparts. And having been exposed to and become a part of this "new religion" these black evangelical groups find themselves severed from the old roots and discarded on the barren wastes of a veritable no man's land in a religious morass. The irony of it all is seen in that the black evangelical community (?) has so imbibed the divisive spirit of its progenitors that it can neither act unilaterally as a force in the Christian world nor exert its influence upon an otherwise decadent black American protestantism. This situation has precipitated the other half of the dilemma.

Simply stated, the three chasms exist between the black and white evangelical; between the black evangelical and black protestantism per se; and within the ranks of black evangelicals themselves. The dilemma is that of a virtually impotent or vitiated group of black American evangelicals which are not vitally related to either their racial or evangelical kin. It stems largely from a well-meaning though often insensate evangelicalism which has produced in great measure an insipid half-brother group.

There is a fearfully alarming gap between the theory that "the Bible has the answer to every problem," and the actual demonstration of that theory in practical Christian experience between blacks and whites in America. Almost all church groups, both north and south, have made pronouncements, but little closing of the gap is being seen. Further insult to injury stems from the fact of the abysmal ignorance on the part of the white evangelical regarding the black American Christian and the almost deathless silence in the evangelical camp relative to the race question.

One of the great deterents to harmonious race relations among black and white Christians is the attitude of superiority, which prevents the white evangelical from accepting the Negro evangelical as a social or spiritual equal. God's Word speaks unequivocally and clearly in the matter of equality. "There is no respect of persons with God." (Rom. 2:11) The task before the white evangelical today is to understand what the black experience in America really is; to face the question of the relationship and validity of integration and/or black separation as a co-existent alternative and, with strong purpose and sympathetic insight, work toward that end to the glory of God here and now.

Does your church have . . .

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if not, and you would like to have a compilation of all the information received, please write same address.



Stryker Church Burns Mortgage

The members of the First Baptist Church in Stryker, Ohio recently held a Mortgage Burning Ceremony. Their building, which was erected in 1964, cost \$76,516.76. This amount was paid in full on April 4, 1971.

The entire original Building Committee was present for the Mortgage Burning Service. Words of thanks were expressed by Mr. Kenneth Julliard, Chairman of the Building Committee, to the members of the church for their sacrificial giving. Rev. Dallas Gillespie, pastor of the church, then lit a match to the mortgage. Prayer was offered and praise given to the Lord for His faithfulness.

Upon paying the mortgage, the church voted to increase its missionary giving.

Ordained To Gospel Ministry

An Ordination Council met recently at the Bible Mission Baptist Church, Otsego, Ohio for the purpose of examining their pastor, Brother Norman Helfers for ordination. Just prior to the meeting of the Council, the pastors, along with their wives, of the Moriah Baptist Fellowship met at the Helfers' home for their bimonthly fellowship supper and meeting.

Nineteen Council members and a large group from the area churches heard Brother Helfers' testimony of conversion, call and preparation to the ministry and his doctrinal beliefs.

The Council, moderated by Rev. H. P. House, unanimously recommended Brother Helfers for ordination. A public ordination service was held at the church the following Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Helfers is a grduate of the Appalachian Bible Institute. He is married and they have two pre-school children.

This Is The Right Spirit

There is no hersey more subtle and dangerous than the somewhat wide-spread one which charges us that the church of God should catch the spirit of the age. The business of the church is not to catch the spirit of the age; but to correct the spirit of the age, and bring the spirit of the age into harmony with the mind and the will of God.

-Dr. G. Campbell Morgan

Commissioning Service



On Sunday afternoon, June 6th, a very special Commissioning Service was held at the Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, Ohio for their former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Couch. They are now missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions serving the Lord in Australia.

Taking part in the service were different men from the church, as well as Rev. Lynn Rogers, Rev. Gunnerfeldt, Dr. Allan Lewis and Dr. Arthur Fetzer. Dr. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, brought the main address.

It was an impressive service, especially as Doug and Sally Couch, with their children, were circled by friends as the Commissioning prayer was offered.

Following the service, light refreshments and a time of fellowship were enjoyed. The Couch Family, at the time of the Commissioning Service, had about 97% of their support. They left for Australia on August 2nd.

Groundbreaking



At the close of the worship service on May 23, the congregation of the Grace Baptist Church in Troy, Ohio assembled on the site chosen for their new addition. The building committee is shown above. Reading from left to right, are: Earl Satterfield, Lawrence Lewis, Henry Miller, Donald Adams, Pastor John Yardley, James Abshear, Chester Loy, Claude Rice and Dale Thompson.

The new addition will house an auditorium that will seat 500 in air-conditioned comfort. It will also provide space for a church office, Pastor's study, P.A. room, music room, Assistant's office, lobby, library, eight class rooms, a crib nursery and a toddler's nursery.

On completion of this new addition, the present building will become the educational wing of the building complex. The Lord is blessing! Souls are being reached with the gospel message! We praise Him for His faithfulness!

Five Generations



A "FIVE GENERATION" family attended a Mothers Day service at the Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Shown above (standing L to R) are Dixie Partin, Bonnie Carson, and Sheary Boessel (holding baby Kelley Boessel). Seated is great, great grandmother Nancy Gibson. Pastor Clifford Boessel informs us that Sheary is his daughter-in-law and baby Kelley his first grandchild.

Handbell Ringers



On Sunday, May 16, the Handbell Choir from Central Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana, was present at Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid, Ohio for special music at both the morning and evening services, Mrs. Roberta Merwald directed the choir and Mrs. Beth DeLaughter was the pianist. Hearts were blessed by this unique ministry.

GARBC Conference A Great Blessing!

By now, most of our readers have received report concerning the national GARBC conference which was held at Winona Lake June 27 through July 2. Suffice it to say . . . "It was the greatest conference ever!"

Some 800 to 1000 gathered every morning at 7:15 to hear Dr. Ketcham speak on the subject — "Closed Doors". Dr. John Balyo's massages each morning on "The Inerrancy of the Scriptures" were dynamic. Every speaker was empowered by the Spirit of the Lord. Hearts were truly blessed!

Present members of the Council of Fourteen for our GARBC are: Dr. Harold Scholes, Rev. Kenneth Ohrstrom, Rev. Joseph Bower, Dr. John Balyo, Dr. Kenneth Elgena, Dr. Wilbert Welch, Dr. Fred Brock, Jr., Dr. David O. Fuller, Rev. Mark Jackson, Rev. J. Don Jennings, Rev. Donald Sewell, Dr. David Nettleton, Dr. Tom Younger and Dr. Carl Elgena. Two of these are from Ohio . . . Dr. Balyo and Rev. Sewell.

The national conference next year will be held in San Diego, California — June 25 through June 30.

"Dr. Van Gilder's Ministry Is Rich!"

As we have travelled about we have suggested to different pastors that they engage Dr. H. O. Van Gilder in their churches for special meetings. Only today we received a letter from one such pastor. He writes the following. . . "We took your advice and invited Dr. Van Gilder to have meetings with us. He was with us for four days and I believe this was the best Bible Conference, as such, that I have ever been privileged to sit in. Brother . . . he is rich! Our people were thrilled with his Bible teaching. Many have asked that we have him back again. We heartily recommend him to our fellowship and our churches." Pastors interested in contacting Brother Van Gilder may write him at Powers Avenue, Route 2, Box 9, Georgetown, Ohio — 45121. Telephone (513) 378-6601.

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OARBC Church In Need Of Help

The Berlin Heights Baptist Church, Rev. E. G. Riley, pastor, is in need of prayerful and financial help!

Through a series of adverse events, they find themselves in financial difficulty. Their required budget runs \$245.00 per week. Due to a loss of members, their average income is about \$165.00 per week.

They have been informed that they must meet the interest and a minimum of \$25.00 per month on the principle for the money borrowed to erect their building. This amount totals \$169.34 monthly.

Perhaps a number of our churches could place the Berlin Heights Church on their missionary budget ... at least for a time. They will not take advantage of any who offer aid but will notify such donors once they are in a position to make full payments on their mortgage themselves.

If you can help, send your gifts to Berlin Heights Baptist Church, Post Office Box No. 62, Berlin Heights, Ohio — 44814. Mark your gifts — "Mortgage Fund". Any financial help would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot help in this way, please do pray for them.

October 22

That's the date* of PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Earle G. Griffith With His Lord



In our JUNE-JULY issue we made mention concerning the homegoing of our friend and brother, Dr. Earl G. Griffith.

Dr. and Mrs. Griffith had gone to Anderson, South Carolina to visit with their son Charles and his family. It was while at the table enjoying an evening meal on June 7 that he was taken with a severe stroke. By 8:40 that evening he was in the presence of his Lord.

Dr. Griffith was known, loved and respected by thousands. He had many close friends throughout this country and all over the world.

Funeral services were held in the Salem Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina on June 14. Dr. Stevens, pastor and long time friend of Dr. Griffith, Rev. Robert D. McCarthy, Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Evangelist "Dusty" Rhoades and others shared in the service.

Dr. Griffith was a man of wide interests. He was referred to as "the golden-throated, silver-tongued orator and present day Daniel Webster in speech making." In the battle of liberalism versus fundamentalism he took his stand early. He was one of the founders of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and its first president.

In 54 years of Christian ministry, 30 of them encompassed work in theological training centers for young people. He was president of Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, New York, for ten years Public Relations Director of National Bible Institute, New York City, N. Y. and Executive Vice-President of Piedmont Bible College for 17 years. He also served as pastor in Toledo, Ohio; Erie, Penna. and Johnson City, New York.

The good "Doctor" will be missed by many. Your editor thanks the Lord for every contact he had with this "man sent from God". Southgate Church Of Springfield Recognized

A Recognition Council of nine pastors, eight laymen, our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh and Rev. Harold Green met on May 25th to examine the Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio.

Officers elected for the Council were Rev. Kenneth Andrus, Chairman and Rev. Harold Green, Secretary. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Stowell, Jr. gave a brief historical sketch of the church and the Council then proceeded with the examination of their Articles of Faith and Constitution.

The Council moved and voted unanimously to declare themselves satisfied that the church is indeed a duly organized and constituted Baptist Church. Pastor and people were commended on their excellent work in preparing and presenting their Article's of Faith and Constitution.

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A very special 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration will be held for Rev. and Mrs. Clark Spaulding, Sr. in the Heritage Room of the Chiles and Sons-Laman Chapel of Memories, 1170 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio. This will be on Saturday, August 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The entire family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be present and a cordial invitation is extended to pastors and people of the churches, especially those in the Ohio area.

Brother Spaulding just recently closed out his "full-time" ministry. He most recently served the Lord in the Sable Baptist Church of Aurora, Colorado where he ministered for over five years. Many of his 47 years of Christian service were spent ministering in GARB churches and camps.

Rev. and Mrs. Spaulding are moving to Indianapolis, Indiana to be associated with their son, Rev. Clark Spaulding, Jr. in the work of the North Baptist Church. He will be serving as the church's Visitation Pastor. They will be making their home at 1755 East 52nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana — 46205.



Cedarville College News





Grier

Slabaugh

Mr. James Grier, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, has been named Faculty Member of the Year for 1970-71 by the student body at Cedarville College. Chosen by the student body as their pick for honor among faculty this year, Mr. Grier has contributed much to his role at Cedarville.

Mr. Grier received his Bachelor of Theology from Baptist Bible Seminary in 1957. In 1960 he received his Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary and graduated magna cum laude. He is presently candidate for Master of Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary.

Mr. Merle Slabaugh, a member of the Maintenance Crew at Cedarville College, has been named Outstanding Staff Member of the Year for 1970-1971.

Mr. Slabaugh was employed as a policeman in Mishawaka, Indiana, for 21 years and upon retiring came to Cedarville in 1965. Mr. Slabaugh been active in student life since he came to Cedarville. Shortly after coming here, he assumed the advisory of the evangelistic group Swordbearers with the vision of organizing street evangelism, house-tohouse visitation, Bible Clubs, and churches. Since that time the group has grown to be the largest such group on campus. Each week groups of students work in this type ministry. The end result of the visitation house-tohouse has been the starting of two new churches.

During the 1971-72 school year, Swordbearers of Cedarville College will be sending out gospel teams each weekend. These teams consisting of college students will be available for youth rallies, youth seminars, Sunday services and some canvassing. Their main emphasis is working with young people and their problems on a concerned, individual basis. The team program will include special music, testimonies and a gospel message.

As of this writing, they have the

following dates for the coming school year still open.

October 2-3 October 9-10 October 30-31 December 4-5 January 8-9 January 22-23 January 29-30

Those churches that are interested in having a team come to their church may write to SWORDBEARERS, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio — 45314.

Summer school this year at Cedarville evidenced the largest enrollment in the school's history. Nearly 230 individuals profited from one or both sessions from June 15 to August 18. This year's enrollment surpasses the previous record enrollment by at least 50 individuals.

Two 1971 Cedarville graduates have been named to appear in the 1971 edition of OUTSTANDING COLL-EGE ATHLETES OF AMERICA. Don Atherton and Jim Buzzard, both physical education majors, will have their biographies appear in the edition published in July. Atherton was recognized for his significant contribution to baseball and basketball while at Cedarville; Buzzard was outstanding in soccer and golf.

Cedarville College was represented at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national meet in Billings, Montana, during June this year. Ernie Welborn, a junior physical education major from Mentone, Indiana, was one of only three representatives from the State of Ohio at the meet. Having earned the position as a number one 880 yard runner in the All-Ohio meet, Ernie entered the 880 yard run at the nationals. Although he did not place in the top few, he made a good showing and profited by the stiff competition.

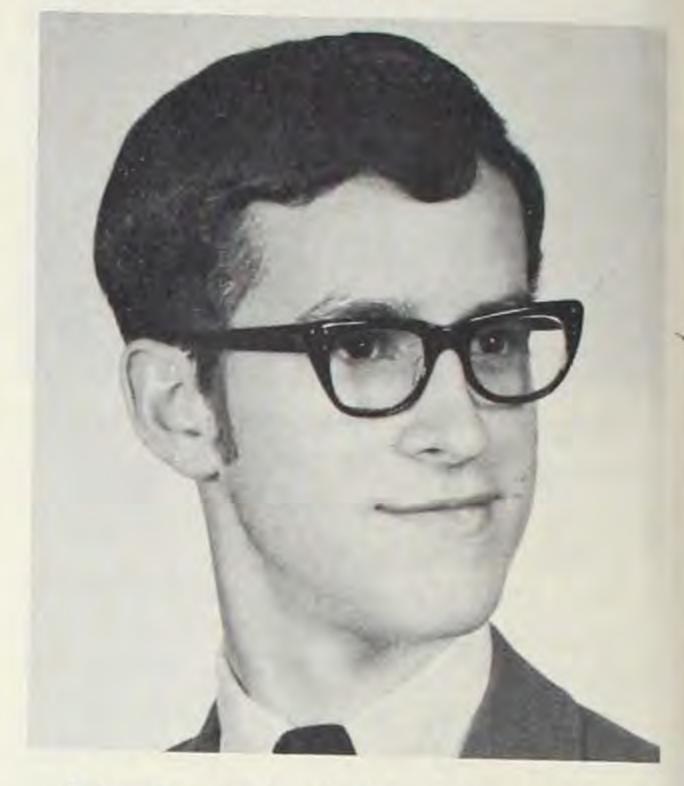
Cedarville College's FM radio station WCDR traveled to Winona Lake this year for live broadcasting of the 9:00 p.m. messages each evening. This is the first summer for such an endeavor as this is the first summer the stereo station WCDR has been able to remain on the air. Finances have been provided by interested listeners so that the station might continue on a year-round basis instead of the 9 month schedule as before.

The Cedarville area heard messages from Rev. Joseph Bower, Dr. Harold Scholes, Dr. Joseph Stowell, Dr. John Whitcomb, Jr., and Rev. Lawrence Rowland. Delayed broadcasting of taped messages of Dr. John Balyo, Dr. William Kuhnle, Dr. Robert

Ketcham, and Rev. Merle Booth were also aired the next week.

Administrators of the College as well as numerous faculty, staff and students were on hand for many of the conference meetings.

Cedarville Student Drowns In Ecuador



Mr. James Bucholtz, 20, and a recently completed sophomore at Cedarville College, drowned Saturday evening, July 3, 1971, in Quito, Ecuador, where he was participating in Cedarville College's Missionary Internship Program.

A spokesman for the College said Mr. Bucholtz had been in Ecuador since the dismissal of school in June and was working at radio station HCJB in conjunction with their music programming and reproduction. He anticipated a return to the states at the end of August.

A group of persons had set up a tent in preparation for Sunday's meetings and decided to go swimming in a river nearby, where they had been swimming before. Mr. Bucholtz apparently stepped into a hole and the rapid current carried his body downstream. The body was recovered Monday.

He had completed his sophomore year at Cedarville College as a music major. An accomplished organist and pianist, he carried a 4.0 grade point average and was pianist for Choralaires, a college singing group. He was planning to continue his music study at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music this coming September.

Born October 1, 1950, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bucholtz, Arcanum, Ohio, Route 2. Burial was in Ecuador. Memorial services were conducted in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Greenville, Ohio, July 25, 1971.

Celebrate Thirty Wonderful Years



Rev. and Mrs. Martin E. Holmes of Grace Baptist Church, Sunbury, Ohio have just completed thirty wonderful years of married life. A special anniversary celebration was held for them in the home of their son. This being the time when gifts of "pearl" are given, Mrs. Holmes received a lovely pearl pendant and Pastor Holmes a pearl tie tac. It was an "open house" affair. Many friends dropped in to congratulate the happy pair.



Change Of Pastors
At Union Baptist

Rev. Jerry Locher recently resigned as pastor of the Union Baptist Church. In his stead, the church has called one of her own members, Brother Charles J. Arnett.

Brother Arnett is a charter member of the church and has served as a deacon under the church's first three pastors. He has prepared for the ministry under the tutorship of Rev. Locher and has completed the Scofield Bible Course from the Moody Bible Institute.

Our brother is a registered Professional Engineer and a graduate of the University of Dayton. He is presently employed at a small electronic firm in Dayton, Ohio. He is married and has four chlidren. They are Sheri, David, Jack and Brenda.

Under the leadership of Brother Locher, the Union Baptist Church has gone through two building programs.

Canton Area Sunday School Contest

Nine of our churches took part in the Second Annual Canton Area Regular Baptist Sunday School contest. This covered a six week period during March and April. All but one of these churches were less than six years old.

The Millersburg Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Lunsford, Pastor, was the winner in Group I. They had a 100 per cent gain over a base of 39. The Grace Baptist Church of Canton, Rev. Gerald D. Phipps, Pastor, won in Group II. They showed a gain of 13 per cent over a base of 126.

Plaques were awarded at a Sunday School rally held at the Grace Baptist Church in Canton on May 16. Rev. Earl Umbaugh, our State Missionary, was guest speaker for this occasion.

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The Holmans

Rev and Mrs. Stan Holman have recently resigned as missionaries to the Philippines under the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism to serve with Shepherds, Inc.

The Holmans ministered in the Philippine Islands for four full terms. Brother Holman served as the Field Treasurer. In this capacity he not only handled the funds for the work, but also represented the ABWE in at least 20 different departments of the Philippine government. He taught in the Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute in Manila and did administrative work as well. Mrs. Holman taught in the same school, assisted her husband in keeping financial records for the mission and missionaries and served as hostess in the Mission's Guest House. Both Stan and Jean were used of the Lord in travelling about among the Filipino people making Christ known.

In their new work, our brother will serve as the Business Manager of Shepherds, Inc. Jean will become the Christian Education Director being responsible for the development of the spiritual training program. They covet the continued prayers of the Lord's people as they move into this new area of service. The Holmans have been members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio for years.

Canal Fulton Church Recognized

On June 21st a council consisting of seven pastors and ten messengers from area churches, and our State Missionary, convened at the Whipple Avenue Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio, on behalf of the Canal Fulton Baptist Church. The history and the Lord's leading in the formation of the Canal Fulton Baptist Church was given by Pastor William Russell, followed by testimony from Ben Juhas and Pastor David Ryerse. The council examined the constitution, articles of faith, and covenant of the church, after which it, by unanimous vote, recognized the Canal Fulton Baptist Church as a duly constituted Baptist church.

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State OARBC Youth Rally

The Annual State Youth Rally of our OARBC Fellowship of Churches proved to be great success. Over 2000 Regular Baptist young people gathered at the Veteran Memorial Auditorium in Columbus to hear Evangelist Jack Van Impe hit hard on drug abuse, sex, rock music and other areas that present problems to teenagers. He challenged the young people to surrender to Christ and separate from the world and stand for Christ. There were 47 young people who responded. Ten of these were for salvation and 37 for dedication of life.

The music for the rally was provided by the Crusaders Trio from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Penna. Two of the winners from the State Talents for Christ contest also participated in the music. They were Kathy Cooper of Northfield and Dan Nelson of Willowick.

"Our World", a drama especially written by Rev. Merlyn Jones was presented. The message of the play was that in our day of pollution of the air, rivers, etc. . . . there is a greater pollution of the mind and the body. The impact was tremendous. The cast was made up of teenagers from Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville and some Cedarville College students.

areas across the State. A questionnai will be sent to our churches in the near future. They would like to knot the number of churches interested these proposed clinics.

Members of the State Youth Conmittee this year are: Bob Anthon Wilbur Parrish, Marvin Engle, Bi Atkins and Merlyn Jones.

The date for next year's rally

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"HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US" Dr. Chas. H. Spurgeon On Separation

The choir is not narrow becaus it does not include those who can only make discords, nor is the sheepfol intolerant that refuses to includ wolves, nor the medical society that excludes quacks, nor the church that does not invite the unregenerate to its membership.

A classic on Christian separation is Charles Haddon Spurgeon's lette to Mr. P. T. Barnum, then head o the Barnum Circus Association.

Barnum had invited Spurgeon to come to America to speak in a large tent at his travelling circus. He made every concession to make the offer attractive to Spurgeon. Barnum would provide the musical talent, unles Spurgeon wished to provide his own. He would also provide any equipment or manpower Spurgeon desired to make the meetings a success. Spurgeon could speak as long or as short as he wished. There was only one basic stipulation: Barnum Circus Association would take the gate receipts. and would pay Spurgeon \$1,000 per lecture.

This was indeed a generous offer for Spurgeon's day, and any neo-evangelical would surely have exclaimed: "What a wonderful opportunity to reach people with the gospel!" Not Charles Haddon Spurgeon, though, for he knew how contrary to Scripture it would be, and how it would debase the gospel, to thus join hands with the world. His reply is a gem:

Dear Mr. Barnum:

Thank you for your kind invitation to lecture in your circus tents in America. You will find my answer in Acts 13:10.

Very sincerely yours, /s/ Charles H. Spurgeon

If Mr. Branum looked in a King James Version, he read: "And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" . . . CENTRAL TESTIMONY

BI Of Cleveland legins New Semester

The Baptist Bible Institute of CleveInd will begin its new school year
In Monday, September 13 with a rally
It the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist
Ihurch. Dr. Warren Wiersbe of CovIngton, Kentucky will be guest speaker
In this occasion. Also, students for
In the coming year will register the same
I vening. Last year, a total of 115
I tudents came from 29 churches in
I he greater Cleveland area.

Classes for the new semester will legin Monday evening, Sept. 20 and ontinue through June 5, 1972. Courses will be offered in Christian Ed., O. T. Synthesis, Biblical Intro-Juction, Personal Evangelism, Bible Doctrine, Church History, Pastoral Epistles, Psalms and Philippians. Classes are held from 7:00 to 9:45 p.m. with a chapel service from 8:30-9:00 p.m. Students may take three courses each semester with credit earned toward the Preliminary and Advanced ETTA certificates and the four year Master Diploma Course. The cost of the evening school is \$15.00 registration fee each semester.

Courses at B.B.I are intended to train workers in the local churches. Faculty members come from the Regular and / or Independent Baptist churches in the Cleveland area. Dean of the Institute for this year is Rev. Roland P. Globig, Bible Baptist Church, North Madison, Ohio. Registrar is Mrs. Eleanor Boyce, Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid, Ohio.

New Seminary Established

A new theological seminary will be opening in the fall of 1971 in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area with a faculty of experienced seminary teachers. Most of these teachers have taught for many years in theological seminaries of high standing and have received outstanding recognition from their students and graduates.

The faculty will be headed by Dr. Allan A. MacRae, one of the editors of the New Scofield Reference Bible and a former president of the Evangelical Theological Society, who has taught for many years in theological seminaries and has had extensive experience in educational administration.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

-Mrs. Inez Milner - Women's Editor-

What Is Home?

The late Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink who sang her way into the hearts of the world, wrote this description of home:

"A roof to keep out the rain. Four walls to keep out the wind. Floors to keep out the cold. Yes, but home is more than that. It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father. Warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship.

"Home is the first school, and the first church for young ones, where they learn what is right, what is good, and what is kind. Where they go for comfort when they are hurt or sick. Where joy is shared and sorrow erased. Where fathers and mothers are respected and loved. Where children are wanted. Where the simplest food is good enough for kings because it is earned. Where money is not so important as loving kindness. Where even the teakettle sings from happiness. That is Home. GOD BLESS IT."

West Moriah Missionary Fellowship

Mrs. Betty Heinlen, Secretary, reports the Spring Meeting of the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship stating their meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Lancaster. This was on Tuesday, May 11, 1971. It was very well attended with 96 ladies and 10 children present.

A shower was given for the two speakers: Miss Nancy Towle, missionary to Spain and Miss Pat Barkley, missionary to East Pakistan. Both of these ladies serve under the ABWE and are members of churches in our West Moriah Fellowship.

The theme for the day was -"Teaching Others" — (II Tim. 2:2). Mrs. Marilyn Clinton, missionary appointee to Jamaica under the West Indies Mission, led in a time of devotions. Our State Missionary Union president, Mrs. Howard Street of Cleveland extended greetings to the ladies.

During the business session there was election of officers. Those elected for the coming year are: President -Mrs. Ocie Williams, South Canaan Baptist Church, Athens; Vice President - Mrs. Margaret Canterbury, Fairfield Baptist Church, Thurston; 2nd Vice President - Mrs. Marv. Meadors, Grace Baptist Church, Sunbury; Secretary-Mrs. Betty Heinlen, Grace Baptist Church, Westerville; Treasurer - Mrs. Don Winters, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus.

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at noon.

Plans are under way for the special SHALOM LAKE DAY, September 16, beginning at 10 a.m. From Cleveland on Route 322, you pass Huntsburg Baptist Church, cross Route 528 to Hunt Road, turn left on Hunt to Huntley Road, turn right on Huntley and go until you see entrance to the Camp, on the right hand side.

We are reminding our friends from all over the State to have their reservations in our office by LABOR DAY.

All adults will be our guests for the ox-roast luncheon; however, lunches must be provided by the mothers for children needing nursery care.

A pavilion is to be erected at Shalom Lake in memory of the late Dr. George S. Milner who was widely known in O.I.B. circles. We are trusting that the pavilion will be completed by September. Any contributions towards this Memorial Fund should be

sent to Baptist Mid-Missions, 420. Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio -44103.

Happiness Is . . .

the WOMEN'S RETREAT which will be held at Scioto Hills on Sep tember 9, 10 and 11. The total cos for these wonderful days is only ter dollars. Those planning on attending should have their registrations in no later than September 1st. The sum of five dollars must accompany each registration. Send these to Mrs. Joseph C. Chapman, 474 Jackson Pike, Gallipolis, Ohio — 45631.

The ladies should bring a picnic lunch for the evening meal on Thursday, the 9th. Guest speakers are Mrs. Robert Gilbert and missionary, Miss Carolyn Gleason of Venezuela. There will be special knitting class seminars with Dorothy Van der Kay.

The first service begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9 and the closing will be the luncheon on Saturday, September 11. Ladies . plan on attending! There will be a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship!!

Verses To Consider

A few verses regarding Family and Home: Portrait of a Godly home (Psalm 128), should be taught God's-Word (Deut. 4:9-10), to worship God together (1 Cor. 16:19), be duly regulated (Prov. 31:27), (1 Tim. 3:4, 5, 12), to live in unity (Gen. 45:24; Psalm 133:1), to live in mutual forbearance (Gen. 50:17-21; Matt. 18:-21-22). This is instituted: Gen. 2:23-24). Government: (Gen. 3:16; 18:19; 1 Cor. 7:10; 11:3, 7-9; Eph. 5:22-24). Infelicity in: (Prov. 11:22; 15: 17; 18:19; 19:13).

Let us pray that God will guide us in our hearts and homes; thereby manifesting His presence and power. HE IS THE ONE ALTOGETHER LOVELY.

Dates To Remember

SEPTEMBER 9-11—

State Women's Retreat at Scioto Hills Camp.

SEPTEMBER 23-25—

State Women's Retreat at Skyview Ranch.

OCTOBER 18-20—

The 44th Annual OARBC Conference, Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine. The Annual Meeting of the State Women's Missionary Union will be held Tuesday, October 19th. Watch for details in your local Women's Missionary Groups.

OCTOBER 15-16—

Homecoming Weekend, Cedarville College. The Women's Fellowship meeting will be Friday October 15th at 10 a.m. with special luncheon at 11:30. Reservation needed.

The Local Church And Missions

by Rev. Earl Umbaugh

We frequently hear the expression "keep your priorities straight". We used to say "put first things first" or "don't settle for second best". In Philippians 1:10 we are exhhorted to "approve things that are excellent" or best. This is of prime importance in relationship to the Lord's work and especially as it relates to missions. The New Testament puts the local church in the place of priority in carrying on the Lord's work. The establishment of the local church was promised by our Lord in Matthew 16:18. On the basis of Peter's confession of His essential deity, He said, "I will build my church". Whatever our view of the church, we must conclude that incorporated in this statement, is His intention to establish local churches to carry on His work during this age of grace. In fact, the only manifestation of the church, that we know anything about, is local bodies of believers that evangelize the lost, baptize the saved, administer the Lord's Supper, receive and disburse the tithes and offerings of the Lord's people to further the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This church was born on the day of Pentecost with the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. It began its ministry by preaching the gospel to those present and winning about three thousand souls to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The proliferating of the church is seen throughout the rest of the New Testament. It was not long until there were churches throughout Judea, Samaria, Asia Minor, Southern Europe and North Africa. The power and blessing of these local assemblies is due to the personal and spiritual presence of the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:11-18). From this we conclude that the local church must have priority in our Christian service.

This priority ought to extend to our planning and programming for missions. A foreign missionary has defined missions as one church establishing another church. If this is true, then, foreign misions is one church or a number of churches working together to establish another church on a foreign field and home missions is one church or a number of churches working together to establish another church on the field. Since this is true,

let us keep our priorities straight by setting-up a balanced missionary budget, in our local churches, that will have as its main thrust the starting of churches both at home and abroad. It seems to me that such a budget could include the goal of using one third of our missionary money to support those missionaries who are going out to do the basic work of establishing churches on the foreign field, one third of our missionary money going to the work of establishing new churches on the home field and one third going to supportive ministries such as schools, youth camps, missionary teachers, printing, radio, medical work, airplane ministries, etc., on both the home and foreign field. Such a balanced missionary budget would give a strong steady advance across the whole field of missionary endeavor. Another article will appear next month, to support this proposal, with appropriate statistical information.

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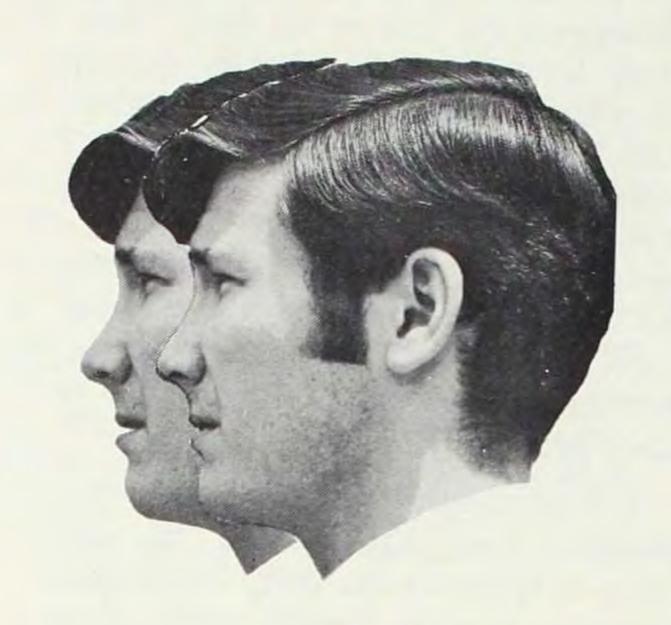
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