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The OIB

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Good News From The Empty Tomb!

Have you ever taken your children to a local cemetery on Easter Sunday morning? Our children will probably never forget the Easter we did that very thing. Much to the chagrin of the "fam" we walked there early in the morning to conduct a simple service. The children worried lest they be "caught dead" in a cemetery and wondered what their friends would think. But what better place to remind them, and us, about resurrection reality than in a cemetery?

We do not usually associate good news with tombs. Tombs speak of sorrow and loss; they are found in cemeteries, places we would just as soon avoid. However, the Scriptures are clear that there is good news coming from Christ's empty tomb. To those women who first discovered the empty tomb the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:5-6). Mixed emotions filled those fine ladies that morning; they did not quite know what to make of this news. Matthew goes on to record that "they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word" (Matthew 28:8).

What do you make of the empty tomb? How can we explain it? Have you thought about the silent yet powerful message coming from the empty tomb? Think with me a moment.

At least three explanations have been given for the empty tomb:

- a. Jesus never really died in the first place; He just fainted on the cross,



revived in the tomb, and left it under His own power.

- b. Someone stole His body and emptied the tomb.
- c. Jesus arose from the dead leaving behind an empty tomb.

About His Fainting

Let's remember that seasoned professionals who knew what they were doing crucified Jesus. They had witnessed many a crucifixion; they knew when a person was dead. They felt no need to break His legs to hasten His death as they had for the two thieves who were crucified with Him. Rather, "When they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs" (John 19:33). One of them proceeded to pierce His side with a spear and "immediately blood and water came out" (John 19:34). They made sure that Jesus had not just fainted; He was truly dead!

But even if He had just fainted, could

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He have revived in the coolness of the tomb, removed the stone by Himself from inside the tomb, stepped out and convinced His followers that He had actually raised from the dead? That is a physical impossibility. In His weakened condition how could He ever have appeared powerful and convincing? Such a position defies all logic and takes more faith to believe than the resurrection itself.

Someone Stole the Body

Who would have been available to steal His body? Any one of three groups—the Jews, the Romans, and the disciples. Had the Jewish leaders stolen the body all they would have had to do is to produce it when His disciples claimed He had risen. What would they have to gain by stealing it; they had wanted to be

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Deadline for the June OIB:
May 15
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As of this issue, seventeen churches have promised a total of \$11,700 in support of the Church Planting Coordinator position. We are encouraged and eager to complete this task.

From Our Heart To Yours



Dave and Pat Warren

A Collage of Thoughts

Help at Sunbury

We have recently received word from Les and Betty Newell that they will be working with the Grace Baptist Church of Sunbury to help get this work on its feet again. Psalm 37:3 came to mind which says, "Trust in the Lord and do good." Les has appealed to us to do both things — pray and do. We need to be upholding the Newells in prayer in this effort and we also need to be doing something to assist them. Let the Holy Spirit jog your "doer" and come up with some creative help for our sister church. Everybody will benefit when we "trust" and "do."

Key Dates

Mark your calendars and minds with the following key dates.

June 24-28, 2000 - The FBFA/GARBC Annual Conference to be held at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. The two groups will share the speaking, the music, and the workshops. Its theme, "Building Bridges of Love," will be both interesting and instructive. Details are included in the February issue of the Baptist Bulletin.

October 23-24, 2000 - The OARBC Annual Conference to be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. This Monday-Tuesday gathering will center around the theme of "Discipleship" and will feature Dr. Milo Thomp-

son, president of Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, as the main speaker. We will include our Talents for Christ winners for special music as well as a demonstration Bible quiz by our young people.

Prayer Needs

Please keep in prayer the following friends facing real health needs:

- Ben Reed, senior pastor, First Baptist, Niles
- Debbie Quick, senior pastor's wife, First Baptist, Elyria
- Don and Pam Eaton, pastor and wife, Faith Baptist, Lakeview
- Alyssa Strickland, pastor's daughter, Norton Baptist, Norton

We remain "bound by the Word and to each other!"

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2000 OIB Deadlines

The OIB will publish four more issues in 2000. Please note we must **receive** your copy, including photos, by the deadline.

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May 15	June
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November 15	December

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....the Empty Tomb!

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sure the tomb was sealed shut to prevent any false resurrection claims. That is why they went to Pilate to request that he place guards at the entrance in the first place. No way would they have stolen His body!

And how about the Romans? What would they have gained by stealing the body? Nothing. It was to their advantage that He remain in that tomb. They had posted the guards and done the sealing of the tomb so as to prevent any mistaken notions about resurrection. And if they had stolen the body, they could have produced it to discredit any claims to resurrection by His followers.

And how about the disciples? They were too scattered and broken to hatch such a plan. They were hiding in fear for their lives and in shock from their great loss. Besides, how would they have gotten past the Roman guards? Would they ultimately die for what they knew to be a lie? The Jews accused them of this (His disciples stole the body while the soldiers slept); but what soldier will admit to sleeping on duty, and if they were asleep, how did they know who did the stealing?

In other words, no one stole that body from the tomb. Nor did our Lord simply faint on the cross, revive, and convince His followers that He had resurrected. That leaves us only one other possibility. Christ arose from the dead!

He Is Alive!

Paul crystallizes the good news from the empty tomb in these words, "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead" (I Corinthians 15:20-21). And remember that Paul with his own eyes had personally seen Christ alive!

Vienna Baptist is looking for human character puppets for a new puppet ministry. If you have some you are not using, or know of a place to purchase used ones, please contact Arch D. McCune at vbc11@juno.com or 330-394-1694.

We would like to begin a ministry to widows of Ohio pastors. If you have names and current addresses, please send them to Dave and Pat Warren. We are also looking for a person or couple to shepherd these women.

Financial Stewardship for Your Pastor - Part 2

Salary Restructure Saves Tax Dollars



*By Gary L. Washburn,
Vice-President,
Financial Stewardship,
Troy, Michigan*

The Internal Revenue Code allows pastors extraordinary tax advantages, not enjoyed by the general public, which will put more dollars into your pastor's pocket, in effect giving him a raise at no cost to the church! Your pastor, deacon board and treasurer must know the laws pertaining to the structure of the pastor's compensation. The pastor may receive compensation in four parts, each with a different tax consequence.

Part I - Salary

Income received as salary is fully taxable: federal income tax (15% or 28% for most pastors), state income tax, FICA (15.3% for pastors) and city income tax.

Part II - Housing Allowance

Compensation received as housing allowance escapes all income taxes, but not FICA.

Part III - Reimbursement for Professional Expenses

Compensation received as reimbursement for professional expenses escapes all taxation.

Part IV - Benefits

Benefits are tax-free when paid directly to the provider by the church.

Let's begin with a single figure that represents the total annual cost of employing your pastor. Include every line item and arrive at a single figure. For sake of illustration let's assume that figure is \$40,000.

We'll put that \$40,000 in Part I SALARY to start out, then we'll break the other three categories out of SALARY, one-by-one. Pastors who are ordained, licensed or commissioned may receive compensation in PART II HOUSING ALLOWANCE. The pastor and his wife should calculate their total out-of-pocket housing costs for an entire calendar year (or remaining portion thereof), whether they are renting, buying or living in a parsonage. Eligible expenses include mortgage payments, rent, all utilities, all maintenance inside and out, furniture, furnishings, floor coverings, window treatments, linens, decorations, insurance, property taxes, home and appliance repairs, paint, wallpaper, lawn mower, grass seed, fertilizer - the list goes on. (Please note that housing allowance **does not** include food, clothing, jewelry, hired lawn care, servants, personal toiletries or paper products.)

When the pastor arrives at an annual figure, he should add \$2,000 for unexpected expenses. Using that total figure, the deacon board should pass a resolution identifying that amount as the pastor's annual housing

allowance. The church treasurer then should divide by 12, 24, 26 or 52 and cut a periodic housing allowance check, income tax free, to the pastor. The housing allowance DOES NOT appear on the pastor's W-2 statement. Let's assume the pastor's annual housing allowance is \$10,000. We have now reduced taxable salary to \$30,000, saving considerable income tax. The pastor must keep his own housing receipts and maintain a running total of housing expenses year-to-date. At income tax time, if he spent all of the housing allowance, he does nothing. If he did not spend the whole amount, he must enter the unused portion on line 21 on his 1040 as "Unused Housing Allowance" and pay income tax on that amount.

PART III - REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES. Pastors and church staff may no longer receive allowances for cars, gas, library, conventions and similar items. However, such expenses common to ministry are available tax-free when the church adopts an "accountable reimbursement program."

First, the pastor must conservatively estimate annual out-of-pocket professional expenses, including automobile. (He may increase it later if needed.) He should include such expenses as business cards, dues, professional publications, continuing education, Bibles and books, seminars, postage, meals and entertainment, cell phone, wedding and shower gifts, conferences (including travel, lodging and meals to, from and at the conference) and automobile (A word about automobile expense: The pastor may use either the Actual Use Method or the Mileage Method. Most pastors use the Mileage Method. He must keep a daily mileage log identifying business destinations and purposes, and total business miles for each day. Submit mileage log to the treasurer monthly. The treasurer will reimburse the pastor at the rate of 31 cents per business mile.)

Next, the deacon board passes a resolution identifying the pastor's amount as reimbursement fund for professional expenses. That amount is subtracted from PART I SALARY, further reducing the taxable income of the pastor. We'll assume that amount is \$5,000. We have now reduced PART I SALARY by a total of \$15,000, a considerable income tax savings. Reimbursements do not appear on the pastor's W-2.

The pastor must submit all receipts and his mileage log to the treasurer monthly. The treasurer will review and substantiate them, then reimburse the pastor for the EXACT AMOUNT. If the pastor's tax return is audited, the church treasurer must document expenses for which he was reimbursed. The treasurer must save all receipts the pastor submits.

This is a "use it or lose it" program. The pastor should keep a running total of professional expenses year-to-date. If he

expects not to spend all the money in this account, he should find ways to spend it on business items before December 31, or he will forfeit the unused amount. If he sees that he will likely spend more than allotted, he may request the deacon board increase the amount in PART III, taking from PART I.

PART IV - BENEFITS is actually a series of checks paid by the church directly to benefit providers. Such benefits are tax-free and don't appear on the pastor's W-2. Included in PART IV are the pastor's 403B retirement plan (or IRA), health care insurance (including vision and dental), disability insurance, and up to \$50,000 of term life insurance. No official resolutions are required for PART IV - BENEFITS. Let's assume the pastor's benefits amount is \$10,000. We have now reduced his taxable salary from \$40,000 to \$15,000, saving perhaps \$2,000 - \$4,000 in taxes!

If your church has not been operating as described above, please take immediate measures to get into compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. Not only are you forfeiting tax benefits available to your pastor, you are at risk if audited by the IRS. Since over 20,000 non-profit organizations are audited annually by the IRS, it is imperative that the church be in compliance with the law.

Financial Stewardship has consulted with thousands of pastors, church boards and treasurers since 1985. If your deacon board or treasurer needs assistance, please contact us. We can provide sample resolutions as well as comprehensive lists of allowable items for both housing and professional expenses. We want to work with you and answer your questions. We would like nothing more than to help you get into IRC compliance, while saving the pastor tax dollars at the same time.

Financial Stewardship in Troy, Michigan has been a national leader in tax and financial consulting services to pastors and church boards since 1985.

Gary L. Washburn is vice president of Financial Stewardship. You may contact Gary at 248-269-4114 or at gwashb6065@aol.com

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HELPS

HELPS, which stands for Helping Evangelize the Lost through Programs for Sportsmen, is a new ministry led by Pastor Steve Rockey, First Baptist Church of Angelica, New York. HELPS assists churches and Christian organizations in reaching unsaved sportsmen in their communities with seminars on topics such as tips and tricks for successful hunting. One such program, the annual Sporting Clays Shoot Outreach of First Baptist Church, Butler, Pennsylvania, prompted this response: "Pastor Steve Rockey was very conscious of giving the plan of salvation and making sure it was clear. He spoke in detail about how to successfully hunt trophy-sized deer as he displayed slides that were professionally put together. I recommend Pastor Rockey to your outreach function."

Rockey has been in the ministry for 20 years. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, and is a pro-staff member of Mountain Hollow Game Call & Scent Company, Inc. He may be reached at 716-466-7644 (church) or 716-466-3514 (home).

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**Growing
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--This article is the sixth in a series on discipleship written by members of the Council of 12.

Discipleship is not an option. It is the critical link between evangelism and a growing ministry. Discipleship is not to be a second or third tier ministry. It is the heart and soul of the Great Commission. There is no period after baptism. Jesus' command continues: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20).

Discipleship is not a polite suggestion, nor a strong recommendation. It is a command. If we falter on discipleship we fall short of fulfilling the Great Commission. Discipleship is not usually the exciting popular facet of a church ministry. It may not draw a lot of attention. But it is the quiet steady essential work designed to lay a lasting foundation for another generation. The fruit of an evangelism ministry may draw instant praise. The fruit of discipleship takes years to develop. But the rewards are forever. Let every Bible-preaching church be committed to the total Great Commission. Make sure you are personally involved with evangelizing the lost and discipling the saints.

—Pastor Ken Spink

Discipleship materials by Pastor Ken Spink are available at cost.

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Ohio Women

My Dear Sisters in Christ:

Deuteronomy 12 tells of God's command concerning the central sanctuary. Several times in that chapter the Lord repeats the words of verses 11 and 12: "Then it shall come about they the place in which the LORD your God shall choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the LORD. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God..."

The Lord was telling them that at certain times normal daily routines and schedules were to be set aside, and they were to come to His chosen place to worship and rejoice before Him. Some would have only a few miles to travel. For others it would be a great distance. No matter, they were to come.

Dr. Luke's Gospel says that's exactly what Joseph, Mary, and Jesus did every year (Luke 2:41). They made the sixty-five mile trip from Nazareth to Jerusalem at Passover. They came in a caravan (vs.44), and Mary and Joseph were so engrossed in fellowship during one trip home that they went a day's journey before realizing Jesus had stayed behind to sit in on seminary class!

As I read these words in Deuteronomy 12, I remembered praying specifically last fall, "Lord, show me where you want us to have our OWMU spring rally." Shortly, thereafter, we received the invitation from Calvary Baptist Church in Chillicothe. I am certain it is "His chosen place" for our rally.

For some of you it will be a hop, skip, and a jump. For others, a trip. You may even want to come on Monday. I'm thinking, though, that with our modern transportation, the farthest point away, in comparison, is certainly less than the sixty-five mile trip Jesus, Mary and Joseph made. It wasn't a one day trip for them, for sure.

So, get those church van caravans rolling! Remember Vance? His ladies loved it so much last year, they're bringing more women this year. Vance may have to ask his second cousin, Vandalia, to get a lube job and help out!

Please come, women. I cannot "command" you as the Lord did His people but may I STRONGLY URGE you to come, and to bring your "offerings, sacrifices, and the work of your hands" as we worship and rejoice before the Lord on April 18!

In His Love,
Sue Miller

Praying is the Main Thing

By Betty Walburn

The vice-president of our Ladies Missionary Society, Dorothy Ringer, likes to remind me, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." In other words, missions and missionaries are to be the emphasis of our organization.

We use several ways to keep the people of our church well informed about our missionaries and their needs. Each week the Sunday bulletin includes a current prayer request from one of our missionary family. We also have a bulletin board for each missionary, with a picture and a current letter. We have asked each Sunday school class to specifically pray for two or three missionaries.

Betty Walburn is president of the Calvary Baptist Ladies Missionary Society in Chillicothe.

Connectivity Advances at Retreats

For several years now the ladies fall retreats have been planned by a host church. However, this past fall there were no volunteers for the Scioto Hills and Skyview retreats. The Y2K threat came and went and there were still no host churches.

Then women began "connecting" as we were challenged to do so in the last issue of the OIB. The Skyview Retreat is now being planned by a group of women from the Cleveland area churches. The Scioto Hills committee is composed of ladies from the West Moriah Area Fellowship. All agree it's great to be working together.

Go for it, ladies!

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Fall Ladies Retreat Dates:

Skyview Ranch:
September 14-16, 2000
Scioto Hills:
September 28-30, 2000
Inn at Amish Door:
November 2-3, 2000

Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship

Spring Meeting
April 25, 2000
10:15 am to 2:15 pm
Lakeview Baptist Church, Dundee
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Ohio Women's Missionary Union 1999-2000 Project



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Scioto Hills is Puttin' Around!!

Actually the Scioto Program Development team, along with twenty spring-breaking college students from Cedarville and Grace colleges are working on putting in a seven-hole miniature golf course. You may ask, "Why a seven hole course?" The Program Development team came up with the idea to share in a unique and unforgettable way the order and miracle of the seven-day creation.

This entire year the theme of Scioto's programs center around the theme, "Image is Everything." For according to Genesis 1:27 each one of us have been created in the image of God. We are excited as registrations are coming in and we are beginning staff training on the campus of Cedarville College. Some positions are still needing to be filled on the support team as well as a few more counselors. If you are interested in serving God as a member of the Scioto Hills team this summer please contact the camp for an application.

Men's Retreats

April 29-30 May 5-6
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Things are very busy at Skyview Ranch this spring. We are thankful for the tasks as evidence that the Lord is doing big things here. We want to make you aware of what is new at Skyview and invite you to join us as we pray and seek God's will in these needs.

Spring Ministry: The month of May will be especially busy for us. We have guests just about every day of the month. Please be in prayer as John Greening speaks to the men at our Men's Retreat May 4-6. We will have 3 weeks of Outdoor Education. Several volunteer groups will be here to help us get ready for summer.

Summer Camp: We are excited about the approaching summer camping season. Registrations have been strong this year. Please be in prayer for the speakers, campers, and staff. We are anticipating a great summer of changed lives and spiritual growth, as well as a lot of fun.

Improvements: How exciting to see the tangible results of the expansion and improvement plans! The lake is full. We are anxious to get the recreation elements ready for our summer campers. The sewage treatment system is in place and the lines to the plant are being dug this spring.

Grant Application: The Dining Hall/Chapel building is still a pressing need. We are applying for a grant through a Christian corporation this June for all or part of the funds needed for this building. Please be in prayer for the Grant application and consideration.

Staff Housing: As our staff grows and changes, we need additional staff housing. We are exploring options to build or to purchase housing units. Please pray for funding and decision-making as we look toward meeting these needs.

Thank You: Thanks very much to all of our faithful friends. It has been a blessing to learn of more and more friends of the Ranch who are partnering with us. Your prayer support, financial support, and involvement are a tremendous asset and encouragement as we continue to minister to many each year. We appreciate you!!!

Camp Patmos

Three Columbus area men have made a major improvement to the Patmos facility. Don Brown, the design engineer, Pete Madison, fabricator/electrician and Dick Schneider, all-around handyman, arrived at the ferryboat at one morning at 9 a.m., after a three-hour ride, to install a furnace/air conditioner in the Patmos kitchen-dining room area.

For 47 years, our staff volunteers have braved the cold weather to ready the camp for use. Now, because of a generous gift from an interested family AND the dedicated labors of the men mentioned above, those "not very comfortable" cooking and dining quarters will be history. We have had torpedo kerosene heaters to warm the rooms, but, you who have heard one of those heaters "fire up" know that they are not conducive to fellowship time.

Those familiar with Patmos buildings know about the Morse Lodge. This spring we will be building a second very similar lodge. The initial push, to lay up the cement block for the foundation, will take place April 14-15. One bricklayer is committed. Another is solicited. Could you help? Many other projects will begin that week.

Patmos is dependent on VOLUNTEERS. We schedule weekends, but are very glad for retirees and others who can help during the week. There will be someone there to work with you and see that you are housed in comfortable (and warm) sleeping quarters, as well as to prepare meals from April 5 on. Again, the "special push" weekends are April 14-15, 28-29; May 12-13, 26-29 and June 9-10. Please phone Lynn Rogers at 330-467-4341, so we may prepare for you AND notify the ferryboat line, so you may travel to the island at our expense.

Calls are coming in to find out if there are still cabins available. At this writing, there is space at all the youth weeks. The August family camps have room only for those with RVs, tents and pop-ups. Remember, new and handicap-accessible restrooms and showers are now in operation very near the RV park.

Across the State



Calvary Baptist welcomes Pastor Russell Hamilton to its staff as Cares and Visitation Pastor. He

comes with over 40 years

experience, including serving as a county and state director for Youth for Christ. He and his wife, Margie, have served churches in Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland and Iowa. His responsibilities at Calvary will include caring for senior saints, shut-ins and those who are ill.

Jeff Willetts is senior pastor at Calvary.



Calvary Baptist hosted Missions 2000, "Stepping Out for Christ" on March 5-7. Speakers were Mike & Jan McLaughlin from Shepherds Home; the Lewis

Beeler family, missionary appointees to Ecuador; and Pastor Larry Shells and choir from Youngstown. The conference concluded with a banquet featuring the Gillespies, missionary appointees to Germany.

Neil Appell is pastor at Calvary.

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In many ways Ohio leads the way in the realm of ingenuity. The record for the number of patents for inventions, 1,093, is still held by one of Ohio's well-known inventors, Thomas Edison, born in Milan, Ohio. In more than half a century, no other inventor has equaled this number of patents. Also well-known in Edison's day was Granville T. Woods, a Columbus native, who, before his death in 1910, was called the greatest African-American inventor of his time. He had so many different inventions that some people called him the "black Edison." Woods, however, showed his disapproval of this nomenclature, when he turned down Edison's offer of employment. He also sued Edison twice for patent infringement and won.

Ohio is also home to four of the nation's 68 Patent Depository Libraries, the local outposts that receive the patents. These libraries are found in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo. Only California and Texas can make a similar claim. Ohio also remains high among all the states in the number of patents issued. The most inventive Ohio cities are Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Akron, and Toledo. However, the most patents per capita start with Centerville, followed by Worthington with a close second, then Cincinnati, Mentor, Dayton, and Kettering. The very first known Ohioans to receive a patent from one of these offices were Nathaniel Kirk and Sam C. Clark of St. Clairsville on July 18, 1812.

How about your town? Does it hold any records for famed inventions or inventors?

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The Great Commission directs us to make disciples, even as we go through our normal routines of living.

A lady 75 years of age tells us, "I went to pick up my car at the mechanic's garage and handed him a check for the service. At the same time I gave him a tract about race car driver Jeff Gordon and asked if he knew about Gordon. He said, 'Yeah, he is my favorite NASCAR driver! I've followed his career since he was a very young driver. You know something, I just saw him on TV last night doing a commercial about the power of God.' I said, 'Really? That's great! Well, here is his story and what life is really about.' (I pointed to the tract.) 'Will you read it?' He said, 'I sure will!'"

How great it is that a senior citizen lady can talk to Dave the mechanic about race cars. She says, "The thrilling part is that when we ask the Lord to use us, He does!" Pray for Dave as he reads about the greatest message of all.

(edited by David Chapman)

We welcome

Mark and Joyce Rice to Faith Baptist in Amherst; Mark will serve as the minister of music.

Les and Betty Newell as the missionary pastor of Grace Baptist in Sunbury.

Marion and Carolyn Wojnarowski as pastor of the Brookside Baptist Church in Seven Hills.

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Cedarville College News

Joel Belz, founding editor and CEO of national weekly news magazine World, spoke on journalism and media challenges at Cedarville College's Charter Day. In addition to his chapel presentation, Belz spoke to a Cedarville class about his career in journalism and today's secular and evangelical media challenges.



Joel Belz, CEO of World magazine, spoke on journalism and media challenges at Cedarville College's Charter Day. Photo Credit: Scott L. Huck

Cedarville's forensics team recently took third place in the National Christian College Forensic Invitational at Azusa Pacific University (California). Director of Forensics David Robey received the Travis G. Jones Outstanding Coach Award at the competition. Robey received the award for his "dedication, influence, support, and commitment to Christ-centered leadership in forensics education." After 30 years of coaching forensics (19 of them at Cedarville), Robey is retiring from coaching and will hand the reins to Matt Moore, instructor of communication arts. Robey will retain his responsibilities as professor of communication arts and director of theatre at Cedarville.

Cedarville College's annual Engineering Day brought 84 high school students to campus to check out the College's ABET-accredited engineering programs. The students could attend engineering demonstrations, interact with college students and faculty, and participate in a question and answer session with Cedarville engineering graduates.

Steven Garber, a scholar-in-residence for the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, served as guest speaker for the 2000 Staley Lectureship Series. Currently an adjunct faculty member at Trinity International University, Garber is also a resident faculty member at the Mustard Seed Foundation Summer Institute. His Staley Lecture topics focused on the theme "Learning to Love What God Loves."

The Staley Lectureship program is funded by the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of Larchmont, New York. A private, non-profit organization, the Foundation seeks to support men and women who truly believe, cordially love, and actively propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its historical and scriptural fullness. Audio cassettes of Garber's messages can be purchased by calling 937-766-7815.

The Cedarville College Lyrica Series hosted a performance by mezzo-soprano Mary Henderson and guitarist/lutenist Rodney Stucky on February 22. The concert, part of a chamber music series featuring musicians of regional and national stature, featured pieces ranging from lute and vihuela songs of the 16th century to 20th century arrangements for voice and guitar.

Cedarville College's student chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) is taking part in a team web site development project selected to receive a \$10,000 STC Special Opportunities Grant. The College's team, advised by English Professor Sandi Harner, will join STC student chapters from New Mexico State University and Texas Tech University in creating and maintaining a professional technical communication career web site. Goals of this student-led project include spreading useful knowledge of the technical communication profession, attracting more qualified and talented people to communication careers, and

encouraging a better fit among technical communication academic programs and the companies which hire their students/graduates. The posting of the site is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2001.

Jeff Reep, who is in his fifth season as head men's basketball coach at Cedarville College, has announced his resignation effective at the end of the season. Reep will become assistant director of career services at the College.

Reep, a Cedarville alumnus and associate professor of physical education, has guided the Yellow Jackets to an 81-69 record. Prior to coming to Cedarville, Reep spent 17 years as an assistant collegiate coach with the last 12 at the NCAA Division I level. He has spent 22 years coaching collegiate basketball.

"We appreciate the time and commitment that Coach Reep has given to Cedarville College basketball and to teaching in our academic department," remarked Pete Reese, athletic director. "He is a fine example of a man with high moral standards who is devoted to his family."

The College has begun a search to fill the head men's basketball coach position.



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