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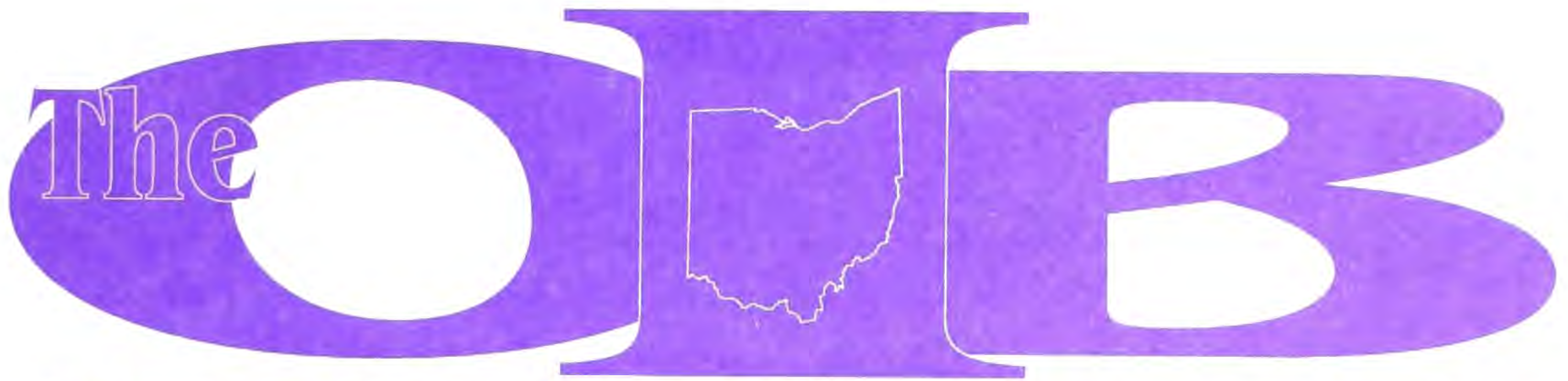


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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

A jailer once asked the question, "What must I do to be saved? A person can ask no more important question than this. That's because the question deals with ultimates — not peripherals. The question carries us beyond the temporary to the eternal, beyond the earthly to the heavenly. It reminds us that we have a real need, that we have a role to play in meeting that need, and that we can know a real hope. Wouldn't it be great if everyone reading these words had already wrestled with this question and had answered it in a biblically informed way?! But just in case some haven't, let's explore this key question in the next few lines.

Tune in to this desperate jailer's story in chapter 16 of Acts:

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Yes, he really was quite desperate, wasn't he? As far as he was concerned he was history. Suicide seemed to be his best way of escape. You see, if the prisoners under his charge had escaped, his own life would be taken. Eternity loomed large in his thinking, and he wasn't ready for that.

One of those prisoners under his charge prevented him from jumping to the wrong conclusion and thus committing suicide. "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!" Remarkable! The earthquake that

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). He emphasizes the consequences of our sinning when he writes, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Since *all* of us sin, we *all* need to be saved from sin. And since death is the inevitable consequence of our sin, we need to be saved *now* — before death overtakes us.

All sinners are candidates for salvation. Because of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ all sinners are savable.

What Must I do to be Saved?

Notice the answer Paul and Silas gave to the desperate man, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, and your house" (Acts 16:31). To believe means to transfer your trust from yourself and your efforts and to place your trust in Christ. Another way of saying the same thing is to cast yourself without reserve on Christ. Believing does

involve more than simply acknowledging some facts about Christ; it means committing yourself to Him alone as Saviour from sin.

Visit a moment more with that same singing apostle. In Romans 4 he makes it crystal clear that salvation does not come by our own good deeds (4:1-8), nor does salvation come by fulfilling religious ceremonies (4:9-12), nor does it come by keeping religious rules (4:13-22). Salvation comes by faith alone in Christ alone (4:23-25).

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released all the prisoners from their cells was impressive enough. Even more impressive the fact that no one moved! It obviously had something to do with these two prisoners who were singing at midnight. And so he comes to Paul and Silas with this most basic question, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Who Needs to be Saved?

In his time of desperation the Philippian jailer acknowledges his personal need for salvation. Each one of us must come to the same sense of need. We need to be saved (rescued) from our sin. That singing prisoner, Paul, put it this way,

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From Our Hearts To Yours



Dave and Pat
Warren
State Representative

Mixing Business With Pleasure

As I write these words I am sitting in the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. My connecting flight is due out within a half-hour and looks like it will be on time. Not only am I shifting flights but I am also shifting my focus.

For the past few days Pat and I have been visiting son David and Michelle and family in Denver, Colorado. We have been in a vacation or pleasure mode. Actually, we have been working — helping in the construction of the addition to their house. We have also been getting to know William Daniel Warren, our newest grandson, born January 24. All of this has been a real pleasure.

I am now returning to the Midwest to take care of some business. This “business” will only take one day and then I return to Denver for one more day of “pleasure.” Mixing business with pleasure is the name of the game for me this week.

The lead article for the OIB is “What must I do to be saved?” It focuses on our primary *business*—witnessing. Use this OIB issue as a tool for evangelism. At the same time let’s remember that witnessing is more than just our business — it is our *pleasure* to witness to unsaved folks. We can and should enjoy this business. I like how Paul Little says it in his book, *How To Give Away Your Faith*, “Witnessing is . . . the fizz in the Pepsi of the Christian life.” Like fizzless Pepsi our lives can get pretty flat without witnessing to unsaved folk. Witnessing adds sparkle and enjoyment.

So . . . Go ahead and mix business with pleasure! In this instance, mixing business with pleasure is unquestionably the way to go.

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Financial Needs of our Association.

May I share my heart — and will you consider a heartfelt gift.

Our Current Status:

We ARE ahead of our giving from last year, but only by \$400. We have a healthy cash balance of about \$80,000; **however**, we have committed to investing almost \$59,000 of that in church planting. This includes salary package and gifts to upcoming plants. Our current giving is \$10,712 per month.

Our Ongoing Need:

To maintain two **leaders** for our Association — State Rep Dave Warren and Church Planting Coordinator Max Tucker and offer other **services**, such as hosting our annual Conference, various retreats, publishing the OIB and encouraging struggling churches and pastors, we need an income of \$12,042 per month. “Ongoing Need” minus “Current Giving” leaves \$1330 still needed each month.

Your Opportunity To Help Meet This Need:

- ✓ 5 churches to give an additional \$100 a month
- ✓ 12 churches to give an additional \$50 a month
- ✓ 20 churches to give an additional \$25 a month
- ✓ 20 churches or individuals to give an additional special gift of \$150 this year.
- ✓ But wouldn’t it be wonderful if 50 churches (who do not yet support us regularly) would support our Fellowship for \$10 a month!

“Where *our* treasure is, there will *our* heart be also” (my changes in italics).

I care about your heart.

— Dave



Max and Phyllis
Tucker
Church Planting
Coordinator

Living The Good Life

Our state representative, Dr. David Warren, shared with the Council of Twelve how wonderful it is to travel the state and that he and Pat really enjoyed their ministry. Phyllis and I feel the same way and want to give you a little synopsis of the month of March to show you why.


On Saturday afternoon, March 2nd, we headed for East Liverpool where we were to speak at the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church for Sunday school, morning and evening services. We traveled in heavy rain, an extreme drop in temperature and strong winds. Now what can be fun about this kind of a job? Well, it was a real joy to fellowship with the people at Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, and even more so, to be in the home of Pastor James and Dottie Read. Dining and fellowshiping

together with the pastors and their families brings real blessing to this type of ministry. We also get to meet families who care. We were put in an apartment owned by one of the members at Pleasant Heights Baptist and treated royally.

On Monday, we spoke at the Bethany Pastor’s Fellowship where we were greeted by a well attended gathering who were excited to hear and get involved in church planting and were open to working with the NEO Fellowship to make this a reality. The meeting was held in the First Baptist Church in Niles where Ben Reed is pastor. It was there that Jim Read explained that Ben Reed does not know how to spell his own name! What a fellowship! What a joy divine! Being in the First Baptist Church of Niles brought back memories for Phyllis and myself, because it was there that we were married fifty years ago come June.

Tuesday morning we met with the NEO Fellowship of pastors at Bible Baptist Church in Madison with Pastor Bob Ladygo. Bible Baptist is growing.

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What Must I Do?, *continued*

Why the Lord Jesus Christ?

Please notice that Paul and Silas did rivet the jailer's attention on Christ. They did not give him a "cafeteria list" of possible "saviours." Christ alone was his sole hope — ours too!

That's because of *Who He is*. He is God in a body. He is perfect humanity and undiminished deity united in one person forever. And so He is a unique, one-of-a-kind person. No one before or since equals Him!

It is also because of *What He did*. At the cross "He bore our sins in His own body" (1 Peter 2:24). He paid the price of our sin. He died our death — and then rose victoriously over sin and death. The crucified, buried, and resurrected God-man is our real hope for salvation!

Have you done it?

Like the Philippian jailer of old have you admitted your need? Have you sensed your inadequacy? Have you cast yourself on Christ? There is no time like the present to do so. He is only a prayer away.

Lord Jesus, I admit that I need to be rescued from my sin and that you are the only One Who can do that for me. Thank you for dying for my sin at the cross and for rising from the dead. Right now I cast myself on you and trust you from this point on for my salvation. Thank you for hearing my prayer. Amen.

What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved! And you will be singing, too!

Living The Good Life, *continued*

renovating, and remodeling. Pastor Bob will be ordained in May; hope that all of you pastors can go and give him a rough time! What a fellowship! What a joy! The pastor turnout at the NEO Fellowship Meeting was great and the enthusiasm for church planting was exciting. We will be returning to this area to explore church planting in the late spring or early summer. While in Madison we stayed in another lovely apartment connected to the home of the Blake family. Guess what? They have a nine hundred-pound dog named "Max!" Now, there's fellowship for you!

On Wednesday, we found ourselves with Pastor Jim Hayes at the Chardon Baptist Church in Chardon, Ohio. The snow capitol of the world did not have any snow! We could not say that for Madison. Jim and Susan Hayes are having a great ministry; there was a large attendance out for Wednesday service, and a great interest in church planting as they remembered their own beginnings.


On to Bellville and Mansfield, which we hereby declare as another hotspot in need of a church of like precious faith. We immediately moved north again where we were scheduled to speak on the weekend at Fellowship Baptist Church in Lorain, and Grace Baptist Church in Westlake. Jack and Earlene

Ison, Lorain, always provide us a home away from home. Saturday and Sunday brought heavy, fierce rain and gusting winds. The weather was cold, but the fellowship was warm! It was great to get to know Jack and Nancy Jacobs who are a great blessing indeed to the saints of God that worship at Grace Baptist Church. As we write, are headed for Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia for Thursday evening, and on to Caldwell, New Harmony Baptist Church, for the weekend.

We are thankful that God has given us, seasoned citizens that we are, the health and strength to present and encourage church planting in Ohio. One young pastor said to me, "What is your ten-year goal as church planting coordinator?" And my answer was to simply be alive! Some people are alive, but not living! We are indeed living the good life, thanks to all of you.

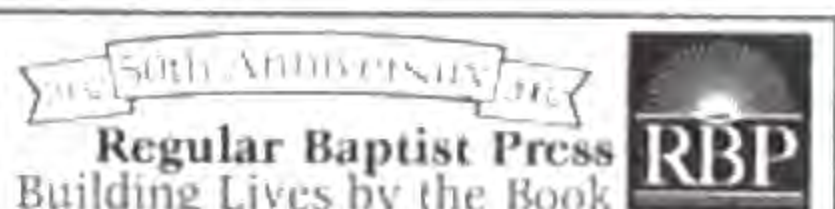
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Spring is in the air! It is so refreshing to see, hear and smell the evidences of the arrival of spring. We can almost hear the sounds of excited campers running down the lane ready for a week of camp!

Summer Theme

We are preparing for our 32nd year of summer camp here at the Ranch. This summer our theme is "Living Free." Freedom is a priceless treasure. It is wonderful to have a promise of freedom from the slavery of sin and the sting of death when we place our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This summer campers will learn the process of living freely in Christ. Free to live in Christ, to serve Him and to serve others.

New Staff

We are happy to welcome our full-time staff David and Crystal Mullins, and Sarah Kintner.

David is our new Program Director.

Camp Patmos

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As was stated in the December issue of the OIB, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of Camp Patmos. We have set a goal of \$200,000 for our capital campaign project, which is needed for camp facility improvements. Praise the Lord, almost \$62,000 has already come in. Due to the milder weather this winter, our new lodge will be completed sometime in April, and our new dock will be completed well before the camp season. We have also received a donation of a "newer van," and \$3,500 in play equipment for our campers. It has been a blessing to see, time and time again, how the Lord provides for

He comes to us from Millersburg Baptist Church where he served as pastor for the past two years. David and his wife, Crystal, have two daughters, Elisabeth and Rebekah. They are expecting their third child in August. David served on the Skyview staff for five summers. A graduate of Cedarville University, David brings to the camp a wealth of leadership abilities and a great desire to serve the Lord.

Sarah is our new office manager. Sarah, a Cedarville graduate, is from Massillon, Ohio. She served on our summer staff for six years before joining our full time staff. Sarah is an experienced equestrian and will be a great help in our horse program. She loves the Ranch and is a great asset to our office.

Dining Hall Update

We are anxiously awaiting the construction of our new Dining Hall slated to begin very soon. The two things we are currently waiting for are the state approval on our blueprints and an additional funding need of \$110,000 to begin the project. We are trusting God for the remaining cost of \$400,000 to complete the project. Progress is being made in both of these areas and we continue to move ahead on this project.

our camp, and as we continue to pray. He provides in ways we least expect. My family and I are honored to be part of it all.

Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 10th. This day will be full of many activities as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. One of the original founders of Camp Patmos was Pastor Earl V. Willetts, and we've asked his grandson, Pastor Jeff Willetts to bring us a challenge from God's Word. We will also have sailboat rides on the Journey, which is a 65 ft. schooner sail boat, a lunch buffet, program about Camp Patmos both then and now, new lodge dedication, boat shuttles to camp from the ferry, and other fun activities. As we get closer to that date, more details will be coming.

Please keep praying for the ministry of Camp Patmos, as we get ready for another season of seeing lives changed for the cause of Christ.

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As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, children around the country get excited about summer camp. Our program development team is hard at work to make sure every activity is purposeful, effective and fun! The Activities and Recreation Center is on schedule to be complete by summer! The Lord has provided many hard-working electricians and plumbers to donate of their time to complete this project. To God Be The Glory!

Though the Lord has provided many summer staff, we are still in need of a few more workers. While Scioto Hills provides a full time nurse, a camp doctor and medical advisor and hires two full time nursing interns, we still are in need of one to two nurses per week to volunteer a week to assist in the medical station. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, please contact the camp directly! Other positions available include, lifeguards, a shift cook, kitchen workers, counselors and adventure technicians. If you are interested in a life-changing mission experience then contact us for an application!

Summer Camp (Register Online!)

June 10-15	New Frontier / Alpha
June 17-22	New Frontier / Alpha / Quest
June 24-29	New Frontier / Alpha / Quest
July 1-6	Sponsor Week / Mountain Bike
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My Precious Sisters In Christ,

As I walk back to my house after retrieving mail, I scan through the contents. This time of year the return addresses often let me know some of these envelopes contain information about area fellowship meetings.

Several thoughts came to mind when I received announcements about the Hebron and Canton area meetings. First of all, I noted they both are scheduled on April 23. That happens sometimes. As a matter-of-fact, the Maranatha and Akron area meetings are also on the same day. On April 6, I will be speaking and enjoying sweet fellowship with the women of the Maranatha area, but also praying for those gathered at Brown Street Baptist Church in Akron.

Then I read where the two fellowships would meet. North Royalton Baptist Church will host the Hebron women and Canton Grace Baptist the Canton group.

As I read over and over again those words my thoughts went back in time to April 25, 1989. I had been president of the OWMU only one week. A very short time, but long enough for me to realize God had entrusted to me an awesome responsibility, and I needed to seek fervently His help and direction.

In that first week one thing He made very clear to me was that I needed to know the women, and they needed to know me if we were to work together to promote missions and encourage missionaries. That's the reason I went to Canton on April 25, 1989. I can even remember what I wore — my navy blue skirt, white blouse, and the new locket Philip had given me with his

picture inside. But mostly, I recall my fear. You probably won't believe this, but it's true—talking with people I do not know gives me a great reason to recite repeatedly to myself the truths of II Timothy 1:7!!

I'm sure I was doing just that as I entered Grace Baptist Church. However, my fears were immediately put to rest when I was greeted in the foyer by Edna Muckley (that doesn't surprise any of you in the Canton area, does it?). She introduced me to Ann Saal from Smithville, who invited me to sit with her and her friends from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

God must have smiled as Ann and I sat there together that day. He knew that our daughters would become good friends while they both worked at BBC and that my Penny would be one of her Sarah's bridesmaids.

At that 1989 meeting, I sat with Sharon Floyd during lunch. Her husband was then pastor at Perry Baptist in Canton, but we had become acquainted while they had served in the West Moriah area. It was good to visit with her again (and is today as the Lord allows our paths to cross).

That was also the day Vi Wolfe promised to pray for me. Thus began our forever friendship. So many cards on my encouragement wall are signed "Your forever friend, Vi." And never will I forget the "down day" I was living through when the phone rang and I debated whether or not to answer. I did, though, and was glad as I heard Vi's voice saying "All week long as I've rolled out pie dough, you've come to mind. Something is wrong...how can I pray?" And Vi continued to keep her promise!

Yes, April 25, 1989 was the first of many visits to area fellowship meetings. I have gotten to know you, and you have gotten to know me (amazingly, you still love me!). I have often said that God enlarged my borders and enriched my life. He has done so through you, all of you, and I thank you and Him from the depths of my soul.

That's why I admit to feelings of sadness as I read the information about the Hebron and Canton meetings. I will not be your president on April 23. However, it gives me great joy to know that you will give the same love and support to your new president that you have given to me and all of those who have served in this ministry, and that together we, the Ohio Women's

Missionary Union, will continue to promote missions and encourage missionaries as we anticipate our Lord's coming.

From my heart,
Sue Miller

Area Spring Meetings

South Bethel

Thurs April 18, 9:30 - 12 noon

Salad luncheon at noon

Emmanuel Baptist Church

1501 E. Third St., Dayton

Speakers: James & Karen

Blumenstock, appointees to the Asian Baptist Theological Seminary in Singapore

Hebron

Tues April 23

North Royalton Baptist Church

6616 Royalton Rd.

Speaker: Cheryl Elmer,

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Canton

Tues April 23

Grace Baptist Church

5050 Middlebranch Ave NE

Speaker: Lisa Scott, Missionary to Ukraine

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Across the State



North Bethel



Jay Williamson



Fellowship Baptist installs new pastor



South Bethel



Jason Nightengale

◆ On Feb. 24 the **Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo**, officially welcomed their new pastor and wife, Jay and Jill Williamson. The Sunday morning installation service included messages by Rev. Charles Vermilyea, (Emmanuel, Toledo), Rev. Chip Bernhard, (long time friend, now pastoring in Wisconsin), and Dr. David Warren. During a fellowship meal the Bethel people presented a spoof on the Williamsons' life and then presented them with several welcoming gifts.



West Moriah

Calvary Baptist Church, Wabash, Indiana.

◆ On March 17 the **Fellowship Baptist Church of Dublin** held an installation service for their new pastor and wife, Jim and Jackie Stevanus. Jim and Jackie come to the Columbus area from Calvary Baptist Church, Wabash, Indiana.



Canton

◆ Dave Mullins has resigned the pastorate of the **Millersburg Baptist Church** to become the program director at Skyview Ranch. He assumed his new duties in March.



Mid-Bethel

◆ **Meadowbrook Baptist of Lima** held its annual Pot of Gold Banquet on Saturday, March 16. The theme of the banquet, "The Treasure of God's Promises," was highlighted by Dr. David Warren.



Akron

◆ **The Akron area pastors and wives** met on Thursday evening, March 21, for a "Date Night" at the Hartville Kitchen in Hartville.

◆ On March 24, the **New Milford Baptist Church** of Rootstown welcomed its new youth pastor and wife, Jim and Stacie Patten. At the installation service that evening, Randy Patten, Jim's dad and also executive director of the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors, gave the charge to the candidate. Dr. David Warren gave the charge to the church. Jim and Stacie join Rick and Patti Reynolds, who lead the Rootstown work.

◆ Rev. Don Workman, pastor at **Faith Baptist Church in Streetsboro, Ohio**, reports the successful completion of a Family Center. The project includes a new kitchen area, fellowship hall, new carpeting, and a newly paved parking lot.

◆ On March 24, **Washington Heights Baptist of Dayton** hosted the wordsower, Jason Nightengale, in both its morning and evening services. Using dramatic oral interpretation, Jason focused in the morning on the events leading up to the passion of our Lord; in the evening he gave a verse-by-verse, first person account of the the entire book of the Revelation.

◆ **The Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville** sent a team of five to Salt Lake City for the Medals For Glory gospel outreach at the Winter Olympics. The team consisted of Pastor Mickey Farlow, Sherman Mackereth, Eleanor Taylor, Pat Michalski and Marilyn Ware. Sherman Mackereth, a team leader, was at the Winter Olympics for the full time of 17 days; Pastor Farlow, also a team leader, and the rest were there for the last 9 days.

Medals for Glory participants used a one-on-one witnessing technique with a tract and the Utah-shaped Medals for Glory pin. Each day saw the teams going by bus or van to a different venue. Team members would approach a person and start a conversation working it into a gospel presentation, using either the tract or explaining the gospel using the black, red, white, green, and gold colors on the pin. Each night the Grace Baptist team would come together for a testimony time.

Through the ministry of all the teams together, 94 people made professions of faith and seed was sown or watered in thousands of other contacts. Follow-up on those who filled out cards will be done by missionaries or churches in the areas where these people are from. Pray for this continuing ministry.

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L to R, Steve Rocky, Dave Kincaid, Pastor Dan Friesner, Dr. David Little



◆ **First Baptist of Elyria** held its 4th annual Wild Game Dinner on February 2 with 320 men and

women sports enthusiasts in attendance. The speaker

was Steve Rocky, who is beginning a ministry with Baptist Church Planters, holding this type of dinner and presentation of the gospel as an outreach to the sporting community.

Four people from First Baptist and two students from Faith Baptist Bible College participated in Medals for Glory in Utah.

February 10 was Heart Sunday at First Baptist, with a special emphasis on attendance. With an attendance of 532, the congregation surpassed its goal.

◆ **The First Baptist Church, Medina,** held its annual missions conference March 17-20. The conference theme, "The Harvest is Great . . . Lord, Send Me!" was highlighted by Dr. Rex Rogers, Cornerstone University; Dr. David Warren, OARBC; Jeff & Debbie Davis, Egypt; Gary & Becky Kuhn, Philippines; Earl & Marilyn Shaffer, Columbus; Brian Thigpen, SE Asia. Bill and Barbara Cunningham lead First Baptist.

As You Go

From a reader in Hancock County:

I like to walk early in the morning. At that hour, though the convenience stores are open, much of our town is just starting to wake up. It was at one of those convenience stores where I began to befriend a clerk. We learned a bit about each other during those brief times but I was burdened for an opportunity to share with her the Gospel. Early one morning when I arrived at the store, she was finishing the end of her shift. I asked if she had ever accepted Jesus as her Savior. She said, "I don't know how to do that." So, to have time to share God's Word with her, I invited her to my home for dinner. To my surprise, my clerk friend accepted. She was equally surprised that a woman, practically a stranger, would open her home with an invitation for dinner. But she came, and stayed for several hours during which I told her the way — the only way to forgiveness and eternal life.

Though she made no decision that evening, she received from me a dinner, the good news of salvation and some gospel literature. I received from her a thanks and a promise to come again to my home to learn more. I also have a promise from God. His Word will not return void.

Always be ready to give an answer.....As You Go.

Let your OARB family know about that "open door" God gave you to witness during your normal routines of life. Send your testimony so that our readers might be encouraged in their own witnessing of the good news.

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Pending Ohio Board of Regents' approval, Cedarville University will begin to offer a computer engineering program leading to a bachelor of science in computer engineering (BSCPE) degree in the Fall 2002 semester. The new degree joins Cedarville's currently offered and ABET-accredited bachelor of science degrees in electrical engineering (BSEE) and mechanical engineering (BSME). Cedarville has long had a strong computer and digital elective track in its BSEE degree program.

"Growth projections both in jobs available and employers' future needs are still high throughout the engineering specialties," said Dr. Larry Zavodney, chairman of Cedarville's Elmer W. Engstrom Department of Engineering. "but they are the greatest in computer engineering."

He added, "We will bring two new engineering laboratories on line this fall and another when this fall's entering freshmen begin their senior design classes in 2005. Although two of our electrical engineering faculty have Ph.D.

degrees in computer engineering, we will also hire a third computer engineering professor this fall. More will be added later."

Cedarville also offers a computer science degree. "Although computer engineers take some computer science classes, and computer science students take some computer engineering classes, there is a difference," Zavodney said. "The difference between computer science and the new computer engineering program is in their emphases. The computer science curriculum focuses on software programming and development. The computer engineering curriculum is more hardware and computer systems design-related and has the engineering core."

Cedarville's engineering programs have developed rapidly and impressively. "We began our program in 1990 and graduated 24 students in 1994," Zavodney said. "Today, we have 300 students. Engineering and computer science are the fastest growing programs on the campus. Adding computer engineering will cause another significant growth spurt."

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