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Xenia School System Suffers Heavy Damage



The recent tornado which swept through Xenia, Ohio brought destruction to many!

As of this writing, we have learned that our two OARB churches in Xenia have not been harmed, however, some twelve or thirteen families of the Emmanuel Baptist Church have suffered the loss of their homes and practically all personal belongings. Folk across the state have been asking, "How may we help these who have lost so much? Food can now be purchased. Clothing, also, is available. The great need is MONEY! Interested churches and individuals may mail their checks to the "Deacon's Fund" of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1120 South Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio - 45385. These men have agreed to see that all funds sent for tornado relief will be carefully disbursed among the needy victims.

Montpelier Church Dedication



March 3, 1974, marked the dedication of the Montpelier Baptist Church formerly the Montpelier Grange Hall. The building and property were purchased in January and renovated for church use. The Reverend Don Jewell, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, was the main speaker. He challenged the congregation with a goal of 450, one tenth of the population of Montpelier. Approximately 175 attended. The church began when a sister church in Stryker, Ohio was burdened with the lack of a Baptist Testimony in Montpelier. Prayer and Bible studies were begun in a Montpelier home. Ohio State Missionary Earl Umbaugh was contacted and regular services were begun on May 6, 1973, at the local high school. Thirty-eight were in attendance. The Reverend Laurence E. Smith accepted the call to Pastor the church in June, 1973. A parsonage was purchased in July. Churches of the North Bethel Fellowship, other interested churches and individuals pledged both prayer and financial support. The Montpelier Baptist Church was recognized by the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches in October. On March 10, 1974, there were 87 present for Sunday School and over 100 for the Morning Service. The membership stands at approximately 65.

Dr. Hamilton Resigns

On Sunday, March 10, Dr. Raymond Hamilton resigned as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. The resignation becomes effective on April 30th.

During the past five years, Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton have both had great difficulties regarding their health. They have undergone serious surgery that has incapacitated them in the work to which the Lord called them. Dr. Hamilton must face surgery again this fall on both his eyes which would necessitate an absence from work for two months at least.

It was with reluctance they tendered their resignation as there was a strong bond of love and fellowship between them and their people.

In his resignation, Brother Hamilton wrote, "While we expect to keep on ministering the Word wherever the Lord opens doors, we do not expect to take another pastorate. Our present plans are to retire and make our home in Rockford, Illinois."

Brother Hamilton serves on our Council of Twelve of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. We will greatly miss him. Let us remember to pray for Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton and also for the people of the Temple Baptist Church as they seek to find the man of God's choosing to be their new pastor.

Forty Years Of Faithful Service

Following the mid-week service on February 13, members and friends at Beth-el Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio honored Rev. and Mrs. Elton C. Hukill on their forty years in the ministry. Brother Hukill was ordained February 4, 1934 in the First Baptist Church of Harvey, Illinois. He has served in pastorates in Ohio and Michigan. Most recently, he served as Interim Pastor of Beth-el Baptist Church for a period of ten months. He presently accepts invitations for pulpit supply and Bible Conference work. He is Pastor Emeritus at Beth-el Baptist Church.

After the presentation of a corsage and boutonniere, a skit was enacted with Mr. Dave Myers and Mr. Dick Kinas portraying the official members of the pulpit committee of the First Baptist Church of Three Rivers, Michigan, interviewing Rev. and Mrs. Hukill before their call to that church - their very first pastorate.

The Hukills were presented a book of "Forty Gasoline Ration Coupons" which were in reality dollar bills of different denominations.

Now Pastoring Medina Church



Rev. William F. Russell

Rev. and Mrs. William F. Russell, formerly of Whipple Avenue Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio are now living in Medina, Ohio. Brother Russell is serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Medina. They began their ministry there on January 29th.

Brother Russell is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary when it was located in Johnson City, New York. Mrs. Russell is also a graduate of BBS. They have served the Lord together in Michigan and Indiana prior to their coming to Ohio. In Ohio they have ministered at the First Baptist Church of Blanchester, the Whipple Avenue Baptist Church of Canton and now the First Baptist Church in Medina.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell have four lovely children. They are Joy, Donna, Brantly and Bill. Pastor Russell has served several terms on our Council of Ten of the OARBC and has been its Secretary a number of times - always doing an excellent job!

We are confident the Lord will richly bless their ministry in the Medina church and area.

New Pastor At Bellefontaine

The Calvary Baptist Church of Bellefontaine, Ohio has called Dr. Hugh T. Hall of Jackson, Michigan to be their new pastor. He began his ministry at Bellefontaine on Sunday, March 31st.

Brother Hall is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and has attended the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago for a period of five years. He received his Doctor of Divinity degree from the Central Baptist Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has been in the Lord's service for 36 years.

We look to the Lord to richly bless our brother's ministry in Ohio and welcome him to our OARBC fellowship!

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Total Useable Monies received in March-----	\$2658
Other receipts-----	209
TOTAL-----	\$2867
Expenses for March-----	\$2702
Number of churches giving in March — — 74	
Total useable money in O.A.R.B.C. treasury — 3/31/74-----	\$ 289

SPECIAL O.I.B. REPORT

Cost of printing — mailing March issue-----	\$ 74
Other expenses (editor, etc.)-----	\$ 58
Total cost for March-----	\$133
Receipts towards O.I.B. — March	
Advertising and Subscriptions-----	\$ 568.00
Gifts from churches-----	445.25
(at 5¢ should be \$600.00)	
Total received-----	\$1013.25
Deficit for March-----	\$ 318.69

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Harmony Hills Baptist	New Matamoras
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Baptist Home Needs Social Worker

The Regular Baptist Children's Home in St. Louis, Michigan is in need of a Social Worker especially to work with the children in residence. A Social Worker with an MSW is preferred but others will be considered. Some experience in youth counseling would also be helpful for this position.

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NOT GOOD ENOUGH

The late Bishop Taylor Smith, the beloved evangelical of the Anglican faith, never lost an opportunity of introducing the subject of salvation to the ordinary people whom he met. On one occasion he sat in a barber's chair to have a shave, and ventured very courteously to mention the matter of salvation. "I do my best," snapped the barber, "and that's enough for me". The Bishop relapsed into silence

until the shave was over, and when the next customer was seated the Bishop asked, "May I shave this man?"

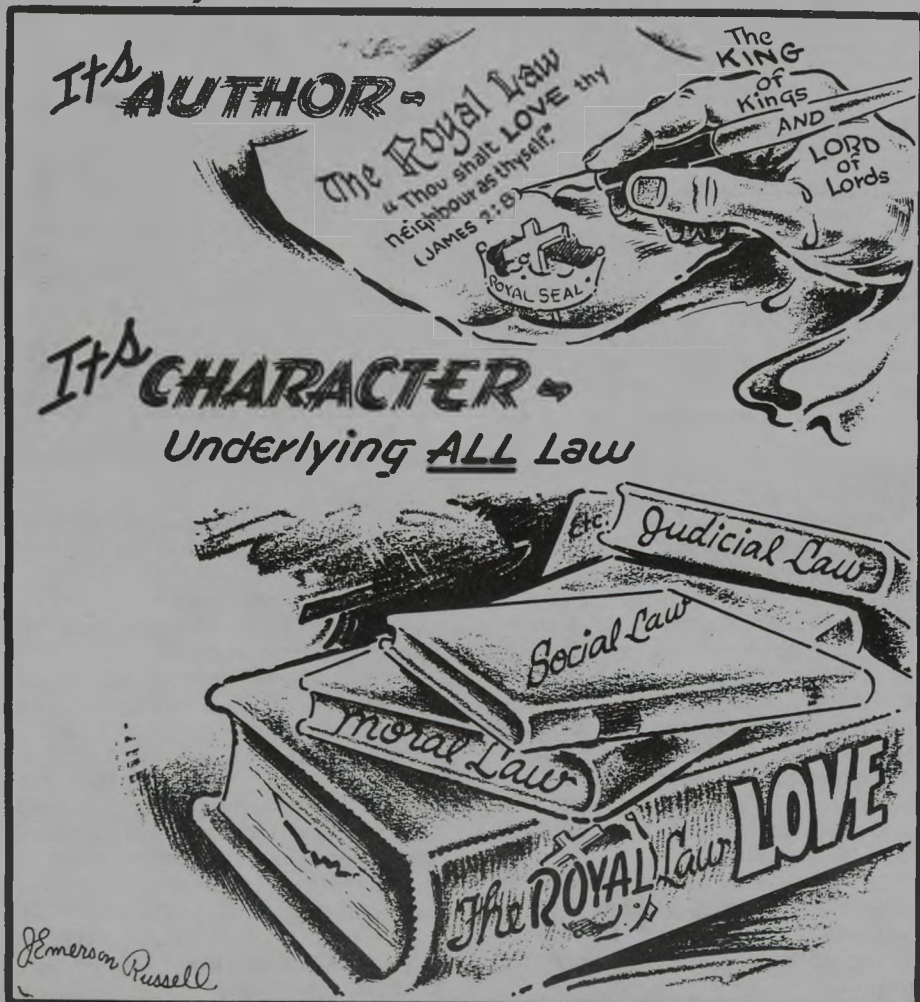
"No, I'm afraid not" replied the barber with a grin.

"But I would do my best," answered the Bishop.

"So you might, but your best would not be good enough for this gentleman."

"No," replied the Bishop quietly, "And neither is your best good enough for God."

Why The "ROYAL" Law?



Special Names And Addresses

In our OCT/NOV issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST we gave a complete list of the churches and pastors in our OARBC fellowship. However, we did not have room enough to present the following. Pastors have been asking for addresses and phone numbers of our camps, State Missionary, etc.

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Fifteenth Annual Bible Conference Has A First



A First For Dr. Ketcham

It was the fifteenth Annual Bible Conference for the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary. It began in balmy weather and ended in a blizzard. But in spite of the energy crisis, people came from twenty states including Alaska, South Carolina, New York and California. Among those who registered were 203 pastors, 32 Christian education directors, 38 missionaries and 10 chaplains, including the Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Navy, Rear

Admiral Francis L. Garrett. Over 2,000 people were assembled for the opening session at 9:30 on Monday morning, February 18, and the crowds swelled to almost 2,000 in the evening with some 200 people seated in an overflow auditorium watching the service on closed circuit television.

"Allelujah" became the unofficial theme song and the heartfelt response of the audience as they listened to the ministry of the Word and the music provided by Strat Shufelt, the SPOKESMEN quartet, the JOYFUL SOUNDS, the TONES OF TRUTH, the CHORALE, the WIND ENSEMBLE, and talented students who soloed and played the piano and provided instrumental music.

It was a first for Dr. Ketcham who after 60 years of ministry preached to over 1500 people while seated on a stool. Preaching with great clarity and intensity, Dr. Ketcham prepared a message especially for the occasion entitled, "Things We Need to Remember", challenging pastors and students to contend for the faith in a ministry based upon biblical principles and separated from apostasy and compromising alliances.

Tuesday was Alumni Day. The alumni speaker was Orlan Wilhite and Rev. Herbert VanderLugt received the Van Osdel trophy as the 1974 alumnus of the year. He presently serves in the Counseling Department of the Radio Bible Class and as Research Editor to Richard DeHaan. He is co-author of several books with Richard DeHaan, a regular contributor to *Our Daily Bread*, and he is a graduate of the five year theological course of the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, graduating in 1951.

In the course of the week, Dr. Howard Sugden directed our attention to God in a series of messages entitled: "God Focused", "When

God Invaded the Earth", "The Place Where God Lives Today", "How God Sees This Age", and "The Last Invasion of God". Dr. David Allen zeroed in on Philipians, and Dr. Warren Wiersbe directed us to the "God Who Cares". In the course of his remarks he exclaimed, "I count this one of the top Bible conferences in the country." The audience tended to agree. One pastor said, "My church sends me to one Bible conference each year and pays the expenses because they feel that it makes a great contribution to my ministry. I have chosen to attend this conference.

Although one will miss the atmosphere and the music, it is still possible to hear the twenty messages delivered at the Bible conference. They have been taped and are available in a set for \$29.25. If you would like to hear them or share them with your pastor or missionary, they may be ordered from the Advance and Services Department of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, 1001 East Beltline Avenue.

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ACCC Speaks For Christian Schools

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

America's schools were born in America's churches with the Bible as the chief textbook. Education slowly developed from church-sponsored schools and private academies to community schools under the direction of local groups. Out of necessity these schools became government-controlled under county, parish, and state departments of education.

These schools continued to respect God and His Word so that most Christians had no difficulty in sending their children to public, government schools.

In recent years, the removal of respect for God's Word and its replacement with atheistic views and evolutionary theories in public schools have forced Christians to establish their own schools at great cost and sacrifice.

State departments of education are attempting to force church schools under their approval, accreditation, or control in an unconstitutional manner.

We, the officers of the American Council of Christian Churches, meeting in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, January 28 and 29, 1974, call upon America to continue the religious freedom which established this great nation and allowed her churches to operate schools free from government control.

The erosion of our religious freedoms must be stopped. We call upon government leaders to honor the Constitution of the United States and the tradition of separation of Church and State.

National Conference Ocean Grove, New Jersey

The 1974 NATIONAL GARBC ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held this year at Ocean Grove, New Jersey - June 24 - 28.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to attend the conference as a FAMILY! Nursery and children's meetings, as well as entertainment, will be provided daily. Special Youth Sessions are being sponsored. All the while these are going on, adults may attend the Bible preaching services. There will be Bible studies, workshops, inspiring sermons and sweet Christian communion.

CAMP sites are near by for those with trailers or campers. Reasonable Hotel and Motel rooms, as well as rooms in homes are available - even light house-keeping rooms can be had.

There is the beautiful boardwalk and the even more beautiful Atlantic Ocean with its sandy beach. Now that we know for sure there is no "gas rationing", let's make plans on being there! Let us see the state of Ohio with a great delegation this year! Ladies - here is a vacation with a purpose!

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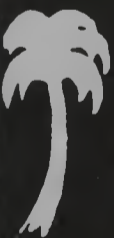
Special Meetings In Xenia Area

Pastors' Fellowship

The Xenia Area Pastors' Fellowship held a YOUTH FOR TRUTH RALLY on March 23rd at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia. Guest speaker for this occasion was Mr. Bruce Foster, Coach at Tennessee Temple Schools in Chattanooga, Tennessee. During the evening program, five young sports students from the school gave their testimonies and also put on a "Karate exhibition". Mr. Foster spoke on the subject - "Sports and the Bible".

The Pastors' Fellowship met on April 2nd at which time they were privileged to hear State Missionary Earl Umbaugh speak. His subject was - "Establishing New Testament Churches Throughout Ohio". Brother Larry Fetzer, pastor of the Washington Heights Baptist Church in Dayton, gave a resume of his recent missionary journey to South America.

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'Scioto Hills Summer Camping Ministry'



Brother Nichols leads "Staff training" meeting.

The Scioto Hills counselor team for the 1974 season views their ministry as two fold. . . investing in others for God's glory and personal growth in the things of the Lord.

This summer at Scioto will be purposed to minister to the hearts and lives of young people from around the state. The program will include many new attractions and activities.

COUNSELOR GOSPEL TEAM --

Each of the counselors are students or graduates of Cedarville College and have organized a gospel team for ministering to youth in the local churches before and during the summer ministry. The team takes charge of the youth hour and then presents a fine musical package and message in the evening service. Several weekends during the summer the team will be involved in the local church ministry. Mr. Nichols is also available during the training hour to present "Parent Workshops" on "Building Character in the Christian Home", "The Philosophy of the Christian Home", and "Discipline in the Christian Home."

TRAINED COUNSELORS: The counselors receive at least twenty hours of concentrated training on the college campus in preparation for the gospel team and counseling ministry. Upon completion of the training at Cedarville the counselors will then spend three days of intensive training at Scioto Hills before the camping season begins.

STAFF TEAM APPROACH: All of the Scioto Hills staff members are a vital part in the overall camping program and those who are involved in other staff positions will serve as assistant counselors and will be making a significant contribution to the program.

DECENTRALIZED PROGRAM: The program format will be one

which will give the trained counselors opportunity to minister to their group many times throughout the day's activities. The structure will be flexible to allow for maximum learning and spiritual growth.

PROGRAM ATTRACTIONS:

Something new this year is the circle skiing machine in the middle of the lake. A new improved go-cart track will be another highlight. Other activities include--fishing, swimming, paddleboats, and many fun activities. A camp craft program will be another highlight which will emphasize the camp Indian motif. A puppet presentation should prove particularly exciting for junior campers.

DIRECTOR: The trustees hired Mr. Kenneth Nichols to be summer director at the camp. He brings to the position considerable experience in youth work as well as being a professional Christian counselor. Mr. Nichols will provide a new continuity and purpose in the overall camping program this season.

Be sure to contact Mr. Nichols at Cedarville College if your church would want to schedule the counselor team. Also be sure to register your youth now for the most exciting and fruitful camping experience yet!! Send registrations to: Jack Branon
1647 Highland Ave.
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

More AWANA Clubs Now Than Ever!

The AWANA program now numbers 4000 clubs in the United States with others in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, West Africa, South Africa, India and Australia. Seven hundred new clubs were chartered this year alone!

In the Michigan/Ohio area there are 150 clubs using this program. The state of Illinois - AWANA's birthplace now has 562 clubs.

AWANA is a great program for reaching youth. If you've not started it in your church, give it some serious thought. AWANA's Michigan/Ohio missionary is W. Denton Reilly, 1656 Midland Drive, Hickory Corners, Michigan - 49060.

AWANA Olympics To Be Held

The Ohio AWANA Olympic games will be held at the Westland High School, just west of Columbus at 1:30 p.m. on April 27th.

There will be thirty-two teams competing from all corners of Ohio. The ten games used are the same games the clubs play each week in their respective churches.

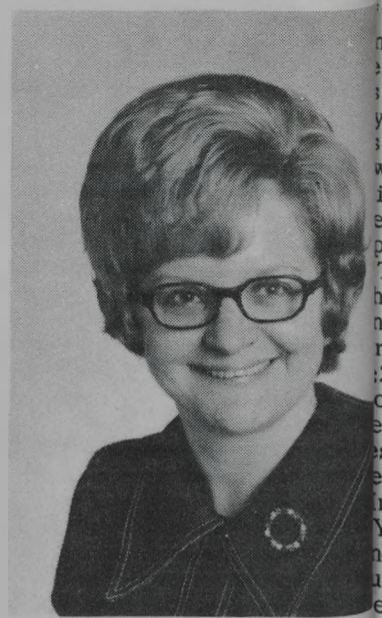
This is truly an opportunity to see AWANA in action. Everyone is invited. It is an event well worth attending. An entrance fee of \$1.00 is charged to help defray all expenses.

Church Recognized

A meeting was held on March 5th for the purpose of recognizing the Sycamore Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. Pastor Clifford Lones, of the Maranatha Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio served as the Moderator for this meeting and Rev. William Broughton, Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville, Ohio as its Secretary.

The Examining Council consisted of 25 pastors, messengers and invited guests. Serious consideration was given to the Articles of Faith, Church Covenant and Church Constitution. These were com-

Can You Top This



Mrs. Wm. Frank

Mrs. William (Janet) Frank has missed a single Sunday attendance at church for over 29 years. She attended at the age of three in her mother's arms. Janet will not be thirty years old on October 22nd of this year.

Perhaps someone reading this can tell of an even better attendance record.

pletely examined and approved. A few suggestions were made which were agreed to by the church.

It was voted unanimously that the Council go on record as recognizing the Sycamore Baptist Church of Cincinnati as a duly constituted Baptist church. The church was commended by the council for careful planning which had led into the preparations for this occasion in the church's life.

Rev. Preble Cobb serves as pastor of this new church.

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That Worthy Name

"Yours in the name of Jesus." How many who owe their all, both for time and eternity, to the peerless One, refer thus to Him who was "God manifest in the flesh." (1 Tim. 3:16). It is "Jesus" this, and "Jesus" that. But it becoming for worms of the dust, for sinners, even for sinners saved by grace, to thus speak of Him? Jesus is the Lord of Glory, and surely it is due the dignity and majesty of His person that this be recognized and owned, even in our references to Him in common speech. Those who despise and reject the Savior, speak of Him as "The Carpenter," "The Nazarene," as "Jesus." But should those who have been given an "understanding, that we may know Him that is true" (1 John 2:20), ignore His Lordship? In a word, can we who have been redeemed by his precious blood do less than confess Him as the "Lord Jesus Christ?"

In John 13:13 we find Him saying, "Ye call Me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am." Surely this is enough for the believer. If your blessed Redeemer declares we "say well" when we call Him "Master and Lord," can we afford to speak of Him in terms which His approval is not stamped? Never once do we find any of the apostles addressing Him as "Jesus" while He was with them on earth. When He exhorted them to make request for an increase of laborers, He bade them "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:38).

When He sent forth the disciples to secure the ass on which He was to ride into Jerusalem, He ordered them to say, "The Lord hath need of him," (Luke 19:31). And again, when He required the use of the upper room, it was, "The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples." (Matt. 26:18).

It may be objected to what we have contended for above that the Gospel narratives commonly refer to our Lord simply as "Jesus." It was Jesus who was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. It was "Jesus" who moved with compassion as He beheld the sufferings and sorrows of humanity. It was "Jesus" who healed the leper, healed the sick and raised the dead. This is true, and the explanation is not far to seek. It was the Holy Spirit of God, through the pen of the evangelists, who thus refers to Him, and this makes the difference.

Let us illustrate. What would be thought of one of the subjects of King George the fifth, referring to the reigning monarch of Great Britain and saying, "I saw George pass through the city this morning?" If then it would be entirely congruous for one of his subjects to speak thus of the King of England, how much more is it to refer to the King of kings simply as "Jesus?" But now, King George's wife would refer to and speak of her husband as "George" with perfect propriety. Thus it is that the Holy Spirit in the Gospel narrative refers to our Lord by His personal name.

Once more, "Jesus" was the name of our Lord in humiliation. He said the angel to Joseph, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21), and in order to save His people from their sins He had to die the death of the cross. But it is to be noted that when Peter addressed the Jews on the day of Pentecost, he said, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36) Hence it is that the Savior is referred to as Christ, Christ Jesus, Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ, and never simply as "Jesus" except when

reference is made (either direct, by way of implication or in contrast) to His humiliation and suffering.

Our modern hymns are largely responsible for the dishonor that is now so generally cast upon "That Worthy Name." And we cannot but raise our voice in loud protest against much of the trash (for that is the correct term) that today masquerades under the name of hymns and religious songs. It is sad and shocking to find professing Christians singing, "A little talk with Jesus makes it right." Fancy saying, "A little talk with God makes it right!" and yet Jesus was and is "God blessed for ever." (Rom. 9:5). Such unseemly familiarity as "a little talk" with "The Mighty God" is horrible.

Above we have said that the apostles never once addressed our Lord simply as "Jesus". Mark, now, how they did refer to the Blessed

One. "And Peter answered Him, and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water." (Matt. 14:28). "Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" (Matt. 18:21). "And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto Him, Lord, is it I?" (Matt. 26:22). "And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt Thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them?" (Luke 9:54). "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, the Lord is risen indeed." (Luke 24:33,34). "Thomas said unto Him, Lord we know not whither Thou goest." (John 14:5). "Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said unto Peter. "It is the Lord." (John 21:7).

In marked contrast with the manner in which the apostles referred to and spoke of their Lord, note how others particularly His enemies, referred to Him. "And the multitude said, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee" (Matt 21:11). "And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

"And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by" (Luke 18:36,37). "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?" (Mark 1:23,24). "And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth" (Matt. 26:71).

Christian reader, Will you refer to and speak of the Son of God as did His enemies and the demons, namely, as "Jesus" or will you call Him "Master and Lord" as did the apostles, concerning whom He said "ye say well?" Let us ask God to deliver us from this flippant, careless, irreverent manner of confessing His Son. Let us own our Savior as "Lord" during the time of His rejection, by the world. Let us remember His words, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father" (John 5:22,23). Let us remember it is written, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37).

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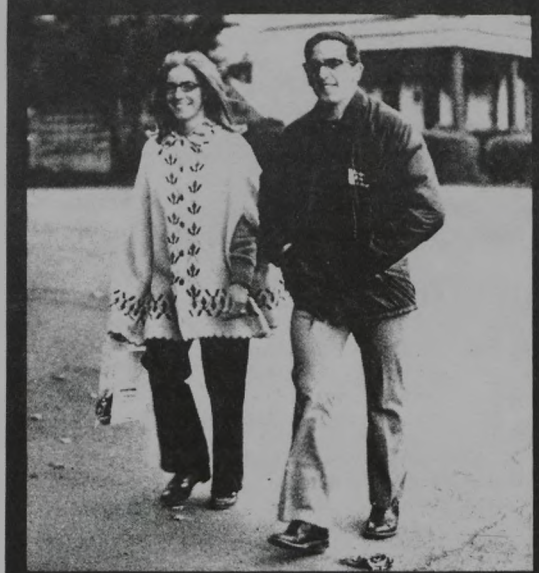
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AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our young people recently had a Valentine banquet. It proved to be a time of good food, fun and fellowship.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

The ladies of our church had a great time at their Mother/Daughter banquet. Miss Joy Spieth (BMM-Brazil) was their guest speaker. A number of our young people visited Cedarville College. We were privileged to have Rev. Don Hescott minister to us.

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
BEDFORD—**

The Lord blessed at our Annual Missionary Conference. Participating missionaries included Rev. and Mrs. Eric McLain (BMM-Brazil), Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Baxter (FBHM-Akron, Ohio), Rev. Gerald Smelser (Cleveland Hebrew Mission) and Baptist Christian Schools.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
BOWLING GREEN—**

On March 24, we held a Phyllis Bancroft Day. Phyllis now has her full support. She was to leave for her field of service on March 25.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
BUCYRUS—**

"The Kirbys" (BMM-Alaska) were with us recently. We were privileged to hear Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hedrick. They plan soon to return to Hong Kong. The Cedarville College choir will be singing here on April 21 st.

**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,
CAMBRIDGE—**

Rev. H. P. ("Howdy") House was used of the Lord to lead us in an evangelistic campaign — March 31 through April 7. The Lord blessed in these meetings.

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,
CANTON—**

We held a Sweetheart Fellowship on February 16. Dr. Don Callan (Cedarville College) spoke at our church on February 17. At our Seventh Anniversary Sunday, March 3rd, Rev. Darrell Bice was our guest speaker. Brother Bice is the Editor of GARBC (Regular Baptist Press) Sunday School papers.

**WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH,
CANTON—**

Rev. George Wasburn was with us in February. Also, Mr. Larry Emery, Dean of the Massillon Baptist College spoke here. We have called Rev. John L. Mooney of East Liverpool to be our pastor. He is now on the field. Dr. Gromacki (Cedarville College) ministered here on March 3rd. We had special meetings with Rev. R. L. Matthews (GARBC Field Representative) March 28-31.

**CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
COLUMBUS—**

We held a Children for Christ workshop recently. Also, we've set up a Sign Language class for those interested. Our pastor is bringing a series of messages on Nehemiah. We enjoyed the ministry of the Cedarville College choir.

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
COLUMBUS—**

Our men and their sons greatly enjoyed our Team Mate Dinner. This was a Father/Son banquet. Special speaker was Bruce McDonald of Northfield, Ohio. Bruce is an outstanding athlete and serves as the Minister of Youth in the Northfield Baptist Church.

**MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH,
COLUMBUS—**

Dr. James Entner (ABWE-Philippine Islands) showed slides of the medical evangelism he is engaged in. Pastor and Mrs. Winters spent a busy week in California in March. Miss Betty Doverspike, Director of Children for Christ, challenged us as she showed slides of the work throughout the city. We were happy to have the sword-bearers from Cedarville College. We are looking forward to special meetings geared for youth with Brother John Canine. These begin April 22 and close April 28.

**PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH,
COLUMBUS—**

"The Madrigal Singers" ministered here on March 26. They are a part of the Maranatha Baptist Bible College of Watertown, Wisconsin.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
DAYTON—**

Our special meetings with Evangelist Paul Dixon proved a blessing to all. We praise the Lord for his outstanding preaching. We had good attendance in every service.

**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH,
DAYTON—**

We have been able to purchase a church bus. An A.B. Dick mimeograph machine was recently purchased and new loud speakers have been installed to improve the fidelity of our sound system. The Back to the Bible Broadcast quartet sang here on April 7. We look forward to having missionary Russ Ebersole (ABWE-Philippine Islands) on April 14. Our Spring Evangelistic meetings with Brother Paul Dixon will run May through May 12.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH,
DEFIANCE—**

In January we started a Word of Life Club program among our youth. Some 20 of our people have become interested in studying "sign" language so that they might be able to minister to those who are deaf. Pastor Dan Boyd, Grace Baptist Church, Montpelier, Indiana, spoke to us recently regarding a bus ministry.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
ELYRIA—**

Dr. Kenneth Muck (FBHM) spoke here recently. Also, we were privileged to have Dr. Wilbert Welch (Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary). We had a great 5-day Missionary Conference. Pastor Hull ministered in Huntington Station, L. I., New York. He also was privileged to make a trip to Greece and to Israel.

**EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH,
EUCLID—**

A group of our young people made a trip to Cedarville College. The Moody Bible Institute Concert Band played here on March 17 and also on this day we had a record attendance of 890.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
GALION—**

Our pastor and his wife—Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Booth, spent several weeks vacationing in Florida. While they were there, Dr. Jack Riggs and Rev. Lee Turner of Cedarville College ministered here. Our Adult Fellowship held their annual Sweetheart banquet recently.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
GALLIPOLIS—**

Rev. Les Wells (FBHM) spoke at our "Home Missions Night". The Cedarville College choir was with us for the Sunday morning service of March 3rd. We voted to invite Mr. Alvis Pollard to come and direct our Pro-Teen Bible Club. On May 11-12 we will be having a Family Life Seminar with Dr. and Mrs. Walter Fremont of Bob Jones University.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
MEDINA—**

AWANA missionary Ken Starett spoke here in March. Also, we had the privilege of hearing Miss Joy Spieth (BMM-Brazil).

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We recently baptized eight new members who are now a part of church family. We had the privilege of viewing the film—"Thief In The Night".

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
NILES—**

Rev. Ken Transeau spoke here. Our Young Adult Class had a banquet and Rev. David Warren of the Champion Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio was the guest speaker.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our pastor recently ministered at Faith Baptist College in Ankeny, Iowa. He also

spoke at our Bethel Association. We held our Missionary Conference March 31 through April 3rd.

NORTH MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH—

Sixteen new members were given the right had of fellowship recently. We are looking forward to our Spiritual Life Conference which will be held April 14-19. Guest Bible teacher is to be Dr. William Stewart of the Moody Bible Institute extension staff.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH,
NOVELTY—**

We had a record attendance for the second consecutive month at our Women's Missionary Fellowship. Miss Joy Spieth (BMM-Brazil) was their guest speaker. We plan on having our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 17 and our Father/Son banquet on June 15.

**CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH,
OBERLIN—**

We had a Christian Leadership Conference March 17-22. Guest speakers included Doug Gray of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Willis Hull from Elyria and Rev. William Wheeler of Xenia, Ohio.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH,
PERRY—**

We have set a special Sunday School goal of 850. We have called an Ordaining Council to consider Mr. Ronald W. Huffman, our Associate Pastor, for ordination.

**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
PORTSMOUTH—**

On Sunday evening, February 24, our Adult Choir, under the direction of Mr. Ray Williams presented songs that have had special meaning over the past several years. Brother Williams has left the work here to accept a similar position at the Grace Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio. Also, our pastor, Rev. Raymond Hamilton, D.D. has resigned. We recently saw the film "Haven of the Orient".

REYNOLDSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Miss Joyce Hamilton, missionary to southern Ireland, spoke at our Family Fellowship supper. Miss June Stone, missionary to Central African Republic spoke at our Women's Missionary Fellowship.

**BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH,
SPRINGFIELD—**

Mrs. Verne Kirby (BMM-Alaska) was guest speaker at one of our Ladies Missionary meetings. We are anticipating blessing through our evangelistic meetings to be held April 23-28. Guest evangelist will be Rev. Joe Talley. Brother Dave Truitt was with us to present sky view Ranch. Brother Ken Nichols, at a later date, told us of Scioto Hills Youth Camp. A gospel team of six young people accompanied him.

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,
SUNBURY—**

Rev. Gerald Smelser told us of the work of The Cleveland Hebrew Mission. We were privileged to have Bob Jones with us July 28 through August 4.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
STRYKER—**

We recently saw the film "Footprints of Creation". Rev. Clayton Gray spoke here in February. Our Missionary Conference with Rev. Richard O'Neil (BMM-St. Lucia) and Rev. Robert Adolph (ABWE-Bangladesh) was held March 10-17. Hearts were blessed.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
TOLEDO—**

The Lord Blessed our Revival Services. Evangelist Layton Sampson was the guest preacher. We had good attendance throughout.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
TOLEDO—**

Dr. John Balyo of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary was guest speaker for our recent Bible Conference. His ministry was rich. The Baptist Bible College choir from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania presented a concert here on March 17. We

also appreciated having Dr. Richard Intosh from Cedarville College as a speaker in March.

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,
TOLEDO—**

We appreciated having Dr. James Grier as our Bible Conference speaker. Dr. Grier is a professor at Cedarville College. Our Mother/Daughter banquet will be May 3rd. We are looking forward to our annual Missionary Conference. This will be May 12-15.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
WARREN—**

We viewed the film—"Troubled Waters". We have purchased a second bus used in reaching out for the unsaved and Mrs. Romig attended the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary conference. Rev. Tom Baxter of BFHM ministered here in February.

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,
WESTLAKE—**

The Lord blessed through Evangelist Bill Piper when he ministered here April 17 through 24. Our Father/Son banquet will be held April 26 at which time we will show the film—"Troubled Waters".

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—


On April 7, we celebrated our 96th day as a church. We are having a "Successful Financial Planning Seminar" May 21. The Cedarville College choir is here on April 28th.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
XENIA—**

One of our deacons, Mr. James Merrick, recently received his doctorate in theology from West Virginia University. Dr. Arthur Williams recently baptized five who are now a part of our family. We are now engaged in a Sunday School contest with the hope that our numbers will increase.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
XENIA—**

We praise the Lord for those recently baptized and who have come into the membership of our church. Dr. Robert Light of Dallas Theological Seminary spoke at one of our mid-week prayer services. We also privilege to have Dr. and Mrs. Ebersole and their family with us recently.



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The Castaway: I Cor. 9:27

The significant passage in I Cor. 9:27 has frequently been misinterpreted and thus misunderstood by many Christian people. In certain respects it is perhaps the most important and crucial instruction in the New Testament with regard to service. It has no reference to salvation - except as it concerns those who are saved, and for this reason should be properly understood by the servant of the Lord, and rightly taught. Having bidden the readers in vs. 24-25 to so run the Christian race so as to win the prize, and to keep the training rules, always exercising self-control and self-discipline, Paul in a most pointed manner explains what he - the servant of God - on his part determines to do. In his usual manner the Apostle broadens out the thought and uses both the figure of boxing and that of the foot race:

Vs. 26-27: "I on my part in this manner run, as not uncertainly; in the same manner I box, as not flaying the air; But I keep giving my body a black eye, and I keep making it a slave, lest in any way, having preached to others, I myself become one disapproved."

Both the expressions in vs. 26 mean that Paul runs the Christian race and contends in the game of life in such a way as beyond all doubt to secure the victory and win the prize. He does not run as one who has no definite aim, and he does not box as one who is not trained and disciplined, and thus does not know how and where to strike the knock-out blow. Both figures depict the most rigorous discipline and the most strenuous effort, and indicate that only in this way can victory be achieved and the prize secured. In the daily life of the Christian confession and in pursuit of the Gospel Ministry, such diligence, discipline, and determined effort are essential. Only in this way can we hope to win, and only in this way do we actually win. For our running the race and our entrance into the boxing arena bring immediately and constantly into direct contact with and vicious opposition of the spiritual foe who stands against us.

The positive statement of vs. 27 links into the negative statement of vs. 26 by continuing the figure of boxing, and by identifying our adversary. As set forth here, our opponent is our own body - the mortal body, in which sin all too frequently reigns (Rom. 6:12), with the desires, lusts, and wrong inclinations, always so ready to militate against the believer's high calling. The Apostle says, "But I keep my body under. . ." The KJV is not strong enough with "keep under", and the 1901 RV is not quite to the point with its "buffer". The verb is hupopiadzo, "to strike against the part of the face under the eyes" (hupo, "under": opsis, "eye"). With accurate, well-directed blows, Paul keeps knocking out his body, keeps blackening its eyes, keeps the physical frame with all the inward passions and lusts and demands under suppression. He does not maul it about, bruising it and hurting it,

but he lays it flat with the right blows in the right place at the right time. By doing this, he "brings it into subjection", i.e. makes a slave out of it.

"Disapproved! Tested - found wanting - disqualified!"

Deprived of the prize - and driven with disgrace from the winner's station. Brethren - let us be delivered from the body of this death. How? - "I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. . ." (Rom. 7:25a).

The linking together of these figures remarkably sets forth the believer's struggle against his own mortal body and its lusts in the path of the Christian life and of Christian service. Our constant battle is with this natural body of ours and its never-ending claims to mastery over us. This is the reason for Paul's statement in Romans 6:12 - "Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it (the body) in its lusts." We must keep on delivering knock-out blows to the body, treating it as a bondsman, refusing the indulgence of its sinful desires, and keeping it in constant subordination, so that it does not gain any mastery over us. Sin uses the body and its various members for its own lustful purposes. It desires to reign in our mortal body and its members, in order to maintain its dominion over us and thus to let its lusts run free. Therefore, the most rigid self-denial on our part is necessary, the sternest discipline must be exercised upon ourselves, and we must definitely place ourselves and our bodies and their members completely at God's disposal once and for all.

A victorious Christian life and fruitful Christian service are dependent upon this action and atti-

tude on our part. To be sure we need the grace of God, and the help of the Holy Spirit which is ever available to us, but we also need the spiritual courage and determination to respond to His power and direction and the never-failing counsel of the Word of God. For if we do not respond, and the body asserts its mastery over us, we bring shame upon the Lord, and having preached to others, we find ourselves rejected, and disapproved at the end.

The KJV rendering "castaway" is not accurate, for the word is adokimos, which means "rejected", or, still better - "disapproved". Its basic sense is that of being disapproved as the result of not standing the test and so rejected from present consideration, with loss of reward. Such an unthinkable possibility should be so abhorrent and appalling to any Christian - and particularly to any servant of the Lord - that he must resolve and determine within himself that never again will he permit his mortal body with its lusts and sensual desires to rise to ascendancy and gain the mastery over him, and having in all honesty made that decision, and having

resolutely entered into that determination before God - he will stand, quit himself like a man, face the foe as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and realize the victory which assures spiritual success. A great deal of the old Adam still clings to even the best and finest of Christians, and they are faced with the grim and very real necessity of doing battle with themselves daily. We are our own greatest problem. The flesh must be made to obey the spirit, must be brought into captivity to the new nature within - and for this, self-denial, self-discipline, and self-crucifixion are necessary: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections

and lusts" (Gal 5:24). The body with its lusts must be knocked out constantly, one time after another, if we are to serve God faithfully and fruitfully and in honor, and obtain a reward at the end. We cannot indulge ourselves in the fleshly desires of the mortal body to the very edge of deliberate sin and honor Christ in service. To attempt to do so will bring upon ourselves the completely righteous verdict:

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Spiritual "Jet-Lag"?

In these days of Jet travel we hear about the "Jet-Lag". Pilots and crew lay over to avoid exhaustion. Travelers at the end of their journey are so exhausted they fall asleep every time they stop and sit down. Henry Kissinger is an enigma in that he seemingly does not experience the "Jet-Lag" but can go through the time change and be fresh and ready to attack the problems that face him.

Are you ever exhausted spiritually? Do you sometimes experience a spiritual "Jet-Lag"? Isaiah 40:28 - 31 gives us the answer to the way to avoid it. "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not neither is weary:..... He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.the Lord shall renew their strength.....".

"Exhaustion means that the vital forces are worn right out. Spiritual exhaustion never comes through sin but only through service, and whether or not you are exhausted will depend upon where you get your supplies. Jesus said to Peter --"Feed My sheep," but He gave him nothing with which to feed them. The process of being made broken bread and poured out wine means that you have to be the nourishment for other souls until they learn to feed on God. They must drain you to the dregs. Be careful that you get your supply, or before long you will be utterly exhausted. Before other souls learn to draw on the life of the Lord Jesus direct, they have to draw on it through you; you have to be literally "sucked," until they learn to take their nourishment from God. We owe it to God to be our best for His lambs and His sheep as well as for Himself.

Has the way in which you have been serving God betrayed you into exhaustion? If so, then rally your affections. Where did you start the service from? From your own sympathy or from the basis of the Redemption of Jesus Christ? Continually go back to the foundation of your affections and recollect where the source of power is. You have no right to say---"O Lord, I am so exhausted." He saved and set you apart in order to exhaust you. Be exhausted for God, but remember that your supply comes from Him and you need never be completely empty. "All my fresh springs shall be in Thee."

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My Utmost for His Highest
by Oswald Chambers

It Was A Good Spring Rally

The Berean Missionary Fellowship held their SPRING RALLY on March 21 at the Mid-Brook Baptist Church in Brookpark (Cleveland), Ohio. Their theme - "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" - was beautifully carried throughout.

Miss Mary Lou Brownell, missionary from Bangladesh under ABWE, brought a challenging message. She gave a good report of the work and the needs in that great field. An interesting panel of local church WMU presidents gave highlights of their meetings. Officers were elected.

State WMF Meeting

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On April 16, the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will meet in the Berea Baptist Church, 250 West Street, Berea, Ohio. ALL DIME OFFERING BANKS are due at this meeting.

Our project this year is \$4,000 toward purchasing a car for our State Missionary - Rev. Earl Umbaugh. Please make checks payable to our treasurer - Mrs. Bernard (Mildred) Flanagan. . .or bring cash.

West Moriah

Women To Meet

On May 14, the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, 3417 Palmetto Street in Columbus, Ohio. Jewish Missions will be featured. The ladies from the Bible Mission Baptist Church in Reynoldsburg will present special music. Election of officers will be held. Nursery will be provided. There will be a Smorgasbord luncheon at noon.

Ladies - Let us make this a 100% church participation!

Women Hear

Dorothy Vanderkaay

The Cedarville College Women's Fellowship met on April 6th. The women greatly enjoyed listening to Mrs. Dorothy VanderKaay of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. VanderKaay is a leader in the Women's Missionary activities in the state of Michigan. She also writes for several Christian periodicals.

Her topic for discussion was - "Women's World - A Vessel Fit for the Master's Use". She illustrated her message with ceramics as visual aids.

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Crisis In The Chad Continues

Editor's Note: In our JANUARY issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we ran an article written by Dr. Raymond Buck of Baptist Mid-Missions which was entitled - CRISIS IN THE CHAD. Recently we received the FEBRUARY '74 form letter of Miss Kay Lamb R. N. who is serving the Lord under Baptist Mid-Missions in the Chad. Her plea is PRAYER - much of it! We are running parts of her letter in this issue trusting that the ranks of prayer warriors will swell. Please - prayerfully - read the following and truly PRAY!!

ONCE UPON A TIME — there were over 120 pastors and evangelists associated with Baptist Mid-Missions in southern Chad.

NOW — all pastors and evangelists have been forbidden to preach or hold any service in their churches unless they align themselves with the government established Protestant Church.

PRAY — for these Christians as they take their stand faith upon the Word of God.

ONCE UPON A TIME — there were four schools where one could study God's Word with Baptist Mid-Missions in southern Chad.

NOW — these schools have been closed and students have been forced to return to their villages. The Koumra Bible School students and their families left Sarh the 28th of January by truck. Near Sarh the truck rolled over an embankment killing one 13 year old boy of right and seriously injuring several others. Compounding the tragedy was the loss of a sizeable amount of this year's grain and food.

PRAY — for these families in this hour of sorrow and suffering.

ONCE UPON A TIME — there were twenty-four missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions working on five stations in southern Chad.

NOW — there are just six of us -- five nurses and one doctor -- all stationed at Koumra. We are praising God for the freedom of access here at the Medical Center. We are continuing the two training programs -- maternity and medical evangelists. We praise the Lord for the woman who accepted Christ as her Saviour at Maternity yesterday.

PRAY — the spiritual battle continues at an increased tempo with sickness, fatigue, discouragements, criticisms, accidents, loneliness, harassment, etc.

Editor's note: At the close of her letter, Miss Lamb had the following. . . . "My flesh and my heart faileth: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalms 73

Short-Term Missionary Assignments



Miss Jean Fisher

An international exchange in the area of educational methods and cultural patterns will be a result of Miss Jean Fisher's short-term missionary assignment to the Philippines. Miss Fisher, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Cedarville, will be the third faculty member to spend time on a foreign field while on the College faculty. She will be involved in a team-teaching situation with Filipino educators at Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute in Manila,

Choir Robes Available

The Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Ohio recently replaced their old choir robes with new ones. They have approximately forty of the older maroon colored robes which could be used by choirs in smaller churches.

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Write: Temple Baptist Church, 1148 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio - 45662 or phone (614) 353-6869.

Philippines, from June until the fall term at Cedarville begins in September.

One particular goal of her four month stay in the Philippines is the exchange of ideas. Miss Fisher will be taking methods of Christian education in which she has expertise and sharing them with those Filipinos with whom she works. At the same time, her associates will be guiding her as she adapts to the methods and materials to the Philippine setting and learns the principles that are involved in integrating educational material from one country into the educational system of another. She will be team teaching such courses as Christian Education of Children, Christian Kindergarten, Visual Aids and Projects, and Christian Education of Youth.

Comments shared with her faculty and students who have spent time in the Philippines excite her for the up-coming trip. She has learned that many Filipino students are eager to learn and anticipate an enriching experience while there.

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Scenes Of Disaster After Tornado In Xenia

Psalm 91: 1,2 "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

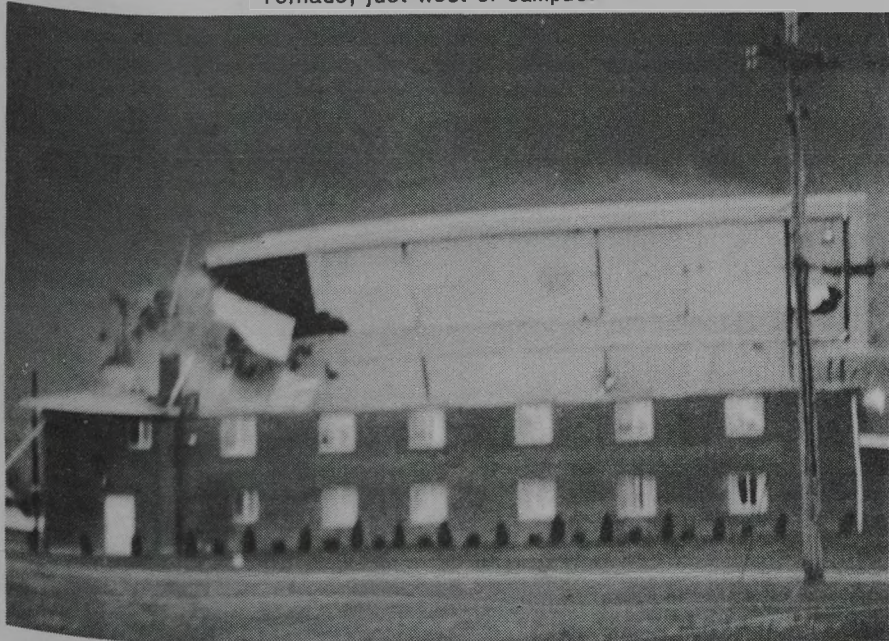
Newspapers have described it, and photographers have captured it. With the dramatic reality of a destructive tornado still imprinted on the minds of the College community, the truthfulness of Psalm 91 has also become real.

Destruction and confusion paint the happenings of Wednesday afternoon, April 3, involving hundreds of individuals in a stunned Greene County, Ohio. Cedarville College was providentially spared from the major damage that was felt in Xenia with 32 fatalities and 1000 homes destroyed. In the tornado that carved its way northeast through Wilberforce and Cedarville, nearby Central State University was rendered 80% unusable according to officials of C.S.U. The only building on the Cedarville campus that sustained major damage was Patterson Hall, a men's residence. Minor damage was done to Bethel Hall, the New Science Center, the Athletic Complex and the Health Service building. Damage to the College property estimated at \$226,000.

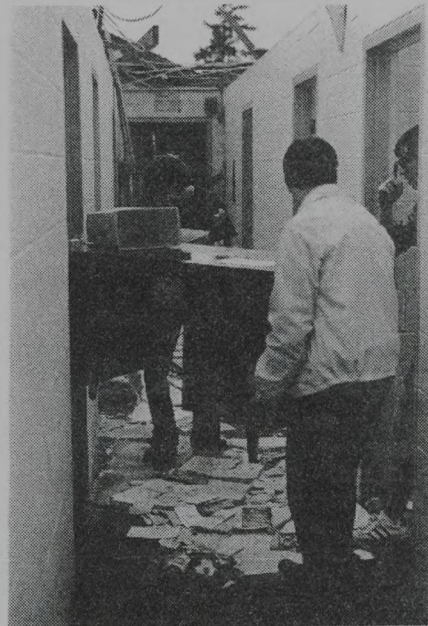
A Thursday morning chapel following the tragic tornado provided a time of testimonies showing God's care in specific incidences in the lives of students, faculty, and staff. A glance in a car rear view mirror just in time to seek protection in a gas station storage room, a warning heard just in time to crowd into a cellar of a Xenia restaurant which was flattened, and numerous decisions delaying departures for employment or shopping trips just prior to the storm have reminded all involved of the excellence of Thy loving kindness, O God! (Psa. 36:7)



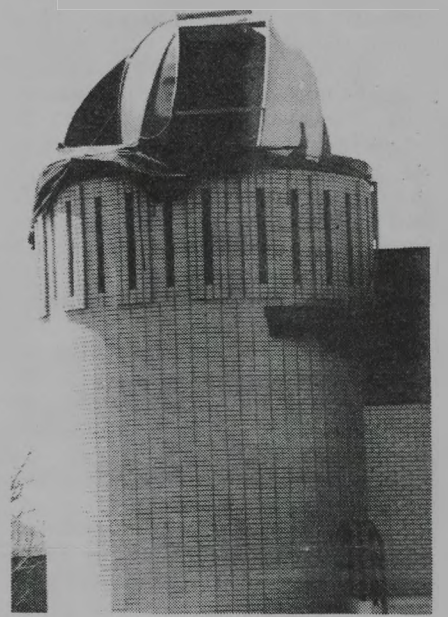
Tornado, just west of campus.



Patterson Hall roof departs building

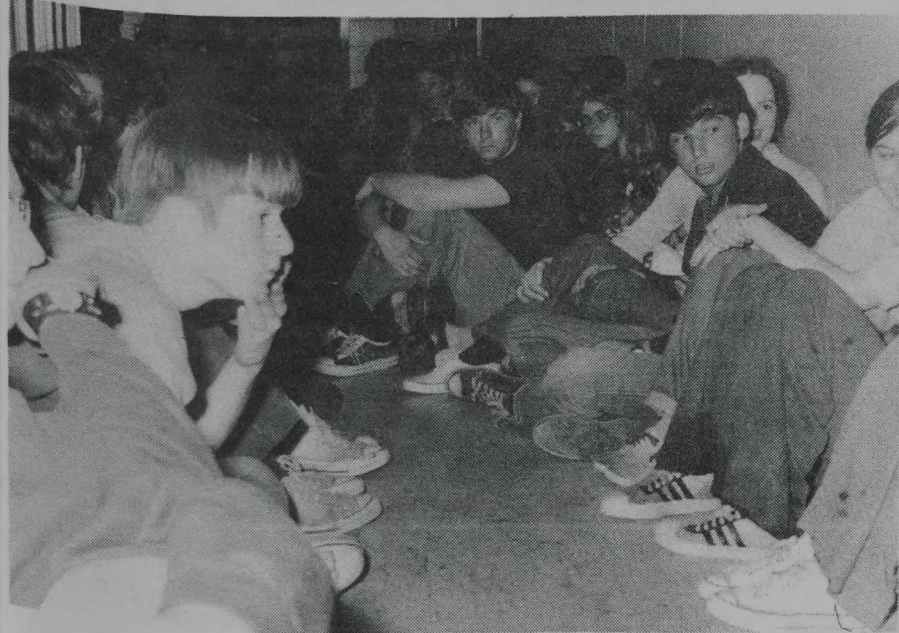


Patterson men salvage belongings

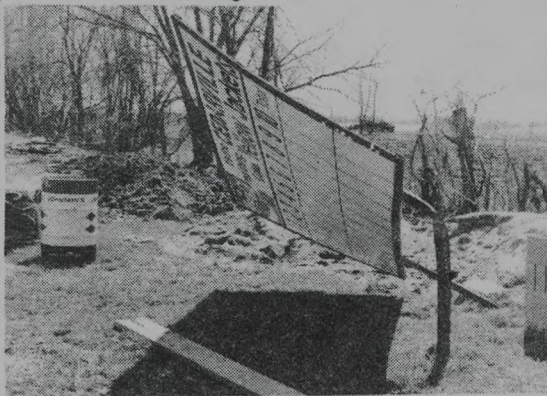


Observatory

Photos by Dale Muggleworth
Dan Stemen
Greg Zuck



Students wait in campus basements.



Cedarville Students Aid Xenians

Hundreds of Cedarville students have been involved in helping those who were not so fortunate in Xenia. The Alpha Chi-Red Cross Disaster Team immediately went into action. Searching for missing persons, applying first aid to the injured, and supplying food to disaster victims have occupied the Disaster Team around the clock since the tornado struck.

Many other students along with faculty and staff have helped with the slow, discouraging job of cleaning up destroyed property and helping victims to "start all over again".

Along with the opportunity to help in the physical, material realm has come the opportunity to share in the spiritual realm as well. The Good News of Jesus Christ has been communicated to many disaster victims at a time when they are looking for something upon which to rebuild their lives.



Disaster team at Xenia



Xenia school system suffers heavy damage.

'Sugar Plums And Sour Grapes'

by Joseph M. Stowell, III*

Like children at Christmastime, we pastors often have "visions of sugar plums dancing in our sweet little heads". Our visions are usually of having churches that hold us in high respect and in which we are able to wield effective influence.

Unfortunately, some find their sugar plums turning to sour grapes as they realize they don't command full respect and their influence is less than effective.

Sour grapes have a way of spreading the seeds of bitterness and conflict which soon cause us to look to the grass that is greener on the other side of the ecclesiastical fence. So, leaving the problems behind, we accept a call to greener pastures. Once again, the visions of the sugar plums of respect and influence creep into our dreams only to be dashed by reality. So, we move on to another location. This is the inevitable cycle of pastoral failure.

We are men who know well the first century methodology. We are men who have been called to a twentieth century ministry. Yet, there is a missing ingredient. The missing ingredient is the proper attitudes with which to clothe our first century methodology. These attitudes must be the attitudes of Christ. What we need is a concentrated effort to wed a true Christology to our methodology.

What were Christ's attitudes? Let's remember that Christ did not come primarily to be a respected and influential leader. Philipians 2:7 tells us that "He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant..." Christ came to serve men, not to milk their respect or wield influence over their lives.

Not only did He establish this attitude in His own ministry, but He also instructed His disciples to take on the attitude of a servant's heart. In Matthew 20:20-28, we have the account of James, John and their mother making a special request of our Lord. Notice (Verse 21) that the request involves a desire for respect and influence in God's Kingdom. In a monarchy the seats to the left and to the right of the king were positions of respect and influence. James, John and their mother have authoritarian goals in mind.

In spite of the fact that positions of influence and respect were somewhat deserved by these men since they were related to Christ, and in spite of the fact that they are willing to pay the high price of a personal sacrifice (Verse 22), this passage points out clearly the problems of authoritarian goals.

The first natural result of an authoritarian attitude is that it causes strife and division. When the other disciples heard the request, "they were moved with indignation against the two brethren" (Verse 24). I can just hear the disciples grumbling, "Who do they think they are?" I can also hear our people saying, "Who does he think he is?" after we have rail-roaded through our plans and programs because we are "God's anointed." The cloak of an authoritarian attitude draped over a first century methodology will certainly bring strife and division in our assemblies.

Another problem related to authoritarian goals is pointed out by Christ in Verse 5. Simply stated, it is that authoritarian attitudes are "worldly"! Christ clearly informs them that this is the attitude of the Gentiles and it is not to be our attitude.

Since when is God's program run by the principles of the ungodly? Since when is the eternal kingdom of God ruled by the standards of the temporary world? Does it make sense that God would design a way of operation that would result in

strife and division? The answers are clear. God's program is not maintained by the world's approach nor is it geared to produce strife and division. That is why Christ instructs them, "But it shall not be so among you." It is here that we need to solemnly and honestly examine our attitudes. Do we demand respect and influence? Do we exercise dominion and authority? Do we throw our weight around? If we must say yes, it may be this that is causing the division and strife in our work. It may be this very presence of worldliness that is quenching the Spirit's power in our ministries. We need to know that God has a better way! We need to know that Christ has clearly said, "...but it shall not be so among you!"

In the next three verses, Christ patiently and concisely instructs us about the right way to gain respect and influence. In Verse 26 He states, "whosoever will be great among you, let him 'be your minister.'" This word "minister" is a translation of the Greek word "deacon"--one who serves. The word "great" carries the thought of respect in the eyes of those around you. The principle here is that if you want respect, you must first be willing to be a servant. In the next verse, Christ outlines that "whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." This word "servant" is literally the Greek word for slave and the thought of "chief" carries the connotation of administrative influence. Christ's way to influence is through the lowly position of a slave.

What strange and unusual instructions these are. Christ is telling His disciples that the way up is down. How different this is than the normal pattern of the world in which we live. But then, God has told us, "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Isa 55:8). A grab for respect and influence is our natural inclination but "it shall not be so among you." If you want respect and influence, then dedicate yourself to being a servant of your people.

Notice with me that Verse 28 clearly points out that this service is not to be merely a convenient service. In this verse Christ clearly shows us how to serve. "Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give His life a ransom for many." This verse gives us the Christology that should be incorporated into our methodology. It explains that, as servants, our service is to be sacrificial and inconvenient even as our Savior's was. How inconvenient for Christ to leave heaven to become a man! How inconvenient for the King of Kings to have no place to lay his head! How inconvenient for the Creator to be mocked and rejected by the created! How sacrificial to go through the agonizing death of a criminal. But, that is what is involved in a successful servant's attitude.

As servants, we must be willing to serve sacrificially. It may mean sacrificing our time to spend more time in prayer for our people. It may mean the sacrifice of a gold game because we know we are not yet adequately prepared to stand in our pulpit. It may involve being taken advantage of or it may involve our pocketbooks, our sleep, our attention, and even our reputations. But, whatever it costs, to be a Christlike servant, we must be willing "to give our lives. . ."

These verses of instruction by Christ should totally alter our view of the ministry. No longer should we view ourselves as authoritarian rulers exercising the power of our positions. Rather, Christ has counselled us to make ourselves the servants of our people and then to permit him to give us respect and influence in His wise timing. For too long we have considered ourselves to be servants of God only! We need to know that our calling is to serve God by being servants to our people. Our people are not primarily there for our benefit or the benefit of our church; rather, God has placed us there for their benefit.

What is the dynamic of a servant's heart? What is the most effective means of cultivating the Christlike attitude of a servant?

Jesus Christ laid down a simple principle in His teaching when He said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) In essence, Christ was saying that the deepest and most sacrificial service is motivated by love. This love is a dedicated commitment to meeting the needs of those around you. Christ himself illustrated the truth of this principle through his death. His service for us was motivated by love for us (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). A beautiful picture of this principle is found in Genesis 29:20 as it says, "And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto Him but a few days, for the love he had to her." As we dedicate ourselves to meeting the needs of our people, we will be willing to serve them sacrificially.

"Oh, to be like thee blessed redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer.
Gladly I forfeit all of earth's treasures,
Jesus thy perfect likeness to wear.

"Oh to be like thee, full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting
Seeking the wandering sinner to find.

"Oh to be like thee, lowly in spirit,
Holy, humble, patient and brave;
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,
Willing to suffer others to save.

"Oh to be like thee, while I am pleading,
Pour out thy spirit, fill with thy love,
Make me a temple fit for thy dwelling,
Fit me for life and service above.

"Oh to be like thee, blessed redeemer,
Pure as thou art.
Come in thy sweetness, come in thy fullness,
Stamp thine own image deep on my heart." (Thomas O. Chisholm)

*Pastor Stowell is pastor of the Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio. This message was delivered to Pastors during the Annual Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

One of the greatest hindrances to a love for our people will be their offenses toward us. It is very difficult to love an offender and yet, that is exactly what God's Word demands. Ephesians 4:32 requires that we "be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Often we as pastors act as though God has granted us "executive clemency" from that verse! We cannot afford to become bitter. We must permit the Holy Spirit to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness in our lives. As we continually forgive, we will be able to continually love and effectively serve.

Our forgiveness must be total and complete, "as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." God forgave us before we were repentant (Romans 5:8). God forgives us continually (I John 1:9). God forgives us completely (I John 1:9).

We must know that our bitterness will not only disable our ability to serve, but that it will also trouble us and defile others (Heb 12:15).

There is a cycle of inevitable success in the pastorate. It is forgiving love that leads to effective and sacrificial service (Matthew 20:28), which in God's wise timing bears the fruit of respect and influence (Matthew 23:26, 27).

It is our dedication to being servants that makes the visions of sugar plums become a reality.

Sacrificial service to my people is the preservative in my ministry that keeps the sugar plums from turning to sour grapes. Influence and respect are the results of service and service is the result of a forgiving love for our people.

Let us be wise enough to clothe our first century methods with the tailor-made Christology of a servant's heart. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. . .who made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant" (Phil 2:5-7). "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give himself a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

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It's That Time Of The Year!

If one were to ask a Cedarville student, staff or faculty member what he will be doing on May 2nd, the answer would probably be the same -- taking a long walk, a fifteen-mile walk. No, Cedarville College is not beginning an all-campus physical fitness program. The purpose of the third Cedarville College Walk-a-thon is to raise money for campus improvements. The Student Body Project is an annual fund-raising effort initiated and conducted by the students of the College.

During the last three years, the SBP has raised over \$72,000 from gifts and sponsors who have participated. Such contributions as a \$6,000 tithe to the Campus Student Fellowship, a \$14,000 gift to the new Science Center observatory, a van for Christian Service, gymnasium and field bleachers, an all-purpose sound system, storage building and concession facility near the new athletic complex, and other valuable improvements have enhanced the campus.

According to SBP Chairman, Jeff Kistler, each student is encouraged to seek fifteen sponsors for at least one dollar a mile for the fifteen-mile trek to Springfield's Cliff Park. Challenges among dormitories and other groups is anticipated to add to the excitement of the 1974 Walk-a-thon. A motivating part of the 1972 event, which will continue in the '74 event, is the distribution of tuition scholarships for students who are most enthusiastically involved in the collection of sponsors.

In past years, the excitement of seeing over 700 students stretch over a quarter of a mile plus a full day of fun and fellowship prompted a unique spirit of unity to campus life. For more information and pledge forms, write Student Body Project, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

Christian Educational Publications

In recent years, the trend towards the development of audio-visual media in secular circles presents a challenge to the audio-visual personnel in the Christian community, according to Mr. Paul Gathany, Manager of WCDR-fm, the College radio station. Recently Cedarville College began to meet that challenge with the development of Christian Educational Publications, an outgrowth of the Cedarville College Tape Service.

The newly expanded branch of educational radio at Cedarville will offer cassette tapes, records, and films published by individuals or groups contacted by Christian Educational Publications. The film distribution service, which will get under way in the spring will begin with the film "The World of Numbers", narrated by Dallas Theological Seminary professor Dr. John Reed, a former Cedarville College professor.

A catalog of current, available materials is to be published by June 1, 1974. For more information concerning the new division of Cedarville College, write Manager, WCDR-fm, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

Attends Seminar In Counseling

Dr. Jack Scott, Professor of Psychology at Cedarville College, recently returned from a month-long seminar held at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The session "Seminar in Pastoral Counseling" centered on the counseling principles that are a part of Biblically-based psychology.

Speaker and director of the seminar was Dr. Jay Adams, Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster College. Dr. Adams is also the director of the Counseling and Education Foundation at Hatboro, Pennsylvania. He has authored several books in the area of Christian counseling such as Competent to Counsel and Christian Counseling Manual.

According to Dr. Scott, the key focus was on the practical day-to-day application of the Word of God to the counselee's problems. After each counseling session, the individual is assigned homework in order to continue his attack on the problem and to avoid the "mid-week sag" between sessions.

Among the many problems that were discussed were the Biblical

Talents For Christ To Compete At Cedarville College

Young people will be meeting at Cedarville College on April 20 at 12:00 noon to participate in this years Talents For Christ contest. We trust all entrants have sent their registrations to Pete Lillback, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio - 45314.

The winners in this contest will be privileged to compete in the national Talents For Christ contest in June at the national GARBC conference which will be held at Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Last year, Ohio entrants did quite well in the national contest. We look to doing even better in '74.

solutions to marital problems, family relationships, interpersonal relationships and problems with one's concept of himself. A focus was placed in all problems on the personal responsibility of each party involved.

The Cedarville professor, outside of his classroom responsibilities, is active in many counseling sessions each week with individuals from Columbus, Springfield, and Dayton.


Offers Summer School Program

A program that can aid the undergraduate's advance in his academic pursuits---that's Cedarville's summer sessions.

During the summer of 1974, Cedarville College will again offer two sessions, the first beginning June 18 through July 19, and the second beginning July 22 and ending August 21.

Classes in all departments will be offered in one or both of the sessions. Prospective students can choose to take work in Biblical education, business, education, English, history, music, speech, physical or biological science, and psychology. A possible total of 20 quarter hours credit can be earned.


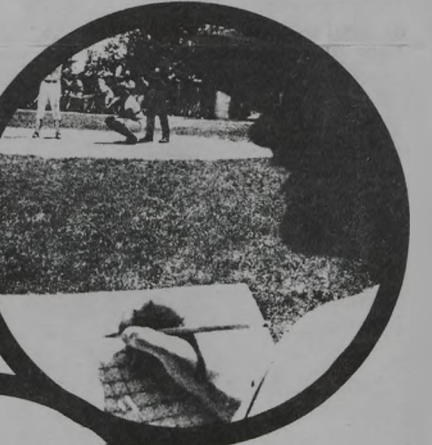
Information regarding tuition, room and board, and additional course descriptions can be obtained by writing the Registrar, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio - 45314.





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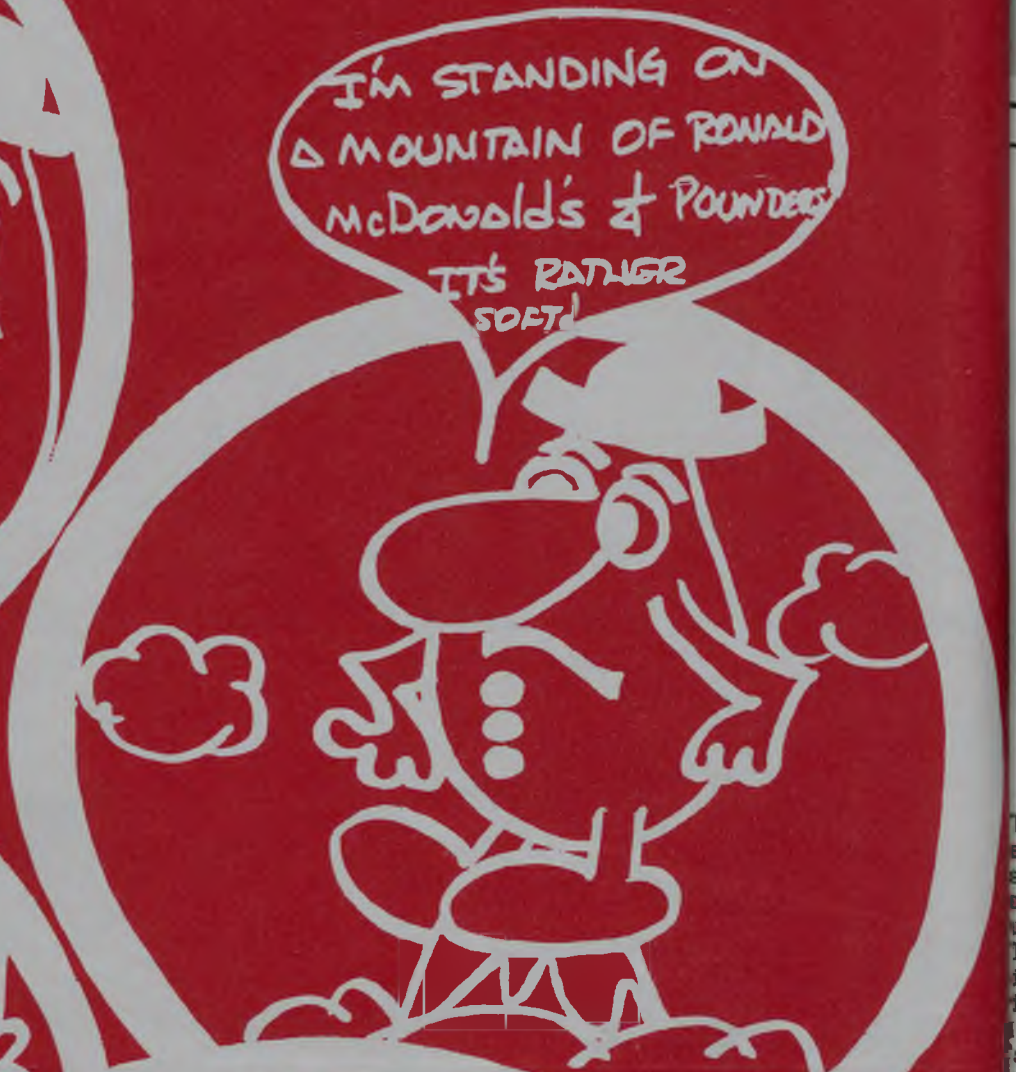
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