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## They Just Keep Going On!



Proposed New Building - (Architect's Drawing)

On Wednesday evening of October 11, 1973, the Calvary Baptist Church of Findlay, Ohio (Rev. Richard Snavely, pastor) suffered a devastating fire. These dear people met the very next Lord's Day in a nearby High School building to continue their testimony for the Lord. The work is going on. . . souls are being saved and believers are being strengthened!

In a recent issue of their church paper "Glimpses of Calvary", there appeared the following article under the heading -- "Ground Breaking Phase IV" . . . .

Sunday was a memorable day in the history of Calvary Baptist Church, when the entire congregation gathered on the church site following the morning service, to formally break ground for the new \$507,000.00 Phase IV building project. One could sense a spirit of nostalgia, thankfulness, unity and joyous anticipation as they crowded inside the boundry lines of the proposed new building which had been outlined to exact size by Ted Blunk and Willis Powell. The auditorium is to be 101' x 101', going out to 108' some places seating 870 on the main floor, with 230 in the balcony and 100 in the choir loft. The adjoining education unit, including restrooms, choir warm-up and multipurpose room, three nurseries and bookstore is approximately 64' x 64'.

Gary Johnson, bus coordinator, voiced the opening prayer thanking God for former groundbreakings and the opportunity to break ground again today; for souls saved since the tragic fire and petitioning God for the safety of our buildings and the continued unity of the church family.

Pastor Snavely challenged the group with Acts 18:9-11 "...Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace. . . For I am with thee . . . for I have much people in this city." He pointed out our new building was a place where ones can hear, believe, follow the Lord in believers baptism and then grow in spiritual maturity to reproduce themselves in the lives of others. He stated, "God would say to us today, speak and hold not thy peace, we have a message from this very Word ones need to hear. A year ago today we broke ground for Phase III. Though Satan would have destroyed us, God would say to us 'I have much people in this city and in this country that need to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.' The main purpose of the fire was that we might enlarge our buildings to do a better job for God in this area."

## Ground Breaking At Commercial Point



"And here we build!"

The Faith Baptist Church of Commercial Point began in June of 1970 with five families. Today, to the glory of God, their congregation is near the 100 mark! They are presently meeting in a building which was formerly the fire department and will continue here until their new building is completed.

Shown above is Pastor Gary E. Hohman and his people at their recent ground breaking service. The new building will be located on Welch Road at Route 762 and is scheduled for completion near the end of November '74. The construction work is being done by the KenLen Construction Company of Frazeyburg, Ohio. The building will seat 220 in the sanctuary with space for 14 Sunday School classes.

Faith Baptist Church of Commercial Point, Ohio is an independent Baptist church in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, helped these dear folk in getting the work started.

## 47th Annual Conference - Toledo

October 21 - 23 of this year, the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be holding its 47th Annual Conference in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 Laskey Road, Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Donald J. Sewell, pastor of the church and his staff extend a warm and cordial welcome to the people of our OARBC Fellowship.

A very interesting program has been arranged. This will be presented - in full - in our October issue which should be off the press and in the mail by October 1st. In that issue we will give information regarding overnight accommodations, eating places, directions to the church, etc.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church buildings are things of beauty. Their auditorium is ideal. They have an excellent staff. Everything points to our having a blessed time.

Remember the dates - October 21, 22 and 23 - and plan on attending NOW!!

## A Plea To All OARBC Pastors

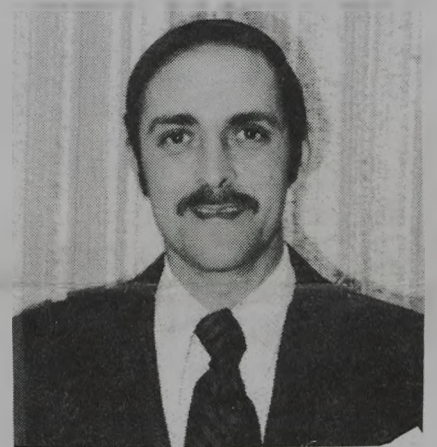
Each year the secretary of our OARBC Council of Twelve sends an "Annual Report" form to the churches of our State Fellowship. It could well be that you have already received your copy. If not, then it should be reaching you in the very near future.

We are asking all of our pastors to see that their form is properly filled in and mailed to Rev. Willis Hull, First Baptist Church, 276 Washington Avenue, Elyria, Ohio - 44035.

As secretary of our Council of Twelve, Brother Hull will tabulate the results reported. This will give us an over-all picture of the blessing of the Lord on our OARBC Fellowship. The Lord willing, these results will appear in a future issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

Pastors - please give this your immediate attention! Mail your report to Brother Hull as soon after receiving it as is possible. Let us have the full cooperation of every church in this matter - PLEASE!!

## AWANA Appoints Ohio Missionary



Ken Starett

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Starett were recently appointed as missionaries for AWANA in the state of Ohio.

The Starett's are members of the First Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio. They have been vitally interested in the AWANA program for years and have been used of the Lord in spearheading AWANA clubs in their own local church and surrounding communities. God has blessed their efforts.

Ken and Mary Louise like their new work. They believe the Lord has led them to this service each step of the way. They are devoted Christians with a real burden for young people.

Pastors of our OARBC Fellowship would do well to consider the AWANA program in their churches. AWANA reaches out to unchurched young people. It is growing in leaps and bounds. If you are at all interested, contact Brother Ken Starett. He would be happy to sit down with you and show you how AWANA can help you and your church. Write: Ken Starett, 41464 Oberlin Road, Elyria, Ohio - 44035.

### THE MIRACLE

"Whatsoe'er He bids you, do it Tho' you may not understand; Yield to Him complete obedience, Then you'll see His mighty hand."

'Fill the water pots with water', Fill them to the very brim; He will honor all your trusting Leave the miracle to Him!"



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### FINANCIAL REPORT — June 1974

Total useable monies received	\$2290.95
Other receipts	75.00
Total received in June	\$2365.95
Number of churches giving to general fund	67
Useable monies in O.A.R.B.C. Treasury—June 30, 1974	—0—
Deficit (\$134.00)	

### SPECIAL O.I.B. REPORT

No June Issue of Magazine printed.	
Expenses for June (Editor, etc.)	\$490.00
Receipts towards magazine in June.	
Advertising and Subscriptions	\$110.00
Gifts from Churches	105.50
Total receipts	\$215.50
Deficit for June only	(\$274.50)

### CHURCHES GIVING TO O.I.B. IN JUNE

Grace Baptist — Cedarville	Calvary Baptist—Massillon
Memorial Baptist — Columbus	Mogadore Baptist—Mogadore
Pine Hills Baptist — Columbus	Harmony Hills Baptist—New Matamoras
Chippewa Lake Baptist—Chippewa Lake	North Olmsted Baptist—North Olmsted
Faith Baptist — Defiance	First Baptist—Stryker
	First Baptist—Willowick

### FINANCIAL REPORT — July 1974

Total useable monies received	\$2869.33
Other receipts	207.00
Total received in July	\$3076.33
Number of churches giving to general fund	81
Useable money in O.A.R.B.C. treasury—July 31, 1974	—0—
Deficit (\$380.00)	

### SPECIAL O.I.B. REPORT

Set-up, Printing, Mailing (June-July Issue)	\$1098.80
Other expenses	604.10
Total expenses for July	\$1702.90
Receipts for July	
Advertising and Subs	\$372.00
Gifts from Churches	472.50
Total receipts	\$844.50
Deficit for July only	(\$858.40)

### CHURCHES GIVING TO O.I.B. IN JULY

Immanuel Baptist—Arcanum	Mogadore Baptist—Mogadore
Grace Baptist—Cedarville	Harmony Hills Baptist—New Matamoras
Maranatha Baptist—Columbus	North Olmsted Baptist—North Olmsted
Memorial Baptist—Columbus	Calvary Baptist—Painesville
Faith Baptist—Defiance	Faith Baptist—Perry
Faith Baptist—Elida	Bible Mission Baptist—Reynoldsburg
Faith Baptist—Kenton	First Baptist—Stryker
Calvary Baptist—Massillon	Bethel Baptist—Warren
First Baptist—Medina	First Baptist—Willowick
	Wheelerburg Baptist—Wheelerburg

### If You Drink

If you absolutely cannot refrain from drinking then start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a license.

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\$32.00 to put in the bank and \$1.00 to buy another gallon.

If you live ten years and buy all your liquor from your wife, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have over \$35,000 on deposit, enough to bury you respectably, bring up your children to forget your name, buy a house, marry a decent man, and forget she ever knew you.

... Texas Dept. of Public Safety

### A Word From Your Editor...

We have had a cancellation of one of our meetings. We were to have ministered in South Carolina - September 29 - October 6. The pastor of the church has accepted a call to another pastorate. These are now open dates on our schedule and we would like to fill them.

We are available for meetings September 29 through October 6 (Sunday through Sunday) or September 29 through October 4 (Sunday through Friday)... October 6 through October 11 (Sunday through Friday).

Interested parties should write Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385. Phone: (513) 376-1196.

### A Request For Help

The Faith Baptist Church of Worthington, Ohio is a new work. They would appreciate pastors informing people moving into the Worthington area concerning this ministry. Sunday services are being held at 5633 High Street at the following times:

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday services are held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Burt, 6633 Guyer Street, Worthington.

For more information concerning this work, please write: Faith Baptist Church, Box #744, Worthington, Ohio - 43085.

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## Accepts Call To Indiana



Rev. Roy J. Clark

After eighteen years as pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, in Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Roy J. Clark has accepted a call to pastor the Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In addition to his ministry at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pastor Clark was one of the founders of the Baptist Christian School of Cleveland and served as President of the Board for many years. He is a graduate of Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee and of Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Clark have three sons. They are: Jim, a Senior at Cedarville College - Ron, a Sophomore at Cedarville College and David, who is still at home.

The Lord richly blessed Brother Clark's ministry here in Ohio. He will be greatly missed. We are confident the Lord will further bless his work in Indiana.

## New Director For Hiawatha Baptist Missions



Rev. Arthur B. Cunningham

Rev. Arthur B. Cunningham, pastor of the Maplelawn Baptist Church, Wyoming, Michigan has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Hiawatha Baptist Mission. He succeeds Rev. Guy King who will be retiring September 1st of this year.

Brother Cunningham and his wife began their ministry with Rural Bible Missions and served as missionaries for six years. He then served in three different Michigan churches. The past seven years he has pastored the Wyoming, Michigan church.

Our brother has been closely associated with GARBC approved missionary works. He served as the Chairman of the HBM Council for four years and is presently on the Regular Baptist Children's Home Board in St. Louis, Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. Cunningham will make their home on Lake Shore Drive in Escanaba, Michigan.

As of the annual report given at the 32nd Annual Council Meeting in Silvis, Illinois, June 6 and 7, 1974, HBM includes 139 active missionaries and 8 accepted candidates serving in 10 states and five provinces of Canada.

## Honored For Faithful Service



Tokens of Appreciation

The Executive Director of Hiawatha Baptist Missions, Rev. Guy E. King, and his wife Marian were honored at special services during the two day sessions of the H. B. M. 32nd Annual Council Meeting in Silvis, Illinois, June 6 and 7, 1974.

Rev. King is retiring as Executive Director of Hiawatha Baptist Missions effective September 1st of this year. The Kings have served as missionaries for 28 years. Our brother will remain with HBM serving in an advisory capacity as Field Director. Eighty-six missionaries and council members along with friends from the Silvis area were present for the occasion.

The Kings were presented with a \$2,000 gift on behalf of all the friends of HBM. Mr. King received a watch inscribed: 21 years as Executive Director. Donald Dove, Chairman of the HBM Field Council, presented them with a handmade quilt consisting of 77 squares made by the missionary wives and were representative of each mission station. The quilt blocks were yellow finished with orange, gold, brown and green and put together with deeper yellow and brown with gold color backing.

Guy and Marian King were approved as missionaries in 1946. For six and one-half years they labored at Watersmeet, Michigan, before accepting the call to Escanaba to assume the duties of Executive Director upon the death of Rev. Arthur Glen.

## Vital Decisions At C.O.M.E. Conference

At the 7th Annual Meeting of C.O.M.E. held recently in the Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio decisions of far-reaching implication were made.

A permanent, staffed office is to be opened in Northern Ohio; a full-time General Director was extended a call; two additional evangelists became associated with C.O.M.E.; new Board Members were added; and, TWO PROJECTS APPROVED FOR 1975 - the Mar-

quards to Brazil and the Morrells to Jamaica.

The entire Conference was marked by two descriptive words - PROGRESS and PROSPECT.

Those desiring additional information about C.O.M.E. may write:

C.O.M.E.  
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## The Beginning Of A New Work

For some time a number of people have felt the need for a gospel preaching church at Shawnee Lake which is located near Jamestown, Ohio. This is a large man-made lake surrounded by one thousand home sites. Last February the Sword Bearers of Cedarville College, under the direction of Mr. Joel Harriman, surveyed the Jamestown and Shawnee Lake areas.

During the survey, three people accepted Christ and many indicated an interest in having a Bible Study. On March 7th, several families began a weekly Bible Study in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Corriell.

Because of the increasing interest in the establishing of a local church, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, State Missionary, was invited in May to assist in exploring such a possibility. This burden was also shared by three area churches: Emmanuel Baptist of Xenia, (Rev. William Wheeler, Pastor) - Grace Baptist of Cedarville, (Rev. William Broughton, Pastor) and Southgate Baptist of Springfield (Rev. Joseph Stowell III, Pastor). These churches are helping through the avenues of prayer and financial support.

By July 1st, five families were a part of this new work and on July 14th the Shawnee Hills Baptist Church began its services with nearly 30 in attendance. Dr. Stanley Ballard, a Professor at Cedarville College, was their first speaker.

The Lord is blessing with additional interested families and other financial support. Worship services will soon be moved to the Jamestown Public School. They are now seeking the Lord's guidance in calling a full-time pastor.

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# Report On National GARBC Conference

The opening crowd, Monday night, June 24, 1974, at the Ocean Grove, N.J. annual Conference of the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES was unusually large for opening nights according to the GARBC's National Representative, Dr. Joseph M. Stowell (formerly Pastor of First Baptist Church in Hackensack, N. J. for over 25 years). The number was 3,131. Dr. Stowell estimated Tuesday's crowd at "over 4,000." Wednesday and Thursday nights had people in the balconies of the Great Auditorium as well as on the main floor, and is estimated at between 5,000 and 6,000.

Thursday and Friday were YOUTH DAYS at the Conference, and over 582 young people from all over the United States registered for their special programs these two days. Many more attended who did not register. This is a higher registration for youth than at any recent GARBC Conference, according to a spokesman here in Ocean Grove at the conference grounds.

With the new churches that were added to the Association this year (less any of those that dropped out) the number of churches increased from 1473 to 1495, or a net gain of 22 churches.

The messengers from these churches elected for two year terms nine new men on the Council of Eighteen which represents the Association between Conferences: (1) Dr. Fred Brock, Salem, Oregon; (2) Pastor Russell Camp, Butler, Pennsylvania; (3) Pastor Ralph Colas, Waterloo, Iowa; (4) Pastor Mark Jackson, Muskegon, Michigan; (5) Pastor Don Jennings, Ypsilanti, Michigan; (6) Dr. Wendell Kempton, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; (7) Pastor David L. Moore, Cleveland, Ohio; (8) Dr. Ernest Pickering, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; (9) Pastor Don Sewell, Toledo, Ohio. Nine additional members continued in office on the Council of Eighteen. A New Jersey Pastor, Dr. Carl Elgena, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was elected as the Chairman of the Council of Eighteen for the coming year, and Dr. Ernest Pickering, President of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, was elected Vice Chairman of the Council. Dr. Elgena also served as this year's General Chairman of the local New Jersey Committee that made arrangements for the Ocean Grove Conference.

Each day, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Dr. Fred R. Brock, Jr., from Salem, Oregon, brought a series of vital messages on the HOME and FAMILY.

About a dozen Chaplains, both active and inactive, took part in Thursday morning's CHAPLAINS HOUR at 9:00 a.m., led by Dr. William E. Kuhnle, Chairman of the GARBC's Chaplains Commission. Chaplain Ray Pritz, Colonel, U.S. Air Force, brought the message of challenge for all the chaplains after each had given a brief word of greeting and a synopsis of their present duty in the Armed Forces.

Music throughout the conference was provided by Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, and Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. These two musical groups did an excellent job in setting the stage for messages which followed them.

The GARBC had a first reading of some changes and additions to its doctrinal statement during the conference. A second reading will take place in their 1975 conference at which time there will be discussion and debate on the details. Dr. David Nettleton, member of the Council of Eighteen who was Chairman of this Committee, stated that these changes are a

strengthening of the doctrinal position of the Association, and were made so as to keep the GARBC very clearly in its historical and Biblical position, but with clarification in terms to provide for current changes in the theological climate of the world.

Included in the YOUTH ACTIVITIES of the conference was the TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest, where young men and women from all over the United States competed in the areas of Bible knowledge, Boy's Public Speaking, Boy's Voice, Brass, Girl's Public Speaking, Girl's Voice, Journalism, Organ, Piano, and Strings. Winners were selected in two rounds, a preliminary on Thursday, and a final on Friday. A panel of three judges in each category decided the winners. Trophies for second and first place were handed out by Dr. Duane Brown, Chairman of the Youth Committee of the Council of Eighteen.

The conclusion of the GARBC Conference on Friday evening was a spectacle in itself. Before the final message of the Conference delivered by Pastor David L. Moore, of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on "THE LOVE OF GOD," two of the musicians from the TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest performed their winning selections--one playing the huge Ocean Grove auditorium organ, one of the largest pipe organs in the entire world! Then, in dramatic, suspense-filled style, the final night's crowd stood to their feet, while the new Council of Eighteen Chairman, Dr. Carl Elgena, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, asked the congregation assembled to sing "AMERICA" with the large American Flag in the center of the stage lighted up. At the same time on the program's agenda for the evening, Miss Lori Bourgeois, member of South Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan (with Dr. Kenneth Elgena, Pastor), delivered her first-place, stirring speech on "AMERICA -- DESTINY UNKNOWN!" At the conclusion, she asked, "Will a REAL American please stand up?!" and the entire audience arose as one man! These Regular Baptists really do love their country!

The GARBC passed a total of eight resolutions this year. Titles were: (1) MORAL APATHY; (2) CURRENT SATANIC POPULARITY; (3) THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT; (4) GREETINGS TO OTHER CHRISTIANS; (5) SUPPORT OF OUR APPROVED SCHOOLS; (6) NEW EVANGELICALISM; (7) THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT; and (8) NEW JERSEY HOMOSEXUAL INDOCTRINATION COURSES.

The future of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches seems to be bright. The rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of those who attended. It was truly one of the best GARBC conferences ever. Praise Him!!

## New Pastor At East Liverpool



Rev. Clyde Albertson

The new pastor of the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, East Liverpool, Ohio is Rev. Clyde Albertson. Brother Albertson previously pastored the Faith Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio. He began his ministry at the East Liverpool church on June 23rd.

Our brother attended the Baptist Bible Institute, Cleveland, Ohio and Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio. He graduated from Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana with a B.A. in Bible Literature and Pastoral Theology. He has pastored churches in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Albertson have five children. Their oldest son Clayton just graduated from Cedarville College. Another son, Earl, is a Sophomore at Cedarville College. Two more children - Kim and Valerie are in High School and Jeffery is in the fourth grade.

A reception was held for the Albertsons. The folk at the church are confident of the Lord's blessing on their pastor's ministry.

## Austintown Church Duly Recognized

At a recognition council held June 17, 1974 at the Galilee Baptist Church of Austintown, Ohio, it was moved and carried unanimously that the Galilee Baptist Church be recognized as a properly constituted Baptist church.

Moderator Rev. Charles Moore encouraged both Pastor Fred Bartz and his people to seek affiliation with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the Youngstown Bethany Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

## Ordained And Called To Michigan Church

An Ordination Council convened at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid, Ohio on June 7 to examine Brother Kenneth Muck, Jr. for ordination. There were five messengers present who examined the candidate regarding his call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs and the like. The council was well pleased with Brother Muck's response to their questioning and recommended that the church proceed with the ordination.

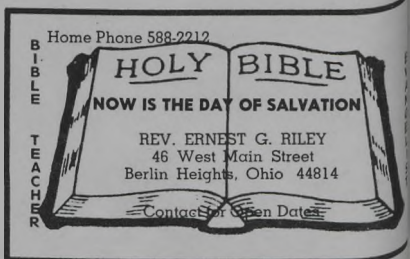
Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions served as Chairman of the Council and Rev. Ralph Burns as the Clerk.

A special ordination service was held at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church on June 16. Rev. Kenneth Muck, Jr. had been serving as Assistant Pastor there. Rev. W. Davis is the pastor. Brother Muck has accepted a call to pastor the First Baptist Church of North Adams, Michigan and is now serving there.

## Bible Institute Begins Fall Schedule

Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland will begin its fall schedule at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church on Monday, September 2, with a Sunday School Conference featuring Dr. Fred M. Barlow, Sunday School Consultant for Regular Baptist Press, as the main speaker. Workshops are planned also.

Classes will be offered in nine subjects, including Christian Education, Doctrine, Church Music, Leadership, Biblical Introduction, Old Testament Synthesis, Life of Christ, Daniel, Hebrews, and Culture and Contemporary Theology. Classes meet each Monday from 7:00-9:45 p.m. with credits leading to the Preliminary and Advanced ETTC certificates, and a four-year Master Bible Diploma. Rev. Robert and P. Globig, pastor of Bible Baptist Church in North Madison dean of the school and Rev. Gerald Smelser continues to serve as President of Baptist Bible Institute.



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## Seventh Annual Pastors' Conference

Dr. John Whitcomb, Professor of Theology and Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, will be the featured speaker at the Seventh Annual Pastors' Conference to be held on the Cedarville College campus, September 9-12. Host for the four day conference will be Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College.

The main speaker, Dr. Whitcomb, is a 1948 graduate of Princeton University and a 1951 graduate of Grace Seminary. In 1953, he received the Th.M degree and completed the Th.D. degree in 1957, both from Grace Seminary. He has contributed articles to several theological journals and Bible dictionaries; co-authored a defense of the universality of the Flood entitled *The Genesis Flood*; authored a defense of the book of Daniel entitled *Darius the Mede*; and wrote *Solomon to the Exile*, *The Early Earth*, and *The World That Perished*. His topic for the week is "Preaching From The Old Testament."

During the conference, four workshops are also to be conducted. Leading a workshop discussion on the relevance of Bible-centered preaching in the 20th century will be Dr. Hugh Hall, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Pastor David Jeremiah of the Blackhawk Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, will conduct a workshop on the subject of local church administration. Cedarville College professor, Rev. Richard McIntosh, will hold a workshop session entitled, "An Inductive Approach to Bible Study," and campus pastor, Rev. Harold Green will speak on the subject, "The Church and Youth: Reaction or Action."

## Cedarville Schedules

### Fall Bible Conference

Dr. Charles Ryrie, Dean of Doctoral Studies, and Professor of Systematic Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary will be the featured speaker at Cedarville College's annual fall Bible Conference, September 30 - October 4, 1974.

An author and noted lecturer, Dr. Ryrie earned the B.A. degree from Haverford College and later graduated with high honors from Dallas Seminary. In 1954, he completed the Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. Ryrie has taught at several Christian colleges during his career as an educator. He has also served as the president of Philadelphia School of the Bible for four years. An author dealing with the Christian experience, Dr. Ryrie has written such books as *Balancing the Christian Life*, *Grace of God*, and *Patterns for Youth*.

Dr. Ryrie will be speaking at morning sessions in the college chapel at 10:00 a.m., and in evening lectures in the college gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

## Something For Teenagers To Think About

1. When choosing entertainment: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." I Thess. 5:22
2. When going on a date: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Cor 6:19, 20
3. When ridiculed for witnessing: "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts 5:41
4. When choosing companions: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" II Cor. 6:14
5. When planning the future: "Order my steps in Thy Word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." Psalm 119:133.

## What About The Finance Of The Ohio Association???

An Editorial by the Treasurer

Each issue the O.I.B. carries a financial report. As you read the paper you have seen that in most instances there is a very small useable balance and in many cases a deficit. Someone occasionally asks, "How do we continue to operate?" Well, it is very simple. The first of each month finds the major portion of the gifts arriving - so we use the next months receipts immediately. This means we are always behind. When the O.I.B. has a combined month we catch up a wee bit.

During the last year the O.I.B. has increased in size - almost double the previous magazine and it has been sent to every church in the association in sufficient number to allow each family to have a copy. This means in the past year the circulation of the O.I.B. has more than doubled. This is good for our advertisers - and good for all because it is now an instrument of information for all churches and families. It looks like we will end the year, September 30th, about the same as other years - Even. The new O.I.B. enlarged and increased has not cost us any more than before but of course we do not have nearly as many paid subscriptions as before. Many churches send in monthly gifts which has helped to pick up the subscription slack. But you have noticed each month the special financial report of the O.I.B. and it always ends with a deficit.

Two or three times in the last five years we have challenged the churches to bring a special gift to the annual conference to erase deficits and to give the treasury a good balance at the beginning of the fiscal year. This was a tremendous help. One year better than \$2,000 was given, another year \$1800.00 and still another year \$1500.00.

We have almost 200 churches in the Association. A \$25.00 monthly gift or support from each church would give us a continuing good working balance.

### WHAT CAN WE DO -- SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. Plan now to send a special gift from your church with your Pastor and messengers to the annual conference in Toledo. (An absurd example - 100 churches bring \$100.00 each would be a \$10,000.00 beginning.)
2. Consider giving as has been suggested at least 5¢ for each copy of the O.I.B. your church receives. This would pay the printing cost of the magazine.
3. Put the General Fund, State Missionary, O.I.B. - all three or at least one on your regular monthly church budget.

We are a fellowship of churches, no one can legislate, only suggest. But from a business sense our association operates with a minimal budget. We have a State Missionary, Editor of the O.I.B. and printing expense. Believe it or not all other expenses of the association, apart from the annual conference, amount to less than \$150.00 per year.

We ask your suggestions - we encourage you to participate - we are open to your questions.

## Graduation Ceremonies

Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College, was the commencement speaker at the annual summer graduation ceremonies held on Saturday, August 17, 1974. The graduation ceremonies were held in the College dining room. Twelve Cedarville College seniors received their diplomas during the afternoon exercise.

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Mr. Gary Ream

Mr. Gary Ream began his ministry as Minister of Youth and Music at the Faith Baptist Church, Amherst, Ohio on June 1st of this year. Rev. Robert N. Barrett is the pastor of this church.

Brother Ream is a '74 graduate of the Grand Rapids Baptist College with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree. He and his wife, Sue, are presently living in South Amherst.

The folk at the Amherst church are delighted with the work our brother is doing and believe the Lord will greatly use him in the days ahead.

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# Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

## The "Go" Of Renunciation

"Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest." Luke 9:57  
How firm is your commitment? I was challenged and blessed as I read from Oswald Chambers devotional book, "My Utmost for His Highest". I would like to share it with you today.

"Our Lord's attitude to this man is one of severe discouragement because He knew what was in man. We would have said--"Fancy losing the opportunity of winning that man!" Never apologize for your Lord. The words of the Lord hurt and offend until there is nothing left to hurt or offend. Jesus Christ has no tenderness whatever toward anything that is ultimately going to ruin a man in the service of our God. Our Lord's answers are based not on caprice, but on a knowledge of what is in man. If the Spirit of God brings to your mind a word of the Lord that hurts you, you may be sure that there is something He wants to hurt to death.

v. 58. These words knock the heart out of serving Jesus Christ because it is pleasing to me. The rigor of rejection leaves nothing but my Lord, and myself, and a forlorn hope. "Let the hundred-fold come or go, your lodestar

must be your relationship to Me, and I have nowhere to lay My head."

v. 59. This man did not want to disappoint Jesus, nor hurt his father. We put sensitive loyalty to relatives in place of loyalty to Jesus Christ and Jesus has to take the last place. In a conflict of loyalty, obey Jesus Christ at all costs.

v. 61. The one who says--"Yes, Lord, but. . . ." is the one who is fiercely ready, but never goes. This man has one or two reservations. The exacting call of Jesus Christ has no margin of good-byes, because good-bye, as it is often used, is pagan, not Christian. When once the call of God comes, begin to go and never stop going.

I trust you will not have reserves as you commit your time, your talent, your children, your home, yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## A Letter To The Ladies

Dear Ladies of the State of Ohio:

It is with excitement that I, as your president, look forward to the Fall meeting of the women of our State to be held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 Laskey Road, Toledo, Ohio, Tuesday afternoon, October 22. Part of the reason for this is because we had such a wonderful meeting in Berea in the Spring with a good attendance, outstanding speakers and a report from our treasurer that we had reached the goal of \$4,000 for a car for "the Umbaugh's". How we all rejoiced because you ladies had given generously and the Lord had blessed. I am presently at the national GARBC Conference in Ocean Grove, New Jersey and "the Umbaugh's" tell me that the car will be ready soon. (Editor's note: "The Umbaugh's" now have their new car. See article, with picture, elsewhere in this issue of the O.I.B.)

This national Conference has been a blessing in many ways as we have fellowshiped together with those of kindred minds. It has left me with the renewed feeling that we must keep our eyes on the Lord and all work together as a group of Bible Believing Baptists in these last days.

I trust that our local groups have received their notices pertaining to the coming meeting this Fall and that many of you local pastors' wives have your carloads of ladies enthused about the meeting. It is one that promises to be another time of blessing!

As of this writing, our Ladies Retreats are still in the future. We trust that many of you will plan on attending at least one of these. There are three of them — one at Scioto Hills Camp, September 12 — 14 and the other two at Sky View Ranch. The dates for these are September 19 — 21 and September 26 — 28.

If at any time I can help any of you in any way as your State WMU president, please contact me.

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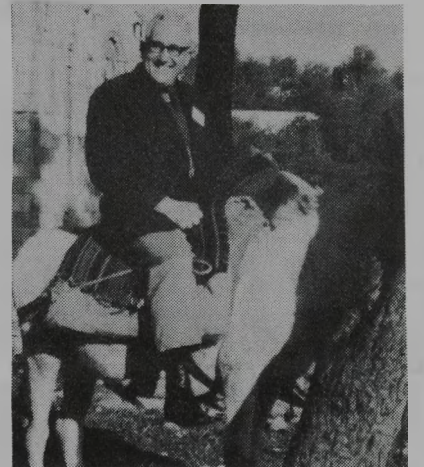


The Umbaughs with their lovely new car

In the above picture we see our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, his wife Sergie and their lovely new car. This is the car they were able to obtain through the money given them by the Women's Missionary Union of our OARBC. The car is a thing of beauty and will be used extensively in the work of the Lord.

Regarding this gift, Brother Umbaugh has written the following: "Our new car arrived from the factory on July 15 and after driving it for the first 1000 miles, we can only say that we like it very much. It has many of the "extras" that will make those many hours spent on the road, each week, a little easier. We wish to express our thanks to the ladies of the Ohio Women's Missionary Union for this gift. But how do you say thanks for such wonderful generosity? In Psalm 92:1 we read, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. . . ." Over 140 times the word "thanks" or a related word is used in the Bible. Thanksgiving is expressed in prayer, in song and in worship. So, in every way that we know how, we say "thank you!" to the ladies and churches of Ohio for their gift to us."

Editor's note: A friend sent us a picture of Rev. Umbaugh taken in the Holy Land which shows him seated on a donkey. We thought we should run it to prove that this car was indeed a necessity! We're happy the ladies met this need for our State Missionary and his wife. It couldn't have happened to nicer people!



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## Fall Meeting At Willowick

The Fall meeting of the Berean Missionary Fellowship will be held on Thursday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Willowick, 31433 Vine Street, Willowick, Ohio.

The program for the day will feature a panel discussion on church planting and a presentation of the methods used in starting new churches in Ohio.

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## Ordained To Ministry At Toledo Church



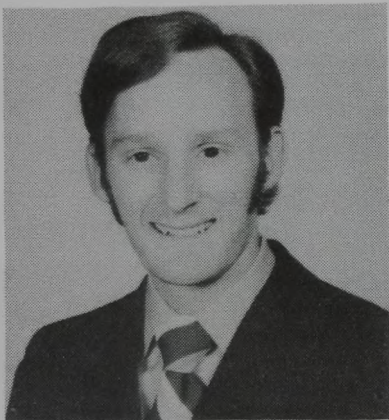
Dr. Sewell - Rev. Smith - Pastor Carder

Brother Mark Smith was recently ordained to the ministry by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Don Sewell invited an Ordination Council to examine Mr. Smith. They were very well pleased with the manner in which he presented his call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs and the like. They recommended wholeheartedly that the church proceed with his ordination.

An Ordination Service was held on May 22nd which was attended by friends, family and members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Rev. Smith is a graduate of Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania, Clarks Summit, Pa. He is now pastoring the Maranatha Baptist Church, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania.

Rev. and Mrs. Smith (Mary Beth) have recently welcomed into their home a precious baby daughter - Jodi Lynn.

## Now Serving In Oregon, Ohio




Mr. Danny F. Orr

The Berean Baptist Church, Oregon, Ohio (Rev. John S. White, Pastor) has called Mr. Danny F. Orr to serve as their Minister of Music and Youth.

"Pastor Dan", as he is called, is a graduate of Cedarville College (Class of '73). He spent four years in the Air Force, including one year in Viet Nam. He has worked part time in churches while completing his college education. Mrs. Orr, the former Judy Leach, is also a graduate of Cedarville College (Class of '71). She taught High School English in Xenia, Ohio for two and one-half years.

These dear folk are now living in the Oregon area. "Pastor Dan" began his work here this past December.

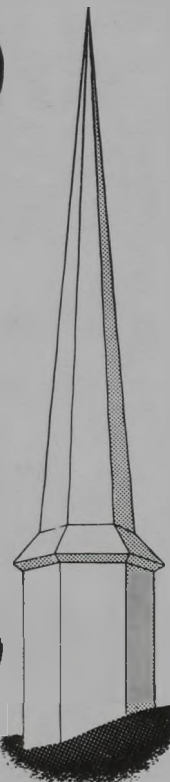


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We will let you, reader, be the judge as you compare the KJV with TLB. We make this comparison because we have the strongest kind of proof to show clearly that the King James Version is nearest to the original manuscripts. Again we would gladly challenge anyone to produce better or more proof that there is another version that is nearer to the original autographs than the KJV.

KJV Leviticus 3:13b "AND THE SONS OF AARON SHALL SPRINKLE THE BLOOD THEREOF UPON THE ALTAR ROUND ABOUT."

TLB "The priest shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar."

KJV Numbers 25:11 "PHINEHAS...HATH TURNED MY WRATH AWAY FROM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL."

TLB "Phinehas has turned away my anger for he was as angry as I." (Who could ever be as angry as God?)

KJV Numbers 27:1 ALL THE NAMES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ZELOPHEHAD ARE FOUND HERE.

TLB These names are omitted, and all of verse 2, yet in Numbers 36:10 all the names are given, and also in Joshua 17:3. Why the omission here?

KJV Judges 7:20b "AND THEY CRIED, THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND OF GIDEON."

TLB "All yelling for the Lord and for Gideon."

KJV Judges 19:2 "AND HIS CONCUBINE PLAYED THE WHORE AGAINST HIM."

TLB "But she became angry with him and ran away."

KJV I Samuel 20:30 "THOU SON OF A PERVERSE REBELLIOUS WOMAN."

TLB "You son of a bitch."

KJV II Samuel 16:4b "AND ZIBA SAID, I HUMBLY BESEECH THEE THAT I MAY FIND GRACE IN THY SIGHT, MY LORD, O KING."

TLB "Thank you, thank you, sir, Ziba replied."

KJV I Kings 18:27 "CRY ALOUD: FOR HE IS A GOD: EITHER HE IS TALKING, OR HE IS PURSUING."

TLB "Perhaps he is talking to someone or else is out sitting on the toilet."

KJV II Kings 21:6b "HE WROUGHT MUCH WICKEDNESS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD, TO PROVOKE HIM TO ANGER."

TLB "So the Lord was very angry, for Manasseh was an evil man in God's opinion." (God does not hold opinions!)

KJV II Chronicles 26:4 "AND HE DID THAT WHICH WAS RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD ACCORDING TO ALL THAT HIS FATHER AMA-

ZIAH DID."

TLB "He followed in the footsteps of his father Amaziah and was in general a good king as far as the Lord's opinion of him was concerned." (Again, we say, God does not hold opinions. Only men hold opinions.)

KJV Job 3:26 "I WAS NOT IN SAFETY, NEITHER HAD I REST, NEITHER WAS I QUIET: YET TROUBLE CAME."

TLB "I was not fat and lazy yet trouble struck me down." (The majesty and accuracy of the KJV is certainly missing here.)

KJV Psalm 34:20 "HE KEEPETH ALL HIS BONES: NOT ONE OF THEM IS BROKEN."

TLB "God even protects him from accident." (There are no accidents with God.)

KJV Ezekiel 2:1 "AND HE SAID UNTO ME, SON OF MAN, STAND UPON THY FEET, AND I WILL SPEAK UNTO THEE."

TLB "And he said unto me, Stand up, son of dust and I will talk to you." (All thru Ezekiel this phrase 'son of dust' used in place of 'son of man')

KJV Zechariah 2:8 "HE THAT TOUCHETH YOU TOUCHETH THE APPLE OF HIS EYE."

TLB "For he who harms you sticks his finger in Jehovah's eye."

KJV Zechariah 13:6 "AND ONE SHALL SAY UNTO HIM, WHAT ARE THESE WOUNDS IN THINE HANDS? THEN HE SHALL ANSWER, THOSE WITH WHICH I WAS WOUNDED IN THE HOUSE OF MY FRIENDS."

TLB "And if someone asks then, what are these scars on your chest and your back, you will say, I got into a brawl at the home of a friend." (the note at the bottom of this page of the Living Bible is as follows: "That this is not a passage referring to Christ is clear from the context. This is a false prophet who is lying about the reasons for his scars." We would like to know where Dr. Taylor got his authority for saying this.)

KJV Mark 9:29 "AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, THIS KIND CAN COME FORTH BY NOTHING, BUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING."

TLB "Jesus replied, Cases like this require prayer." (Where is the authority for changing this version this way?)

KJV Luke 5:8 "WHEN SIMON PETER SAW IT, HE FELL DOWN AT JESUS' KNEES, SAYING, DEPART FROM ME FOR I AM A SINFUL MAN, O LORD."

TLB "When Simon Peter realized what had happened he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, O sir, please leave us. I'm too much of a sinner for you to have around."

KJV Luke 23:42 "AND HE SAID UNTO JESUS, LORD, REMEMBER ME WHEN THOU COMEST INTO THY KINGDOM"

TLB "Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Where does Dr. Taylor get the authority for leaving out Lord?)

KJV John 1:17 "FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN BY MOSES, BUT GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST."

TLB "For Moses gave us only the law with its rigid demands and merciless justice while Jesus Christ brought us loving forgiveness as well." (All through the Old Testament you will find the love and mercy and grace of God demonstrated.)

KJV John 2:4 "WOMAN, WHAT HAVE I TO DO WITH THEE? MINE HOUR IS NOT YET COME."

TLB "I can't help you now, He said, It isn't yet my time for miracles." (His hour was Calvary.)

KJV John 3:13 "AND NO MAN HATH ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN, BUT HE THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, EVEN THE SON OF MAN WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."

TLB "For only, I, the Messiah, have come to earth and will return to heaven again."

KJV John 6:69 "AND WE BELIEVE AND ARE SURE THAT THOU ART THAT CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

TLB "And we believe them and know you are the holy Son of God." (Where is the authority for omitting the name of Christ, and the Son of the Living God?)

KJV John 13:26 "JESUS ANSWERED, HE IT IS, TO WHOM I SHALL GIVE A SOP, WHEN I HAVE DIPPED IT."

TLB "He told me it is the one I honor by giving the bread dipped in the sauce." (Was the Lord Jesus honoring Judas here?)

KJV Acts 9:5 "AND HE SAID, WHO ART THOU, LORD? AND THE LORD SAID, I AM JESUS WHOM THOU PERSECUTEST: IT IS HARD FOR THEE TO KICK AGAINST THE PRICKS."

TLB "Who is speaking, sir, Paul asked. And the voice replied, I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and await my further instruction." (Where is the authority for the omission here, or using 'sir' in place of 'Lord', or using 'Paul' in place of 'Saul'?)

KJV Romans 5:1 "THEREFORE BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

TLB "So now since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in His promises we can have real peace with Him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." (There is a vast difference between "we have peace with God" and "we can have real peace with Him.")

KJV I Corinthians 16:22 "IF ANY MAN LOVE NOT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA MARANATHA."

TLB "If anyone does not love the Lord, that person is cursed. Lord Jesus, come." (Where did Dr. Taylor get the authority to omit Jesus Christ from the title of our Lord?)

KJV II Corinthians 5:21 "FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN: THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM."

TLB "For God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us."

KJV II Corinthians 8:9 "FOR YE KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

TLB "You know how full of love and kindness our Lord Jesus was." (Where is the authority for omitting the name Christ?)

KJV I Timothy 2:5 "FOR THERE IS ONE GOD, AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN THE MAN CHRIST JESUS, WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, TO BE TESTIFIED IN DUE TIME."

TLB "That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus Himself, man, is between them to bring them together by giving His life for all mankind."

KJV I Timothy 3:16 "AND WITHOUT CONTROVERSY GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS: GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH."

TLB "It is quite true that the matter to live a godly life is not an easy matter, but the answer lies in Christ who came to earth as a man."

KJV I John 1:7 "AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."

TLB "The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from every sin." (Where is the authority for omitting the name Christ?)

KJV Revelation 6:17 "FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME."

TLB "Because the great day of their anger is come and who can survive it?"

There are passages in the Living Bible that we feel have made the meaning a little clearer, but we only wish, and sincerely so, that Dr. Taylor had not sacrificed so badly the majesty and accuracy of the King James Version. We do not publish this pamphlet in any devious sense. The one reason for so doing is because we hold a jealous regard for God's Holy Word, and we cannot keep silent when it is being tampered with.

If the reader will but stop and think of how the prophets and apostles and patriarchs of old treated the Holy Word of God with such reverence and adoration, it can clearly be seen that we need

to adopt the same attitude, and more in particular when God Himself tells us, "Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name."

And when the Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, had in such deep reverence and respect the Word of God, we certainly should act in the same way.

(Copies of "Which Bible?" may be secured from the Book Table of the Wealthy St. Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. \$2.95 per copy. Reduced price when ordering 10 or more. This book clearly shows, with nearly 300 pages of solid proof, the superiority of both the majesty and accuracy of the King James Version over any other version extant. Also there may be obtained the pamphlet "On your Guard! God's Holy Word, the Bible, is Being Undermined!", a critical analysis of the New American Standard Version (NASV) compared with the King James Version (KJV) 30¢ per copy, 4 for \$1.00)

The above article was taken from a tract written by Dr. David Otis Fuller. Copies may be obtained by writing The Book Table, c/o Wealthy Street Baptist Church, 811 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan-49506. .05¢ a copy-25 for \$1.00.

## 10th Anniversary For Mogadore Church



Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt D. Douglas

The Mogadore Baptist Church recently celebrated their 10th anniversary. According to Rev. Hoyt D. Douglas, present pastor, the church was founded in 1964. The pastor at that time was Rev. William Absalom.

Through these ten years, the church has constructed two auditoriums which adjoin an educational building. They also have developed their own summer camp - RUSTIC HILLS YOUTH CAMP which is located in Suffield, Ohio. The church has recently purchased property to begin a third addition with an auditorium seating 750 people.

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# Elyria Youth Help Navajo Work



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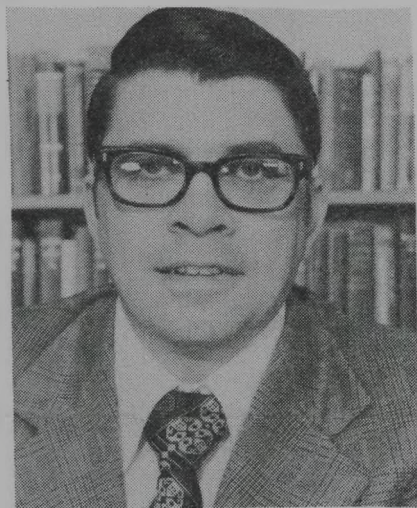
These fifteen teenagers, who had worked for nine months to earn the privilege of going, found many new and different experiences as they communicated Jesus Christ to the Navajos. The language barrier was one of the greatest difficulties, but the original puppet shows presented by Miss Becky Wright, of the Elyria Christian Academy faculty, seemed to communicate well. Not only did the young people show the love of Jesus Christ during Bible School, but they also went to various Navajo homes to hold evening services.

The ordinary conveniences that we so often take for granted will be much more appreciated now. The teens and their leaders held Bible School way out in the middle of the reservation, places few "whitemen" get to see. They were 100 miles from the nearest town of any size and about 20 miles from the nearest trading post in an area called Burnt Corn. The teenagers not only were camping in the most primitive conditions, but they also had to ration water. The nearest water supply was ten miles away, up in the mountains or mesas.

The young people learned many valuable lessons, but the greatest lesson they learned was the fact that God provides for His people. Never before had they been forced to have to trust God for the necessities of life, and each person who went on this trip had his faith strengthened as they saw God answer prayer, remove obstacles, and supply abundantly. Everyone returned home with a new appreciation of what bounty God has given them.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Mead of Concord Avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Olseo who reside on Rosewood, and Ned Fertig, Jr., Sue Hull, Michele King, Ken Kincaid, Mary Krick, Wanda Legg, Patty Slusher, Sharon Southworth, Jeff Waldo, Marianne Weyrick, Jeff Wilcox, Don Starett, Cindy Taylor, Barry Taylor, and Jim Harbeck.

## Ordained To Baptist Ministry



Rev. Thomas B. Brennan

Sixteen pastors and fourteen messengers met on Friday, June 21, 1974 at the First Baptist Church, McDonald, Ohio to examine Brother Thomas B. Brennan for ordination.

After a thorough examination, it was recommended that the church proceed with the ordaining of their pastor. State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh served as Moderator of the Examining Council and Rev. Donald R. Loomis, Evansville Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio served as Clerk.

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## Is It Of The Lord?

There is much confusion today in the realm of worship. With the Charismatic movement sweeping the Christian Church like a storm, many do not know if it is the Lord or not. Upon examining the Word of God, this brief observation is being presented as worthy of further examination.

Satan always appeals to the five senses: touch, taste, hearing, sight and smell. The Lord, on the other hand, appeals to the creative or reasoning part of the human intellect.

In Isaiah 1:18 we read - "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Again in John 3:36a - "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." In Romans 8:1 - "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

All non-Christian religions appeal to the flesh and its senses in their worship. True Biblical Christianity teaches that the flesh and its senses must be considered as being "dead". After the body and its senses are yielded to God the Holy Spirit, He will make them to become enjoyable in their proper and wholesome manner.

It might also be observed that every believer who has failed in his Christian experience has failed because of two things: (a) failure to read God's Word daily, devotionally and (b) Satan has attacked the believer through the senses and he has yielded to Satan's suggestions.

This is a safe rule of thumb and is worthy of serious examination. Any faith, be it Christian or non-Christian, that appeals to the senses in its worship is Satan influenced - thus unscriptural. Let each true believer have a rational dependence upon God's Word as the sole authority for his faith and practice. . . . Rev. Dallas R. Gillespie  
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## "So" - The Word Of Manner

Very little attention is given by the majority of writers and commentators to this two-letter word, which is for the most part apparently not considered as particularly meaningful in exegesis. In general it is overlooked, disregarded, and in some cases misused and misinterpreted. Most readers pass over it as having no importance to the meaning of the passage, and therefore discard it as being insignificant.

Actually this little word "so" (Greek houtos) is an adverb of manner, and appears more than 200 times in the New Testament. Its basic sense is "in this manner, thus, in such a way." Because of its native demonstrative force, it ordinarily refers to what precedes in the sentence or paragraph, although it appears several times in certain passages to prepare the way for what follows, in the same sense of "in this manner, thus." In eight passages in the New Testament it is said to mark a degree of intensity, but in the majority of these uses the word is best rendered in its native sense of manner. It is most interesting and instructive to consider this remarkable little word in several passages where it should be translated properly "in this manner."

### 1... The passage in Matt. 1:18.

The first sentence of this verse is the announcement of the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the facts of which are set forth in the rest of the paragraph, vs. 18b-25. It should be noted that the words "of Jesus Christ" are placed forward, i.e. they appear first in the sentence, and therefore bear a particular emphasis. Even here, in this word arrangement, our attention is purposely drawn to the miraculous manner of His entry into the world.

This is the point of importance. It is the manner of Christ's origin which Matthew describes: "Now the birth (origin, Greek genesis) of Jesus Christ was in this wise (houtos: "in this manner"). No other person ever had an origin in this manner. Human births are indeed wonderful, but no human has ever been born in such a way as this. Our Lord's entry into the world by miraculous conception and birth is denied by modernism, by the liberal theologians and religious leaders of our day, but the facts stand as they are recorded here in full detail. The birth of Jesus Christ was in this manner: the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son and they shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us.

### 2... The passage in John 3:16.

Generally this great statement of

Scripture is rendered: "For God so loved the world. . . ." That is, He loved the world to such an intense and unsurpassed degree that He gave His Son. That such is true cannot be questioned. That God did love the world to such an extent, to such an astounding degree, is the testimony of the cross. God the Father has revealed it, the Son of God has attested it, and the Scriptures witness to it. However the word "so" (houtos) is to be taken in close connection with the preceding context, and denotes manner. In other words, the way in which God so astoundingly loved the world and the manner in which He demonstrated it is all set forth in vs. 14-15.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so (houtos) must the Son of Man be lifted up, That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

It was in this manner that God loved the world. He sent His Son to be lifted up on the cross for sinners. The incident of the brazen serpent is well known. See Numbers 21:5-9. It must not be allegorized for the brazen serpent on the pole was commanded by God, and held up to the eyes of the Israelites as the symbol and reminder of their own serpent plague which had come upon them through God's wrath because of their rebelliousness and sin. Simply by looking up to it in obedience and faith, they might acknowledge their sins with true repentance, and receive deliverance from the deadly serpent-bites.

The brazen serpent on the pole is thus a symbol of sin judged, and is a type of Christ "made sin for us" (2 Cor. 5:21), in bearing our judgment on the cross. Hence, in this manner God loved the world: He gave His Son, the Lamb of God, to be lifted up in the wilderness of this world-age, on the cross of Calvary, to bear divine wrath for sins in His own body on the tree. It was in this special way that God demonstrated both His love and His wrath, by holding up to the eyes of the whole world the death of Christ on the cross in order that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

This is the sense of "so" - borne out by the context of vs. 14-15, in an unforgettable manner, for all men to look upon and see what their sins did to Christ the Son of God, and seeing this - to repent and be saved.

### 3... The passage in 2 Peter 1:11.

The "so" (houtos) in this significant statement is obviously the adverb of manner. Peter says, "For in this manner an entrance shall be supplied for you richly into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The word stands emphatically first in the sentence, and reaches back to pick up and carry forward "these things" of vs. 8, 9, 10, to the thought of v. 11. It therefore has the force of a result, i.e. as the result of doing "these things" entrance shall in this way be furnished for you richly into glory. The point is not at all that good works shall gain for us an entrance into heaven, nor that the way shall be made great and wide for the diligent. The true sense is that God will richly reward the believer who earnestly seeks to bear fruit by acquiring the great Christian virtues named in vs. 5-8, and who diligently uses God's gift of grace.

It is God's will for us to confirm our calling with a life agreeable to and in accord with that calling.

Steady growth in grace and increase in the accurate knowledge of God and His will are to characterize the Christian's life and experience. Our Heavenly Father supplies the grace and mercy, and all that is necessary for such a life, and He expects to see "these things" developed in our continuing experience. Our path to glory is that of grounding and growing in the most holy faith, and this is making our calling and election sure. At the end, then, God will provide for us the grandest reward of grace, and will amply and abundantly supply all that the act of entering our Lord's Kingdom needs. "In this manner" we shall enter. This is the road we must travel, and the way of fruit-bearing is the indispensable evidence of our Christian faith and state as well as the manner of entrance into the glory. How are you travelling, friend?

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The total enrollment for the week was 669 with many decisions for Christ. The nightly average attendance was 274 children and 32 adults. There were 1,050 who rode the busses throughout the week making an average of 237 each night. The church's three large busses were used along with their 18 passenger Van. There is much follow-up work to be done in reaching these unchurched children as well as their parents.

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# ACROSS THE STATE

### AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a good time of food, fun and fellowship at our church outing which was held at Finlay State Park-Saturday afternoon, July 13. The outing was completed with a special baptismal service.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD—

Our pastor, Rev. Rice, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at the Bedford High School. Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Henson were with us for our Vacation Bible School July 22-28. Recent guest speakers include David and Evelyn Southwell (ABWE-Brazil), Linda Short (ABWE-Bangladesh) and Gary McInnis (ABWE-Spain).

### BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. David Truitt, Ex. Dir. of Sky View Ranch and Dr. Raymond Buck (BMM) both ministered here recently. We praise the Lord for the decisions made during our Vacation Bible School.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN—

Brother Ken Starett, AWANA missionary for the state of Ohio, spoke here. The Lord willing, we will begin an AWANA program this Fall. We are praying much regarding our coming evangelistic meetings with Brother John Carrara-September 8-15. We had a booth at the County Fair and gave out the Word of God.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BUCYRUS—

Recent speakers include—"the Hedricks" (ABWE-Hong Kong), Professor Joseph Henson of Bob Jones University and "the Kirbys" (BMM-Alaska). Also, we were privileged to hear the Cedarville College choir.

### WHIPPLE AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

An ensemble from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College presented a concert on June 28th. We were blessed through their ministry. Vacation Bible School, this year, was held August 12-15.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CHILLICOTHE—

Our pastor, Rev. Emerson Russell, has been having surgery on his eyes. The first operation seems most successful for which we praise the Lord. More surgery is still necessary. Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat ministered here in early July. Missionaries Hiley and Carolyn Rainer told us of their radio ministry in Korea.

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Our pastor, Rev. Roy J. Clark has accepted a call to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Recent speakers include Mr. Joseph Steiner and missionaries to St. Lucia-Rev. and Mrs. Richard O'Neil.

### CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We have added Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hedrick (ABWE-Hong Kong) to our growing missionary family. Two of our young ladies—Wendy Montgomery and Diana Davis are spending this summer on mission fields. Wendy, a student at Cedarville College, is in Peru with ABWE missionaries and Diana, a student at Baptist Bible College of Penna., is in Israel with Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries. We honored our High School graduates this year with a special banquet.

### IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We recently saw the film—"A Thief In The Night". Our Vacation Bible School was held June 17-20. While our pastor, Rev. Wm. Abernathy and his wife were away we had Brother Bird supply the pulpit. We were also privileged to hear Missionary David Fields (ABWE-Togo, West Africa) tell of his work.

### MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We held a very successful Vacation Bible School this year. Miss Deborah Mitchell (ABWE-Japan) was our VBS missionary. Rev. Willard Stull (ABWE-Brazil) spoke here recently. Missionary candidates were with us from Baptist Mid-Missions on the last Sunday of July. One of our young ladies, Miss Jenny Williams placed third in the nation in the Talents for Christ contest at Ocean Grove, New Jersey in the Bible Knowledge category.

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We held a graduation banquet for our graduates. "The Faith Volunteers", a musical group from Faith Baptist Bible College,

Ankeny, Iowa, sang here on July 11. Recent speakers include Rev. Loren Brown (San Jose, California), Rev. Kenneth Farnsworth and our missionaries—"The Terry Armstrongs".

### LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNDEE—

We were recently given a lovely new Hammond organ. On June 15, a Golden Anniversary reception was held for Dan and Martha Middaugh. They are the oldest members of our congregation. We held a Father/Son banquet on June 21. Brother Bert Kinsey of Michigan spoke at one of our Sunday morning services.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, ELIDA—

Our Vacation Bible School was held August 5-9. We had our fourth anniversary as a church on July 7th. A time of fellowship was held following the evening service. Recent guest speakers include Dr. Cleveland Mc Donald (Professor at Cedarville College) and Mr. Richard Eckstein.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA—

Our young people had two big days recently. They enjoyed their Senior banquet featuring Rev. Wilson Wahl of Gallipolis, Ohio and they also had an all-day outing visiting Greenfield Village in Detroit. We held a Patriotic Rally on June 30. "The Rejoicers" from Baptist Bible College gave a service in song one Sunday morning in late June.

### EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, EUCLID—

We were happy to have our former pastor, Dr. Wilbur Rooke, minister here recently. Our Assistant pastor-Rev. Kenneth Muck, Jr. was recently ordained. He has accepted a call to pastor the First Baptist Church of North Adams, Michigan. In July we heard missionary Joel Kettinging (BMM-Jamaica) and on Sunday evening, the 18th, Mr. Rudy Atwood presented a piano concert.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY—

Groundbreaking services were held in June. This was for our new \$507,000 Phase IV building project. It was a privilege recently to hear Rev. and Mrs. Russ Ebersole (ABWE-Philippines). Also FBHM missionaries-Rev. and Mrs. Ron Bantle told us of their work.

### FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our GARBC will be here October 11 through 13. The public is invited to these meetings.

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION—

We had a special time celebrating the 25th anniversary for Pastor and Mrs. Booth. The Lord has blessed their ministry here during these years. Many "Old timers" sent greetings. Pastor and Mrs. Booth were presented with a purse amounting to \$2,080.00. "The Proclamations" from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College presented a special service in song.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

Brother Dave Southwell (ABWE-Brazil) spoke here. The "Life Singers" from Piedmont Bible College were with us for a Saturday evening youth meeting. Our Associate Pastor, Rev. Harry Cole, recently supplied the pulpit at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, KENTON—

Our pastor, Rev. DeBoer and his family have moved to a new house. They now have a new mailing address-Rev. Robert J. DeBoer, 431 North Glendale Avenue, Kenton, Ohio-43326. We are still waiting on the State government in Columbus, Ohio to finalize the approval of our building plans. We held a Ground Breaking service on Sunday afternoon, July 23rd at 3:00 p. m. State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, delivered the Dedication Address. Our land is now debt free. We look to the Lord to lead and supply in erecting our proposed building. The Lord willing, it will have an auditorium that will seat 200.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER—

We have changed our name from the First Baptist Church to the Calvary Baptist Church. This became effective on July 1st of this year. Our mailing address is Calvary Baptist Church, 3007 Marietta Road, Box 421, Lancaster, Ohio-43130. Our pastor is Rev. B. C. Jennings. Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat ministered here on Sunday, July 21st.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LONDON—

A male chorus comprised of fathers sang here on Father's Day. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Finley (ABWE-Philippines) ministered here. Also, we were privileged to hear some of the Baptist Mid-Missions' candidates.

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—

Our pastor's son, Bruce McCoy, is joining the "Life Action Team". Missionary Robert Horne (BMM-Liberia) and missionary Wm. Griffin (BMM-Brazil) both told us of their respective fields. Our VBS was a success. Our young people gave a gift of \$154.00 toward the needed new library for the Elyria Christian Academy. Our Missionary Conference is scheduled for September 15 through 18.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA—

Two singing groups were with us recently. They are "The Reflections" from Los Angeles Baptist College and "The Proclamations" from Grand Rapids Baptist College. It was a joy to have missionaries Harry and Vickie Buerer with us. Rev. Harry Buerer spoke at our "Church in the Park" Sunday evening service.

### BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, MARION—

We held a special dedication service on Sunday afternoon, June 30. Rev. William Brock, Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio brought the dedicatory address. We thank the Lord for our lovely new building. Brother Brock's church had a large part in establishing this testimony here.

### NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our pastor, Dr. Kenneth Good, spoke at the Madison Ave. Baptist Church in Paterson, New Jersey where he one time served as pastor. Brother James Dersham (FBHM) ministered here recently. We were privileged, too, to hear "The Proclamations" from the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. Mr. Mike Coyle presented a program contrasting music of our time labeled "Religious Rock and Sacred Music."

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES—

We held our Sunday School picnic on July 27. Recent speakers include Rev. George Myers (FBHM) and Rev. Richard Engle.

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were privileged to hear a delightful concert presented by "The Proclamations" group from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. Miss Kathi Cooper, of our church, is a member of this group. We have plans for building an addition to our church. The proposed sanctuary will seat 800. Our VBS program was very successful with an average attendance of 350. We are looking forward to our special evangelistic meetings this summer with Evangelist Paul Dixon.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON—

We paid the last payment on our church van in June (\$1,000) which cleared that debt in less than nine months. Mrs. Ben Kendrick of Baptist Mid-Missions spoke at our Missionary Family Night service. "The Life Singers" of Piedmont Bible College were with us July 18 and "The Swordbearers" of Cedarville College on August 8th.

### TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH—

We've been privileged to have the following fill our pulpit during these days in which we are seeking a new pastor: Rev. Edward Greenwood, Rev. Lee Turner (both of Cedarville College), Rev. Walter Staten (Tri-State Bible Conference) and Dr. H. O. Van Gilder (Blanchester, Ohio).

### BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, REYNOLDSBURG—

Dr. Paul Gupta (Founder of Hindustan Bible Institute) spoke here. Our Faithful Word Conference was held August 11-15. Those participating were Rev. Clarence Mason (Philadelphia College of Bible), Rev. Marvin Rosenthal (Friends of Israel) and Mr. Mike Coyle (Coyle Musical Ministries).

### BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

The Lord blessed through our KID'S KRUSADE with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brandenburg. A Baptist Mid-Missions Seminar team was with us Sunday evening, July 21. We viewed the film "Through Gates of Splendor". Dr. Fred Barlow (GARBC) was with us for meetings August 18-25. Rev. Warren Simmons is to direct a Christian Education Seminar here September 15-16.

### SOUTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

While our pastor, Rev. Joseph Stowell, III and his wife were away on vacation, Mr. Ron Bechtel and Dr. Murray Murdock were guest speakers at our Sunday services. An all-church picnic was enjoyed by everyone at Snyder Park on July 20. Dr. Raymond Buck (BMM) ministered here on our Mission Emphasis Sunday. Also candidates at the Baptist Mid-Missions Seminar gave testimonies. Our VBS was held August 19-23.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STRONGSVILLE—

We thank the Lord for the new members recently received into our church. We are having an increase in the number of folk going out on visitation. Our giving is also on the increase. The Lord is good!

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STRYKER—

Rev. Donald Kinser, representing Word of Life, was with us in mid-July.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY—

Recent guest speakers have been Brother Larry Fogle and missionary Art Houk. We were led in an evangelistic meeting by Brother Bob Jones of Clarksville, Tenn.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFFIN—

We had a very good Vacation Bible School. Highest attendance was 300. Many decisions were made to receive Christ. We now have a radio program—"Reflections from Calvary"—each Saturday morning over station WFOB in Fostoria, Ohio. The film—"The Rapture" was shown at one of our prayer meeting services. Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, are to be with us for special meetings September 8-15.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

Our men folk had a good time at their Father/Son outing. They saw the Detroit-Milwaukee baseball game. The ministry of Dr. Arthur G. Woolsey, President of Spurgeon Baptist College in Mulberry, Florida was a blessing.

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

Our pastor was recently honored by the Los Angeles Baptist College with a D.D. degree. It is now Dr. Donald Sewell. He was also reelected to the GARBC Council of 18. We held a Father/Son Canoe Trip on August 16 and 17. The evangelistic film—"Flame in the Wind" will be shown on the church parking lot on August 23rd.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—

Brother Tom Miller spoke at one of our prayer meeting services. He is now in Fortaleza, Brazil as a "short-term" teacher under Baptist Mid-Missions. We viewed the evangelistic film—"A Thief In The Night" and five made decisions to receive Christ.

### CHAMPION BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—

Our people took an active part in the Jack Van Impe Crusade. Many decisions were made by people from our church. Our VBS was held August 5-9 and our Teen Class and Joy Class had a great time on a canoe trip.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE—

Our Senior High young people held a Progressive Dinner. Our pastor, Rev. Burns and eight of our people visited Rome, Cairo, Beirut, Damascus, Petra and Israel. "The Rejoicers" a ladies trio from Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and a Musical Ensemble from Baptist Bible College of Grand Rapids, Michigan both sang here. We will be holding our annual Missionary Conference September 22-25. Speakers will include Rev. James Missildine (BMM-Jewish Evangelism in Michigan) and Rev. Thurlow Switzer (FBHM-Maryland).

### WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. Robert J. Lilley (Aid to Independent European Baptist Churches) spoke here. We had a very successful VBS. Our teens had a good day visiting Kings Island in Cincinnati. Evangelist Robert L. Sumner spoke here on June 30th. Also, we were privileged to have the "The Singers" from Piedmont Bible College. A Drama Group from Tennessee Temple College was with us in August.

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## Man--From A Mere Explosion?



Left to right: Pastor James Custer, Pastor Ernest Finkenbiner, Dr. Walter Griffeth, Dr. John C. Whitcomb.

by Jayne Eberling

"Man is a biological product of evolutionary processes that occurred over thousands of years. . . After three billion years, man developed from the primates. . . the apes are his closest relatives. In earliest Africa, man emerged. . . the growth of his brain was phenomenal. . ."

Related to an ape! That message permeated the minds of hundreds of Columbus, Ohio T.V. viewers as they absorbed the content of a National Geographic film entitled, "The Time of Man," aired on WTVN Channel 6, on May 23, 1974. "A product of evolution. . . a developed primate. . ." the thought aroused one Columbus listener to action.

In a letter to the WTVN station management, Pastor Ernest Finkenbiner, of the Maranatha Bible Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio, claimed that the program displayed "a vigorous denial of the Biblical account of creation." He asked for time to present the creationists' view and was granted one hour of prime time for a panel discussion. With agreement in hand, Pastor Finkenbiner assembled the panel for the July 23 program. The group included, Pastor James Custer of the Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio; Dr. Walter Griffeth, Professor of Biology at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio; and Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Professor of Theology at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, a published author in the area of origins.

The portion of the film to which the four men directed their attention centered on three major areas: the "Big Bang" Theory of Origin, What is Man?, and Man's Outlook for the Future.

Opening the 10:00 p.m. discussion, Dr. Whitcomb, author of the Genesis Flood, addressed himself to the question of origins. According to the film, billions of years ago, the collection of gases in the atmosphere exploded, and from it, the universe, including the sun, emerged. Through similar processes, our earth was formed. Dr. Whitcomb stated that our world and mankind did not originate following atmospheric gaseous explosions, but were created by the Word of God through His power. He said science realizes that living things do not increase in complexity by themselves. This fact "is utterly deadly for the "Big Bang theory", yet evolutionary processes demand such a happening.

Dealing with the creation of our universe prompted another question. What is man? Is he a biological process? Is he a developed primate? Tackling that question, Pastor Finkenbiner stated that man's origin was the direct decision of a sovereign God. Man was created in the image of God. Man is not an evolved primate, Pastor Finkenbiner asserted.

"Man is an amazing, complex, and intelligent creature made in the image of his Creator."

Man must realize his place in the universe as a created being and must recognize his place before his Creator.

In further establishing Biblical authority for his statements, the 72 year-old pastor cited Genesis 2:18-25, which related the fact of Adam's domination over the creatures of the earth. Adam named the cattle, fowls, and beasts.

Creation of the world, and of man, stemmed from the work of God. Man has lived upon the earth for centuries. Can he still survive? Dr. Walter Griffeth feels that men, especially Christians have a unique opportunity to help care for the earth and its plants and animals. "Good ecology is a Christian responsibility" on a God-created earth. Ultimately, though, Dr. Griffeth stated that question must be answered both yes and no. Physical man will not survive. Spiritual man will, in heaven or hell.

A major project such as that undertaken by the four men demanded a keen understanding of the responsibility before them. Pastor Custer, who summarized the discussion at the conclusion of the program, joined the panel because "it would provide an opportunity to reach a wide range of people who are not exposed to Biblical statements concerning origins and their own personal destiny." The sandy-haired, articulate pastor commented that the whole theory of evolution is devastating in the lives of those who feed on it. "It is a philosophically acceptable system for their thinking patterns," he said.

A philosophically acceptable system, perhaps? Yet does complex man result from a mere explosion?

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