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# THE OHIO

# INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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## Pastor's Profile

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, recently sent forth a SPECIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN to the pastors of our blessed GARBC fellowship. The first item in this BULLETIN was an article entitled - "PASTOR'S PROFILE".

As editor of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, I felt, after reading this article, it was something that should be shared with the people in our churches. It will give them a little idea of what our pastors are like and what they stand for! We appreciate Dr. Stowell permitting us to run it in the O. I. B.

For more than five years now, I have been your National Representative. I have been thinking for some time that I would like to express to our pastors how much I personally appreciate you. You are a very "special" kind. It has been my privilege to be in your pulpits and in many of your homes. I have met others of you in conferences and ministerial gatherings, and some in private fellowship. These contacts with you make up one of the most exhilarating parts of my present ministry as the National Representative of the GARBC. From these blessed contacts a profile of what a typical GARBC pastor is like has formed itself in my mind's eye. Let me give you a picture of what you look like from my side of the fence.

You men are first of all godly, faithful men who sense deeply the calling of God in your life. You are men of the Book and men who know the work of prayer. Each one has a pastor's heart (Phil. 1:7).

By and large, our men are not satisfied with mediocrity, but are faithfully buying up the opportunity in the place where God has put them, whether it be large or small. My hat goes off to many of our men who are in difficult places where the opportunities are relatively small when it comes to rapid and large growth. In this day when the success syndrome bug has bitten some people, it is good to see men who build solidly and well to the full potential of their church and community. We rejoice, too, with others who are privileged to build large and growing churches.

Our men are preachers of the Word and hold to a balanced, dispensational approach to Bible study and preaching. This makes each of you a believer in and preacher of futuristic prophecy. You labor in the light of the imminent return of Christ. You are concerned about having an intelligent, well-taught membership that knows the Word of God. In a society that has gone in the way of Cain, like

Noah, you are a preacher of righteousness. You stand where Christ would stand on every issue.

Our men are concerned for souls. They are in there, snatching men as brands from the burning, and following a true pattern of Biblical evangelism, Sunday School building, and of challenging youth. The typical GARBC pastor is a recruiting officer to get his young people enlisted for worldwide conquest for Christ. He pleads with them not only to be saved, to have a strong Christian character, but to also yield all of life to the will of God, so that the Holy Spirit may thrust them forth and deploy them to the ends of the earth. He is deeply involved in our worldwide missionary enterprise and is imbued and caught up with the idea of the importance of church planting.

By conviction he walks a path of personal separation. You will not find him at the movies. He does not become involved in social dancing. He is against the liquor traffic and practices total abstinence. He shuns all forms of worldliness that would militate against his spirituality, his testimony and the highest effectiveness of his service for Christ. He avoids vulgarity, is refined--and in speech is beyond reproach.

He is thoroughly convinced along the lines of our stand on ecclesiastical separation and is conversant about the issues of our day. He does not cooperate with the local

ministerial association in his community, which has in it liberals, modernists and often outright unbelievers. He is not a member of such an organization with a mixed multitude. He does not cooperate in union religious services in his community which involve these same, diverse types of people. When it comes to such issues as Explo 72 and Key 73 there is no question in anyone's mind where he stands. He is aware of the compromise and dangers of Neo-evangelicalism and opposes this popular movement. He is not led astray by the Charismatic thrust of our day. He is not involved in it, and teaches his people to stand against it. He sees the weaknesses of interdenominationalism as a movement. He is convinced of our Baptist distinctives. In all of this he is not soft, but takes a firm stand. He will not bow when the pressure becomes great. In the midst of his firmness, however, he seeks (like Daniel) to maintain an excellent spirit (Dan. 6:3).

A typical GARBC pastor believes firmly in the central place of the local church in God's work in the world. He loves the church of which he is the pastor and longs for its welfare. He sets a pattern for the flock. He is a tither.

He loves our GARBC Fellowship. He is not an isolationist. He prays and works to the end that the Fellowship may be kept pure; that it may know great peace and prosperity. He is glad to be a part of it and is concerned for it. He pushes our approved agencies and our camps. He enjoys the state and national Fellowship meetings and attends whenever he can.

He is a family man. He seeks to have his home an example to the entire church and community of what Christ can do in the family setting. His wife is a precious helpmate. He longs to have his children walking in the way of God. He has no greater joy than to know that his children walk in truth (3 John 4).

God bless you men. May your tribe increase!

## Looking For 3,000 Teens

The 12th Annual State Youth Rally promises to be one of the most exciting rallies ever held in the State. The Youth Committee is looking for 3,000 teens to meet together on May 17th at 1:30 in Memorial Auditorium in Columbus.

The program has been divided into three parts. Bill Speer, nationally known singer from Florida will be presenting the ministry in music. Mike Crane, a well-known youth evangelist will be giving a gospel presentation and testimony using Karate. You can expect to see him break 16 inches of concrete with his hand; 300 pounds of ice with his head. Perhaps you will be the young person on whom he will place a watermelon or potato and then, blindfolded, cut it in two with a razor sharp SamariSword. Mike has a thrilling presentation and a fantastic testimony for the Lord. The main speaker for this jam-packed Rally is Paul Dixon, a man used of God to speak to thousands of people every year. We anticipate great blessing from God as this man opens the Word to us.

You won't want to miss this year's rally! Bring a friend or two, or three, and we'll see you in Columbus on May 17 at 1:30. Admission is \$2.50 pre-registration, \$3.00 at the door.

## 44th Annual GARBC Conference

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be holding its 44th Annual Conference June 22-27 at Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Conference theme for this year is "Higher Ground". Messages will be delivered on "Higher Ground, the Holy Spirit Will Enable Us" - "Higher Ground, the Times Demand It" - "Higher Ground in the Scriptures" - "Higher Ground in Evangelism" - "Higher Ground in Rechurching Our Beloved America" - "Higher Ground in Stewardship" - "Higher Ground Because Christ is Coming Soon" - "Higher Ground in Soul Winning" - "Higher Ground Because Untold Millions are Perishing" - "Higher Ground in Supplication" and "Higher Ground in Answering God's Call."

Added to these messages will be three vital messages on the local church. These are "The Local Church, Ordained of God" - "The Local Church Leadership, The Gift of Christ" and "The Local Church Fellowshiping On the Basis of Truth".

It will prove to be a great conference. There will be the presentation of missions, social agencies, youth works and the like. PLAN ON ATTENDING - YOUR HEART WILL BE BLESSED!

## OARBC Annual Men's Retreat

The men of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be gathering for their Annual Men's Retreat - May 1 through May 3. It is to be held at beautiful Sky View Ranch - Millersburg, Ohio.

There will be many sports to enjoy. To name a few - Trap Shoot, Horses, Riflery, Archery, Golf, Hole in One Contest, the Swimming Pool and many extras.

The food this year, as in the past, will be the very best! Be sure to bring a hearty appetite with you when you come. Also, bring your Bible, personal affects, camping trailer (if desired) and golf clubs. 12-gauge shotgun shells can be purchased at the Ranch.

The speaker this year is Dr. James Grier of Cedarville College.

He is well versed in the Word of the Lord. He has a ministry that fits the hearts of men. We wish every man in our OARBC fellowship could sit under his ministry. The LIMIT for this MEN'S RETREAT is 125 men. If you're planning on attending, get your reservations in NOW!

The cost is \$16.00 per person. Come for part or all. The price is pro-rated. Send registration fee of \$6.00 to Pastor William Russell, 123 West Liberty St., Medina, Ohio - 44256. DO IT TODAY!

See you at SKY VIEW RANCH - MEN'S RETREAT. It all begins with the first meal at 6:30 p.m. on May 1st. BE THERE!

## Ohio Talents For Christ

This year's Talents for Christ Contest promises to be one of the biggest and best ever. Already we have received many, many applications and they are still coming in. Once again we will be holding the Contest at Cedarville College, April 12, at 12:00. This year, Rev. Dan Boyd has been appointed by the State Youth Committee to head up Talents for Christ and has done a great job of getting all the many details tied down. Something new has been added to our State competition this year. Judging will be done very similar to the Band Contests held in the public schools. We feel that this will be a great step forward for the State Contest.



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# Why Have A Missionary Apprenticeship Program?

by V. Ben Kendrick

### Why M. A. P.?

This is a good question and in order to answer it to any extent, it will be necessary to examine the program from various angles. M.A.P. has many sides to it, and it is imperative that we look at it from the standpoint of the student, the missionary, the school, the mission, and the local church.

### The Student's Viewpoint:

M.A.P. affords a missions minded college student the unusual opportunity to take an active part in missions on the mission field. He actually gets to see what it is like even though his term of service lasts for only a matter of weeks. He meets and works with the nationals, tries out his limited knowledge of language, and is exposed to foreign mores, cultures and foods. He also sees how the missionary lives and comes to appreciate this servant of the Lord who is human and has problems and weak points like everyone else. M.A.P. gives him a new outlook into missions and presents a challenge which years of classroom studies cannot provide.

### The Missionary's Viewpoint:

The missionary and his co-workers have been praying for more workers and all of a sudden, the young man or woman appears on the horizon in the M.A.P. Program. The opportunity to expose a raw recruit to missions is possible, and this opportunity presents a blessed challenge. The missionary's desire is to be used of the Lord to inform the apprentice of the work, burden him for the work, and train him in the work. It could very well be a new experience for both even though the missionary happens to be a veteran. Mistakes are made and this only makes the missionary more determined to be better prepared for next year's apprentice. A smooth working relationship is developed and a close friendship is established. M.A.P. presents an unusual opportunity as well to the missionary.

### The School's Viewpoint:

A school likes nothing better than to receive a report back from the mission field that its students were outstanding in the apprenticeship program. What better missions class is there than to have your students actively engaged in various ministries on the mission field. The strong points here are not only actual exposure to missions as it is but to have an experienced missionary as a teacher. When it comes to training, M.A.P. provides the very best with on the spot training. The student, upon returning to the classroom, can add much with his experiences. Book learning is good, but book learning with mission field training is better. Many schools favor the apprenticeship program to the extent that credit is given for participation in it.

### The Mission's Viewpoint:

There is a growing belief among missions that one of the greatest sources for missionary candidates is M.A.P. The potential represented in the apprenticeship program is staggering as a whole new concept of exposing young people to missions has come into focus. It is now possible to arrange for those who are interested in medical missions to work with medical missionaries, and the same holds true for Bible School, printing, teaching missionary children, construction, etc. M.A.P. not only brings the student into contact with the missionary and work on the field, but also makes it possible for the student to see the mechanics of the mission in operation. This exposure is a good way to get to know the personnel of the mission and learn of its policies. The apprenticeship program is a means for the mission to have an unusual opportunity to work with potential missionaries.

### The Church's Viewpoint:

The local church plays a vital part in missions, and without it, missions would not exist. M.A.P. has an important role in missions, and therefore, can greatly benefit the ministry of the church as its college age adults take an active part in missions through the apprenticeship program. It has the blessed privilege of praying for and giving to their ministry, and there is something very meaningful to the missionary when he has the prayer and financial support of his home church. A more well rounded ministry can be had by them in the church because of this mission field experience. A missions minded church is a healthy church, and what better way is there to increase the interest in missions than to have one or more from the church participating in M.A.P. Each one represents a potential missionary which places M.A.P. right in the heart of the great commission.

## A Word From Your Editor. . . .

We failed to list our schedule of meetings in the MARCH issue. We do appreciate those who wrote us asking why. We just didn't have enough space! Our schedule for the days that lie just ahead is as follows. . . .

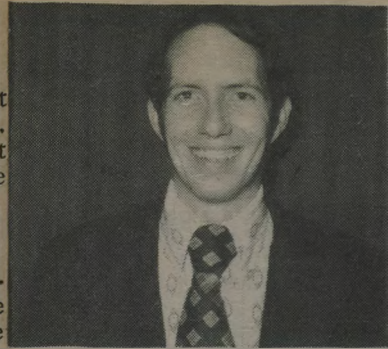
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| April 13 - 18    | Bible Protestant Church, Brooklyn, New York        |
| April 20 - 25    | Hinckley Ridge Baptist Church, Hinckley, Ohio      |
| April 27 - May 4 | Faith Baptist Church, Commercial Point, Ohio       |
| May 11 - 16      | Highland Village Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin |
| May 18 - 23      | First Baptist Church, Norwalk, Iowa                |
| May 25 - 30      | First Baptist Church, Shell Rock, Iowa             |
| June 15 - 20     | First Baptist Church, Elma, New York               |

Our plans call for us to spend the early part of June right at home in Xenia, Ohio (This will be our vacation!) We would, however, like to fill the Sunday dates of June 1, June 8 and June 29 with supply preaching. Interested pastors or churches should write: Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385 or phone: (513) 376-1196.

Thanks to the many of you who are praying for us. More and more, in our meetings, we are having the joy of seeing the Spirit of the Lord move in hearts. God is good!



## Ordained To Gospel Ministry



Rev. H. Kirk Heldreth

Rev. H. Kirk Heldreth, Pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio was ordained to the gospel ministry on February 1st. Our brother is a graduate of Cedarville College with a B.A. in Bible and Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in Theology. He served the Cornerstone Baptist Church as its pastor for a period of seven months prior to being ordained. Rev. and Mrs. Heldreth have two lovely children - Scot who is one year and Shelley, age three.

The ordination Council met at the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

## Troy Church Observes Thirtieth Anniversary

The Grace Baptist Church, of Troy, Ohio, observed its 30th Anniversary, on Sunday, March 9, 1975. The present pastor of this church is Rev. John D. Yardlay.

The church was organized under the leadership of Rev. George R. Gibson. During these 30 years, seven pastors have served in the church: Rev. George R. Gibson, Rev. Walter M. Riser, Rev. Charles D. Miles, Rev. Gerald H. Mitchell, Rev. Ernest J. Virgint and Rev. John D. Yardlay. The present pastor, John D. Yardlay, came to the church in February, 1968, and in early 1970, plans were started to complete the present edifice.

Like most churches, Grace Baptist has enjoyed the mountain-top experiences and times of victory, and also, times in the valley when attendance ran low and saints were disheartened. Rev. George R. Gibson is entitled to the credit of forming the church, with a total of 58 charter members. There are still 8 of those original charger members active in the congregation today. This group was brought forth in prayer and a heaven-sent desire to obey the Word of the Lord. At first, the band of believers met in some private homes until securing rented facilities. In 1950, they acquired a church building located at the corner of McKaig Avenue and Monroe Street. In 1966, they moved to their present location on North Market Street at Little John Road. Just three years ago, they completed their building, and the congregation continues to grow under the leadership of their Pastor, John D. Yardlay. Both Pastor and people are looking to the Lord for even greater blessings to come in the days that lie ahead. Only God knew what that decision made 30 years ago would amount to.

It was a wonderful Anniversary Sunday! Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, was invited to be the special speaker of the day--conducting a Sunday School class for all those of Junior-High age and up; then, for the Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. and again, for the Evening Service, at 7:00 p.m. Following the Evening Service, those present gathered in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, and a precious time was had by all.

The Council consisted of pastors and messengers from five local churches including several professors from Cedarville College. After thoroughly examining Brother Heldreth as to his call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs, the Council unanimously recommended that the church proceed with his ordination.

Rev. Dan Stevens served as Secretary of the Council and Dr. J. Murray Murdock as its Moderator.

A special Ordination Service was held at which time the candidate received his ordination certificate and experienced the laying on of hands. This service was conducted by Dr. J. Murray Murdock, who delivered a recommendation from the Council to the church for ordination of the candidate. This recommendation was received by Mr. George Cochenour, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, who conducted a short business meeting to motion the suggestion of the Council. A charge to the church was then given by Dr. Murdock. This was followed by a charge to the candidate by Brother Heldreth's former pastor, Rev. William Powers, Jr., Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Brunswick, Ohio. All ordained ministers who were present were invited to join in the laying on of hands. The service concluded with a message delivered by Rev. Joseph M. Stowell, III, Pastor of the Southgate Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio.

## Now Serving With F.B.H.M.



Rev. David C. Dunkin

Rev. David C. Dunkin has resigned as pastor of the Abbe Road Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio to serve as Promotional Technician for the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. His new work will make him responsible for promotional presentations, displays, publications and all audio-visual materials.

Brother Dunkin was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He graduated from Wheaton College and also attended McMas-

ter University. He pastored several churches in Maine - Ticonderoga, New York, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania and for the past six years at the Abbe Road Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio.

Mrs. Dunkin teaches at the Elyria Christian Academy, as does also, their son-in-law. Another daughter is in Florida where her husband is stationed with the U.S. Navy. The Dunkins have two sons. They both are students at Los Angeles Baptist College.

The Lord gave our brother a blessed ministry at Abbe Road Baptist Church. We are confident He will continue to bless him in his new ministry with F.B.H.M.

## Dr. Wm. Kuhnle At Akron Church

Dr. William E. Kuhnle, Assistant to the National Representative of our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be speaking at the Highview Avenue Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio - April 27 through 30.

The Highview Avenue Baptist Church is located at 1822 Highview Avenue in Akron. Rev. Charles G. Pausley is the pastor of this church. The public is invited to hear Brother Kuhnle. His messages are always a challenge and a blessing.



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# ACROSS THE STATE

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, AMHERST—**

Our Adult Sunday School classes held a Fellowship Supper recently. Rev. Larry Whiteford, vocal soloist from Fulkerson Park, Michigan was our special guest for this occasion.

**AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—**

Our pastor, Rev. Howard Reinhold, has been bringing a series of messages on the theme—"Personal Evangelism". We held a Sweet-heart Banquet for our Adult fellowship group.

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD—**

We recently received eleven new members into our fellowship. April 5 through 9 are the dates of our Annual Missionary Conference. Rev. Albert Johnson, President of the seminary in Juazeiro, Brazil, Miss Irene Castle, who will be leaving soon for New Zealand, and Rev. Roger McNamara will be ministering to us.

**BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—**

The Chamber Singers from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania sang here on March 22nd. The blessings we had anticipated through our special meetings with Dr. Hugh T. Hall of Bellefontaine, Ohio were realized. His messages challenged our hearts. They were good meetings.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN—**

Our pastor, Rev. John Greening and his wife ministered at the Spurgeon Baptist College conference. His theme was the 8th chapter of Romans. He has been asked to publish this study. We have just installed a lovely sign at the front of our church.

**WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—**

We had a good day with Missionary Doug Wasson of Hiawatha Baptist Missions. Brother Wasson is the Director of Deputation for H.B.M. He told of the work this fine mission is doing and also challenged us in our Christian service.

**NORWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, CINCINNATI—**

March 9 through March 12 were days of blessing. Dr. Reginald Matthews, Field Representative for our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches ministered to us. We held a Youth Night with our young people taking part in the service. This was on March 23rd. Brother John McKinney did the speaking.

**CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—**

We were privileged to have Rev. Malanowski minister here on March 26. Our brother has been called to serve the Lord in Indonesia. Mrs. Peggy Bush of Bellefontaine, Ohio presented a concert of gospel music on Sunday, March 16.

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—**

Our Youth Pastor, Brother John Bird, spoke at both of our services on March 16. Pastor Abernathy was away on vacation speaking at a Christian School function in New Jersey. As a church, we were able to purchase a piece of additional property. It is located just across the street from our church building.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, COMMERCIAL POINT—**

The Lord gave us a good meeting with Evangelist Joe Day. There were a number of decisions made. We held a special Dedication Service on March 9 at which time we dedicated our new building "unto the Lord".

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, COSHOCTON—**

We were led in special meetings by Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat. His ministry was used of the Lord to speak to hearts. Mrs. Moffat's ministry at the piano was greatly appreciated. We praise God for our Day Care Center. It is a joy to see how the Lord is able to work in such young lives! Our pastor, Rev. David Elmore, just recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land. (Editor's Note: If ever in the Coshocton area, be sure to drop in and visit with Brother Elmore. You must see the coat he wore when at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem!)

**COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—**

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Carl Stephenson, was the guest of honor and pleasantly surprised on the occasion of her birthday during the February meeting of our Women's

Missionary Group. We held a Father/Son banquet on March 14. Dr. Don Jennings (ABWE) will be with us for our Missionary Conference April 20-22.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—**

We were blessed through the ministry of Missionary Larry Armstrong. He gave us a vivid picture of his work in Australia. It is our privilege to help support him in this work.

**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—**

Evangelist/Magician Ken Evans ministered here on March 15 when he hosted a "Youth for Truth" rally. We praise the Lord for His continued blessing on our work here.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, ELIDA—**

Missionary Steve Barnes spoke here on March 2nd telling us of his plans to serve the Lord in the land of Jordan.

**ABBE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA—**

We had good meetings in March with Evangelist Hugh Horner. The Elyria Christian Academy presented a special program to our people recently. Other guest speakers for the month include Mr. Felix O'Donnell, new Administrator of the Elyria Christian Academy and Dr. Kenneth Muck, President of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. Our pastor, Rev. David Dunkin, has resigned to accept a position with F.B.H.M. We covet the prayers of our O.I.B. readers as we seek a new man.

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

We viewed the Cedarville College film strip "Start From The Right Place." Also, the film "Daktar" was shown at our Missionary Conference. Those taking part in the Conference were Dr. Ernest Pickering, President of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Penna., Rev. Harry Ambacher (ABWE-Hong Kong) and Rev. David Southwell (ABWE-Brazil).

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY—**

Guest speaker at the special dedicatory services for our new building was Dr. Bob Jones, III, President of Bob Jones University. Our Missionary Conference was held March 9-12. Two veteran missionaries—Rev. Marvin Fray (BMM-Brazil) and Rev. Revis Clark (BMM-Kentucky) ministered to us during these wonderful days.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION—**

Recent speakers include Rev. George Zinn with his "Sermon in Song" and Dr. Jack Riggs, Professor of Bible at Cedarville College.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—**

Dr. E. L. Williams (Bob Jones University) and Brother Ted Roach (Word of Life) spoke here recently. The Cedarville College choir was with us on March 29. We have just purchased folding doors for use in our present auditorium.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—**

Our Bible and Science Seminar held on March 5th included such men as Dr. Joseph Henson, Chairman of Pure and Applied Science, Dr. Emmett Williams, Chairman of Physics Department and Professor George Mulfinger, a teacher in Physics and Music—all at Bob Jones University.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—**

Brother Road Fautonberry of Omaha, Nebraska was our evangelist for special meetings—March 16 through 21. We were privileged, too, to have Evangelist "Robbie" Roberson speak to us presenting the work of Word of Life.

**MONTPELIER BAPTIST CHURCH—**

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and Mrs. Moffat were with us for special evangelistic services. The Lord blessed. We praise Him for those who came to Christ for salvation. Mrs. Moffat's ministry at the piano was one of blessing. We praise the Lord for our AWANA boys and girls. One AWANA girl walked the aisle during our special meetings bringing her mother to Christ!

**NEW LYME BAPTIST CHURCH—**

On April 13 through April 20 we will be having evangelistic meetings. Our guest evangelist will be Brother Larry Clayton. We are anticipating a time of blessing.

**NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH—**

Rev. Al Kinchen from Lynchburg, Virginia led us in a Family Seminar "Mini-Conference" on March 11.

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON—**

We recently had Dr. Bob Bennett of Quakers-town, Penna. speak to us. He unveiled proposed building plans for expanding our present facilities. Our Senior High young people held an "Appreciation Banquet". It was their way of saying "thanks" to the adults who had made a special effort in helping them.

**NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—**

Pastor Good spoke at the Baptist Bible College and Seminary recently. His ministry covered a Tuesday through Friday. Pastor's new book "Are Baptists Calvinists?" is now in readiness and Baker Book House promises delivery early in April. The dates of our Missionary Conference are April 5-9.

**NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH—**

The Lord is blessing here since the arrival of our new pastor, Rev. Don Rosenwald. We held a "Sweetheart Banquet" in February with Rev. Tom Hughes of Cuyahoga Falls as guest speaker. Forty of our members have just completed a six-weeks course on Soul Winning which was taught by our pastor. Brother Dave Truit was with us to present Sky View Ranch. Eighteen of our young people attended a "March Retreat" at Sky View. Our ladies missionary group toured the Haven of Rest Rescue Mission in Akron, Ohio.

**CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN—**

A special AWANA program was presented here on Sunday, March 9. We praise the Lord for the young people being reached through this excellent program.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, PERRY—**

March 16 marked the beginning of the third year of our weekly radio ministry. The program, "Bible Challenge", is heard every Sunday at 7:05 A.M. on radio station WPVL (1460 AM) from Painesville, Ohio.

**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH—**

We have installed a stairway elevator to aid the people of our church who have a stair-climbing problem. We were led in special meetings by Evangelist Ronald Presley. Guest soloist for these meetings was Mr. Ernie Lunay. The Lord blessed.

**BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—**

Mr. Douglas Weaver spoke here on March 16. Some of our folk attended a special banquet and bus conference in Dayton recently. Our choir presented "Triumphant Musicale" on Palm Sunday. Rev. Russell Morris spoke at our Easter Sunrise service.

**SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—**

At a recent church business meeting the members voted unanimously to adopt a \$21,000 capital improvement program. To get the program started a special offering will be taken on April 6. This date marks the fifth anniversary since the organizing of our church.

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY—**

Brother George Zinn was with us in February. Mr. Mel Bryant of Child Evangelism for the state of Ohio told us of his work. We thank the Lord for His continued blessing on our work.

**FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLMADGE—**

We recently viewed the film—"Ultimate Adventure". March 23-28 we had Youth Evangelistic Services with Mr. Florian Manas, former Cleveland Director of Youth for Christ. Rev. Curtis Thomas presented a team from Haven of Rest Mission in Akron, Ohio.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFFIN—**

As a church, we participated in a series of special Sunday School Enlargement Sundays which were followed by Evangelist "Dusty" Rhodes and guest soloist Billy Speer. Our hearts were blessed through their ministries.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—**

March 23rd marked the 10th Anniversary of our church. We praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished during these years. Sharon Williams spoke recently to our Ladies Group. Mike Williams presented a challenge as he told of his call to the Philippine Islands. He illustrated his message with slides of the land.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—**

Dr. Cleveland McDonald, Professor at Cedarville College, spoke here on March 9. The Family Life Seminar held March 21-23 proved a blessing to all who attended.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—**

While Pastor and Mrs. Romig attended the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary Conference, Mr. Harold West ministered at our prayer meeting service. Also, Mr. Howard Wolff presented Sky View Ranch at one of our Sunday Morning services. We anticipate a great time during our missionary conference—April 20 through April 24.

**WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—**


Recently we baptized eight who came into the membership of our church. April 6 is "Old Fashioned" Day. Also, on this day we will be observing the 97th birthday of our church. We plan to hold our annual Missionary Conference April 30 through May 4.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA—**

The young people of the Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio presented an evening of music here recently. We viewed the film—"Martin Luther". Our church recently accepted the Word of Life program for our youth. We enjoyed having the Cedarville College choir under the direction of Mr. David Matson. Dr. Johnny J. Jones of Macon, Georgia led us in special meetings. These began March 27 and concluded East Sunday morning.

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# Book Reviews

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## New Director For Central Ohio



Rev. Larry Abbott

Campus Bible Fellowship, Baptist Mid-Missions' university outreach emphasis, will be assigning Rev. and Mrs. Larry Abbott to the Central Ohio region for the purpose of establishing CBF groups on the various university and college campuses. The Abbotts will be moving into the Fairborn, Ohio, area about April 1, 1975, to begin their ministry.

Rev. Abbott is presently mission-

ary in charge of the Des Moines, Iowa, area campus outreach. He has organized successfully CBF groups in Ankeny, Marshalltown, and Des Moines. He is a former graduate of the University of Nebraska (B.A. agriculture) and Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny (Th.B.). He will be ready to work with any churches in Ohio who themselves want an effective on-campus ministry.

In January the CBF ministry was presented to the pastors of the Bethel Fellowship in Xenia. At that time Rev. Will Davis, pastor at Fairborn, volunteered to head up a temporary area liaison committee for the purpose of working with Rev. Abbott and the local churches in this campus endeavor.

Please join the interested churches and pastors in prayer for an effective witness for Jesus Christ at Ohio State, Central State, Antioch, Wittenberg University, Cincinnati, etc. Campus Bible Fellowship, while coordinated by the Baptist Mid-Missions-CBF staff member, works in full cooperation with local, fundamental Baptist churches. For further information, write to Rev. Leigh Adams, North American Secretary, Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

**THE CORINTHIAN CATASTROPHE** (by George E. Gardiner, Kregel Publications, P.O. Box 2607, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501, 1974; paperback, 56 pages, 95¢)

This is a clear and concise presentation concerning Paul's purpose in writing the Corinthian letters. One major purpose was to clean up the selfish evil desire displayed by many to capitalize on the tongue "sign" for the purpose of gaining fame and popularity. Upon this subject the study centers.

In his background regarding the conditions existing in the city and the church, the author depicts the church at Corinth as "A church which was arrested in development, charismatic in practice, immoral in living, and heretical in doctrine. The Corinthian Catastrophe!" This book offers an excellent scriptural study and appraisal of the tongues movement then and now. It clearly answers the arguments proposed by today's charismatic adherents. It would be well for pastors to make this easily understood book available to their people.

**NO GREATER JOY** (by Ruth A. Woodworth, Regular Baptist Press, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Ill. 60018, 1975; paperback, 70 pages, \$1.25.)

A missionary biography from the life and pen of one of God's faithful servants. In the Philippines, Ruth Woodworth served the Lord for many years under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Her terms of service surrounded those dreadful years of World War II--years of disaster and despair. This life story details the personal heartaches brought on by seasons of sickness, sorrow, discouragement and need.

Throughout the account, however, the ever prevailing grace of our God is manifest. Rightly so, Miss Woodworth concludes with a chapter which portrays "The Joy of Service" which she experienced through willingly adhering to God's blueprint for her life. I sense that this book will stimulate readers to faithful, fruitful service regardless of the sphere of ministry to which God has called them.

**BUILDING AND BATTLING** (by Dr. Curtis Hutson, Sword of the Lord, Box 1099, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130, 1974, 186 pages, \$3.00)

This book is made up of twelve soul-winning sermons presented as they were effectively preached by Dr. Hutson, a soul-winning pastor.

For the most part these messages are designed to bring the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ. However, you will find the content also geared to challenge the saints toward Christ honoring living and reaching the unsaved. Three of these searching messages are directed to the believers under the subjects of "The One-Hundred Percent Christian", "Soul Winning, Every Christian's Job" and "Why Christians Have Trouble." Each message contained herein is laced with practical illustrations which result in pointed applications.

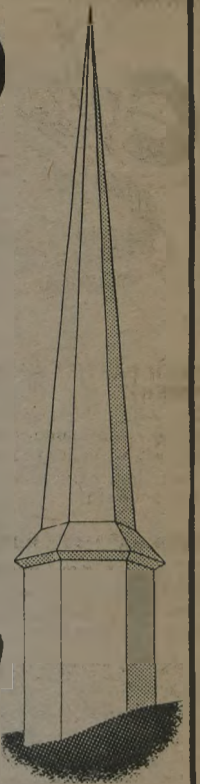


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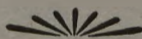
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## Missionary To The Mormons



Rev. Robt. Hays

Our brother, Rev. Robert A. Hays is a "Buckeye" by birth. He was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. It was at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church that he received Christ into his heart, however, it wasn't until after his marriage that he, and his wife, gave their lives to the Lord desiring His will - nothing more and nothing less!

Our brother received his training for Christian service at the Practical Training Bible School in Johnson City, New York. The Lord then led them to apply for missionary service under Baptist Mid-Missions. Having been accepted as BMM missionaries, "the Hays" are now looking forward to serving the Lord in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their desire is to take the true gospel message of Jesus Christ to the Mormons and to establish a local independent Baptist Church in that city.

Presently they are engaged in deputation work, seeking to raise the necessary money for support and equipment. As of this writing, they are making their home in Endicott, New York - 13760. Pastors interested in having our brother speak to their people may contact him at this address.

## F.B.H.M. Field Council Meeting

The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions held their Midwest Area Field Council Meeting March 3 through March 5 in the First Baptist Church of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

These meetings featured Dr. Kenneth Muck, President of FBHM and Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Mrs. Joseph Stowell spoke at the special sessions for the ladies. Seminars on "The Missionary and His Study", "The Missionary and the Family Altar" and "The Missionary and His Outreach" were presented by different FBHM missionaries.

The meetings proved a blessing, a time of instruction and information.

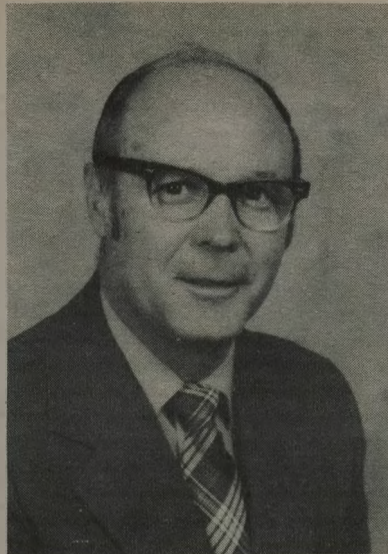
## Ministering In Pennsylvania

Rev. Clayton J. Bates is well known to many of our OARBC pastors. For a number of years he has carried on a "supply preaching" ministry among our pastors. We have been happy to advertise his being available for such supply preaching in the pages of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

He was extended a call by the Swissvale Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has felt led of the Lord to accept the offer to become their pastor. Along with his duties as pastor, he will serve as principal of the Swissvale Baptist Academy - a Christian Day School located in the church building.

Rev. and Mrs. Bates began their new work the first Sunday of March. He would like to thank all of the Ohio churches who had him fill their pulpits.

## Academy Holds Annual Banquet



Mr. Felix O'Donnell

The Elyria Christian Academy recently held their Third Annual Banquet at the Midview Junior High School. There were over 300 in attendance.

At the banquet, the Academy's new Superintendent, Mr. Felix O'Donnell, was presented by Rev. Willis Hull, Chairman of the school board. Brother Hull also told of the many occasions for praise to God for the blessings of the past year in the life of the Academy and announced the addition of grades 8, 9, 10 for the Fall curriculum.

Mrs. Willis Hull, Administrator of the elementary grades, introduced the various teachers who presented a musical program arranged especially for this special occasion.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Wm. Rice, Pastor of the Inter-City Baptist Church in Allen Park, Michigan. Brother Rice brought a stirring challenge on the subject of "Faith."

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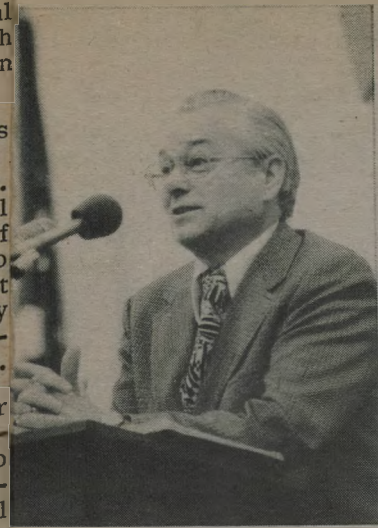
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The weather conditions added an unexpected dimension to the excitement of the first day of the conference, but any concern that the inclement weather conditions would keep prospective attenders away was relieved by having very high attendance at the sessions from the beginning. The Lord was good in allowing many the opportunity to share in the blessing of the messages from the Word and the Christian fellowship. The conference broke its previous attendance of approximately 2,050, and latecomers were turned away at the entrance as even the overflow auditorium was filled to its limit.

Those who attended the conference found the messages of the

week to be pertinent and challenging. The keynote address by Dr. Welch was on the temptation of Christ, and Dr. Warren Wiersbe took his series from situations in Jacob's life as examples for insight into solving certain problems in the Christian life. Dr. Jack Wyrzten brought evangelistic messages and several decisions for salvation were made. Dr. John Baylo taught concerning the authority of the Word of God, and Dr. Jack Jacobs spoke on the subject of faith as viewed from Hebrews chapter 11. Speaking on critical issues in missions today, Dr. Donn Ketcham, ABWE, Bangladesh, discussed the problems of developing Biblically based standards both on the mission field and at home. In his inimitable style, Dr. Louis Paul Lehman dealt with Christian love, and on how he would write a 'best seller', showing the richness of variety of the Word of God as it reveals its message of God's plan for mankind.

Tuesday was annual Alumni Day. As anticipated, Dr. Victor Matthews' message as alumni speaker was very practical, as he spoke on the matter of prayer. Tuesday night was the presentation of the VanOsdel trophy for 1975 Alumnus of the Year. This year's recipient was Pastor Gene Sickler of Green Corners Baptist Church, Belding, Michigan. The introductory tribute particularly commended him for his work with and concern for young people, and his faithfulness in ministry as pastor.

In addition to the daily afternoon seminars, this year's afternoon schedule included mini-courses, with seminary credit available. Dr. Ronald Chadwick taught the class, "Developing Your Leadership Abilities - Principles and Techniques", and Dr. Warren Faber's course titled "Discovering Meaning and Significance in your Bible Reading" was also offered. The classes were taught for three days each, which gave both teacher and student the opportunity to consider their subject with continuity and depth not possible in one-day seminar.

In all, the Lord blessed those who attended the conference, by the opportunity to study His Word, reflect on what was being taught, and become better equipped to return to individual fields of service.

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 \$29.95. 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, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, 1001 East Beltline Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505.

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# Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

## 'What Went Ye Out Into The Wilderness For To See?'

Three times in Matthew eleven, Jesus asked this question -- "What went ye out into the wilderness for to see?" What is there to see in the wilderness of Judea? The hills are barren, destitute of interest or attraction, a little grass for the wandering Bedouins and their sheep and goats. No kings houses are there. No one dressed in fine raiment. What then went ye out to see? The answer -- a man. A man with a message. "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." -- "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

God is very strong on disobedience but warm toward faith.

What went ye down to Jericho for to see? A city set on a hill, thriving with activity and people? No, we see there a "tell", a heap of ruins, a city accursed by God, (Joshua 6:17) burned, destroyed and the promise "Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city, Jericho."

God is very strong against sin but warm toward Joshua's faith.

What went ye down to the Dead Sea for to see? A beautiful sea with a summer resort, a beach for bathing, happy children playing in the sands? No, we see the results of sin against a Holy God. This area once the plain of Jordan, well watered everywhere, even as the "garden of the Lord", like the land of Egypt by the Nile. But God rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire out of heaven. Because the men of Sodom were wicked sinners, heaped in homosexuality to such an extent they sought to take the angels to practice their evil deeds. (Genesis 13:10-13; 19:24,25). What do you see then? The judgment of a Holy God upon the wickedness of men.

God is very strong against sin.

What went ye up to Galilee for to see? Capernaum, a city by the sea where fishermen dry their nets? A city where women visit in the market place? A city where children play in the streets? Where singing praises unto the Lord of whom Matthew 9:1 says, "He entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into His own city." No! You see again a city rejected by God, a heap of stones, for her rejection of His lovely Son. Luke 10:13-16 reads - "Woe unto thee, Chorazin, woe unto thee, Bethsaida . . . and thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down." Yes, we see a reminder of man's need to keep true to God and His Son, our Saviour, or accept the consequences.

God is very strong on unbelief.

What went ye up to Jerusalem for to see? A city set on a hill, a house of worship, a temple full of people praising the Lord? No! We see a Wall. Matthew 24:1, 2 - "His disciples came to Him for to show Him the buildings of the temple and Jesus said, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Although Jesus greatly loved this place and these people yet. . .

God is very strong against those who reject His prophets and His Son.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her

wings, and ye would not? Behold your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" I Peter 4:17. Yes, we see a Wall, where the people of Israel gather to wail -- "because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19:44.

God is very strong against unbelief.

What go ye out for to see? A land that once "flowed with milk and honey"? A land though now seemingly deserted by God, however, we read in His Word and we know that "through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles." Romans 11:11 "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" Romans 11:15 "Thou wilt say then, the branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear. For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God." Romans 11:19-22a.

God is strong on disobedience but thank God He melts when He sees faith. As the speaker in the Garden Tomb said - "God gets crazy on faith". So what go we to this land for to see? We see His judgments and are excited to become people of belief and great faith, rather than of disobedience.

### Hebron W.M.F.

The ladies of the Hebron Women's Missionary Fellowship met at the Northfield Baptist Church. The meetings for the day began at 10:00 a.m. Their theme was - "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known". The project for the ladies was a Postage Meter Mailing Machine for the office of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions in Elyria.

## A Great Day For Our Ladies



Kay Lamb, R. N.

On Tuesday, April 15, the ladies of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches Women's Missionary Union will be meeting at the Memorial Baptist Church, 2235 Eakin Road in Columbus, Ohio. An excellent program has been arranged. The theme for this special day is - GOD'S GREATEST GIFT.

Guest speaker for this occasion will be Miss Kay Lamb, R.N. This dear missionary was one of the last of our Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries to leave the Chad station in Africa. Her message will bless you and challenge you.

The meetings will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and run to 12:00 noon. A lunch will be catered or one may bring their own sack lunch. The afternoon meeting will begin at 1:00 and close at 3:00 p.m.

There will be six special seminars. Our project is - \$5,000 toward Cedarville College's new chapel. Please make checks payable to Mildred Flanagan, 328 E. 320th Street in Willowick, Ohio - 44094.

### Berean W.M.F.

On Thursday, March 20, the Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship met at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church. A coffee-time was shared at 9:45 a.m. The theme for this occasion was "The King's business requires haste." (I Samuel 21:8)

Guest speaker for this meeting was Mrs. Harry Ambacher (ABWE-Hong Kong). She presented their work of church planting in the Hong Kong areas and also told of their ministry at the Christian Service Center in Hong Kong.

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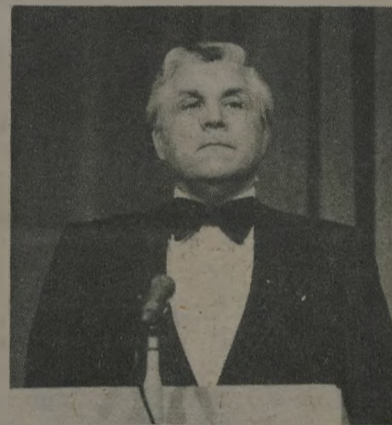
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## Ladies Form New Fellowship

The ladies of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio met on February 11th to form a new Ladies Missionary Fellowship. They have combined all of their groups into one grand gathering of approximately 200 women. At this meeting, the program was arranged to LEARN the other side of life, the missionary side, and to LABOR with their hands by stuffing toys, knitting, embroidering, knotting quilts and preparing visuals. The ladies believe that "love" is giving and doing and praying. A dessert buffet and coffee was enjoyed and rich fellowship was shared.

## Faith Baptist College Holds Bible Conference



Mr. Bill Hoyt

The best ever may sound like a trite description of Faith's 30th Annual Bible Conference, February 17-21. Of course, each one seems a little better, more blessed than the last.

It's true, though.

We enjoyed an added treat -- an unofficial introduction to the Conference--in the person of Rev. Peter Masters from the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London.

Rev. Masters addressed the College assembly Friday, February 14, during the 9:00 chapel service and a special 7:30 p.m. meeting.

A sacred concert presented by Bill Hoyt on Sunday afternoon paved the way for a week of blessing, heart-searching and revival.

Attendance was good throughout the week. Alumni Day on Thursday brought in some special people for the Alumni Dinner and meeting and two groups of "oldies" for their 10- and 25-year reunions.

Invitations on Thursday and Friday evenings brought a strong response. Many made decisions of dedication and renewal.

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# Youth Ask

by Bruce McDonald

Dear Bruce,

If it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter heaven, will Abraham, who was rich, go to Heaven?

Your Answer,

The answer is found two verses down from the verse you quote. "With God all things are possible." Also, you recall the story preceding Jesus' remarks on the eye of the needle? A rich young man came to Jesus and asked how he could have heaven. Jesus said, sell all that you have and follow me. The rich man walked away. Not so with Abraham, he left all he had and followed God. God rewarded him and gave him more wealth. Yes, Abraham will be in Heaven.

Signed,  
BRUCE

Dear Bruce,

What is the difference between something that is evangelical or something that is fundamental?

Your Answer,

A correct answer to that question would take pages to answer. I suggest you ask your Pastor or Youth Pastor, and perhaps they could suggest some good books for you. Just this brief note, "Fundamentalism is the unwavering insistence upon the changeless validity of the basic doctrines of the faith." (Woodbridge) Evangelical was a term drawn up in the thirties and forties by the staunch defenders of the faith. Today the position they held is being attacked by the New Evangelicals. You need to be aware of this.

Signed,  
BRUCE

Wondering? Bewildered? Need advice? Well then, send your letters, questions and comments to "YOUTH ASK" c/o Bruce McDonald, Northfield Baptist Church, St. Rt. 82 & N. Boyden Road, Northfield, Ohio 44067.

Pastors and Youth Leaders, please draw your Youth's attention to this new column. Get them to start reading the O. I. B. and using the Youth Column.

## My Testimony

Editor's Note: There is nothing quite so refreshing as a testimony given by one who dearly loves the Lord. Brother Ben Kendrick, Deputation Secretary of Baptist Mid-Missions sent us the following. It is from one of our college students (Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit) when application was being made to serve the Lord under BMM's Missionary Apprentice Program. We want to share it with our O. I. B. readers.

"Trust in the Lord  
with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto  
thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways  
acknowledge Him,  
and He shall direct thy paths."  
Proverbs 3:5-6

I can remember the day as a young girl that I personally trusted in the Lord with all my heart and accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. From that day on my life has had a new meaning and a new prospective. This marked the beginning of the continuous process of spiritual growth in my life.

At the age of twelve I made my testimony public and followed in God's commandment of baptism. At this point I made a rededication to live for Christ publicly no matter the cost and not to lean unto my own understanding. Throughout my junior and senior high school years in the public school system and here at Baptist Bible College, I have tried to let others see Christ in me.

The Lord has come to mean so much to me and has made such a change in me that where I am -- at home, school or church -- in all my ways I acknowledge Him. Through Christian service I can acknowledge Him, also. The Lord has used me in the following areas of service: Sunday School Teacher, Bible Club teacher, worker, helper and assisting in preparing the material, teaching in Primaries, Beginners and Toddlers in the Church time programs, visitation (home, rest home, hospital, and children's hospital), and church office secretary.

I believe that the Lord is directing my path to the Missionary Apprentice Program. My concern for the lost people in the Kentucky area has deepened, and my desire to share with them Jesus Christ has increased. Being an apprentice in Kentucky would be a real opportunity to act upon this burden the Lord has laid on my heart. During the two years that I have lived in Kentucky, I have grown to love these people and have seen a genuine need for missions in this area.

... Baptist Bible College Student

## World Jewish Population

The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,150,000, according to the 1974-75 American Jewish Year Book. Countries with the largest Jewish populations are the United States -- 5,732,000; Israel -- 2,806,000; Soviet Union -- 2,680,000; France -- 550,000; Argentina -- 475,000; Great Britain -- 410,000; and Canada -- 305,000. Forty-nine percent of world Jewry is located in the Western Hemisphere, 29 percent in Europe, 20 percent in Asia, 1.5 percent in Africa, and 0.5 percent in Australia and New Zealand. Europe has 4,090,000 Jews. Jewish population figures for U.S. cities are Los Angeles -- 463,000; Philadelphia -- 350,000; Chicago -- 253,000; Miami -- 200,000; Boston -- 180,000; Washington -- 112,500; Bergen County (N.J.) -- 100,000; Essex County (N.J.) -- 95,000; Baltimore -- 94,000; Detroit -- 80,000; Cleveland -- 80,000; San Francisco -- 75,000; and St. Louis -- 60,000.

## A Profitable Year

A real occasion of praise came the week of March 9 when the membership of the Brookside Baptist Church celebrated their 12th Anniversary in the city of Seven Hills, under the leadership of Pastor George W. O'Keefe.

Our motto, IN '75 EVANGELIZE, is being fulfilled as we are seeing decisions of salvation, baptism, and membership being made.

From the physical standpoint, there were three outstanding events of the church year: (1) Gift of a new Ford van from Deacon-Sunday School Superintendent Robert Besserer, retiree from N.A.S.A.; (2) Carpeting of church sanctuary by special gifts; (3) Named as the beneficiary of a \$10,000 insurance policy by M. Lorraine Cartwright, Christian Education Director and Departmental Superintendent, who went to be with the Lord on February 7. Also, the church membership, general and Missionary giving, and attendance have all increased.

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Mrs. Charles Hurst--Pianist/Arranger, Cedar Hill Baptist Church  
Mrs. Ken Boone--Junior Choir Director, Cedar Hill Baptist Church  
Mr. Paul H. Matthews--Minister of Music, Cedar Hill Baptist Church (Brother Matthews will serve as Director for the music portion of this conference).

### Christian Education

Dr. Merle Hull--Executive Editor, Regular Baptist Press  
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Miss Valerie Wilson--Writer of Sunday School Literature  
Rev. David L. Moore--Pastor, Cedar Hill Baptist Church (Pastor Moore will serve as General Chairman for this conference)  
Rev. Donal Leitch--Minister of Youth, Cedar Hill Bapt. Church (Brother Leitch will serve as Director for the C.E. portion of this conference)  
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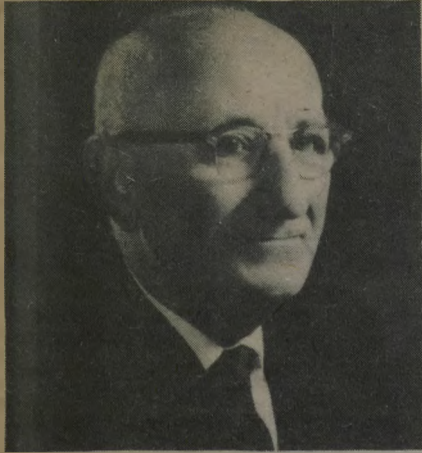
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## Over Forty Years Of Ministry



Dr. Paul M. Cell

Following very clear leading from the Lord, Dr. Paul M. Cell organized a church in Willowick, Ohio (Cleveland suburb) beginning with 19 people, and was the pastor for 40 years. God so blessed his Bible teaching and expository preaching that in 1957 work was begun on a large new addition 60' x 100', two floors. Under his guidance the First Baptist Church became widely known as uncompromisingly fundamental, well informed and alert on the issues of the day. (The present pastor of this work is Rev. Bernard Flanagan.)

Early in this pastorate Brother Cell saw the need of an evangelistic parish paper as one means of evangelizing the area house-to-house. He began editing and publishing a paper naming it FELLOWSHIP. Two years ago Evangelist Mel Stadt of Wisconsin became associate and Managing Editor. The paper has reached 107,000 each issue, and growing. Churches are using it in various quantities in most of our states, and in Canada, Australia and Kenya, Africa. Missionaries in Mexico have been given permission to reproduce the paper in Spanish. Whole families have been reported won to Christ and to local churches that distribute the paper house-to-house.

In the middle 1930s Dr. Cell became deeply concerned about the financial problems experienced by many fundamental churches, his own included. Believing the Bible to be the most practical gift of God to man, he concluded that God's plan for maintaining and promoting His work was not being practiced. This led him to search the Scriptures for what he believed was a lost truth. After several years of prayerful searching he discovered teaching he had never seen before. It was not tithing, but STOREHOUSE TITHING that was God's stewardship plan for the church. When this was introduced to his congregation it wrought a glorious transformation financially and spiritually.

Invitations to tell this story were received from local churches and from state and national church conventions. Then came urgent requests to have it in print. This



by Paul Matthews

### The Drama Of Sacred Music

When the curtain opens and the actors move to their places, when the lines are said and the action starts, then you are aware of the drama of the hour. It can be opera, it can be serious drama, it can be comedy, but one thing is for sure — you are caught up in what's happening.

Music has tremendous drama in it. Since music is a language because it has structure it is interesting to note the analogies to language.

In music we have tones in place of words; we have motifs instead of phrases; we are presented musical ideas in place of sentences; great movements take the place of chapters; the sonata or symphonies in place of books.

As in language, music has the ingredients we call a harmonic phrase (syntax) and of course there is an organizational form.

Music almost always presents a particular philosophy of life or world view or life changing message. "Serious artists down through the years of history have always attempted to communicate a philosophy of life." We are aware, I am certain that no one composes out of a vacuum.

Because of this fact — that music is indeed a language — how very important that the Christian use extreme caution in his presentation of music. We must be aware of the drama which is taking place. Is it a spiritual nature? Is it of a fleshly nature?

Brother Matthews welcomes any questions pertaining to church music and/or music in general. Write him — Mr. Paul Matthews, Cedar Hills Baptist Church, 12601 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106.

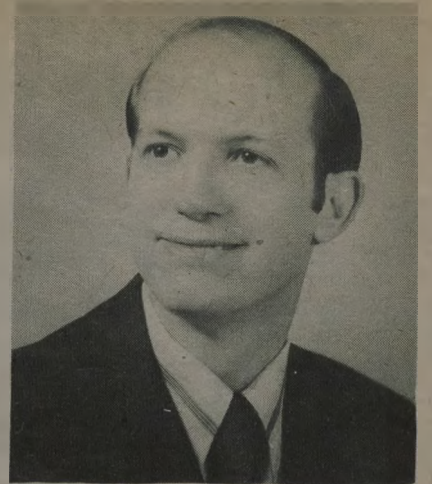
resulted in the widely known 56 page book, PUTTING FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES ON THEIR FEET FINANCIALLY, issued in May 1943. After 32 years it is still in demand and is in its 21st edition at 75¢ each. Orders for 25 or more receive 25% discount, plus postage.

Before coming to Ohio Dr. Cell was superintendent of the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and a member of its faculty. He was for many years a trustee and faculty member of the Cleveland Baptist Bible Institute. He is a trustee of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission; has served many years on the executive committee of the American Council of Christian Churches.

At present Dr. Cell is devoting his time to editing the FELLOWSHIP paper, also conducting Bible conferences with evangelism. When requested, he expounds the Scriptures that teach Storehouse Tithing, and the people are challenged. He says, "It is thrilling to know the many churches that have been blessed by this truth." Depending on the size of the congregations and the response of the people, actual results have brought additional yearly incomes from \$3,500 to over \$21,000. Last June a church in South Carolina of less than 100 members began receiving more than \$250.00 additional each week, and this during the summer slump months of July and August.

Brother Cell resides at 1361 Wilbur Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44301, (216) 724-6533. For information regarding the FELLOWSHIP paper, write to Evangelist Mel Stadt, Box 202, Union Grove, Wisconsin 53182.

## Portsmouth Calls Visitation Minister



Rev. John Waldon

Rev. John Waldon has recently assumed the duties of Minister of Visitation at the Temple Baptist Church, Gallia and Waller Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. (Rev. Max Sid-ders is the pastor of this fine church.)

Brother Waldon is a native of Russellville, Alabama. He studied for the ministry at Tennessee Temple Schools where he earned a degree in Theology. His wife, Alice, has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tennessee Temple College.

He served as pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama while attending Tennessee Temple. He also served as Minister of Music and Youth at Calvary Baptist Church in Hooker, Georgia for four years. Recently, he was the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Baptist Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin. While in Kenosha, he and his wife started the Victory Acres Bible Camp.

Rev. and Mrs. Waldon have two sons — Johnny, age four and Jamie, age six months.

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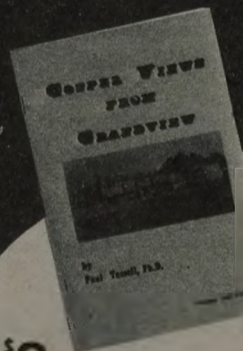
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Brother Russell formerly taught art at Cedarville College. He served for ten years on the Staff of The Sunday School Times. He also ministered as cartoonist with the Cincinnati Enquirer on their Church page. He is the Creator and Director of television program - "Tele-Bible Time". This appears on Channel 4, WLW, Columbus, Ohio. His cartoons appear each month in the pages of our own magazine - THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

Our brother is an able preacher and teacher. He makes his messages "live" by illustrating them with slides and "live" drawings. He has also been very successful in presenting the gospel through a "Kids Art Klub".

It has been your editor's privilege to know Rev. and Mrs. Russell for over ten years. They are very dear people with a deep love for their Lord and a strong desire to faithfully serve Him. We believe his ministry would be one of blessing in our churches. We hope that many of our pastors will contact him. Those interested should write: Rev. J. Emerson Russell, 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 or phone: (614) 772-1453.

### Called Into Evangelism



Evangelist Ernest Fritz

Your O. I. B. editor recently received a letter from Rev. Ray L. Kaffenbarger, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Urbana, Ohio, asking us to announce that Brother Ernest Fritz, a member of the Urbana church, has been called into the field of evangelism. Also, he would be available for pulpit supply work. He is an able soul winner, a fervent preacher and a great supporter of the Local Church.

Evangelist Fritz attended Tennessee Temple Schools, Florida Baptist College and Urbana Bible College. He is NOW available for meetings.

Interested pastors may contact him concerning meetings or pulpit supply work by calling one of these numbers -- (513) 834-8585 or (513) 652-1681. His home address is -- Evangelist Ernest Fritz, 109 West Sandusky St., Mechanicsburg, Ohio - 43044.

### Now Pastoring At Wellington



Rev. Gerald Wagner

Rev. Gerald Wagner is now serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wellington, Ohio.

Our brother and his wife are natives of Pennsylvania. His home

town is near Wellsboro and Mrs. Wagner is from Grove City. They both are graduates of Practical Training Bible School in Binghamton, New York.

Rev. Wagner previously served as pastor in North Madison, Ohio - Conneautville, Penna. - Newtown, Indiana - Linesville, Penna. - Black Creek, New York and Pavilion, New York.

Pastor and Mrs. Wagner are the parents of seven children. Only the youngest child, Jan - age 13 - still resides at home. They are now "on the field" in Wellington. We welcome our brother and his family into our OARBC fellowship and pray that his ministry in Ohio will be one greatly blessed by the Lord.

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## Cedarville College Sweetheart Queen



February 8, 1975 was a memorable day for junior Sally O'Shell, as the men of Alpha Chi crowned her as this year's Sweetheart. The crowning took place during the half-time of the basketball game against Ohio Dominican. Reigning with Sally in the Alpha Chi Sweetheart Court are Linda Herrin, Bobbie Litts, and Ellen Spaulding. Selection of a Sweetheart is made each year from girls in the junior class who have been recognized for their personality, academic record, and spirituality.

Sally has become involved in many phases of college life, including service in organizations such as Gamma Chi, (a women's organization), service in the dorm as personnel assistant, and service to the Lord in outreach ministries. I Samuel 12:24 is her life verse: "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you." Sally is not waiting until graduation from college to serve the Lord. For the past two summers, she has been a counselor at Skyview Ranch, a GARBC camp in Ohio. During the school year she participates in a Bible club ministry. However, Sally enjoys working with all ages and also counts it a blessing to minister to rest home patients. Sally, a behavioral science major from Berea, Ohio, would like to use her abilities and training in Christian social work.

## College Plans Missionary Conference

The sixteenth annual Missionary Conference is being held April 6-11, 1975 on the campus of Cedarville College. The conference is sponsored by Fellowship for World Missions (FWM), a missionary prayer organization.

Four missionaries and one missionary appointee will be speaking during the 10:00 a.m. chapel hours and at the 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. evening sessions. Coming from Bangladesh is Dr. Donn Ketcham who works with Dr. Viggo Olsen at the Memorial Christian Hospital in Malumghat under Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE). Rev. William J. Reid is a missionary to Hong Kong serving with ABWE. Rev. Larry Abbott works with Campus Bible Fellowship in Iowa under Baptist Mid-Missions. An appointee of Baptist Mid-Missions, Mike Horn, is planning to minister in Holland. Rev. Sami Kanani, under Evangelical Baptist Missions, works with Arabs in the Detroit, Michigan area. In addition to speaking, these men will also give color slide presentations concerning their ministries during the 7:30 sessions.

## Campus Challenge Radio Ministry

"Campus Challenge" is a radio vehicle to reach and tell people about both the gospel message and Cedarville College. This radio program presented by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President, originated about seven years ago and has a present outreach through eighteen stations including such diverse locations as Puerto Rico, Florida, and Connecticut. Dr. Jeremiah explains that the program is effectively reaching people. Cedarville receives between fifty and one hundred replies to the broadcast monthly, with most responses coming from Cleveland's WCRF listeners.

The five minute "Campus Challenge" program finances tapes, duplications, and mailing, but its air time is completely donated along with other contributions made towards program support.

Converging Signs is the recently published booklet containing a collection of twelve printed radio messages which were given, focusing on the last times.

## Ohio Chapter A.C.C.C.

The Ohio Chapter of the American Council of Christian Churches is being resurrected. On April 15, 1975 at the Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, a regional meeting of the American Council will be held. The Rev. Ralph G. Colas, President of the ACCC, will be in the meeting as well as the Executive Committee of the ACCC. It promises to be a great time of blessing as well as being informative concerning the issues of the day. The time of the meeting will be 7:30 p.m.

The Ohio Chapter has as its present officers the Rev. Willis Hull of Elyria, President; Rev. Ralph Yarnell of Marietta, Vice President; Rev. William F. Russell, Medina, Secretary-Treasurer.

Special music will be provided by Paul Matthews and a 21-voice ensemble from Cedar Hill Baptist Church as well as the Youth Choir from the Cleveland Christian Upper School.

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