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Ohio Association Will Hold 48th Annual Conference

The 48th Annual Conference of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held this coming October 20, 21 and 22 at the Faith Baptist Church, 440 North Lake Street, Amherst, Ohio. Our brother (and member of our OARBC Council of 12), Rev. Robert N. Barrett is the pastor of this fine church.

It will be worth the trip to the conference just to see the lovely new church structure they have there. It is beautiful! The speakers this year are men who are indeed outstanding as missionaries and as public speakers. They are Dr. Roy Hamman who served for many years in Africa under Baptist Mid-Missions. His work was that of the pioneer missionary. He engaged in preaching the gospel, translating the scriptures and training nationals. He also successfully pastored the First Baptist Church of Mishawaka, Indiana. In his more recent years, his ministry has been holding Bible Conferences and making extended trips to the Holy Land and such areas.

Our other guest speaker is Dr. Donn W. Ketcham, missionary surgeon, serving the Lord in Bangladesh under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Dr. Ketcham's message (the closing message) at the national GARBC conference was a tremendous challenge. Generally the crowds are way down on the Friday night which closes out our national GARBC conference, however, this year it was quite different. Well over 4,000 were present to hear Dr. Ketcham speak.

Make plans NOW to attend this 48th Annual OARBC conference. It will bless your heart and send you back to your churches "on fire" for God! In the OCTOBER issue of our paper - THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST - we will have more detailed information regarding housing, places to eat and the like. If you have questions, even at this early date, we suggest you write the Host Pastor, Rev. Robert N. Barrett, 440 North Lake Street, Amherst, Ohio - 44001.

The Fascinating Story Of The Montpelier Church



In the Fall of 1972, the First Baptist Church of Stryker, Ohio, sponsored a prayer meeting in a home in Montpelier, Ohio, 12 miles away. Pastor Dallas Gillespie and First Baptist Deacons took charge of the meetings. Then Ohio State Missionary Earl Umbaugh was contacted for the purpose of getting the work started in the community with a population of approximately 4,500 people with no Baptist Church.

In April, 1973, the prayer meetings were still being held and State Missionary Umbaugh contacted a potential pastor for the work. On May 6, 1973, the first regular church services were begun with Pastor Laurence E. Smith. Thirty-six were in attendance at this meeting in the Montpelier High School auditorium.

Support was sought from the North Bethel Fellowship Churches who willingly helped support the work along with other interested individuals. On July 21, 1973, a parsonage was purchased. The group started meeting in the local Grange Hall which was purchased in January, 1974. A lot adjacent to the Grange property was also purchased. The Church purchased a 48 passenger bus a year later in 1975. Forty three children rode the bus the first Sunday.

Total indebtedness stands now at around \$35,000. Praise the Lord! The high attendance was on Easter Sunday, 1975, when 220 attended the Morn-

Findlay Pastor Honored



Rev. Richard Lee Snavelly (center) is shown receiving the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Dr. Bob Jones, chancellor of Bob Jones University. Looking on is Dr. Bob Jones III, university president.

Pastor Richard Snavelly of the Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina at convocation exercises of Wednesday, May 28.

The degree was conferred at the 48th annual convocation on the University campus. Also, 736 graduate and under-graduate degrees and certificates were conferred with nearly 8,000 persons in attendance.

Dr. Gilbert Stenholm, Director of Ministerial Training and Extension, presented Pastor Snavelly for the degree to Dr. Bob Jones, Chancellor of the University. Dr. Stenholm's prepared citation in part read:

Mr. Chancellor:

"It is an honor to present one of our distinguished and loyal graduates. In 1960 he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University, and in 1961 he earned the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. During Commencement of 1959 he won the ministerial sermon contest and was given an award from a leading religious periodical for Christian leadership and academic accomplishments.

Following his graduation, he accepted the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio, where he has served for the past 14-1/2 years. The Church has experienced much growth and has exerted a tremendous impact in the community.

He has conducted evangelistic meetings and serves on the board of a Christian organization. He has also taken on leadership among various Christian groups.

Our honored alumnus has been unflinching in his stand for the Word and has stood diligently against the compromise issues of our day. We are pleased to present, Mr. Chancellor, for the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, Richard Lee Snavelly."

Pastor Snavelly was also honored in the Alumni Meeting Luncheon which was a part of the commencement activities. He received one of the four Alumni Citations which were presented "for outstanding accomplishments in one's chosen field which have reflected honor upon Jesus Christ and Bob Jones University."

The three other Alumni Citation recipients were: Rev. Gene Gurganus, A.B.W.E. Senior Missionary in Bangladesh; Rev. Ron Reilly, Assistant Pastor and Youth Director of Trinity Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida; and Evangelist Dr. Hal Webb of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

ing Service and 171 attended Sunday School. Attendance has always been good since the very first Sunday. Church membership is just over 100. Each Lord's Day attendance has consistently doubled from the previous year.

The Church program consists of Joy Clubs, AWANA Club, Sunday School, Children's Church, Youth Groups, Vacation Bible School, Ladies Missionary Fellowship, Home Bible Studies and active Visitation. God has abundantly blessed these ministries each week.

Shown in the above picture are: Rev. Laurence E. Smith, Pastor of the Montpelier Baptist Church, Deacon Arlen Schaffner, Dr. Donald Sewell, Pastor of one of the sponsoring churches (Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, Ohio) and Deacon Glenn Miller.

We trust this will encourage small communities to get out and reach people for Jesus Christ.

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Timothy Award Winners



Four very happy girls!

The North Olmsted Baptist Church recently had the privilege of awarding four Timothy Awards to members of their AWANA Club.

Shown in the above picture is Pastor Kenneth H. Good. He is seen presenting the awards to (left to right) Anita Criswell, Susan Binder, Dolly Pratt and Julie Ramey.

These girls are to be congratulated for a good job - "Well done"!

PRESENT THEM IN DUE TIME!



'Fulness Of Joy'

by George W. Hattenfield

One of the most sought after things in all of life is joy. We so often say, "If only we could have real joy, other things would not be so important." Indeed, how often we seek to gain joy by having things. How few people ever really obtain real joy. And yet it need not be so for the Bible has much to say about joy. There are about 200 references in the Word of God to joy. The thing that causes so many to miss real joy in life is that they seek it as an end in itself. It becomes quite clear as you study the Word of God and as you observe the lives of others that joy is a by-product, a result of a relationship with God. Psalm 16:11 says, "... in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." We discover here that joy is dependent upon a relationship with God.

We'd like to list just a few of the verses in the Word of God that deal with the subject and show how we, too, can have real joy.

1. Salvation brings joy. This is the beginning for any man. No one can have real joy as long as the guilt and weight of sin hangs over them; as long as they're under the wrath of God and the power of sin holds sway in their lives. Some verses you can look up in this regard are: Acts 8:39; Ps. 13:5; Ps. 9:14; Ps. 25; Ps. 35:9.

2. Assurance of Salvation. There are some who are saved or may be saved and do not have joy because they are not resting in the assurance of God's Word. The Lord tells us in Luke 10:20 that we should rejoice in knowing that our name is written in heaven.

3. The Word of God brings joy. (Jer. 15:16; Ps. 19:8; Ps. 119:16, 162) Here is perhaps one of our problems. We do not have joy because we do not feed, meditate and delight in the Word of God.

4. Confession of sin brings joy. (Ps. 51:8) When we come to realize that we have sinned against God and are convicted, we make confession. And as we confess our sins and realize His faithfulness in forgiving our sins, the result is restored fellowship and new joy with the Lord.

5. A life of righteousness brings joy. (Eccl. 2:26) Here is the positive side of that which we have just mentioned. Not only is it true that sin robs us of joy, but righteousness produces joy. Godliness brings joy to the heart.

6. A life of trust brings joy. (Ps. 33:21) How often we lose our joy because of worry and anxiety. The Word of God reminds us to cast all our care on Him for He cares for us and to be anxious for nothing, but to commit it all to Him in prayer. And as we learn to trust Him and rest in Him, His joy becomes our portion.

7. Serving God brings joy. (Is. 65:14; Matt. 25:21) There is no joy in a life that is bound up in oneself. When we live for self and for "my" fulfillment, "my" desires, we lose the joy that comes from serving the Lord God. In our effort to know happiness, we give attention to self and thus lose exactly what we were seeking.

8. A life of prayer brings joy. (John 16:20-24) We have mentioned that joy is found in fellowship with Him in prayer and make requests unto Him, there is a tremendous joy as we see God answer prayer and bring about those things which we desire.

9. Soul winning brings joy. (Psalm 126:5) Again we recognize that the reason why we often do not have joy is because we do not follow the plan that God has given us in His Word. God has called us unto a life of righteousness and trust, of service and prayer, and, here in this verse,

a life of soul-winning. God is desirous of men coming to know Christ as personal Savior. This is why He sent His son into the world, that men might be saved. Can we expect to neglect that which is nearest to His heart and still know joy?

10. Being under the control of the Spirit brings joy. (Eph. 5:18, 19; Gal. 5:22; Acts 13:52) Joy is not something that you gain in and of itself, it is a fruit of the Spirit and comes about only as we submit to His control and allow Him to fill and control our lives.

Yes, there is joy, joy unspeakable, that is available to every man who is willing to come God's way. The reason we don't have joy is because we don't walk the joy road, we don't travel the path outlined here in the Word of God. We trust that God will use this to challenge our hearts to spend more time in His presence, give more obedience to His commands, knowing that the result is more joy.

Intercessors

The story is told of a missionary who came home from a foreign field before finishing his first term, a complete failure. It was prayer meeting night in his home church and so, though he was late in arriving, he slipped quietly into the service and sat down in the back row. The prayer requests were given; the people prayed. After the meeting was over, the missionary knew why he had failed in the field. His name had not been lifted once in prayer; there was no burden for missions in his home church.

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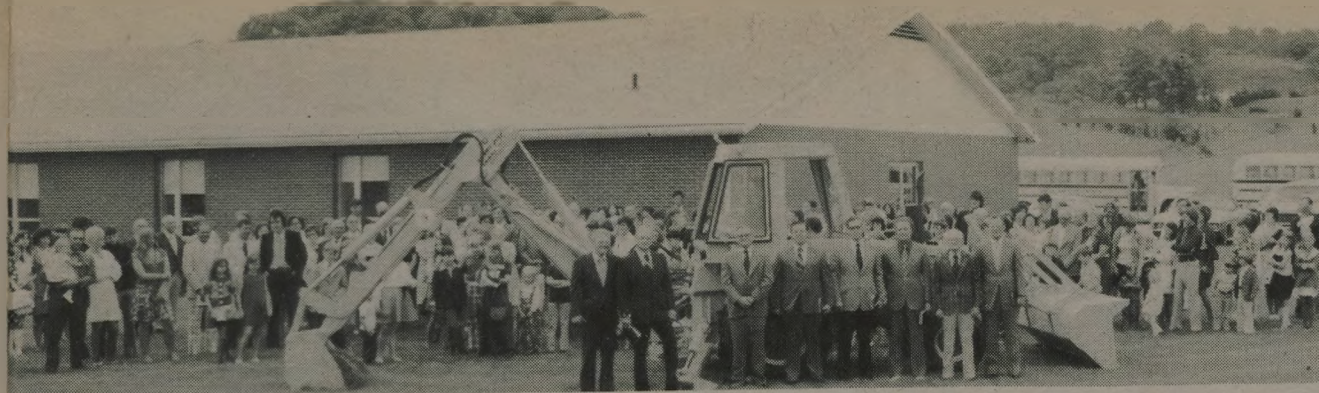
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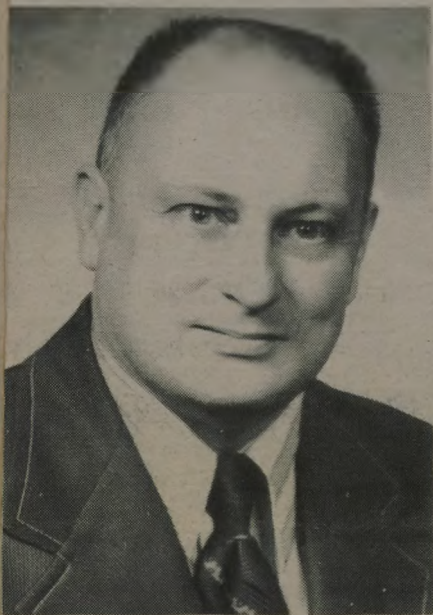
Gallipolis Church Growing



It was a day of rejoicing!

June 1st was a memorable day at Faith Baptist in Gallipolis when ground was broken for the second phase of their building program. Twelve thousand square feet of worship, educational, and office space is under construction with a value of \$390,000. This will give the church 20,000 square feet of usable space and a worth of near \$700,000 upon completion. The church, under the leadership of Pastor O. C. Morrison, is enjoying God's blessing with souls saved and growth in all areas. A record attendance of 429 was set recently and the average, even in the summer months, is over 300.

New Assistant Pastor At Washington Heights



Rev. James Neely

Rev. James Neely, has accepted a call to serve as Assistant Pastor at the Washington Heights Church, 5650 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Lawrence G. Fetzer is the Pastor of this fine church.

Pastor Neely previously ministered in Elkhart, Indiana. He served there as principal of the Elkhart Christian School. He has served as assistant pastor both in Lapeer, Michigan and Quincy, Illinois. He is a graduate of Cedarville College and completed his graduate work at the University of Michigan.

His family includes his wife Carol and five children. They are: Pat who is in nursing school in Flint, Michigan and is in Liberia this summer as a summer missionary; Janie who is a student at Cedarville College and presently is traveling with the Swordbearers as pianist; Jim who is going to be a High School senior; Sandy who will be a High School sophomore and Ken who is going into his High School freshman year. Jim, Sandy and Ken will be attending Dayton Christian School.

The Neelys now make their home in Centerville. Their home address is 142 East Drive. We are happy they are back in Ohio and look to the Lord to bless their ministry at Washington Heights.

Xenia Bible Institute Announces Fall Classes

The Xenia Bible Institute will hold its Fall quarter September 30 through December 9, 1975. All classes will be held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1120 South Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio. Rev. R. William Wheeler is the pastor of this church.

Dr. George Lawlor will present courses in Practical Greek for Laymen and Advanced Greek. Dr. Mead Armstrong will teach Elemental Theology; Dr. Jack Riggs will teach Bible Prophecy; Mrs. Margaret Wheeler will teach a course entitled - "The Happy Woman".

Tuition for one course is \$10 and \$15 for two courses. The \$15 cost is applicable to two members of the same family. High school students pay only half the tuition rate. There is a \$2 registration fee.

Here is an opportunity for quality education. These are excellent courses for laymen taught by well-trained, experienced and dedicated individuals. Courses may be taken for credit or audit - costs are the same. Further information may be obtained by calling (513) 372-9078 or (513) 372-5887.

Ordained At Ambrose Church



Rev. Dallas L.
Hyatt

Our brother, Dallas L. Hyatt, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry. The Ambrose Baptist Church of Fayette, Ohio called a council of North Bethel Baptist Churches to examine our brother for ordination. The council consisted of 16 men representing ten OARBC/GARBC churches. After careful examination, they voted unanimously to recommend that the Ambrose church proceed with the ordination.

A special ordination service was held on May 27th. Those taking part in the service were Gerald Ernst, Paul Schaffner, Jack Brink, George Barnes, Rev. Melvin Keeler, Rev. John Greening, Rev. Lawrence Smith, Rev. J. Wheeling and Rev. Clyde Matthewson.

Rev. Melvin Keeler, Field Representative for Shepherds Home and School, delivered the ordination sermon. Brother Keeler is the father-in-law of Rev. Dallas Hyatt.

After this special service a reception was held in the church. A large open-Bible shaped cake was beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Hyatt.

Madison Pastor Recently Ordained



Rev. and Mrs. Bernie Smith.

Since he just recently became a full-time minister, Pastor Bernie Smith was recommended by the Board of Deacons to go before an Ordination Council to be examined for ordination. This was done on May 30th at the South Madison Bible Baptist Church which Brother Smith pastors. It was unanimously recommended by a council of 14 ministers and representatives from other OARBC (and GARBC) churches that the church proceed with his ordination.

On June 15 a special ordination service was held. The three speakers for this occasion were Rev. Marvin Werbeach, North Royalton Baptist Church; Rev. John Cook, Geneva Baptist Church and Rev. Roland Globig, North Madison Bible Baptist Church. It was a wonderful service.

The Lord is blessing Pastor Smith's ministry. Prayers are being answered, souls are being saved and the attendance is increasing.

New Pastor At Marantha Springfield

At a special business meeting on July 2nd, the people of the Marantha Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio voted to extend a call to Rev. Francis R. Rogers of Throntown, Indiana to become their pastor. Our brother has accepted their call and is already on the field serving the Lord. He began his ministry at the Springfield church on August 24.

Pastor Rogers attended Moody Bible Institute. He received a B.A. degree from Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana and his M.S. degree from Purdue University. This was in the field of Counseling.

Rev. and Mrs. Rogers have four children - three daughters and a son. All are grown and away from home.

We welcome our brother into Ohio and trust that the Lord will richly bless his ministry at the Marantha Baptist Church.

It Was A Miracle!

"Our times are in His hands!" This truth was brought home to Pastor and Mrs. William Abernathy (Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio) last July 1st. Our brother and his wife, Shirley, were in their car on their way to visit one of their shut-ins. Just a block away from their home, a car ran a stop sign at 50 mph (according to the police report) and struck their car about the center of the left side -- turning them 90 degrees around and driving them into a fire plug.

Both Pastor and Mrs. Abernathy sustained multiple fractures (ribs, pelvis, and she, clavicle as well). The greatest concern of the doctors was that Brother Abernathy might have serious internal injuries -- which, thank the Lord, have not materialized. The other driver was not hospitalized. He was cited for reckless driving. It was only a miracle of divine grace that both the Abernathys were not killed.

We are happy to report that Pastor Abernathy was released from the hospital on July 13th and Mrs. Abernathy on July 18th. They both are making speedy recovery -- thanks to the Lord's healing power. Many friends visited and/or sent these dear folk cards, as well as, flowers. They would like to express their appreciation. We are therefore printing their word of thanks along with this article.

--- To All our friends in the wonderful state of Ohio:

"We want to thank all of you from the depths of our hearts for your prayers, and expressions of love and concern while we were hospitalized as the result of an automobile collision. We have been humbled by the undeserved love and interest which have been shown to us -- and thank our Lord for each of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

"We are both home now and doing well -- thanks to our Lord's healing power. We should be completely well in a few weeks.

"Our Lord has been especially precious to us these days.

"Many, many thanks!"

(signed) Pastor and Mrs. Wm. E. Abernathy
Proverbs 3:5, 6

Cause For Rejoicing

We selected the following from the church bulletin of the Midview Baptist Church, Grafton, Ohio. Rev. Lauren Schenck is the pastor of this church.

"Through the years we have prayed that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His harvest. We have asked that some from our church be sent.

"We rejoice that He has called John and Brenda Milam to serve Him in a Baptist Church near Niagara Falls. John will be Assistant to the Pastor and Youth Minister. They will be leaving soon to begin service there.

"Next Lord's Day (this would have been June 22) evening, John will bring us a message from the Word of God. At the close of the service, we will commit John and Brenda to the Lord's work in prayer. We will have a fellowship to honor them in the East Wing.

"You are invited to rejoice with them and give them your personal blessings at that occasion.

"As the Lord thrusts them out from Midview Baptist Church, we want to send them forth with our prayers and encouragement."

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Introducing— A New Column!



Beginning with the next issue of our paper - THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST (October '75), we will be introducing a new regular monthly column that will have to do with the subject of missions both here at home and in the regions beyond. We have asked our brother, Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions, to gather the material for this column. It will carry important news from all of our GARBC approved agencies.

We feel that Brother Kendrick is well qualified to speak in behalf of missions. He is known to many of our readers. There may be some, however, who are not and for them, we print the following. . .

--Rev. V. Ben Kendrick and his wife served under Baptist Mid-Missions. Their first three years in Africa were among the Sara tribes in the Chad Republic. Next they moved into the Central African Republic. They worked for awhile at Ippy where the Baptist Mid-Missions' hospital is located. Later they became houseparents for as many as 46 missionary children at Crampel.

From 1965 to 1973 they had a varied ministry in the capital city of Bangui. This included being Business Manager for BMM, a national radio ministry and the work of organizing, building and being a vital part of the Bangui Baptist High School.

Our brother is now not only serving as Deputation Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions but is also Director of the Missions' large Apprenticeship Program, as well as the special youth mailing program called - The Volunteer Information Program. His schedule is very heavy with speaking engagements in Bible Colleges, Seminaries, camps and missionary conferences.

We really do feel he will do an excellent job with our new missions column. Watch for it in our next issue!

Houseparents Needed

Live in home with children, salary and benefits, (if married) husband works at outside job.

CONTACT Ted Ocheltree,
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Eaton Rapids, Michigan-48827

Youth Ask

by Bruce McDonald

Dear Bruce:

Romans 14:14 says that nothing in and of itself is unclean; and before that, it talks about eating meat to some it is sin, others it is not. Is this the same for all areas of life, especially movies, dating, etc.?

Your Answer,

It is very important that you keep the verse in context. There was a problem of judging, as to who was spiritual and who was not. Their basis was the "meat issue." Paul does side with the stronger Christians, and says he knows that nothing (particularly meat here) is unclean in itself. Men have made it so. However, he follows that statement right up with the warning about being a stumbling block. Paul realized that there would be those who were weaker in the faith, and gave this solemn warning "destroy not him." I, personally, think that you would have difficulty in placing some of the things men have invented as being "clean in themselves;" however, there are some (visuals-movies, TV, etc.), but these have been perverted and are definitely stumbling blocks today. Remember Paul's warning, "Destroy them (weaker believers) not."

Dear Bruce:

What does I Corinthians 5:5 apply "Deliver him to Satan?"

Your Answer,

Wow, you've asked a zinger of a question. I must admit I'm not dogmatic on this; but I will give you my viewpoint on this. Satan is the Prince of this World, and these Christians were to deliver this sinning Christian to the world. He was already dabbling in it, now he was to be totally engrossed in it. The destruction idea here represents, I believe, the results of sin in a person's life right here and now. Sin pays a heavy toll; so the Christians here were to release this person out into the world and let the world take its toll on him without the benefit of Christian fellowship.

Dear Bruce:

In Romans 11:26 it says every Jew will be saved. Will every Jew be saved? And what about half-Jew and half-Gentile or partial Jewish ancestry?

Your Answer,

Sometimes I think people sit around thinking of the most impossible questions to ask that there are. I know our young people do it; but that's the way to learn. To answer your question, I believe Paul is talking about a Jewish remnant that is alive when Christ comes back to earth the second time (not the Rapture). A large group of Jews will have accepted Christ during the Tribulation period and they will enter the Millennium. The all doesn't necessarily mean every single Jew, but enough to symbolize the nation of Israel. I really can't answer your question of what percent Jewish ancestry they will have to have in order to be classified Jews then.

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.

Church Bell Dedicated



The bell which rang for many years from the belfry of the old church building on Oak Street, Bowling Green, has been placed on the lawn before the First Baptist Church at 749 Wintergarden Road. A church sign identifying the church also as in fellowship with our GARBC has attractively been constructed near it. Both are nicely situated on a triangular garden of shrubs and white stones. The bell rings for the services now.

A service of dedication was directed by Pastor John E. Greening on June 15 after the Sunday morning service.

The Bell and Sign were given in memory of Dwight Steinman, a long time faithful member of the church - who is now with the Lord in glory. His wife, Mary Belle, was present and honored on the occasion.

The church also publishes a weekly informal paper called THE BELL and presents a radio program Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. over WFOB called BIBLE BELLS.

FBBC Students

Serve Under M.A.P.

The Missionary Apprenticeship Program at Faith Baptist Bible College has 28 individuals in summer service. Most of the apprentices are students; several are non-student wives.

The apprentices are serving for periods of two weeks to one year in eight foreign countries and five home mission fields from Florida to Alaska.

Dr. Bernard Bancroft, chairman of the Department of World Missions at the College, directs the MAP ministry. He informs students of openings for service, assists them in applying to a mission agency and guides the Student Missionary Fellowship in promoting the program and in receiving offerings toward the expenses of the MAPers.

The Student Missionary Fellowship with its annually elected officers from the student body takes charge of the chapel service once each week. During these chapels, guest missionaries speak, students testify of their faith, or missionary films are shown. The Fellowship also sponsors the annual Missionary Conference each fall.

This year the SMF set a goal of \$2,000 for the MAP project. The final offering at the close of the school year brought the grand total to \$2,616.06. Each of the apprentices received a check ranging from \$35.00 to \$205.00, depending on distance to his field and length of service. The students raised the remainder of their expenses from interested church groups, family and relatives and friends.

Five mission agencies which are directing the preparation and service of the young missionaries are Baptist Mid-Missions (BMM), Hiawatha Baptist Mission (HBM), Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions (FBHM), Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), and Evangelical Baptist Mission (EBM).

East Moriah

Fellowship Revived

The East Moriah Fellowship has indeed been revived! It meets the first Monday of every other month for church fellowship and the first Monday of opposite months for pastors and their families for a potluck supper. At a recent election, Pastor Milton E. Barkley of the New Harmony Baptist Church was elected Moderator. Rev. Floyd Ziegler of the Sunshine Baptist Church, Cambridge was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Any churches (independent Baptist) in Southeast Ohio that might be interested in this fellowship may contact either Brother Barkley or Brother Ziegler. An all-day picnic was held for all the East Moriah churches on July 28. This was held at the Faith Baptist Bible Church near Senecaville.

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Report On GARBC 44th Annual National Conference

Capacity crowds filled the historic Billy Sunday Tabernacle in Winona Lake, Indiana, as the 44th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches set new attendance records. Pastors and people gathered together with missionary personnel and chaplains from around the world for their annual Bible conference and business sessions. The conference theme "Higher Ground" was carried through in message after message as messengers from the churches were challenged to higher goals in home and foreign missions, stewardship, prayer, soul-winning and evangelism.

Peak attendance approximating 5,500 was reached on Thursday when about 1,000 teens and college-age young people came onto the grounds for youth and college-day programs. Dr. John Whitcomb, professor at Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, addressed the combined youth and college groups on the subject "How Can We Defend the Bible?" The finals of the national Talents for Christ contest were held in conjunction with the youth-day program. First-place winners in each of eleven categories received one-year tuition scholarships to any of the six GARBC-approved colleges. Second-place winners received half-year tuition scholarships.

Twenty-six new churches were received into the Association during the conference, bringing the total number of churches over the 1,500 mark.

Of the new churches received into the GARBC there was one church from each of the following states: Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Virginia. There were two churches from the state of Washington and Wyoming. The state of Pennsylvania and the state of Florida each had three...but...THE STATE OF OHIO HAD NINE NEW CHURCHES! (It was a good day when we invited Rev. Earl Umbaugh to be our State Missionary. He has done an excellent job!!)

Other reports given to the assembled messengers included the approved mission agencies, colleges and social agencies. All of these institutions and agencies are independent and receive annual approval from the Association as good outlets for missionary giving for the churches.

The missionary committee reported that the five approved mission agencies (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Evangelical Baptist Missions, Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and Hiawatha Baptist Missions) now have 1,813 missionaries, including 1,480 on the field, 140 on furlough and 193 accepted candidates. Another 202 are now on the inactive or retired list. They further reported receiving over \$12.4 million for the work of missions around the world. Regular Baptist missionaries are serving in more than 50 foreign countries and here in the United States. Church planting is the ultimate goal wherever they serve.

On the educational scene, the Association now approves seven institutions of higher learning:

Baptist Bible College of Penna. and Baptist Bible School of Theology, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio
Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa
Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Los Angeles Baptist College, Newhall, California
Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, Washington
Western Baptist Bible College, Salem, Oregon

The schools report a total of 4,160 students enrolled during the past academic year.

There are also four social agencies approved by the Association. The Baptist Children's Home of Valparaiso, Indiana, provides child

care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, a home for unwed mothers and family counseling service. The Michigan Christian Home Association of Grand Rapids offers a home for senior citizens. The Regular Baptist Children's Home of St. Louis, Michigan, provides child care, foster home placement, care for unwed mothers and family counseling services. Shepherds, Inc., is a home and training school for the mentally retarded. Shepherds is located in Union Grove, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee.

The international radio voice of the GARBC is "Living Reality", now heard on 56 stations in the United States and the Philippines. Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative, is the regular speaker on the broadcast. Over 11,000 copies of the radio message booklets go out each month to listeners. Also heard periodically on the broadcast is Dr. William Kuhnle, Assistant to the National Representative.

The chaplaincy strength of our Association is the largest in our history. The total number of chaplains, including those on active duty, Reserve Components, National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol, is 60. Of these 60 chaplains, 24 are currently on active duty. The featured speaker at the Chaplains' Hour on Thursday was Col. Ervin D. Ellison, III of the USAF. Highlighting the Chaplains' Luncheon was the address given by General Joseph Flatto of the Iowa National Guard.

The Baptist Builders' Club, which gives financial grants of up to \$5,000 to needy churches, reported that 13 churches had received grants totaling \$59,000 during the past fiscal year. Since the Club began, 376 churches have shared in grants totaling \$738,500.

One of the far-ranging ministries of the Association is Regular Baptist Press. Brought into existence 23 years ago by the express wish of the churches, the Press now serves over 3,800 churches. In addition to Sunday School literature, the Press publishes books, Vacation Bible School material and gospel tracts, and conducts Sunday School conferences. The newest arm of Regular Baptist Press is Gospel Literature Services, a ministry supplying free literature to missionaries serving under GARBC-approved mission agencies as God provides the necessary funds. Literature was furnished to 21 foreign countries in addition to the U.S.A.

The following men were elected to serve on the Council of Eighteen, the administrative arm of the GARBC:

Rev. Joseph Bower, Lapeer, Michigan
Dr. L. Duane Brown, Ames, Iowa
Dr. Floyd Davis, Kansas City, Kansas
Rev. Daniel Gelatt, Elkhart, Indiana
Dr. J. Don Jennings, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Dr. Wilbur Rooke, Euclid, Ohio
Dr. Paul Tassell, Des Moines, Iowa
Rev. Donald Tyler, Brownsburg, Ind.
Dr. G. Arthur Woolsey, Lakeland, Fla.

Council members elected previously who continue to serve are:

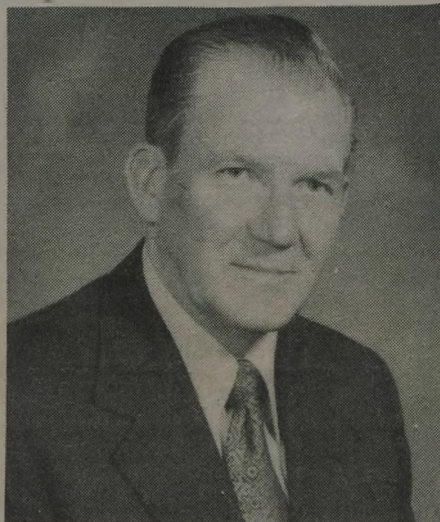
Dr. Fred Brock, Denver, Colorado
Rev. Russell Camp, Butler, Penn.
Rev. Ralph Colas, Waterloo, Iowa
Rev. Mark Jackson, Waterloo, Iowa
Dr. Wendell Kempton, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Rev. David Moore, Cleveland, Ohio
Dr. Ernest Pickering, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
Dr. Donald Sewell, Toledo, Ohio
Rev. Gordon Shipp, Flint, Michigan

Dr. Floyd Davis was elected chairman of the Council; Rev. Mark Jackson, vice chairman; and Rev. Ralph Colas, secretary.

An article on "Election" which was presented for study and consideration one year ago was overwhelmingly defeated. This action means that the Association is not willing to make a strict Calvinistic position a requirement for fellowship. While the majority of the GARBC churches agree with most of the doctrine held by those who call themselves "Calvinists", and while the present doctrinal statement includes statements of much of this doctrine, it was clear from the spirit of the meeting that the messengers assembled prefer to be called "Bible-Believers", and to allow some latitude in the doctrines of election and particular atonement.

New Pastor At Johnstown



Dr. Marvin Clark

Johnstown Independent Baptist Church has called Dr. Marvin Clark as its pastor. Dr. Clark comes to Johnstown from Whetstone Bible Church, Bucyrus, Ohio.

A native of Columbus, Dr. Clark attended grade school and high school there. He has studied with Moody Bible Institute and received his Th.M. from Homestead College of Bible in 1973 and was awarded a Doctor of Theology degree June 17, 1975 from that school.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1953 and was pastor of Grace Bible Church, Assistant Pastor of Central Baptist Church, Co-Pastor of Faith Baptist Church and was associated with the Columbus Baptist Temple for six years prior to going to Bucyrus where he pastored for the last five and one half years before accepting the call to Johnstown.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark have a daughter, Sharon, who graduated from high school in June and two married daughters, Mrs. Don Roush, Morral, Ohio and Mrs. William McCreary of Marion, Ohio.

College Trios Have A Fruitful Summer

Three ladies' trios represented the Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa this summer. Traveling with each group was a male student who complemented the program with instrumental and/or vocal music.

The groups were - "The Melody-aies", - "The Joyous Sounds" and "The Gospelites". "The Melody-aies" are comprised of Pamela Crown, Janet Durham and Cheryl Bymers. Their accompanist is Sue Marquardt. Mr. Jim Cato traveled with them. He is a vocalist and horn player. "The Joyous Sounds" is a vocal and flute trio. The members of this group are Melody Gray, Sharon Richardson and Victoria Skea. Their accompanist is Susan Obenchain. Tom Arnold, vocalist, traveled with them. He is a graduate of the Class of '75. "The Gospelites" are composed of Kathy Domokos, Renae Radloff and Christine Robbins. Miss Evelyn Stephens is their accompanist and Mr. Kevin Smith, vocalist, traveled with them.

These young people traveled far and wide. They held meetings in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

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ACROSS THE STATE

ALBANY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had good meetings with the "Denny Walters Family" in June. Brother Walters ministry was one of blessing. We recently viewed the "Evangelical Baptist Missions" film—"Yes and Goodbye". "The Gospelites" of Faith Baptist College, Ankeny, Iowa and "The Heralds" from the Appalachian Bible Institute both ministered here this summer.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, AMHERST—

Rev. Richard Durham (ABWE-Philippines) ministered here the last Sunday of June. The Lord gave us a very good Vacation Bible School this year. We are looking forward to hosting our 48th Annual OARBC conference-October 20, 21 and 22.

AYON BAPTIST CHURCH—

At one Sunday evening service the children of our Vacation Bible School told us that which they had been taught. It was a good service. We held a Father/Son banquet in June.

WALNUT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, BALTIMORE—

Evangelist Carl Johnson of Beckley, West Virginia led us in our special meetings. Our brother brought challenging messages and also presented the gospel in song. Hearts were blessed!

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD—

In June, our choir presented a special musical program. We viewed two films—"The Temple" and "Creation Versus Evolution". Robert and Jane Kilko (BMM-Brazil) told us of the work they hope to be doing among the Jewish people in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

On June 15th Father's Day—each father attending our services had his picture taken along with his family. This was given to them as a gift from the church. Missionary Fred Henzler (FBHM) told us of their new work in Atlanta, Georgia.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN—

"Uncle Harold" and "Aunt Bertha" Wiggins were with us for our Children's Gospel Meeting—August 18 through August 22. Back in May, we had Mr. Scott, track and cross country coach from Emmanuel Baptist Christian School, Toledo, Ohio speak to our AWANA group.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

Recent guest speakers include Evangelist Chelsea Stockwell, Rev. Larry Holman and State Missionary—Rev. Earl Umbaugh. We will be holding our Third Annual Missionary Conference September 21–24.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

Missionary Elizabeth Jones (BMM-Liberia) spoke here in June. The Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit quartet—"The Collegians" sang at one of our Sunday morning services.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND—

Recent speakers include Rev. Charles Ohman and Rev. Terrence Rudd.

BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND—

On June 29, we were blessed through the ministry of Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. Mrs. Moffat presented a "mini-concert" at the piano. Our "Frontiers of Faith" program was used of the Lord to reach many children in this area for Christ.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We were blessed through the preaching of Rev. Garrett Yonker, Jr. Rev. and Mrs. Yonker are from Rapid City, South Dakota.

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Our Vacation Bible School proved a blessing to many. God continues to bless our AWANA program. We honored our graduates with a banquet. As a church, we are developing a "Master Plan" under the direction of the Hein Associates.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

"The Gospelites" of Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa were with us recently. They were accompanied by Evangelist Carl Schultz. We praise the Lord for sparing our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Abernathy, in their recent severe automobile accident.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We held a "Heaven In The Home" Bible conference July 6 through 11. Guest speaker for these special meetings was Dr. Fred Brock of Salem, Oregon.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

The Lord permitted us to have a good Vacation Bible School this year. Our people had a good time at our Annual Sunday School picnic. Missionary Elsie Unroe was with us in July. "The Gospelites", a ladies quartet from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa sang here. Our people are helping by giving out tracts at the Greene County Fair.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

Recent guest speakers include Rev. Everett Bramblet of Tacoma, Washington and Rev. Loren Brown of San Jose, California. We were blessed, too, through the ministries of Rev. John Bigelow (BMM-Alaska), Miss Elsie Unroe (BMM-Sioux Indians) and "The Gospelites" from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa. We held a very special "Carson Fremont Day" (ABWE-HongKong) on July 27. It is good having our brother and his family back home for a spell.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We are enjoying the ministry of our new Assistant Pastor—Rev. Jim Neeley. He and his family are now living in this area. Our Vacation Bible School proved a blessing to many. "The Gospelites" from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa ministered here.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, ELIDA—

July 6th was our Anniversary Sunday. Pastor Bruce Snyder led us in the days special services. Following the evening service, we had a time of fellowship—cake, ice cream and punch! As a church, we are now five years old. Our Vacation Bible School this year was held August 4–8.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA—

We had a delightful time at our Father/Son banquet on June 28. Our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, spoke recently at one of our mid-week services. The Lord touched hearts through our V.B.S. ministry which was held in late July. The Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa had their singing group "The Melodyaires" sing for us. On July 10, Brother Mead took a group of our young folk to Newberry, Michigan for 12 days of Christian service.

EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, EUCLID—

Mr. John Koger, graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa has accepted a call to become our Minister of Youth and Music. Missionaries Ray and Jan Reiner (BMM-Brazil) were with us in early June. "The Robert Kilkos" (BMM-Brazil) spoke at one of our mid-week services. We were also privileged to have the Western Baptist Bible College band present a concert here.

AMBROSE BAPTIST CHURCH, FAYETTE—

Our pastor, Rev. Clyde Mathewson, conducted a platform Vacation Bible School in early June. The theme was "Travelling God's Highway". Our church recently had brochures printed to use in visitation. We used the slogan—"A rural church with a royal welcome".

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY—

Our nightly average attendance during our Vacation Bible School was over 500. An ensemble from Bob Jones University ministered here on July 8th.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION—

Hearts were blessed through the preaching of Rev. William Fusco. Our brother is presently serving as the Western Deputation Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

The Lord blessed through our Vacation Bible School ministry. The offering taken at our V.B.S. was given to the "Ollie Kautzers" who are missionaries in Sweden. On Sunday, July 6, we held a special FREEDOM DAY. On August 9th we were led in a Youth Seminar by Frank Hamrick.

HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH—

A goodly number received Christ through the ministry of our Vacation Bible School. We had a good time at our Sunday School

picnic. Our young people enjoyed a ham dinner at Pastor and Mrs. Edmundsons. Missionary Harry Ambacher spoke at our HOMECOMING SERVICE on Sunday, July 6. Brother Ambacher is a missionary under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism serving the Lord in Hong Kong.

LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Miss Patsy King (BMM-Africa) spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet. Our young people appreciated the Graduation banquet held for them. Guest speaker for this occasion was LeRoy Gavitt. The ministry of Evangelist Bill Rice III proved a blessing to our people. Mr. Gary Lightner was the special speaker for our Father/Son banquet. Also, we recently saw the film—"Burning Hell".

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE—

The Lord blessed in our special meetings with guest evangelist, James Shields. The young people of our church won the area Bible Bowl Quiz and were given a check for \$150. They are planning on a three-day trip to Kentucky.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, MARIETTA—

Evangelist Leland Conner was with us for a week of special meetings. We saw souls saved, lives dedicated and some called into service for our Lord. His ministry was one of rich blessing.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA—

We recently saw the Evangelical Baptist Missions' film—"Yes and Goodbye". We held a special service in June honoring our graduates. Miss Beth Odor (EBM-Niger) ministered here in June. "The Collegians", a male quartet from the Baptist Bible College at Clarks Summit sang for us.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW LONDON—

We viewed the film—"Burning Hell". Our V.B.S. this year was well attended. On June 29, we were privileged to have our former pastor, Rev. Al D'Amato with us. Over 340 came to hear him speak. We sponsored a Family Life Seminar July 26 and 27. August 10 was our Old Fashioned Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES—

Our Vacation Bible School proved most successful. Lives were touched for the Lord. Our ladies had a missionary shower for Miss Patsy King (BMM-Africa). Our brother Mr. Gary Lightner was the guest speaker for our special Youth Night which was held on June 29.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother James Huckabach, basketball coach at Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. and "The Defenders Five" ministered here in late June. On July 6, our church presented a tribute to our country with a special service of testimony and praise by several members of our congregation who have not always lived in America and who have a special appreciation for American freedom.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON—

The Piedmont Bible College "Songfellows" were well received by our people. Their musical presentation was excellent.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—

Through the ministry of our Vacation Bible School, some boys and girls came to Christ and others grew in grace and knowledge. "The Melody Aires" from Faith Baptist College, Ankeny, Iowa presented an evening of special music.

NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH—

We won the Sunday School contest we had with the Graham Road Baptist Church. After the contest, we were led in a five-day evangelistic campaign by Rev. Clark Poorman of Minnesota. Brother Don Ballard, a student at Bob Jones University, will be working with our youth during the summer. "The Songfellows" from Piedmont Bible College also ministered here.

CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN—

Rev. Richard Snively, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio, led us in special evangelistic meetings July 20–25. We enjoyed having "The Melodyaires" from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, OREGON—

Mr. Steve Cardona is now serving as our Director of Youth and Music. He and his wife moved to the Toledo area in early August. We are presently air-conditioning our church. A Teen Age Ensemble from the Calvary Baptist Church of Findlay, Ohio sang here recently.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH—

Our pastor, Rev. Max Sidders, served as "Observer" at the national Council of Eighteen meetings which met just prior to our national GARBC conference at Winona Lake, Indiana. Fifty-six members and friends of Temple Baptist Church attended a dinner at the Winona Hotel, Winona Lake, Indiana during the national conference.

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH OLIVE—

We experienced great blessing through our Vacation Bible School. We had set a goal of 305 and went above it! "The Gospelites" of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa presented a musical program here on July 3rd. We also appreciated the ministry of our State Missionary—Rev. Earl Umbaugh.

BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

A Baptist Mid-Missions Seminar team ministered here on July 20. We had a great time of fun and fellowship at our Sunday School picnic. We voted, as a church, to begin proceedings on the sale of our present church building.

SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

"The Reflections" from Los Angeles Baptist Bible College presented a concert at our church recently. Our Vacation Bible School was held August 4 through 8. Many hearts were blessed through this ministry.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY—

Missionary H. V. Lemley (Mexico) was with us on June 29. This was an all-day affair with dinner and a time of fellowship right after the church service.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLMADGE—

Mrs. Opal Stansberry, missionary to Bolivia, told us of her work. Rev. and Mrs. Truman Stephens spoke at our Sunday morning service.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFFIN—

We held our Vacation Bible School in early June. Our activities centered around "Fort Faith". We had an average attendance of 256. There were many decisions made for salvation. Offerings received during our VBS were given to "the John Bigelows" (BMM-Alaska). Our Word of Life Club recently went horseback riding at Marmor Valley Farms. We praise the Lord for His continued blessing on our work here.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

The young people of our church took charge recently of one of our Sunday evening services. They did a fine job! The Cedarville College Swordbearers were with us all day of July 27. We viewed the film—"So Many Voices". Missionary Virginia Nestell spoke at our Womens Missionary Fellowship.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

We appreciated the ministry of the Western Baptist Bible College band. On July 6, our Holiday Musicales Choir presented a 30 minute tribute to our country entitled—"I Love America". Baptist Mid-Missions held their Tri-annual Conference here on July 13–16. It was a blessing having these missionaries at our church.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—

"The Defenders Five" from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania were with us on July 13. We held a Weiner Roast for the children of our church. Adults also attended! There were 12 children that made decisions to receive Christ as Saviour.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Vacation Bible School was held in June. "The Songfellows" from Piedmont Bible College sang for us at one of our mid-week prayer meetings. Brother Rich McGee, our minister of Youth, was honored recently by our church when he graduated from Cedarville College. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Knight and the "Men of Melody" quartet from Tennessee Temple Schools ministered here on June 28.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE—

The ministry of Rev. David Dunkin (FBHM) was a blessing. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kilko (BMM-Brazil) told us of their proposed work among the Jews in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Paul and Judy Johnson (BMM-Italy) were with us on July 6th and Rev. Richard Durham (ABWE-Philippines) on July 13th. We are looking forward to our Missionary Conference which will be held October 26–29. We will be having our former pastor, Rev. Doug Couch (BMM-Australia) and his family with us at that time. Also, Rev. and Mrs. De Elda Payton (ABWE-Philippines) will be telling us of their work.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA—

Hearts were blessed through the ministry of missionary Miss Ruth Yost. Also, we greatly enjoyed a special concert presented by our brother Mike Coyle. While Mike sang for us in the church auditorium, his wife and children put on a Children's Meeting for the little folk of our church. Their ministry was excellent. Rev. and Mrs. Willard Benedict (ABWE-Bangladesh) spoke here on July 20. Baptist Mid-Missions candidates were with us on July 27.

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH, YOUNGSTOWN—

We held a "Family Film Festival" at our church June 23 through June 27. Some 10 or 12 different Christian films were shown. These covered different fields, such as, missions—evangelism—family matters—science and others.

Citizenship Awards Granted

Each year the executive board of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary has the privilege of recognizing individuals for their contribution to Christian service and education, for the impact they have made on their community through creative use of God-given talent, and for their lives which reflect commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This year the Citizenship Award was given to two men who are outstanding in their areas of involvement in the business field, community, and their local church. **Mr. C. John Miller**, born September 20, 1931 and born again at age 7, is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Allegan, Michigan, having served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, member of the building committee, and presently serving as chairman of the board of deacons.

Mr. Miller is partner of "Miller Brothers", which is an independent oil/gas producing and contracting company actively engaging in the developing of Michigan oil properties.

Always interested in sports and a physical fitness buff, his interest in activities extend to service for his country as a Navy veteran and concern for the community. He served two terms as a member of the Allegan Public School board - one of them as president. In 1964 he was nominated and elected to the executive board of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, which he still faithfully serves.

Success in business led to the following offices: President of National Stripper Well Association; treasurer of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association; President of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association; and a member of the Executive Committee of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

In a day marked by an energy crisis, his present position as President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America has placed him in a position where his counsel is sought and much of his time spent in consulting about ways and means in which independent oil producers can help the United States face up to and solve its energy problems. In these associations he has been instrumental in scheduling prayer meetings, has been faithful in his witness for Jesus Christ, and has become recognized not only as an authority in the petroleum industry but as a man of character and of faith in Jesus Christ.

Mr. Dirk Jan DePree, of Zeeland, Michigan, was one of the original founders of the First Baptist Church of that city, and later with his wife started a Bible class that led to the establishment of the Ventura Baptist Church. He served as President of Gideons International from 1951-1953; is interested in missions world wide; has served as Bible teacher and preacher and is an avid student of the Word of God.

Although D. J. DePree was born in the 19th century (July 31, 1891), his life has made its impact upon the 20th. If today you would visit the Smithsonian Institute you would see an exhibit entitled, "A Modern Consciousness", by D. J. DePree and Florence Knoll. Our nation's bi-centennial committee has chosen these two people as representatives of two companies who through furniture design have most affected the life of our nation, the Knoll and Herman Miller Corporation.

A Very Special Day Honoring Dr. Leon J. Wood

May 18, 1975, was a very special day at Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. That day was set aside as "Dr. Wood Sunday", to honor Dr. Leon J. Wood, Professor of Hebrew and Old

Testament at the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary.

During the past year Dr. Wood has been experiencing the effects of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease", which was diagnosed during the fall of 1974. During the spring semester Dr. Wood lectured from the confines of his wheel chair, and has continued to be a very productive writer. Since the fall of 1974 he has written: Daniel: A Study Guide; The Distressing Days of the Judges, released in June; and Genesis: A Study Guide, to be released in August of this year.

The Jubal Brass, directed by Paul Hoelzley, presented a concert for the evening service in honor of Dr. Wood, and their selection of both sacred and classical compositions was thoroughly enjoyed by the Wood family and the congregation.

After the concert Dr. Wood gave testimony of God's grace and sustaining power during this time in his life. His scholarship and love for the Old Testament naturally

led him to choose an example from that section of the Bible, paralleling his experience to that of Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Dr. Wood explained that it was not their choice to go into the fiery furnace. However, as God led them into the furnace experience they understood that no other path could bring better fellowship and a closer walk with the Lord.

The church family showed its appreciation to Mrs. Wood by a gift of one dozen long stem red roses. Dr. Wood was given a plaque carved by one of the men from the church, symbolizing his years of teaching at the College and Seminary, the books he has written, translation work he has done with the Berkley Version and the New International Bible, and other significant facets of his life.

On that Sunday, approximately \$12,000 was given and promised for the Leon J. Wood Seminary Building to be constructed on the campus of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Servant/Master

In our "culture", it is very difficult to understand these terms — "SERVANT"/"MASTER". The employer/employee relationship only partially fits. An employer can "lay off" or "fire". The employee can "quit" or "strike". However, a servant/slave belongs to his Master. He carries out his duties as assigned and specifically prescribed by the Master. Luke 17:7-10 clearly points out we are to carry out carefully our duties and expect no praise or thanks. "But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things commanded him? I think not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." Thanks and praise can scarcely even be expected when we have gone beyond duty. Jesus said, "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." Matthew 6:41.

Jesus also said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged." Why? Because you will have to be judged on the same basis. As servants, we each stand accountable in the ultimate sense to our Lord and Master. We often sit in the seat of examining others when we scarcely know how to judge our own actions and motives. We may witness the actions of another brother and sister but know nothing of the circumstances, let alone, the motives that produced the actions. The Apostle Paul expressed this in I Corinthians 4:4-5 "For I know nothing against myself, yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God."

The tendency to question (judge) the actions of others is not new. Peter, in his confrontation with Jesus by the sea, after His resurrection, expressed the same. Jesus told him to "Feed my lambs", "Feed my sheep" and "Follow me". John 21:20-22 "Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following. . . . (John, by description). . . . Peter, seeing him, saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." He had not yet come to the full meaning of the terms — SERVANT/MASTER.

Can my life, my heart and can your life, your heart stand up under the light of the same scrutiny? Is Jesus truly MASTER? Are we SERVANTS in the full sense?

Ladies W.M.F. Fall Rally At Amherst

The Fall Rally of the Ohio Women's Missionary Fellowship will be held this year on Tuesday, October 21st at 1:00 p.m. The conference is being held in the Faith Baptist Church, 440 North Lake Street, Amherst, Ohio. Ladies, our DIME OFFERING PROJECT for the coming year is for "THE MOFFATS". Please send your checks to Mrs. Lois Russell, 705 Fairfax, Medina, Ohio - 44256.

West Moriah W.M.F. Fall Rally

The Fall Rally of the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship will meet in the new, recently dedicated, First Baptist Church of Commercial Point, Ohio on Tuesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Several missionaries will be participating in a varied program including Mrs. Albert Spieth, veteran missionary to Brazil under Baptist Mid-Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Spieth have had a blessed and unique ministry with the organizing of many Baptist churches along the Madeira river, a tributary of the mighty Amazon. Few mission fields have had such a response in the constant salvation of souls and the development of indigenous churches such as the Spieths have experienced in their ministry.

Also on the agenda will be the announcement of the new West Moriah project for the year.

"Let us fill our cars and have a record-breaking attendance," says the new president, Mrs. Frank Odor. "Come for a day of great inspiration and blessing."

Missionaries Given Tools



Members and friends of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio recently felt led of the Lord to take the project of supplying tools needed by Missionary Gordon Wimer as he and his wife, Alice go to the Ivory Coast in Africa.

Because of their forced and hurried exit from their previous field of service — the Chad, Brother Wimer had to leave all of his accumulated tools behind.

Shown above are (left to right) Missionaries Gordon and Alice Wimer and Dr. Paul Vernier. The Wimers have been serving the Lord for many years in Africa under Baptist Mid-Missions. Dr. Vernier is a member of the official board of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Rev. William L. Davis is pastor of the Fairborn church. The Lord is blessing the work in Fairborn. Their ministry reaches throughout Fairborn and around the world.

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Hebron W.M.U. Fall Rally

The Hebron Women's Missionary Union will hold their Fall Rally on Tuesday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. This will be at the First Baptist Church, 302 West Main Street in Spencer, Ohio. Their project — a "postage meter mailing machine" — will be continued. Please mail checks to Mrs. Richard Peterson, 36685 Kinzel Road, Avon, Ohio — 44011. The total amount will be presented at this Fall Rally to the Mission.

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Women's Retreats

September 11, 12, 13 — Scioto Hills
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Bible Teacher — Mrs. Howard Sugden
Missionary — Mrs. Kitty Ketcham
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September 25, 26, 27 — Skyview #2
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November 6, 7 — Mohican State Lodge
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Study in Depth, Prayer —
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Missionary Panel

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Working Among Indians



The New Harmony Baptist Church (Rev. Milton Barkley, pastor) recently presented a gift of money to one of their young people — Miss Martha Schneeberger.

This young lady is spending the summer on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation at Martin, South Dakota. She will be assisting F.B.H.M. missionaries Rev. and Mrs. David Gerhardt.

Pictured above (l. to r.) are: William Schneeberger, youth Bible teacher, Pastor Barkley presenting the money contributed to Miss Schneeberger and Mrs. William Parks and William Parks. Mr. and Mrs. Parks are the adult sponsors of the young people at the New Harmony Baptist Church.

Public Is Invited

Rev. R. L. Matthews, Field Representative for the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, will be ministering at the Norton Baptist Church, Norton, Ohio. He will be there October 5 through October 8. Rev. Donald Rosenvold, pastor of the church, extends a warm welcome to any in the area. Hearts will be blessed through Brother Matthews ministry.



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We Visited The Shepherds Home

by Don Moffat



Butch - Rev. Andrew Wood - Stevie

Mrs. Moffat and I recently held a meeting in the Highland Village Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin. The pastor of this church is Rev. Glenn Saunders. We had a good time ministering the Word. God spoke to hearts.

The most exciting experience of the week, however, was the day Brother Saunders took us to nearby Union Grove, Wisconsin. There we were privileged to visit, for the first time, our GARBC approved SHEPHERDS HOME for retarded children. We were thrilled!

We had heard of this wonderful work. Hearing and seeing, however, are quite different. The buildings are spotless - the grounds are beautiful - the staff is excellent and the children . . . most precious.

While there, they held a special chapel service. Mrs. Moffat played 8 or 10 piano solos. I was privileged to share God's Word for about 15 minutes. Brother Andrew Wood, Executive Director of the Home, suggested we have a special request time. He had the boys and girls suggest certain hymns for Mrs. Moffat to play. Their choice of hymns revealed something of the kind of care and training these dear ones are receiving. Their requests included such hymns as "What Can Wash Away My Sins?", "The Church's One Foundation", "Amazing Grace", "Jesus Is Coming Again", "He Lives", "Just As I Am" and others. . . many others.

It was my intent when I began this article to write more, however, I came across the following testimony which says it in a much better manner than I ever could. It is well worth reading and will bless your heart. It was written by Mrs. Patricia Oviatt and is entitled - "An Open Letter to Special Parents of Special Children".

Dear Parents of Butch and Stevie: When your sons were born, you must have felt that a terrible tragedy had taken place in your family. No one could sympathize fully with you or comfort you -- not even someone who had gone through a similar tragedy. To realize that your children would never, never live normal lives must have been a shock. To know they'd never go to public schools, drive cars, enter Christian colleges or seminaries, or marry and have families of their own must have been a disappointment to you as parents.

Many times you must have asked, "Why did this happen to us?" But let me tell you our side of it, our gain because of your loss!

Stevie and Butch came to our church as part of a Gospel team with Rev. Andrew Wood from Shepherds Home and School. They arrived late Saturday night -- too late for us to get acquainted. I had warned my own boys, knowing how thoughtless children can be without meaning to be so: "Remember to treat the boys from Shepherds with the same love you'd give your best friends."

I need not have worried about my boys -- my normal boys, ages 7 and 11. As it happened, your boys put mine at ease.

After your boys left Sunday night, our children were lonely and blue. "Mom, don't you wish we had a special boy like Stevie or Butch?" our youngest son asked.

The older one said, "I wish they lived in our family. They could teach me so much!"

So I wanted to share with you what it meant to have the Gospel team from Shepherds Home and School in our church and in our own family.

From the moment your boys began to speak at church, I anxiously watched the faces of the children in our congregation. A few other parents had prepared their children for the arrival of your boys. But there were others--boys the ages of yours--who were sure to be cruel. I hoped and prayed they wouldn't snicker or giggle or make fun of your boys. But the children in our congregation sat on the edges of the pews, mouths hanging open in surprise and envy! Our young people so admired your boys that they treated them as superiors in every way!

As Mr. Wood quizzed the boys on Bible doctrines, Stevie and Butch responded quickly, accurately. They named the books of the Bible. They listed the ten attributes of God. They defined words like "omnipresence" and "omnipotence."

Those boys know three hundred Bible verses!" one boy exclaimed after the service. "I hardly know thirty. They must be extra smart!" It was difficult for our children to realize that your boys lacked the mental abilities to be in junior high school. Being "smart" in Scriptures and Bible knowledge meant just one thing: Stevie and Butch were their superiors!

"From now on, I'm going to really study my Sunday School lesson," one boy was heard to say. If that were the only result of your boys' visit, it would be worthwhile, but there's more!

The hearts of many adults were touched as the boys answered questions on Bible doctrines -- not just automatically, but with real feeling.

"Is there any other way to be saved or get to Heaven except through Jesus Christ?" Mr. Wood asked.

"NO!" shouted Butch with real conviction.

When Stevie sang "Bye and bye when I look on His face, I'll wish I had given Him more," not a dry eye remained in the congregation.

Their favorite doctrine is the doctrine of last things. Mr. Wood shared with us the story of the smudged windows at Shepherds. One housemother told him that her children kept pressing their noses against the windows.

"They are looking to see if the sky is just right. They are looking for clouds, watching to see if Jesus is coming back."

In the heart of every listener was the response: "Oh, that I lived my life in constant anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ!"

"One night," Mr. Wood said, "the children were talking about the wonderful things that will happen when the Lord returns."

"When we go to Heaven, Nicky won't have to have a hearing aid," one child said.

Another commented: "Nancy won't have to wear glasses."

Then Stevie thought of something else he wouldn't need when Jesus returned for him. "I won't need my bracelet!"

The children at Shepherds all wear identification bracelets. Stevie's reads: "Stephen W. -- Shepherds Home and School, Union Grove, Wisconsin. 878-2471. Mentally retarded."

Yes, when Stevie and Butch get to Heaven, their bracelets will be left behind. But let me tell you more about the boys' visit to our church.

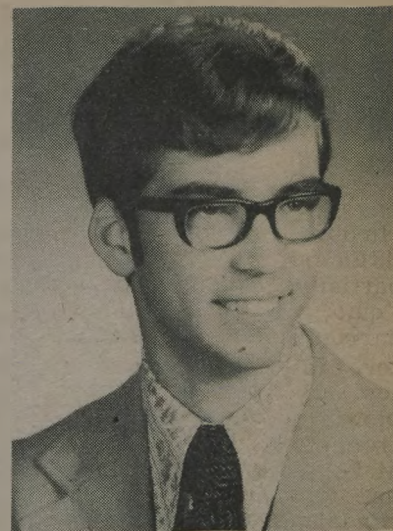
Monday morning, a young woman called to say she wants to get busy for the Lord. She is going to take a Bible correspondence course, especially in soul-winning. A teenager rededicated her life to the Lord for Christian service. A ten-year-old girl was saved. Another church member promised to be faithful in calling from now on. A recent convert shook his head wonderingly and asked, "Do you suppose I'll ever know as much about the Bible as those boys do now? Are they really retarded?"

You see, dear parents, many in our churches feel there is a question about just who is disabled. In God's sight, we may be the retarded ones. We are retarded in our spiritual growth. We are retarded in our Bible knowledge. With all our mental abilities, we have not used what we do know about the Word of God.

You may have had reservations in your mind as to the advisability of permitting your boys to go out to be in the public eye. They are not the objects of pity with most people. They are sweet, lovable boys, gentle and obedient. They are cherished and loved by many, many people.

Our story can be multiplied many times as your boys travel with Mr. Wood to other churches. They are reaching thousands of people with the Gospel message. With the help of their able leader, they preach and teach to more people than most of us will reach in a lifetime. As a parent of normal children, I am

Accepts Call To Indiana Church



Mr. Daniel Morrell

Mr. Daniel J. Morrell, son of Evangelist and Mrs. "Ed" Morrell, Jr. has accepted a call to serve as Minister of Youth and Music at the First Baptist Church in Griffith, Indiana. He began his work there on August 24.

Our brother graduated from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. this past May and was just recently married to Diane Leslie of Clarks Summit. While gaining his education at BBC, he has served the Lord by working with the youth at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio and at different times has assisted his dad in some of his evangelistic meetings.

almost envious that your boys are already in full-time Christian service! Certainly God will bless you for releasing them to Him!

Butch was fascinated over the crown of thorns I had brought back from Israel.

"That's what they put on Jesus' head," he said over and over, feeling the sharp prongs with the tips of his fingers. "It hurts my fingers," he said. "It hurt Jesus' head." He spoke with real feeling and my heart was touched as again I was reminded of what the Lord suffered for me.

You may still find it difficult to accept this seeming tragedy as God's perfect will for your lives. But as for us, we thank God for Butch and Stevie. They have taught us valuable lessons. They have inspired our church people to volunteer for the Lord's work. They have encouraged our children to learn more about God's Word. And they have shown us how to pray more intelligently for Shepherds Home and School -- and for you, the parents of those very special children. Thank you again for letting your boys minister to our church.

Shepherds, Inc. needs your help both financially and through the avenue of prayer. If they are not on your church budget - they should be. For further information write: Rev. Andrew H. Wood, Ex. Director, Shepherds, Inc., P.O. Box 111, Union Grove, Wisconsin-53182.

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God's Servant Called 'Home'



Our brother, Rev. Clarence S. Henson, was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Along with his dear wife, Lillian, he served as a missionary, a pastor and an evangelist. He was ever faithful in his witnessing for Christ.

On July 14, Brother Henson went to be with the Lord. A special funeral service was held in St. Louis, Missouri. A host of friends came to pay their respects to this man of God. Rev. James Garrett, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana delivered the funeral message. Brother Henson had held three special meetings in Brother Garrett's church. He was to have had another in the fall of this year - 1975.

"The Hensons" did their missionary work under Baptist Mid-Missions ministering to the people of the Ozarks. He pastored churches at Lesterville, Missouri; Patterson, Missouri; East St. Louis, Illinois; Lackland Road Baptist Church, Overland, Missouri and Fort Myers Beach, Florida. They went into the field of evangelism in June of 1969 and continued faithfully until his being called home to be with his Lord. Both Evangelist and Mrs. Henson were most effective in reaching youth with the gospel. He served as Dean of boys and girls at the Illinois/Missouri GARBC Camp (Camp Manitoumi) for 12 years. Even on the hospital bed, the last week of his life, he was telling others of his wonderful Saviour.

This poem was written by our brother back in 1964.

THESE WERE FOR MY ETERNAL GOOD

For every failure and reverse,
For every rugged path traversed,
For all the grief and sorrows bore,
For a thousand disappointments
and more.

For the rugged paths I was called
to tread,

For the many fears that I once
dread;

My heart breaks out in song,
For were it not for these, I would
not be strong.

My prayer is, God help my children
to realize

Failures and reverses are but
blessings in disguise.

For troubles will come and troubles
will go,

These are permitted our faith to
show.

God will not leave us the Bible
reveals,

In every disappointment His
blessing conceals.

He will not permit too great a bur-
den to bear,

For in every trial He is there to
share.

'Toward One World'

by Pastor Wm. E. Abernathy

Recently an article in the National Catholic magazine, *Sign*, for September, 1975, was called to my attention by a Christian friend. The article is called, "Peace on Earth: Who Knows How To Get There?" The author, Ruth Goldboss, emphasizes the fact that the Roman Catholic Popes have repeatedly issued the call for world peace and have, thus, taken the initiative. She feels that the organization which comes closest to fulfilling the call for constructive peace is WORLD FEDERALISM.

I have been acquainted with World Federalism since my college days. Their approach to the solution of world conflict would be to bring about a federation of nations much like joining together of the 13 colonies into the United States of America.

Blueprints for such a world government have already been drawn up by those in World Federalism. In general they include:

1. A world parliament equivalent to a representative international congress.
2. An international court of justice like our supreme court.
3. A police chief of peace-keeping forces.

This article reveals several extremely pertinent facts which are little known today.

1. A primary requisite for world government would be complete disarmament. The article says, "A necessary precondition for any effective world government should be complete and general disarmament."

2. The Vatican, it is claimed, has been in the forefront of the movement for world government for sixty years. The article says, "Popes from Leo X through Pious X, Benedict XV, Pious XI, and Pious XII, laid the groundwork, but it was John XXIII, in his wonderful encyclical, *Peace On Earth*, who bound all these ideas together in that great call made for the establishment of a universal world authority."

3. Many governments have declared themselves ready to join a world government. The article claims that there are "125 governments, some of them big, some of them little. They know very well that they are ready--have been ready for many years--to join any form of world government at any time that it is seriously proposed. . . Five European countries have already changed their constitutions to allow their governments to become part of the world government--if and when that world authority is established".

So I thank Him for the heartaches
and tears,
For the dreary days and lonesome
years,
And the many times I was looking
for a friend,
Christ never forsook me, He stood
by me to the end.
I thank Him for the hope in the
midst of it all,
And for the blessed promise He
will never let me fall,
When things were the darkest,
there it always stood, and now I
know,
These Were For My Eternal Good.

....C. S. Henson '64



by Paul Matthews

Does Music Have Power Over You?

Did you know that music can step up a person's mental "horsepower," actually increase his ability to think, reason and remember?

In studies at the well known New York University, the playing of certain types of music was found to inspire many persons to score better on various mental tests than they did without the influence of music. Studies which were run at the University of Louisiana, compared the performance of students on mental tests while classical music was played; when jazz was substituted; when rock-n-roll was played; and with no music. The lowest grades were made when the students were under the influence of rock-n-roll music. The problem as I see it is that music often will affect a person not just on the feeling level but also the thinking level, thus doing considerable damage to the whole thought process. What sort of music is within your hearing? Because we live in a day where situation ethics is the "in thing," and philosophy is ever opening her arms to most any gimmick about us, we as blood bought children of God need to take very positive stands as it relates to what we allow or don't allow in the way of music in our homes. We must beware of this new disguise and established guidelines for direction and always exercise extreme care in so far as our musical tastes. Usually the music we listen to will be expressing in some way our inner thoughts...that which is on our minds. What's on your mind?

GOD SPEAKS...

I Corinthians 14:15 states: "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will SING with the spirit, and I will sing WITH the UNDERSTANDING also." Elsewhere Paul writes: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making MELODY in your heart to the Lord."

Some great verses on music aren't they?

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.

C.O.M.E. Announces '76 And '77 Conferences

C.O.M.E. (Committee On Missionary Evangelism) evidenced the blessing of the Lord at their 8th Annual Meeting and Conference on Evangelism.

This year they are able to announce their Annual Conferences for both 1976 and 1977.

In 1976, their conference will be held May 12 - 16 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1318 North 16th Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Rev. C. Richard Phelps is pastor of this church.

In 1977, their conference will be held May 11 - 15 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 332 Main Street, Penn Yan, New York. Rev. David Crandall is pastor of this church.

4. A "Planetary Citizenship Registry" has already been begun. In 1969 U. Thant asked the World Federalists to form a registry where people of the world could declare their convictions that they are "Citizens of the World".

So we can see the beginnings which lead to the one world-government of the Anti-Christ taking place right before our eyes!

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Christian Education Workshop Planned

The Norwood Baptist Church (Rev. Albert Tassell, Pastor) in Cincinnati, Ohio will be sponsoring a Christian Education workshop on September 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Guest lecturer is Dr. Ronald Chadwick. Our brother is chairman of the Christian Education Department of Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary. He has many years experience within the local church and the Christian day school are exempt. His ideas concerning education in the home, the church and the Christian day school are extremely informative and Biblically and practically sound.

Pre-registration fee is \$3.50. (Deadline is Saturday, September 13)

Registration at the door is \$4.00. Printed material, a hot lunch and all the knowledge you can retain will be included. Further information will be sent pastors in our fellowship or you may write Rev. John F. McKinney, Assistant to the Pastor, Norwood Baptist Church, 2037 Courtland Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio - 45212.

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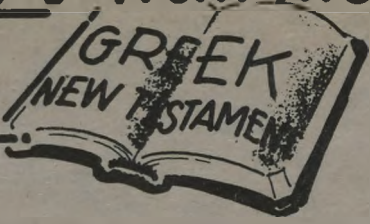
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A Word About Constancy: 1 Cor. 15:58...

We are living in troublesome times, when nations are in distress, the pressures of ecumenical apostasy are being felt across the world, the expanding mood of neo-evangelicalism is adopting a looser theology, Christianity is moving farther and farther away from a dispensational premillennial base, when morals are breaking down and there is a mounting disbelief in the inspiration and inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures and a disregard for their authority. In view of these things, and the current confusion in eschatology, there is a great and pressing need for constancy to be exercised in the work of the Lord.

In 1 Cor. 15:58, there is a special and particular word with regard to constancy in the Lord's work. This is a well-known passage, yet the true, full sense of the verse is not sufficiently realized, and needs to be pointed out to the people of God. The constancy set forth in this verse, and which is presently required of us, involves three things:

(1) It involves a fixed purpose,

The word rendered in the KJV as "steadfast" is the Greek *hedraios*, which is derived from the term for "seat, chair." This word is found in the classics, and in the works of the poets and philosophers in early Greek times, where it always means "sitting, seated in a chair, sedentary." In the New Testament, it occurs three times: 1 Cor. 7:37, "Nevertheless, he that standeth steadfast in his heart. . ." Col. 1:23, "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled. . ." And it is the word in our text, "be ye steadfast."

The term pictures a man sitting in his chair, at his desk, established purposefully at his work, and intently, busily engaged in doing it. For believers today, the word therefore describes that inward fixity of purpose, that fixed purpose of heart and motive, which keeps us faithful to the Lord and intensely occupied in the work of the Lord, never at any time being moved away from it. In the midst of the current theological confusion and chaotic moral conditions, it is thus imperative that we get our inner man firmly established in the seat of solid, sound, settled purpose, with respect to the work of the Lord, and as regards our own convictions and conduct as they become the Gospel. This is the only kind of purpose that will mean something in such days as these, and the eternal God who knows our hearts requires such fixed purpose of us all.

(2) It involves a firm persistence,

The word translated "unmovable" occurs only here in all the New Testament. The verb form *metakineo* appears in the Septuagint Version at Deut. 32:30, where it is rendered "put to flight." In 1 Cor. 15:58, the word has a negative prefix, so that its meaning is "not to be moved." From this word comes the English derivative "cinema," i.e. a motion picture show—that which is set in motion before the viewers. True Christians are not to be set in motion by way of departure from the truth, from that position which they know to be the proper one. In other words, we are not to be put to flight by the enemies of the Gospel, and by others who seek to influence us and move us off our solid base.

This word admonishes all of us to not let ourselves be shifted about, to not be moved away from what we know to be right, but to stay with the Word of God—in which God speaks to us and makes known His will for us. We must maintain a firm persistence in standing for the truth of God's revelation, and living in its light. We shall always have to persist against opposition; we are always under attack. All the many antichristian forces are always ready to strike at our faith and to wreck our testimony. Some come at us head-on, with open denial and rejection; others are more subtle, and come in from the side with seduction and subversion, which lead to compromise and break-down. Still others come with immoral temptation under a religious guise, as the new morality has done, to destroy the purity and sacredness of our testimony. Against all this, the Word of God says to us: persist firmly in what you know to be the truth, and do not ever be moved away from it.

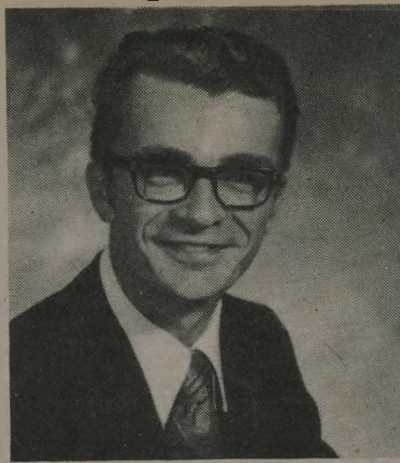
(3) It involves a full participation,

The statement says, "always abounding in the work of the Lord. . ." Too few Christians really get hold of this. Our call and conversion require of us that we perform more than ordinary service in the Cause of Christ. We have not been called merely to enjoy being saved, but we are called to full participation in the Lord's work.

The adjective form of this word "abound" occurs in the Lord's statement concerning John the Baptist, recorded in Matt. 11:9. Our Lord Jesus Christ said that John was "MORE than a prophet"—the word "more" is the related term. John fulfilled the office of a prophet, but surpassing that, he performed even more eminent and honorable service as the Lord's personal messenger and forerunner. Yet beyond even that, he attained supreme height of extraordinary service in giving his life in the performance of his calling. Beyond that, no man can go.

Our service in the Lord's work is thus to be MORE than that which is usual, ordinary. And we must be reminded that our "abounding in the work of the Lord" is to be distinguished from work which many Christians testify as being work "for the Lord." Much may indeed be done for the Lord that is not necessarily in accord with His direction, so is not in reality the Lord's work. The work of the Lord is the work which He gives us to do as a vital and integral part of His

Ordained For The Gospel Ministry



Rev. Michael Richmond

An examination council met at the Champion Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio for the purpose of examining Mr. Michael Richmond for the gospel ministry. There were 12 pastors and messengers representing six area churches. Other friends attending the meeting brought the number to 35.

Brother Earl Umbaugh (OARBC State Missionary) was elected to serve as Moderator for the council and Rev. Kenneth T. Romig, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio was elected as Clerk.

The council was opened by Rev. David Warren, pastor of the Champion Baptist Church. He led the congregation in the singing of the hymn—"I Know In Whom I Have Believed". Prior to the examining of the candidate, Mrs. Richmond gave her testimony.

After very careful examination, the council recommended unanimously that the Champion Baptist Church proceed with the ordination. They expressed themselves

Gospel plan. That which we may sometimes consider trivial routine—common tasks—may well be a part of the Lord's work, when given to us by Him to be done.

A final word must be added to this study. The teaching of v. 58 is a command from the Lord. The verbal "be ye" is a present imperative form, hence a divine command, and not a mere suggestion—something we may do or not do, as we wish. It is an order, it is New Testament law. It is an encumbrance upon us, an obligation, an injunction. We are bound by it, and we do not have a choice. We are called to constancy in the Lord's work, and we dare not fail.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here is a statement I read just this week which moved my own soul in spiritual challenge: "Christian love never hesitates, but gives its all, and then trembles lest it has done too little." If this is an accurate description of Christian love, and I believe it is, then surely we who profess the name of the Lord are coming up short!

We who say we love the Lord are hesitating—holding out on the Lord in far too many areas of our lives. We are asked to serve but we hesitate, we make excuses, we claim we are too busy. Jesus said, "Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that which endureth unto eternal life."

We are hesitating far too much because we are overly occupied with the trinkets, toys and treasures that pertain to this life. WE need to know and experience the fact that CHRISTIAN LOVE GIVES ITS ALL! Christians, generally speaking, are living soft and easy. Rising storm clouds of moral and political declension may result in Christians having to give their all as they have never done in this country.

Christian love is the sacrificial, unselfish, unceasing giving of one's self for the benefit and welfare of the one loved. The world says, "Get as much as you can for yourself." God says, "Give all that you can of yourself." God in His love gave His Son; Christ in His love gave Himself: WHAT IS YOUR LOVE GIVING?

And then—Christian love trembles lest it has done too little. But what are most of the Christians saying? "I am doing all I can!" "I am doing as much as anyone else." "I am doing more than my share." CHRISTIAN LOVE TREMBLES LEST IT HAS DONE TOO LITTLE. Please read carefully Luke 17:7-10. Jesus asked Peter, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" What is your answer to that question?

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The Bible Mission Church of Pataskala, Ohio (Rev. Thomas Hubbard, pastor) have a Roberts tape recorder/player, model 1725 which they would like to sell for \$150.00. Also, they have a Sony tape deck, model 777, with remote control. They will sell this for \$250.00. Both of these are in good condition. They have been used to make broadcast tapes, and for copying. Both take up to 7" reels.

Any Hi-Fi dealer can give details about machines such as these. Rev. Hubbard refers to them as "two very good bargains for a church or individual who might be looking for a tape recorder."

Interested parties should write Rev. Thomas H. Hubbard, Bible Mission Baptist Church, Box 85 Pataskala, Ohio - 43062.

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A Good Word For Cedarville College

(Note: The following appeared in the Yellow Springs News, Wednesday, March 12, 1975.)

Editorial

The Tough Job Is Ahead

Antioch trustees and President James P. Dixon took an important step with their joint decision that Dr. Dixon should step down from the presidency by June 1977. The controversy surrounding Dr. Dixon had made it impossible for him to continue effectively in office, yet his staying until a successor is chosen will help assure continuity of program.

Antioch has a fine program and an excellent faculty (partly as a result of Dr. Dixon's efforts). Its present moves to put its finances in order are necessary for survival. But if the Yellow Springs campus is to continue to attract students, it must face up to an even more difficult problem: the loss of any sense of community among the students.

Twenty-five years ago thefts were rare at Antioch. Dormitory doors had no locks; rapes and armed robberies were unheard of; and sole campus

night security force was a single somnolent watchman; police weren't needed because Antioch had a working honor system.

Contrast that with today. Cafe and bookstore run up huge deficits because of pilferage. Students in positions of trust embezzle money. Women can't go out at night for fear of being attacked. People are robbed at gunpoint in their dormitory rooms. Each week's local mayor's court brings its quota of students arrested for shoplifting, who nonetheless are allowed to remain at Antioch, perhaps to steal and steal again.

It is sometimes said that Antioch's security problems are a result of "outsiders." Yet eight miles from Yellow Springs is another college, about Antioch's size, which has none of these problems. No rapes or armed robberies there. Dorm rooms are left unlocked. Bicycles are safe. People are concerned about one another's welfare. They treat one another with consideration and respect.

Of course we liberated intellectuals of Yellow Springs like to snicker up our sophisticated sleeves at the "parochial narrowness" of Cedarville College. No freedom there, we say. (Without having been there.) Yet ask yourself: What kind of freedom do we have, when one can hardly venture outside at night for fear of bodily harm? Isn't it just possible that the Christians at Cedarville College know some things about building community that we have forgotten?

The future of Antioch will be in part determined by budgetary decisions, but to a greater extent it will be determined by the number and kind of students who choose to come.

It's worth pausing to consider. What does it mean? At Antioch, enrollment is shrinking. At Cedarville, it is growing.

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Medical Center To Be Constructed

The Village of Cedarville, Ohio is growing and so are its needs. One of these needs is for medical facilities and the Village is making plans to build a medical center northeast of Cedarville College's Maddox Hall on Route 72. The medical center, being named in honor of Dr. Donald Kyle ('70 Honorary Alumnus), a Cedarville physician who has served the area for more than thirty years, may be completed by fall, 1975.

In October, 1973, the Cedarville Lions Club initiated the idea of a community Medical Center. A committee was appointed from the Club's membership to consider the feasibility of such a project. A Business Statistics Class from the College assisted this committee in determining the need for such a center. The class used a random sample and conducted the study by telephone. Questions asked pertained to the number of people in a household, the number of visits made to a doctor each year, and the distance traveled to reach a doctor. The Lions Club committee came to the conclusion that such a center would benefit the community and presented the proposal to the community. The feasibility committee became the planning committee and began the necessary work on preliminary plans.

The property on which the Kyle Medical Center will be constructed was given to the community by Cedarville College. The college trustees voted unanimously at their October, 1974 meeting to assist the community's endeavor in this way. Although construction drawings and specifications are not yet complete, the anticipated completion time is five to six months.

The planned medical center will be octagon in shape and will have approximately 5,000 square feet of floor space. The center will house two, possibly three, general practitioners, a dentist and an optometrist. The parking area will accommodate 40 cars and acreage is sufficient for expansion. Cedarville College students will be recommended by the College Health Service to the Center if College facilities cannot meet their needs.

Approximately 30% of the community commitment to the Kyle Medical Center has been raised by various community projects. One such project was a dinner sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Cedarville on February 8, 1975. All proceeds went to the medical center's building fund.

According to the fund drive chairman, Mr. Kenneth St. Clair, Business Manager of the College, the community will need to raise \$100,000 in gifts before construction can begin. The remainder of the \$250,000 budget will be secured by a loan from the local bank.

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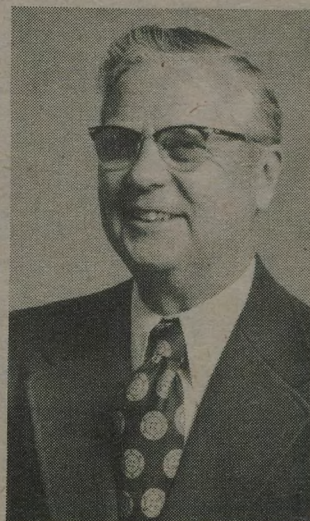
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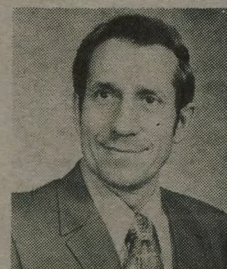
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