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# THE OHIO

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## Dedicated "Unto The Lord"



Bible Baptist Church of Newark, Ohio

Dedication and Open House of the new facilities of Bible Baptist Church, 50 Price Road, Newark, Ohio, were observed Sunday, November 16, at 3 p.m. Frank Odor, pastor, presided.

Rev. Edward Spencer, professor of English and Literature at Cedarville College and former interim pastor of the church, gave the Dedicatory Address in which he encouraged the congregation to utilize the availability of God's mighty power in the work of the ministry as the Apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:19.

Rev. Earl Umbaugh, state missionary, gave the Prayer of Dedication and former pastors of the church, William Bowers of Reynoldsburg and Rev. Thomas Hubbard of Pataskala read Scripture and led in prayer. C. R. Bucklew of the Bucklew Construction Company, general contractor for the project and chairman of the church's Board of Deacons, gave a summary of the building program and emphasized the unity and cooperation evidenced by the people in building the new sanctuary.

The Calvary Baptist Quartet of Coshocton provided several musical selections and Ray and Randy Wagner of the local church sang a duet. A highlight of the musical program was the 42-voice Dedication Day Chorus directed by Mrs. Frank Odor. The chorus, comprised of members of the Bible Baptist Church, Fallsburg Baptist Church, students home from various schools and colleges and the Calvary Baptist Quartet, sang, "Nothing Is Impossible". In conclusion Mrs. Odor sang, "Bless This House". Mrs. David Elmore of Coshocton was guest pianist.

A reception for approximately 275 members and guests followed. Other special Dedication Day activities included Rev. Spencer as speaker for the 10:45 a.m. worship hour and Rev. Umbaugh as speaker at 7 p.m.

The church began in October, 1957, held its first church ser-

VICES in June, 1958, became officially organized in 1962 and moved into their first church building in 1966. They have been affiliated with the G.A.R.B.C. since 1969.

Building projects are not new to the pastor, Rev. Frank Odor, who has administered several building programs in churches he has organized and established during his 20 years of ministry in Ohio. Brother Odor was founder and pastor of the Midview Baptist Church, North Eaton (Grafton), Ohio, where a church sanctuary, two educational units and a parsonage were built under his ministry. Later he organized the Vienna Baptist Church in Vienna, Ohio, where a spacious church unit was constructed. He has been with the Newark church for two years.

Built in less than seven months, the new 48' by 96' auditorium provides for the local congregation a fully carpeted sanctuary, with upholstered pews seating 350, a baptistry, choir loft, pastor's study, departmental educational areas, recording and sound room, and a spacious 20' by 30' foyer connecting the newly re-decorated original building which will be used for educational and fellowship activities.

Improvements of the grounds include a new church sign, sidewalks, landscaping and enlargement of the parking area.



A very lovely auditorium

## The Paradoxes of Christ

*He was the Light, yet He hung in darkness on the cross.  
He was the Life, yet He "poured out His soul unto death."  
He was the Rock of Ages, yet His "feet sank into deep waters."  
He was the Son of God, yet He died a felon's death.  
He was holy, undefiled, separate from sinners and knew no sin, yet He was "made sin" when He took the guilty culprit's place and suffered in his stead.  
He bade the weary to come to Him for rest, yet not on earth could He find rest until He said, "It is finished," and gave up His life to God.  
He was the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, yet He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.  
He was the Ancient of Days, yet He was "cut off in the midst" of His days.  
He was the Father of Eternity, yet He became the babe in the manger at Bethlehem.  
He was the Mighty God, yet he became a man, and "was crucified through weakness."  
He was the Image of the Invisible God, yet His visage was "marred more than any man."  
All the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Him, yet He took on Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.  
"He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast," yet He humbled Himself and became obedient--even unto death.  
He was the Desire of All Nations, yet He was despised and rejected of men.  
He was the Fountain of Life, yet upon the Cross He cried, "I thirst."*

--Selected

## Mortgage Burning Ceremony



Burning the mortgage --- Praise the Lord!

Special services were held November 22 and 23 at the First Baptist Church in Galion, Ohio. The occasion was the "burning of the mortgage". What an exciting time it was!

A banquet was held Saturday evening, November 22nd at which approximately 150 were present. Pastor Rev. Wilfred Booth introduced the special guests - State Missionary Rev. Earl Umbaugh and his wife Sergie and Editor/Evangelist Rev. Don Moffat and his wife Lois. It was a good evening. The food and the fellowship were great.

On Sunday morning, Brother Moffat delivered the morning message. There was special music by the choir, Miss Beryl Gow and Mrs. Moffat. Also, during the morning service, the congregation joined in with Pastor Booth in re-affirming the dedication of their building to God. Hearts were blessed. After the burning of the mortgage, the congregation formed a circle around the auditorium joining hands and singing - "Bless Be The Tie That Binds".

Shown in the above photo burning the mortgage are, left to right, Mr. Ralph Smith, (Chairman of Board), Mr. James J. Lackey (Chairman of Deacons), Pastor Rev. Wilfred Booth, Mr. Charles Sipes (Chairman of Trustees) and Mr. Byron Keefer (Deacon).

The First Baptist Church of Gal-

ion was organized December 27, 1959. In July of 1961, the congregation approved the placing of bonds in the amount of \$145,000. Ground was broken and construction began April 2nd, 1962. The building was first occupied and dedicated in May of 1963.

The church and all their other property is absolutely debt free. Pastor Booth is now in his 26th year of ministry in Galion. We praise the Lord for this which has been accomplished by these dear people under the direction of their faithful pastor. . . and it all is to the glory of God!

If you've never seen this beautiful church building, when in the Galion area, be sure to drive by and look it over. It is indeed - a thing of beauty!

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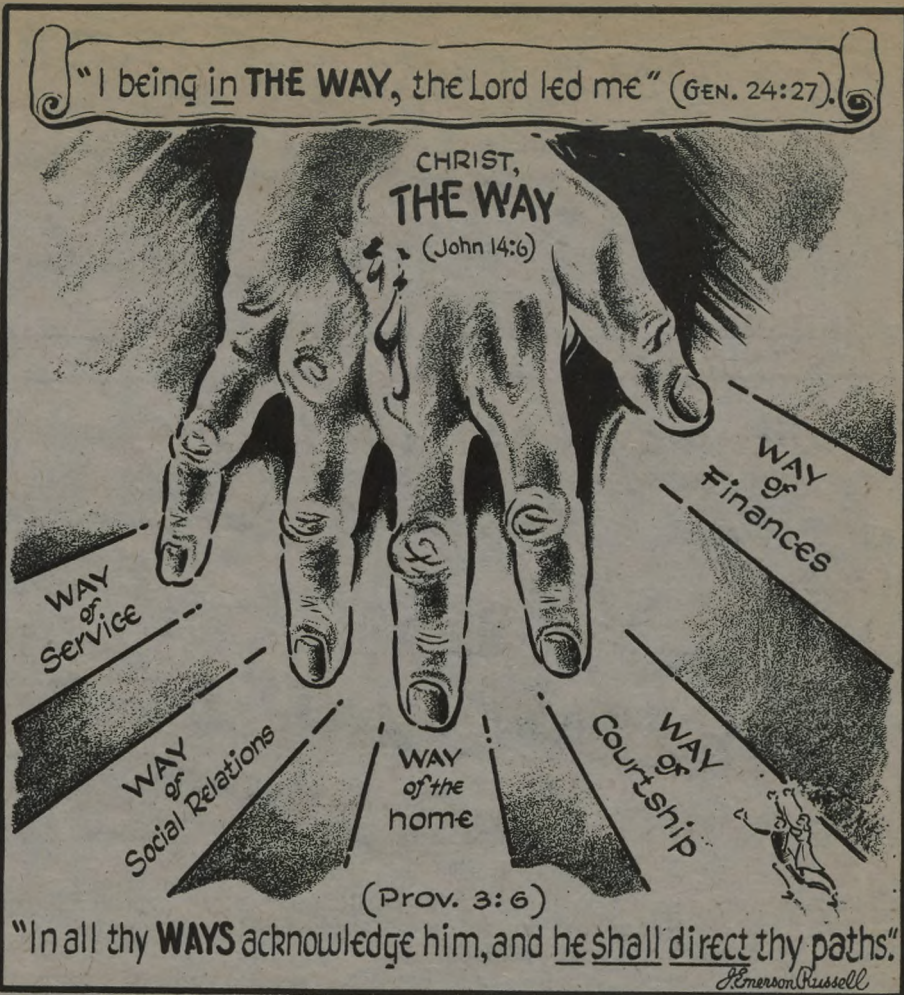
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**A Church Stands In Need**

To Our Sister OARB Churches  
Dear Friends in Christ:

We are a small but growing work in southeastern Ohio and are presently  
in need of additional parking space and educational facilities.

The owner of a parcel of land adjacent to our present property has decided  
to sell. On his property there is a two-story house. He is asking only  
\$2,750 for everything. It is a real bargain. There is the potential of park-  
ing for at least 25 cars and, with minor repairs, the house could be used  
for class rooms and the like.

We are in need of someone (an individual or a church) who would be will-  
ing to lend us (in part or all) the necessary finances. We are not now  
presently in the position to handle this ourselves. We would need some-  
thing like a loan of \$4,000 to cover the cost of purchase and work needed  
to be done on the house.

Please pray with us about this. Having this additional property would  
greatly enhance our effectiveness for Christ. Should you be able to help,  
we would appreciate your writing to - The Carmel Baptist Church, Post  
Office Box 323, New Straitsville, Ohio - 43766. Phone: (614) 394-2280.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. William L. McVey, Pastor.

**Called To Serve In Lorain Church**



Mr. Henry Crowell

The Euclid Avenue Baptist Church  
of Lorain, Ohio recently called

Mr. Henry Crowell to serve as  
Assistant to their Pastor, Rev.  
Myron Williams. Brother Crowell  
began his work in Lorain the early  
part of November. He and his wife  
Alice have one son, Benjamin.

Prior to their coming to Lorain,  
our brother served as a Youth Pas-  
tor in Warsaw, Indiana and also  
as Assistant to the Pastor in the  
Berean Baptist Church of Adrian,  
Michigan. Both Mr. and Mrs.  
Crowell are graduates of Bob Jones  
University. Pastor Crowell will be  
in a general assistant ministry  
with responsibilities in Youth,  
Christian Education and Visitation.

**Xenia Fellowship**

At its November meeting, this  
fellowship of pastors voted to spon-  
sor the development of a new Bap-  
tist Church in Yellow Springs,  
Ohio. For further information  
regarding this endeavor, please  
contact Rev. Paul Jackson, Grace  
Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio  
45314. Brother Jackson is Chair-  
man of the Yellow Springs Steer-  
ing Committee. It is felt there is  
a great need for a good indepen-  
dent Baptist Church in the Yellow  
Springs area.

**HOLY LAND TOUR**  
departs March 9, 1976 from New York  
**EGYPT and ISRAEL**  
\$899  
Call or write:  
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Teagle, Sr.  
3016 Sunside Drive  
Akron, Ohio 44321  
Phone (216) 753-1389 or 666-3402  
Ask about our co-host plan!

**A Hearty Thanks To An  
Excellent State Missionary**

If there is any one man in our  
OARBC Fellowship deserving of a  
hearty word of "thanks", it is our  
State Missionary Rev. Earl Um-  
baugh. This dear brother, aided  
by his wonderful wife, Sergie, has  
given of himself unstintingly to the  
ministry of establishing independ-  
ent Baptist churches in Ohio. We  
regret, as of this writing, we do  
not have the statistics on hand,  
but we know full well that since  
Brother Earl accepted his present  
position, well over 60 churches  
have been added to our fellowship!

At our recent 48th annual OARBC  
conference which was held at the  
Faith Baptist Church in Amherst,  
Ohio, eleven new churches were  
received into our fellowship. Prac-  
tically all of these were as a direct  
result of our brother's efforts. It  
was a good day when we were led  
of the Lord to invite him to become  
our State Missionary and we are  
glad he accepted.

He has traveled thousands and  
thousands of miles, held innumera-  
ble Bible Study classes, contacted  
pastors, surveyed and canvassed  
villages, towns and areas of cities  
all with one burning desire - to  
see independent Baptist churches  
born, established and grow! There  
have been the late hours of writing  
letters, counseling, encouraging,  
instructing, challenging, organiz-  
ing, ad infinitum. You name it and  
he has done it! Best of all, He has  
done it as - "unto the Lord"!

As editor of THE OHIO INDEPEN-  
DENT BAPTIST, I have prayed  
many times for Brother Earl. I  
have thanked God for a State Mis-  
sionary void of personal ambitions,  
one with an unselfish spirit, one  
with whom it is easy to work. I  
have been both blessed and chal-  
lenged as I have witnessed his con-  
cern and great love for our OARBC  
fellowship. He is a dear brother.

We could do with more men just  
like him! It has been a delight work-  
ing with him. I repeat - He has  
been a blessing and challenge to me  
in the work of the Lord.

Our Council of Twelve of our  
OARBC, in recent session, voted  
unanimously to grant Brother Um-  
baugh a three-months leave of ab-  
sence. Being greatly concerned  
regarding his health and desiring  
that he might continue in this work  
for many years to come, they feel  
he should be excused for a time  
from any and all responsibilities  
as State Missionary.

"The Umbaugh's" will be taking  
this leave of absence beginning  
in early January and running thro-  
ugh the Month of March. They have  
obtained a three room cottage  
which is located just thirteen miles  
east of Fort Myers, Florida on the  
Caloosahatchee (How is that for a  
name!) River just outside the town  
of Olga.

During this time, they also plan  
on making a trip to the Holy Lands.  
They will make the trip March  
1-10. They will fly to Amman,  
Jordan on March 1st, stay over-  
night, take an all-day trip to Petra,  
back to Amman and then go by bus  
to Jerusalem the next day. The  
balance of the time will be spent  
in Israel.

Another action taken by the Coun-  
cil of Twelve which effects our  
State Missionary and his work is  
that of establishing office space  
and part-time secretarial help. A  
committee has been appointed by  
our Council of 12. They are pres-  
ently looking into this matter. An  
office, plus a secretary (part-time)  
will greatly help our brother and  
it will, also, enhance our whole  
"New Church Program".

PRAY FOR THE UMBAUGHS!!  
THANK GOD FOR THEM!!!

## Special Combined Thanksgiving Service



They sang to His glory

The First Baptist Church of Brunswick, Ohio; The North Royalton Baptist Church of North Royalton, Ohio and the First Baptist Church of Strongsville, Ohio met together for a "Special 1975 Combined Thanksgiving Service." This was held in the First Baptist Church of Strongsville. The pastors -- Rev. Donald Matheny, Rev. Marvin Werbeach and Rev. Wilbur Parrish all had a part in the services.

The choirs of these churches banded together and under the direction of Mrs. Jane Acker presented hymns of praise. Pianist for this occasion was Mr. Jeff Acker. The organist was Mrs. Joyce Parish and the song leader - Mr. Russ Huthmaker.

The theme for this special service was - "Thanks -- For What?" Three aspects were considered by the pastors - "Thanks for Historical Foundations"; "Thanks for Present Blessings and Opportunities" and "Thanks for Coming Events." The service was well attended and hearts were blessed through the message presented both in word and song.

## Sunday School Conference Held

The Bethany Association of our O.A.R.B.C. held a two-day Sunday School Conference at the First Baptist Church of Niles on November 13 - 14.

Pastor Donald R. Loomis of the Evansville Baptist Church, and Pastor William E. Alexander of the First Baptist Church of Niles were chairmen of the conference, which featured Dr. Donald Sewell, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, as the keynote speaker each night. In addition, Al Lehman, Business Administrator at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, reinforced the conference with a vital workshop.

Twenty varied and practical workshops were conducted each night by Bethany Fellowship pastors and key church workers, who rallied under the conference theme, "TOWARD STRONGER

STAFFS-N-STUDENTS." The large crowds which attended, the quality of instruction, the spiritual

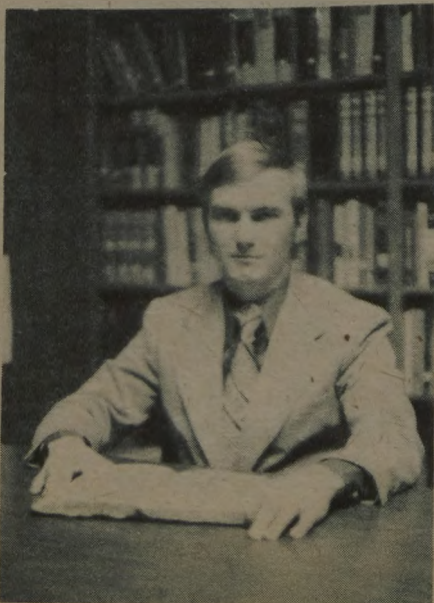
thrust, and the immediate response evident in the churches following the meetings, indicate that this conference was one of the most spiritually beneficial endeavors ever undertaken by the Bethany Fellowship. The efficiency of the conference committee and the cooperation of the churches could not be equalled.

Attractive displays, featuring helpful books, Sunday school supplies, and Awana program information added sparkle to an already exciting conference.

Especially encouraging was the significant number of young people participating in the various sessions. Plans have been laid for another Sunday School Conference in the fall of 1977, in which there will be vitally relevant workshops geared to today's youth.

It is thrilling to see that the theme of the conference has become the result of the conference--stronger staffs and students!

## New Pastor At Vienna Church



Rev. Max K. McCullough

Rev. Max K. McCullough has accepted a call to pastor the Vienna Baptist Church in Vienna, Ohio. He began his ministry there on November 2nd, of this year.

Brother McCullough is a graduate of Cedarville College (Class of '70) and Grace Theological Seminary (Class of '74). He served for two years as Minister of Christian Education at the Calvary Baptist Church in Coshocton, Ohio.

Our brother and his wife have two lovely daughters. They are Shelly, age 3 and Danette, age 1. Mrs. McCullough is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Hare (ABWE - Sao Paulo, Brazil).

"The McCulloughs" have already moved to Vienna and are living at 23 Norton Drive, Vienna, Ohio - 44473. We are confident the Lord will give them a rich ministry in their new work.

## Scioto Hills 1975 Annual Report

We have seen a good year with much activity and blessings from the Lord.

We were able to add some canoes to our winter activities. A second trampoline was purchased and soccer was introduced in our sport's time. A used panel truck was secured to help our maintenance manager and grounds personnel. A new wash house and rest rooms were built to accommodate the needs of our counseling staff. New signs were erected at advantage points along the highways leading to the camp. Interested parties from our churches donated used furniture for use in our missionary and staff house.

Our 1975 Camp Director was "Rich" McGhee and he was ably assisted by his wife, Yvonna as well as by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steere and Andy Cole. A great group of trained counselors from Cedarville College helped "Rich" as they all served faithfully "as unto the Lord". The Kitchen staff and grounds crew were again admirable in carrying forth their duties. A word of "Thanks" is in order to our resident maintenance manager, Ted Steed, who has served so well these past nine years.

We praise God for those faithful churches and individuals who have only supported the camp through their monthly gifts but for those who gave extra to our financial needs this past summer. On June 1st we had a mortgage debt of \$24,000. By August we were able to reduce that debt by \$6,400 through these extra gifts. In September we re-financed our mortgage through a bank in S. E. Ohio for \$17,600. As our OARB churches continue to give to our monthly financial obligations, we will continue to meet our monthly mortgage payments.

We operated eight weeks of camp from June 16 - August 9. Registrations were as follows:

Junior Weeks	357 Campers
Junior High Weeks	142 "
Senior High Weeks	72 "
	571

(Increase of 24 over 1974)

The Lord gave us 123 recorded decisions for salvation and dedication. We had four rental weeks, plus several overnight and weekend retreats, plus an annual ladies retreat by our OARBWMU in September.

Jim Phipps, Chairman of the Speech Department at Cedarville College, has been secured as our new Camp Director. Brother Phipps has been a regular speaker at Scioto Hills for the past six years. He will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steere, plus another fine group of college trained counselors and staff. Jim has already made some great expanding plans for next year's camping program. Besides an increase in water front activities, nature trails, handcraft, there will be two Awana emphasis weeks to open the '76 season. Juniors and Awana Guards and Pioneers will be hosted June 21 - 26. Young people need not be from Awana programs to attend those weeks. A full schedule of our 1976 camping program will be distributed to our churches soon.

Our Camping schedule for '76 will be as follows:

## They Stand In Need Of Prayer



Scott Christian

On Thursday, November 20th, 1975, Scott Christian stood in his history class and told his classmates, "I know where I'm going after I die. I have accepted Christ as my Savior and I'm going to heaven." At 10:30 that evening Scott went to heaven.

After playing a role in a school play, Scott was picked up at the school by his older brother, Dale. The boys were on their way home, when a car pulled out in front of a police officer on his way to answer an accident call. The cruiser struck the car and, losing control, smashed at high speed into the front of the boy's car.

Scott (15) died at Medina Community Hospital. Dale (17) was admitted for severe lacerations and neck wounds. Damage to his larynx has left him without a voice. Just a few days before the accident, Dale was notified of his acceptance at Cedarville College for the fall of 1976. His plans were to study for the ministry.

The boys parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Christian of 4673 Butternut Drive, Brunswick, Ohio are members of the Hinckley Ridge Baptist Church in Hinckley, Ohio. Mr. Gene Christian, a '59 graduate of Cedarville College, is Principal of Hickory Ridge Elementary School in Brunswick, Ohio. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Christian retired pastor who served Baptist churches in North Royalton, Rochester, Belle Center, and Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Jean Christian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carter, members of the North Royalton Baptist Church.

An older son Tim (19) is in the U.S. Navy. Two little girls Joy (8) and Janine (5) complete the family.

Pray for these dear folk during this time of loss and sorrow. Pray specifically that Dale will be totally recovered from his injuries.

June	14-19 Juniors and AWANAs (Chums-Pals)
	21-26 Jr. High and AWANAs (Guards-Pioneers)
	28-July 3 Juniors
July	5-10 Juniors
	12-17 Jr. High and AWANAs (Guards-Pioneers)
	19-24 Jr. High
	26-31 Sr. High
August	2-7 Juniors and AWANAs (Chums-Pals)

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## ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick

Rev. William T. Commons, an Association of Baptists for World Evangelism missionary, directs the KWAI SHING Christian Service Center and Baptist Chapel in Hong Kong. This is a new work having celebrated its second birthday recently. Brother Commons' responsibilities in this ministry include such things as planning, administration, supervision, counseling, training staff, government relations, coordinating activities, teaching classes four nights a week, camp ministries and preaching in Cantonese weekly. The Baptist Chapel has witnessed its best attendance and spiritual results in recent months. There have been as many as 150 present for one of the youth meetings which are planned and led by the youth fellowship. At least 30 young people made a profession of faith in this particular meeting. Another outstanding blessing is that there are now 35 baptized believers, with the baptismal class currently attended by eight people. Some godly men have been raised up as deacons; and prayer meetings have seen attendance highs. The church is to be organized in 1976.

Baptist Mid-Missions has recently completed another Tri-annual Conference, this one taking place at the First Baptist Church, Hamburg, New York, where the Rev. Stanley Mohr is Pastor. Over 170 mission personnel met for a period of five days transacting mission business as well as fellowshiping in the good things of God's Word. The conference Bible teacher was Advisory-Council member Rev. Caldwell McCoy, Pastor of the Stone Mountain Baptist Tabernacle, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Advisory-Council member Rev. Cass Santos, Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania, brought the morning devotional messages in the council sessions. Other members of the newly organized Advisory Council who were present were Rev. Elmer Day, Cornatzer Baptist Church, Mocksville, North Carolina; Rev. David Bower, Calvary Baptist Church, Valparaiso, Indiana; Dr. William Brock, Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio; and Rev. Ronald Cochran, Fellowship Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida. There were 13 candidates examined for the following fields: Brazil, Chad, Okinawa, Japan, Central African Republic, Liberia, and Campus Bible Fellowship. Baptist Mid-Missions is witnessing another record year in applications for full-time missionary service.

Evangelical Baptist Missions shares with us the good news that in Dosso, Niger West Africa, Rev. Harold Curtis has begun the T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension) format with an African pastor. The pastor will be traveling 60 miles one way to study for two days each month. . . Rev. Norman Bright, missionary and pastor to the Fellowship Baptist Church in Liverpool, Australia, reports that 110 attended the Sunday School's second anniversary program. Please pray with them regarding a pastor for the church while they are on furlough this coming year. . . The John Marr family and Steve and Rowena Barnes were asked to leave Jordan in 48 hours. They were forced to leave the country because of complaints against them by a Catholic priest. Both families are at present seeking a place to serve the Lord among the Arabic people. Here in the United States the work among the Arabic-speaking people is being greatly blessed. Souls are being saved each week. The Arabic Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. is involved in an expanding ministry of various Arabic publications.

The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions is praising the Lord for the generous contribution for a needed postal machine for their home office. This was given by the ladies of the Hebron Fellowship at their fall meeting in Spencer, Ohio as their project for the past year. It is so very important that a mission agency's home office is well equipped to handle the volume of work which goes through it. F.B.H.M. also reports that two missionary Field Councils were held in November -- the Southeast Council met in St. Petersburg, Florida, and the Midwest Council met at Cedarville College. Around the field we hear of outstanding blessings such as the recent dedication service for the Berea Baptist Church in West Melbourne, Florida, a recognition service for the Bayview Baptist Church in Astoria, Oregon, and ground-breaking for a new church building for the Henrietta Baptist Church near Rochester, New York.

### Faith Baptist Bible College News

#### SCRIPTURE READING CONTEST --

First place winners at the annual Scripture Reading Contest held at Faith Baptist Bible College were Hanna Schmidt who read Psalm 91:1-16 and David Workman who read Daniel 3:8-28. Second place readers were Kathy Rash who chose I Kings 17:8-24 and Gabriel Rivera whose passage was Luke 23:33-49.

The contestants were judged by Dr. Harry B. Gray, Miss Janet Beesley and Dr. Bernard Bancroft. A total of 36 students had participated in the preliminaries of this Scripture Reading Contest.

#### SUNDAY VESPERS CONCERT --

Baritone soloist, David Morrison, was the featured musician at the

Sunday Vesper concert held November 23rd.

Brother Morrison was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Virginia Keller who is on the secretarial staff of Faith Baptist Bible College. Both Mrs. Keller and Mr. Morrison are members of the Grandview Park Baptist Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT HELD --

The annual Christmas Concert was held Friday, December 12. Each of the large choral groups at the college - the Ladies' Chorus, Mensingers, Chorale - presented a package of music. The Concert Band, small ensembles and soloists also participated. Musical selections for the holiday program included familiar carols and classical works.

## Licensed To Preach



On November 9th, the Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio granted Mr. Jack Willetts a "license to preach". The church recognizes this gift which he has received from the Lord.

Brother Jack is now serving, full time, as Director of Camp Patmos. In this capacity, he is kept busily engaged travelling throughout Ohio and speaking in many of our churches.

Shown in the above picture are: Rev. Earl Willetts (Pastor Emeritus of the Berea Baptist Church and Jack Willetts' dad), Brother Harold Cowell, Rev. Roy F. Gibbs (Pastor of the Berea Baptist Church) and Brother Jack Willetts.

## An Unforgettable Experience!

*Editor's Note: The following is a letter from a college student who wanted to share the blessings of her summer M.A.P. experience with Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of Baptist Mid-Missions' Missionary Apprenticeship program.*

*Some folk have wondered what this program does for our youth. This letter pretty well shows the effect it has on their lives.*

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

My interest in missions and MAP goes back to the missionary conference we had here at Faith last year in which you were one of the speakers. It was during that conference that the Lord dealt with me concerning full-time missionary service. On October 4, 1974 I dedicated my life to the Lord for service anywhere He would lead me.

Since that time I have seen the Lord work in wonderful ways and bless my life. A most unforgettable part of that blessing was my experience as an apprentice in Utah this summer. It was my privilege to live and serve with Pastor and Mrs. Larkin whom I have grown to love and consider among my dearest friends.

I learned many things this summer. First I learned that if the Lord wants you in a certain place He provides the finances and gets you there. Not only that but He blesses over and above anything you could dream of.

I saw the importance of faithful prayer supporters at home who will uphold their missionaries specifically in prayer.

I learned much about missionary life and work that I had never realized before. I came to appreciate the "behind the scenes" work like mailing preparations, folding

tracts, gluing and stapling which are time consuming but a very necessary part of the work.

At Toools we were involved in many different activities: canvassing; teaching; recording messages for tel-a-message; decorating for the Fourth of July; making a fair booth; Bible studies; visitation; special music; mailing; a radio program; community Bible time; house work; baby sitting; camp and more.

I greatly enjoyed every aspect and am very thankful for the opportunity the Lord gave me to be involved in missions this summer.

I also learned the importance of working together as missionaries and the tremendous importance of a close day by day walk with the Lord. In a work such as the Mormon ministry there is much difficulty and many discouragements yet great blessing as the Lord works and things really happen in people's lives.

MAP is one of the greatest things that has happened to me, I highly recommend it. I am praying about MAP for next summer too. I would like to return to Utah again but I'm not ruling out all other possibilities yet.

This is my junior year at FBBC. I will graduate Lord willing in May, 1977 with a BS degree in Bible/missions. I am looking forward to serving the Lord full-time wherever He wants me. I have chosen Proverbs 3:5, 6 for my life's verses and claim the promise that if I acknowledge the Lord in every part of my life, He will direct my paths.

In Christ,  
J. D.

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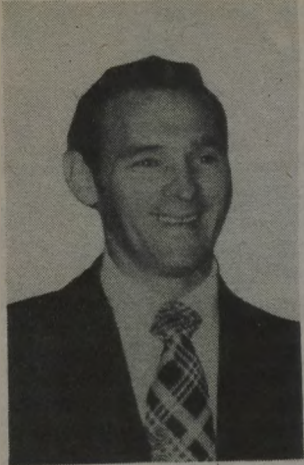
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## A New Pastor At Sharon Church



Rev. John Frey

The Sharon Baptist Church of Sharon, Pennsylvania has called Rev. John Frey to be their pastor. This church, although geographically located on the western edge of Pennsylvania, has been, for years, in fellowship with our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Brother Frey is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He there received his Bachelor of Religious Education degree, majoring in Pastoral studies. He pastored the Terrytown Baptist Church of Terrytown, Pennsylvania for five years. His first Sunday at the Sharon Baptist Church was on December 7th.

Both Pastor Frey and his wife are originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They have three children - Andrew, age 12; Matthew, age 8 1/2 and Grace Elizabeth, age 5. We welcome our brother into our OARBC fellowship and pray that his ministry at the Sharon church will be greatly blessed of the Lord.

## Write To Our Ohio Senators

We learned just recently that the U.S. House has passed "THE YOUTH CAMP SAFETY ACT" and so also has the Senate committee. The Senate will be voting on this bill next. Such a bill could shackle and probably destroy many, if not all, summer and/or winter camps. It places all camps under control of HEW.

**Youth Camp Safety:** On April 17, 1975, the House passed (197-174) the Youth Camp Safety Act (H.R. 46) yet another regulatory monstrosity intended to give the federal government arbitrary, unfair and unneeded authority over an aspect of American life. On October 7, a modified version of this legislation (S. 422) was approved by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, and could come to a Senate vote at any time.

The individual states already have licensing procedures for youth camps. They also have health departments and laws concerned with places of public assembly. The Youth Camp Safety bill would simply be another link in the lengthy chain of federal regulation and intimidation which is fast making literal slaves of the American people.

Write to your Senators and let them know that we need to abolish most of the federal regulatory agencies we already have, rather than add yet another to the pile. Ask them to vote against the Youth Camp Safety Act.

## Campus Bible Fellowship News

### BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE Berea, Ohio

A book table has been set up in the student Union every Tuesday before the Campus Bible Fellowship Bible Study time.

Many good contacts have been made and the number attending the weekly studies have been steadily increasing. Brother Jack Willetts, Director at Camp Patmos on Kelleys Island and a deacon in the Berea Baptist Church has been teaching the Book of Acts.

Further information may be obtained from the Campus Bible Fellowship Area Liason Committee. The Chairman of this committee is Mr. Ike Sherwin, 114 Kraft Street, Berea, Ohio - 44017.

### WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, Fairborn, Ohio

Home-made cookies were provided by local churches for a CBF literature table at registration time and other good contacts have been made in visitation, and in other activities such as "Adopt-a-Student" plan by church families.



The Cookies Were Good!

A thanksgiving Pizza Party at Pastor Davis' home in Fairborn was quite successful and provided more student contacts.

Pastor Carl Stephenson from County Line Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio has been teaching at the Tuesday evening Bible Study Hour. His subject is - "Prayer". Brother Gary Holtz, a deacon from

the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fairborn, has been teaching Wednesday noon Bible Study Class. He is teaching the Book of Hebrews.

### FUTURE C.B.F. PLANS

Campus Bible Fellowship is in the process of obtaining recognition at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Base; the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio and at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

Persons knowing of students in these places should contact the C.B.F. Area Liason Council at 16 South Grand Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio - 45324 or phone the Regional D.B.F. Missionary, Brother Larry Abbott - (513) 878-6335.

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# ACROSS THE STATE

### AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held a special Thanksgiving Service at which an offering was taken. This money was distributed among our missionaries as Christmas gifts. A Christmas play was presented during the Holiday Season.

### WALNUT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, BALTIMORE—

A.B.W.E. missionary to the land of Bangladesh, Miss Pat Barkley, spoke here on December 3rd. We gathered with the Faith Baptist Church and the Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio for their Watch Night service. This was held in the lovely new building of the Calvary Baptist church of Lancaster.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD—

We appreciated the ministry of Evangelist John Canine. He was with us in early December. The Lord blessed.

### BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Women's Missionary Union held their Christmas Family Night Potluck supper on December 13. This is an annual all-church event to which members of the church and their friends are invited. We had a delightful evening of fellowship.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER—

Our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Kenoyer (BMM-India) spoke at our Christmas banquet. At our New Year's Eve Service we viewed the film-"The Tony Fontaine Story". The children of our Sunday School presented a special Christmas program entitled, "His Gift and Mine".

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN—

Missionary Paul Jewell (BMM) of Campus Bible Fellowship will be with us on January 22nd. Our youth presented a Christmas play entitled, "Christmas Stranger". John R. Greening was with us on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24th and told about his new ministry at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

Missionaries Terry and Jean Armstrong (ABWE) former missionaries to Peru, ministered here recently telling of the Lord leading them to a new field of endeavor—Colombia, South America.

### WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

We are anticipating blessing in our special meetings during January with Carl Johnson. Our brother is both an author and a singer. Mrs. Earl Umbaugh spoke at our recent "church women's banquet".

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CEDARVILLE—

Our missionary, Brother Bill Patterson, ministered at one of our mid-week prayer services. We had a Father/Daughter dinner for our AWANA Chums and Guards.

### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Rev. Paul Riter of the Calvary Bible Church spoke at our special Thanksgiving service. At a special benefit, at which "The Abundant Life" Singers from Cedarville College performed, an offering of \$1,062.75 was taken for Rev. and Mrs. George Myers. It was to help them in meeting their needs for their son, Jon, who has undergone a kidney transplant operation.

### CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Our AWANA and WORD OF LIFE programs are being blessed of the Lord. The people of our church had a special Thanksgiving dinner on November 22nd.

### MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We held our annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 11th at Cedarville College. It was a time of rich blessing and fellowship. Recently, Dr. Murray Murdock, professor at Cedarville College spoke here.

### COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We greatly enjoyed the ministry of the Cedarville College "Swordbearers". They were with us for a Sunday morning service during

November. Missionary appointee to Hong Kong under A.B.W.E., Miss Barbara Cooper told us of her call to that needy field. Her slides were most interesting. On Sunday, December 14 we viewed the film concerning the work in Bangladesh (ABWE)—"Daktar".

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

Guest speaker for our Young People's Banquet was Rev. William I. Brown. Pastor Fisher told of the good attendance and spirit in the meetings he held at the Tillicum Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington.

### WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

Our choir presented the Christmas Cantata—"Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson.

### LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNDEE—

We held our annual Bible Conference—November 30 through December 3. Guest Bible teacher for this occasion was Rev. John Vanden Akker.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA—

On November 23rd, at our evening service, our pastor and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Willis Hull) gave a pictorial report of their trip to Australia, New Guinea and Hawaii. Dr. David Moore of Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio was the speaker at our Annual Christmas Banquet. Our young people recently viewed the film—"High On The Campus".

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY—

We held a series of special meetings November 19-23 with Dr. Bob Jones as guest speaker. Missionary Doug Couch (BMM-Australia) spoke here on December 14. Our choir presented an "Holiday Musicales" on December 21st. We held an "Advanced Seminar" with Larry Coy—January 6—10.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION—

We had an "Ingathering" for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Baxters...missionaries establishing a new church in Fallsburg, Ohio. The number of food gifts were many! As a church, we have a pressing need for someone who will come work with us in the field of "youth" and "music".

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

We had Dr. W. W. Welch (president of Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary) with us for our Fifth Anniversary services. Our pastor, Rev. Morrison, spoke at a Regular Baptist Press Sunday School Conference which was held in Vienna, Virginia. During October, Brother Doug Couch (BMM-Australia) and Rev. Terry Spears (Independent Missionary to the Philippines) ministered among us.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

Rev. Clifford Hayes, missionary appointee to Trinidad under Baptist International Missions, told us of his anticipated work in the West Indies. Our Children's Christmas Program this year was entitled "The Forgotten Wise Man". Our choir presented the Christmas cantata—"A Song Was Born" written by Joe E. Parks. At our New Year's Watchnight service we viewed the film—"Wine of Morning".

### HUNTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

We praise the Lord for blessing received in our special evangelistic meeting. Guest evangelist was our brother—Cletus Leverett. His messages were most challenging.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, KENTON—

We had a Food Shower for our Baptist Children's Home. This was on November 23rd. There was a good response. Our choir presented the Christmas Cantata—"Immanuel Forever". We presented our Annual Christmas program on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. It was entitled—"The Children's Special".

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER—

As a church, we participated in a New Year's Eve Watchnight service which was held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Lancaster. The Walnut Creek Baptist Church of Baltimore, Ohio also participated. Guest speaker for this service was Editor/Evangelist

Don Moffat. We praise the Lord for a recent gift of \$1250 which was presented to our church to place in our Building Fund.

### LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in special meetings by Rev. Gerald Hobart of Clendenin, West Virginia. Our adults had an overnight retreat at Shalom Lake. We took part in a united Thanksgiving Service held in the Bethel Baptist Church of Warren, Ohio.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LIMA—

Miss Lois Jackson gave a report regarding her work in Mexico. She serves there as a missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions.

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—

We covet the prayer of other believers as our church and the Trinity Baptist Church here in Lorain consider a possible merger. We want the Lord's will in this matter. On Sunday evening, December 21st, our Sunday School presented a Christmas program. We held a "Candlelight Service" on Christmas eve. We praise the Lord for His blessing on the ministry of our Interim Pastor, Rev. Earl Willetts.

### EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—

In a recent Sunday School contest we reached 298. This was the second highest attendance of the entire year. Two Joash Chest offerings this fall went over our goal of \$5000. This money is to be used on maintenance and improvements to our church building and parsonage. We opened a new bookstore in September. It is called the Lorain Book and Bible House and is involved in a ministry of providing reliable Christian Literature for this area. Our pastor, Rev. Myron Williams, has completed his first year of ministry here. The Lord has blessed in many ways.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA—

The Lord blessed hearts through our Annual Missionary Conference. Those taking part in the services were—"The Ray Shelhorns" of Japan, "The Roger Bacons" of Quebec, "The Robert Richards" working among the Mormons, Brother Doug Wasson and Brother Ivan Webber. These last two are serving the Lord under Hiawatha Baptist Missions.

### MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had our first annual Missionary Conference in October with five missionaries taking part. Evangelist Hugh Horner was with us for special meetings November 9—14. Mrs. Lucy Wright of Strongsville spoke to our Ladies Missionary Society on November 18th.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES—

We hosted the Bethany Baptist Fellowship Sunday School Conference. The dates for these meetings were November 13 and 14. Guest speaker was Dr. Donald J. Sewell, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Many practical Workshop Topics were discussed that day. It was a most profitable conference.

### CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN—

On December 3rd, as a church, we voted to purchase a bus. We are hoping that we will soon realize the total of \$2000 so that it will actually be ours. We believe it will enhance the program of our Sunday School and church in reaching others for Christ.

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, ORANGE VILLAGE—

We held a Youth Christmas banquet on December 20th. The film—"Thief in The Night" was shown at our New Year's Eve Service.

### BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, OREGON—

Our choir presented the Christmas cantata—"Night Of Miracles" by John W. Peterson. Our young people held a Progressive Dinner. It was called—"A Progressive Christmas 'Around The World' Dinner" and was quite unique.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RITTMAN—

Rev. Tom Wright, Sr. is serving as our Interim Pastor. His ministry is one of blessing. Our young people prepared a Thanksgiving dinner at our church. Later in the evening they presented a Thanksgiving play.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, SANDUSKY—

Rev. and Mrs. Keeler of Shepherds, Inc. spoke here on December 7th. This was our Christmas Emphasis Sunday. We presented them with gifts for the children in the Shepherds Home. Our choir, this year, presented a Missionary Cantata.

### BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

Sunday morning, December 7th, our choir presented a Christmas Musicales. Evangelist Bruce Foster was with us for special meetings December 7 through December 12.

### MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

Our men met for a "Pancake-Sausage Supper" at which they saw the film—"He Restored My Soul". The film was so impressive that it was shown again to the entire

church the following Sunday evening. November 30th was our Missionary Sunday. At this service, information was given concerning our missionaries and a special offering was taken. This was sent as Christmas gifts to our missionaries. We praise the Lord for His blessings under the ministry of our pastor—Rev. Francis R. Rogers

### SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

We greatly appreciated the ministry of missionary Jay Walsh (ABWE-Bangladesh). Missionary Edie Phillipps (ABWE-Appointee) told of her call to the land of Bangladesh. In grace, the Lord has been blessing our work. We have just adopted our largest budget ever—\$131,962.40. The Lord is good! We thank Him for our pastor—Rev. Joseph M. Stowell III.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY—

It was our privilege to have Professor Richard McIntosh of Cedarville College minister here. A Love Offering was taken that day for the college. Brother James Kissel, missionary to Peru, under Baptist Faith Missions ministered here December 21st.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFFIN—

We took a special Thanksgiving offering which totaled \$1217.98. This was for our "Builders Fund". It was a "One day's pay, our way to say, 'Thank You Lord!'" Our Sunday School presented a Christmas program December 17 and on December 21 our choir presented a Christmas cantata.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

Rev. Norman Sweeting of Pontiac, Michigan was guest speaker at our Adult Fellowship Christmas banquet. Our Sunday School presented a Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 21. At this time our Senior High young people presented a play—"Why Christmas?"

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

Hearts were blessed through our Holiday Musicales. Missionary Doug Couch (BMM-Australia) was here for our special Watch Night service. Also, at this service, we viewed the film—"Survival".

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

The Christmas cantata—"Christ Is Born" by John W. Peterson was presented on Sunday evening December 21st. The film—"He Restored My Soul" was shown at our Watch Night service.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—

The Lord is blessing our Bus Ministry. We have had over 100 coming to Sunday School and church through this ministry. We hosted a special Thanksgiving service. Other churches taking part were Champion, Leavittsburg, Vienna, Hubbard, Farmdale, Paris and North Jackson. We were led in a "Higher Heights" Bible Conference by Rev. David Clemens of Marlton, New Jersey.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE—

We held a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Also, on December 30th, we viewed the film—"Wild Country". Another film—"Survival" was shown at our Watch Night service.

### WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our new educational building is in its final stages. We have ordered lovely new furniture. We believe it will look beautiful. The month of November was one of great blessing. We set a few records! Our giving for the five Sundays exceeded \$9000—and added to that we received two pianos with a combined value of \$3200. At our Watch Night service we viewed the film—"The Waters Run".

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA—

We took a special Thanksgiving offering for our Xenia Christian Day School. The children of our Day School presented a lovely Christmas program showing the parents some of the things they had learned in their classes. Our choir presented a Christmas cantata. We had a lot of fun and fellowship at our Adult Christmas banquet.



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# These Are Confusing Times

by Rev. Willis Hull

Many of our people have been alarmed when reading concerning the action in Canal Winchester (near Columbus) where it appeared that the State wanted to take children away from their parents because they attend a Christian school. The fever of the moment, of course, has been intensified in light of the pending action in Washington where a law is in committee hearings which some say will do the same thing on a national basis. The mass rally in Columbus is now history. Thousands of letters are being written to those in places of authority. In a situation like this we need to be wise and courageous. This problem becomes much more serious in light of the existing statement in the Constitution of the State of Ohio: THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATUTES MAKING THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS COMPULSORY HAS BECOME FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, FOR THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF A PARENT TO CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THEIR CHILDREN ARE SUBORDINATE TO THE POWER OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF SUCH INFANT CHILDREN. LAWS PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN ARE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE ITSELF.

The other day, in an effort to know how to best advise you as to what to do, I called Mr. Lou Koloze who is the Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Christian Schools. I value very highly his advice, as a man of integrity, godliness and ability. (For many years he occupied high positions in the public schools.) He has visited most everyone involved in the Canal Winchester action; the school, the pastor, the prosecuting attorney, the State Board of Education, etc. Basically his advice falls into these following suggestions:

1. The condition is a serious one and bears our constant vigilance and prayer. Direct threats had been made by the county attendance officer and the prosecuting attorney working for Mr. George C. Smith telling the parents the children would be removed from their homes after they win the case!
2. Now that a brief truce has been called (the Canal Winchester case has been dropped) we should move in the direction of changing our State Constitution. God gave children to parents, not to Ohio. Obviously there must be some official responsibility for maintaining standards of excellence and insuring that each child has an opportunity for a good education, but to inflate that

basic fact to give to the State carte blanche is a step we are not willing to take. God's Word teaches that parents have the primary responsibility for the educating of their children.

Our attitude here in establishing the Elyria Christian Academy was that whenever there was no violation of our convictions, we have an obligation to do as the State tells us. In these days as the waters grow more muddy, let us become firm in our declaration to obey God's Word first, last, and always. Let us be much in prayer for these who are deeply involved and do what we can as free citizens to encourage our legislators, both state and federal, to keep this country free. Parents must be free to train their children in the way God would have them to. Even though the action at Canal Winchester has been dropped, letters to our Congressmen and Senators are still influential and needed.

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## Northeast Ohio Pastor's Fellowship

At a recent meeting of the Northeast Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, held in the First Baptist Church of Willowick, Ohio, Rev. Bernie Smith was elected president and Rev. John Cook as secretary. Brother Smith is pastor of the South Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Ohio and Brother Cook pastors the Grace Baptist Church in Geneva, Ohio.

A special meeting was held on Monday, December 8th. Pastors and their wives gathered at the Punderson Manor House in Newbury, Ohio. There they engaged in singing the traditional Christmas carols, shared testimonies, partook of fine food, and listened to an excellent message by Brother Jack Willetts, Director at Camp Patmos. A good time was had by all!

# Special Shepherds Sunday



The Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, Rev. Roy F. Gibbs, pastor held a Shepherds Sunday on November 9th.

This church, along with its many other activities of service, has a special Shepherds class for retarded children. These young people participated in this "Shepherds Sunday" presenting a brief but most interesting program.

Those who faithfully work with these children are shown in the above picture. They are (standing, left to right) Mrs. David Hoecke, Mrs. Randy Culver, Mrs. John Feliciano and Mrs. Thayne Bodenmiller. Seated with the children is Mr. Tom Sapp. The children are (left to right) Gynn, Monica, Kyle and Danny.

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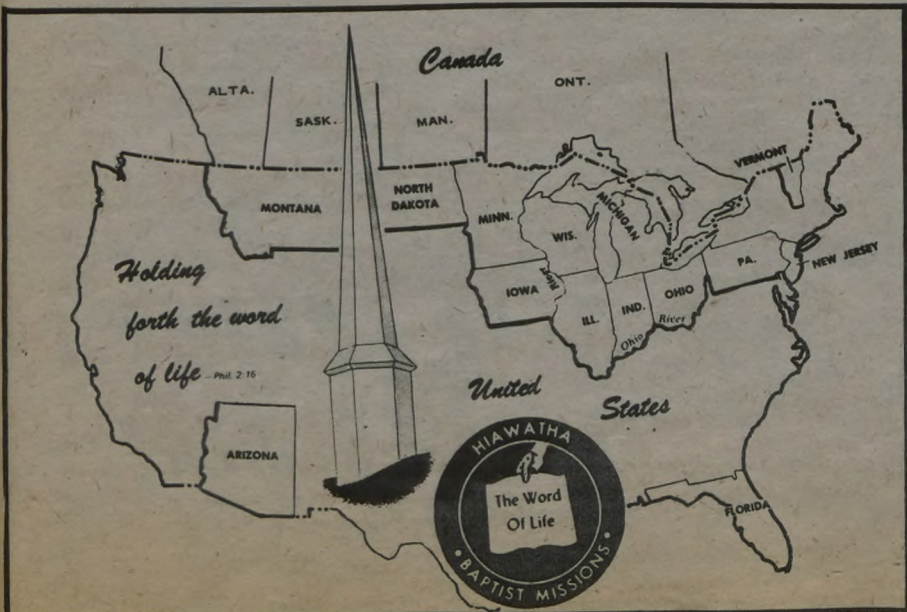
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# Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

## Resolved-- -A New Start

We need not wait for the New Year to turn around and make a new start. Any day, any time can and should be a new beginning. "For ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." I Peter 2:25 "For I am the Lord, and I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you. . . ." Malachi 3:6,7 "Therefore also NOW, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping and with mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. . ." Joel 2:12

The Old Testament is full of God's longing call to His chosen people to return unto Him -- make a new start. And as these were written for our example so He calls upon the believer, the Christian, to seek forgiveness. (I John 1:9) Repent (turn around) and make a new start -- forgetting the things that are past and press on to new heights. (Philippians 3:14)

Have you ever watched a farmer plowing a field? If so, you will have noticed that in order to make a straight furrow he is obliged to fix his eyes on a tree, or a fence post, or some object at the farther end of the field, to guide his plow unwaveringly toward that object. If he begins to look back at the furrow behind him to see whether he has made a straight furrow, his plow begins to jerk from side to side, and the furrow he is making becomes a zigzag. How often our pathway in life is an up and down or a zigzag path because we do not keep our eyes on the One who is the mark - Our Lord Jesus Christ. We look back and see the failures and this brings a troubled soul. Confess and start anew. The Psalmist reminds us we are to "return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee." Psalm 116:7.

We have an Abiding Comforter, The very words "Abiding Comforter" are an amazing revelation. Try to comprehend them. If we can have a human comforter to stay with us for a few days when we are in trouble, we think ourselves fortunate; but here is a divine Comforter who is always with us, and whose power to comfort, and forgive, is infinite. Never, never ought we for a single minute be without either. (John 14:16)

"Comforter" -- What a word of bliss, if we only could realize it. Let us repeat it over and over to ourselves, until its meaning sinks into the very depths of our being. And an "abiding" Comforter, too, not one who comes and goes, and

is never on hand when most needed, but one who is always present, and always ready to give us "joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness".

Rejoice and progress in this glorious New Year He has placed before us. Be ready! 1976 might be the year of His coming for us!

## "The Umbaughs" To Direct Holy Land Tour

Our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, and his wife, Sergie, are in the process of making plans to once again tour the Holy Lands. This time they would like to take YOU with them!

Present plans are to fly from New York City on March 1st. They will fly directly to Amman, Jordan, stay overnight, take an all-day trip to Petra, return to Amman and then go by bus to Jerusalem. The remainder of the trip - on through March 10 will be spent in Israel.

Individuals making such a trip would do well to go with someone who has been there before. These folk have made a number of trips to the Holy Land and are well qualified as guides. If YOU were to travel with them, among other things, you would see the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary and many other historic places dear to the hearts of the children of God. You will be visiting Masada, Beersheba, Samaria, Capernaum and Nazareth.

The entire trip costs but \$899. If you possibly can, you should plan on making such a trip. You will find "the Umbaughs" congenial, considerate and most informative concerning the Bible Lands and their history. If you are at all interested, write Rev. Earl Umbaugh, 2150 Marhofer Avenue, Stow, Ohio - 44224 or phone: (216) 688-3241.

## Hebron Fellowship



Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Dunham

Mrs. Aldene Graham, President of the Ladies of the Hebron Fellowship, presided at the Fall meeting held at the First Baptist Church in Spencer, Ohio, where the year's project headed by Mrs. Viola Dunham resulted in the gift of a much needed postal machine for the Fellowship of Baptists For Home Missions' Home Office. Shown in the above photo are: Mrs. Graham, President and Mrs. Viola Dunham.



Rev. Dunkin and Mrs. Peterson

The Hebron Ladies Fellowship meeting at the Spencer church, was held November 11 with 187 ladies in attendance. Shown above is Rev. David Dunkin of F.B.H.M. receiving a check from the Hebron Fellowship treasurer, Mrs. Lora Peterson. The check was for \$2,110.01 to be used to purchase the needed postal machine.

### WE'RE SORRY!!

Editor's Note: In our November issue we really made a mistake! On our Women's Page we ran a recipe for "COCA COLA CAKE" and would you believe it - we left out the most important ingredient - COCA COLA... oh me!! Here is the correct recipe!

#### COCA COLA CAKE

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 sticks oleo
- 3 Tbsp. Coca
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs (Beaten)
- 1 cup of Coca Cola
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

In large mixer bowl sift flour and sugar together. Bring to a boil coca cola, oleo and cocoa, add to flour and sugar mixture while hot. Stir in the 2 beaten eggs, soda oleo and buttermilk. Add marshmallows. Bake in 13x9 pan at 350 degrees F. for 35 mins.

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## Coming Events

February 17, 1976 -- A noon luncheon will be held at Stan's Restaurant, 4333 Westerville Rd., Columbus, Ohio for the Pastors' wives, Women's Missionary Fellowship presidents and officers of the West Moriah Association. Come prepared to share ideas and things that work for your W.M.F.

April 1, 1976 -- Editor/Evangelist will be speaking to the ladies of the Berean Missionary Fellowship. This meeting will be held at the Euclid Nottingham Baptist Church. More detailed information will appear in a later issue.

April 13, 1976 -- Our State-wide Annual Spring Rally will be held at the First Baptist Church, Willowick, Ohio. Watch for details in the March issue and in your mail. KEEP THE DIMES FOR THEM OF FATS PILING UP!!

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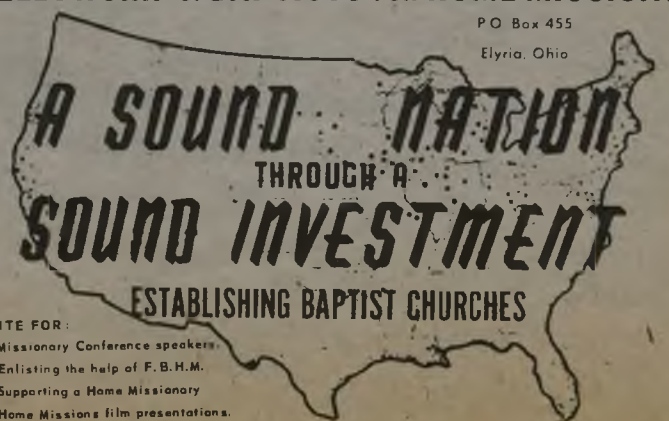
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# A New Year's Meditation

The following appeared in the January '75 issue of "A CERTAIN TRUMPET". Vol. 1, No. 11. This is the official paper published by the Clintonville Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. It was written by the pastor of the church, Rev. George W. Hattenfield. Here is an excellent article which is most fitting for this time of the year.

As we move into 1976, we hear people say, "Happy New Year," somehow we hope that it will be both Happy and New. Somehow men hope that since it is a new year it will be different from old - better than the old - and happier. But we don't go too far into the new year until we discover that in reality it is pretty much like the old one, and turning a new calendar hasn't really brought about the changes that will produce true happiness. The reality of course, that this is true is that we are the same old person, even though our resolutions are intended to make improvements, we are basically the same.

But this is not the end. All is not hopeless. There is an answer. The Lord is the God of the New and One who brings New things out of old. Indeed, in Revelation 21:5 read, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." The context tells us that there is coming a day when every creation will be made new. Rev. 21:1 speaks of a New Heaven and a New Earth (Cp II Cor. 3:13, Isa 65: 17; 66:22) with Jerusalem, the holy city. In that day God will make all things new. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4). That will indeed be a glorious day, a truly "Happy New Year."

But thank God we don't have to wait until then, for spiritually we can see "all things" made new in Christ. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation); old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). When we trust in Christ as Saviour, God makes "all things" new in our lives. There are many "new things" mentioned in the Word of God and we would like to suggest just a few of them and let you study them out for yourself.

**NEW NAME** - God gives us His new name (Rev. 3:12) and this name is written down (Rev. 2:17). Even our name is new in Christ. To go with this New Name there is a:

**NEW HEART** - Ezek. 18:31; 36:26) That which is promised to Israel, when they turn to the Messiah, is already true of those who now trust in Christ. A new heart and a new spirit is spoken of in these verses. This is the fountainhead of our life. Everything originates in the heart and in the spirit; for example, we are told, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh," and, "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Here, then, is our greatest need met. Having a new heart and a new spirit we next discover that we become a:

**NEW MAN** - (Col. 3:10) The old man has been put off and the new man put on. This new man is "after the image of him that created him." Thus, in Christ, there is "newness of spirit" (Rom. 7:6) and "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Every area of our life is thus affected. From this new man comes

4. **NEW SONG** - (Psa. 40:3; 33:3; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1; Rev. 5:9; 14:3) All of these passages tell us of the New Song God puts into our hearts. Thus there is a new joy and a true new happiness - a "Happy New Year" - indeed, a Happy New Life. No matter what the problem or the circumstance, this new song continues in the heart. But this is not all. There are:

5. **NEW MERCIES** - (Compassions) (Lam. 3:23) Every day is a new day in the life of the new man in Christ, for God's mercies, His compassions, are new every morning. God's faithfulness makes each day a new blessing to us and His mercy and grace is sufficient for that day. As we think of all of these new things that are ours, we realize

that they are ours because of God's:

6. **NEW COVENANT** - (Jer. 31:31; Matt 26:28; I Cor. 11:25) This new covenant is between God and man and is ratified for us by the Blood of Jesus Christ. This new covenant is better than the old in that it is established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6). Better because they are unconditional promises and thus based solely upon God's grace. They are resting upon what He has done and not what we have done. This new covenant has opened up for us a:

7. **NEW WAY** - (Heb. 10:20) A way of access has now been opened for us, through Christ, into the very presence of God. We can now draw near to God through Jesus Christ, the new and living way. Thus the Throne of God becomes accessible to every believer and there all of our needs are met. Yes, we can say, "Happy New Year," for those who are in Christ know the joy of God making "all things new" in their lives. It is not the turning

"If I could speak with you personally . . ."



I would share with you a call I recently received from a pastor. A family he was working with had several children. Mother was very ill and there was no Daddy in the home. Would we be able to help? What could I say? We are building another home . . . we can take more children as soon as it is completed . . . but today? WILL YOU HELP ME? THE NEED IS SO GREAT.

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by Paul Matthews

### What About Church Music?

Church music must not be purely sentimental. By this I mean emotion for emotion's sake. Many of our nineteenth century songs are light, frothy and superficial simply because there is a great deal of romantic imagery in the lyrics and the music is very sentimental and romantic. Church music, as I see it, must be marked by integrity and by strong Biblical content. As we've mentioned before in our writings, in choral or vocal music there are two languages which operate; the language of the lyrics and the language of the music. They should support each other at all times.

I feel that at least two basic parts of the Christian message must be presented in all music on the local church level. First, the lostness of man and the meaningfulness of life, when built on a Biblical base. For this reason I find it very difficult to use the "styles of the world" to present the positive side to the Christian message.

I am personally convinced that church music must edify. I realize that ALL the music presented will not necessarily be your favorite selection or style, but I trust it will always be such that it'll bring glory to our lovely Savior and Lord.

I was recently given an article from the Cleveland Press (Nov. 15) in which Mr. George Plagenz stated, "Singing for me can be a religious experience more than going through a ritual or the hearing of a sermon. I am drawn to those churches which sing gospel songs rather than to those whose theological position may be closer my way of thinking but whose singing leaves me cold." He further stated, "I have often said that if I am ever 'born again' it will be as a result of listening to George Beverly Shea sing."

Here we see a fine example of the tremendous need to always have balance in our music ministries. What blesses one person may not always be a blessing to another. A gospel song might be what GOD will use to speak to the unsaved heart of one man while a great oratorio chorus will speak to another. Again—the need for balance. Your daily prayers are needed to keep that balance, as it relates to your church.

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.

### Available For Children's Meetings



Miss Betty Smith and "Andy"

Miss Betty Smith and her dummy — "Andy" delight in traveling near and far to make Christ known. Miss Smith majored in Child Evangelism at Tennessee Temple Schools. She has been used of the Lord working in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Camp work and/or children's meetings of various kinds.

She is a member of the Grace Baptist Church, 236 Bloomfield Avenue, Urbana, Ohio - 43078. Her pastor, Rev. Ray Kaffenbarger, highly recommends her. He writes — "She has an excellent testimony and is very cooperative." If you are interested in contacting her address your mail to her at the Urbana church.

### Just One Request

Lord Jesus, for the coming year just one request I bring;  
I do not ask for happiness or any earthly thing --  
I do not ask to understand the way Thou leadest me,  
But this I ask; Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice, to walk with Thee each day.  
Blest Savior make me swift to hear and ready to obey;  
And thus the year I now begin a happy year will be,  
If I am seeking just to do the thing that pleaseth Thee. . . Copied

### SHARE-A-PRAYER

Our staff meets each week for united prayer before the throne of God on behalf of children and youth. If you know of a child or teen-ager who may be in need of prayer for salvation, a physical, emotional, mental need or spiritual need, would you write and let us know so we can pray for him.

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# Youth Ask

By 'Uncle Jack' Willett

Dear "Uncle Jack":

My parents won't let me be baptized and/or join the church. Shouldn't I "obey God rather than man" and go ahead and be baptized and join the church?

Your answer:

To obey God is obviously the responsibility of every Christian. We cannot be selective in our obedience, however. God has commanded young people to obey the authority of parents. The principle of the authority of the home is throughout the Bible. If they will listen, explain your desire to obey God in this matter. If they still deny you permission, wait until either they change or you are old enough to be independent. Obedience starts in the heart. God sees and knows your heart.

Dear "Uncle Jack":

Is it wrong for Christian young people to have close friends who are not saved?

Your Answer:

Sin is anything that comes between a Christian and the Lord. If your friends, saved or unsaved, interfere or hinder your walk with the Lord, they are the wrong friends. It would seem then, the opposite would also be true. If you follow the Lord you may be friends with anyone who will not come between you and the Lord. Be careful though!

Wondering? Bewildered? Need advice? Well then, send your letters, questions and comments to "YOUTH ASK" c/o "Uncle Jack" Willetts, 4515 Kingsbury Road, Medina Heights, Ohio - 44256.

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

### Bible Conference At Union Church

A Bible Conference will be held February 3rd at the Union Baptist Church, 528 North Main Street in Englewood, Ohio. The church is located two and one-quarter miles north of I-270 on Route 48, Englewood Exit. Rev. Charles Arnett is the pastor of the Union Baptist Church. The theme for the conference is "Thy Will Be Done".

The schedule for the day's program reads as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee and pastries.
- 10:00 a.m. Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship business meeting.
- 11:00 a.m. Thy Will Be Done In Preaching - Rev. Wm. Broughton
- 12:00 Noon Lunch provided by host church.
- 1:30 p.m. Thy Will Be Done In Praying - Rev. Wm. Broughton.
- 2:30 p.m. Thy Will Be Done In Practice - Dr. James Grier.
- 3:30 p.m. Question and Answer session on subjects covered.
- 7:00 p.m. Thy Will Be Done In Pastoring - Rev. Wm. Broughton.

The speakers - Rev. William Broughton is presently pastoring the Lake Harbor Baptist Church in Muskegon, Michigan. He formerly pastored the Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio for almost ten years. Dr. James Grier is the Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.

All sessions are open to the public excepting for the 10:00 a.m. service which is a business meet-

### Tiffin Church Receives Trophy



For a job well done!

The Sunday School of the Calva Baptist Church in Tiffin, Ohio recently received a trophy from the Mid-America Sunday School Association in recognition of the 63% increase in attendance during the month of October. They placed third in a nationwide contest in the division of Sunday Schools having an enrollment of between 100 and 200.

Shown in the above picture are Pastor John Teeters (left) presenting the Sunday School trophy to Mr. Dennis Troyer, Sunday School Superintendent.

ing for the pastors. If further information is desired, phone: Pastor Arnett (513) 836-4958 or 833 3272.

### George Mueller's Plan For Getting Things Done

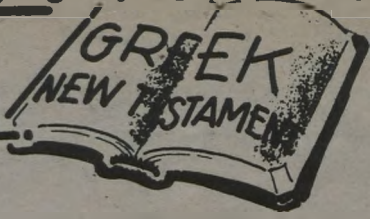
The first three years after conversion I neglected the Word of God. Since I began to search it diligently, the blessing has been wonderful. I have read the Bible through one hundred times and always with increasing delight. I look upon it as a lost day when I have not had a good time over the Word of God. Friends often say, "I have so much to do, so many people to see, I cannot find time for Scripture study." Perhaps there are not many who have more to do than I have. For more than half a century I have never known one day when I had not more business than I could get through. For 40 years I have had annually about 30,000 letters, and most of these have passed through my own hands. I have nine assistants always at work corresponding in German, French, English, Danish, Italian, Russian, and other languages.

Then, as pastor of a church with 1,200 believers, great has been my care. Besides, I have had charge of five immense orphanages; also, at my publishing depot, the printing and circulation of millions of tracts, books, and Bibles. But I have always made it a rule never to begin work till I have had a good season with God. The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Word in our life and thoughts.

--George Mueller of Bristol

# GLIMPSSES of TRUTH from the

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## The Word Of Understanding

### Dianoia

In his first Epistle, (1:13), Peter gives us a directive that is both interesting and important for our time. He says: "Having girded up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." It is the first clause which holds our attention: "Having girded up the loins of your mind. . ." What does this mean? Wherein does the particular significance of this statement lie as regards its present day import?

While the entire clause is of unusual consequence for us, it is the word "mind" which will occupy the special focus of our inquiry and attention in this study. "Girding up the loins" refers to the oriental background of the long, loose robes worn in early times, which were gathered and drawn up about the waist where they were belted fast, when one desired to walk or work with energy, or when it was necessary to run. The aorist participle *anadzosamenoi* with the articular noun *tas osphuas*, "having girded up the loins", used metaphorically of the mind which includes both thinking and willing, means: "Get our minds set purposefully and decisively on where we are going and what we are doing. See to it that our mental robes are drawn up and belted, fixed definitely and conclusively upon the truth that leads to a solid, certain destination." Rather than allow our thinking and purposing to hang loose, flapping about uselessly, while we walk and move about leisurely among men in this life, let us take off our coats and roll up our sleeves to the tasks before us and act as those who mean business; no more idling, indulging, playing, drifting after one thing and then another. Let us get down to the business of girding up the loins of our minds with earnestness, energy, and effectiveness, as those who have a real goal ahead and are set on reaching it.

Now we must note that it is in the realm of the mind that the energetic activity set forth in the "girding up" is required. This brings us to the word used for "mind" in the first clause -- the word of understanding. The word is the Greek *dianoia*, which is composed of the preposition *dia*, "through," and the noun *nous*, "mind," i.e. the faculty of perceiving and understanding spiritual truth, the ability to comprehend and assimilate the words of God. In early Greek, the word meant primarily "a thinking over, thinking through," and therefore a process of thought, intention, and purpose. It is used frequently by the poets and philosophers in

this sense. It appears in the Papyrus evidence a number of times, where it is a fair equivalent to the Latin *animus*, "the quickening thought or purpose, spirit, temper, intent." For example, in Papyrus Petr. II. 13 (BC 258), a man writes to a relative and says, "Keep this in mind (*touto eche tei dianoia*) that you will never be allowed to have anything to distress you." The point is here that nothing distressful and troublesome would be permitted to get through into his mind to disconcert him and cause him anxiety. This usage is significant because it is suggestive and indicative of the sense of the word in the New Testament Scriptures.

In the Apocrypha, which is not inspired, but which contributes to the evidence of the usage of the term, Baruch 1:22 has the word to indicate the "disposition of mind" - "But every man followed the imagination of his own wicked heart (*dianoia*)." 2 Macc. 2:2 uses it in the sense of "the thinking and capability of perception," - "and that they should not err in their mind" (*dianoia*). The term also occurs in the Septuagint Version rather frequently, where occasionally it is used to translate the Hebrew word "heart." In Gen. 17:17, it is stated that Abraham "fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart (*dianoia*)." The import of God's words did not immediately get through to the seat of Abraham's understanding. In Exod. 35:35, it is stated that God filled the workers of the Tabernacle "with wisdom of heart, to know how to work all manner of work. . ." Exod. 36:18 goes on to describe certain workmen whom God appointed to that work, as "wise-hearted" (*dianoia*), in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work. The significance of these passages seems obvious; these men who were chosen to do the fine work of the Tabernacle were skilled men, into whose minds and hearts God had laid special words of instruction, to whom He had given opportunity for valuable experience. All of this had made its way through into the inmost being

of these men, so that they were specially prepared for the exercise of their arts. God speaks and says, as recorded in Isa. 55:9, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Hence, there are mysteries concerning God and His great eternal mind and heart, and His ways and works, which are concealed from us, and thus do not get through into our understanding simply because God has so willed. See Romans 11:33-34. As a note of added interest, the word *dianoia* was found on the trilingual Rosetta Stone, one of the most important of the archeological voices from Egypt, OGIS 90:36, dated 196 BC, discovered by a soldier of Napoleon Bonaparte's expeditionary force.

The inscription is composed of 14 lines of picture-writing from ancient Egypt, known as "hieroglyphics;" 32 lines in a more highly developed form of picture-writing called "Demotic;" and 54 lines of Greek uncials, or capital letters.

The word appears 13 times in the New Testament Scriptures, including the text passage in 1 Peter 1:13, given at the beginning of this study. In several of these usages, the literal meaning of the compound word is especially noteworthy. In addition to the girding up of our minds so that the revelation of the Scriptures may find entrance, and get through to the faculty of our understanding the way and will of God, the word occurs in Luke 10:27, in which the Lord is recorded by Luke as saying: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind" (*dianoia*). The Word is to be given full and free access into our minds so that our whole mind, i.e. the complete faculty for understanding, its thoughts, ideas, desires, convictions, the whole - through and through - is all given to loving the Lord our God. This is a focal point of attack by Satan and his host in our time: i.e. to keep this function from being exercised. In II Peter 3:1, Peter says that he is writing the second Epistle particularly to stir up the "pure minds" of his readers to remember the words of the prophets and the apostles concerning the second coming of Christ. This refers to the thinking mind, the understanding mind, the mind which has been reached by the truth and the revelation of God coming through to quicken and enlighten the capability and faculty of knowing and comprehending spiritual things. It is the mind that will therefore not be influenced by false teachers and their teachings. In fact, Peter's own "pure mind" is here reaching through to the "pure minds" of his fellow-Christians - his effective reminder inspiring their effective remembering.

John writes (1 John 5:20) that "the Son of God has come and hath given us an understanding (*dianoian*), that we may know Him that is true. . ."

Our blessed Lord has come once to work redemption, and to share His own eternal life with us, and He has given to us (perfect tense, showing lasting results & permanent effects), spiritual sense and ability to understand. He has opened up our minds so that we may attend and give heed to His words, and the Word of God has gone through to our inner man, resulting in our new birth (Acts 16:14; 1 Peter 1:23,25). Hence we are blessed with spiritual knowledge, which the Holy Spirit now imparts to us again and again as we take up the Word to read and ponder. Unbelievers do not have this capability for understanding. Eph. 4:18 says they walk "in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding (*dianoia*) darkened. . ." Not only do non-Christians live with darkness all around them, and their entire thought system and understanding (*dianoia*) in a state of darkness, but the darkness has filled them in their understanding so that the shining of the light of Bible truth cannot penetrate, enter, get through. This darkened understanding of the unbeliever, the liberal theologian, the apostate religionist, arrogantly shuts out the light, refusing to let it shine through. Hence their lives are alienated from the life of God.

But the saved have "an understanding" from the Lord; we know Him and belong to Him; by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within us we are able to exert our mind and will to exclude from our minds the things which impede its maturing and energetic effort. Because the power of God has opened up our mind and the truth may keep getting through to our understanding, we are enabled now to live our lives with freedom from fear, over-anxiety, distraction, and mental confusion. Let us be doing so daily. Let us not be guilty of erecting barriers before our minds, and purposely or inadvertently holding back the truth of the Word, so that the instruction and edification, of which we are constantly in need do not get through to us.

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## Cedarville College News

### MUSICAL EVENTS ---

Cedarville College has been host for two musical programs during the month of November. On November 7, a concert of sacred and Gospel music was performed by three musical artists: vocal soloist, Ellen Roweton; arranger and composer, Bob Krogstad; and well-known soloist and Gospel songwriter, Ed Lyman.

"I Love America", the multi-dimensional patriotic sight and sound musical production composed by John Peterson and Don Wyrzten, was presented at Cedarville on November 15. Fifteen talented young people with complete production staff are touring the United States with the 90 minute version of the musical. Live drama and pageantry have been added to the original score.

### SWORDBEARERS CONFERENCE -

On Saturday, November 1, 320 church young people and 130 adults arrived on the campus of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio for the Ninth Annual Swordbearers Conference. The theme for the conference was "Knowing God" and centered around I Corinthians 1:9 - "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Jack Willetts, new Director of Camp Patmos, was the keynote speaker for the rallies that opened and closed the conference. The 1975 Summer Swordbearers team performed several musical numbers.

During the afternoon the teens went to two seminars conducted by 10 of the Cedarville College Swordbearer men. The first was "Who is God?" It centered upon the attributes of God and built a concept of what God is like. The second seminar was "Knowing God" and taught the teenagers how they can know God.

The adults attended a session of "Youth Involvement in the Local Church Program" led by Larry Czerniak, Minister of Youth at Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Church groups attended from Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

### TO TEACH IN AUSTRALIA -

In January, Dr. and Mrs. Mead C. Armstrong will begin deputation under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) for the field of Sidney, Australia. Dr. Armstrong has been a Professor of Bible at Cedarville College since 1967. His classes in Theology Survey, Old Testament Survey, and Baptist History have provided a strong spiritual foundation for hundreds of Cedarville students. He will continue to teach at Cedarville part-time, eight hours per quarter, until March 1977.

Both Dr. Armstrong and his wife have been accepted by the mission board to teach in the Spurgeon Baptist Bible Institute. "I will be teaching theology and Bible. My wife will be teaching Bible courses for women and perhaps some Christian education classes," Dr. Armstrong reported.

In preparation for her teaching responsibilities in Australia, Mrs. Armstrong is taking a class in Greek at the Xenia Bible Institute, Xenia, Ohio, and plans to take "Audio-Visual Methods" the winter quarter at Cedarville College. Spurgeon Baptist Bible Institute has an enrollment of about 20 stu-

dents and meets in the classrooms of two churches in the Sidney area. The Institute is under Australian leadership and control, but ABWE missionaries have taken on a major portion of the teaching load and are helping to get the Institute firmly established. As full-time faculty, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong will relieve the missionary teachers to resume their regular duties.

The purpose of the Spurgeon Baptist Bible Institute is to train the local men and women to take over the loads in the churches that missionaries have been carrying.

"I first heard about the opportunity in Australia from Larry Armstrong (no relation) when he was here at Cedarville for a Missionary Conference," Dr. Armstrong reported, "He kept after me, and in June 1975 we applied to ABWE for the field."

The Armstrongs will serve in Australia from May 1977 to May 1979. At that time they will return

to the United States for full retirement - and just in time for their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

### HOMECOMING ---

Homecoming is scheduled for January 30, 1976, with an appropriate theme. "The Spirit of '76". A special chapel on that day will include special music, testimonies, and readings by faculty members and students.

A weekend basketball tournament will provide plenty of excitement for the "homecomers". Visiting teams will come from Denver Baptist Bible College, Moody Bible Institute and St. Paul Bible College. Games on Friday are scheduled at 6:30 and 8:15 p.m. and on Saturday beginning at 4:45 p.m. Students are organizing an attractive program -- complete with a spiritual emphasis, hearty fun, and reminiscences of the good ol' days.

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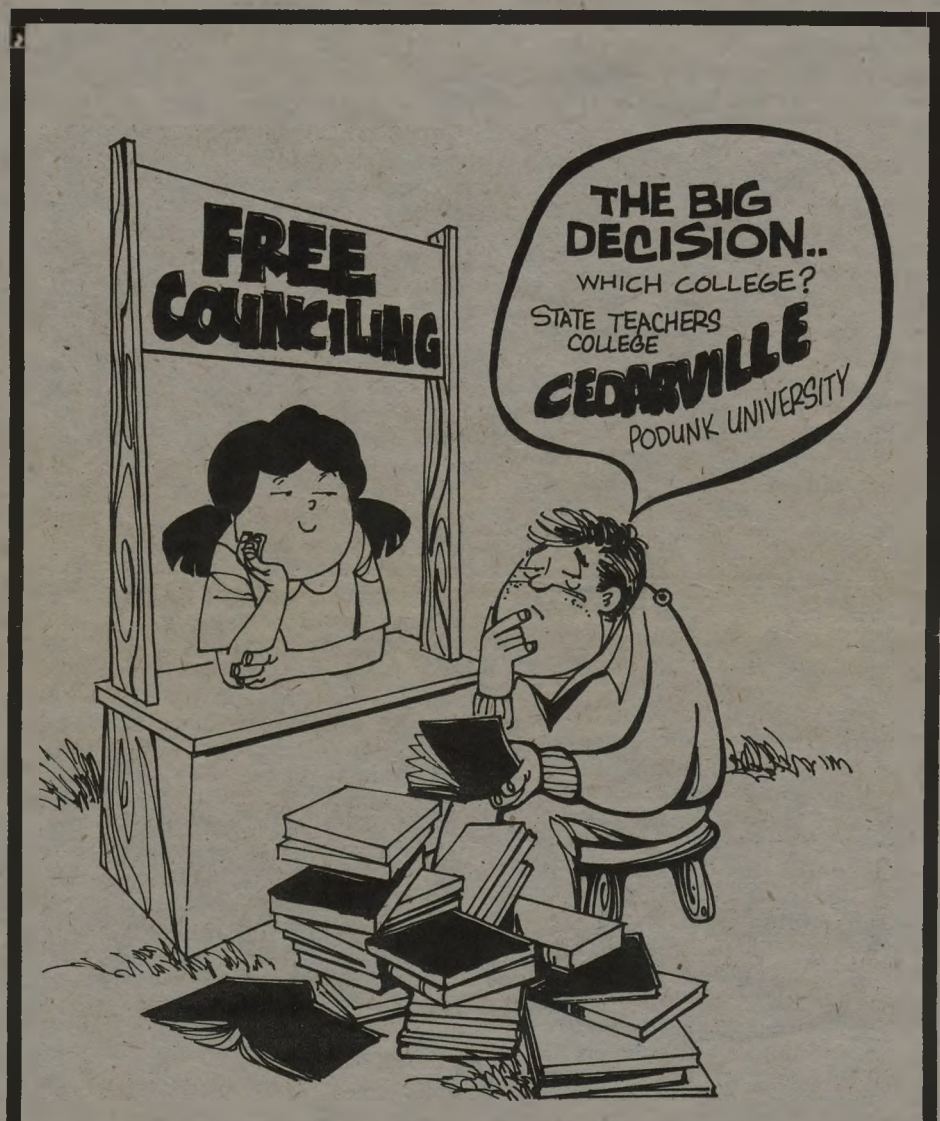
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