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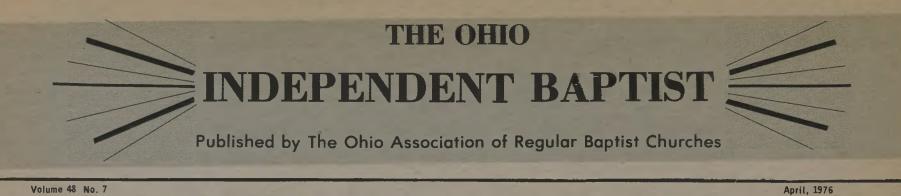
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A Tremendous State Youth Rally Being Planned



YOUNG PEOPLE ---- the date of our STATE YOUTH RALLY is Saturday, May 15th and it will be held again at Veterans Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio. With the "Bicentennial Year" in mind, the theme chosen is "Born Free" taken from the text in Galatians 5:1.

A tremendous program has been arranged. Guest speaker will be Lt. Commander Stan Beach, Chaplain in the United States Navy. When Commander Beach was serving in Viet Nam, he was seriously wounded. While lying helpless on the battlefield with mortar shells screaming overhead, another ser-viceman - BruceWilliams (a black man) threw his body over the wounded Chaplain. In so doing, he suffered severe wounds along with the loss of eyesight. (He is declared legally blind). Chaplain Beach is quick to declare that he owes his life to Brother Williams. The wonderful thing is that he, like Chap-lain Beach, is a born again believer!

Also, included in the program, are THE PROCLAIMERS. This talented group travel far and wide presenting the message of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here are nine young people wholly dedicated to God and anxious to communicate to Christians everywhere that they should live to the glory of the Lord. They hail from eight different states and are well gifted in many ways. Their message of music and their testimonies will bless your hearts. You won't want to miss seeing them and hearing them!

The time for the rally is 1:30 p.m.

lovely MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING was begun in late November by the Bethel Baptist Church of Warren, Ohio. Rev. Kenneth T. Romig, pastor of this fine church, informs us that the build-ing is $54' \times 74'$ with the main part being 40' x 60'. The ceiling in this larger part is high enough to permit the sports of volleyball and basketball. There will also be four class rooms - 14' x 18', an office, a kitchen, rest rooms and a stor-

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Lt. Cmdr. Stan Beach, Chaplain

to 5:00 p.m. The cost: Pre-registration by May 8th - only \$2.50. Registration at the door - \$3.00. All pre-registrations (and the money for the same) should be sent to Pastor Wilbur Parrish, First Baptist Church, 17444 Drake Road, Strongsville, Ohio – 44136. YOUNG PEOPLE -- DON'T MISS THIS GREAT EVENT!

Warren Church In Building Program

age room. With these new facilities, it will be possible for the church to have an AWANA program, as well as other youth activities.

The Youth Pastor of the church, Skip Rustay, is doing the contracting and is helping on the work along with some of the young men from the church. It is expected the building will be completed some time in April at a cost of less than \$60,000.

Continue In Prayer For Missionary Miss Ruth Nephew

We wish there were some way news, such as this concerning missionary - Miss Ruth Nephew could reach us sooner. Ruth, a missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions, has served the Lord faithfully for some 25 years in Central African Republic. She is known and loved by many of our OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST readers. We learned just recent. readers. We learned just recent-ly that she was severely injured in a two-car accident at U.S. 62 and Ohio 661, a few miles south-west of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. This

happened on February 2nd. Driving north on 661, our sister was struck on the right side of the car by a vehicle being driven west on 62, spinning her car out of control and smashing it into a utility pole. The other driver was also injured. Having to be extracted from her totally demolished car, Miss Nephew was rushed by emergency squadsmen to the Martin Memorial hospital in Mt. Vernon. She sustained a broken clavicle, broken ribs, fractured right leg and pelvic bone and a collapsed lung. Pastor Frank Odor of the Bible Baptist Church in Newark, Ohio said later, "It was a miracle she survived." She, herself, said, "It would have been so easy to have gone to be with the Lord at that time. I felt nothing." She has since suffered pain due to her injuries, and has a long road to complete recovery.

The timing of the accident evidences the providential care of God. A member of the Bible Baptist Church of Newark came upon the scene of the accident and noted prayer cards strewn along the highway. Examining one of them, he recognized Miss Nephew as a missionary who had visited his church. In a short time, in the absence of the pastor, the deacons of the church had been notified and Miss Nephew, being miles from family and her home church, Bethel Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio, was aided by Deacon and Mrs. Smootof Mt. Vernon. Phone calls were made and personal aid was extended her. After nearly three weeks in the hospital she began her recuperation for another three weeks at the home of the Smoots.

Her special prayer needs are complete recovery, including the mobility of her right arm, particul-arly, and an urgent need for a car. There is also the need of additional funds to cover personal and medical expenses.

Financial assistance for Miss Nephew's needs may be sent to Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Ches-ter Ave., Cleveland, Ohio - 44103. Designate all gifts for - "Miss Ruth Nephew." Let us be much in prayer for our dear sister Surely the Lord has

dear sister. Surely the Lord has much more work for her yet to do . . .both here and in the Central African Republic. Any who would like to write her direct should send their letters and/or cards to -Miss Ruth Nephew, 1447 Hamilton, S.W., Warren, Ohio - 44485.

> . Mrs. Frank Odor Bible Baptist Church Newark, Ohio



The car - a tota' wreck

A Request For Prayer

Many of our O.I.B. readers will remember Rev. David F. Lunney, formerly of The Calvary Baptist Church in Norwalk, Ohio, now pastoring The Pleasant View Baptist Church in Crawfordsville, Indiana, During a routine hernia operation it was discovered he is very ill with cancer. Prayer is requested for him, his family and the Crawfordsville church during these difficult days.

Young Americans Need Discipline At Home And At School

by Dr. Paul A. Kienel Executive Director or WACS

In 1954, a national woman's magazine gave the following advice to parents: "When your child has a tantrum, lies down on the floor, bangs his head and screams, or may kick and bite, scratch and cry, it is a perfectly natural thing for him to do. In most cases the reason for the tantrum lies not with the child but with the adult. He makes an issue over some insignificant situation and the child objects." Solution: "Divert the child by saying, let us go out and play or by starting a fav-orite game." If it does not work, "My advice is to do nothing at all. No tantrum will go on indefinitely, and when it's all over, don't scold or punish your child. Try to

make him happy, do what he is in-terested in. Punishment will only terested in. Punishm harm his development.

harm his development." This trend of parental permissiveness was spawned in the twenties and thirties by a new breed of atheistic philosophers whose teachings for several decades later diverted American families and schools away from Biblical principles of child train-ing. These liberal philosophies began to flower and bloom in the succeeding dec-ades of the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Dr. Bruce Narramore, a well known Christian psychol-ogist, described the sequence of events in the March 1975 issue of "Psychology for Living" as follows:

During the 1940's a new wave swept the child-rearing educational practices of American culture. Under the names of progressive educa-tion, democracy, and child-centered homes, well-known educators and psychologists expounded the virtues of a permissive attitude toward children

At the core of this new attitude was the belief that children could make their own choices and direct their own lives with very little outside interference. Underlying this notion was the philosophical belief that human beings are basically good and possess the capabilities to direct their own existence. This to direct their own existence. This belief obviously led to a negative view toward authority. If children could make effective decisions on their own, there was little need for parental authority. As author A.S. Neil put it, "I believe that to impose their beneficient in uncon The anything by authority is wrong. The child shouldn't do anything until he comes to the opinion-his own opin-ion-that is should be done." The influence of this new move-

ment spread quickly. Innovative ed-ucators soon began implementing educational procedures based on this new philosophy.

Many parents were taught that physical discipline could warp their children's personalities. Soon parents developed a kind of national guilt. Every time they raised a rod or razor strop they wondered if they were somehow inflicting lasting damage to the psyches of their prec-ious children. Because of this influence many parents refrained from setting needed limits and consistently disciplining their children.

Not until a generation later did the inadequacies of the approach become evident to many of its followers. The blatant campus rebellion of the sixties was partially the result of the permissive parenting of the forties. Children who did not learn to control their impulses and respect authority at home had little reason to respect their college leaders and administrators. Permissive parents had unknowingly undermined their children's concept of authority.

If American parents and educators had listened to Dr. Proverbs instead of Dr. Spock in the preceding few decades the embarr assing spectacle of the sick sixties would never had occurred. The writer of Proverbs "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother shame." Proverbs 29:15. Some parents and educators are tempted to say, "Small infrac-tions when children are young can be overlooked. It is better to wait until children are older and then reason with them when they are more mature." That may sound they are more mature." That may sound good to some but Dr. Proverbs says. "Chasten your son while there is hope, and let not your soul spare for his crying." Proverbs 19:18.

The emphasis during the earlier permissive decades was to be careful not to break a child's will. There was a fear if children were disciplined for their rebellion they would rebel all-the-more. Such was not the philosophy of the mother who produced John and Charles Wesley. You will recall her sons were the great evangelists of the eighteenth century whose powerful ministry transformed morally depraved Europe and later spread revival throughout America. Mrs. Wesley said,

The first thing to be done is to conquer the children's will and bring them to an obedient temper. The subjection of their will is a thing which must be done at once. For by neglecting timely correction, they will contract a stubbornness and obstinacy which is hardly ever conquered; and never without using such severity as would be painful to me as to the child. Whenever a child is corrected, it must be conquered; and this will be no hard matter to do, if he be not grown headstrong by too much indulgence. Self will is the root of sin and miscry. No indulgence of it can be trivial, no denial of it unprofitable.

Someone may say, "Obeying God's Word turns parents into 'child beaters' and if they follow Biblical principles parents will be guilty of 'cruel and unusual punishment.' " The Bible does not advocate angry violence toward children. The writer to the Hebrews says, "For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives. It is for discipline that you endure: God deals with you as with sons: for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?" (Hebrews 12:6-7, NASB). Physical discipline or any other form of discipline that is based on Biblical principles is administered from genuine parental love the kind of love that says to children, "I love you too much to allow you to do something that I know will hurt you." It's the kind of love that sets reasonable boundaries and limits and, if need be, uses reasonable discipline to enforce them. The Psalmist David said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes'' Psalm 119:71. "Bofore 1 was afflicted I went astray but now I keep your word." Psalm 119:67

Does America have a discipline problem? Yes, the lack of basic discipline has become the number one problem of our nation's pub-lic school system. THE SIXTH ANNUAL GALLUP POLL OF PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD EDUCATION summarized the situation as follows:

Lack of discipline in the public schools again heads the list of prob-lems cited most often by surveys respondents. Discipline has, in fact, been named the number one problem of the schools in five of the last six years. New evidence of its im portance comes from the special survey of high school juniors and scniors. An even higher percentage of this group names discipline as the leading problem faced by the local public school.

New Christian schools are being established at the rate of two per day across America. Christian school education has become the fastest growing educational movement in the United States. We could wish that the motivating force behind the parent interest in Christian schools for their children was a positive motivation such as the desire to follow the Biblical directive to "Irain up a child in the way he should go..." However, many parents are reaching However, many parents are reaching out to the Christian school because of lack of discipline in the public school and a host of other negative factors. The October 8, 1973 issue of U.S. News and World Report reporting on the "Boom in Protestant Schools" said, "There is rising alarm of parents over what they see as academic laxity in the public schools, along with rampant misbehaviour-robbery, drug abuse, and classroom disruption. What these parents are seeking, it is said, is a learning environment for their youngsters that is more disciplined and more religious than can be found in any public school.

How important is discipline in our homes and our schools? As a former classroom teacher in a Christian school I know that discipline is vital to the process of educa-tion. Without it very little learning occurs. I also know as a parent of three children that I cannot fulfill my Biblical responsibilities of training my children without the accompanying process of discipline. Christian training and discipline go hand in hand. It is interesting to look at the statistics

of two families which illustrate the value of Christian training and discipline:

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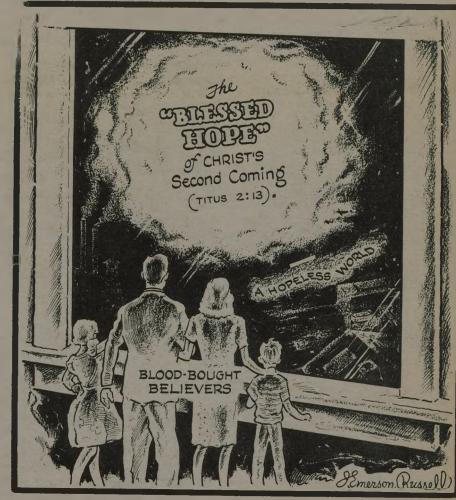
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Not "Hope So," But "Know So"!



Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a girl of similar character. From this union 1,026 descendants have been studied Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred were sent to the penitentiary for an average of thir teen years each. One hundred and ninety were public prostitutes. There were one hundred drunkards, and the family cost the state \$1.200,000. They made little contribution to society.

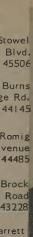
Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state. He believed in Christian training. He married a girl of similar beliefs and character. From this union 729 descendants have been studied. Out of this family have come 300 preachers, sixty-five college professors, thirteen university presidents, sixty authors of good books, three United States congress-

men and one vice-president of the United States; and out side of Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards, the nity has not caused the state a bit of trouble or cost the state a single dollar. The difference in the two families: "Christian training in

youth and heart conversions." This article was published in "Sylmar Side Lights," a publication of the Light and Life Christian School in Sylmar, California. The principal. Coral Ide, is one of the finest Christian school educators in the Western states.

There is no question about it. young Americans need discipline at home and at school. Now is the time to be the mothers and fathers God intended us to he. Our children are the most precious possessions we have in this life and they are all of this earth we can potentially take with us to heaven.

'Me In Water? — Never!'



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Mrs Judy Brandenburg

nathy Ever since I can remember I have r Rd. always had a great fear of water. 3204 This fear especially harmed my Hull outlook on spiritual matters. From en early childhood through my high 4935 school years, I attended a large church which included baptism by ngle immersion as a part of their plan roft of salvation. The pastor tried and 1615 tried to get me to agree to be bap-596 tized, but I was afraid I would 3311 drown. 'If only I could find a way to get to Heaven, without being reet baptized, I would do it in a minute", 4311 I told him. He told me there was

no other way. ^{Rd.} In my senior year I met this 'Bap-tist' guy on a blind date. Mike, Rd. incidentally, is now my Christian
husband. He told me and showed
me from the Bible that salvation was by faith in the Lord Jesus

Christ and His finished work on the cross. After dating Mike for about a year and a half I began to see the plain truth of the gospel and on Janurary 31st, 1965, I gladly received the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. That Sunday I went for-

ward in the little Baptist church where Mike was a member to tell all that I had been saved. OnSeptember 3rd, 1966, we had a beautiful Christian marriage at the same church.

So what about the fear of water? As soon as I was saved, Satan began using this tool to convince me that I would never again need worry about being baptized. Satan skill-fully used this fear, with great results, for ten and one/half years. During those years I tried to rationalize my disobedient Christian life. I made excuses (good ones, I thought) for not being baptized. Sometimes I even told well meaning Christians (including my husband) to get off my back about it. All the time, my husband and the others continued to serve the Lord in the local church. I sat back and watched. Both tir es I was pregnant, I promised Lord that if He would give us healthy baby <u>girls</u>, I would be baptized. Yes, I even said <u>girls</u>. The Lord gave us two fine, healthy daughters and I forgot my promises! Oh, the

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Lord was so patient withme! I still told my friends, "Me in water? NEVER!"

In July of last year, I began an inescapable conviction from the Holy Spirit about being baptized. I realized that if I didn't get baptized I would spend my entire Christian life out of fellowship and in disobedience to the Lord, I thought of all the past years that I hadn't been able to serve Him. How miserable I felt!

l always loved the verse in Philippians 4:13 that says - "Ican do <u>all</u> things through Christ who strengtheneth me", butl was never able to claim it. I kept telling myself that I trusted the Lord in everything, but I knew I really wasn't. By reading the Word and through much prayer, I began to see clearly that the Lord would surely help me to have victory over my fears and that I should obey Him in baptism. On July 7th, I sat in my living room alone and said, "Yes, Lord, I am going with you all of the way." I called Rev. Richard McIntosh, professor of Dible at Coderwille College, and Bible at Cedarville College, and told him I was coming to talk with him. Brother McIntosh was our Interim Pastor at that time. YES, the Lord, Pastor McIntosh and I went into the waters of baptism on July 16, 1975 at 7:15 p.m.! PRAISE THE LORD!!

'l sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.! (Psalm 34:4)

Ordained To The Ministry

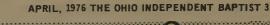
A council of Baptist pastors, laymen and other interested guests convened at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 19 to consider and advise concerning the expediency of publicly setting apart to the work of the ministry our brother - Mr. Donald R. Lindblad.

After a careful examination of the candidate, the council brought the following recommendation to the Madison Avenue Baptist Church (Cleveland, Ohio): "This Council recommends to

the Madison Avenue Baptist Church that they proceed with the ordaining of Mr. Donald Lindblad and they commend both the church and the candidate for the level of excellence that has been reached in our brother's life and ministry. The church is to be commended for their obvious part in the fine preparation of this young man for the ministry.

Rev. Donald Lindblad was subsequently ordained to the ministry, Sunday evening, January 25, 1976 at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

... submitted by Rev. Roy Hendershot, Clerk of the Council





Dear "Uncle Jack": I'm having a problem with my tongue. How can I lick my habit of swearing?

Your Answer: Swearing is one of several sins of the tongue listed in the Bible. James tells us in the sixth verse of the third chapter of his book that "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity". He goes on to say that "it defileth the whole body....and it is set on fire of hell." In the eighth verse of this same chapter, we learn the awful truth that man cannot con-quer his tongue. No man ever has. Sound hopeless? If we simply try to control an unruly

tongue it is.

The tongue is simply the servant of the heart. Whatever is in the heart will come out through the mouth. The problem then, and of course the solution, is in the heart. When our heart is filled with Christ's love our mouth will reflect this love. When sin rules our heart then our mouth will truly be a "world of iniquity."

Dear "Uncle Jack"

Sometimes I don't feel saved, why?

Your Answer:

Your Answer: Sometimes when I'm very tired, I don't feel sleepy. Feelings are fickle things. They can be easily fooled. Some people feel warm in the same room where others feel cold. So far as we know a person in a coma doesn't feel anything but they are still very much alive. Fortunately, our salvation Is not dependent on our feelings. Our salvation is secure in the Word of God. He has given His Word that believers have passed from death unto life. In John 5:24 we read: "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my Word, and believeth on him that sent me, <u>hath</u> everylasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is presend from death unto life '' passed from death unto life."

However, just as our physical feelings may be affecter the health of the body so our spiritual feelings may be affected by the health of our sour. A Christian who lives in constant doubt is possibly indicating spiritual illness.

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.



by Paul Matthews

Worship And Reverence

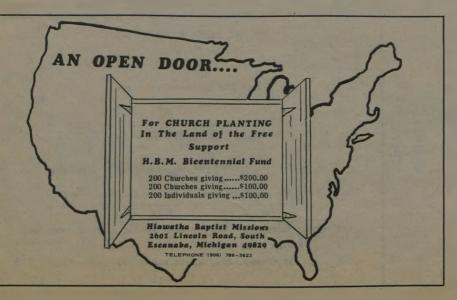
There are two related terms which frequently become confused-worship and reverence. Worship is the ascribing of praise to God and may be by song, spoken word or simply in the heart. Reverence is the attitude of quietness before God that is supposed to characterize those who worship. The two terms can be easily confused, however; there is a tendency to feel that reverence is worship. It is obvious that such is inaccurate! The person who is reverently quiet may not be worshipping at all; he may, in fact, be sleeping or daydreaming. In reality, worship is the response of the heart to God; reverence is the manner in which that response usually shows itself.

Though the possible confusion of terms, it should not blind us to the fact that our lives as individuals and a church should be characterized by both worship and reverence. Cur Sunday services are worship services-times when we come together to express our praise to God in company with other believers. As such they should be marked by reverence. All across our country this is sadly lacking.

We come together to worship the Lord. Let us do so in a reverent manner and in an attitude of worship and in a way in which we will please the Lord.

Words to a Great Hymn of Worship O Worship the King O worship the King, all-glorious above O gratefully sing His power and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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



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Missionaries With Convictions

In our MARCH issue we ran an article concerning Miss Pat Barkley (missionary to Bangladesh serving under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) rejecting the support of a church because of their departure from Baptist faith and principles. Several who read the article have spoken to us commending her for her decision.

We just recently received a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Buining who are working among the Jews in Orlando, Florida. The Buinings are serv-ing the Lord under Baptist Mid-Missions. They informed us that they, too, had taken the very same step as Miss Barkley. In fact, their action was taken in April of '75. We appreciate the strong convictions of these The Buining's letter to this church reads as follows: missionaries.

Fairfield Baptist Church Thurston, Ohio

Dear Friends in Christ:

Recently we received your communication about the change of your church name. We also read your new constitution and statement of faith

Although we appreciate that you would continue to support us, we hereby request that you discontinue your support since we cannot conscientiously support your whole constitution

As we have done in the past, we want to thank you once more for your faithfulness in praying for us and giving to our needs.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jerry and Margrit Buining

As Editor of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, might I suggest that some of our churches looking for missionaries to support consider help-ing these? We know that both 'the Jerry Buinings' and Miss Pat Barkley could use further financial help. Interested parties should write: Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103 designating support for <u>Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Buining - in Florida</u>. Those interested in helping <u>Miss Pat Barklev</u> should write the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Box 5000, 1720 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey - 08034. Be sure you designate your gift for - <u>Miss Pat Barkley</u> -Bangladesh.

Some Exciting News



Cathleen Kendall

Your editor recently received a copy of "Durham Doings". This is the form letter put out periodically by A.B.W.E. missionary Richard Durham. Brother Dick makes his home, while home on fur lough from the Philippines in Cedarville, Ohio. He is well known, highly respected and deeply loved by many of our O.I.B. readers.

No doubt many of our O.I.B. read-ers do not receive a copy of "Dur-ham Doings". We are therefore passing on a bit of very important and exciting news.

The article to which we refer is entitled - "Announcing An Engage-ment. . . A Coming Wedding". It reads as follows: "I am very happy to announce my engagement to Miss Cathleen Kendall of Richland, Washington. How thrilling it has been to see how the Lord has directed our lives together. Cathy has been an ABWE missionary in

the Philippines for the past 18 years. We have been members of the same field council, and for eight years she served as Dean of Women at Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute while I served as President. Cathy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kendall, spent almost one year in the Philippines recent-ly. She came back to the States the middle of December for her fur-lough. Following a week's visit in Cedarville in December, I was able to visit her in Washington the last of January at which time our en-gagement was announced. Both Cathy and I have full deputation schedules through the 6th of June and so it was decided to have a June wedding, after our deputation schedules were completed. June 15 is the tentative date set for the wedding, to be held in the First Baptist Church of Richland, Washington, Cathy's home church. God has so wonderfully directed, and given His peace and joy, and we praise Him for working in us both the willing and the doing of His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). We covet your prayers for us as we join lives to serve Him together.

In the same issue of "Durham Doings" was an article concerning Brother Dick Durham's acceptance of an invitation by Cedarville Col-lege to join their faculty for the 1976-77 school year. During this time Rev. and Mrs. Durham will be living in Cedarville, Ohio. Dick will be teaching in the Bible department of the college. The Dur-hams are waiting on the Lord as to His direction regarding their returning to the Philippines in '77. They want His will in all of these matters.

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Campus Bible Fellowship Report

God is blessing the work of CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP in Ohio. The p.00; following report (dated January 29, 1976) was issued by CBF missionary mder Brother Larry Abbott. Pray much for this work among our college stuease dents in Ohio.

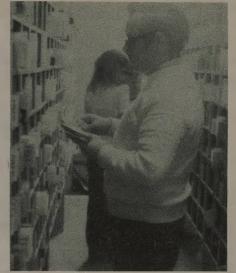
SOUTHWESTERN OHIO ---

Wright State University: Attendance is improving at both weekly CBF Bible studies. The Tuesday evening sessions on 'pictures of Christ'' were led by Missionary Larry Abbott in January while the Wednesday noon studies on 'Truths To

Live By" were conducted by Pastor Bill Davis, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio. Dayton University: In December two local pastors, two Baptist students at the University of Dayton and two CBF missionaries met with the Dean of Students and other officials and were given full permission to

conduct Campus Bible Fellowship activities at this Roman Catholic university of over 5000 students. The Senior Chaplain, "Father" Rupp said, "If you find any sinners to convert, you have my permission"! On January 20th, 1976, Pastor Carl Stephenson of County Line Baptist Church in Dayton began the first Tuesday Bible study at the University of Dayton with "Principles of Prayer" as his

topic. Area Activities: A successful triple showing of the antievolutionary, Bible-science



Pastor Bill Davis busy stuffing student's mail boxes at Wright State.

film - "Footprints in Stone" was shown at Wright State's Fawcett Hall Auditorium on Friday, January 30th. The Xenia Area Liaison Coun-

The Xenia Area Liaison Council of CBF followed this film by a Bicentennial Retreat in Dayton with the theme "Created Free". Dr. Northrup of Baptist Bible School of Theology, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania was the mainline speaker. (February 20 - 21). (We hope to have a report of this meeting in the next issue of THE OHIO INDEP ENDENT BAPTIST.)



CBF Missionary Larry Abbott at weekly literature table - Wright State University. Student signing up for Bible study.

NORTHERN OHIO ---

Baldwin Wallace College: A number of Baldwin Wallace students made decisions at recent special meetings at nearby Berea Baptist Church (Rev. Roy F. Gibbs, Pastor) and one coed was saved following a CBF Bible study. Brother Jack Willetts completed his series of CBF studies on the Book of Acts and Brother Leigh Adams of Baptist Mid-Missions' HomeOffice completed the January Tuesday night CBF meetings with a Bible study on "The Deity of Christ". An Ohio "first" is an hour of CBF special radio programming over the Baldwin Wallace campus radio station each Sunday afternoon which will continue throughout the winter quarter. President Jeremiah of Cedarville College is featured as part of the program each week via his radio tapes.

Sky View Ranch Announces Their Summer Schedule

Have you seen the beautiful "FREEDOM" poster advertising the summer schedule at Sky View Ranch? They are most attractive and the list of speakers sounds exciting! For your convenience, we are running the schedule here and now.

DATE	AGE	SPEAKER
June 14-19	8-11 Junior	Pastor Larry Smith
June 21-26	8-11 Junior	Michael Hooks
June 28-July 3	12-14 Junior High	Pastor James Ellick
July 5-10	8-II Junior	Pastor Larry Fetzer
July 12-17	15 and up Senior High	Pastor Joseph Stowell, Jr.
July 19-24	Senior High	Wilderness Camping Trip
		(Details to be announced)
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uly 26-31	12-14 Junior High	Pastor Robert Perry
Aug. 2- 7	8-11 Junior	Pastor William Moser
Aug. 9-14	15 and up Senior High	Dr. W. Thomas Younger
Aug. 16-21	12–14 Junior High	Daniel Cecil
Aug. 23–28	Family Camp	Pastor David Jeremiah
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The cost for all camps (excepting those marked above with asterisks is \$40.00. A registration fee of \$10.00 in advance is requested. The balance (\$30.00) becomes due at Sky View. Young people - to register - contact your pastor! Send all registrations to Mr. Dave Truit, Sky View Ranch, Route 4, Millersburg, Ohio - 44654. Phone: (216) 674-7511.

** July 19-24 - Athletic Clinic - During these days special instruction will be given along with a spiritual impact by outstanding Christian athletes in football, basketball, track, wrestling, golf, tennis and soccer. The cost for this camp is \$60.00 per person. A fee of \$15.00 should accompany your registration. Your registration should be sent to Mr. Dave Truit. Be sure to bring the following: personal effects, towels, swim wear, Bible, flashlight, all of your own athletic gear for the sport of your choosing. *** August 23-28 - Family Camp - This week there will be a program for the entire family. Bring your own camper or tent. (primitive accommodations only.) A limited number of cabins are available. Guest speaker for this week is Dr. Ron Chadwick of Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. All meals prepared in our ranch dining hall. The cost for this camp is \$90.00 for mom and dad, \$20.00 each for first two children, \$15.00 each for second two children and \$10.00 each thereafter. For children under two years there will be no charge. Registration fee - \$50.00. Here again - send all registrations to Mr. Dave Truit, Sky View Ranch, Route #4, Millersburg, Ohio - 44654.

Xenia Christian Adding Two Grades

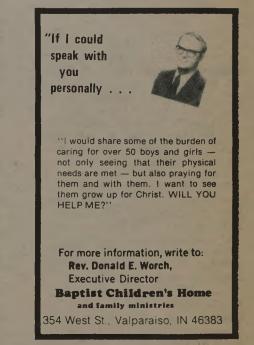
The Xenia Christian Day School, which uses the facilities of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1120 South Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio, will be adding seventh and eighth grade classes to its existing preschool - through - sixth grade program. According to Rev. William Wheeler, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and chairman of the school's board of directors, the seventh grade will be added the fall of this year. The eighth grade will be added the fall of '77. The decision to add the grade levels was unanimous among the directors.

Xenia Christian Day School has an enrollment of 152 students. It is believed that this would increase to 205 students with the addition of the seventh grade this fall. A new building allowing for added space will be needed to provide room when the eighth grade is a reality. The junior high classes will include expanded science, physical education, music and a foreign language program. Interested parents, living in the Xenia area, may phone the school at (513) 372-3231.

The school has been in existence

Ohio Department of Education as meeting all state requirements in '74. Pastor Wheeler states - "Our philosophy is to train the total child -- spiritually, physically and mentally. The school exists as an arm of the Christian home, helping parents complete their Godgiven responsibility of training their children in the way they should go."

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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, AMHERST-

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, will be with us for special meetings April 18 through 25. This will be their second meeting in our church. We are looking to the Lord to bless.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,

ASHLAND-

We had an excellent missionary conference in February. Guest speakers included Rev. Richard Durham (ABWE-Philippines), Dr. Kenneth Muck (President of FBHM) and Dr. Ron Chadwick (Professor of Christian Education at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary.) On Sunday, February 29th, a lovely new 15 passenger maxiwagon was presented to the Lord for the work and the ministries of our church.

SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ATHENS-

We were blessed through the ministry of our brother, Rev. Earl Willetts. His preaching warmed our hearts and challenged our lives. WALNUT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH.

BALTIMORE-

The ladies of our church spearheaded our "carpet fund" and now we have a beautiful new carpet in our lovely chapel building. It greatly enhances our place of worship.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, **BEDFORD-**

We were privileged to have the Baptist Christian School chorale minister here in early March. Their music was used of the Lord to bless many hearts. We thank the Lord for these fine young people.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH-

North American Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions, Rev. Leigh Adams, spoke here Sunday, evening, February 15. We will be holding our missionary conference April 25-28. The Cedarville College choir will be presenting a concert here Sunday, May 9th.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER-

The Cedarville College choir sang here in early March. Their music was great! Our missionary conference is scheduled for April 7-11. Brother Robert Hayes, mission-ary to the Mormons (BMM). Carson Fremont (ABWE-Hong Kong) and Paul Tidball from the Cleveland Hebrew Mission will be with

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN-

Salem Kirban will be leading us in a PRO-PHECY CONFERENCE April 18-20. Well known pianist-Rudy Atwood-will be with us on May 9th. Brother Mike Coyle and his wife, Joanne, will be leading us in our KIDS, KONFERENCE-July 18-23.

NEW HARMONY EAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH OLIVE-CALDWELL-

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and Mrs. Mof-fat were with us for special meetings. This

was their third meeting in our church. PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH,

CANTON-

We recently viewed the film-""Thief In The Night". Miss Helen Wing (BMM-Brazil) spoke here in February. "The Action Singers" were with us for our Spring meeting-March 28 through April 2.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. CANTON-

"Operation Jericho", a film showing secret baptisms and Bible studies in Communist lands, was shown here on February 22nd.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

We had a special Church Fellowship Supper on February 28th. Also, we enjoyed the ministry of missionary Mike Williams.

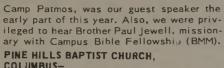
MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH,

COLUMBUS-

Our pastor, Dr. William A. Brock, held a four day Bible conference on the subject of prayer at the Berean Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH. COLUMBUS-

Now that the weather has thawed, work is continuing on our new multipurpose building. It will feature a gymnasium/auditorium, classrooms, kitchen and restrooms. Our pastor, Dr. Don Winters, and his wife attended The Bible Conference at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brother Jack Willetts, Director of



Evangelist Hugh Horner led us in special meetings March 21 through March 26. The Lord's hand is upon our brother. His messages were used of the Lord to speak to hearts.

COUNTY LINE DAPTIST CHURCH,

DAYTON-On March 7th we enjoyed the music present-ed by the Cedarville College choir. We held our Father/Son banquet on March 12th. LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH,

DUNDEE-

We held a "Shipmate's Banquet" on February 18th. Guest speaker for this occasion was Rev. Walter Spieth of Elyria. Brother Dave Truit, Director at Sky View Ranch, told us of the work being done at Sky View in reaching young people for Christ. Rev. Bert Kinsey ministered here on March 7th. FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH.

ELIDA-

We are happy to announce that Rev. Gerald D. Phipps is our new pastor. Brother Phipps formerly pastored the Grace Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio. He and his family are now in Elida and busily engaged in the work here

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA-

Dr. Don Sewell, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio spoke at our Sunday School Staff annual banquet. Our missionary conference-March 3 through 7-had as its theme-"Our Marching Orders" Missionaries participating were Donald Curtis (New Hampshire), Carson Fremont (Hong Kong) and Joel Kettering (BMM Candidate Secretary)

EUCLID NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, EUCLID-

The ministry of ABWE missionary pilot, Rev. Don Fanning was a blessing to our people. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife were here with the ladies of our Berean Missionary Fellowship on April 1st. At a recent business meeting, we rejoiced over God's abundant blessings during 1975. We are most thankful for our pastor, Rev. Will Davis. During '76, some 70 people were united with our church and an all-time high was reached in receipts. We have adopted a record budget for 1976 of \$200,595. Too, we have increased our support of the O.I.B. from \$200 to \$300 annually.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY-

It was a delight to have Dr. Wendell Kempton, President of the Association of Bap-tists for World Evangelism, with us for our missionary conference March 14 through March 17.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH-

We were privileged to have the ladies of the North Bethel Fellowship hold their April 1st meeting in our church. Three missionaries were present-Brother Don Worch, Baptist Children's Home in Kouts, Indiana-Brother Carson Fremont, missionary to Hong Kong under ABWE, and Brother Dallas Hyatt, missionary appointee to Paraguay under ABWE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

GALION-Professor Austin Elmore of Cedarville College ministered here while Pastor and Mrs. Booth were on vacation. We viewed the film-"Creation Event". Also, missionary Miss Cindy D. Brosse, missionary appointee to college campuses in the Philippines, ministered here.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS-

Dedication Day for our new facilities has been set for May 16. Dr. Lester Pipkin, president of the Appalachian Bible Institute will be our main-line speaker. Others planning on attending the services of the day are-State Missionary Earl Umbaugh and his wife, Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife and former pastor-Rev. Joseph Chapman and his wife. Evangelist Joe Talley ministered here in special meetings April 6 through 11.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS-

Pastor and Mrs. Wahl participated in a Christian Education conference which was held at the Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette, Indiana. Brother Wahl also held special revival meetings at the Vinton Baptist Church.

MIDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH.

GRAFTON-

We celebrated 10 years of service of our Pastor, Rev. Loren H. Schenck, by giving his family an Anniversary Fellowship, complete with pictures of his life, a beautiful cake, and gifts of a desk marble pen holder with an imprinted plate and a money tree. Brother Dave Truit of Sky View Ranch pre-sented the work of Sky View in one of our evening services. One of ouryoung people a student at Cedarville College, is going to Australia this summer under their M.I.S. program. In 1975, almost 30 percent of our receipts went to missions. We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed under the leadership of our pastor-Brother Schenck. HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH,

HINCKLEY-

We thank the Lord for the blessings received through our special meetings. Guest evanglist was Brother Joe Schultz.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, KENTON-

Brother Jack Willetts, Director of Camp Patmos preached here recently. Also, we were privileged to have the "Cedarville Singers". This was for our Fifth Anniver-sary as a church. We set a new attendance record of 153 in Sunday School. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

LIMA-

Evangelist Paul Dixon was with us for spe-cial meetings March 15 through March 21. His misistry caused many to make vital decisions. We thank the Lord for our brother and his faithfulness in declaring the Word of God.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN-

On March 14, missionaries Roger and Phyllis Bacon spoke telling of their work. Also, Mrs. Tom Mills spoke to our Ladies Missionary Fellowship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

MEDINAT

Dr. Manfred E. Kober ministered here on February 8th. We were blessed through the singing of Peggy Bush (Bellefontaine, Ohio). She gave us a full evening of music. It was greatly enjoyed. We are having Dr. Robert Lightner of Dallas Theological Seminary for our Spring Bible Conference April 25 through April 28

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES-

The women of our Grace Bennett Missionary Fellowship had the privilege of hearing Miss Pat Barkley tell of her work in Bangladesh. Plans are being made for our annual Vacation Bible School which will be held June 14-18.

CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN-

In the month of March we emphasized "stewardship". The highlight of the month was a STEWARDSHIP banquet. Brother Don Matheny, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brunswick, Ohio, brought an inspiring message. One of the highlights of our recent special meetings was the setting of an all time high attendance of 194. This was a "first" in the history of our church. We have voted to borrow up to \$11,000 to renovate our present parsonage.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

RITTMAN-Recent speakers at our church include Brother David Shimp of Litchfield, Ohio and Brother Harry Cole of Gallipolis, Ohio. Our church is getting a "new look". We are getting carpeting for all rooms and new paint jobs where needed. Our basketball team went to Cedarville College to participate in the Church tournaments. We are having Evangelist John Canine here April 4 through April 9.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH SPRINGFIELD-

We've begun an outreach ministry into sev-eral nursing homes in our area. We're praising the Lord for the good response. Evangelist Homer Britton was with us for spec-ial meetings March 21 through March 28. We anticipate blessing!

SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD-

The Bible teaching ministry of Brother Howard Sugden was a blessing to our hearts. We were privileged to have missionary appointee, Barbara Cooper (ABWE-HongKong) present her anticipated work through a slide presentation. Also Missionary Don Ross of Evangelical Baptist Missions was with us in March. The Grand Rapids Baptist College Wind Ensemble will be ministering here on April 24th at 7:00 p.m. Our church choir will be presenting a cantata on May 23rd entitled 'Let Freedom Ring'

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STRONGSVILLE-

We had a delightful time at our Sweetheart Adult Banquet on February 14th. Forty men came early in the morning and did all the cooking and baking. Pastor Wilbur Parrish served as Chief Cook. The menu consisted of baked ham, roast beef, tossed salad, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, coffee, punch, pie and cake. Too, the men did all the decorating, serving, en-tertainment and cleaning up! Brother David Truit from Sky View Ranch was guest spea-ker for the occasion. The 83 adults in attendance felt it was a "super-success"! WE JUST INCREASED OUR GIVING TO THE OARBC FROM \$10 to \$25 PER MONTH (Editor's note: PRAISE THE LORD !!!)

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH. TALLMADGE-

Our Pastor's class had a good time at their Sweetheart banquet. On Sunday, March 14th, Rev. Curtis Thomas from the Haven of Rest Mission ministered in our church. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

TOLEDO-

The singing of the Faith Baptist Bible College musical group warmed our hearts. In May we will be having Brother Dick Durham (ABWE-Philippines) and later in the month., Brother Jack Willetts, Director of Camp Patmos.

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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

TOLEDO-

We will be engaging in a Sunday School Campaign with the Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky. This will begin Sunday, April 11th and run through May 9th. We were privileged to have Brother Alvin Dark, former manager of the World Champion Oakland Athletics, speak at our Sports Ban-quet on March 20th. He also spoke to the folk in our Sunday School on March 21st. His wife, Jackie, spoke to the women of our Sunday School.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH-

We held a Bible Conference here on Tuesday, February 3rd. Guest speakers were Rev. Nile Fisher of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio and Professor James Grier of Cedarville College. The theme of the conference was- "The Will of God".

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH-

One hundred and seven were in attendance to observe "Bangladesh Sunday", Febru-ary 29. The slide-presentation-"Heartbeat for Bangladesh" was shown and a special offering of \$1.248.41 was collected for the project. The film "Yes and Good-Bye (EBM film) was shown in the evening service to round out the day. We are seeing blessing in our work here under the leadership of our new pastor-Rev. Max McCullough. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

WARREN-

We held a Church Fellowship Supper on Saturday, February 28th. Dr. David Moore, pastor of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, delivered the message. The theme was-"STEWARDSHIP" A great time was had by all. CHAMPION BAPTIST CHURCH,

WARREN-

Our Ladies Missionary Fellowship had Bi-ble Club missionary Karen Kessler speak to them. They also had a "Rubbermaid Par-ty" to help fill our missionary cupboard. The Faith Baptist Bible College Choir will be singing here on April 11th...and on May 8 and 9 the Swordbearers from Cedarville College are to be with us to help us celebrate our 12th anniversary as a church. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

WESTLAKE-

ahead!

XENIA-

Brother Carson Fremont (ABWE-Hong Kong) ministered here in late February. Mission-ary Harold Cobb (FBHM-Buffalo, New York) was with us in early March. Dr. Hugh Horner is leading us in an evangelistic crusade April 4 through April 11. Brother Horner's ministry is one truly blessed of the Lord.

On April 11th, we will be celebrating the

98th anniversary of our church! We are plan-

ning on making it a great day-our new edu-

cational building will be dedicated. There will be a huge "homecoming", special mus-

ic, antiques, open house and the setting of

the "corner stone". Our pastor Rev. Rich-

ard Sumner has just completed his third

year as pastor. It is a delight to see how

the Lord has blessed. We feel that there

are even greater blessings in the years

Recently the church had a lovely dinner

honoring Pastor and Mrs. William Wheeler on the completion of their third year with

the church. The Lord is blessing Brother

Wheeler's ministry. It is thrilling to see the emphasis being placed on "Christian homes"

At the supper, honoring pastor and his fam-

ily, we viewed a slide presentation entitled-"WHAT PRICE FREEDOM", Mr. J. Craig

Scheneman arranged this entire presenta-

tion. It was excellent. We wish theycould be viewed by all of our churches. It makes

one glad they are an AMERICAN

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Dr. Allan E. Lewis

It is always interesting to learn of the background of our outstanding Baptist leaders. One which is a bit unusual is that of Dr. Allen Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions. Dr. Lewis was born of missionary parents in a mud hut in Angola, Africa where his parents served in a pioneer work. The conditions were very primitive with the nearest doctor seven days away and the mail received just twice a year. Upon his return to America he became proficient in sports and later declined an offer to play professional ice hockey for Cleveland so he could continue his preparation for the ministry. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Northern Baptist Seminary, both in Chicago. Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree. Prior to becoming President of Baptist Mid-Missions in 1960, he served for 16 years in the pastorate. God has blessed the ministry of this missionary statesman and today he serves as President of the largest Independent Baptist mission agency in the world, with over 1,000 personnel serving in over 30 states. The ministries of the mission vary greatly such as medical, aviation, linguistics, translation, education, printing, radio, etc., but the pri-mary goal and emphasis of all is the proclamation of the gospel and the establishing of indigenous Baptist churches.

Annual Men's Retreat At Sky View Ranch

The menofour O.A.R.B. churches are invited to attend the ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT on May 6 - 8 of this year. It will be held at Sky View Ranch. Guest speaker will be Rev. Paul Jackson, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio. The RETREAT begins with the 6:30 p.m. meal on Thursday and runs through the noon meal on Saturday.

There will be lots to do by way of "fun" --- Trap Shoot, Horses, Horse Shoes, Golf (the Briar Hill Golf Course), Hole in One Contest, Riflery, Archery, the Pool and many other activities. Added to these, ...GREAT FOOD AND FEL-LOWSHIP!

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This presentation depicts the evidences of God's blessing upon America in our 200 years, the population expansion and shift, the social and spiritual problems which we now face, and the way in which F.B.H.M. is meeting the challenge by planting spiritually solid churches across our land. Its theme is patriotism coupled with a missionary zeal for Carrying out the Great Commission at home and abroad. This is a presentation consisting of 71 slides with an accompanying narrative on reel or cassette tape approximately 15 minutes in length. It is now available on a freewill offering (or gift) basis. We must have your order at least two weeks prior to showing. Send all requests to Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, P.O. Box 455, Elyria, Ohio - 44035 or phone (216) 365-7309.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

-Mrs. Earl Umbaugh - Women's Editor-

Adam - Seth - Enoch

This is an ancient graveyard. The names of past generations who were born and died, who loved and suffered, who stormed and fought through the world, are engraven on these solid slabs. But there is no inscription to record their worth or demerit. Just names, and nothing more.

record their worth or demerit. Just names, and nothing more. How strange to think that if Christ tarry, our names will be treated with the same apathy as these! So far as this world is concerned, we and all our generation shall pass away. As the flowers of the field, so we shall perish from the earth.

But each of these lives fulfilled a necessary part in the progress of the race. Each was in turn father and son; each passed on the torch of life; each contributed something to the fabric of humanity rising like a coral island from unknown depths. The hill-tops would not be possible but for their lower courses which touch the valleys. We could not have the somebodies without the immense number of nobodies. The flowers of the race were prepared for by the slow progress of the plant through years of growth.

But each was the object of the love of God. Each was included in the redemptive purpose of our Lord; each contributed some minute particle to his nature; each is living yet somewhere; each will have to stand before the judgment-bar of God; each is predestined to live in the unknown world that lies on the other side. It is a stupendous thought to imagine the whole race, rooted in Adam, like one vast far-spreading tree. Ah, reader, be sure that thou art taken out of the first Adam, and grafted into the second -- the Lord Jesus; and abiding in Him, see that thou bring forth much fruit to His glory.

Seventy And Serving



Louise Adams

by Reva Joy Harris

Louise Adams never dreamed of Westbrook Park Nursing Home in Canton, Ohio, as her ideal home. But she recognizes it as the perfect place to be. Perfect, because it is the Lord's will for her at this time. That has been evident in the development of details to prepare for her move here.

for her move here. At first it seemed like "the end". The end of peace and quiet which she enjoyed, living by herself in her own home. The end of liberty to come and go at will as friends furnished transportation. The end of her music which had played a major role in her life. The end of "dains something" for here is and

major role in her life. The end of "doing something" for her Lord. Despite the fact that Louise lost her sight at the age of seven weeks, she's led an active life. God gave her a musical gift that was developed so that she both performed and gave lessons. Her house on Fourth Street was the scene of many musical scales, voice or piano. In addition, she gave concerts for area groups, accompanying her singing on the autoharp (a zither-like instrument). For a time she also worked at the Main Post Office, clerking the notions-andnews stand.

As years passed, she did slow down. Then in 1974 because of poor health and the need for daily medical attention the dreaded day came when she was forced to give up her home and move to the nursing home. Instead of the end, it was the beginning: an open door to to a new mission field, "I'd like you to pray for this lady

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"I'd like you to pray for this lady I talked to in craft class today," she'll say in prayer meeting at Whipple Avenue Baptist Church where she attends faithfully. O, "I played the piano at the

O, "I played the piano at the Home today when they wanted to sing. The Lord brought the songs right to my mind. . .most of them, anyway."

Another time she'll comment to her chauffeur of the day: "There's the sweetest little Aid on the afternoon shift. You know, she needs the Lord."

In August, 1975, Louise was chosea Resident Of The Month. She was presented a Certificate of Appreciation which reads in part: "Louise Adams has added enrichment and enjoyment to everyone 'living' at Westbrook Park Nursing Home,"

Whether in church or out of church, she uses her voice for the Lord. In testimony, prayer, greeting a guest speaker or visitor, she speaks up. When her wheelchair is pushed to the front of the church and she sings "He Giveth More Grace" it's a heart-to-heart message. And she's the one who remembers most of the words when she leads the ladies' singing at the monthly missionary meeting. "When He puts forth His own sheep," John 10:4 states, "He goes before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know His voice." Our Shepherd never retires, even if He has led us to retirement from the usual hustle-bustle. He isn't putting us "on the shelf". He's giving us a new mission field "white unto harvest" so that at seventy - or beyond - we may continue to serve.

Hebron W.M.U. To Meet

The ladies of the Hebron Womens' Missionary Union will be meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1810 Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Don Messenger of the Baptist Children's Home in Valparaiso, Indiana is to be the guest speaker.

LADIES

Make plans now to attend our Spring Meeting at Willowick, April 13th. Take cans and pounds of food for our Home Missionaries. Also take "Mortgage Money for Moffats" to the meeting. LET'S PACK the CHURCH with 500 LADIES

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OARBC Women To Hold Five Retreats In '76

Ladies -- your State W.M.U. officers are happy to announce that there will be FIVE RETREATS for this year of 1976.

In the past, we have held such gatherings at both Scioto Hills and Skyview Ranch. We had a very special time, also, at the Mohican State Lodge. All of these retreats proved to be times of blessing. More and more of our women are becoming interested in these "gettogethers". Perhaps this year, YOU will attend! We will be adding Camp Patmos as a place for one of our retreats. Many of you mothers have sent your children to Camp Patmos - NOW you can go there yourself!

Our Retreat Chairmen are busy preparing our FALL RETREATS. We are happy, at this time to announce the following "dates" and "Chairmen".

Having <u>five retreats</u> means that at least 700 women can now have the privilege of enjoying a retreat. Some women may go to more than one.Some of you attended a retreat year after year and will want to continue. Some of you - many of you have never gone at all! Please start praying now that, the Lord willing, you will be able to attend. We would like you to get in on all the blessings of a retreat this year. Further word regarding these retreats will appear in subsequent issues of THE OHIO INDEPEN-DENT BAPTIST.

....Mrs. Barbara Williams, President O.A.R.B.C. State W.M.U.

West Moriah W.M.F. Reports

The West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship held their first luncheon for pastors wives, missionary presidents and officers -February 17 at Stan's Restaurant in Columbus. There were 73 women present representing sixteen churches of the area. The theme for the luncheon was - "Proclaim Liberty" taken from Lev. 25:10 and Isaiah 61:1.

Mrs. George Myers, missionary/ pastor's wife, serving under F.B.H.M. at Cherry Creek Baptist Church, Columbus was our devotional speaker. The program was under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Odor, President; and table decorations and programs were done by Mrs. William Bowers, First Vice President and Mrs. Richard Regan, Secretary. Table decorations and programs

Table decorations and programs were carried out in the patriotic motif. Special music was provided by the 'Officer's Trio'' consisting of Mcs. Odor, Mcs. Edwin Augeastein, Second Vice President, and Mcs. Regan and accompanied by Mrs. James Horne, Treasurer. Many wonderful ideas for projects and banquets were shared by the different church groups during ''Share 'n Show Time''. Colored slides were shown concerning the current project - ''A Freezer for the Baxters'' of Fallsburg. The Spring Rally will be held at the Bible Baptist Church, 50 Price

The Spring Rally will be held at the Bible Baptist Church, 50 Price Road, Newark, Ohio, on May 18th at 10:00 a.m. A special feature will be a panel discussion on "Starting New Churches". Guest speaker for this occasion will be Mrs. Tom Wills, Central African Republic (Baptist Mid-Missions). There will be a lovely Tureendinner. All gifts for the project -"Freezer for the Baxters" should be sent to Mrs. James Horne, 2111 Rochelle Place, Columbus, Ohio. These gifts should reach Mrs. Horne by May 1st.



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2nd Annual Institute Of Balanced Church Ministries



A Most Profitable Time of Study

Seventy-four Pastors, Ministers of Youth, Ministers of Music and church laymen attended Emmanuel Baptist Church's 2nd annual Institute of Balanced Church Ministries. The Institute began with a Saturday night get acquainted' buffet January 24th and ended with the morning session on Friday, January 30th.

The Institute included such workshops as Pastoral Administration, Training Hour Philosophy, Youth Organization and Job Descriptions, Visitation Evangelism, a Music Program that builds a Church, Pastoral Priorities and many other helpful subjects. The Workshop leaders were comprised of the church staff at Emmanuel where Dr. Don Sewell is Pastor. Evening inspirational speaker was Dr. Paul Tassell from Des Moines, Iowa. Already plans are under way for the 3rd annual Institute of Balanced Church Ministries which will again be held the end of January, 1977. Emmanuel Baptist Church is located at 4207 Laskey Road, Toledo, Ohio.

B.B.C. Student Says It Well!

Another gem from the pen of Elizabeth McDonald, student at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, has been sent to us from Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of Baptist Mid-Missions Missionary Apprenticeship Pro-gram. Elizabeth served as an apprentice in France in 1975.

Prayer for Faith God, sometimes I'm so afraid that maybe I'm not doing the right thing. I wonder if I've misread the signs, if I've taken a wrong turn somewhere I thing of the plans that I believe You've made for me and wonder if they're possible and think that maybe they're only my wild dreams. And then, Father, I realize that those wild dreams weren't even my own until You placed them within me. And I see how You've worked thus far. And somehow I begin to believe again, and to have faith in Your plans and Your leading. Lord, take my faith which is not even the size of a grain of mustard seed, And conquer my fears and questions and doubts. And teach me to trust You And help me to believe. ... Elizabeth McDonald Geared toward revival and edification of the saints, with an emphasis on evangelism

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S. V. Don Kendrick

In these days of ever increasing ecumenism when lines of separation are difficult to find, it is a great blessing to know that there are Biblically sound Baptist mission agencies through which orthodox Baptist churches can channel their missionaries. These agencies of which we speak, The <u>Association of Baptists for World Evangelism</u>, <u>Baptist Mid-Missions</u>, <u>Evangelical Baptist Missions</u>, Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, and Hiawatha Baptist Missions, are approved agencies of the General <u>Association of Regular Baptists to reproduce on the mission field what their</u> churches believe and practice at home.

A.B.W.E. shares with us this month the following news regarding the Philippines. Over 20 years ago, God gave the burden of medical missions to a young Navy doctor. Faithful to his call from the Lord, Dr. Lincoln Nelson and his nurse-wife, Lenore, went to the Philippines not only to assist medically needy Filipinos but also to introduce these men and women to Christ. Bethel Baptist Hospital in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, is a medical center that now stands as a refuge to the sick and a solace to the lost. The fine facilities of X-ray, laboratory, pharmacy, operating room and delivery room are balanced by an active and effective soul-winning effort.

Last year in the out-patient department, the staff examined and treated over 17,000 individuals. There were 205 admitted for major surgery and 338 obstetrical cases. Also in 1975 there were 640 professions of faith in Christ as a result of the gospel services held at this hospital in the Philippines.

The surgical skills of Dr. Nelson were recently recognized by his Filipino colleagues when he was inducted into the Fellowship of the Philippine College of Surgeons. Of the 90 inductees for that year, only one other foreigner was so honored.

One week per month, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson fly over to the island of Leyte where Dr. "Link" performs surgery at the Leyte Baptist Hospital. This medical outreach has proven its effectiveness in bringing Filipinos to Christ also. A recent baptismal service at the Hilongos Fundamental Baptist Church included five adults who had been contacted and won directly through the clinic ministry.

There is a careful follow-up program of these who make professions at the hospital services. Local pastors are contacted and house visits made to encourage the spiritual growth of the new converts. Thus the churches benefit from the spiritual program carried on by the mission hospital. This, of course, is the ultimate aim of medical missions, and the evident success of this brings real joy to the skillful missionary surgeon, Dr. Nelson. Australia, a mission field? <u>Baptist Mid-Missions</u>' Dr. Robert Gilbert answers this question for you: "This is a question that often comes to mind and in the light of scripture the answer is in the affirmative. Indeed the field is the world (Matthew 13:38) and the largest island which is the smallest continent with over 13,000,000 population is an important section of the field.

"Eight years ago the Lord laid Australia on the hearts of Rev. and Mrs. William Grant who had previously served on the island of St. Lucia but could not return for health reasons. They surveyed the land and were led to the state of Victoria in the southeast section. A beachhead was established in Benalla about 100 miles north of Melbourne. Today the Independent Baptist Church of Benella has 5 acres of land and is awaiting the release of funds to build. After the Grants, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Barton carried on the work and developed it to the place where it has called its own Australian pastor.

"Farther to the north, just across the state line in Albury, New South Wales, Rev. and Mrs. Evan Gough have organized the Layington Baptist Church. One family drives 50 miles one way to attend the services. "In the Melbourne area, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Smith have organized the Croydon Baptist Church which has been instrumental in starting two more works. Rev. and Mrs. Doug Couch were used of the Lord to start Calvary Baptist Church which is now under the leadership of missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Ronald De Jong.

"Very early, the missionaries sensed the need for a Bible college as well as a youth camp. The Lord has led in the organizing of Victoria Baptist Bible College in the Melbourne suburbs area. Already its students have caught the vision of church planting.

"An 80-acre camp site has been purchased in a mountainous area and is proving to be an effective means of reaching young people for Christ. "Yes, there are adversaries to the gospel in Australia, but God is working in hearts. Some have expressed dissatisfaction with what they had been hearing in the churches of the established denominations, but they didn't know what was wrong. After coming under the sound of the gospel, they easily discerned the difference and found their needs met in Christ. "The need for Australia"

"More missionary-pastors with a vision of church planting."

From <u>Hiawatha Baptist Missions</u> we hear of the Rathbuns in Nebraska, the Randolphs in Illinois, the Stovers in Texas, and the Buhmans in Vermont. Things are happening in that fine mission agency; and under the very capable leadership of Executive Director Rev. Arthur Cunningham, we see and hear of tremendous blessings. We are always thrilled to hear of MKs answering the call of God to missions. Dan French, a second-generation missionary, and his wife Jean have been approved for missionary service. Dan's parents are Russell and Mabel French who are presently laboring in Paradise, Michigan. With the personnel growth of Hiawatha Baptist Missions there is need for the expansion of the Home Office printing facilities as well. The Lord has graciously supplied a beautiful 1850 Multilith offset press which has been put into operation. We rejoice with Hiawatha Baptist Mission in these blessings.

As I relate these things to you, dear readers, my heart is filled with praise to our wonderful God for His blessings upon these mission agencies and the precious missionaries associated with them who are scattered throughout

Faith Baptist Bible College News

S. O. S. SEATTLE

"S.O.S." stands for "Send Qur Singers" to Seattle. Twenty-five of our top singers from our Faith Chorale will be representing the Lord Jesus Christ and Faith Baptist Bible College at the Annual GARBC Conference in Seattle, Washington, June 21 through June 26 of this year.

This selected group of young people will leave Ankeny on June 12. They will present concerts in churches on the way to and from Seattle. The group is scheduled to return on July 1 or 2.

Each student will finance his trip by asking for support from churches and friends. With a goal of \$250 per singer; the 25-member ensemble will need a total of \$6,250.

\$6,250. We invite readers to have a part in this ministry of music. Folks from all over the country will reap the blessings of quality Christian music through your contribution. Designate your gift clearly for the S.O.S. fund.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Lord richly blessed our 31st Annual Bible Conference which was held February 16-20. Guest speakers this year were Rev. Ralph Colas of Waterloo, Iowa, Dr. Ernest Pickering, President of Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and Dr. Donald Sewell of Toledo, Ohio. Three faculty members of F.B.B.C. also spoke at the Conference. These were Dr. Harry B. Gray, Dr. Manfred Kober and Dr. David Nettleton.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Evangelist Paul Dixon of Cedar-

Bethany Association

The Bethany Association of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches have elected the following men to serve as their officers in 1976:

President - Pastor William Alexander, First Baptist Church, Niles.

Vice President - Pastor Donald Loomis, Evansville Baptist Church, Niles.

Secretary - Pastor Jerry Bell, Struthers Baptist Tabernacle, Struthers.

Treasurer - Pastor Charles Moore, Broadman Baptist Temple, Youngstown. Youth Chairman - Pastor Steve

Youth Chairman - Pastor Steve Curtis, Grace Baptist Church, Yountstown.

The Sweetheart Banquet for the Pastors and Wives of the Bethany Fellowship was held Friday night, February 13th. Pastor Fred Bartz of the Galilee Baptist Church in Austintown brought a devotional message. There were 36 in attendance. A great time was had by all. ville, Ohio was guest speaker for our Youth Conference which was held March 25-27. The theme for the Conference this year was -"Let's Go For A Walk'. The student committee, headed by cochairman Dean Graber and Kathy Rash, took their theme from First John 1:7.

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The Conference was limited to Juniors, Seniors and High School graduates only and included a semi-formal banquet, special music from student groups, attending class sessions and workshops, visiting with faculty members, seeing a drama presentation and a Christian film, and of course, tasting campus coulsine and dormitory life.

STUDENT GROUPS TO TRAVEL

Not all Faith students will be relaxing over their Spring break from April 9-19. Three special groups plan to spend their time traveling across parts of the nation.

The 45-voice, mixed a capella Chorale under the direction of Mr. James Wolfe will travel by bus to hold concerts in churches of lowa, Illinois and Indiana.

Traveling by van to Colorado is the 32-member Ladies' Chorus under the direction of Mr. Ron Alexander with Terry Townsend, junior student, as speaker. Concerts are also scheduled for Nebraska and Kansas.

Also traveling by van to present a one-act play entitled <u>He Knew</u> <u>the Master</u> is the Drama Troupe under the direction of Mr. Clarence Townsend. This small group of seven cast members and two technicians will present the play in churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

Talents For Christ

The TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest this year will be held at Cedarville College on April 10th. The deadline for registering was April 3rd. It is now too late to register for this year. We promise that next year - information will appear early enough (our January, February and Marchissues) so that interested participants will be able to register!

SHARE-A-PRAYER

Our staff meets each week for united prayer before the throne of find on behalf of children and youth. If you know of a child or feen-eger who may be in used 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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A Word About God's Seal:2 Tim. 2:19

In these days of mounting apostasy and the rapid rise of opposition against the true Gospel message, when fear and uncertainty are gripping people's hearts - it is most comforting and assuring for God's true servants and for believers in general to read in 2 Tim. 2:19, "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. . As this passage points out so clearly: in contrast to the insecurity of false teaching, and the instability of all doctrines and movements that are opposed to the true Christian faith, and despite the frightening increase and advance of ungodliness in the world of our day - the foundation of God

stands, and will continue to stand. Three great truths appear in this Scripture statement:

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(1) <u>There</u> is <u>solidarity</u> in <u>God's</u> foundation.

The original text reads: "The solid foundation of God stands." Various opinions have been put forth as to what "The solid foundation of God" is: the promises of God, The whole Word of God, The Christian faith, the resurrection, grace and truth, Christ crucified and risen, and others. But it seems clear that "the solid foundation" is the true Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, called by Paul in the First Epistle to Timothy (3:15), "The pillar and ground of the truth." Paul employs the figure of a "foundation" (themelios), because it has the idea of solidity, permanence, and security. Itdescribes something laid down, and thus permanently set. The work appears in the papyri and in the Septuagint Version in this sense.

Such a foundation is "solid" (stereos), i.e. firm, compact, hard, immoveable. The word is rendered "steadfast" in I Peter 5:9; "solid" in Heb. 5:12, 14; "strong" in Acts 16:5. The very gates of Hades cannot prevail against it. It is a solid foundation which God Himself has laid down and has thus permanently founded. It cannot be overthrown. Despite the terrible assaults of Satanic forces against it, and the indescribable persecutions of its people, and in the face of such dreadful defection as the false teachers and apostate religious leaders press upon the people of Christendom - this solid foundation which the eternal God has laid down in the earth has stood through the ages, and continues to stand in these perilous times. The perfect tense of the verb in the sentence, hesteken (from histemi, "stand fast, be firm, endure perma-nently'') sets forth its permanent founding, its great abidingness, its lasting impregnability. It is indestructible, it stands sure. The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ stands triumphantly. It will not suffer defeat and destruction. Every attempt to abolish and exterminate it has failed, and will ever fail. It will accomplish its divinely-decreed purpose, and it will be blessed in its divinelychosen place for the eternal ages. How wonderful indeed - to be living stones in its God-created structure!

(2) There is th<u>e seal of God's</u> foundation.

The text continues: "having this

seal." The present participle "having" (echon) marks God's foundation as having this seal, seal." continuing to bear this seal, never at any time being without it. A seal is more than a stamped impression, or an inscription of some kind. The seal is employed in the secular realm to indicate ownership, a guarantee of authority, certification, etc. The great foundations of the worldly realm that were founded by wealthy men bear their name, such as "Rocke-feller," "Kettering," "Ford" etc. They are also constituted under legal, documentary, state seal, which makes the foundation lawful and permanent. God's great solid foundation, His Church, stands under His special seal which fixes and certifies this foundation above and beyond any alteration, all dissolution, and every possibility of overthrow. The word "seal" used by Paul in this great announcement is sphragida, the same term which John uses, as he records in Rev. 9:4, to describe the name of God and Christ being impressed upon the foreheads of believers during the Tribulation period. This very word is used twice elsewhere in the New Testament by Paul to designate permanent authenti-cation: in Rom. 4:11, "the seal (sphragida) of the righteousness of the faith," and in 1 Cor. 9:2, "the the faith,' seal (sphragis) of mine apostle-

This seal upon God's solid foun-dation reads: "The Lord knoweth them that are His." The verb is the crux of the matter in this great statement. The KJV says "know-eth," as a present tense, for the editors undoubtedly wished to preserve the idea of continuation, i.c. God continues to know, so His foundation is secure. Of course the theological idea in this rendering is true. God does continue to know His own. But the verbin this declaration is not a present tense, but an aorist tense (egno), and is to be characterized as an historical aorist, although Robertson calls it timeless ince it is dated in eternity. But the significant point is that God has known those who are His, and this is the inviolable seal of election. The first and absolutely basic guarantee that His Church is solidly and lastingly founded, and totally secure, is the election of God. This aorist verb "has known" points back to that effective and definite act of God in knowing His own with appropriating affection and absolute permanence in eternity. The Lord knew us back in the timeless past, with that great, immeasurable, and effective love that made us His own. This is the seal that has been

once-for-all placed upon us: God has known us, knew us in eternity, knew us forever and ever. "They that are His" are the foundation of God, and His having known them in eternity is their seal. We must thank God for this decisive aorist verb and all that lies in its meaning, from the bottom of our hearts. and even then our gratitude falls short. The seal of God has been fixed upon us once and for all, in eternity, and it needs no progres-sion. The Lord "has known" us that settles it forever. Our salvation is permanent and secure, and our service for the glory of Christ is not in vain. To be sure - there are unfaithful, unsaved church-members, but the Lord "never knew" them (Matt. 7:23). Amid the perplexity and distress of nations, and the crumbling foundations of human institutions and endeavors, it is blessed indeed to know, and to be certain of the great fact that "God hath chosen you from the beginning for salvation in connection with sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thess.2:13).

(3) <u>There is separation involved</u> in God's foundation.

The words "And let every one that nameth the name of Christdepart from iniquity" are an integral part of the seal, not merely an appendix or addendum. The logic of this is undeniable: elected and sealed by God in eternity - live godly in the world. On the one hand, we are known, sealed in eternity, elected by God - on the other hand, the divine command is issued bo us as those who have been known, sealed, elected in eternity, for our life in the world-order: "Depart life in the world-order: "Depart from iniquity!" The world does not see the first, but beholds the second. The verb "depart" is aposteto, "stand away from, take up a position away from." The preposition apo, "away from" The preposition apo, "away from", appears in composition with the verb form, and is repeated, standing by itself, following the verb, a Greek idiom for emphasis. The aorist imperative is the divine command, and leaves no option. It is the peremptory "stand away unrighteousness once-forfrom all!'

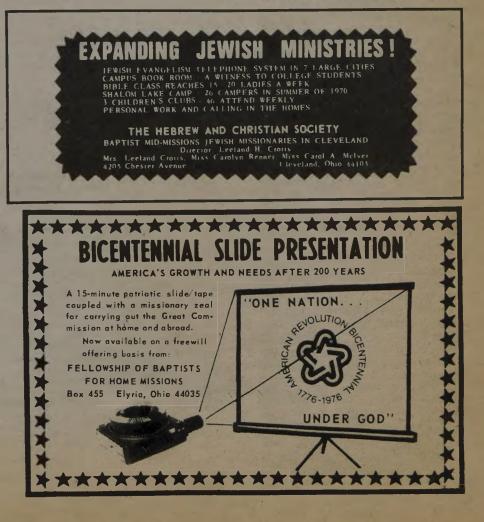
Xenia Area Youth For Truth

On Saturday night, February 21st, some 160 young people gathered at the Shawnee Hills Baptist Church for their monthly Youth for Truth Rally. Special music was presented by Roger and Sally Wilson and a good time of singing was followed by a challenging message by veteran missionary to Brazil -Brother Jack Moore.

On March 20th, we had another good-sized group meet at the Washington Heights Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. A great time was had during an afternoon of bowling. It was fun! Brother Jim Phipps, Director of Scioto Hills Camp was the guest speaker. He brought us up-to-date concerning Scioto Hills and their planned program for this summer. Special music was presented by Dan and Sue Steere. On April 17, we will be having Jim Steed - the "top-spinning" evangelist as guest speaker. Our brother also serves as Director Camp Calvary in Newaygo, The vocal ensemble Michigan. of Dayton Christian School will present the special music. This meeting will be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio. PLAN ON BEING THERE!

This is an address to God's true servants, but applicable to all believers. If you name the name of Christ, you must stand apart from unrighteousness, whoever you are. In answer to the command which God's seal carries, you must respond with your whole heart, character, life, and walk - ''I do! I do stand away from all unrighteousness, for I have named the Lord's name, and He requires it of me!'' Are you standing apart from all that is contrary to the righteousness of the God who elected you, sealing you for eternity's bliss and blessedness?

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College News

SPRING TOURS

Cedarville College students carry out several special ministries each year during the school's spring break. From March 19-28 this year, five groups of students traveled to the Eastern and Midwestern United States to serve in churches, perform in concert, conduct youth rallies, and do canvassing and witnessing.

Two Swordbearer teams had responsibilities involved in the total church ministry. They presented special music, seminars, children's programs, and challenges from the Word of God in church services as well as doing door-todoor visitation. One team worked in Ohio and Pennsylvania while the other traveled to Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

A Beach Evangelism team worked in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During the day they witnessed and did personal evangelism on the beach. In the evening the group formed two separate teams to serve in churches. Youth rallies were also held in Fort Lauderdale and Lakeland.

The 48-member Concert Choir, under the direction of David L. Matson, gave sacred concerts in the Midwestern United States including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio. Lyle J. Anderson's Choralaires, touring with 43 members, pre-sented 12 concerts as they visited churches in Indiana, Michigan, Canada, New York, and Ohio.

M.I.S. PROGRAM SUMMER OF '76

Each summer Cedarville College sends out several groups of students and faculty under the school's Missionary Internship Service (MIS) program. The groups travel to parts of the United States and countries all over the world to work with missionaries. They minister through music, athletics, teaching, canvassing and evangelism.

During the summer of '76 teams will minister in Scotland, Australia, Israel, Brazil, Mexico and The Philippines. Individuals plan to work with missionaries in Ecua-



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dor, France, New Guinea and the United States.

Before leaving for the mission field, participants in the MIS program must raise financial support. Many of these students will be traveling to churches in their home areas, sharing their burdens and the purposes of MIS. Prayerfully consider the part you can have in meeting their needs and helping the work in missions around the world.

STUDENT BODY PROJECT - PEWS FOR NEW CHAPEL

The Cedarville College student body has voted to raise money to provide pews for the new campus chapel as this year's Student Body Project. A Walk-A-Thon is planned to raise the needed \$40,000. On Wednesday, April 28, students will walk 15 miles from Cedarville to Springfield, Ohio. They are now visiting churches and individuals, seeking sponsors who will donate a specific amount of money for the 15 mile walk.

AWANA Olympics '76 At Cedarville College

A blast of the whistle and a mighty shout of encouragement from the line coach, and the Awana Olympics are off to a great start! The Southern Ohio Awana Olympics will be held on Saturday, April 10, 1976 at 1:30 p.m. This exciting event will take place at the Cedarville College gymnasium un-der the direction of Ken Starett, Ohio Awana Missionary. Teams representing Chartered Awana Clubs will come together to com-

To encourage students in this project, the need was presented during a special chapel time on Friday, February 20. Various student organizations, educational departments and individuals challenged each other to raise certain

amounts of money. The new Cedarville chapel will be completed for graduation this June. The 30,850 square foot structure will seat 2,000.

pete athletically in ten organized games. On the basis of points earned for winning these events, the winning team receives recognition and an award. A team consists of 15 players and two alternates representing one club. The Olympics are sponsored by the Awana Youth Association, an international service organization with Headquarters in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

The Northern Ohio Awana Olympics were held on Saturday, April 3, 1976 at Copley High School, Copley, Ohio. On Saturday, April 24th, the winners of the Northern Meet will face the winners of the Southern Meet for the 1976 Awana Olympics State Finals. This event will be held at the Mansfield Christian School, 500 Logan Rd., Mans-field, Ohio, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Last year we had 833 clubbers participating in the Olympic competition and we are anticipating as many and possibly more this year.

The public is invited. Admission at the door will be\$1.00 for adults, \$.50 for students and pre-schoolers free.

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