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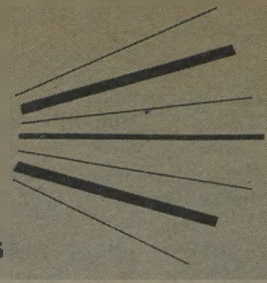
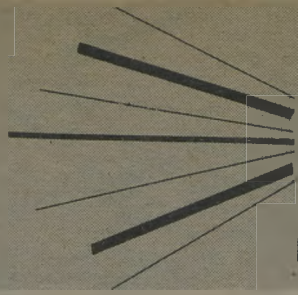
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Now Pastoring At Millersburg



Brother Dave Truit

Our brother, Mr. Dave Truit, has accepted a call to pastor the Millersburg Baptist Church of Millersburg, Ohio. He began his ministry there as Interim Pastor in May of '76. He accepted a call to become the full-time pastor of the church in September of '76.

Brother Dave is no stranger to the folk of our OARBC fellowship. He graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree. He served as Director of Christian Education at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana - as Youth Pastor at the First Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio - and as Executive Director at Skyview Regular Baptist Ranch.

The Truits have four children. They are Paul, age 15 - Suzanne, age 14 - Jodi, age 7 and Heidi, age 5.

The Millersburg church, along with their new pastor, are looking to the Lord to enable them to reach many for Christ there in the Millersburg area.

Observe 158th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 3rd at 2:30 p.m. the congregation of the Tiverton Regular Baptist Church (Brinkhaven, Ohio), observed its one hundred fifty-eighth anniversary, with special music by Charles Gallagher, Mt. Vernon as soloist and Kenneth Fuller, of the Salt Fork Baptist Church as guest preacher.

The Tiverton Regular Baptist Church dates from 1818 and is one of the oldest active churches in Coshocton County - northwestern part. The pastor, Rev. James S. Hunter, completed his twenty-sixth year as pastor of the church. The church is probably one of the oldest in our OARBC fellowship as far as organization date is concerned. Although small, the church is very active with regular Mid-week Bible Studies and worship services every Lord's Day. It has always been a Regular Baptist Church.

Your O.I.B. editor and our O.I.B. readers all congratulate the Tiverton church on its faithfulness down through the years!

Your Editor

*and all who work along with him in setting up
THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST each month
wish our readers a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and
a JOYOUS NEW YEAR!*

Gallipolis Pastor Accepts Call To North Carolina Church

Rev. Wilson Wahl completed his ministry at the First Baptist Church in Gallipolis, Ohio on Sunday, October 24 to take up a new work at the Cedar Forest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Our brother began his ministry in Gallipolis in January of 1972. The church had been without a pastor for over a year, however, the pulpit had been capably filled and pastoral ministries were cared for in the interim by the Associate Pastor, Rev. Harry Cole.

During the approximately five years that Pastor Wahl served, many things were accomplished - to the glory of God. An Educational Building at the cost of \$300,000 was erected. Today the balance on the mortgage is less than \$14,000. There was the establishing of a Family Night of graded study for the Wednesday Evening services (tripling attendance figures) - the inauguration of a fully graded Children's Wor-

ship, utilizing 25 workers - the beginning of a solid youth program with "Pro-Teens" and the calling of a full time Youth Director, Alvis Pollard. The youth attendance at Wednesday evening Bible Study has reached over 60 at present. A new 60 passenger bus was purchased - an emphasis on higher Christian Education has resulted in annual college trips to Christian College campuses. Offset printing equipment was purchased and the Church library increased to 900 volumes. This period saw the baptism of 132 people and 188 new members were added, along with increases in the General Fund Budget from \$59,000 to \$75,000 and the Missionary Budget from \$16,870 to \$18,800. Truly the Lord blessed!

The folk at the Gallipolis church would appreciate the prayers of others as they look to the Lord in the calling of a new pastor.

Faithful Preaching For 20 Years

Pastor Willis H. Hull, First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, observed the twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry on September 25, 1976.

At the time of his ordination Pastor Hull was serving as Minister of Youth and Music at West Endicott Baptist Church, Endicott, New York, of which his father was a former pastor. Rev. John H. Green was pastor of the church when Pastor Hull was ordained.

During the church fellowship, following the evening service, Sunday, September 28, Mrs. Hull showed slides of the family and former churches Rev. Hull pastored in Vestal Center, N. Y., Huntington Station, Long Island, N. Y., and Horseheads, N. Y.

Recorded testimonies from friends and attendance of Pastor and Mrs. Green made the evening a very memorable one. Pastor and Mrs. Hull have served in Elyria for five years.

The Hulls have four children. Willis and Sue attend Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania. Jacalyn and her husband, Mark Schiller, both graduates of BBC, are serving with the First Baptist Christian Schools in Elyria. Jennifer is in third grade at First Baptist Christian Schools.

Putting Christ Into Christmas

('Twas the Night Before Christmas)

*'Twas the night before Christmas, the eve of Christ's birth;
Many people were resting all over the earth.
The shepherds were watching their sheep in the night,
When all of a sudden they saw a bright light.
And what to their wondering eyes should appear
But a beautiful Angel, high up in the air.
His face was all shining; his garment so bright,
That the shepherds began to tremble with fright.
But as he came nearer, the words that he said
Soon gave them to know there was nothing to dread.
He told them of "Peace", with no fear or danger,
For their Wonderful Gift they would find in a Manger.
So leaving their sheep they went into town,
To seek for this Gift; they would look all around.
They came to the stable, the covers they lift,
And there in the Manger, God's Wonderful Gift.
So pure and so holy, so full of God's love,
They knew it was Jesus, God's gift from above.
And so as they returned from this Wonderful Boy,
Their hearts were all running over with joy.
And so as we think of this Saviour again,
May our worship this Christmas not be in vain.
Let us love Him and trust Him; there's none that's too small;
May the Lord richly bless you. Happy Christmas to all.*

... Wm. E. Jasper
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"The virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son" (MT. 1: 23, R.V.).



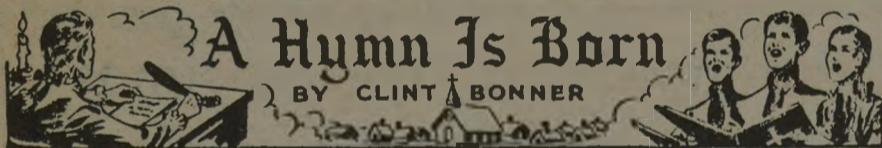
The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

Introducing A New Series

Recently your editor held a week of meetings in the Broadalbin Baptist Church of Broadalbin, New York. Rev. Richard T. Blanc, Sr. is the present pastor of this fine church. The week we were there they were celebrating their 185th anniversary. Would you believe it? There was a man in the church (in his nineties) who once had Dr. Charles Haddon Spurgeon as his pastor!

One of the couples in the church, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Earl, had in their possession a scrap book in which were articles concerning the background of some of our very familiar hymns. It was most fascinating. They had been run (years ago) in a local newspaper. We will be running them - a hymn a month - in the pages of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST. We feel they will be a blessing to our readers. These will be reprinted exactly as they first appeared using the same title - A HYMN IS BORN. . . by Clint Bonner.

We present here the first of this NEW series. . . .



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
A Drunken Fortune-Teller Sets a Youth to Thinking

Young Robert Robinson poured the gypsy fortuneteller another drink and sat back to watch the fun. The boy's widowed mother had sent him to London when he was 14 to learn the barber trade under Joseph Anderson. But he cared little for the trade and when Anderson wasn't reprimanding him for acts of mischief he was bawling him out for spending his time reading books. Now it was 1754. Robinson had served his five years and Anderson was relieved of his ward.

Suddenly realizing that he had to earn his own living, 19-year-old Robinson went to a fortune-teller for advice - and fun. But when the gypsy looked groggily into the crystal ball she came up with a bit of intelligence that set her mischief-loving customer to thinking. Said she, "You will live to see your grandchildren."

Robert Robinson realized for the first time that he must die eventually. This and the thought that his grandchildren might regard his life as useless haunted him for months. Then, in December 1754, he stopped at an open air meeting to hear John Wesley's co-preacher, George Whitefield, warn his congregation of

"the wrath to come." That did the trick. Finding "peace by believing," the youth determined to get on the narrow path and to devote his life to persuading others to do likewise. And he started praying that when his time came he would die "softly, suddenly, and alone."

Armed only with his barbershop book learning, Robert Robinson started preaching as a Methodist, changed to the Independents and switched to the Baptists. Pastor of a small church at Cambridge, England, the self-made minister became one of the empire's most forceful writers and preachers. On June 9, 1790, when he was 54 years old, he went to Birmingham to fill the pulpit of Dr. Priestly. The following morning Priestly knocked at the door of his guest. There was no answer. Robinson had died in his sleep.

Robert Robinson was only 23 years old when he left to posterity a hymn that has been sung for six generations. It was only four years after he made the gypsy fortuneteller drunk that, at the age of 23, the converted Robert Robinson wrote

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy Grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it -
Mount of Thy redeeming love.
Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Do You Have Loyal Students?

Webster says "Loyalty implies a close personal relationship that is steadfast even in temptation to renounce or ignore it."

Every person alive is concerned with loyalty. . . husbands and wives, children and friends, employers and employees, teachers and students, even gangs and gangsters.

How can YOU keep your students loyal?

Loyalty is spontaneous, like respect. It is deserved and not demanded. We can demand faithfulness, but never loyalty. We can demand good behavior, but not attention. We can demand obedience, but never respect. We can demand kindness, but never love. We can demand truth, but not trust. By demanding the first, we do not necessarily obtain the other.

We have faithfulness BECAUSE our students are loyal to us. If they respect us we have their willing obedience. If we have earned their attention we also have their good behavior. If we have earned and deserve their love, they shower all sorts of kindnesses on us. If we have proven to be trustworthy, they will be truthful and honest with us.

Our students must feel loved and wanted. They must feel that they are an integral part of us and the class. But we must also be a part of them and not just 'the teacher'. We must, as teachers, teach our lessons, or tell our stories in such a personal way that we ourselves are in the midst of the events taking place, or are one of the characters. In this way the students identify with us either in joy and love and happiness, or in sympathy and sorrow, and thus they become 'involved' with us personally.

We can never demand or expect of our students, or others what we ourselves do not do, or give. . . to them and to others. Our students'

minds are closed to the things we say if our daily lives are not saying the same thing. If we expect loyalty we must BE loyal to them, to others and most of all to God.

If we are striving for loyalty, we must first of all give, and give, and give of ourselves. . . UNSELFISHLY! We must love the student, love our privilege of teaching them, and love Christ, and imitate His example in teaching. (Don't forget, He didn't cater to the rich, or beautiful, or well dressed. His teaching and ministry was often to those who were poor and needy, dirty and unfortunate, and unliked by others).

Teaching cannot be an impersonal 'group-therapy' sort of thing, either to us or to them. In a class of 10, or even 20 or 40, you must teach on a one-to-one basis. Every student should feel that you are teaching him alone. You have to be (in their eyes) near perfect, a person they want to be like. You need to be giving them something they don't want to miss. They need to know that you are interested in them personally, that you love them, and are a person to whom they can talk to freely. AND you must be a person who LISTENS to them. . . someone they love and respect.

You have succeeded in gaining true loyalty of your students when you can guide them to believe the thing you believe, to believe the things you teach, the Bible, to love Christ and the church. When your class is growing, and students come because they WANT to, and listen because they WANT to. . . YOU HAVE LOYAL STUDENTS!

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Resolutions Passed At OARBC Conference

The Bible - The Word Of God

WHEREAS there is a growing and widespread controversy over the nature of the Bible, particularly the character and extent of its inspiration, and

WHEREAS many are now claiming to be evangelical Christians while at the same time denying the historic doctrine of the verbal, plenary inspiration of Scriptures, substituting instead varying views which allow for only partial inspiration of the Biblical text, while employing familiar terminology.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 18-20, 1976, heartily reaffirm our deep conviction that the Bible, as given through holy men of old, is divinely, verbally and plenary inspired, each and every word in the original languages in which they were authored being the word that God desired to be used, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we accept the authority of the Word of God as final in matters of faith and practice, and that we reject as erroneous any attempts to equate ecclesiastical pronouncements, church dogmas, denominational tenets or personal religious experiences with that which is written in the Word of God.

Personal Holiness

WHEREAS the Scriptures clearly teach that God's people deny ungodliness and worldly lusts "but live soberly, righteously, and goldly in this present world" (Titus 2:12) and

WHEREAS the general looseness of morality, the increase of broken homes and the frightful scandal of national drunkenness and drug-use mark this generation as one of epidemic immorality, and

WHEREAS our own fundamental church people as often observed with shabby dress, immodest garments, hippy hairstyles and even questionable social practices,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 18-20, 1976, urge pastors, youth leaders and faculties of our Bible colleges and seminaries to hold up "holy hands," to speak out forthrightly on the evils of worldliness in dress, appearance and habits.

God's Order Of The Sexes

WHEREAS the humanistic movement to "liberate" women has repudiated the Scriptural teaching of woman's special and God-ordained position in creation even to the place of rejecting the husband's authority in the home, and

WHEREAS this philosophy has designed and promoted the Equal Rights Amendment which belittles woman's highest and noblest calling of home-maker and mother, and

WHEREAS even some evangelicals have been caught up in this movement as seen in the Evangelical Women's Caucus which met in Washington, D.C., last Thanksgiving, where some challenged Biblical standards of order and authority as taught in Genesis 1, 2; Ephesians 5:22-33, and I Timothy 2:9-15.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference in Cincinnati, October 18-20, thank God for the host of godly women of our churches, and state clearly that we, both men and women, firmly believe in the teaching of the Word of God which emphasizes that men and women are heirs together of the grace of life, and that woman was created to be a helpmeet (suitable) for man, and the glory of the man.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE that we will teach and live the Scriptural positions assigned to men and women in the home, church, and society - taking a clear stand against the "unisex movement" of today which would rob both men and women of their intended places of honor and blessing.

Loyalty To Our Regular Baptist Convictions

WHEREAS, many of us who are regular Baptist came into the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches upon certain convictions and principles;

AND WHEREAS, boys and girls have come to our homes and have grown up in churches with these principles and convictions;

AND WHEREAS, these same young people have become interested in other young people outside of our Fellowship, have married, and have left our fellowship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers, and guests of this 49th Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches be determined to stress anew to our households the convictions and principles taught and fostered in the Regular Baptist Fellowship, so that when our children marry they will continue to be part and parcel of our great Fellowship.

Why Not Regular Baptist Money For Regular Baptist Causes?'

Why do the neo-evangelicals seem to have vast sums of money while the fundamentalists often have so little? Because a lot of members of fundamental churches are giving their money to neo-evangelical causes. If you are a member of a fundamental church, you ought to put your money into fundamental causes, where you can know it is being used along the lines of your convictions. We have numerous missionary candidates without money to get to the field because money from fundamental people and churches is being channeled into neo-evangelical organizations and projects."

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell
GARBC National Representative

Ordained To The Gospel Ministry



Rev. Thayne Bodenmiller

On September 28th at the Berea Baptist Church (Rev. Roy Gibbs, Pastor) an ordination council convened to consider the advisability of setting aside to the Gospel ministry, Mr. Thayne Bodenmiller. Our brother is presently serving as pastor of the Community Bible Church in Butler, Indiana.

Pastor Robert Barrett of Amherst was elected Moderator and Pastor Kenneth E. Nelson as Clerk. The candidate was examined carefully as to his doctrinal statement, his conversion and his call to the ministry. At the close of the examining period, it was recommended to the Berea Baptist Church that they proceed with Brother Bodenmiller's ordination.

An ordination service was held on October 10th at the Berea Baptist Church. Rev. William E. Abernathy of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus preached the ordination sermon. He is the candidate's father-in-law. Host pastor, Rev. Roy Gibbs gave the charge to the church; Rev. Earl Willetts, Pastor Emeritus, gave the charge to the candidate. He is the candidate's grandfather. Mr. Stanley Sherer, Deacon Emeritus led in the ordination prayer. It was a good service. Hearts were blessed.

GARBC Report

Des Plaines, Illinois - The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches released statistics for the fiscal year ending April, 1976. Forty-nine new churches were received into the Association bringing the total number to 1528. The average membership per church is listed as 153.

Financial reports show that gifts to missions totaled \$12,780,678. Local church expenditures totaled \$46,303,155. Building expansion reached \$8,823,426. Total giving for all purposes amounted to \$67,907,259.

A comparison of these figures with similar ones of the previous year shows an increase in mission giving of \$805,998. The per capita missionary giving was \$56.77. Local current expense giving increased by \$6,634,479.

The Regular Baptists are so called because of their distinctive historic position. They stand forthrightly on the historic constitutional ground of separation of church and state, which is one of the several historic Baptist distinctives. The Association is church centered in its government and holds that the Holy Scriptures are the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Extensive missionary efforts and evangelistic fervor are the earmarks of this fundamentalist fellowship of Baptist churches.

As of December 15, 1976, the GARBC will have a new mailing address:

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It's Christmas Again Why Christ Came

OUR TEXT: Galatians 4:4, 5

"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

God's clock never runs a minute slow nor a minute fast. In fact the only accurate clock, calendar, time table or any such measuring device belongs to God. Even today with its chaos, confusion, consternation and concern, it is in the hand of God.

Your Bible is such a clear book and simple in its description that a child can understand. There are few people that have not or do not believe that such a person called Christ lived. But their varying beliefs of who He was, what He did, and where He is now is myriad: I have said before that I believe we ought to have two celebrations. One called the Honoring of the Birth of Christ, the other for our traditional exchange of gifts. It is not wrong to honor the Birth of Christ, in fact to a Christian, it is a joy.

In God's clock, Christ did not just come by happenstance. Our verse says that Christ came "when the fulness of time." We do not have to explain the phrase other than the fact that God said "it's time". But no doubt in God's plan "the fulness of time" meant the condition of the world, the need of the world, possibly even a religious need. Whatever its total meaning, it was God's time. But our verse and the Bible so compliments and comments on itself. The Bible speaks of Christ as "Virgin born". There is much discussion, but it does say that "God sent forth His son". Whatever the means or the vehicle, the power behind Christ was God. It is no wonder that the writer of the gospel informing Mary about the miracle specifically refers to "the Holy Ghost (God) shall come upon you". The purpose of the fulness of time was so God could send forth His Son.

Was Christ real? Our text says, "made of a woman". You can debate in the millennium to come, but Christ did not have an earthly father. He had only an earthly mother, a Virgin - by the name of Mary. In this verse we are reminded of how Christ - God in the flesh - was conceived. He was conceived by the power of God thru the Holy Spirit. Someone says, "it's impossible" - but the Bible states this to be a fact. Isaiah the Prophet, Matthew, Luke spoke of this virgin and the birth of the child. The personality of Christ was Human, the body of Christ came from Mary, the conception was Divine.

Paul reminds us in Philippians of the humility of Christ - "who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a man." To the Corinthians he wrote, "that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor". "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Christ was "made under the law." What law? Every law of human nature and life. The law of birth as a baby - The law of growth, the law of the Jews - In fact, Christ was the only human ever able to keep "every jot and tittle" of the

law. Christ came to earth that Christmas in the form of man so that his life could test all that man has. What a plan!

But all of God's power and God's miracles and Christ's birth would mean nothing without an eternal purpose. What is that purpose? Don't hedge, don't reason, don't think beyond the Word of God and truth. Listen to the phrase "to redeem them that were under the law. . ." Christ came to redeem. To redeem means "to buy back" or "to ransom". If this was necessary then we ought to pay attention to it. Who needs redemption? Well, first of all, "those that were under the law". That's right, Christ came to redeem His chosen people, the children of Israel. But they refused Him. It says "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

But redemption was Christ's eternal purpose. . . And so redemption is offered to all. "But as many as received Him (His redemption) to them gave He the power to become the sons of God. Are you redeemed? You're not? Then Christmas is all in vain - for Christ was sent by God thru Mary "to redeem". You can't keep laws to be redeemed. If so, God would not have found it necessary to send Christ the Son.

Not only does Christ redeem, but He makes sons. "That we might receive the adoption of sons". . . All human beings are not in the family of God - That is possible only by redemption and adoption. The best Christmas gift you could ever find is to come to Christ as your Redeemer and Savior and know by faith that you belong to His family by adoption. -

You celebrate Christmas, dear friend, but celebrating Christmas will not redeem you. Only personal faith in Christ, the Redeemer, will do that. He waits for your decision -- What will it be?

. . . Dr. Wm. A. Brock

Faith Baptist Bible College News

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Over 71 decisions for Christian and missionary service were made at the 20th annual Missionary Conference held September 27 - October 1.

Dr. Wendell Kempton, Rev. Allan Lewis, Dr. Kenneth Muck, Rev. Arthur Cunningham and Rev. David Marshall were the guest speakers. More students than ever had interviews with these men to help them in their search for God's direction.

PROGRESS BANQUET

Faith's annual progress banquet was held on October 22 with 420 friends of the College present.

The highlight of the evening was the mortgage burning of the Administration Building, the first building on campus. Over \$56,000

Available For Special Meetings



Dr. Hall Dautel

It was good to see Dr. Hall Dautel at our recent OARBC Conference while in Cincinnati. During our time together we learned that he is presently keeping busy by holding Bible Conferences, presenting sacred concerts (piano, organ or both), doing pulpit supply work, etc. We asked him to give us something of his background which

A Time Of Food, Fun And Fellowship

The Crystal Lake Area of the Indiana Regular Baptist Churches made a visit to the Galilee Baptist Church in Austintown for Bible School, Church and a Pot Luck dinner fellowship on October 31st. Rev. Fred J. Bartz is pastor of the Galilee church.

The guests numbered 41 youth and adults from churches in the near area of South Bend, Indiana. They had just completed a trip to Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and were on their way home. Rev. Ray Oviatt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Argos, Indiana, was the Tour Director and had made previous arrangements for the stop. The group crowded out the church and shared in testimonies and a special number. Mrs. Oviatt played the piano in place of the regular church pianist, Mrs. Linda English, who had just presented the church with a new member via the hospital maternity room.

The ladies at the church served a potluck dinner of ham and various other meat and vegetable dishes. Cakes, pies and sweets soon met their match as hungry teens heaped their plates. Happy faces provided a thank you as the group left for their home churches.

was needed to erase the indebtedness, and the Lord supplied "exceeding abundantly."

The total financial picture of the College was presented at this time. This is one of the most critical years at FBBC because the budget was set at the number of students anticipated, and fewer students actually arrived. In revising the budget, a total of \$21,899.00 annually and \$1,825.00 monthly is needed to operate on a satisfactory basis beyond what we are receiving presently.

FALL DRAMA

Faith's fall drama was "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan. This story can be appreciated to its fullest extent only in its dramatic form. This play has a particular place in FBBC's Bicentennial fine art's program because it ties the past, as characterized by Bunyan and the Jailor, directly to the Christian's walk in 1976.

we might present to the pastors of our OARBC fellowship. We feel we can highly recommend Brother Dautel to all of our churches. He is now making his home in Ohio. Interested parties may contact him by writing - Dr. Hall Dautel, 216 West Main Street, Medway, Ohio - 45341 or phone: (513) 849-9370.

Rev. Hall Dautel, D.D., was born in Chicago and received his early education in the public schools of that city and attended Wheaton College at Wheaton, Illinois.

For five years he was on the musical staff of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle of which Paul Rader was the founder.

He has served pastorates in Henry, Illinois; Baltimore, Maryland; Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania; Randolph, New York; Bethel Baptist Temple, Erie, Pennsylvania; Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio; First Baptist Church, Harvey, Illinois; and the North Chester Baptist Church, Chester, Pennsylvania.

He is a trustee of Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania;

A member of the Council of Baptist Mid-Missions, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio;

Former Chairman of the Council of Ten of the Ill-Mo Association of Regular Baptist Churches;

Former chairman of the Council of Ten of the OARBC;

Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ten of the Penna. Association of Regular Baptist Churches;

A former member of the Council of Fourteen of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

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Dear Readers, it does each of us good to take stock now and then as to what we possess in the Lord and what we are privileged to do for the cause of Christ. God's people represent the thrust of missions and how vitally important it is for each of us to do our very best. The day is far spent and the time of opportunity to work for Him will soon be gone.

ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM's Dr. Floyd A. Davis shares some thoughts with us concerning evangelism and church planting. Dr. Davis writes that evangelism is church planting. He goes on to say that though these words are not verbally synonymous, they are certainly incomplete without each other. Evangelism usually denotes a person witnessing the Gospel in a specific place; church planting indicates the establishment of a Gospel-preaching assembly in a specific place. Evangelism uses means such as evangelists in special meetings, tracts, radio, television, street meetings, Bible classes, or any Scripturally-honest means to spread the Gospel; the church-planting ministry of the Gospel uses these same means. These statements are so simplified that one would lose the point of it all unless the original statement is repeated--EVANGELISM IS CHURCH PLANTING!

While some have evidenced deep concerns, only our wonderful Lord knows how desperately the United States of America needs the kind of evangelism that is church building and church-planting evangelism. Every time we witness, pass out a tract, or speak to someone about his soul in any manner, we should endeavor to connect that witness to a new or existing assembly of believers -- a church.

Realizing how many complications there are to this admonition, Dr. Davis submits for our thinking that many hours of witnessing could be multiplied greatly if Christians would refer their contacts to a church by some method. If tracts are used, be certain to have some name or number for future contact. Who knows how many unsaved have assumed that all churches were the same. That all preached the Gospel, and have sought additional help from the "church down the street."

Where there is no church to refer to, do the follow-up personally and then ask yourself, "Why is there no Gospel-preaching church in that whole area?" Could it be that God is speaking to your heart about that area not having such a church? Could you do something about it? Discipling converts from special meetings, repeated follow-up contact information in all radio and television programming, well prepared brochures referring to a local church for street meetings and Bible classes, or a personal telephone call will all multiply our effectiveness in witnessing as well as help build churches where we witness.

Have You Met The Doctor?



Dr. Kenneth E. Cole

Just in case you haven't, let me introduce you to him. He is Dr. Kenneth E. Cole - appointee under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism to serve the Lord in the Philippine Islands.

Let me tell you about our brother. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Cole of Cedarville, Ohio. Ken was led to Christ at the age of six at a Bible Club that his grandmother taught. His early training was based upon a strong Christian home and godly parents. All during his school years he dreamed of being a doctor and even worked in a hospital as a "candy stripper".

It was while attending Cedarville College, during his sophomore year, that he dedicated his life to the Lord for Christian service. Following graduation from Cedarville, the Lord worked a miracle in his life by sending him to medical school at Ohio State University. In his third year at O.S.U.,

he was privileged, of the Lord, to be a short-term missionary and see first hand the medical work of the A.B.W.E. in the Philippines. It was while there that he realized it was God's will that he return for missionary service.

After graduating from Ohio State University College of Medicine, he did his internship at the University of Virginia and completed a pediatric residency at the Columbus Children's Hospital. In obedience to the Lord's leading, he then applied for medical missionary work under the A.B.W.E. and was accepted. He has been appointed to serve in one of the three mission hospitals operated by the A.B.W.E. in the islands.

Ken claims I Thessalonians 5:24 as his verse: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." He is busy these days travelling from church to church to interest folk in the work that God has called him to do. He must raise the necessary funds to care for his support (he has about 35% as of this writing), his passage and equipment. He not only needs financial support but prayer support as well.

NOW - you've met the doctor! He is a fine fellow and a devoted Christian. He would like to meet you personally in YOUR church and tell you and your people about the burden God has placed upon his heart. Perhaps YOUR church could include him in their missionary budget. He is worthy of your support. Why not contact him today? Write: Dr. Kenneth E. Cole, 1060 Sells Avenue H, Columbus, Ohio - 43212 or phone: (614) 486-0715.

The conviction is growing that if all evangelism originated from a local church or resulted in a local church, we could discipline our witnessing significantly, strengthen existing works, and actually get involved planting new churches. America needs that kind of Evangelism!

It is even more convincing when you take time to think it through: EVANGELISM IS CHURCH-PLANTING.

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST MISSIONS tells of encouraging letters from churches who have recently shown the film, "Yes, and Goodbye." It is available through the E.B.M. Home Office. The sequel to this film, "A Dream Begun," was shot in France this past summer and will be available sometime in 1977.

Word has been received from Jim Brock and Jim Nutter that they have been granted visas to remain in Benin (formerly Dahomey). Their families are now on the way to the field to join them in the work.

Iron Curtain countries are receiving God's word through OPERATION PENETRATION, a unique ministry of BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS. Concern for the spiritual needs of the millions who live under Communist control, and the particular challenge resulting from hearing the Gospel, have generated considerable Christian interest in this type of ministry. This natural attraction has, in some cases, been encouraged by means of wide-spread publicity and the noteworthy efforts of certain individuals who bear personal testimony to the suffering of Christians in the Communist states. Operation Penetration is not identified with any of these famous individuals, and our missionaries who are ministering to the people in Communist lands have avoided publicity for fear that it might make their ministry more difficult.

A slide presentation, complete with cassette commentary, is presently being prepared in order to familiarize the friends of BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS with some of the open and obvious aspects of the ministry. It was felt that this would help to inform the interested individuals concerning the special needs for this kind of ministry and the way in which Baptist Mid-Missions is seeking to meet this need. This presentation is being prepared by Dr. Alexander de Chalanda, Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary to France, who was reared in a white Russian family and who speaks the Russian language. Dr. de Chalanda, has traveled in all of the Eastern European countries, and he has supplemented his personal impressions by means of extensive investigations into the situation in Eastern Europe. Rev. and Mrs. Steven Nischik, emeritus members of the Baptist Mid-Missions' family, were responsible for the earliest effort of Baptist Mid-Missions to get the Word of God to people in the Iron Curtain countries.

Ukrainians by birth, and for many years engaged in the ministry in their native land, Steven and Vera Nischik learned by life experience what it is to suffer for Christ under Communism and what it means to escape. They have had an important part in providing Bibles and other Christian literature for people still living in the countries of Eastern Europe.

Some of our Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries in Germany, who for reasons of personal safety and continued effectiveness must remain unnamed, have been greatly used of God in the actual ministry of preaching, in extensive personal witness, and in the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature to people in the Communist lands. Thousands of dollars worth of Christian literature have been provided by supporting churches of these missionaries and by some of the young Baptist churches in Germany. A new phase of this ministry is the preparation and the distribution of theological education by extension courses for the training of fundamentalist pastors in Eastern Europe. Men who have been called of God in those lands where there are not fundamental Bible institutes are today being trained for an effective ministry in the founding of New Testament Baptist churches.

Where the personal testimony of the missionary cannot be sent, the printed message can sometimes go. Prayer is earnestly needed for this vital ministry of Operation Penetration.

FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS reports progress in all departments. Rev. Virgil Freyermuth has assumed the directorship of the mission's youth program which is expanding rapidly. New works have been undertaken in Connecticut, Nebraska, Iowa and California. A new church building was dedicated in Salamanca, New York, and the churches in Gaithersburg, Maryland; Des Moines, Iowa; and Fairview, Pennsylvania have all graduated.

The Bicentennial slide/tape presentation, "One Nation Under God", is still being widely shown throughout our land even after the concentrated use made of it around July 4. Yes, F.B.H.M. is on the move and experiencing God's blessings.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR INFORMISSIONS.

Ordained To Declare The Word

An Ordination Council called by the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio (Dr. David L. Moore, Pastor) met on November 8, 1976 to examine Mr. George Rich for ordination.

After careful examination, the Council recommended to the Cedar Hill church that they proceed with Brother Rich's ordination.

An Ordination Service was held on November 21st. Dr. John Balyo of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary and former pastor of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church brought the ordination message.

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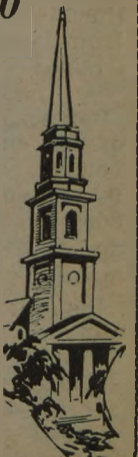
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ACROSS THE STATE

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the warm ministry of missionary Don Hare when he spoke here recently. Our brother is a missionary under A.B.W.E. serving the Lord in Brazil. Presently, he is at home undergoing medical examination and care.

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN—
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Richards, missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions to the Mormons, told us of the challenge of their work.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Father/Son banquet proved to be a blessing. Guest speaker for this occasion was Rev. Henry Hergert. Brother Jack Willetts, Director at Camp Patmos was with us November 14.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recent guest speakers include Dr. Van Gilder, Dr. Richard McIntosh, Missionary Ward Harris (Africa) and Missionary Jess Eaton (Bangladesh).

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Miss Carol McCaffery, ABWE missionary, told us of the need for the gospel in Spain. Our AWANA young people sent forth helium balloons which contained gospel tracts. Word was received from folk as far away as Pennsylvania saying they had found a balloon. We viewed the AWANA film—"Happiness Is".

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were delighted to have Missionary Jim Ruck tell of his missionary work in Japan. He and his family serve under Baptist Mid-Missions.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recently, just prior to our Missionary Conference, we were blessed through the ministry of Rev. Lee Turner of Cedarville College.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Once again we are offering Sunday Evening Bible Training Courses. We are offering three courses. They are: The Missionary Enterprise—The History of the Church and Fragrance of Beauty. Our AWANA program is moving along in great style.

COLUMBUS, HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We are running a special Bible Study series on Tuesday evening in our church and are presently studying "Many Bible Words". We held a Thanksgiving Supper on November 27th.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held a Bible Conference November 14-17. Dr. Jack Riggs of Cedarville College was the guest Bible Teacher. He brought a study on the Book of Hebrews. Special music was furnished by students from Cedarville College.

COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH—
At our 11th Anniversary a challenge was presented to give an offering above our regular giving. Approximately \$3100 was received. Of this amount, \$2500 was used to care for the repairing of our blacktop. Our Maranatha Bible Institute meets on Monday evenings. God is blessing.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionaries Grace and Willard Stull were with us on October 3. They are serving the Lord in Brazil, South America under the A.B.W.E. Evangelist Bob Sumner was with us for special meetings November 15 through 21. His messages were a challenge to all.

COMMERCIAL POINT, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Lord is blessing through our JOY CLUBS. We have singing, crafts, memory verses, puppets and the like. The children are being reached for the Lord. We average about 45 children each week.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Hearts were blessed through our Missionary Conference—October 10, 11 and 12. The Evangelical Baptist Missions was featured at this conference. Those taking part were Mr. Don Ross, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Pettit and Rev. Norman Bright. The film—"Yes and Goodbye" was viewed.

DAYTON, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
While Pastor and Mrs. Fisher were on their vacation, Rev. Bill Brown and Rev. Kenneth Farnsworth spoke at the Sunday services. Mr. Leonard Miller spoke at both Wednesday evening services.

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our new building is progressing fast! We are now holding "Duplicate Sunday Morning Services"—8:30 and 10:50 A.M. Recently Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship-Baptist Mid-Missions spoke here.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—
Pastor and Mrs. Mark Chandler ministered here in October telling us of their new work in Delaware, Ohio.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
On November 11-13 our youth made a trip to Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. Dr. Raymond Buck of Baptist Mid-Missions ministered here on October 10th.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
On November 14th we observed our 41st anniversary as a church. Evangelist Glenn Schunck was with us on that day to begin special meetings—November 14 through 21. Our pastor, Dr. Richard Snavely, will be conducting a Holy Land Tour March 3-12 of 1977.

FINDLAY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in special meetings by Evangelist Layton Sampson of Chattanooga, Tenn. Our Women's Missionary Fellowship held their annual progressive dinner. There were 35 present. We had 73 at our Father/Son banquet. Rev. Bruce Stewart of West Chicago Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan was our guest speaker. Other recent speakers at our church have been Miss Cindy De. Prose of Toledo, Ohio (missionary appointee to the Philippines) and Rev. Bert Kinsey of Cedar Springs, Michigan. Our brother is a missionary appointee to Singapore.

GALION, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
On Sunday October 24, we were privileged to sit under the ministry of Rev. Paul G. Williams.

HINCKLEY, HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Vital decisions were made in our Ed Morrell meetings. The Lord blessed our brother's ministry. Our pastor's son, Dan Edmundson, ministered here recently. Dan is a student at Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

KENTON, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were supposed to have Evangelist Dave Sproul for special meetings, however, he had to cancel because of sickness. In his place we were privileged to have Brother Bill Russell, Administrator at Skyview Ranch. God richly blessed our brother's ministry. Vital decisions were made. Sam and Judy Olsen (ABWE-Paraguay) were with us on October 31st.

KIRTLAND BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Gene Dryer of Lima, Ohio led us in a week of special meetings.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held a special Harvest Festival Night on Tuesday evening, November 23rd. It was a time of precious fellowship.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We are being blessed through ministry of our Interim Pastor, Rev. Earl Willetts. Miss Gladys Baines of Baptist Mid-Missions spoke here recently. Rev. Noel Erwin was with us in late September. Our 25th Annual Missionary Conference was held October 30 through November 3.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Five were baptized and became members of our church recently. A singing group—"MEN OF PRAISE" presented special music each Sunday evening during October.

NEW LYME BAPTIST CHURCH—
We just recently filled a 44 gal. barrel with canned fruit for our missionaries—Jim and Sandy Brock who are ministering in Africa. Mr. and Mrs. John Wilber and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kennedy took the barrel to Brooklyn, New York and shipped it from there on to Africa.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were blessed through the ministry of Missionary Eugene McMillan (Baptist Mid-Missions—Santa Lucia). The meetings we had with Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Don Moffat were blessed of the Lord.

NORTH JACKSON, INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had a very good missionary conference. Those who ministered to us were Jim Rucks (ABWE), Mead Armstrong (ABWE), a blind couple—Bob and Kathy Gough (FBHM) and Patsy King (BMM). Former pastor Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Werbeach were with us one Sunday and also took part in a "farewell" we had for Patsy King before she returned to Africa. A special love offering of \$1,000 was presented to Patsy by our pastor, Rev. Don Leitch.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Speakers at our recent Missionary Conference were Dave Toro (Australia) and Steve and Martha Green (BMM). Pastor Globig spoke at the Calvary Baptist Church in Painesville, Ohio for their Men's Fellowship. Rev. Adam Galt of Erie, Penna. filled our pulpit on September 5th while Pastor and Mrs. Globig were away.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—
Pastor Good attended a Bible Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brother Gerhard Reznicek recently showed us his pictures of Israel. Our pastor also spoke at Novelty, Ohio recently.

NORTON, COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother William Russell, Administrator at Skyview Ranch held a series of meetings here recently. The Lord blessed.

NORWALK, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held a Fellowship Supper on November 19th. This also was a FOOD SHOWER for our home missionary Romyne Strickland and his family who were our guests that evening.

OBERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in a "Days of Decision", Bible Conference by Dr. Lewis J. Stewart of Swan Lake, New York. His messages proved a blessing.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Ben Kendrick of Baptist Mid-Missions was with us October 31. We held a W.C.R.F. "Radio Rally" on November 18th. Donald Cole was the guest speaker.

PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
During the past months we have had a number of special speakers. These were: Rev. Leonard Uhrich, Mr. Ron Bishop (Gideon Representative), Rev. Waldon and former pastors—Dr. Raymond F. Hamilton and Dr. Hall Dautel. We held an excellent Prophetic Missionary Conference with Dr. Roy Hamman as guest speaker.

SPRINGFIELD, BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother Steve Combs spoke here recently while Pastor Chapman was away. We viewed the film—"My Son, My Son".

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held a special Thanksgiving Service the morning of Thanksgiving day. It was a joy recently to have Miss Ruth Nephew (BMM—Central African Republic) with us. Her ministry was a blessing.

SUNBURY, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our pastor, Rev. Martin Holmes, held special meetings at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio. God blessed. Brother John R. Lenegar ministered at the church here while Pastor Holmes was away.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the preaching of Missionary Robert Gough (FBHM). Also, we were privileged to hear Brother Dick Basler (ABWE—Paraguay). We will be having a Christmas Banquet on December 9th.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Robert Gough (FBHM) was here December 1st. We are having a special Christmas program on December 12th. Our choir will be presenting LOVE TRANSCENDING (by John Peterson) on December 19th. The Lord blessed through our Missionary Conference. Missionary speakers were Dr. Dick Stagg, Dave Toro and Jim Ruck.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We have a special Christmas tree in the foyer of our church. When a person gives \$25 a light on the tree lights up. The money derived from this will go to our missionaries to help them at Christmas time.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sumner, recently visited London, England. Dr. James Phipps, Dir. at Scioto Hills, spoke here as did also Missionary Willard Stull (ABWE—Brazil).

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Dr. Mead Armstrong was with us to tell of his anticipated ministry in Australia. Brother Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship (BMM) ministered here in November. We viewed the prophetic film—"The Return".

Changes In Our Ohio Directory

A number of pastors have written thanking us for the OHIO DIRECTORY which appeared in our OCTOBER issue. Since that was published, the following changes and/or additions have been made. You may want to bring your copy up to date.

Cedarville, Ohio - (Grace Baptist Church) - Change their phone number to read (513)-766-2391.

Cincinnati, Ohio - (Sycamore Baptist Church) - They are now without a pastor.

Columbus, Ohio - (Central Baptist Church) - They have a new pastor. He is Rev. Earl Newkirk. Dayton, Ohio - (Blessed Hope Baptist Church) - They are now without a pastor.

Farmdale, Ohio - (Calvary Baptist Church) - They have been dropped from our OARBC fellowship.

Gallipolis, Ohio - (First Baptist Church) - They are now without a pastor.

Garrettsville, Ohio - (Troy Baptist Church) - They are now without a pastor.

LaRue, Ohio - (LaRue Baptist Church) - They have a new pastor, He is Rev. Thomas Chomara.

Millersburg, Ohio - (Millersburg Baptist Church) - Rev. David Truit is now their pastor.

Norton (formerly Doylestown), Ohio - (Sherman Baptist Church) - Take out this church from this place. It already appears correctly, as the Grace Baptist Church, listed under Doylestown, Ohio.

Sunbury, Ohio - (Grace Baptist Church) - This should be listed as one of our churches. Their phone number is (614)-965-3739 and their mailing address is Box #97. Rev. Martin E. Holmes is their pastor.

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Statistical Report

It is regrettable that only 117 of our 205 churches gave any report to the Secretary of our Council of 12. Statistics shown do not really give an accurate picture of what has been accomplished throughout our churches. We trust that next year our pastors will cooperate in a better manner. Did YOU send in a report concerning your church?

Average Sunday School Attendance	17,917
Baptisms	1,310
Received by letter	691
Received by experience	581
TOTAL	2,582

Dismissed by death	128
Dismissed by letter	585
Dismissed by erasure	997
TOTAL	1,710

Total membership of 115 churches reporting: 23,341

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Current Expenses	\$3,710,587.54
Total Building Expenses	823,714.97
Total Missions Giving	1,127,668.61
8 churches reporting only total giving	521,755.82
Total giving from 117 Churches	\$6,183,726.94
Rev. Kenneth Romig, Sec. of Council of 12	

Sunday School

Mini-Conferences

The Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville, Ohio (Rev. W. Paul Jackson, Pastor) has set up a series of Sunday School Mini-Conferences. They will be staffed by teachers who are well trained in their respective fields.

The conferences will be as follows: a Nursery Workers Conference with Valerie Wilson - December 4; a Pre-Primary Conference with Alberta Helfrick - January 15; A Primary Workers Conference with Jean Fisher - February 12; A Junior Workers Conference with Joy MacKay - March 12; a Youth Workers Conference with Jim Neely - April 12 and an Adult Workers Conference with Howard Bixby - May 7.

The sum of \$2.50 (pre-registration) may be sent prior to each conference. A registration fee of \$3.00 will be required at the door. A low cost noon meal will be available. These conferences will be held in the Grace Baptist Church, Main & Cedar Streets, Cedarville, Ohio. (Box 12 - Zip Code 45314). Each conference will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and closing at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday School teachers and Staff members of our OARBC churches would do well attending these conferences. The information gained would greatly enhance YOUR Sunday School program.

Public Invited To Holiday Musicale



The public is cordially invited to attend the 8th Annual Holiday Musicale being held on two great nights, December 17th and 18th, 1976 under the direction of Don Krueger. The events will take place in the auditorium of Emmanuel Baptist Church at 4207 Laskey Road in Toledo, Ohio at 8:00 p.m. There are 1900 available seats. Dr. Don Sewell is Pastor.

Congratulations Are In Order

In this day of short pastorates, it is nice to be able to congratulate a pastor and a church who have worked together successfully for a period of twenty-three years. Such is the case with the Northfield Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. Lynn Rogers. It was in October of 1953 that Brother Lynn and his wife, LaVerne, began their ministry at Northfield.

The work then was very small. Twenty-two members voted unanimously to extend the call. Brother Lynn states that the call was accepted with great trepidation. He sensed strongly his own weaknesses. He knew that if the work were to move ahead - it must be of the Lord! During these 23 years, this has been his plan of operation - an utter dependence upon God and GOD HAS BLESSED!

In 1974, the church burned the mortgage on their present building. They have since then begun construction on a \$400,000 sanctuary and office complex addition. It is thrilling to see what the Lord is doing and that which He will yet do. God is faithful!

Xenia Pastors

Fellowship

Pastors of the Xenia Area Fellowship gathered together on November 2nd at the Xenia Y.M.C.A. The meeting was opened by Chairman Albert Tassell with devotions from Romans 13. This was followed by a time of prayer.

Plans were made to have a Christmas banquet on December 6 at the Madera Manor in Cincinnati for the pastors and their wives.

Brother Jim Neeley gave a report concerning the Youth for Truth committee and their plans for our young people.

The January meeting will be held the first Tuesday in January. Dr. Paul Entner will be the guest speaker. He will be speaking on the general topic of relationships in the home and family.

Churches In Need Of Pastors

The following churches in our OARBC fellowship are, as of this writing, without pastors. Let us be much in prayer for them as this is a critical time.

- Cincinnati, Ohio - Sycamore Baptist Church
- Columbus, Ohio - Pine Hills Baptist Church
- Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio - Graham Road Baptist Church
- Dayton, Ohio - Blessed Hope Baptist Church
- Galion, Ohio - First Baptist Church
- Gallipolis, Ohio - First Baptist Church
- Garrettsville, Ohio - Troy Baptist Church
- Lower Salem, Ohio - Road Fork Baptist Church
- Medina, Ohio - First Baptist Church
- Pataskala, Ohio - Bible Mission Baptist Church
- Springfield, Ohio - Southgate Baptist Church
- Stryker, Ohio - First Baptist Church
- Twinsburg, Ohio - First Baptist Church
- Warren, Ohio - Champion Baptist Church.

A Missionary Conference Idea

Graham Road Baptist Church Theme: "Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord?"

Our Annual Missionary Conference this year took on new proportions. We had several of those we support home on furlough and declared OCTOBER A MONTH OF MISSIONS. We began the first Sunday with Rev. Carl Barton, BMM, Missionary to Australia as our speaker for the day. The children's departments stretched a clothesline across their room and for two previous Sundays had been bringing in socks for the male members of the Barton family. What a colorful sight!

The next week our Pastor brought a message with the Missionary emphasis. He challenged us to help supply our missionaries' needs. A list was circulated among the adult classes to sign up to bring in items for MEN, large or small. Service after service items began to come in. . . Tools, a table jig saw, shorts, T-shirts, shirts, ties, more socks, etc.

The following week Dr. Raymond Buck, BMM Foreign Secretary, came to us on Friday evening for a carry in dinner and ministered to us afterward. On Saturday evening we had a youth emphasis night. Dr. Buck spoke to us and the young people presented a Play, "The Challenge of the Cross". A very effective presentation of the real meaning of Carrying your Cross for Christ. Sunday was a real treat as Dr. Buck opened himself to questions in the Adult Sunday School classes and gave challenging messages throughout the day.

The next Sunday we were privileged to have Dr. Ronald Snearly, soon to go to Chad Africa under BMM, minister to the adults while his wife, Dr. Martha Snearly, an Eye Surgeon, showed slides to the Children's part of the Sunday School. The people brought in eyeglass frames, aspirin, and other medical supplies for them to take Africa.

The last Sunday we were ministered to by Rev. Bob Brennan, BMI Brazil, Jewis Evangelism. He challenged us to remember to witness to the Jews. In the Conference a number of young women responded to the call for service.

Grand Rapids

Bible Conference

The Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary will be holding their 18th Annual Bible Conference February 21 through 25. Conference friends are encouraged to mark these special days on their calendars as a must!

The Conference messages are always refreshing, the fellowship is blessed, the clinic sessions are instructive and challenging and the music is superb.

Mainline speakers this year include Dr. Lehman Strauss, Dr. Fred Brown, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, Dr. Wilbert Welch (President), Alumnus Dave Egner and faculty members Dr. John Wilson and Dr. Warren Faber.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Christmas And Its Customs

In visiting Bethlehem you discover some customs that have been built up there. In Germany, England and our own country certain customs have grown up there and here. The important thing is that we do not forget its origin and purpose. In reading Washington Irving's essay on Christmas it seemed worthwhile to quote some of it that you too might enjoy his thoughts.

"Of all the old festivals, however, that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment.

The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring. They dwell on the beautiful story of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement. They gradually increase in fervour and pathos during the season of Advent, until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good-will to men. I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral (or simple chapel) filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony.

It is a beautiful arrangement, also derived from the days of yore, that this festival, which commemorates the announcement of the religion of peace and love, has been made the season for gathering together of family connections, and drawing closer again those bands of kindred hearts which the cares and pleasures and sorrows of the world are continually operating forth in life, and wandered widely asunder, once more to assemble about the paternal hearth, that rallying-place of the affections, there to grow young and loving again among the endearing mementos of childhood. . . . Heart calleth unto heart: and we draw our pleasures from the deep wells of living kindness, which lie in the quiet recesses of our bosoms: and which when resorted to, furnish forth the pure element of domestic felicity. (This time provides the true believer with great opportunities to declare his faith and invite others to know his Savior.)

It brought the peasant and the peer together, and blended all ranks in one warm generous flow of joy and kindness. The old halls of castles and manor-houses resounded with the harp and the Christmas carol, and their ample boards groaned under the weight of hospitality. . . . One of the least pleasing effects of modern refinement is the havoc it has made among the hearty old holiday customs. . . . The world has become more worldly. There is more of dissipation, and less of enjoyment. Pleasure has expanded into a broader, but a shallower stream, and has forsaken many of those deep and quiet channels where it flowed sweetly through the calm bosom of domestic life. Society has acquired a more enlightened and elegant tone; but it has lost many of its strong peculiarities, its homebred feelings, its honest fireside delights. The traditional customs of golden-hearted antiquity, its feudal hospitalities, and lordly wassailings, have passed away with the baronial castles and stately manor-houses in which they were celebrated. . . . Shorn, however, as it is, of its ancient and festive honours, Christmas is still a period of delightful excitement. . . .

It is gratifying to see that home feeling completely aroused which seems to hold so powerful a place in every (English) bosom. . . . Stranger and sojourner as I am in the land -- though for me no social hearth may blaze, no hospitable roof throw open its doors, nor the warm grasp of friendship welcome me at the threshold, ---yet I feel the influence of the season beaming into my soul from the happy looks of those around me. . . ."

As we gather together in our bough decorated churches and homes it behooves us to remember He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So let us give hospitality to the stranger in our midst for did He not also say, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Luke 25:40. So let us make room for others a Christmas Custom of our hearth and home.

Missionary

Prayer Line

At the Women's Missionary Union State meeting, October 19, in the Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Mrs. Milton Barkley reported concerning the MISSIONARY PRAYER LINE. This now includes 42 women representing 41 churches. It is proving most effective.

Ladies having special prayer requests concerning missionaries should contact Mrs. Barkley at (614) 732-4566. She, in turn, will see that the request gets under way. . . .reaching all 42 women. In this way, many are enlisted to pray. Remember - PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

Canton Area

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North Bethel Group

The North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship met at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo on November 4th. The services began at 10:00 a.m. and carried on through until 3:00 p.m.

The theme for the day was - "I have laid the foundation". Mrs. Jan Jacobs, President, presided and Mrs. Helen Lawhead was the song leader. The ladies were blessed by the special music of the Pastors' Wives Trio from the Host church.

Over 200 ladies answered the Roll Call with Faith Baptist Church of Elida and Oregon Baptist Church ladies in a tie for the trophy.

Miss Ruth Hege was the guest speaker. In giving her testimony she told of how God is using her in her "retirement". Sergie Umbaugh spoke giving some suggestions for "having the handle of your life" ready and available for use, to the Lord, in retiring years as a woman of Christ. Rev. Earl Umbaugh gave an excellent message on "Our Baptist Heritage". Rev. Mark Chandler, Pastor of the new work in Delaware, gave his testimony.

The North Bethel Ladies have taken as their new project . . . to show "We care about Delaware" . . . enough to help them get into a new location as the Lord leads them. They praise the Lord for victory in their Alaska Eagle River project.

Their next meeting will be April 7, 1977 at the First Baptist Church, Findlay, Ohio.

Bethany Fellowship

The fall meeting of the Bethany Women's Missionary Fellowship was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Hubbard, Ohio.

The ladies of the host church provided a delicious salad luncheon. There were 106 present. Election of officers was held. New officers are: President - Mrs. Kathy Barkley (Calvary Baptist Church, Hubbard); Vice President - Mrs. Dorothy Rider (Independent Baptist Church, North Jackson); Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Eleanor Milhoan (Independent Baptist Church, North Jackson) and Advisor - Mrs. Clara Wolford (Levittsburg Baptist Church, Levittsburg).

Mrs. Mary Leitch was soloist for the afternoon meeting. Special speaker was Mrs. Carol Middleton of Gibsonia, Penn. (Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions). She showed slides and gave an interesting talk about their work. She and her husband (Rev. Donn Middleton) and their two daughters will be moving soon to Deerfield, Illinois to serve the Lord there.

We were blessed having Missionary Florence Houck with us. The Bethany project for this year is to contribute to the Cedarville Organ Fund.

Our next meeting will be held in January at the First Baptist Church, McDonald, Ohio.

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Bethel Area

NORTH BETHEL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, November 4, Thursday morning the women began to assemble, excitedly anticipating a good day of blessing, fellowship and information and they were not disappointed.

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Stratton L. Hole

A number of years ago, your editor was privileged to hold special meetings in the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church of East Liverpool, Ohio. At that time, Rev. John L. Moosey (now at Whipple Ave. Baptist Church, Canton) was pastor. The present pastor is Rev. Clyde R. Albertson.

During our week of meetings, we were privileged to stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hole and their children. They were most gracious - very kind. It was easy learning to love them all.

Recently, their son, Stratton Louis Hole, was killed in an automobile accident. Strat was a junior at Beaver Local High School and a member of the golf team. He was a member of Pleasant Heights Baptist Church and was most active in their youth group.

How true it is that - "We sorrow not as those who have no hope." The following are two articles - one a letter written by the parents and the other by Mrs. Betty Beagle who also is a member of the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church. We believe YOUR life will be challenged through the reading of these testimonies.

THE LETTER FROM THE PARENTS

Monday, October 18, 1976

Dear Friends,

Even as I date this letter, I realize Strat has spent nine days in the presence of the Lord. But in the light of Eternity, it is only a moment.

We have three girls; Strat was our only boy. We prayed for a boy before he was born, and the Lord answered that prayer by letting us have him here on this earth 16 years. And now, with Job, we can say, "The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Strat was killed on Saturday morning. The very next morning we began to see public decisions in our church; some to be saved and others to rededicate their lives to the Lord. Then we began hearing of many other decisions in other churches in the area. Yesterday morning our church altar was lined with precious men, women, boys and girls; some to be saved and others to rededicate their lives to the Lord. And this is only the beginning. When we prayed for a revival so many times, we did not know that the Lord would take Strat Home. But if only one Soul had been saved through his death, I rejoice in Strat's Homegoing. I believe

far more can be accomplished through his death than ever could be through his life.

Yes, we will miss him. We have many precious memories of him - especially we are thankful for the day he accepted Christ as his Saviour. We are glad for the many times we had to discipline him, and also tried to direct him in the ways of the Lord.

We have dedicated ourselves to the Lord until that day when we see Jesus first of all, and praise Him for His love, mercy and perfect will. After that, we would like to sit down and talk with our son, and brother.

In Jesus Name,

Don, Shirley, Adell, Tina
& Janell Hole
10578 Sprucevale Rd.
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MRS. BEAGLE'S ARTICLE

How do I begin? Today, October 9, tragedy struck our church family; at least that's our first reaction. One of our teenagers was tragically and suddenly taken away from us to be with the Lord; he was killed in an automobile accident.

Thank you, Lord. Strange that I say that? No, he wasn't my son; he was my brother-in-Christ though, and I loved him as did many, if not all who knew him. Why did so many love a teenager in today's mixed-up, rotten world? Oh... just because he always made you happy. He was a joker, he teased, he played pranks and joked a lot; but if you needed a helping hand, he was there. I know what he wasn't though, and that was resentful and rebellious. You see, our's is a normal church, too. We have kids and adults in our church just like you do.

Yes, God could have taken any of us, if He chose, but He has a purpose in all things - Romans 8:28. Why He took one of our best may remain a mystery until we meet again; but why He didn't take our child, we all have opinions. Take notice that I said one of our best, because we are fortunate to have other good Christian young people too. This is where we have to see what purpose this is to serve in our lives. Let's ask ourselves some questions.

Are we close to our children? If God takes one, are we going to be ashamed of how they left our homes this morning? Did we yell, as usual, or did we lovingly bid them goodbye? Are we training them to live for the Lord - Proverbs 22:6, or teaching them to straddle the fence through our own examples? Are we holding bitterness in our hearts, as parents, over something someone has said or done to hurt our child, when we know we should talk it out and forgive 70 times 7?

Perhaps, if we only search our hearts we'll find that we're the cause, not another Christian, of our children's problems. But then we don't have anyone to hang our mistakes on, do we? Maybe we won't

The Step Of Commitment

John and Debbie are a young married couple just completing their second year of Bible college. Recently they made it known publicly that they believe God wants them as missionaries in Alaska and have committed themselves to that goal.

Since there are so many young people seeking the Lord's will for their lives, I thought it would be good to share this testimony of John and Debbie. It just may be that their experience will be used of the Lord to bring His direction into your life.

Eight years before entering Bible college, Debbie became interested in missions and even told the Lord that she would be a missionary some day if He wanted her to be one. A few years went by and she met John. Soon, John and Debbie were dating and sharing their thoughts with each other regarding the Lord's work.

John had been in military service where he had had the opportunity to visit Alaska. Even though John had traveled extensively elsewhere Alaska seemed to stand out in his thoughts. In fact, surprisingly to him, he found himself time and time again not only thinking about Alaska but also picturing himself as serving the Lord there in that northern state.

Shortly before Bible school, John and Debbie were united in marriage. As they began their studies preparing for whatever God had in store for them, they became increasingly interested in Alaska. They studied maps, learned the names of missionaries working there, became familiar with their mission boards, and just tried to pick up as much information as they possibly could about Alaska. Two years went by, and the burden for Alaska did not slacken in any way but on the contrary increased. They had no outstanding experience they could put their fingers on that could possibly be interpreted as a call, but rather it was simply a heavy burden on their hearts for the people of Alaska. They would ask themselves over

even be able to handle the guilt though.

This is a short visit here on earth for some of us. Do we have time for hate or bitterness? Can this tragedy be turned into a blessing to accomplish what God has intended? Search your hearts, Christians, we may be next... THEN WHAT?

The really great part is that the ones who will miss him the most, are comforting us and easing our hurt. You know who that is - yes, his parents, our Deacon Don Hole, his wife Shirley, and sisters Adell, Tina, and Janelle.

Oh, yes, since I wrote the first part of this story, the funeral services were held. It was one of the biggest funerals in our city. Approximately five hundred attended the service and many hearts were touched by Stratton's death. Some of his classmates have come to know the Lord through this, many have made decisions, and many things will not be known until we meet again.

and over again, "Is that enough to go there as missionaries?"

Recently three Baptist Mid-Missions' personnel appeared on campus for the annual college Missionary Conference. One was an appointee to Holland, another an appointee to Australia, and I was the third, representing the Baptist Mid-Missions Home Office staff.

The appointee to Australia spoke on the work of the Holy Spirit. The appointee to Holland spoke on planting and harvesting. The Lord led me to speak on the subject of "Direction from God and Obedience to that Direction."

Once again Alaska came sharply into focus in the minds of John and Debbie as they sat for a week under the ministry of the conference personnel. I recall saying to the students, "It is God who has burdened you for a particular place. It is God who keeps reminding you of that land and its people. You have but one course to take and that is to respond to that direction. If God has something else for you, He will not slam the door on your fingers and toes but will show you in His own perfect and wonderful way." That day in class John and Debbie looked at each other both knowing what was the next step for them to take. It was commitment to His will for Alaska. John had been in the construction business before Bible school days. This could be his potential ministry on the mission field.

One day after one of the mission sessions, John and Debbie hurried home, knelt together in their little apartment and committed themselves to the Lord for a ministry in Alaska. Immediately their hearts were filled with joy and the peace that comes from God following an act of obedience. The next day John shared their decision with the college students. You could hear students saying, "Amen!" and "Praise the Lord!" from all over the room as hearts joined together in rejoicing with them for their decision.

As I was leaving campus after the conference, John and Debbie came to me to thank me for the ministry I had there among them that week. My eyes filled with tears of joy as Debbie looked at me and said with a big smile, "Oh how happy we are since we committed ourselves to the Lord for His service in Alaska! We thank God for you three men and the wonderful way He used you to speak to our hearts. It is wonderful to experience God's perfect peace, knowing that we are in His will." By V. Ben Kendrick

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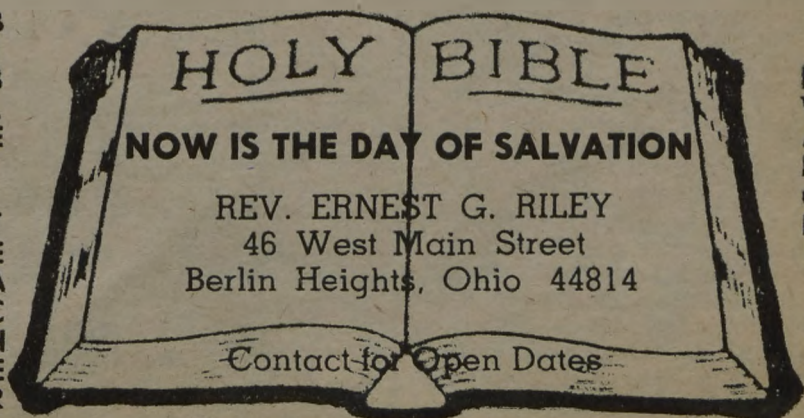
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National Informissions Conference—1976

The dates of the National Informissions Conference are December 27 - 31, 1976. This is the Second Annual Conference and will be held on the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Approximately 75 speakers will take part in the INFORMISSIONS '76 program. Baptist missionary personnel from around the world will present the challenge of missions to over 1,000 college-age adults.

Registrations are now being received. The registration fee is \$15.00 to hold a reservation. The balance of \$50 to be paid at the time of registration. This sum of \$65 entitles a person to campus housing, meals, workshop outline notebook and workshop admission. It is to be understood that the \$15 is not refundable. It is possible to attend the conference by paying a total of only \$30 if the individual can care for their own housing and meals. In either case, an advance sum of \$15 must be sent in registering to attend.

We submit here the proposed program for this exciting conference.

Theme: The Son shall make them free!

The morning plenary sessions will deal with the question, What has been accomplished in missions to this point of time? The evening sessions will speak to the question, What needs to be done from this point?

Monday, December 27

7:00 p.m. Keynote Address
Dr. J. Don Jennings

Subject: Based on conference theme

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 Bible Study: Dr. David Clark

10:00 Plenary session: Dr. Robert Gilbert
Subject: What are we doing in evangelism and church planting?

11:00 Plenary session panel
1:30 Six simultaneous workshops
2:40 Six simultaneous workshops
7:00 Message: Dr. John Millheim
Subject: What should we do? What is the task? (The task in context)

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 Bible Study: Dr. David Clark

10:00 Plenary session: Rev. Jesse G. Eaton
Subject: What are we doing in instructing believers?

11:00 Plenary session panel
1:30 Workshops
2:40 Workshops
7:00 Message: Rev. William R. Fusco
Subject: What should we do? Why? (The lostness of man)

Thursday, December 30

9:00 Bible Study: Dr. David Clark

10:00 Plenary session
Rev. William Commons
Subject: What are we doing in social action?

11:00 Plenary session panel
Afternoon open for free time and special interest meetings.

7:00 Message: Dr. Paul A. Beals
Subject: What should we do? How? (The lateness of the hour)

Friday, December 31

9:00 Bible Study: Dr. David Clark
10:00 Plenary session: Third World speaker,
Rev. Antolin Zamar

11:00 Plenary session panel
1:30 Workshops
2:40 Workshops
7:00 Message: Dr. Wendell Kempton
Subject: What should I do? (Personal involvement)

9:00 Break time
11:00 Watchnight commitments
Musical; oral interpretation
Commitment time:
Rev. Donald Trott, II, presiding

WORKSHOPS FOR INFORMISSIONS '76

(Each workshop repeated in second hour of day scheduled)

Tuesday, December 28

A Woman's Role in Missions Today
The Ecumenical Context of Missions Today
Campus Ministries in Missions Today
Preparing for a Missionary Career Today
The Role of Mass Media in Missions Today
Communication Across Cultures in Missions Today

Wednesday, December 29

The Role of Sending Churches in Missions Today
Language Learning and Linguistics for Missions Today
Recognition and Training of National Leadership Today
The Role of the Specialist in Missions Today
Qualifications for a Missionary Career Today
Missionary Family Life in Missions Today

Friday, December 31

The Role of National Churches Today
Application Procedures to a Mission Board Today
The Role of MAP/Short Term in Missions Today
The Role of Home Missions Today
Ethnic Groups in Missions Today
The Benefits of Baptist Mission Boards

A Young Person Looks At 'Death'

Editor's Note: In our November issue we introduced Miss Sharon Lahaie. We stated that she is presently attending High School in Jackson, Michigan. Her article last month was on "LIFE". This month she writes on the subject of "DEATH". She wrote these articles as an assignment in her English class. At the time these articles were written she was 16 years old. We feel she shows real depth for a teenager.

—DEATH—

Death is my subject today. In the dictionary death is defined as: (1) the end of life, (2) the annihilating power personified, usually represented as a skeleton, (3) state of being dead, (4) extinction, (5) the time at which a person dies, (6) manner of dying, (7) loss of spiritual life.

Death is usually a very unhappy time for most people. It is the end. Death for some means escape from what they think is a worthless world. For others death may be a time of "satisfaction and relief" at seeing a certain person finally gone.

First of all, where did death originate? Secondly, where is its end? We have to go back to the book of beginnings to find where death began. That book is Genesis. Death is first referred to in Genesis 2:17; 3:3. The word there means a spiritual death and a physical death. Because of Adam's sin, he died a spiritual death and,

therefore, had to die physically. That is where death originated. So how come we have to die because he sinned? In Romans 5:12, 14 it says: "Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men (you and me), for that all have sinned: Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgressions, who is the figure of him that was to come." I think those last two answer the question fully.

Lastly, where is its end? Death was conquered when Christ rose from the grave. (Matthew 28:6) But death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire at the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:14) That is where death ends. Now, I tell all this because it is what I believe. I don't fear death

Cedarville College News

HOME COMING

Homecoming '76 was held on the campus of Cedarville College the week-end of October 15-17. This year's activities were centered around the theme, "A Declaration of Interdependence," acknowledging our dependence upon one another and upon the Lord in carrying out His work.

The highlight of the week-end was the Friday evening dedication of the new 2000-seat chapel. Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, the National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, spoke at the service.

Saturday morning the student body and the many campus visitors and alumni viewed a bicentennial parade down Main Street in Cedarville, followed by a lawn concert given by college and community groups.

An alumni awards luncheon was served at noon, followed by the alumni soccer game -- the "old pro's" against this year's junior varsity team.

The Homecoming soccer game with Denison University, after two overtimes, ended in a 0-0 tie. During half-time the 1976 Homecoming queen, Lynn Beck, a senior Biology major from Saugerties, New York, was presented with her court.

The day concluded with a concert of classical and sacred selections by Denis Moffat, pianist.

Sunday morning brought the special activities to a close, as a Bible class and the morning worship service featured alumni speakers with a special number by the alumni choir.

SWORDBEARERS

"Just Who Do You Think You Are?" was the main topic of discussion during the recently held 1976 Swordbearers Conference at Cedarville College. As in previous years, the Swordbearers Conference was a blessing to the participants, who this year enjoyed the

in a physical sense because I have claimed a promise God gave to me in Philippians 1:21, which says: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." ("For to me, living means opportunities for Christ, and dying -- well, that's better yet!" Living Bible) To me that says it all, because for ME to live does mean more opportunities to share Christ, and dying means I'll be with the one who died for me! I don't have to worry about dying, because I will go to be with Christ in heaven when I die. I have already conquered death in a spiritual sense when I accepted Him into my life. I crucified my sins on the cross with Christ and He now lives within me. (Galatians 2:20)

use of the new chapel, as well as special music by the 1976 Summer Swordbearers team and a dramatic/musical presentation by the school's Music Department. Evangelist Paul Dixon and Dr. Stanley Ballard, Professor of Psychology at Cedarville College, were special speakers.

MINI-INFORMISSIONS

"Ye are Witnesses of These Things" was the theme of the first MINI-INFORMISSIONS conference held on the Cedarville College campus November 12 and 13. Participants from several states gathered on the Cedarville College campus November 12 and 13. Participants from several states gathered to enjoy group sessions, workshops, AV presentations, displays, and literature made available by five fundamental Baptist mission agencies.

Rev. Frank Hartwig, from ABWE; Rev. Leigh Adams, from BMM; Rev. Larry Vincent, from HBM; Rev. David Dunkin, from FBHM; and Don Ross, from EBM, each spoke on the theme, "Ye Are Witnesses. . . ." Those attending the conference had the opportunity for personal interviews with experienced missionaries, missionary candidates, and staff personnel from the mission boards.

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The Word Of Completeness. . . Col. 2:9-10

The passage in Col. 2:9-10 is incontrovertibly great, and by the assertion of the truth in v.9, the Apostle Paul demonstrates that all the philosophical views which strip Christ of His sovereign deity are empty deception. Every religious theory and system which do not confess the whole sum and substance of deity residing in Christ, and do not exalt Him to the supreme position of eternal God, and acknowledge Him as true God-Man are refuted once for all by this remarkable statement. Christ is no mere emanation from the supreme God, but "all the fulness of the Godhead." All the eternal, infinite perfections and attributes of God are in Him. This fullness has always dwelt in Him, dwells in Him now, and will dwell in Him forever. Moreover it dwells in Him "bodily" - i.e. conditioned now as to its manifestation and communication by His present sacred bodily state. It is in Him not only as the Son, but as He is - the Son Incarnate. Nor is it limited and confined by the fact that He "became flesh and dwelt among us". The adverb "bodily" (*sōmatikōs*) modifies the verb "dwelleth" (*katoikei*) - "dwells bodily," and stresses the manner of the indwelling: it is bodily. It is not mystical, not spiritual, not only in the spirit of Christ - but in His whole human nature. He is the God-Man, true God and true Man at once, no less, and all who do not confess Him as such are not of God, but of the spirit of antichrist.

But the blessedness of this great and wonderful truth of the Lord's person is brought directly down to us by Paul's next statement in v. 10, "And ye are complete in Him." We who know Him, who have received Him as our Saviour and God, are His, and He is joined to us and we to Him. He is in us and we are in Him. His fullness is for us who belong to Him. His fullness is for us as though we are immersed in it and filled with it. In Him we have been filled and are now full with all His blessed fullness. Let us behold this, and be aware of it, and realize its truth as never before.

The word rendered "complete" in v. 10 is derived from the same root as the expression "fullness" in v. 9. It is from the word *plērōma*, which describes a fulness which fills to the fullest, a filling which makes complete in every particular, the realizing of a perfect consummation. It speaks to us in this life of a filling up to the very top so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure. It assures the saved of the reality of that union with our Lord Jesus Christ, which - though we may not understand it all - assures us nonetheless that we

are filled to the full with all that our blessed Lord is in Himself, and all that He bestows and supplies.

This grand word is not very common in the Papyri, but it may be illustrated by a note from Papyrus Petr III, 43:12, 240 B.C., in which a subordinate leader writes to his chief: "You wrote to me not to withdraw the whole company (to *plērōma*) before they had finished the work." The verb form occurs quite frequently however. In Papyrus Oxy XII, 1489:5, late 3 A.D., a man writes to a friend: "You wrong me about the money which you owed to Agathodaemon; I have paid him in full" (*peplērōka*). There is a note in another Papyrus in which a man says: "Your debt to me is fully paid and more too!" (*peplērōmai*).

The Septuagint Version uses the word a number of times. Psm. 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness (*plērōma*). . ." In Psm. 49:12, we read: "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine and the fullness (*plērōma*) thereof." The Psalmist says in Psm. 96:11, "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness (*plērōma*) thereof." Jer. 8:16 speaks of the "land and all there is in it (to *plērōma autēs*). 1 Chron. 16:32 says, "Let the sea roar and the fullness (to *pleromati*) thereof." It is interesting to note that Isa. 40:4 has the verb form in the statement: "Every valley shall be exalted (*plērōthēsetai*). . ." And in Jer. 13:12, "Every wineskin shall be filled (*plērōthēsetai*) with wine. . ." Haggai 2:8 has the Lord's declaration: "And I will fill (*plērōsō*) this house with glory. . ."

The noun, *plērōma*, occurs five times in the New Testament, including the notable text in Col. 2:9, 10. Paul says, as recorded in 1 Cor. 10:26, "For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness (to *pleroma*) thereof." The Apostle prays as recorded in Eph. 3:14-19, that all saints may know the love of

Christ which passeth knowledge, "that ye might be filled (*plērōthete*) with all the fullness (*plērōma*) of God." John tells us: "And of His fullness (*pleromatos*) have all we received, and grace for grace." And then we note the words of the great passage in the text, Col. 2:9, 10, "And ye are complete ("full", *este peplērōmenoi*) in Him." Our Christian life is in union with Christ, and the enjoyment of the fullness which that union with Him assures. Therefore there can never be a lack of supply - Psm 23:1, Septuagint Version, "The Lord shepherds me, nothing good shall fail to me." Just so far as we rely upon Him, and draw upon Him, and yield to Him, we realize our wealth and all the fullness we have in Him, and we are filled in fruition with what already fills us in potency. United thus to Him, and filled with such fullness in Him - what need do we have to turn to a lower range of sources for our needs?

Being complete in Christ means that in this fullness we have, everything, all we need spiritually for spirit and body, and all we need materially for sustenance and supply in this present life. There is not a single need that remains to be supplied by human philosophy and the schemes and religious theories designed in accord with the traditions of men and according to the elementary things of this world-age. When we are in union with Christ in whom all the fullness in the Godhead dwells, we are made full to the limit. Without Christ, we have no hope, nothing. In Him, we have all fulness, everything - even far beyond our knowledge. To the Corinthians, Paul wrote: "In everything ye are enriched by Him. . . .so that ye come behind in no gift. . ." (1 Cor. 1:5, 7). In Christ we have pardon, peace, provision, preservation; faith, love hope, holiness, and the certainty for the future. We have grace and mercy for every day of living and serving. We have divine separation from the pollution and power of sin, and strength to resist its claims on us. We have a resurrection-life, and we have the sympathetic and compassionate care of a Saviour who has lived our life before us and who knows our case, our life-situations, our circumstances, and thus can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities - in fact, in all our afflictions He is afflicted. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord de-

livereth him out of them all." So, it is in Him that we are complete - filled with all fulness, and this is true for the weakest, most insignificant saint. But we need to remember that it is only so long as we abide in Him (1 Jno. 2:28a) that we continue to be blessed by this fullness. We cannot bear away our supply, as one might a full bucket from the well, and keep it full. The grace will begin to trickle out when we forget, or neglect the great facts of our union with Christ Jesus the Lord. We need the whole fulness of Christ to draw from. It is all there in Him for each of us who knows the Lord and is known by Him. Let us draw freely.

Editor's Schedule

Jan. 2-9	Barton Rd. Bapt. Church LakeWorth, Florida
Jan. 16	Grace Baptist Church Sunbury, Ohio
Jan. 23	First Bapt. Church Gallipolis, Ohio
**Jan. 30	OPEN (as of this writing)
Jan. 31	Council of Twelve meet Graham Rd. Bapt. Church Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
**Feb. 6-11	OPEN (as of this writing)
Feb. 13-20	Haddon Heights Bapt. Church, Haddon Heights New Jersey
Feb. 27-Mar. 6	Calvary Bapt. Church Adrian, Missouri
Mar. 13-20	Bible Bapt. Church Newark, Ohio
Mar. 27-Apr. 1	Valley Bapt. Church River Vale, New Jersey

** Jan. 30 is an open Sunday and Feb. 6-11 are also open dates. We would like to fill these. Interested parties should write - Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385.

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Our OARBC Camp Trustees

At our recent OARBC conference held in the Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, along with other matters of business, new trustees were elected to our Camp Boards. We have three wonderful camps in Ohio - Camp Patmos - Skyview Ranch - Scioto Hills. The trustees of these camps give much of their time and energy in helping forward this work among our youth and they are greatly appreciated. We thought it might be of interest to our readers to know just who these Board Members might be.

In this issue, we are listing the trustees of our SCIOTO HILLS BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP. We will list those of Camp Patmos and Skyview Ranch in our January issue.

SCIOTO HILLS camp trustees are:
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Softball Champions



The Champions!

The girls softball team of the Independent Baptist Church of North Jackson (Rev. Donald Leitch, Pastor) came through once again with a first place trophy for the second time. Their record, to date, for the two years is 26-0.

There are seven churches in the Bethany League. Brother Robert Anderson is the team coach and Brother Del Ripley the team manager. At a Sunday service, Coach Anderson presented Pastor Leitch with the first place trophy to be kept at the church. Individual trophies were given each of the players. Second place went to the First Baptist Church of Niles.

The men's baseball team won second place in their division. Their coach - Thurl Cain - presented their trophy to the church as well.

Shown above is the girl's team. Reading left to right they are: first row - Faye Ripley, Melodie Milhoan, Martha Davis. Second row - Belinda Kowalski, Nancy Miller, Carol Zimmerman, Rhonda Mansell. Third row - Valerie Wood, Becky Houck, Diana Hickman, Diana Bailey, Kaye Anderson, Denise Hollobaugh. Not pictured are Evelyn Klimek, Becky Klimek and Connie Lehotsky.

You Can Help

If your church is thinking in increasing its "Missionary Outreach", let us suggest you consider putting our Scioto Hills Camp on your budget - for 1977 and the years that follow. Perhaps one of your Sunday School classes could use the camp as a special project.

The new Camp Administrator at Scioto Hills is Mr. Gene Crabtree and he is available to present the work of the camp to any and all the churches of our OARBC. In his presentation he shows the work of the camp through the use of beautiful slides and also sets us a beautiful display. He would be able

Two Big Events

As we think of the coming year, let us set aside these important dates -- April 16 and May 14.

The April 16th date is the day when our young people will be going to Cedarville College to participate in our State-wide TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest. In our January issue, we hope to have word concerning the different categories in which our young people may compete. If you have any talent at all you should plan on competing.

The May 14th date is the day of our OARBC State-Wide YOUTH RALLY which will be held again in the beautiful Memorial Auditorium at Columbus, Ohio. Guest speakers will include Mel Johnson, Sketch Ericson and Jim Huckaby.

Watch for further word regarding these two big events in the future issues of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST!

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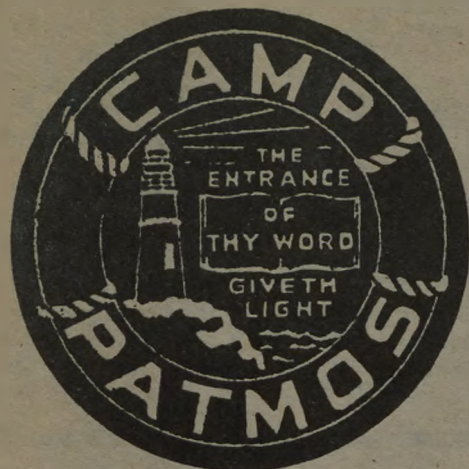
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- July 4 - Senior High
- July 11 - Junior
- July 11 - Junior
- July 18 - Jr. Hi/Sr. Hi
- July 25 - Junior
- Aug. 1 - Junior High
- Aug. 8 - Junior
- Aug. 15 - Jr. Hi/Sr. Hi
- Aug. 22 - Family Camp
- Aug. 29 - Senior Sailors

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Sky View Ranch

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- June 13 - Junior
- June 20 - Junior
- June 27 - Senior High
- July 4 - Family/Novice Wilderness
- July 11 - Senior High
- July 18 - Athletic Co-Ed/Stress Wilderness
- July 25 - Junior High
- Aug. 1 - Junior
- Aug. 8 - Junior High
- Aug. 15 - Junior
- Aug. 22 - Junior High



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March	11-12	For Teens	Speaker - Loren Schenck, Grafton
March	18-19	For Juniors	Speaker - Jim Jeremiah, Lima

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Scioto Hills



James D. Phipps, Director

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- June 27 - Junior High
- July 11 - Junior High
- July 18 - Senior High
- July 25 - Junior
- Aug. 1 - Junior

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