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Accepts Call To New York Church



Rev. Paul G. Williams

Rev Paul G. Williams pastored the Albany Baptist Church of Athens, Ohio for fifteen years. Recently, he accepted a call to pastor the First Baptist Church of Maine, New York. Brother Williams' last Sunday at the Athens church was December 16.

During his time in Athens, the Lord used our brother to guide the church in erecting a new building. Also, the church - under his ministry - entered into fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Brother Williams, a native of Madison, Ohio, is a graduate of the King's College and Gordon Divinity School. Her served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kingsfield, Maine prior to his coming to Athens.

The Williams have five children. Evelyn is a High School Senior and is planning to attend Cedarville College in the fall. Faith is a High School Freshman, Grant an eighth grader and twins - Tad and Beth who are now in the third grade.

Pastor Williams says - "We have greatly enjoyed the fellowship of the OARBC and the West Moriah Fellowship and we rejoice in seeing the Lord's blessing as evidenced by the development of the O.I.B., the camps and the new church program which we have seen in our years at Albany Baptist."

Let us pray for our brother and his family as he begins this new work.

We Remind You Again

This is the month in which the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary will be holding their Eighteenth Annual Bible Conference. The dates are February 21 through February 28. Be sure to read the large ad on the back page of this issue.

As we have stated before -- the Conference messages are always refreshing, the fellowship is blessed, the clinic sessions are instructive and challenging and the music is superb.

PLAN ON ATTENDING!

Pastor Hugh Hall Improving Slowly

On January 12, Dr. Hugh Hall, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio returned to the hospital in Columbus where he had undergone serious heart surgery. This trip, however, was for a check-up.

Whereas our brother has made some recovery, he still has a way to go. It can be said that he is "on the mend". His doctor has advised him to get to a warmer climate for a bit of a vacation - a time of rest. The cold air (and we've had it this winter!) is not good for one who has undergone such surgery. Brother Hall and his dear wife, Helen, will be going to Florida (near the Naples area) shortly and plan on remaining there for at least three weeks. It is believed that the warm climate and this time of relaxation will build him up physically. Let us pray for him that his recovery will be full and complete. Our God is able!

Association Of Baptists For World Evangelism Announces New Post



Dr. William J. Hopewell

The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism announced recently that the position of Executive Administrator for South America, Europe, and Africa has been assigned to Dr. William Hopewell, Jr. The new executive duties encompass administrative activities in eight countries where ABWE is ministering. Dr. Hopewell will assume the administrative responsibilities immediately, serving more than 250 ABWE mission-

New Program Director At Scioto Hills Camp



Mr. Gary Storm

Scioto Hills welcomes Mr. Gary Storm as Summer Program Director. Gary and his family come to us from Verona, Wisconsin by way of Cedarville College. While in Wisconsin, the Storms were active in the youth work of Memorial Baptist Church under the ministry of Rev. Albert Tassell. The Storms also have five years experience with the Awana Program.

During the summer of 1976, brother Storm worked as the ranch foreman and as director for the family camp week at Skyview Ranch.

He is presently the wrestling coach at Cedarville College and will be graduating in June.

We welcome brother Storm, his wife Nancy, and their daughters Tammy and Wendy to the beautiful hills of Southern Ohio.

Two Big Events For Our Young People

It won't be long before the young people of our OARBC fellowship will be gathering at Cedarville College to participate in our TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest. Sure hope you young people are working hard. Remember - this year there will not only be competition on a national level but also state as well. For a detailed report concerning the contest (Cedarville College - April 16th). A \$3.00 registration is required. For other information, requirements, and the like, see the JANUARY issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST - Page 5.

In May - the 14th to be exact - youth from all over the State of Ohio will be gathering for our State-wide Youth Rally. This will be held in the Memorial Auditorium - Columbus. Three outstanding guest speakers will be taking part in the program - Mel Johnson, "Sketch" Erickson, and Jim Huckaby.

More detailed information will appear in next month's issue of the O.I.B. Young people - let's make this the best State Youth Rally ever!

North Jackson Church In Building Program



The Newly Proposed Building

The Independent Baptist Church of North Jackson, Ohio (Rev. Donald Leitch, Pastor) is presently engaged in a "building program". Their new edifice will be located on the Ellsworth-Bailey Road in North Jackson. The building will cover approximately 7000 square feet. It will have 16 classrooms, two offices, one storage room, a multi-purpose space for their fellowship hall and a lovely auditorium that will seat 300. Building plans have been prepared by Triangle Consultants, 6054 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio.

Pastor Leitch has been with the North Jackson church for one year and in that time there has been a steady increase in attendance. The Lord truly is blessing! The Sunday School recently held a special "Rally Day" at which they set a record attendance of 269.

Some 55 children and nine adults visited the Parkview Nursing Home in Youngstown, Ohio and ministered to the folk there. Later, they returned to the church for a Christmas party where they enjoyed good food and exchanged gifts. There is much activity going on in the church among both the old and the young.

NOTICE

Assign someone in your church to be responsible in seeing that a copy of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST is placed in the hands of your people each month. Place the paper in the hands of your people as they leave the church on the Sunday morning following your having received your bundle lot. If you need additional copies, they will be sent on request. Write - Don Moffat/Editor, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385.

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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.

A Word Or Two From Your Editor

We are being kept very much on the go during these days. As we reported in last month's issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, your editor's father-in-law, Dr. Robert T. Ketcham suffered a severe stroke. This happened on December 16. Dad Ketcham is now at home in their apartment which is located at 2646 Winnemac Street, Chicago, Illinois. We are most thankful to those of you, who in reading the article, took the time to drop mother and dad Ketcham a line assuring them of your prayers. This has been a source of encouragement and is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Ketcham has had a difficult time. There have been occasions when it seemed like the Lord would suddenly take him unto Himself. Then - again - he would rally and it would seem that he might recover. As of this writing, he is showing some signs of improvement, however, he is still very, very weak and unable to feed himself. We urge our readers to pray for him and for mother Ketcham. . .and for the family. Like I said before - a letter or a card would give encouragement. It is good knowing there are those who care. . .and who pray!

Lois (this is your editor's wife!) has been staying in Chicago (since December 22) helping out in caring for dad. I (your editor!) have been travelling far and wide carrying on our work of evangelism and editing THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST. For part of January I was in Florida. While there I was privileged to see our daughter-in-law and our precious grandchildren. Our son, Jack, is engaged in heavy construction work in Saudi Arabia. Also, while in Florida, I held an eight-day evangelistic meeting for Brother Kenneth Smelser. Ken has many friends in Ohio and they will be glad to know that God is richly blessing his ministry at the Barton Road Baptist Church, Lake Worth, Florida. He has some very lovely people. Their new church auditorium is truly beautiful. I was privileged to stay at the parsonage. Theona, Ken's wife, is a very lovely lady. The Florida sunshine - the delicious oranges and grapefruit - everything was just great. The Lord blessed and gave us a good meeting. It was difficult leaving the sunny south (temperatures around the 80 mark) and return home to the cold, cold north (zero and below....far, far below!!)

On Sunday, January 16, I ministered at the Grace Baptist Church in Sunbury, Ohio. It was a joy to be with Pastor Martin Holmes and his dear wife. . .and with his people. I sat in the adult Sunday School class and thrilled at our brother's Bible teaching. Then on January 23rd, I preached at the First Baptist Church in Gallipolis and on the 30th at the Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls. These two churches are still looking to the Lord to guide in their calling of a new pastor.

Our schedule for the remainder of February, for March and for April is as follows:

- Feb. 6 - Oswego Baptist Church, Oswego, Illinois
- Feb. 13-20 - Haddon Heights Baptist Church, Haddon Heights New Jersey
- Feb. 22 - Speak at Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania - DAY OF PRAYER.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 6 - Calvary Baptist Church, Adrian, Missouri
- Mar. 13-18 - Bible Baptist Church, Newark, Ohio
- Mar. 20-25 - Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton, Ohio
- Mar. 27-Apr. 1 - Valley Baptist Church, River Vale, New Jersey
- Apr. 3- 8 - Charleston Baptist Church, Sharon, Penna.
- Apr. 10-17 - First Baptist Church, Allenwood, Penna.
- Apr. 24-29 - First Baptist Church, Perkasio, Penna.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Take The Initiative Against Despair

How many times in a year have you said, "Every time I open my mouth, I stick my foot in," or "I can't seem to do anything right," or "I feel like crawling into a hole and pulling it in after me", or "Should I quit?" or "Should I resign from all responsibilities?" What is the answer?

There are things that are calculated to depress, things that are of the nature of death (self-pity, self-exaltation, inner-subjective feelings) and in taking an estimate of yourself, always take into account the capacity for depression. If we were never depressed - we should not be alive!

The sense of the irreparable is apt to make us despair and cause us to say, "It is all up now. . .it's no use trying anymore." If we imagine that this kind of despair is exceptional - we are mistaken. It is a very ordinary human experience. (I hope you read the JANUARY "Our Daily Bread". This very idea was handled in a most helpful way.)

Elijah despaired - the angel said, "Arise and eat." (I Kings 19:5) The disciples failed to watch - Jesus said, "Arise, let us be going." Matthew 26:46)

Yes - the disciples in this instance had done a downright unforgivable thing. They had gone to sleep instead of watching with Jesus, but He came with a spiritual initiative against their despair and said, "Rise" . . . and do the next thing. Never let the sense of failure corrupt your new action. Seek forgiveness and make restitution where possible and then - go forward again.

Nothing is ever gained by staying in the "Slough of Despond" we learn from Bunyon's Pilgrim Progress. Christian was not able to help his friend Pliable during this time. Praise God for those who are stronger and who come to our rescue, as did the Evangelist. Those who encourage us to do as Jesus bade His disciples - "Rise, let us be going."

It Works For Us!

Editor's Note: The following - written by Mrs. Dean Henry, Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio - presents some excellent ideas toward having a successful Missionary Conference.

During our Missionary Conference we have a varied format of encounters with our speakers, including an informal kick-off on Friday night mingling with our missionaries, followed by workshops, then a message. Saturday begins with a men/boys breakfast featuring the men missionaries. In the afternoon we have a tea for the women and girls. The evening is for the youth of the church and includes a gym/swim or cookout where they fellowship with the missionaries on an informal basis, followed by a message.

Sunday finds the missionaries in all departments of the Sunday School from Kindergarten age and up, with class time divided into two periods--when the missionaries change rooms and thus get to meet two age groups. The messages of the morning and evening utilize different speakers.

The Ladies tea is a high point in our church-calendar. A committee of six women plan it, dividing responsibilities. Invitations are sent personally to all ladies and girls in the Sunday School, church and related ministries.

For refreshments the ladies sign up to bring either small sandwiches or cookies. The tables are made pretty with net skirts, floral center piece, silver tea service and punch bowl. Mints and nuts are also provided. Our teenagers are posted to keep the tables well supplied. They also provide name tags, for

Two Holy Land Tours

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Umbaugh will be conducting a tour of the Holy Land which will cover a period of eleven days - February 21 through March 3. Parties interested in being a part of this tour should write - Rev. Earl Umbaugh, 2150 Marhofer Avenue, Stow, Ohio - 44224 or phone (216) 688-3241. The cost of this tour is \$999.00

Another tour to the Holy Lands (The Cedarville College Tour) will be under the direction of Dr. James T. Jeremiah and Rev. Lee Turner. This tour runs from March 14 thru March 24 and costs \$910.00. Interested parties should write Holy Land Tour, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio - 45314.

all and corsages for the missionary women and pastor's wife.

We place chairs in four or five circles with a missionary to each circle and one of our ladies acts as hostess to introduce and get the conversation around the work, field, and areas of interest moving in her circle. The Pastor's wife and a key lady or two move about to welcome and encourage all.

In a separate room the main program is carried on with each speaker being responsible to cover some area such as home life, cooking, shopping, household duties of the women on their field, children -- how they play, learn, etc; or they may want to be free to give the main thrust of their particular work.

Appropriate decorations are made for the Conference as a whole and the Tea in particular.

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Coming Events

FEBRUARY 10—Thursday morning the West Moriah Women's Missionary Union will have a special luncheon for the Women's Missionary Officers and Pastor's Wives at STAN'S RESTAURANT, 4333 Westerville, Columbus, Ohio.

APRIL 19—THE OHIO ASSOCIATION SPRING RALLY will be held Tuesday 10:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. Nursery will be provided. This will be held at the SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2111 South Center Blvd, Springfield, Ohio. The speaker will be Mrs. Dorothy Vander Kaay, author and specialist with Women's Missionary Union meetings. COME with some samples of some of your work projects for display.

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April 26 - Canton Area Women's Missionary Union will meet at the Perry Baptist Church, 2425 Perry Drive, S. W., Canton, Ohio - 44706.

Hebron Ladies Meet

The Hebron Women's Missionary Union had a most successful meeting. This was held at the First Baptist Church in Wellington. The ladies of the church received us most graciously. Mrs. Crystal Leonard gave the devotional talk. Mrs. Carol Stagg, missionary to Bangladesh, was our guest speaker. We presented Mrs. Arthur Fetzer, of Baptist Mid-Missions, with a check for the girls' dormitory in Brazil. Mrs. Joyce Ramsey led our Hebron Ladies Choir in some lovely numbers and the Jubilee Singers also provided special music.

Miss Bernice Mick provided a Book Table with a large selection of books. Our new project of library books and shelves for the dormitory was presented by Mrs. Shirley Butler.

Our Spring Rally will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church, 5046 South Broadway, Lorain, Ohio 44052.

Sorry, Wrong Number!

We would call to your attention that in our ad for Rev. Clayton J. Bates we have been giving the wrong area code telephone number. We corrected this in our JANUARY issue but failed to bring it to the attention of our readers. Inadvertently we had been showing Rev. Bates phone number as (614) 928-6231. It should read (and now does) (216) 928-6231. Brother Clayton Bates home address is 623 School Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio - 44221. If you need an able preacher to supply your pulpit and/or do interim pastor work, he is a good man and is available.

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ACROSS THE STATE

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — The Film-“Thief in the Night” was shown at our Watchnight Service on New Year’s Eve. Our Senior High young people took part in a Winter Retreat, January 21-22.

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH — At our special Thanksgiving Day service, we had a Food Shower for Rev. and Mrs. John Baughman. These folk are starting a new work in Athens. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Richards, missionaries to the Mormons (Baptist Mid-Missions) were here to tell us of their work. This was on December 5th.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Robert Vance from Hawaii ministered at one of our Mid-Week Prayer services. We viewed Hal Lindsey’s film-“The Return” at our New Year’s Eve service.

BROOKPARK, MID-BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH — On December 11 we had our annual Christmas Dinner honoring our missionaries. The missionaries attending this dinner were Miss Beth Odor, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hendershot, Miss Lucille Brouillet, and Rev. and Mrs. Philip Sweeney. Brother Michael Jaworski from the Northfield Baptist Church was guest speaker at this dinner. There were 106 present.

CAMBRIDGE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — We had a lovely Christmas program the evening of December 19th. Rev. Melvin Seguire ministered here on December 26. Brother Seguire and his daughter, Virginia, sang for us. We were blessed through their ministry. We took a special Christmas offering which was given to our missionaries. At our New Year’s Eve service we viewed the Moody Science film-“Prior Claim”. Our church also sent a special offering to purchase Gospel Literature to be used in Brazil.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH — On November 21st, our evening service was given over to a special ordination service for our brother, George Rich. Dr. John Balyo, our former pastor, brought the ordination message. An informal reception was held in our Fellowship Hall following this ordination service. Drs. Ron and Martha Searly spoke at our Ladies Missionary Society. They will soon leave for service in the Chad.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH — On Sunday evening, December 19, our choir presented John W. Peterson’s “Born A King”. Hearts were blessed through this presentation.

COLUMBUS, HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH — We had two guest speakers in January—Rev. Leeland Crofts and Rev. James Dersham. Our adults held a Progressive Supper on January 22.

COMMERCIAL POINT, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — On January 23rd, we celebrated our Sixth Anniversary as a church. We rejoice in what God has done during these years. The young people of our church presented a special program and a banquet for our “Golden-Agers”.

DAYTON, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Raymond Bennett, missionary to the Indians, ministered at one of our Mid-Week services. Veteran missionary Victor Barnard will be holding special meetings for us March 27-March 30. Our brother is an excellent preacher.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH — We were privileged to have Rev. Carl Thomason (Baptist Mid-Missions) tell of his ministry in Alabama.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — We appreciated seeing the film-“The Return” at our Watch Night Service on New Year’s Eve. Our Evangelistic Services were held January 9 through January 16. Evangelist Dr. Bill Piper was used of the Lord to touch hearts. Special for these meetings was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Basinger.

GALLIPOLIS, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Don Moffat were with us for the Sunday services of January 23rd. Their ministry was one of blessing.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — We set a goal of \$8,000 for our annual Christmas offering. The Lord blessed! We went beyond our goal-reaching the \$8,500 mark! Thirty-two of our “teens” attended a “Winter Camp” in Michigan. They had a great time. Our pastor, Dr. Richard Snavelly, will be hosting a Holy Land Tour March 3-12. The cost of the trip from New York City is \$895.00. If anyone desires further information, write: Dr. Richard Snavelly, Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 Broad Avenue, Findlay, Ohio-45840.

HINCKLEY, HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH — The Singing Emmanuels with Joe Knight at the keyboard were with us for a special rally on January 15th.

KENTON, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. John Baughman of Baptist Mid-Missions was with us on Wednesday evening, January 19. He is engaged in starting a new church in Athens, Ohio. We are looking forward to our Sixth Anniversary as a church. This will be celebrated on February 14th.

LORAIN, EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH — We were led in special services by Evangelist, Dr. Bill Piper, January 16 through January 23. Rev. and Mrs. Iner L., Basinger were in charge of the music during these days. Their ministry proved a blessing to all. Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Chandler, missionaries to Japan and supported by our church, were guests in our services December 7 and 8. Mrs. Chandler spoke to the Ladies Missionary Society. Brother Gerald Smelser gave us a report of the work of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission. Our Junior and Senior High young people took part in a Winter Retreat held at Skyview Ranch.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH — Evangelist John Canine was with us for special meetings—January 16 through 21. His messages were used of the Lord to speak to hearts. In March we will be having the Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pa. choir. Dr. Jeremiah of Cedarville College will be holding a special conference here—April through April 17.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — At Christmas time, our choir presented the cantata-“Christ is Born”. We viewed the missionary film “Daktar” at our Watch Night Service.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — We hosted the Bethany Youth Rally in December. Brother Jack Willetts, Director of Camp Patmos, was the guest speaker. We had a special Christmas Program on December 19 entitled, “Lights of Christmas”. It proved a blessing.

NORTH JACKSON, INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH — Newly elected officers to our Ladies Missionary Fellowship are: Mrs. Jerry Hardy, Pres.; Mrs. Alice Sally, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Denise Hallobaugh, Secretary and Mrs. Barbara Collier, Treasurer. The Ladies Annual Christmas Banquet was held at the North-Mar Restaurant in Warren, Ohio. There were 42 ladies present. Missionary Gladys Baines of Baptist Mid-Missions was guest speaker. A special gift was sent to the Baptist Children’s Home. Missionaries Florence Houck and Drs. Ron and Martha Searly spoke at our church recently.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH — Our choir sang at the Great Northern Mall on December 19. They sang “The Christmas Story in Candlelight Carols”.

NORTH ROYALTON BAPTIST CHURCH — At Christmas time we had a special program entitled “Birth of Christ”. This was presented by our Junior Church at one of our evening services. We were privileged to have “the Hyatt Family” (appointees to Paraguay-ABWE) at our Ladies Missionary Fellowship meeting. After the meeting, we gave them a love gift of \$100. This was added to a gift of \$1100 given by our church. Mrs. Hyatt is the daughter of our former pastor and his wife—Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Keeler.

NORWALK, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — At Christmas time our Sunday School presented a program entitled-“The Gleam Of A Star”. We saw the film-“In God We Trust” at our New Year’s Watch Night service.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH — Our choir, under the direction of Mr. Jack Payne, presented John Peterson’s cantata-“King of Kings”. This was the evening of December 19. Our Senior High young people made a trip to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky—December 27-28.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — Our hearts were truly blessed as we sat under the ministry of Dr. Allen E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions. The Lord is blessing our work and plans are being made to move on into a building program. More space is needed!

SUNBURY, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Brother Gerald Smelser ministered here recently. His ministry was one of blessing. Also, Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat was with us for a Sunday, Mrs. Moffat, due to the illness of her father, Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, was not able to be present. We thank the Lord for the blessings received through our brother’s preaching.

TALLMADGE, FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH — Our Ambassadors Class joined with our young people for an evening of tabogganing. It was fun! Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Gandre, missionaries to Aruba, were with us January 16 and Miss Ruth Hege, missionary to the Congo, was here January 30.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — At our Watch Night service, we viewed the film-“Survival”. On January 16, we had the film -“The Invasion of Israel”. We will be having our Missionary Conference February 20-23. This year all the missionaries will be from A.B.W.E. They are: Mike Williams (Philippines), Fred Patton (Peru) and Ron Perrine (Bangladesh).

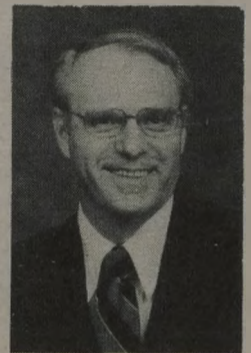
WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — We enjoyed the ministry of Miss Ruth Nephew on Sunday, January 2nd. We were privileged also to have David and Barbara Taylor (and their two children) with us on January 16. We viewed the film-“Daktar” at our Watch Night service.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH — We are presently in a Sunday School contest with the Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth Ohio. Dr. Ron Chadwick was with us January 4 through 6 for a special Bible Conference.

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — We greatly enjoyed the special Christmas cantata presented by our choir. Missionary Fred Patton (ABWE-Peru) ministered here recently on a Sunday and Wednesday.

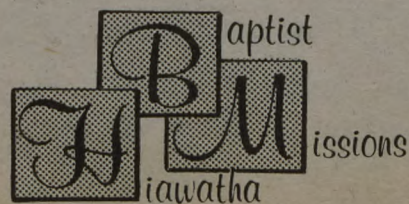
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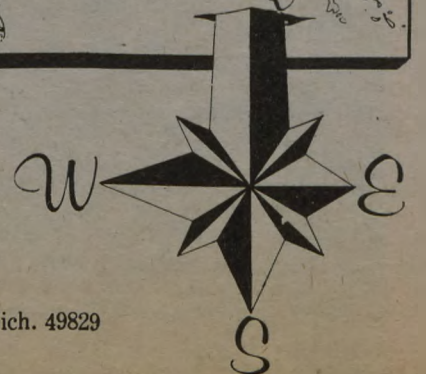


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Cedarville Student Named All-American



Receiving the Award.

Brian Hall, a sophomore at Cedarville College, was recently named All-American at the NAIA national cross country meet in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Here, in Brian's own words, is his testimony.

"Athletics have always been an important part of my life, and I thank God for the ability He has given me in track and cross country. Through running I've gained much that I can be thankful for physically, mentally, and spiritually. I feel that God takes care of His children in His own special way, teaching them through their experiences. The Lord has taught me patience, discipline and respect for other people through my running experiences.

"To be successful in anything one must have support and good sound coaching. The Lord has blessed me greatly with both. I thank the Lord for the wonderful Christian mother and father He has given to me. My parents have always encouraged me and helped to give me the confidence I needed to do the job expected. God has also richly blessed in giving me two of the finest coaches I could have had. Both my high school coach, Tom Priester, and my present coach, Elvin King, have worked very hard with me, not only as a runner, but also as a person. The Lord truly is good, and I thank Him for allowing me to be able to use my talents."

When Brian transferred to Cedarville in the spring quarter of 1975, he already had an impressive high school record: after winning the Eastern State Championship and the New York Cross Country Meet, he placed fifth in the Golden West Invitational and fourth in the National Junior AAU. His senior year he won the New York State cross country 2 1/2 mile championship and the track 2-mile championship.

In his first college track season last spring, Brian was victorious in the 3-mile at the Mid-Ohio Conference, the District 22 NAIA, and the NCCAA. At the national NAIA track meet he finished sixth in the steeple chase.

Cross country was another successful season for Brian, as he won the All-Ohio college division meet and placed third in the university division. He also won the Mid-Ohio Conference and the District 22 NAIA and received the Al Turner Memorial Award for the outstanding cross country runner in the Mid-Ohio Conference.

In commenting on being named All-American, Brian says: "To be named to the 1976 Cross Country All-American team is a great honor for me. Being All-American means that an individual is one of the best in his sport. It means a lot to me because I've worked hard to achieve this goal, and I feel this is one of the greatest things an athlete can achieve."

A Physical Education major, Brian has been an active member of his home church, Bethel Baptist, in Jamestown, New York. His immediate goal is to become All-American in track this spring. He hopes to be able to compete in the 1980 Olympic trials.

"After graduating from Cedarville College I plan to teach physical education in high school. The Lord has given me a real burden to work with young people. I feel I've been blessed with the ability to get across ideas, and I would like to share my experiences and knowledge by working with young people."

Blessing At La Rue Church

The LaRue Baptist Church is pastored by Brother Thomas Chmura. He is presently a student at Cedarville College and is further preparing himself for the Gospel Ministry. Our brother is a pre-seminary major. He has approximately two more years to complete before graduating. Pastor and Mrs. Chmura (Sharon) have two children - Meredyth (age five) and Ryan (age three and one-half).

The town of LaRue has a population of 850 people. The church has been through a split. It has been a member of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches for only a year.

Although Pastor Chmura is able to minister at the church only on week-ends, still the Lord is blessing his ministry there. He has pastored the church for only a little over 20 weeks. During this time, seven new members have been added. Five of these were by letter and two by baptism. There has been a good solid increase in attendance. They now average 33 each Sunday. The young people's groups have grown, also.

Prayer is requested as they continue to wait on the Lord to guide and bless.

A Teenager Writes On 'Love'

I think today's people have misconstrued the meaning of the word love. It is used way too freely between members of the opposite sex. Just because they have a strong attraction to the other does not mean that they are "in love." Love is a feeling that has to be learned and developed. Too many people say "I love you" to someone before it is EVER true. I don't think you can "fall in love". It has to be learned. Here is what I believe love really is:

- (1) it is patient and kind (it doesn't blow its stack because of some little insignificant thing);
- (2) it is never jealous or envious (it doesn't want everything or everybody for its own);
- (3) it is never selfish or rude (it is willing to give to the other anything for their happiness, even at its own sacrifice);
- (4) it does not demand its own way (it is willing to give in cheerfully to the other);
- (5) it is not irritable or touchy (it is able to put aside its own frustrations so as not to upset the other and it does not jump at everything said, as though it were meant to jab);
- (6) it doesn't hold grudges;
- (7) it is never glad about injustice, but is happy when truth wins out (it wants justice and truth to prevail and isn't happy when they don't);
- (8) it is loyal, faithful, and hopeful (it will stand by the other no matter what the cost, it will always be there when the other needs it, it will always expect the best of the other, and always stand its ground in defending the other);
- (9) it goes on forever (it does not just sort of fall apart after a few years. If it is true love - it will weather almost anything.)
- (10) Out of the three: faith, hope and love, love is the greatest (I Corinthians 13)

What I have just written is what I believe true love is. It's no wonder the divorce rate is so high. If you measured these standards of love to what those people thought they had, I bet they wouldn't even half measure up. What they have is not real love. Most people who end up divorcing are not Christians and do not have God's love which can fulfill all the above qualities of love. God's love meets those qualities. Love is of God and therefore you cannot have true love until you experience God's love (1 John 4:7a). Each one of those qualities comes from the Bible and therefore, from God, so it must be true.

Bye!
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V. Ben Kendrick

The challenge of missions is conveyed in a number of ways. One of those used is the printed page, as authors share with millions their heart-felt thoughts on various subjects. We here in America have been blessed with an abundance of good Christian books. One to which I would like to call to your attention is a work done by Mrs. Margaret Laird, "They Called Me Mama." She tells how God's miracle-working love won over both hostile tribes and sceptical officials in the heart of Africa. I want to share with you the Foreward of Mrs. Laird's book written by Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions. Dr. Lewis writes:

"For over fifty years Margaret Laird has served her Lord in the heart of Africa. She entered French Equatorial Africa in 1922 and recounts in the book some of her many experiences in the school of faith. The stories are unforgettable and, in fact, you will find yourself repeating them to others.

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"Walk with her along jungle trails, stand at her side as she ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of others, and observe how, out of the tragedy of her husband's death in Africa, a hospital has been built in Ippy for the glory of the Lord.

"Margaret Laird is a valued and respected member of Baptist Mid-Missions, an organization which has over one thousand missionaries around the world. She was among the first to go out under the board and helped lay foundations which have stood the test of time.

"By those who know her, this book will be treasured greatly and to those who have never had the privilege of meeting her, it will be an introduction to one of God's choice servants."

Yes, dear Readers, Margaret Laird is a bridge between the past and the present in missions. In a simplicity that is refreshing to meet, she has walked with God, expecting Him to perform the miracles which she as a human was unable to do. This book will stir your heart and challenge you for the cause of missions.

A visit to the British crown colony of Hong Kong always impresses the visitor with the role of local government in bringing some order out of a chaotic situation. While the faults may be many, the Hong Kong government has done well with providing some form of housing for the thousands upon thousands who have fled from Communism.

The huge housing estates erected to meet the emergency have become a tool of evangelism. Missions were permitted to have church services if they provided some social service for the Chinese. Thus the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism has initiated rooftop schools and clinics and found them to be the avenue of evangelism they had been hoping for.

In recent years, ABWE's Bill and Sharon Commons established the Kwai Shing Social Service Center and, along with that, a Baptist church.

In a privately-owned apartment complex, Bob and Margaret Paswaters established the Heritage Christian Kindergarten. The latest enrollment of Heritage is 600 Chinese children (three, four and five year olds). They employ several Chinese teachers for the project. Most important is the fact that on the kindergarten premises is also a flourishing Heritage Baptist Church.

ABWE missionaries are now looking ahead to establishing like projects in some housing estates out in the New Territories (next door to Red China). They are hoping to secure government permission shortly. Pray that such efforts will become a blessed reality in the months ahead.

Hearts were saddened on December 12, 1976, at the homegoing of "Dad" Marshall, the father of General Director of Evangelical Baptist Missions, David L. Marshall. He was 80 years old and had faithfully served the Lord for many years and was an active volunteer staff member of EBM.

A print shop is the purpose for remodeling at EBM's home office. The Lord has provided some fine equipment; and Chuck Williams, an appointee for the printing ministry, will soon be printing materials for missionaries all around the world.

Rev. and Mrs. Dave Richards are now on the field in Tombouctou, Mali, West Africa. Mrs. Richards, who had emergency surgery about three weeks before their departure to the field, is doing fine.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Austin, who came home on medical furlough from Martinique due to poor health of Mrs. Austin, have reports from the doctors that Mrs. Austin is very probably suffering from a rare disease which is terminal. She is undergoing additional tests that will either confirm or disprove the present diagnosis. Please remember the Austin family before the Throne of Grace at this time of need.

One of the evidences of God's hand of blessing upon the ministry of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions has been the recent need of organizing a South Central Field Council for the benefit of the good number of missionary-pastors now serving in that area of our country. Another has been the necessity of Church Buildings Committee's going to new office procedures and computer system in the handling of its accounts. Likewise, the Mission church in Melbourne, Florida, where Stanley Smith is missionary-pastor, has experienced growth which has led to the dedication of a second building addition.

Joy Club Director, Virgil Freyermuth, reports that the Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, recently had a rally for its five clubs where 130 children are enrolled, and that full-size, traceable patterns of awards and handwork materials are now being offered through the JOY CLUB paper.

Three new couples from the Mid-western states have been approved and added to the missionary family. They are beginning their deputation with a view of serving first in works in Wisconsin and Iowa.

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AWANA Retreat At Skyview Ranch

An AWANA sponsored High School Retreat will be held at Skyview Ranch on February 18 and 19. Beginning with supper at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, the RETREAT will be followed by 26 hours - packed with fun. There will be tobogganing, bobsledding, horseback riding, individual and group tournaments, and the showing of the film - "The Secret Of Loving". The RETREAT will close Saturday evening with a semi-formal banquet. Our special RETREAT speaker will be Dave Jamerson, AWANA missionary to southern Illinois, who has much to say to teenagers on "Dating and It's Problems."

Pre-registration is \$5.00 which should be sent to: Ken Starett - 41464 Oberlin Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035. Deadline on this is February 16. The balance of \$10.00 should be paid upon arrival at Skyview Ranch. (Shipmate AKX members - \$9.00).

For Men Only

Where are the men?

I suppose "unbelievable" is the word I want to use when I see what is happening in missions in the area of recruitment. It is impossible for me to understand why there are so many men missing in the tremendous task of taking the gospel of Christ to a lost world.

Men! Where are you? Where are the Apostle Pauls who will stand up and be counted for the greatest team ever assembled here on earth? Where are the men who will unreservedly lay their lives on the altar for Him to use as He pleases? Where are the men who have turned deaf ears on His call and have gone their own chosen ways?

There are a great number of women missionaries involved in work that men should be doing. What has happened? Has God stopped calling men to the mission fields? Where are the men?

When we examine the Word of God, we find it unchanged. The Heavenly command to go is still there in its sacred pages. The job descriptions for men are still there. His promises to those who respond are still there. The need is greater today than ever before. People are still dying in their sins, lost without Christ. There is still that blessed message to proclaim. But, where are the men?

No, God has not stopped calling men to serve Him in missions. The sad truth is, men have failed and continue to fail to respond to that Divine call to them.

Where are the men? I pray that some of them are reading these words which come from a burdened heart. I pray that God will use this writing to challenge you to take spiritual inventory and prayerfully consider missions as a possible place of service for you. There are men, lots of men, missing in missions today. One of them could be you.

...V. Ben Kendrick

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'Here's Life America' And The G.A.R.B.C.



Dr. Joseph M. Stowell

I can understand how attractive the present Campus Crusade of "Here's Life America" might seem on the surface and how innocent it might look. However, it does violate the Biblical principle of separation which your Association has held and does hold.

Campus Crusade is not a separated organization. It willingly and openly works with just about any one who will work with it. This includes liberals, modernists and neo-evangelicals.

Dr. Bill Bright, the head of Campus Crusade, was one of the prime movers in Key 73. He was very much involved in this. Our Association, of course, did not participate.

As I understand the program of "Here's Life America" it does not really differ in the basic concept of cooperation from Key 73. Of course in isolated situations it might be slightly different. From all I have learned those who are contacted and are reached are organized into Bible study groups. These groups are tied to the cooperating churches. In other words a very liberal church might have a Bible study for converts which would be taught by someone from that church. Granting that some of these people might be truly saved, and that the teacher might be saved, yet the whole implication of the matter is that those people should become members of that church and become active in it. We do not believe that God is in the business of establishing modernistic churches or of building up the membership of modernistic churches. We believe that if a person is a member of a liberal church and gets saved, he should leave that church and join a fundamental church like yours. Campus Crusade does not believe this.

The whole underlying philosophy of Campus Crusade is contrary to ours. It is really much the same as, if not identical with, oldtime post-millennialism. Dr. Bright's slogan is "We are going to change the world." He calls Christ a revolutionary. He believes and teaches, if I understand him correctly, that if he can train enough Christian salesmen to take the Four Spiritual Laws to every person in the world, that every person will be saved, then the world will be changed, along with its course and its culture.

We believe quite differently and we feel that our view is Biblically based. While it is true that God made Adam a king, when he fell, the Devil made him a slave. At that point the Devil became the god of this age, the prince of the power of the air, and the prince of this world. From that time until this the course and cultures of this world system have been dominated by the Devil. We believe this dominance will continue, until

This article first appeared in the January issue of the BAPTIST TESTIMONY. Since there are some within our O.A.R.B.C. fellowship who have been asking questions pertaining to CAMPUS CRUSADE'S "Here's Life America" program, we deemed it wise to run it in THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

An out-of-state pastor recently wrote Dr. Joseph Stowell, National Representative for the G.A.R.B.C. in which he stated:

"I led my church into participating with the 'Here's Life America' program in the area of our city. Did I break faith with the Association as to its laws and general practices? I have been led to believe that I have, and for that reason must know what action to present to my church in this matter".

Dr. Stowell wrote this brother a most gracious and informative letter, and with Dr. Stowell's permission, we share that letter with our Baptist Testimony readers because of the activity of the same program in Michigan. Because of the length of the letter, we have deleted some portions, but the essentials remain.

"My Dear Brother In Christ: Thank you for yours which arrived yesterday. I appreciate very much your writing and the spirit in which you have written. Let me say first of all that our Association has no laws that govern our churches. Each of our churches is an independent, self-governing body that conducts its own affairs. Neither the Association or this office has nor wants to have any authority over any local church. On the other hand the Association does have historically a very strong stand of separation from association with and working with modernists, liberals and neo-evangelicals. When your church came into the Association it accepted the constitution and confession of faith of the GARBC as its own position. In the constitution and confession is the setting forth clearly of the separated stand of the Association and the churches which compose it. I presume the church has not knowingly deviated from its stand when it came into the Association.

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A song was running through his mind so he told his wife he would set it down on paper before he went to bed. He was 83 years old, but he often worked late, so Mrs. Kirkpatrick thought nothing of it. But when she awoke long after midnight the light was still burning in "the professor's" study so she called to him.

Music was born into William J. Kirkpatrick when he came into the world on the Emerald Isle in 1838. Music was part of him when he migrated to America as a youth and it was part of him when, as a Pennsylvania Volunteer, he led a fife band during the Civil War. And music was in his heart when he died in Philadelphia in 1921.

A religious Irishman, Kirkpatrick devoted his life to directing church choirs, playing church organs and writing church songs. And he set music to words from many another pen. In 1882 he took a poem by Priscilla Owens and started the world to singing "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound: Jesus Saves! Jesus Saves!" The same year he wrote music for Louisa Stead's "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and three years later he composed the tune for "Where the

Tree of Life is Blooming, Meet Me There".

In 1902 William Kirkpatrick was leading the music for a camp meeting in rural Pennsylvania when he questioned the sincerity of a soloist who was helping him. Sermons of the evangelist had failed to move the man and Composer Kirkpatrick decided on a unique plan. He wrote a song especially for his singing assistant. At the opening of the evening service he handed the song to his soloist and asked him to sing it. The singer did and joined others that night at the altar.

That night in 1921 when Mrs. Kirkpatrick called her husband there was no answer. She found him sitting in his study chair. On the desk were unfinished words of a song and the last verse showed that he had worked rapidly. But he didn't quite make the deadline. William J. Kirkpatrick went out of the world as he came into it . . . with a song in his heart. Among other monuments to his memory he left a song he wrote to save the soul of one man. But any evangelist will tell you that tens of thousands of penitents have gathered around the altar to the singing of

I've wandered far away from God,
Now I'm coming home;
The paths of sin too long I've trod,
Lord, I'm coming home.

I've wasted many precious years,
Now I'm coming home;
I now repent with bitter tears,
Lord, I'm coming home.

I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord,
Now I'm coming home;

I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy word,
Lord, I'm coming home.

My soul is sick, my heart is sore,
Now I'm coming home;
My strength renew, my home restore,
Lord, I'm coming home.

Coming home, coming home,
Never more to roam;
Open wide Thine arms of love,
Lord, I'm coming home.

Christ, the Second Adam comes. When He returns to the earth, He then will change the course and culture of this world and set up His millennial Kingdom. In the meantime we are preaching the gospel and calling people out of the world unto Christ.

Much could be written about the weaknesses of the Four Spiritual Laws. There is little said about conviction of sin or true repentance. To many astute Bible Christians the Four Spiritual Laws seem very shallow and promote easy-believism. Of course we all admire the zeal of Bill Bright and his Campus Crusade workers. But we believe that in disobeying the Biblical laws of discernment and separation from unbelief they're walking disorderly. Therefore, we are commanded to withdraw from such. (II Thessalonians 3:6)

I trust that the above will prove helpful to you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call on us. You might like to secure a little booklet written by Dr. Paul Tassell, on Campus Crusade, when he was one of our staff members. It can be ordered from our catalog department for 25¢. It is entitled, Is Campus Crusade Scriptural?

Sincerely your brother in Christ, Joseph M. Stowell, D.D.

P.S. Though we do not feel that we can Scripturally cooperate with Campus Crusade, this does not relieve us from the responsibility of an aggressive and effectual evangelistic program that will reach people for Christ and get them baptized into the membership of a fundamental church where they will hear the Word and grow in grace. JMS"

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Dr. Paul Van Gorder, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Vaughn Sprunger, South Bend, Ind.

Dr. Robert Ketcham, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Melvin V. Efaw, Huntington, W. Va.

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Successful Living Seminar To Be Held

The Xenia Christian Day School is sponsoring a special seminar which will be held in the very near future. The seminar - DESIGN FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING - includes two successive weekends. These are February 24-26 and March 3-5. The Thursday and Friday sessions will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and run to 10:00 p.m. -- Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. The seminar will be held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church (Rev. R. William Wheeler, Pastor), 1120 South Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio - 45385.

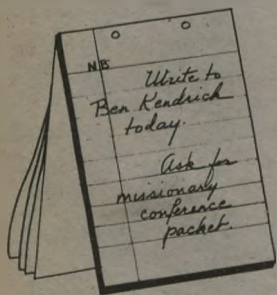
Guest speaker is Rev. Terry Angles who serves on the staff with Pastor Richard Snavely, Calvary Baptist Church, Findlay, Ohio. Brother Angles is associated with the ministry of Larry Coy and holds seminars such as these in local churches.

Pastor Wheeler of the Emmanuel Baptist Church writes: "I have personally attended several of the Basic Seminars as well as an Advance Seminar, and I can without reservation recommend this ministry to all pastors and their people." He further states: "I have found few ministries that are able to answer more questions in such a short concentrated way as this seminar."

The DESIGN FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING SEMINAR covers the following: "How to be a successful person" - "How to have a successful marriage" - "How to have a successful family" - "How to have a successful vocation" and "How to have a successful ministry."

There is no tuition charge for the seminar. It is FREE! If one desires to purchase one of the seminar note books, this would cost them \$15.00. Registration deadline has been set at February 13. Registrations should be sent either to Rev. Terry Angles, Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 Broad Avenue, Findlay, Ohio - 45840 or to Rev. R. William Wheeler, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1120 South Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio - 45385. Registrations may be received after the February 13 date including the first night of the seminar.

All that is required is that each person should honestly commit himself (herself) to attending the full seminar -- BOTH WEEKENDS -- except for emergencies. This is not a series of meetings that you pick and choose. You must register to attend.



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Fellowship Changes Name

At the January 4th meeting of the Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship it was voted unanimously to change their name to the SOUTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES.

At this meeting, Brother Jim Neeley gave a report from the Youth Committee. The Youth for Truth Rally will be, as usual, the third Saturday of each month. The proposed schedule of events for the months ahead is as follows. . . .

- Feb. 19 - Grace Baptist Church, Troy. A group from Faith Baptist Bible College will be present.
- Mar. 19 - Emmanuel Baptist Church, Dayton. Speaker will be Jack Willets from Camp Patmos. This will also be the time for the young people to go bowling at Woodman Lanes.
- Apr. 16 - at Dayton Christian Schools' Auditorium. Youth Speaker - Mel Johnson - will be featured.
- May 14 - at Columbus, Ohio - Memorial Auditorium. This is the State Youth Rally.

Dr. Paul Entner was the main speaker at this January 4th meeting. He spoke on the family unit and the relationships within it. He emphasized the necessity of 1) Time, 2) Love, and 3) Communication. . . in order to build the family unit.

At the close of the meeting, Dr. Entner answered questions about his field of psychology and his personal counseling practice in Dayton.

The next meeting of the Southwest Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held Tuesday, February 8. This will be in the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, 16 South Grand Avenue, Fairborn. Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College will be the speaker. His topic is "Prophecy and Archaeology."

Subsequent meetings for the fellowship are as follows. . . .

- March 1 - in Jamestown. The topic will be "Time Management"
- April - to be announced
- May 3 - in Cedarville. Representatives from the Regular Baptist. Press will be present for this meeting.

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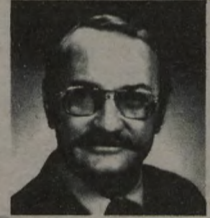
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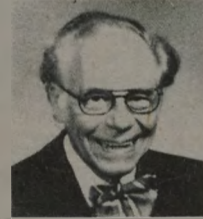
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