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THE OHIO

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October Is Not Too Far Away!

What's so important about OCTOBER? Haven't you heard? Don't you know? OCTOBER is the month of our 50th annual OARBC conference!

Are you making plans to attend the conference this year? It will be held in Cedarville College's lovely new chapel. Special music will be presented by the college's singing groups. Guest speaker during these days will be Dr. Howard Suggden. His ministry is one that has blessed the hearts of thousands. It will bless YOUR heart. You should be there to hear him.

The fellowship of being with others - pastors and their people - from around the state will be good. It has been suggested that each church should try to have at least ten of their people attend. Just think of it - if that were to happen we would have 2000 in attendance!

Plans are being made now setting up workshops. In an early issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST we will have something to say regarding the lodging in homes and motels available. For now - just mark the dates and begin making plans to attend. The dates are October 17, 18 and 19. Let's talk it up in our churches. This 50th Anniversary should be something special! Your being there will make it just that.

From Greenville To Gallipolis

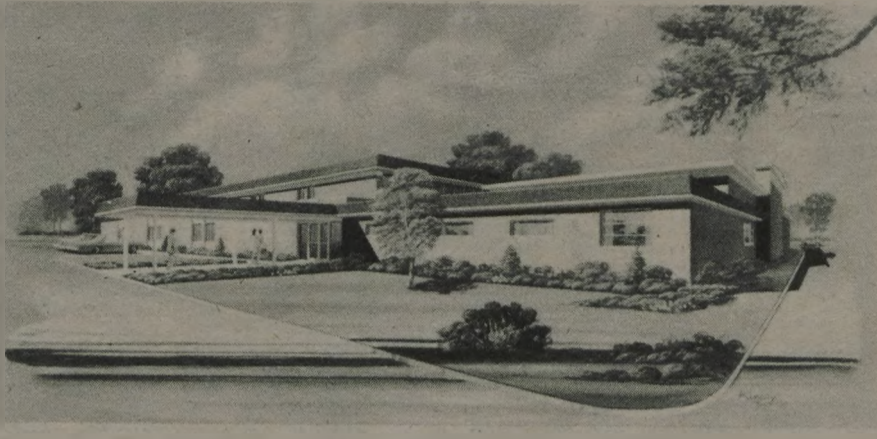


Rev. Joseph Godwin

The new pastor at the First Baptist Church, Gallipolis, Ohio is our brother, Rev. Joseph Godwin. He began his ministry there on March 8. We believe it will be a fruitful one.

Brother Godwin is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College and the Detroit Bible College. Just prior to coming to Gallipolis, he served as pastor of the Faith Baptist Church in Greenville, Ohio. He was there just two months short of seven years. His ministry was greatly blessed of the Lord. Much was accomplished as pastor and people worked together seeking to make Christ known.

Brunswick Church Completing Addition



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - BRUNSWICK, OHIO

The First Baptist Church of Brunswick, Ohio (Rev. Donald E. Matheny, Pastor) is nearing the completion of a 100' x 100' addition to their present church building. The new auditorium/Sunday School complex will be ready for use by mid-Spring. Approximately 95% of the work is being done by the members of the church. New pews and carpet have been ordered. These were to be delivered in early March. The goal was to have the auditorium ready for special meetings - March 20 through 27. The auditorium will seat 400 with 50 more in the choir with additional seating for 250 in the four overflow class room areas on each side.

The annual business meeting of the church was held February 2 with reports being given. The Treasurer's report showed total offerings for the year at \$64,609.60. This was an increase of \$14,000 over the previous year in the general fund giving. Mission Fund

totaled \$12,888.11. Because of this increase in missionary giving, the church was able to increase some of their missionaries' support. Thirty-three new members were received and five dismissed leaving a gain of 28 for the year.

The present pastor, Brother Matheny, began his ministry at the First Baptist Church in February of 1975. There has been a continued growth since then. Growth, however, has been hampered some because of need for more room so the church began a building program in the Fall of '75. This has continued during '75 and '76. Through the sacrificial giving of the people, faithful workers, and the pastor (serving as contractor and foreman) this \$300,000 structure is being built for approximately \$200,000.

Everyone at the First Baptist Church of Brunswick is praising the Lord for His goodness and blessings. They look forward to continued progress - to His glory!

State Youth Rally Will Soon Be Here

Next month - May 14 - our OARBC State Youth Rally will take place at the Memorial Auditorium in Columbus. Young people are urged to attend!

The RALLY will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and run to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration costs \$2.50. At the door - \$3.00. Send your registrations - NOW - to Jim Ellick, 3475 Paris Blvd., Westerville, O.

An exciting program has been arranged. Outstanding youth speakers have been engaged. You will want to hear Mel Johnson, well known Radio Youth speaker of "Tips for Teens". Also, we will be having "Sketch" Erickson. He has travelled far and wide having an effective ministry with youth. Brother Jim Huckaby, Director of Athletics at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Penna., will be bringing an outstanding singing group from the college with him.

It should be an exciting afternoon. Come gather with other Christian young people from across our state. You'll have a great time!

Keep Praying For 'Uncle Jack' Willetts

Many have been praying for our brother - Mr. Jack Willetts. About two months ago, "Uncle Jack", as he is affectionately called, was taken ill with pneumonia. He was placed in the Medina hospital several times. On the advice of his doctor, he and his wife, Carol, travelled to Arizona.

On arriving in Arizona, he had another severe attack. Even the doctors despaired of his life. God, however, in grace, has caused him to regain his health. For a time it was necessary to place him on a machine to help him with his breathing. His lungs were heavily congested. Gradually, this condition is beginning to clear up. He must be free of all such congestion before he can be considered well. All through life, our brother has lungs that function only 20% of what they should. This is why pneumonia is such a terrible illness for him.

We learned just the other day (3/25/77) that "Uncle Jack" was being released from the hospital in Phoenix. This is a miracle and we praise God for it! He will still need to remain in the dry-warm climate of Arizona for at least another month or two.

Why not drop him a line? Their address is - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willetts, 8650 North 56th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona-85302.

All-Ohio Talents For Christ

This is the month for our annual TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest. It will take place at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio on April 16. On arriving at the college, go directly to the Alford Auditorium. The competition gets under way at 1:00 p.m.

We are anticipating a goodly number of our Ohio youth taking part in this great event. Winners in some of these categories will be going on to Des Moines, Iowa to compete at our annual GARBC conference. In our next issue of THE OHIO

INDEPENDENT (MAY) we will run the names of all winners. Pictures, too, if possible!

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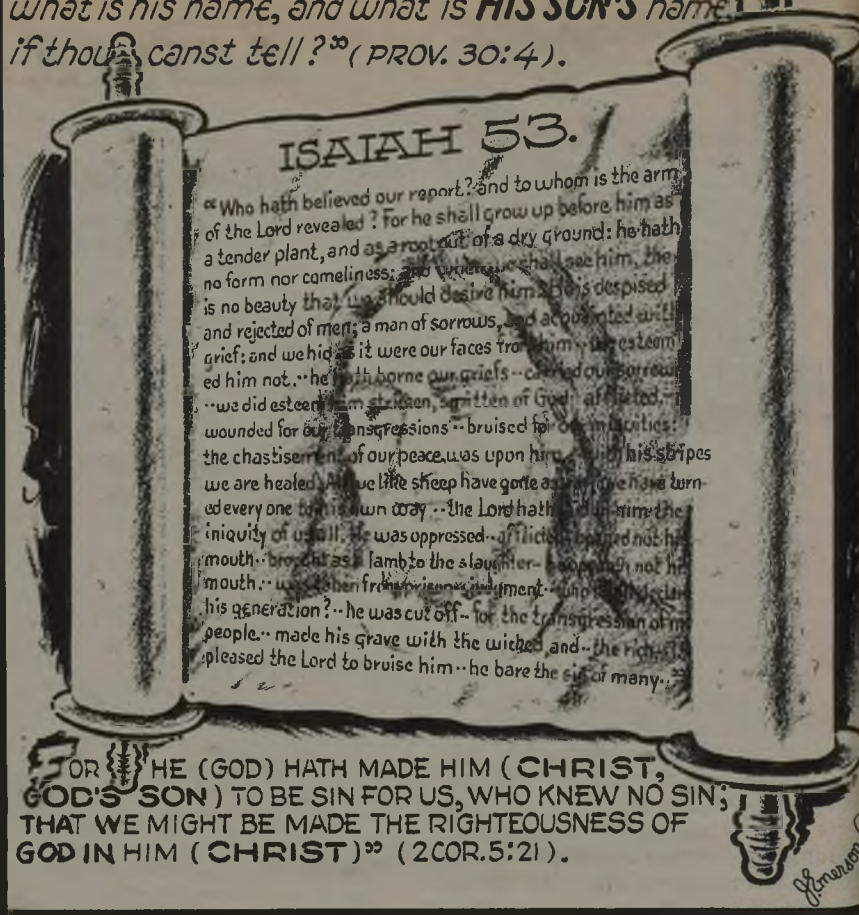
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"Who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is HIS SON'S name if thou canst tell?" (PROV. 30:4).



FOR THE (GOD) HATH MADE HIM (CHRIST, GOD'S SON) TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM (CHRIST)" (2COR.5:21).

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



Sweet Hour Of Prayer

An Old Carver Dictates a Poem

Everybody in Coleshill, England, knew William Walford. On Sundays he preached around at different churches for his minister friends. During the week the townsfolk made his little trinket shop their favorite meeting place. He was forever whittling out novelties for children and he made his scant living carving items from ivory. Though his life was filled with adversaries and he had seen many "seasons of distress and grief" there was something uplifting about the old carver's outlook on life.

One day in 1842 when Congregational Minister Thomas Salmon stopped in Walford's shop he found his friend with more on his mind than his carving and usual optimistic philosophy. He had composed a poem and he asked the Rev. Salmon to take the words down as he recited them.

Three years later, on a visit to New York, Salmon presented the old carver's poem to the New York Observer. It was printed in the September issue of 1845 but nothing of note came of it until 14 years later. Then, in 1859, a copy of it came to the attention of New York's organist and composer William Bradbury. In addition to directing choirs, writing music for some of the most famous hymns and manufacturing organs, Bradbury published some 60 hymn books. He immediately saw in Walford's poem material for a hymn, set it to music and published it.

The reason William Walford had asked the Rev. Salmon to take down his poem while he dictated it was because the old carver was blind and couldn't see how to write.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless,

And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight;
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize,
And shout while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

A Word From Your Editor

Our schedule for the days ahead is as follows:

- April 3 - 8 Charleston Baptist Church, Sharon, Pa.
- April 10 - 17 First Baptist Church Allenwood, Penn.
- April 24 - 29 First Baptist Church Perkasio, Penns.
- April 30 - May 4 First Baptist Church Philipsburg, Penn.
- May 6 - 8 Haddonfield Bible Church Haddonfield, N. J.
- May 12 - 13 Grace Baptist Church London, Ohio

- May 15 - 22 Calvary Baptist Church Huntingburg, Indiana
- May 25 Cedarville College Chapel, Cedarville, O.
- May 29 - June 3 Eastmont Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- June 5 - 10 Grace Baptist Church Sunbury, Ohio
- June 17 - August 3 (Tentative dates for meetings in Alaska)

We covet your prayers as we travel, study, pray, prepare copy for THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST and declare His Word. In grace, He continues to give good health and to bless in every way! The Lord is good!

Need We Complain?

The following poem appeared in the Church Bulletin of the Bible Baptist Church, Bedford, Ohio with this notation: "Sunday night, pastor (Garrison Rice) read a poem written by a woman who attends the services held at the Golden Age Center. She has been confined to a wheelchair since her 13th year. She wrote this poem. Since many requested a copy, we are publishing it in our weekly bulletin."

MY ONLY SOLACE

To walk I cannot use my feet.
I have but one hand I use to eat.
But OH; I have my eyes to see
Dear God, you are so good to me.

My body is bound in iron chain.
I am quite conscious of the pain.
But I restrain each blinding tear
And thank you God that I can hear.

The common life I truly miss
But company of friends is bliss.
And grace for all I may beseech
Thank you God for the gift of speech.

For every need I must depend
upon services others rend.
Heavy cross - the galling kind
Thank you God, I have my mind.

Daily, hourly, suppressed desire
to do for others, ignites a fire
That lights my way up Calvary Hill
My only Solace It is God's Will!
Delphine Elizabeth Moore

To Correct An Error

An error was made in our FEBRUARY issue. (This time it wasn't the editor's or the printer's fault! - How about that!!)

It was reported that the Xenia Pastor's Fellowship had changed their name to SOUTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES. This is not so. The new name is SOUTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP.

We won't say who made the mistake but it is nice, as an editor, to know that others aren't perfect either!

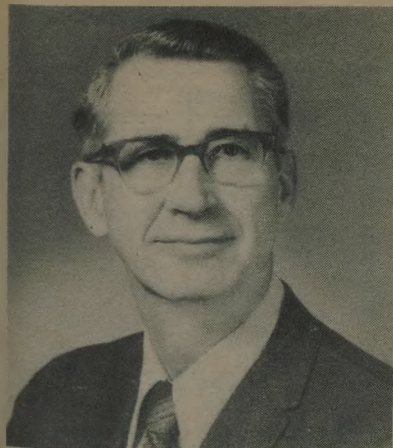
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Leon Wood At Home With The Lord



Dr. Leon J. Wood

Leon J. Wood, 58, educator, Bible scholar and author, died on March 2, 1977, at his home after a long illness. While family members and pastor were gathered around his bed in prayer, Dr. Wood slipped away to be with the Lord he loved and served. Dr. Wood was Dean of the Seminary and Head of the Old Testament Department of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary where he taught for 31 years.

He was a native of Middleville, Michigan, and a resident of Grand Rapids since 1931 when his father, Rev. Clyde E. Wood, became pastor of the Berean Baptist Church in that city. He graduated from Creston High School and both Calvin College and Seminary. He pursued graduate work in Israel under the auspices of New York University, at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, and received a doctor of philosophy degree from Michigan State University.

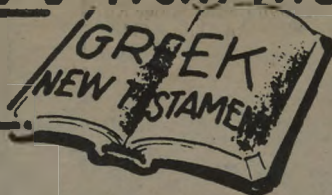
Prior to joining the faculty of the Baptist College and Seminary, he served as pastor of the Covey Hills Baptist Church in Paw Paw, Michigan. He also served as interim pastor for Berean Baptist Church of Grand Rapids three times during his 45 years as a member there.

From 1953 to 1954 Dr. Wood served as interim president of the Baptist College and Seminary becoming Seminary Dean in 1954 and continuing as such until 1975. Although he had been ill with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (the Lou Gehrig disease) for more than three years, he taught until last December.

Dr. Wood authored a number of books: *Is the Rapture Next?*, *A Commentary on Daniel*, *Daniel: A Study Guide*, *The Bible and Future Events*, *Distressing Days of the Judges*, *Elijah, Prophet of God*, *The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament*, *Genesis: A Study Guide*, and *A Survey of Israel's History*. He is also one of the translators of the Berkley Version of the Bible, and was working on the New International Version of the Bible when he became ill.

The new Leon J. Wood Seminary Building, recently completed and officially dedicated on February 14 of this year, was so named in his honor. On Sunday afternoon, March 6, a Memorial Service was held for Dr. Wood in the auditorium of this new Seminary Building. Rev. Burland Margesson, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, and Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, president of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and

GLIMPSES of **TRUTH** from the by DR. GEORGE L. LAWLOR



The Word Of Constraint

One of the grand statements of the Scriptures occurs in 2 Cor. 5:14, where the first clause reads: "For the love of Christ constraineth us. . ." The word "constraineth" is the Greek *sunechei*, a most interesting word and of great significance for believers. Surely all true Christians must desire to know what is meant by the fact that the love of Christ "constrains" us.

In its early usage, this word *sunecho* meant "keep, keep together, hold tightly, confine, shut up close," in a variety of ways. A man wrote to another with reference to "not keeping a piece of land flooded for more than five days." A group of sailors on leave from their ship went into a certain town, were arrested for misbehavior and were held in custody by the police chief. A wife petitioned the Chief Justice of the Court that her husband, who had deserted her, might be compelled to pay her a sum of money. A man was described by his friend to another as being very ill, "having been seized and pressed with a fever."

The word also appears in the Septuagint Version in several places, for example in Isa. 52:15, "So shall He (the Messiah) sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths (*sunexousin* to stoma) at Him. . ." It occurs in 1 Samuel 23:8, "And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah to besiege (*sunechein*) David and his men." In Job 3:24, Job speaks of fear "pressing him in" (*sunecho menos*). Again in Job, 30:3, Job speaks of the desert being shut up to "waste (*sunochēn*) and desolation."

In the New Testament, it is used of the Jews pressing their hands upon their ears in order to stop the hearing, so they would not have to listen to the words of Stephen (Acts 7:57). It is the word used in Luke 8:45, to describe the crowd "thronging" about the Lord, and pressing in around Him. It also appears in Luke 19:43, where the Lord predicts the future siege of Jerusalem, and states that the enemy will surround the city and "keep its people in (*sunexousin*) on every side." It is the same word

Seminary, officiated at the service. Seminary professors Warren Faber, Victor Matthews, Nicholas Wiens, John Balyo, Paul Beals, Richard Patterson, Ronald Chadwick, and Carl Hoch were pallbearers. The service was one of triumph and brought glory to God for His working in and through this dedicated life.

Dr. Wood is survived by his wife, Helen A. Wood; his children, James and Julie Wood, Carol and Bruce DeClark, all of Grand Rapids; Marilyn and Keith Kaynor of Mt. Clemens; six grandchildren, and one brother, Lyman E. Wood of Grand Rapids.

used by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself in His great statement recorded in Luke 12:50, where He refers to the purpose of His coming in terms of a baptism, and says, "And how I am straitened (*sunechomai*) till it be accomplished." It is the word which Paul uses to describe his dilemma as set forth in Phil. 1:23, "I am in a strait (*sunechomai*) betwixt two." The Apostle says, "I am hard pressed on both sides," i.e. to go on living in the flesh, yet greatly desiring to depart and be with Christ. The same term occurs in Acts 18:5, where Paul is described as being "pressed (*suneicheto*) in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ." In 2 Cor. 2:4, it occurs again, when Paul says to the Corinthians that he wrote to them "out of much affliction and anguish (*sucochēs*) of heart. . ." His heart was greatly pressed and pained because of events in the Corinthian Church.

From such a variety of usages, we may thus determine its sense in the text here. Paul says the love of Christ (the Lord's own love for those who belong to Him) holds him and his fellow-servants tightly to their task, so that nothing can keep them from discharging it. It thus presses them, holds them tightly puts a vise-like compulsion upon them, constrains and compels them. It has them in its embrace and grasp, has tight hold upon them on both sides, urging them and impelling them onward in a course which they cannot evade. They have no choice under its irresistible power, but to be what they are and to do what they are doing: to make known this unsurpassed love, and to announce its great Person to men everywhere, that they too - having been made alive by it - might live unto Him.

So it is with us. We must be pressed and compelled by the love of Christ for us, hold so tightly to our duty that nothing can keep us from discharging it faithfully. We must be so straitened to the path of fidelity that we cannot evade it, so irresistibly moved by the overmastering force of the love of Christ that we cannot do other than give ourselves over to Him for His total and absolute purpose. His love must coerce us, press its hold on us, and therefore govern us and impel us onward in the Cause of Christ. It will restrain us from doing what displeases Christ and acting solely for ourselves, but it will constrain us to serve Him, honor Him, and glorify Him.

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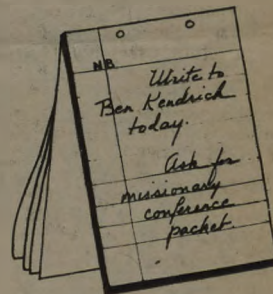
Mr. George D. Muzzey

George D. Muzzey has been serving as Director of Christian Education at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church of Cleveland Heights, Ohio since August 1, 1976. Mr. Muzzey accepted the call to Cedar Hill in June while serving in the same capacity at the First Baptist Church of Hamburg, N. Y. Prior to the three and a half years in Hamburg, Mr. Muzzey had served as Director of Christian Education in Creston, Iowa for five years.

As a 1968 graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, Mr. Muzzey received a BS degree with majors in Christian Education and Bible-Theology. In Cleveland, his responsibilities will encompass the administration, organization, correlation and supervision of the entire educational program of the church.

Mr. Muzzey comes from a family interested in Christian ministries. His father, Rev. George E. Muzzey, is currently pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Britt, Iowa. His brother, Paul, and his sister, Marguerite, are both serving as missionaries in New Guinea. His sister, Shirley, also graduated from Faith majoring in Christian Education and is now living in Dallas, Texas where her husband is completing his training for the pastorate.

The Muzzey's are working with Dr. David L. Moore, pastor of Cedar Hill and former pastor of their home church, Walnut Ridge Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa, when the Muzzey's made the decision to go to Bible School. Mr. Muzzey's family includes his wife, Patricia, two daughters, Debbie and Cheryl, and son, David.



Plan now for your spring or fall Missionary Conference. Rev. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions, will arrange your conference for you, contact and confirm speakers and give you helpful suggestions.

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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick

How do you pray for missionaries? A recent prayer letter from Wendell and Doris Trimble, Baptist Mid-Missions' appointees to Germany, contained some very important information concerning prayer. I want to share the contents of their letter with you.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

- Paul's Prayer Requests:
- In Romans 15:30-32 — for physical protection
for an acceptable ministry to the saints
for journeying mercies
for divine guidance
 - In II Corinthians 1:8, 11 — for spiritual and physical refreshing
for relief from pressure
for help in trouble
 - In Ephesians 6:19 — for God's message for each occasion
for God's boldness to preach that message
 - In Colossians 4:3-4 — for opportunities to preach
for ability to take advantage of the opportunities
for fellow-missionaries, national pastors, national Christians
 - In I Thessalonians 5:25 — for liberty in preaching the Word
 - In II Thessalonians 3:1-2 — for results from preaching the Word
for the protection of the converts

FRUIT THAT REMAINS—

Recent visitors to ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM headquarters in Cherry Hill, N.J., were two choice servants of God, Rev. and Mrs. Antolin Zamar. Rev. Zamar had been invited to address the great INFORMISSIONS Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His ministry was wonderfully blessed of God.

What is so unique about the Zamars? Mr. Zamar is the President of Doane Baptist Bible Institute in Iloilo, Philippines. DBBI is a fine Bible-training school where many Filipino pastors and Christian workers have had their Bible instruction.

Mr. Zamar testified that he is a product of ABWE missionary efforts in the Philippines. Through a tent campaign held near his home town, he heard the gospel and later accepted Christ as Savior. He then attended the mission's Bible-training school. Here he came under the instruction of Godly missionaries. After graduation, he served as a faithful pastor among his Filipino brethren.

His fellow-pastors and missionaries recognized his abilities. Through the years, he has held positions of leadership. He continues to pour his talents and teaching into the young students now studying God's Word.

Mrs. Zamar is a Filipino pastor's daughter. Her father received his training through the founder of ABWE. Mrs. Zamar later went to Doane and then to nurse's training. She now holds a responsible position in the school.

Thus God has multiplied the efforts of early missionary pioneers in the lives of present Filipino Christian leaders.

Missionary Doug Couch, represents BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS this month in ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS. Doug writes:

"Do you want to go with me shooting roos, Pastor?" one of the men of our church asked me last week. Shooting kangaroos! Sounds sort of odd, doesn't it? But here in Australia, 12,000 miles from the United States, kangaroos aren't the only unusual things we run into. The missionary faces a "she'll be right" attitude. It is a favorite Aussie expression. Don't worry about anything. If it doesn't rain, if the locusts take the crops or the boys drop out of school, "no worries, she'll be right."

Unfortunately, this same attitude carries over to spiritual things as well. The average Australian is very indifferent to the Gospel and also shows definite anti-American feelings. Because we are Americans, door-to-door canvassing has been virtually unsuccessful. The American sects have been here a number of years; and as far as the Australians are concerned, we are all the same.

The Lavington Baptist Church, of which I am pastor, is small but enthusiastic. It shows signs of developing into an aggressive evangelistic center for that area. Our most successful church outreach has been with Awana boys' and girls' clubs. We have over 100 enrolled now, and this has opened homes that we never would have reached otherwise. We also run a Saturday-night teen club much on the order of the Pro Teen program.

Our 80-acre Camp Murindindy, in the Strathbogie Mountains, was again the scene for many spiritual victories this year. We praise the Lord for these many areas of service.

Doug and Sally Couch and the ten other Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries are doing a great work for the Lord in Australia. This is a work which produces fruit, not only for time but for eternity.

Under the capable leadership of Rev. Arthur B. Cunningham, HIAWATHA BAPTIST MISSIONS is showing new dimensions. In my own travels, I hear excellent reports of the growth and blessings of this sister mission agency. During the year of 1976, there were four churches that "graduated" from H.B.M. and three new churches were started. Brother Cunningham tells me that the mission also assumed the responsibility of several existing works to help them in their development. May, 1977, has been designated as Hiawatha Baptist Missions Month. Information regarding the plans for this very special month can be obtained by writing to Hiawatha Baptist Missions, 2601 Lincoln Road, South, Escanaba, MI 49829.

As Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions has said, "Remember the good news of the Gospel is good news only if it reaches the lost in time."

Now Pastoring Garrettsville Church



Rev. James C. Beatty and family

Pastor James C. Beatty has accepted a call to pastor the Troy Baptist Church of Garrettsville, Ohio. He began his ministry there on January 30th of this year. Pastor Beatty and his family moved into the parsonage on February 12th.

Our brother attended Akron Bible Institute. He has pastored churches in Lumberport, Virginia and Springboro, Pennsylvania.

Brother Beatty and his wife - Darlotte, have five children: Paul - 12, Stephen - 10, Bethann - 9, James - 7, and Starlynn - 5.

Let us be in prayer for our brother as he serves the Lord in Garrettsville and the surrounding area. "We are trusting the Lord to use us and to do a work for Him at the Troy Baptist Church", says Pastor Beatty.

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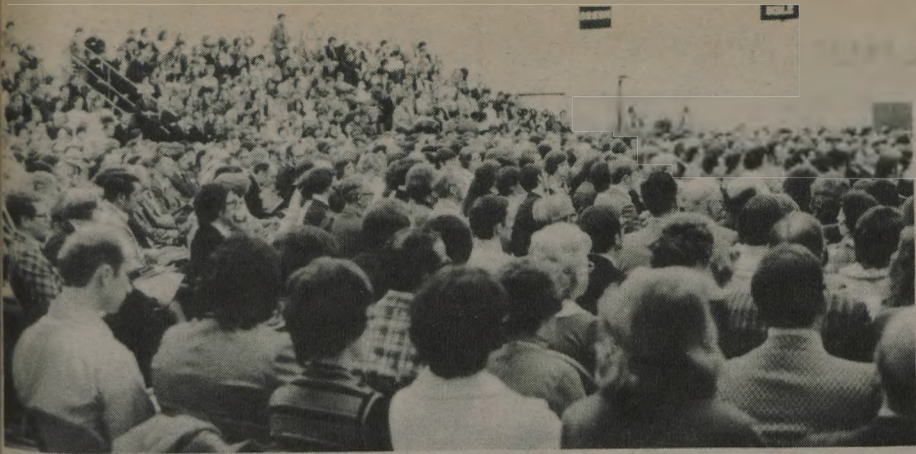
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GRBS 18th Annual Bible Conference Report



EVERY SEAT WAS TAKEN

Dr. Lehman Strauss, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, and Dr. Fred Brown were the main speakers for the Annual Seminary Bible Conference, February 21-25, held on the campus of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary. J. Stratton Shufelt, familiar conference song leader and soloist returned to the conference this year, and his music was a blessing to listeners. The ministry of these conferees favorites was augmented by messages from men of the College and Seminary, including Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, President, Dr. Warren Faber, Vice President, Dr. John Wilson, Rev. Thomas Dolph, and Mr. David Egner, alumni speaker. Informative and thought-provoking clinic sessions dealt with current issues such as "The Rights of the Dying," "Is Current Christian Day School Education Adequate?", and "Ethics in Church Relationships". On Wednesday, the ever-expanding field of Old and New Testament Studies was explored by Dr. Richard Patterson and Dr. Carl Hoch, both of the Seminary. The following afternoon Dr. Wiersbe, Dr. Brown and Dr. William Kuhnle combined re-

sources for a panel presentation of "Our Spiritual Heritage -- The Pulpit, Doctrine and Evangelism". Additional conference space was available this year because of the recently constructed Leon J. Wood Seminary Building. Each day the auditorium, which seats 490, was used for overflow viewing of the sessions via closed-circuit TV. The lower level of the Multi-Purpose Building, which was formerly used for overflow, was opened up for increased display and lounge area. On Friday Dr. Welch announced that the major portion of that night's offering would go to a special project. This year's project will provide approximately fifty sets of the conference tapes to be shared by missionaries around the world. If you also would like to share in the highlights of the Conference, you may order messages singly or in sets by a speaker, clinic sessions or an entire set of the 20 morning and evening sessions. Write or call the Development Office, 1001 East Beltline N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505. (616) 949-5300, Ext. 262.

AWANA Olympics '77

In our MARCH issue we called attention to the coming AWANA OLYMPICS for 1977. These are big events especially for those churches who are a part of the AWANA program. Because of the importance of these events, we are repeating the article run last month.

---The AWANA YOUTH ASSOCIATION will conduct its Annual Ohio Awana Olympics in April again this year. The Northern Meet will be held at Copley High School, Copley, Ohio on Saturday, April 16th. The Southern Meet will be held at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio on Saturday, April 23rd. Then on Saturday, April 30th, the winners of these two meets will come together for the 1977 Awana Olympics State Finals. This event will be held at the Mansfield Christian School, 500 Logan Rd., Mansfield, Ohio. All meets will begin at 1:30 p.m.

These exciting events will be under the direction of Ken Starett, Ohio Awana Missionary. Teams representing Chartered Awana Clubs will come together to compete athletically in ten organized games. On the basis of points earned in each of these events, the winning team receives recognition and an award. A team consists of 15 players and two alternates representing one club. The Olympics are sponsored by the Awana Youth Association, an international service organization with headquarters in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

The public is invited to attend these meets in which we expect 800-900 of our Ohio young people to participate. Admission at the door will be \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for students and pre-schoolers are free.

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Dr. Wm. E. Kuhnle Now Serving On A Part-Time Basis

Dr. William E. Kuhnle, as of the first of this year, has gone on a part-time basis as assistant to Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our GARBC. He is, however, carrying a full schedule as Chairman of the GARBC's Chaplains Commission and is doing the work of hosting the LIVING REALITY ministry.



Our brother will continue his work among our churches and is available for both pulpit supply and/or Bible Conference ministries. Pastors interested in having him minister in their churches should write as follows: Rev. William E. Kuhnle, GARBC Home Office, 1300 North Meacham Road, Schaumburg, Illinois - 60195.

Pastors Meet At Huntsburg

The pastors of the North East Ohio Regular Baptist Churches met Monday, February 14, at the Huntsburg Baptist Church. (Rev. Ben H. Garlich, Pastor) Fourteen men attended, with Rev. David Selden, Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary, challenging the men concerning the "new church" ministry. An

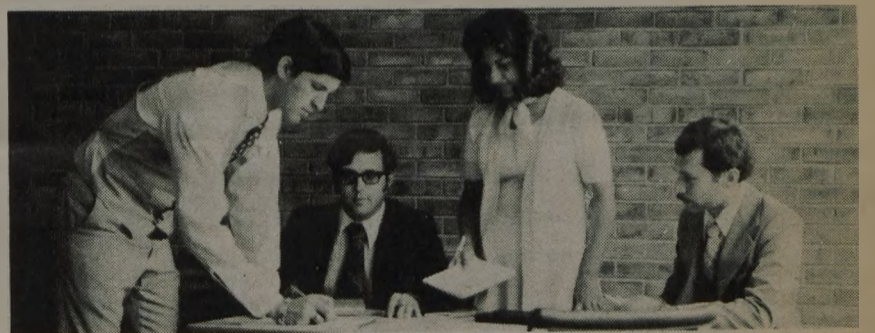
encouraging time of testimonies and a season of prayer was included, with the noon meal provided by the ladies of the Huntsburg church. They held their MARCH meeting at Shalom Lake Camp. This was on the 14th. Brother Dave Shelden was the host. The men had a good time!

West Moriah Pastors' Meet

The pastors of the West Moriah Pastors' Fellowship gathered on February 15 in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. There were nine OARBC pastors in attendance.

Brother Dale S. Doron, Vice President of International Missions, Wayne, New Jersey, spoke concerning: 1) Policy of Missions - 2) How to set up permanent files of Mission Boards - 3) How to examine a prospective missionary and 4) Annual report for missionaries. This talk was followed by a 'question and answer' time.

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ACROSS THE STATE

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
During February we held our Sweetheart's Banquet and had a most delightful time. Too, we gathered aspirins and vitamins for "the Snearys" who are serving the Lord in the Chad, Africa under Baptist Mid-Missions.

ARCANUM, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We viewed the film "Yes and Goodbye". Rev. and Mrs. Dale Davis of Baptist Mid-Missions told us about their work both in Alaska and Las Vegas, Nevada. The Cedarville College Choralaires are to be with us Sunday morning, May 1.

AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recently we were privileged to have Missionary James Ruck (BMM-Japan) with us to tell of his work. Too, our people enjoyed their Sweetheart Banquet.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the ministry of Brother Bill McLeod. On March 10-12, our young people made a special trip to Grand Rapids Baptist College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The film "Master Controlled" was shown to our youth. The Baptist Bible College (Clarks Summit, Pa.) choir presented their Spring Concert at our church in March.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Lord gave us a good Missionary Conference. Guest missionaries were Rev. Frank Hartwig (ABWE-Philippines). Rev. and Mrs. Dave Taylor (ABWE-Brazil) and Rev. and Mrs. Ward Harris (Central African Republic-BMM).

BLUFFTON, RILEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our people appreciated the ministries of Don and Lois Moffat when they ministered here March 20 through 25. The Lord spoke to hearts.

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the ministry of the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College young people. Too, we recently viewed the ABWE film "The Skillfulness of His Hands."

BRUNSWICK, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our work on the addition to our present building is moving right along. The Jr. High and Sr. High young people of our church had a good time at their Valentine Banquet. We appreciated having Brother Dave Toro (ABWE-Australia) speak here in February. At our annual business meeting we voted to increase our support to Missionary Beverley Curtis (BMM-Hawaii) from \$35 per month to \$50. We also gave her \$200 toward her transportation need. Total offerings for our fiscal year amounted to \$64,609.60. Evangelist Neil Cadwell of Denver, Colorado led us in special meetings—Mar. 20-27.

CALDWELL, NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Hugh Horner. We anticipate blessing as we look ahead to our Missionary Conference this month—April 23-27.

CAMDEN, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We anticipate a time of blessing April 18-24 when we are to be led in special meetings by Brother Norman Sharbaugh.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Evangelist John Canine led us in special meetings—March 27 through April 1st. His ministry was one of blessing.

CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Men's Quartet from Baptist Bible College were with us Sunday evening, February 20. Rev. and Mrs. Dave Taylor (ABWE-Brazil) told us of their missionary work. Plans have been completed for a beautiful new auditorium that will join in with our present structure. This addition will greatly enhance the ministry of our church.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH—
As a church family, we had the joy of commissioning Dr. Martha Snearly for her ministry with her husband, Roland, in the Chad. Presently, they are in Switzerland for language study and will later this year move to the Chad, Africa. Our young people had a great time at the SNOW CAMP held at Skyview Ranch back in February.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—
It was a blessing to have the Ward Harris family here in February. They are missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions working in Central African Republic, Africa. As a church, we voted to give Pastor Bob Hill \$50 for tracts to use in his work in Miamisburg, Ohio. The Los Angeles Baptist College Chorale were with us March 8th.

DAYTON, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Don Hare (ABWE-Brazil) spoke here on February 27. Also, we were led in special meetings March 27-30 by veteran missionary Victor Barnard.

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Dave Taylor (ABWE-Brazil) directed our recent KID'S RALLY. We are having Brother Mel Johnson speak to our youth at our Special Youth Week-end, April 15-17. Evangelist Paul Dixon will be holding special meetings here May 2-8 and the Cedarville Choir will be presenting a concert the evening of May 22.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
Blessings were realized as a result of our Missionary Conference—March 13 through 16. Guest missionary speakers were Dr. Richard Stagg, Bangladesh and Rev. Dallas Hyatt, Paraguay. Both these men serve under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

GRAFTON, MIDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—
Miss Beth Odor (Evangelical Baptist Missions-Niger Republic) spoke here on February 27. On March 13 we were delighted to have Brother Paul Kintner (Baptist Mid-Missions-Peru) tell us of his work.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—
The ministry of Rev. Lynn Rogers, pastor of the Northfield Baptist Church, Northfield, Ohio proved a blessing to our people. He was here on February 27. Our ladies will be having their Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 10. The men will have their Father/Son Banquet on June 17. On the 12th of June we will be having a special Dedication Church Service.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Joel Kettering, Deputation Secretary of Baptist Mid-Mission spoke at our morning and evening services—February 20. We held our missionary Conference March 2-6. Guest missionaries included Rev. Douglas Wasson, Rev. Floyd Wooden and Rev. Paul Tidball.

LARUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother Bill Roloff of "the Swordbearers" of Cedarville College spoke here in February. Also, a team of 20 "Swordbearers" helped us canvass the area about our church. Brother Dave Burns spent part of last summer in Scotland working for the Lord. He gave a report of his work there.

LEMOYNE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We thank the Lord for His continued blessing on the work here. Recently we had some missionary candidates tell us of their calls to their respective fields. They were Larry and Sallie Fogel and Mrs. Delores Hammond.

LORAIN, EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our ladies Missionary Society sponsored a special offering for one of our families who are students at Bob Jones University—"the Larry Birt" family. They sent these folk a check of \$173.00. The PIPER-BASINGER CRUSADE proved a blessing to our church. Our new building was completed the first week of March. After all jobs (painting, trim work, etc.) are finished—the rooms will then be equipped and ready to be used.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Valentine Banquet was a time of great fun. Rev. Lynn Rogers of the Northfield Baptist Church was our guest speaker and soloist. We voted to purchase a new '77 Plymouth van for our bus ministry. The Baptist Bible College (Clarks Summit) choir ministered here on March 11. Also, we will be having Dr. James T. Jeremiah be with us for our Bible Conference—April 15-17.

MADISON, SOUTH MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Sunday School conducted an attendance contest called—"Faithful Family in February". The contest concluded with a family potluck luncheon at which a film was shown.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Lord has led us in calling Rev. Max Deffenbaugh (Eldora, Iowa) to be our new pastor. Our brother has accepted this call and began his ministry in Medina—April 1st. (Editor's note: We We hope to have an article concerning Brother Deffenbaugh and a picture which will appear in the next issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.)

MINFORD, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
During February we held our annual missionary Conference using the theme—"TAKE THE YOKE". (1 Cor. 3:9) Speakers taking part were Brother Earl Umbaugh our State Missionary — Brother Larry Fogel (Central African Republic-BMM)— Rev. Frank Hartwig (ABWE representative) and Brother John Baughman (BMM-New Church Establishment). We were able to increase our missionary giving to three of our missionaries. We had Missionary Jack Hopson (Chad) with us in March, as well as, Dr. Richard Stagg (Bangladesh-ABWE). We will be led in a Spring Bible Conference by Rev. James Grier—April 24 through 27.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH—
One of our missionaries, Rev. John Robinson, ministered to us February 6. We presented him with a check for \$1,000 toward his outfit and passage to the Philippines. The film—"Stranger in my Forest" was shown at one of our Saturday evenings during our Teen Sponsored Family Night.

NEWARK, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our hearts were refreshed through our special meetings with Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. Each evening Mrs. Moffat presented piano solos that were a blessing. A number of our folk have earned certificates for completion of the "Biblical Beliefs Bible Course".

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Dale Davis (Baptist Mid-Missions) ministered here in late February. He told us of the need for the gospel in Alaska and Las Vegas, Nevada.

NORTH JACKSON, INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—
We praise the Lord for the blessing received through the ministry of Evangelist John Canine. We had good crowds throughout all the meetings inspite of bad weather. We saw souls saved and lives dedicated. Our Adult Class sponsored a "Sweetheart Banquet". There were over 50 in attendance.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary "Manny" Woods (Baptist Mid-Missions-Brazil) told us of the work he and his wife, Reva, are doing among the Jewish people of Brazil.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We will be led in a "Symphony of Life" seminar April 20 through 22 by Dr. Frank Garlock of Greenville, South Carolina. Our brother has been greatly used in helping families and young people in their relationship to God and their proper appreciation of Christian music.

OVERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH—
An evangelistic team consisting of Evangelist John Canine and Brother Jon Case led us in special meetings February 20 through 25. It was a great week. The meetings were well attended.

SALEM, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. and Mrs. Marchand, missionaries to the Arabs, were here March 13. Also, on the 31st of March we had the pleasure of hearing "The Keynotes" from the Practical Bible Training School.

SPENCER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had a good time at our Sweetheart Banquet. Brother Larry Engle, Grace Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, was our guest speaker. We appreciated the ministry of missionary David Toro (ABWE-Australia). Also, on February 26, our young people (teens) went to Akron to the "TEENS INVOLVED" talents competition. Seven of our young people will be representing our church at the "TALENTS FOR CHRIST" to be held in Cedarville this month. We held our Missionary Conference March 6-9.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Evangelist Paul Dixon led us in our Spring Revival Services March 6 through 11. His preaching was in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lives were challenged and vital decisions were made.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held a special missionary night on March 23rd. Guest missionary was Norm Freeburg. "the Freeburgs" are missionaries to Norway under Independent Baptist Church for Biblical Evangelism.

SUNBURY, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Pastor Holmes recently spoke at the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. We will be holding an "All-Day Bible Conference" at our church April 16.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother Don Long, Principal of Emmanuel Elementary School, Toledo, Ohio spoke at our Women's Missionary Society. Pastor Curt Classen from the First Baptist Church of Lemoine, Ohio gave us a report on the progress being made at that new work.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Hearts were blessed through our Missionary Conference in early March. Guest speakers were Dr. Richard Stagg (Bangladesh)—Rev. Jess Eaton (Bangladesh) and Rev. and Mrs. David Toro (Australia). The Chamber Singers from Baptist Bible College of Penna. ministered here on March 20.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We enjoyed the singing of the Emmanuel School Choir. On April 22nd, our ladies will be having their Mother/Daughter banquet. The ministry of Brother Mike Coyle proved a great blessing. Our brother is an internationally known tenor soloist and french horn artist. We would highly recommend him to the pastors of our OARBC fellowship. His wife is an outstanding children's worker. She presented a Bible lesson with puppets to our Primary Churches on Sunday morning.

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH—
The following spoke at our church in March: Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Nunemaker (Niger) and Rev. and Mrs. George Blood (Alaska). On April 24 we will be having Dr. Andrew Wood and two of the boys from Shepherd's Home, Union Grove, Wisconsin. Rev. and Mrs. James Ruck (Japan) will minister here on May 15.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recent speakers include: Rev. Philip Sweeney of Champion Baptist Church and missionary Bruce Holmes who is looking forward to serving the Lord in Australia.

WARREN, LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—
We celebrated our 9th Anniversary as a church on March 27 and had Rev. Reevis Clark here for special meetings. He is a missionary under BMM in Kentucky. Some of our young people made a tour visiting Appalachian Bible College, Piedmont Bible College and Cedarville College.

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, spoke here Feb. 27. The Cedarville College Choir will be singing here April 30th, and May 13-14 are the dates for our Missionary Conference. We will be having Grace and Willard Stull from Brazil (ABWE) and "the Dave Taylors"—also from Brazil (ABWE).

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Bible Conference with Dr. Ron Chadwick proved a rich blessing. Our Adult Choir is working on John Peterson's Cantata—THE LAST WEEK. On March 6 we were privileged to have the Dan Lacey Family with us. They are missionaries to France. Our pastor, Rev. Richard Sumner began his 5th year as our pastor on March 4th.

WILLOWICK, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
It is good seeing the hand of the Lord on our work. Just recently we had the privilege of seeing 13 baptized.

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We learned more concerning the ministry of Skyview Ranch when Brother Bill Russell ministered here. It is a joy to see how God is blessing in and through our camps. We viewed a documentary film—THE ARK OF NOAH. Too, we held a "Design for Successful Living Seminar" which proved of value to our people.

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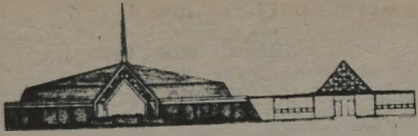
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New Building To Be Dedicated



The Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio are busy finishing their lovely new building. Plans are to dedicate this fine structure in May of this year.

These new facilities include an auditorium seating over 750, new classrooms, new office complex and a library. The present auditorium will be renovated and converted to an all-purpose recreation room and a new and larger kitchen.

The architect for this project is Mr. Bill Gunter of Trotwood, Ohio. He is a fine Christian. We are very well pleased with his work, direction and dedication in building a functional building of quality material and workmanship at a conservative cost. Mr. Gunter is also directing the Construction Management Corporation which is doing the actual construction. The church is acting as the general contractor, thereby saving a substantial amount of funds.

The church recently purchased an additional house and five acres of property adjoining the present property, making a total of ten acres which will be adequate for future expansion.

During the past three months, 24 persons have been added to the church. Several who have recently accepted Christ will be baptized. Rev. Lawrence G. Fetzer is the pastor of this fine work.

Bill Bright — Campus Crusade

We read recently that Bill Bright of Campus Crusade says he does not personally believe that the Lord's return is imminent. This statement appeared in an article in CHRISTIANITY TODAY for September 24, 1976. No doubt that helps to explain the unscriptural slogan of Campus Crusade - "Come, help change the world." When men quit believing that the Lord may return at any moment, they usually become involved in trying to fix this old world up. The newest Campus Crusade program called, "Here's Life, America" is described by Bright as a "movement of disciplinship and evangelism that involves thousands of churches. . ." This means that "Here's Life, America" is another ecumenical evangelism program which ignores sound doctrine and favors unity above doctrinal purity. Such programs do not constitute either true discipleship or evangelism and Bible-taught believers cannot cooperate.

..... JOURNAL - First Baptist Church
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Oh Me! Oh My!!

(The editor weeps!)

Once upon a time there were two 'Paul Williams'. There was a 'Paul G. Williams' and there was a 'Paul T. Williams'. They both pastored churches in Ohio and were a part of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. 'Paul G. Williams' pastored the Albany Baptist Church of Albany, Ohio. 'Paul T. Williams' - the South Canaan Baptist Church of Athens, Ohio.

Well, one day, 'Paul G. Williams' (from Albany, Ohio) moved to Maine, New York. In reporting his leaving for this new work, the editor of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST really messed things up. In the FEBRUARY issue, he stated that 'Paul G. Williams' was leaving the Albany Baptist Church, Athens, Ohio. It should have read - Albany, Ohio!

'Paul T. Williams' is still in Athens, Ohio (Well - just outside the town of Athens.) ministering at the South Canaan Baptist Church.

What your editor is trying to do is straighten this mess out! Be it known to one and all that 'Paul G. Williams' left the Albany Baptist Church, Albany, Ohio and that 'Paul T. Williams' is still ministering at the South Canaan Baptist Church just outside Athens, Ohio.

Now - besides all that - Rev. John Baughman, missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions, is presently trying to begin a new work within the town of Athens, Ohio. If any of our pastors in Ohio know folk living in the town of Athens or in the Athens area, please send their names to Rev. John Baughman, Box 254, Athens, Ohio - 45701.

We are sorry for any problems this error in reporting may have created. There were just too(two) many 'Paul Williams'. Added to that - Albany and Athens - well - they are not too different. They both have six letters and they both begin with the letter - "A". I guess what I am trying to do is find an excuse for making such a dumb mistake and I just can't come up with one. I am sorry! OH ME! OH MY!!

New Educational Unit Dedicated

The Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio (Rev. George W. O'Keefe, Pastor) held a special Dedication Service on Sunday afternoon, March 13. This was to dedicate their new \$140,000 East Wing Educational Addition and their Martha Lorraine Cartwright Lounge.

Guest speaker for the occasion and during the day was Dr. Hall Dautel - a friend of many in our OARBC fellowship. Brother Dautel also presented special music performing at both the piano and the organ. His ministry was one of blessing.

This new educational facility, which includes a full gymnasium as well as classrooms, will be usable often for mutual, beneficial activity and fellowship with many of our sister churches.

Church Honors Faithful Servant



Mr. Elmer Gerwin

The Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid, Ohio (Rev. Will M. Davis, Pastor)-dedicated their 1976 annual report to Mr. Elmer Gerwin in appreciation of his many years of service as their treasurer, as well as other areas of service.

Brother Gerwin was baptized and joined Nottingham Baptist Church in 1927. He has faithfully served as General Church Treasurer for thirty-one of the fifty years since becoming a member.

In addition to his service as church treasurer, he has been involved in the following areas of ministry: Deacon, Trustee, Choir Director, Choir Member, Music Committee, Budget Committee, Finance Committee, Church Building Council and Director of Robes and Properties.

The church greatly appreciates the faithfulness with which our brother has served the Lord and the church. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Corinthians 4:2

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Two terms of summer school are being offered this year. The first term is for four weeks and runs from May 16 through June 10. The second is a short term of two weeks running June 13 and 20. These are the two weeks just prior to the Annual GARBC conference which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Applications for these terms must be received by April 27. A brochure and an application blank are available upon request with further details of cost and class offerings. Address letters to: Faith Baptist Bible College, 1900 N. W. Fourth Street, Ankeny, Iowa - 50021.

NEW SEMESTER IN PROGRESS

Sixty new students arrived for the Spring semester and rounded the student body total to an encouraging 588. Thirty-five are attending here for the first time, and twenty-five are transfer and returning students. The individual totals include 20 single men - 20 single women and 20 married students.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

A Few Spiritual Applications

"So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God."
Romans 14:12

I received several spiritual applications to life from our recent trip to the Holy Land.

- 1) Everywhere we travelled our PASSPORT had to be in hand.
 - a. It showed our being. (Our date and place of birth - our family background - our present address and occupation.)
 - b. It showed the place and date of issue. (To me this was like the date of my conversion.)
 - c. It showed my picture. (No one could substitute for me.)
 - d. We had to present it in New York to receive our visa to travel. We presented it in Amsterdam, Amman, the Allenby bridge, Tel Aviv, Amsterdam (the second time) and finally again in New York. (It is like unto our Saviour who is our entrance into heaven.)
 - e. It has the seal of the U.S. government on it. (Like as the seal of the Holy Spirit who seals unto the day of redemption.

We enter heaven's gates because our Passport - the Lord Jesus Christ - is in order. He completed all that was necessary.

- 2) As we travelled through different airports our luggage and person were carefully checked. (I liken this to I Corinthians 3:12 - 15 where the Christian is brought before the Bema and his works are tried (examined) by fire. When we entered Amman they took from our possession some hand drawn maps. In New York fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers were confiscated. When we enter the Bema all works of 'wood, hay and stubble' will be destroyed). At the Allenby bridge one whole busload of people were refused entrance into Israel. They were seeking entrance as tourists but secretly had other plans in mind. (At the Bema His eyes are able to try and know reality. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord. . . . And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.")

Praise God for Him who is the 'door, the way, the truth, the life'. We have safe passage through Him!

Called 'Home'

We received word recently of the "homegoing" of Mrs. Auguste Eicher. She and her husband are well known by many of our O.I.B. readers.

Our sister became ill and was hospitalized for the treatment of a heart attack. She did not linger long and soon passed into the presence of her Lord.

Mrs. Helene Marie Eicher was born in Lonay-Morges, Switzerland. She prepared for the Lord's work by attending the Geneva Bible School in Switzerland and taking a six-month Missionary Maternity Training course in England.

She was married to Auguste Eicher February 9, 1929. Their two daughters were both born on the mission field in the Congo - Mirium Berei and Liliane Delessert.

Brother and sister Eicher served the Lord for 24 years with the Unevangelized Tribes Mission and then with Baptist Mid-Missions since 1952. One of the major contributions of their ministry has been the translation work in which they were actively engaged. In the Fall '76 issue of THE HARVEST, published by Baptist Mid-Missions, a full page article tells of their work translating portions of God's Word.

Any messages of condolence should be sent to Mr. Eicher at CH-1672 Oran-la-Ville, Switzerland, via air mail. Gifts of memorial should be sent in memory of Mrs. Helene Eicher to Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio - 44103. The mission office will be glad to hold these and send a report of these gifts to Mr. Eicher for him to use at his discretion. Let us be in prayer for the family at this time.

Important Dates

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April 26 — Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship. Perry Baptist Church-2425 Drive, S.W., Canton, Ohio.

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Bethany Women's Fellowship

The Bethany Women's Missionary Fellowship recently held their first meeting of the New Year at the First Baptist Church, McDonald, Ohio. The host church provided the ladies with a delicious luncheon preceding the meeting. In spite of the bad weather, we were blessed to have 65 ladies responding to roll call from our 12 churches.

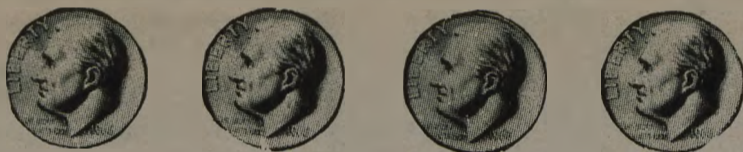
Vice-President, Mrs. Dorothy Rider, was in charge of the meeting due to the illness of our President - Mrs. Kathy Barkley.

Mrs. Denise Hollogaugh led us in our song service. Mrs. Mary Jo Moore was at the piano and the soloist was Mrs. Susie Furl. Mrs. Thomas Brennan welcomed the ladies and devotions were given by Mrs. Shirley Friend.

The new project voted on for 1977 is to purchase an electric typewriter for Miss Florence Houck, missionary under Evangelical Baptist Missions. Miss Houck was our special speaker for the day. She told of her work in Niger, Africa and also showed slides. Our next meeting will be in April at the Boardman Baptist Temple.

Ninth Anniversary

The Leavittsburg Baptist Church (Rev. Virgil R. Wolford, Pastor) celebrated their Ninth Anniversary on Sunday, March 27th. Also this day was the beginning of a week of special meetings with Missionary Reevis Clark (BMM-KENTUCKY). On the afternoon of the 27th a special "Hymnsing" was held. The Lord blessed not only on the opening Sunday but throughout the whole week.



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New Pastor At Dayton Church

The Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio has a new pastor. He is Rev. William D. Tallman and he began his ministry in Dayton on January 23rd of this year.

Brother Tallman previously ministered at the First Baptist Church of LaGrange, Ohio as Assistant to the Pastor (Rev. Harry P. Ramsey) and Youth Director. He was there for two years. He is a graduate of Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Pastor Tallman and his wife, Jacqueline, have two children - Deborah Jo who is three and one-half years old and Tami Rae - four months old.

We trust that the Lord will richly bless our brother's ministry.

Will History Repeat

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New M.A.P. Dimension For Baptist Mid-Missions



Rev. R. Eldon Brock

The Missionary Apprenticeship Program at Baptist Mid-Missions has taken on a new dimension by adding Rev. R. Eldon Brock, Director of Regular Baptist Camp of Michigan, Inc., Lake Ann, Michigan, to its list of M.A.P. Consultants.

To assist in the many details involved in operating its large worldwide program, the mission has obtained the services of 18 selected college men who serve in the area of recruitment. They give out the M.A.P. applications as well as screen the applicants for the program.

Rev. Brock has geared his camp program to have a strong emphasis on missions. In his endeavor to expose the campers to missions, he will provide for the young people information on the various youth programs of the fellowshipping Baptist mission agencies. Included in such an exposure is Baptist Mid-Missions' Valuable Information Program (V.I.P.), a mailing program which provides missions-minded young people with vital information from the global ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions, and the Sr-Hi Teens Apprentice Missionary Program (S.T.A.M.P.), a summer apprenticeship program for senior-high-school students.

One of the reasons for the new dimension is to provide missions-interested students to serve as camp personnel in a program which is geared to emphasize missions.

Last year's M.A.P. program saw nearly 200 Mappers working with Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries in over 20 countries. This year's program looks very promising with one of the highlights being the fourth consecutive year in Israel. It is estimated that some 90 M.A.P. personnel will be working on three kibbutzim for a period of seven weeks.

M.A.P. Director, V. Ben Kendrick, says that he believes the M.A.P. program is the greatest source of recruitment in missions today.

Portsmouth Area Pastor's Fellowship

On February 1st the pastors of the Portsmouth area met at the Temple Baptist Church, 1148 Galia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio (Rev. Max Sidders, Pastor) for their monthly Pastors' Fellowship. There were 12 pastors present. Pastor Richard Sumner (Wheelersburg Baptist Church) and Rev. Hilbert brought messages. Pastor Walden (Temple Baptist Church - Assistant Pastor) presented a study on visitation. A highlight of the gathering was a performance by the four-year olds from the Temple Tots Day Care.

Larry and Marea Smith have been engaged in church-planting during much of this time. Three of the six children are married but daughters Jennifer (18); Cheryl and Laurel (14), will be moving to the Akron area with their parents this month (April).

Even as the Lord has blessed our brother's ministry in the past, so also do we believe the Lord will bless it at Cuyahoga Falls.

Accepts Call To Cuyahoga Falls Church



Rev. and Mrs. Laurence E. Smith

Rev. Laurence E. Smith concluded his ministry at the Montpelier Baptist Church, Montpelier, Ohio in March of this year to accept a call to serve as Pastor of the Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

The Montpelier church began under the ministry of "the Smiths" and our State Missionary - Rev. Earl Umbaugh. This was in 1973 and since that time has become self-supporting with assets including a parsonage, two buses, a remodeled (and converted) Grange Hall and a large area for future parking accommodations. JOY CLUBS and AWANA programs were begun and an active schedule is now being maintained. The Montpelier church, affiliated with the GARBC and the OARBC, has a membership of 125 with 150 in regular attendance.

Brother Smith is a native of Midland, Michigan, and a 1957 graduate of the Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania in Clarks Summit. He has taken graduate work at the Oneonta State College, Oneonta, New York and Wilkes College, Wilkes Barre, Penna. He served two large churches in New Jersey as Minister of Education and has held pastorates in Pennsylvania, Indiana, New Jersey and Ohio.

Now Serving At Bowling Green

The First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ohio (Rev. John E. Greening, Pastor), has called Brother Kim Lewis to work with the church in the capacity of Minister of Youth and Music. Pastor Kim is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Our brother and his wife, Patti, are located in Bowling Green and are actively engaged in the ministry of the church. He is the son of Rev. Warren Lewis, Director of the Bethany Baptist Camp in Western New York State. Pastor Kim, himself, has had much experience in camp life.

We believe our brother and his wife are going to be a blessing and a challenge to our young people. We look to God to bless his ministry among us.

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Doane students have limited funds with which to purchase textbooks, therefore, the students use the Scofield notes as one of their main texts.

The suggestion to help the students at Doane by purchasing these tools came from Virgil Stoneking upon his return from the Philippines last summer. The students here took several offerings totaling over \$1800. The money given above the cost of the Bibles and books was given to Brother Zamar to be used to purchase books for the Doane library.

Missionary Conference

The annual Missionary Conference at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. this year was held March 28 through April 1. Seven veteran missionaries ministered during these days. Two of these were members of BBC's alumni. They are: Jesse Eaton ('59), serving with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism in Bangladesh and Don Bond ('55), also with ABWE serving in Peru. Other missionary speakers included: Dr. Henry Osborn, Baptist Mid-Missions' Linguistics Consultant - Donald Hare, ABWE missionary to Brazil - Leeland Crofts, Baptist Mid-Missions' Jewish work - Norman Bright, Evangelical Missions in Australia and William Commons, ABWE missionary in Hong Kong. Their messages were most challenging! The conference theme from Matthew 21:28 - "Go work today in my vineyard," was the ultimate goal of the week.

Middle-East Seminar

The Director of the Division of Biblical Studies - Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Penna. - Dr. Wayne Knife - will be conducting a four-week Holy Land study seminar May 8 through June 4 of this year. Students and faculty will accompany Dr. Knife for this concentrated study of God's Word. The trip is limited to 40 people. The Institute of Holy Land Studies on Mount Zion will be the general headquarters for the group.



THE CHAMBER SINGERS

March 9 through 20 the Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit Chamber Singers and the College Choir under the direction of Mr. Donald Ellsworth and Mr. Gilbert Haglin will be traveling to several

churches and Christian schools. This year you may have the opportunity to hear both groups when they are in your area. Check these itineraries and try to attend at least one service.

CHAMBER SINGERS'

- March 9 - Calvary Baptist, Meadville, Pennsylvania.
- March 10 - Euclid-Nottingham Baptist, Euclid, Ohio
- March 11 - p.m. First Baptist, Wauseon, Ohio
- March 13 - a.m. Black Hawk Baptist, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- p.m. First Baptist, Elkhart, Indiana
- March 14 - p.m. Fruitport Bethel Baptist, Fruitport, Michigan
- March 15 - First Baptist, Newaygo, Mich.
- March 16 - South Baptist, Flint, Mich.
- March 17 - First Baptist, Bay City, Mich.
- March 18 - p.m. Christian School Program, Taylor, Michigan
- March 19 - Gen-O-Shi-Lo Youth Rally, Rochester, Michigan
- March 20 - a.m. Calvary Baptist, Ypsilanti, Michigan
- p.m. Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, Ohio.

COLLEGE CHOIR

- March 9 - First Baptist, Lockhaven, Pennsylvania
- March 10 - Grace Baptist, Toledo, Ohio
- March 11 - Fellowship Baptist, Lorain, O.
- March 12 - Calumet Area Youth Rally, Hobart, Indiana
- March 13 - a.m. Griffith Baptist, Griffith, Indiana
- p.m. Hessville Baptist, Hessville, Indiana
- March 14 - p.m. Grace Baptist, Gary, Ind.
- March 15 - Pleasantview Baptist, Crawfordsville, Indiana
- March 16 - p.m. Bible Baptist, Kokomo, Indiana
- March 17 - First Baptist, Mentone, Ind.
- March 18 - Calvary Baptist, Indianapolis, Indiana
- March 19 - Bible Baptist, Bedford, Ohio
- March 20 - a.m. First Baptist, Elyria, Ohio
- p.m. Sharon Baptist, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

The Ted Steed Memorial Chapel

The trustees of our Scioto Hills camp inform us that plans have been finalized regarding the TED STEED MEMORIAL CHAPEL. It will be a metal structure having a seating capacity of approximately 200. The cost has been estimated between \$8500 and \$9000.

Already \$1800 has been given or pledged toward the construction of this much needed facility. As of this writing, it is not possible to give detailed plans as to the outlay of the chapel. We want it to be honoring as a memorial to Brother Ted Steed but also to the Lord. We anticipate many who will use it as they gather to study His Word.

All monies for this project should be sent to the camp treasurer - Brother Don Grollmund, 7415 Gallia St., Sciotoville, Ohio - 45662. Such gifts should be marked - "CHAPEL FUND".

A special "FAMILY DAY AT CAMP" will be held on June 18 with Evangelist Paul Dixon as guest speaker. You are invited to come - and bring the whole family!

Discovers Tablets

SYRIA- Dr. David Freedman of the Chicago University says that recent discoveries here by Jewish scholars have great dimensions and significance, in light of some 15,000 clay tablets uncovered with some as old as 4,000 years. Their inscriptions are closer to the Bible text than any previously found. Excavators found a bi-lingual vocabulary of 1,000 words at the site containing both Sumerian logograms and Eblaic syllabic writings. They were able to decipher a number of Biblical names on the tablets such as "Is-ra-Ilu" (Israel), "Ab-Ra-Mu" (Abraham), "E-Sa-Um" (Esau), and "Da-U-Dum" (David). References were also found to the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gaza, as well as "Urusalima" (Jerusalem).

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A Mission Field God's Leading For You?

Editor's Note: The author of this article - Missionary Doug Couch - is well known and dearly loved by many of our O.I.B. readers. Prior to going to Australia, under Baptist Mid-Missions, he served as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, Ohio. He was most active in working with the young people of our OARBC fellowship, particularly through our camp ministries.



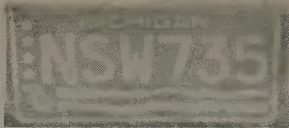
Pastor Doug Couch

I suppose the question that is asked more than any other by Christian young people at camps and conferences is this: "How can I know the leading of the Lord for my life?" From the beginning it needs to be emphasized that God's will is not always the easiest, the most apparent, or the most beneficial to us at the time. Many times the leading of the Lord, by outward appearances, seems difficult and unexplainable. Now it may not always be this way. It does not necessarily mean you will go where you do not want to go, do what you do not want to do, or be what you do not want to be. Dr. Bob Jones used to say, "God never called a bull frog to sing a church solo or a one-legged man to run a foot race." He who calls also equips for the responsibility.

The age old way of determining God's will cannot be improved upon. To know God's will is to know God's Word. God's Word reveals His will. The Holy Spirit, being the author of God's Word and being eternal, has inserted eternal answers to age old questions. His span of time is from A, the beginning, to Z, the end of the age. Now we are born in a part of that span of time and live for 60, 70, 80 or even 90 years, then our life on earth is over; but when we go to the Word of God to find an answer for our problem we are drawing on eternal sources. The eternal Holy Spirit already knows not only our problem, but the solution as well. While we read the Word and pray for guidance, He puts his "spotlight" on a verse, sentence, or just a phrase that gives definite guidance. For example, let me mention what happened to my wife and me as we prayed about returning to Australia for our second term. We, while doing deputation, were offered several possibilities of pastorates at home that were very attractive. This would have been perfectly legitimate if it were God's will for us at the time. In fact, I tried to instruct the Lord about His leading, telling Him how much better it would be for all of us as a family. It was at this time that the Holy Spirit placed His "spotlight" on Psalm 106:15, "And He gave them their request, but sent leanness unto their soul." Clearly, God's will for us was another term of service for Him in Australia.

Not long after that the brakes on my wife's car failed while she was turning into a parking lot. She and our son, Scott, pulled to the curb safely with no damage, but how different the results might have been. You see, in the center of God's will you are as safe as the center of God's palm. Let me hasten to add, not every automobile accident or mishap that a pastor or missionary has is the result of being out of

the will of the Lord, but to us at that moment it was a perfect example of being where God wants us, under His perfect care and protection.



Michigan plates that spoke to us about New South Wales

The second way God reveals His will is through circumstances. As we read and pray, God will bring about amazing incidences that will clearly indicate His will for our lives. Can you imagine our shock when, as we were praying about our new location in Australia, we received our new Michigan license plates with the imprinted letters NSW on them. Amazing enough, we had been praying about replacing a fellow missionary in Albury, New South Wales (NSW). Although we knew of the work, had visited and preached in the church, we had always said, "Albury is the last place in Australia we would want to live." As Psalm 106:15 prodded us back to Australia, so now the circumstances helped pinpoint our place of service.

Since arriving in Albury, God has shown us why He wanted us in this New South Wales "bush" town. The church, having an excellent foundation from Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries, Evan and Wanda Gough, is now developing into a strong witness in the community. Property is being sought and a building program will be under way soon. Our Awana has over 100 young people registered and we are seeing a steady flow of people coming to Christ. What more could a pastor desire? At present our church meets in a former boot shop and our Sunday School education building is a run-down house, yet we are sensing the presence of the Lord and the thrill of knowing we are right where God wants us in His vineyard. The whole church has a sense of "expectation for 1977".



Lavington Baptist Church (Converted Fish Shop)

At our youth camp in the Strathbogie Mountains, 25 senior young people and 21 juniors were dealt with personally about their faith in Christ. Many of these received the Lord, others the assurance of

People

Sharon Lahaie

People
so alone and afraid
groping in a dark world
for something
Something to satisfy that longing
Something to make them feel fulfilled.
They look for it in
love
sex
work
drugs
alcohol and
religions
They want inner peace and are searching
searching
searching.
They won't find true inner peace
in all those things
They won't find it until
they find Christ Who
gives real peace.
When they find Christ then they will have love, as He gives it,
will be able to enjoy sex as He planned
will do their best in work for Him
won't need the others because
He is their all in all. His grace and help are sufficient.*
*II Corinthians 2:9a
"And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee;
for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

their salvation. I spoke on the theme "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man," during one week, using the over-head projector and puppets to illustrate the messages.



Teaching the Word at Camp Murindindy

Another way which God will sometimes use to reveal His will is through other Christian's advice, messages or the reading of good Christian literature. These, as well as circumstances, are merely supportive roles to God revealing His will through the Word. The missionary stories of Isabel Kuhn and missionary biographies by

various authors challenged my heart to think of the needs of the entire world. Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, was used to pinpoint the needy country of Australia to us.

In conclusion, if this missionary has learned anything in the past 25 years about the leading of the Lord, it is this: to follow the Lord's plan for your life is to have your life nestled in the palm of God's hand (John 10:28, 29). Whether it is running the streets of Melbourne, dodging traffic in Rome or mingling in the crowds of Singapore. When we are about our Father's business there is perfect peace and safety.

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Cedarville College News

Cedar Day Science Fair

Spring activities at Cedarville College will include the annual Cedar Day celebration, this year to be held Saturday, May 7, 1977.

This year's activities will center around the theme "Bazaar of Nations," each campus organization taking on the identity of a nation. The gymnasium will be the scene of booths created by the organizations in keeping with their nationalities. Sports events will center around mock Olympic competition, which will begin Friday and continue most of the day Saturday. Some of the events featured in the olympics will be raft and canoe races, a road rally, and an obstacle course.

The second annual Science Fair will also be held Saturday, May 7. Sponsored by Chi Theta Pi, the Science Fair is planned for students of Christian high schools and will host individual competition in two major categories, physical science and chemical science. Approximately 30 displays are anticipated, and those displays will be judged by professors of Cedarville College and alumni in the science field. A first place trophy will be awarded, as well as cash prizes for second and third place winners.

Women's Basketball

Cedarville College recently hosted the Seventh Annual Ohio State Women's Intercollegiate Basketball Championship. Twenty-four teams participated in the three-day conference. The University of Dayton took first place, Ashland College second, and College of Mount St. Joseph third.

Oratorio Performance Commendable

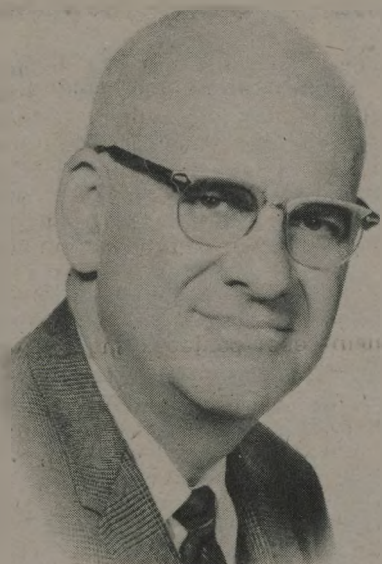
by Bill Anderson

The Cedarville College Oratorio Choir should be highly commended for its recent undertaking of Felix Mendelssohn monumental work, "St. Paul". Under Dr. Charles Ellington's masterful direction, the ninety-minute performance was an impressive accomplishment for the musicians and a blessing for all who attended.

Skilled interpretation and long hours of preparation were plainly evident in the ensemble's exceptional display of unity, discipline, and technical accuracy.

Eighty-two voices strong, the choir itself was the evening's prominent feature. It dramatized such memorable Biblical events as the stoning of Stephen and Paul's conversion and missionary service. Especially interesting was the substitution of "O great is the depth", a chorus appearing early in the work, for the considerably weaker original finale, "Not only unto Him."

Resigns Pastorate At Bellefontaine Available For Meetings



Dr. Hugh T. Hall

In recent issues of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we have endeavored to keep our readers informed concerning Dr. Hugh T. Hall, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Dr. Hall had 'triple by-pass' surgery on November 18. In our JANUARY issue, we reported that he seemed - for awhile - to be making good progress but had a set-back and was re-hospitalized. At the advice of his physician, he spent a number of weeks in Florida seeking to recuperate. Progress has been very slow. The doctors are not satisfied with the condition of the back-side of his heart. They have strongly advised that he should not carry a heavy load but "cut down" to something lighter.

It appears that he is able to preach. He is not, however, well enough to take care of all the details and administrative work with the hours involved in pastoring a sizable church. In the light of this,

This was effective in bringing the oratorio to a thrilling, dynamic conclusion. There were a few instances of garbled words, but they did not significantly detract from the message's overall clarity or impact.

Featured as soloists were Kathy Howell, soprano; Cynthia Mally, contralto; Lyle Anderson, tenor; and David Matson, bass. Miss Howell was richly expressive, especially in the plaintive "Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets". Miss Mally's style was lofty and operatic but received less-than-adequate exposure in her one contribution, "But the Lord is mindful of His own."

The male soloists exhibited a controlled, forthright style. Mr. Anderson in his portrayals of Stephen and Ananias and Mr. Matson in such melodic passages as "I praise Thee, O Lord." The long and difficult performance was truly a workout for the soloists, whose

Dr. Robert T. Ketcham Steadily Improving

In our January issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we reported concerning Dr. Robert T. Ketcham suffering from a severe stroke. At that time, humanly speaking, it seemed impossible that he would ever be well again. There were days when we thought he would slip away to be with his Lord. In grace, God has permitted him to remain here awhile longer with us.

As of this writing, he is coming along quite well. True, he is still very weak, however, he can move about the apartment with the aid of a quad cane (by himself) - he is able to feed himself - his speech is much clearer and his mind is alert.

So very many (hundreds - maybe a thousand or more) have sent cards and letters. These have encouraged both him and Mrs. Ketcham. They are not able to answer them, but if they could they would say "thank you - thank you - very, very much!"

Let us continue in prayer both for him and for Mrs. Ketcham during these days.

our brother has been led of the Lord to resign as pastor of the Bellefontaine church. This will take place on May 1st. He is presently teaching the Bible Lesson on Wednesday nights and preaching the message on Sunday evenings.

After May 1, he will be available for "Four-Day" Bible Conferences and will also be able to carry on a "Pulpit Supply" ministry. Our brother is an excellent Bible teacher - and an able preacher. Pastors would do well in having him in their churches. The doctors feel this type ministry would not be too much for his heart.

Since Dr. and Mrs. Hall are buying their home in Bellefontaine, they will be staying on at their present address. Parties interested in having Brother Hall minister in their churches may reach him by writing: Dr. Hugh T. Hall, 701 Park Road, Bellefontaine, Ohio - 43311. Phone: (513) 592-6051.

voices were noticeably strained near its end.

Adequately prepared by Dr. Robert Monroe, the thirty-two piece orchestra provided the singers with a strong back-ground accompaniment as well as showing artistic flair during its solo passages. Miss Jeanne Pippin's work on the piano was equally integral to the finished product.

The audience responded to the performance's conclusion with a spontaneous standing ovation. Although this is not usually considered customary at a religious concert, it was an appropriate meaningful expression of the audience's genuine appreciation. Dr. Ellington and his ensemble, who accepted the applause with dignity, were rightfully deserving of this unique tribute for offering Cedarville an evening of such high-quality, Christ-honoring musicianship.

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Southwest Area ORBC Pastors Meet

The pastors of the Southwest Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches met on Tuesday, March 1st at the Shawnee Hills Baptist Church in Jamestown, Ohio. Rev. Tom Fillinger was the host pastor.

The topic discussed in this meeting was - "Time Management". Those attending appreciated all that was presented. It proved most profitable.

There was a time of fellowship following the meeting when the pastors gathered at a nearby local restaurant.

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