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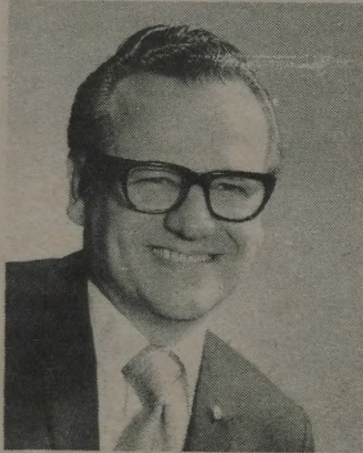
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OARBC Annual State Youth Rally - 1978



Dr. William Fusco

The theme for the 1978 OARBC Annual State Youth Rally is - "TEENS -- MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?" and it will be held May 20th in the lovely Veterans Memorial Auditorium which is located at 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The time is 1 p.m. through 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 (pre-registration). This should be mailed directly to Rev. Larry D. Engle, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, 5612 West Bancroft in Toledo, Ohio. The cost (at the door) is \$3.00.

The mainline speaker will be Missionary Bill Fusco. He presently is serving as Western Representative for Baptist Mid-Missions. Along with his wife, Lorene, they served the Lord in the land of Italy. He is an excellent speaker with a very special appeal to youth - saved and unsaved alike!

The special music will be presented by Jemon and Zonnie Alparaque. These dear people are the "precious fruits" of faithful and dedicated A.B.W.E. missionary labors in the Philippines. They are gifted ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ and their people - the Filipinos. Thousands have been blessed through their singing! It is exceptional! Presently, they are engaged in travelling about the country preaching and presenting concerts. Their music has been heard in youth rallies, camps, conferences, evangelistic services and at other occasions.

Also, at the rally, will be the presentation of the OHIO TALENTS FOR CHRIST winners, our STATE CAMPS and an excellent Christian film. YOUNG PEOPLE -- plan NOW -- on attending!!



Jemon and Zonnie Alparaque

Shawnee Hills Church Breaks Ground



Left to right: Mr. Lynn Brock, Mr. Bill Riter, Mr. Carroll Coy, Mr. Don Harner and Pastor Tom Fillinger.

Shawnee Hills Baptist Church in Jamestown, Ohio observed a ground-breaking service on Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. Before members and friends were invited to the 10-acre plot of ground located at Shawnee Lake, the Building Committee had a rather unique problem to solve -- that of snow removal!

This church family is confident that they labor not in vain, for they have seen in two year's time a steady increase in membership and the end of debt on the church property. Now God has called them to arise and build.

In November 1977 a loan application was presented to Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions accompanied by a unique audio-visual presentation entitled "Windows of Heaven." The Church Buildings Committee viewed the presentation in which Mr. I. Am Crumbling, the building presently rented and occupied by the congregation of SHBC, conducts a rather humbling tour of its own admittedly inadequate facilities. At the conclusion of the presentation the viewers are confronted with God's challenge to test Him by bringing in the whole tithe and God promises to open the "windows of heaven" and pour out a blessing until there is no need. (Malachi 3:10)

The loan was approved and SHBC prepares to build a 6200 sq. ft. building to include a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 250 along with offices and a Christian Education area. The congregation anticipates occupying the building by Labor Day.

Invitations to attend the ground-breaking service were sent to members and friends, including Mr. Bill Gunter of Associated Engineering and Construction Management Company, the firm hired for architectural and construction services.

One hundred people looked on as Pastor Tom Fillinger and the Building Committee turned the first golden shovelfull of frozen ground. Later the congregation met at the church for a viewing of "Windows of Heaven."

The Joy Of Having A Need Met!

In the February 26th church calendar of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Arcanum, Ohio (Rev. Robert Perry, Pastor), there appeared an announcement-"MARGRAFF'S PRAYER REQUESTS". Three requests were presented. The first of these was concerning their "CAR FUND" It read as follows:"PRAY that our 'CAR FUND' will soon reach completion. We have a dire need for a new/different car."

One of the families in the Arcanum church - Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wick in reading concerning this need - began to pray. As a result, the Lord laid it upon their hearts

to give "the Margraffs" their very own car. It is a '74 LTD Ford Station Wagon! They took it to the garage and had it checked over and given a good "tune-up". They then sent it on its way to "The Margraffs". They ("the Margraffs"), needless to say are rejoicing! In expressing their thanks, they reported that all they had in their 'car fund' was \$75 (that was all!). In fact, the morning they received the word concerning the gift of the car from "the Wicks", the brakes on their old car gave out completely!

To be sure, "the Margraffs" are indeed rejoicing. . .but then. . .we kind of think that Keith and Joyce Wick are rejoicing, too. "It is more blessed to give than receive."

"R and R" Fund

by Lawrence G. Fetzer

Former armed service men and women will remember that R and R stood for Rest and Relaxation, but for the OARBC Fellowship it means Reserve and Retirement. Father time has an incredible way of seizing upon us all and retired preachers must face the awesome reality of living without the monthly compensation that most have enjoyed.

As we think of giving to this fund as churches and individuals, four words speak to this need - Distributing, Sharing, Sacrificing and Loving.

Romans 12:13 - "distributing to the necessity of the saints."

Galatians 6:6 - "Sharing with godly teachers because they are part of God's family" (Galatians 6:10).

Hebrews 13:16 - "sacrificing in our giving pleases God".

1 Peter 4:7-8 - "loving each other manifests our relationship to our heavenly Father and demonstrates our faith.

That's it in a nutshell - each doing his part and the work of God has no lack.

"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received . . . the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. But my God shall all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philip- pians 4:17-19.

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"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE" (MT. 5:16).



"Ye shine as LIGHTS JOY the world" (PHIL. 2:15).

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 From Your Editor....

In our MARCH issue, we wrote while in meetings at the Bethel Baptist Church in Merrillville, Indiana. In grace, the Lord gave us a good week there. We then traveled to Chicago, Illinois and were privileged to spend a few days with Mother and Dad Ketcham. Also, while in Chicago, I was privileged to minister at the Lord's Day services for Brother Gerald Safstrom, pastor of the Belden Regular Baptist Church in Niles, Illinois. Pastor Safstrom had been rushed to the hospital with severe heart pains. In grace, he is recovering and is able to have a limited ministry in his church.

Next we were with Pastor and Mrs. Paul Williams at the South Canaan Baptist Church in Athens, Ohio. This was our second meeting with these dear folk. It was good seeing the excellent spirit among the people. The Lord honored the preaching of His Word. From Athens, we moved to Bucyrus, Ohio. Here a new work is endeavoring to get under way. The pastor is a young man - Brother Bill Wert. He and his wife, Pam, are both graduates of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. These dear folk have a small group that love the Lord. They are renting an old Methodist church building located south of Bucyrus on Route 98. It was thrilling to see the Lord work in hearts. Vital decisions were made during the week. At the closing Friday service, an attendance record was broken!

As of this writing, we are ministering in York, Pennsylvania. Here, too, we see His hand of blessing. The Lord is good!

Our schedule is pretty well filled for the rest of 1978. We do have one open Sunday in June (the 4th), three open Sundays in July (the 9th, 23rd and 30th) and one open Sunday in August (the 27th). We

would like to fill these if at all possible. Pastors interested in having us supply their pulpits on any of these dates, please write: Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385.

Our schedule for the days ahead reads as follows:

- Apr. 6 - 8 Ankeny, Iowa - Faith Baptist Bible College
- Apr. 9 - 16 Rantoul, Illinois - Bible Baptist Church
- Apr. 18 - 20 Martin, South Dakota - Northern Plains Assoc. of Reg. Baptist Churches
- Apr. 23-28 Spearfish, South Dakota - First Baptist Church
- Apr. 30-May 5 Cody, Wyoming - Grace Baptist Church
- May 7 - 10 Rapid City, South Dakota - Tabernacle Baptist Church
- May 11 - 14 Upton, Wyoming - First Baptist Church
- May 21 - 24 Dundee, Ohio - Lakeview Baptist Church
- May 27 Sunbury, Ohio - Grace Baptist Church
- May 28-31 New Straitsville, Ohio - Carmel Baptist Church
- June 4 OPEN
- June 6, 7, & 8 We will be driving to Florida
- June 11 - 14 Miami, Florida - First Baptist Church of Village Green
- June 18 - 21 Melbourne, Florida - Berea Baptist Church
- June 25 OPEN (Would like meeting in Florida church)
- June 26-28 Attend first part of GARBC Conference at Lakeland, Fla.
- July 2 Bucyrus, Ohio - Lighthouse Baptist Church
- July 3 - 7 Millersburg, Ohio - Skyview Ranch (Family Week)
- July 9 OPEN
- July 16 Cedarville, Ohio - Grace Baptist Church
- July 23 OPEN
- July 30 OPEN
- August 6 Pataskala, Ohio - Bethel Baptist Church
- August 13 Pataskala, Ohio - Bethel Baptist Church
- Aug. 18, 19 Tiffin, Ohio - Calvary Bapt. Church (Men's Retreat)
- August 20 Tiffin, Ohio - Calvary Baptist Church
- August 27 OPEN

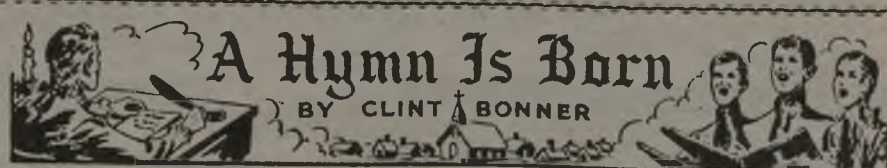
We greatly appreciate all those who pray for us in our travelling, our preaching and our working on THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

Thoughts On Prayer

The way to get a thing which is purchasable is to pay for it. The way to get a thing which is earned is to work for it. The way to get a thing which is to be given is to ask for it. The Christian in receiving from God has neither to pay nor to earn. What he gets from God comes by gift, and the way to receive it is simply to *ask*. In Matthew 7:7, God says, "Ask and ye shall receive." In Matthew 7:11, "How much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that *ask Him*."

In John 14:11, "Whatsoever ye shall *ask* in my name." In John 14:14, "If ye *ask* I will do." Since then the definite blessing in prayer comes from our simple asking, the first great lesson is: --BEGIN TO ASK; BE INSTANT in Asking; KEEP on Asking (I Thess. 5:17); Ask in ALL THINGS (Phil. 4:6); Ask and ye shall KNOW GOD (II Chron. 33:13); Ask and YOUR JOY SHALL BE FULL (John 16:24); Ask BECAUSE THERE IS A GIVING BY GOD WHICH COMES ONLY FROM OUR ASKING (Isa. 37:21ff)."

... James H. McConkey



Let The Lower Lights Be Burning

A Gospel Singer Hears A Story

But for his untimely death, the golden voiced Philip Bliss would have perhaps outrivaled Ira D. Sankey as the greatest gospel singer of the last century. With a start of twenty years over Fanny Crosby, it is also likely that he would have run the blind poetess a close second as America's most prolific hymn writer. But the Pennsylvania composer had enjoyed less than a decade of success when his life was snuffed out at the age of 38 in a railroad wreck in 1876. Thus he is often referred to as "the lamented Bliss."

Philip Bliss got the themes for most of his hymns from sermons. It was from a sermon by a Rev. Brundage that he got his idea for "Almost Persuaded." While singing for evangelist D. W. Whittle in Chicago, Bliss heard the preacher tell

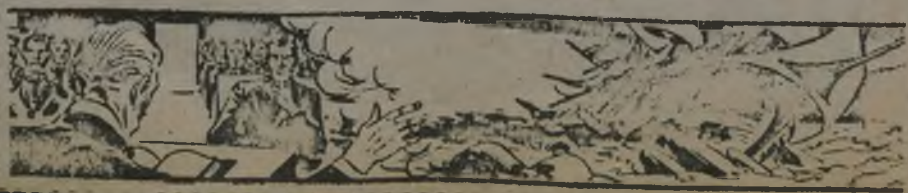
of a battle during the Civil War. From the message came his theme for "Hold the Fort."

The singer-composer was singing for Dwight L. Moody when the renowned evangelist told the story of a shipwreck. Moody related how passengers were lost because lower lights along the shore were out and only the large light of a lighthouse was burning. The pilot had his general direction but could not see rocks near the entrance to the harbor. "The Master will take care of the great light," said Moody, "let us keep the lower lights burning."

Once an idea struck the alert mind of Bliss, he worked rapidly... usually writing both words and music. At the next service he sang a new hymn for Moody's congregation. It was

Brightly beams our Father's mercy
 From His lighthouse evermore;
 But to us He gives the keeping
 Of the lights along the shore.
 Trim your feeble lamp, my brother!
 Some poor seaman, tempest-tossed,
 Trying now to make the harbor,
 In the darkness may be lost.

Dark the night of sin has settled,
 Loud the angry billows roar;
 Eager eyes are watching, longing,
 For the lights along the shore.
 Let the Lower lights be burning!
 Send a gleam across the wave!
 Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
 You may rescue, you may save.



To Serve As Baptist Mid-Missions Southern Representative



Rev. Douglas R. Couch

Many Ohioans will be interested in knowing that Brother Doug Couch and his family have returned to the States from their field of service - Australia.

Doug has been asked to serve as the Southern Representative for Baptist Mid-Missions. He and his family will be making their home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We are confident the Lord will use him greatly in this new field of service.

Brother Couch has a B.A. from Bob Jones University. He pastored in Salem Bible Church, Salem, Michigan, 1952-1955; the South Lima Baptist Church, Lima, Ohio, 1955-1963; and Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, Ohio, 1963-1970.

In 1970, Rev. and Mrs. Couch became authorized personnel with Baptist Mid-Missions. They went to Melbourne, Australia, in 1971 where they had the joy of organizing Calvary Baptist Church as well as having part in the organization of Victoria Baptist Bible College where they taught for five years. They also assisted in the development of Camp Murindindy, located about 120 miles from Melbourne. Upon their return from furlough in 1975, Rev. Couch served the pastorate of the Lavington Baptist Church, Lavington, South Wales, until 1977.

Cause For Rejoicing!!

In our MARCH issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST we informed our readers concerning the progress being made by Mrs. Wm. (Lorene) Fusco. In this issue, we have even greater news!

In a letter dated February 10th, Brother Bill Fusco wrote the following: "Lorene is making progress. She is now able to walk short distances, providing someone maintains her in balance. We lift her from the bed, put her on her feet, and she haltingly walks 33 feet to her rocker in the living room. She can sit in a chair about six hours a day in two-hour segments. She can now touch her face with her right hand. The left side has made slower progress. Her paralysis has retreated to about the 40 percent level. She still requires round-the-clock nursing care.

"We praise God for this progress and thank you for praying. Many of you have sent gifts, for which we are truly thankful.

"I continue with a limited itinerant schedule. We have seen a tremendous moving of the Spirit in our meetings, with public decisions for salvation and dedication".

Let us continue to pray for our dear sister that she might know a full and complete recovery - GOD IS ABLE! Pray, too, for Brother Bill as he continues to minister in the work of the Lord. He is to be the guest speaker for our STATE YOUTH RALLY at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Columbus on May 20th.

Brother and Sister Couch have three children, Linda, a graduate of Cedarville College and teaching in a Christian school in Detroit; Joy, a junior at Grand Rapids Baptist College; and Scott, who is a student in high school.

Rev. Couch's ministry will involve speaking in churches, camps and schools as well as assisting churches in arranging missionary conferences. He can be reached at 2640 Nantucket Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103.

47th Annual GARBC Conference

Schaumburg, Illinois - "Worthy Is the Lamb" is the theme of the 47th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to be held in Lakeland, Florida, June 26 - 30.

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative, said, "Our testimony is greatly needed in these days of alarming confusion in Christendom. The neoevangelical compromise, the charismatic parade, the shallow use of Biblical terms until they become almost meaningless, the creeping paralysis of worldliness, the denial of Biblical inerrancy -- all combine to create confusion and a distorted picture of Christianity.

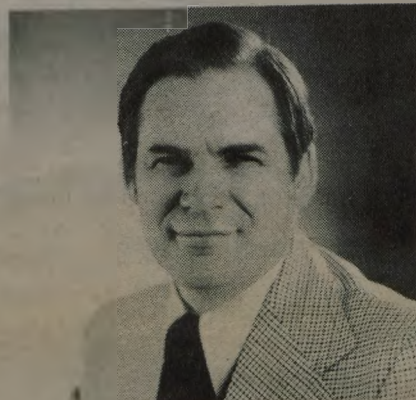
"The place of the local New Testament church; doctrine that exalts our Savior; balanced, Biblical evangelism; and an emphasis upon a dependable, authoritative,

inerrant Bible will characterize our messages. Both ecclesiastical and personal separation will be presented with Scriptural balance. Church planting and growth will be held before our people as well as the challenge of the Great Commission that lifts our vision to world missionary labors. The awful immorality of our time will be decried and exhortation given to true holiness. The place of Christ in our lives will be presented as the answer to the violence and corruption that fills our world."

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches represents 1,542 local churches united to accomplish mutual concerns on a national and international level through the chaplaincy, radio broadcasts, literature distribution, missions, education and social responsibility. The annual, nationwide Bible conference is for spiritual edification, challenge and fellowship.

Introducing Our Missions' Leaders

by V. Ben Kendrick



Dr. Wendell Kempton

To acquaint our readers with the men whom God has raised up to direct the G.A.R.B.C. approved mission agencies, we plan to carry a resume of one of the leaders each month. We believe this information will be of interest to you in this special series on missions.

Dr. Wendell W. Kempton, President of Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was elected to that position in 1971.

Brother Kempton was born in Iowa and was educated in the Des Moines public school system. He was saved at age 19 in Des Moines when he attended an evangelistic service with some of his friends. At that time, he was faced with a decision as to whether to go on to college or into professional baseball, from which he had received several attractive opportunities. Under his pastor's influence, he enrolled at Moody Bible Institute where he received a diploma with a Bible major and a missions minor. He then went to Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, New York and completed

the entire program with a major in Theology. From there he went to Dallas Theological Seminary where he earned the Th.B. and Th. M. degrees with majors in Theology and Christian Education. After graduating from Dallas, he responded to an invitation from Baptist Bible Seminary to become a member of their staff.

While at Baptist Bible Seminary, Brother Kempton assumed various duties, serving as Athletic Director, Basketball coach, Christian Service Director, faculty member, Director of Public Relations and Director of Development.

Dr. Kempton was nominated as an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1967 by the Outstanding Americans Foundation. He has maintained a particular concern for the nation's youth.

In 1973, the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College conferred upon this servant of God the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Kempton's strong Baptist and separatist convictions have earned him the respect of pastors and evangelical leaders across this country. He is held in high regard as a Bible teacher and conference speaker. His ministry has been greatly blessed of God in bringing many to Christ for salvation and dedication of life. He has traveled worldwide in carrying out his duties as a mission executive. ABWE's entire Board, staff and missionary family are in total agreement in recognizing the many talents and the enthusiasm that Dr. Wendell Kempton has brought to the leadership of that growing missionary organization.

Christian Camping For Adults — Camp Patmos

This is now the third year that Patmos has had a camp for our senior citizens and a camp for families. Both groups are proving to be our most faithful repeaters. The senior citizens that returned to the "Senior Sailor" week the second year included more than three-fourths of those that were there the first year. "Senior Sailors," be sure to note the early date this year, June 19 - 24, with B. C. Jennings as your speaker.

Rumors have a way of discouraging registrants at Patmos. In the past two weeks after the opening date for registrations, hearsay reports have indicated the camp was full for the summer. That has never been the case. Traditionally, the July weeks get filled up earlier than the others. That is true this year; but there are still plenty of openings for campers of all ages.

The Family Camp, running this year August 21-26 with Dr. Wilbur Welch as the speaker, does have

more registered now than attended last year; but there are still cabins open and there is still plenty of room for the recreational vehicles of families who would like to bring their own equipment.

The rate for the "Senior Sailors" is \$40.00 a person (slightly more than a 10% discount). The rate for children during the Family Week will be \$25.00 for the first child, \$20 for the second, \$15 for the third and \$10 for each additional young person, except for the children under two that go free. Parents during the Family Week pay the same as the young people \$45.00 each.

If any of our churches would like to show a 10-minute filmstrip with narration on a cassette tape, these are available for use in your Sunday School class meetings or youth meetings. You may contact any of the Trustees or their Chairman, Lynn E. Rogers at 7854 N. Boyden Road, Northfield, Ohio 44067.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Nevertheless

Oft' times we face obstacles, decisions and depressions that leave us with uncertainty, hesitancy and challenge. The scriptures give us examples of others in similar circumstances. We can review some of these and see how they faced their circumstances head-on with God's strength.

NEVERTHELESS, this is good for crisis times. When Nehemiah's good work was threatened (Nehemiah 4:8,9) he met the challenge with: "**Nevertheless**, we made our prayer unto God and set a watch against them day and night."

Nevertheless, is a good word of comfort for the depressed. Ps. 31:22 "For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes; **Nevertheless**, thou hearest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee."

Nevertheless, shows God's patience in answering prayer: Ps. 107:42, 44 "Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their council, and were brought low for their iniquity. **Nevertheless**, he regarded their affliction when he heard their cry".

Nevertheless, is a word of total commitment: Mark 14:36, "And he said Abba Father, all things are possible unto thee: take away this cup from me: **nevertheless**, not what I will, but what thou wilt."

Nevertheless, is a word of willingness to trust God when all human effort has failed. Luke 5:5, "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing, **Nevertheless**, at thy word I will let down the net."

*I simply take Him at His word
I praise Him that my plea is heard,
And claim my answer from the Lord,
I take -- He undertakes.*

Recent Happenings Here And There

Berea Baptist Women's Missionary Fellowship. New officers were elected.

President, Mrs. Ardith Linn
Vice Pres., Mrs. Vivian Christensen
Secretary, Mrs. Diane Folkmann
Treasurer, Mrs. Shirley Culver.
Congratulations, Ladies, we expect great things this coming year!

West Moriah Women's Missionary Union Luncheon was held at Stan's Restaurant in Westerville. Some 62 ladies (including pastor's wives and local Missionary fellowship officers) attended. Special music was given by Mrs. Charles Kindig, a flute solo, 'The Old Rugged Cross'. The Devotional talk was given by Mrs. Mildred Bryant, working with Judeo-Christian relations in Columbus. Her theme was about our willingness to work for God out of hearts of love for Him. Exhibits of work projects were displayed. Four old-fashioned calico-dressed dolls were awarded to four ladies present. Mrs. B. C. Jennings is our West Moriah W. M. U. President. The next West Moriah meeting was

held at the Clintonville Baptist Church.

The **Hebron Women's Missionary Union** met on April 4 at the First Baptist Church of Strongsville. This was their Spring meeting with the theme "Give Them At Least One Chance To Live". We were welcomed to the host church by Mrs. Joyce Parrish. Our Ladies' choir gave us two numbers directed by Mrs. Joyce Ramsey of LaGrange.

Mrs. Quentin Kenoyer, missionary from India, was our delightful speaker for both morning and afternoon sessions. The ladies enjoyed a style show from India. Our project chairman, Leona Mathany, from Brunswick again presented the needs for our project, office supplies for Hiawatha Baptist Mission.

The **Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship** met at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church recently. Isabel and Jonathan Dygirt, appointees to Scotland, were guest speakers for the day. Hearts were blessed. Workshops were planned by the ladies.

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The home mission ministry of F.B.H.M. is not limited to these continental United States, but through missionaries Don and Mary Lang, is spilling over into Mexico. There, the Langs, who reside in Chula Vista, California, are working among the Mexicans in eight areas of that country. Much of the work is in Baja, California where they have been laboring eleven years. The various types of work include a camping ministry twice a year, door to door visitation, guest speakers for special meetings, building programs, and the recent ordination of a native pastor. Baptistries are being built into the churches as they advance toward graduation. In a recent report, Brother Lang writes that two works have now graduated from the Mission to full church status. Because of the increasing evidence of God's blessing, he says, "The work is taking on a new and thrilling aspect. Praise the Lord!"

Surely the Lord will burden many reading this article for the Spanish-speaking people in Mexico as well as in many areas of the United States where needs and opportunities abound for planting churches. F.B.H.M. would welcome inquiries as to how you may have a part in this great work.

...submitted by
David C. Dunkin Promotional Director

Meeting Of West Moriah Pastors/Wives Fellowship

The West Moriah Pastors/Wives Fellowship met at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio at 10:00 a.m. on February 21st. Rev. William Abernathy is the pastor of this fine church.

A devotional study and time of prayer was led by Pastor Marvin Clark of the Johnstown Independent Baptist Church, Johnstown, Ohio. Guest speaker was Brother Jim McElwee, Assistant Pastor of the Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Brother McElwee spoke on the subject of "The Pastor and Counselling".

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Another School President Speaks Out



Dr. Donald Drake

I'm sure the Baptist Mid-Missions' Home Office in Cleveland must have slowed down in pace for here on the Piedmont campus were three staff members of that organization. They freely gave of their time to make an impact in the lives of 450 students.

Yes, an impact is what they made for they ministered in three chapels, several classes, the Students' Missions Fellowship and untold numbers of hours of counseling. The students on the Piedmont Bible College campus were well aware of the fact that these men were here.

It was impossible to pass their station and the display in our Student Center and not see Ben Kend-

rick, Joel Kettenring or Leigh Adams discussing some aspect of missions with our students and, more often than not, all three of them were talking with someone.

During recent years a large number of Piedmont graduates have been going to the mission field under Baptist Mid-Missions. One of the reasons for this is the fact that the Mid-Missions' administrative staff and missionaries have been willing to give of themselves in order to make contact with those on the college campus.

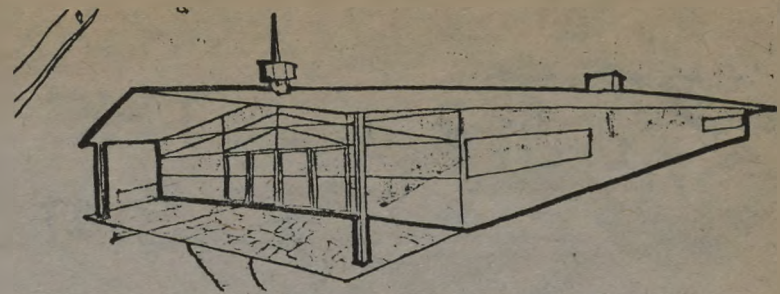
There is no way of estimating what this impact will mean in future years. However, I feel that it is fairly safe to say that there will be many lives of effective service for God on the mission field because these men came and gave.

One of the results of Bible training should be a heavy burden for missions. Obviously, it comes as a natural result of studying the Word, but certainly a tremendous effective supplement to it is to have men come and inform, instruct and inspire those students who are in training so that in the years to come they may serve.

Praise God for bringing these dedicated servants our way. Pray with us that God will continue to work in the hearts of those who have been challenged and made commitments during this very special Campus Spotlight on Missions emphasis at Piedmont.

Dr. Donald K. Drake
President
Piedmont Bible College

Help Is Needed To Erect Memorial Chapter



Steed/McKeever Memorial Chapel

The trustees of the Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp are asking the churches of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches to declare Sunday, April 30th as a "Special Offering Sunday". As we understand it, the money received through these offerings will go primarily toward the erecting of the Steed/McKeever Memorial Chapel. Churches unable to take a special offering on the 30th of April could do so on another Sunday. Scioto Hills needs YOUR help to complete this project.

Shown above is the artist's drawing of the proposed chapel. For those of our readers who did not know Brother Ted Steed and Dr. William McKeever, we run the following:

TED STEED was called home on the last day of the 1976 camp season. With his passing, Scioto Hills lost its most tireless and dedicated worker. An Air Force retiree, Ted found the ministry of Scioto Hills the answer to his prayer concerning God's will for his later years. Thousands of campers and staff came to know and love Ted Steed as one who could always be depended upon to be there when help was needed. His interest in the spiritual as well as the physical aspect of Scioto Hills is reflected in the decision of the Board of Trustees to dedicate the new chapel to his memory.

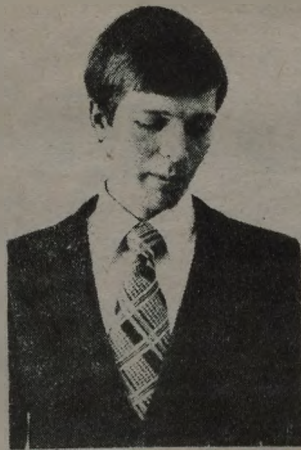
DR. WILLIAM C. MCKEEVER, while pastor of Central Baptist Church in Columbus, played a very important part in the purchase, development and promotion of Scioto Hills Camp. Brother McKeever was instrumental in the purchase of the original property and it's financing. He was one of the original trustees in which he assumed the position of treasurer and registrar. His dedication to Scioto Hills was shown by his driving to camp every Monday for registration. Mr. McKeever took every opportunity to promote the camp personally and influenced groups to take on camp areas as projects. He was a very dedicated worker and it has been said "he was an essential gear in the machinery of Scioto Hills Camp."

Blessing At Ravenna

The Baptist Bible Church of Ravenna, Ohio (Pastor Mike Richmond) is a relatively new church. It was started in '75 under the O.A.R.B.C. church planting ministry with the help of Rev. Earl Umbaugh, State Missionary.

They are now preparing to dedicate their recently constructed building. This Dedication Service is to be held April 30th. Guest speaker for this occasion will be Rev. David Warren, former pastor of the Champion Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio and presently professor at Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa. The formal Dedication Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the 30th of April. The public is invited.

New Assistant Pastor At Bellefontaine Church



Bob Whitney

The Calvary Baptist Church of Bellefontaine, Ohio has called

Brother Bob Whitney to serve as their Assistant Pastor. He is now on the field working along with Pastor Earl Decker in leading the people.

Brother Whitney is a "P.K.". His father pastored in Massachusetts, Ohio and Michigan. Brother Bob received his training for the ministry at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and the Tennessee Temple Schools in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney (Pat) have a five-month old daughter - Lauren.

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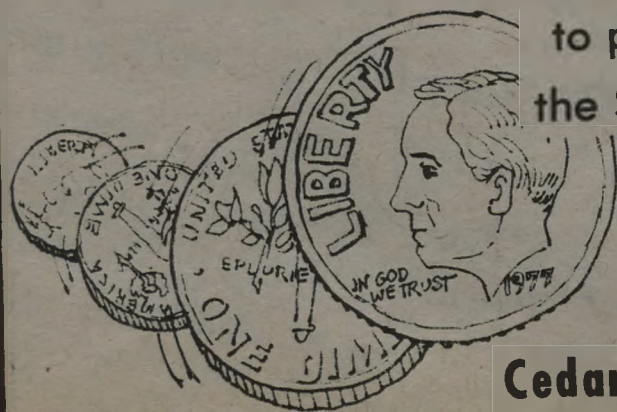
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ACROSS THE STATE

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Valentine Banquet on February 18. A 45-voice women's choir from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College was with us on April 1st.

ARCANUM, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held a Missionary Conference banquet on March 4th. Our Annual Missionary Conference ran from March 5 through March 8. Missionaries having a part in the conference were: Larry Armstrong, Leeland Crotts, "the Holtzes" and "the Kintners".

AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our folk enjoyed their Valentine Banquet at the Oberlin Inn on February 14. We held a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

BELLEFONTAINE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

On March 4, we hosted the Word of Life Teen Competition. This was for young people ages 12 through 18. We held a Dedication Service for our new 9000 sq. ft. addition which gives us eleven class rooms and a library. This was on March 12th. Our own pastor—Rev. Decker spoke at the morning service. Our former pastor, Rev. John Wood spoke at the 3:00 P.M. hour and State Missionary Earl Umbaugh at the evening service. Our choir presented an Easter cantata entitled: "Behold Him".

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent speakers at our services include: Rev. Walter Caldwell, Rev. Joel Kettenring, Dr. Robert Gilbert and Rev. Dan Douglass.

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. John R. Greening, Assistant Pastor at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa and the son of our pastor, Rev. John E. Greening, ministered here on March 19. His ministry was one of blessing. The Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College Ladies Chorale was with us on April 2nd. We are to have an International Missionary Dinner on April 9th.

BUCYRUS, LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in special meetings by Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. Their ministries proved a blessing to our people. We had a record-breaking attendance at the closing service on March 10th. This is a new work and, in grace, the Lord is blessing. We desire to grow -- "to His glory"!

CAMBRIDGE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother Bruce Holmes and his family were with us on March 1st to present the field of Australia. We now have eight missionaries on our budget representing seven different countries. All are under GARBC approved mission agencies. Brother Ken Transeau was here March 29th and we are looking forward to a time of blessing through the ministry of Brother Mike Coyle. He will be presenting a concert here on April 19. Special evangelistic meetings are being planned with Evangelist Leland Conner May 21 through 28.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary—Rev. Carl Thomason spoke here recently. He also showed slides of his work of "church planting". We viewed the film—"The Miracle Goes On".

CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionaries David and Grace Kintner (BMM-Brazil) were with us Sunday through Wednesday, February 19-22. We held a Commissioning Service for Miss Sonia Nelson who is a missionary appointee under A.B.W.E. to the Philippines.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Mrs. Mark Chandler from Calvary Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio was guest speaker at the February meeting of our Women's Missionary Society. On March 4 our College/Career group sponsored a Spiritual Life Seminar which was blessed of the Lord.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Two of our young men—Bill Abenathy and Ron Thomas spoke here at our Sunday services on March 5th. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Gary Storm, Dir. at Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp, when he presented the work of the camp to our people. "The Forsythes" who are missionaries to Australia were with us on March 12. Our choir presented the cantata—"Hail, Glorious King".

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Director at Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp, Brother Gary Storm was with us both on February 8 and February 12. On the 19th of February we held a "Recognition Service" for our new pastor, Rev. Carl J. Schultz and his family.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—

At our Easter Sunrise service we viewed the film—"Sammy". Our choir presented their Easter cantata on March 22nd. Plans are being made for our Missionary Conference which will be held May 14 through 17.

DAYTON, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Dr. David Haag (E.B.M.—Director of European Baptist Bible School) spoke here Feb. 22nd. We will be having special meetings April 16 through 23. Guest speaker is to be Rev. Everett Bramblet of Tacoma, Washington.

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH—

The ministry of Brother Mel Johnson on Wednesday evening, February 22nd, proved a blessing. Brother Gary Storm, Director of Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp spoke here in March. Also, our choir presented a cantata—"The Last Week" by John Peterson.

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in a Bible Conference by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College. This was February 24 through 26.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent speakers include Brother Carl Thomason (Missionary Appointee to Alaska) and Rev. William Russell (Administrator at Skyview Baptist Youth Ranch). We held a banquet for our adults on March 11. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, will be ministering here May 21 through 24.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

The following missionaries had a part in our Missionary Conference: Rev. Roy Challacombe (BMM-Brazil and England), Rev. Virgil Freyer-muth (FBHM-Joy Clubs) and Rev. Austin Plew (President of F.B.H.M.). We also appreciated the ministry of Rev. Bruce McDonald.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Missionary Conference March 19 through 22 with missionaries—Norman Nicklas (Brazil) and Gene Stockton (Venezuela). Dr. Phil Shuler will be leading us in our Evangelistic Crusade—April 19 through 30.

GAHANNA, ROCKY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH—

On February 26, we started a five-week Sunday School contest. On the first day of this contest we had Brother Gary Storm, Director at Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp, as a guest speaker. Everyone coming to our Sunday School on that day had to walk through a large "teepee" to get to their classes.

GALLIPOLIS, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our annual Sweetheart Banquet was held on February 18. "The Gene Stockton family" (Venezuela) were with us on February 19. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, led us in our evangelistic services March 26 through 31.

HINCKLEY, HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH—

At our Missionary Conference—April 12 through 16—we featured Dr. Raymond Buck, Foreign Secretary for Africa and Europe (Baptist Mid-Missions). Brother Buck served as a missionary in Africa for ten years and also pastored churches in Kentucky, Ohio and Kansas.

JOHNSTOWN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held a Pizza Party for our Children's Bible Club. There were 26 in attendance. As a church, we purchased a power generator. Our Women's Missionary Fellowship held a Valentine Banquet. We recently had an attendance contest in our Sunday School. Brother John Charles Thomas presented a Sacred Concert here on March 5th. Our choir, under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Marvin Clark, presented an "Easter Spectacular". This was on March 19.

LANCASTER, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

Sunday, March 12, was a special day for our youth. Their choir sang and our Youth Pastor, Pastor Kirby Lancaster, preached. A concert of special music was presented at the evening service by Miss Howell and Brother Bruce Maddox brought the message. Our youth—ages 7 through 12 had a Youth Banquet on March 17.



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The Roy Jones Family—missionaries to Spain were here on February 19 and told of their "call" into missionary service.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the ministry of Missionary Bob Banning (ABWE-Philippines). Our choir will present their Spring Concert on April 16. The first half of this concert will be John Peterson's Cantata—"The Good Life".

LORAIN, WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. and Mrs. Eric Elmer, missionaries to Central African Empire, ministered here February 8th. We were led in special evangelistic services by Evangelist Ed. Morrell. The Lord spoke to hearts.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
In early March, both Rev. Earl Umbaugh and Missionary Bob Banning (ABWE-Philippines) ministered here. Some of our young people attended the Youth Conference at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa.

MINFORD, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
On February 12, Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship and his family were with us. He told us of their work among college students. We held a Winter Youth Retreat February 17 and 18. It was a time of spiritual refreshing. Rev. Ralph White and a trio from the Appalachian Bible Institute were here for this occasion. Brother White also ministered to us on Sunday Morning February 19. He was a blessing to us all.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held our Missionary Conference March 19 through 22. On the 26th of March we had an Easter Sunrise Service with Brother Larry Harkleroad as guest speaker. We are to have guest soloist, David Kobieluch here on April 9th and guest soloist, Mike Coyle on April 30. Mr. and Mrs. Jemon Alparaque from the Philippines will be singing for us on May 27 and May 28.

NOVELTY, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recently, in our Sunday School for our boys and girls we showed the following films: "A Boy Named Samuel" - "Jonah and the Whale" and "Hidden Island". Our pastor, Rev. Ralph Lenz, was privileged to conduct Dr. Paul Cell's funeral. They had been close friends for many years.

OBERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH—
We welcome to Camden our new Pastor Brother Calvin Searles and our Assistant Pastor Brother Jon Dobney. Brother Searles is a recent graduate of Cedarville College, Brother Dobney of Bluffton College.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—
In March, we had the Moody Concert Band. Later in the month the Women's Choir from the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College sang for us. Our ladies will be having their Mother/Daughter banquet on April 14. We are to have special Spring Meetings-May 7 through 14 with Evangelist Larry Moyer.

PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Through the past months we've had a number of different missionaries and pastors minister to us. These include: David Fields, Roy Jones, Howard Moses, Dr. Robert Sumner, Dr. Ted Camp and Dr. Walter Staton. On March 1st, we had a Teacher Appreciation and Dedication Banquet. We had 78 of our Educational Staff present. Our Easter goal was set at 700. Also, we conducted an Easter Sunrise Service at the downtown Esplanade. We are looking forward to our evangelistic services May 21 through 26 with Evangelist Paul Dixon.

RAVENNA, BAPTIST BIBLE CHURCH—
Dr. Ernest Pickering was with us for a Bible Conference March 3 through 5. He brought a study on the Book of Ruth. We now operate one bus and are hoping to find one more which would help us to effectively meet our area's need. This is a new work and God, in grace, is blessing!

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Senior High young people had a "Progressive Dinner" on March 10. We viewed the film—"Thief In The Night".

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. William Russell, Administrator at Skyview Baptist Youth Ranch, was with us on February 19.

STRUTHERS BAPTIST TABERNACLE—
"The Singin' Sheriff", Dr. Forrest C. Edkin, from Columbus Junction, Iowa ministered here

March 12. Brother Gilbert Swift, missionary appointee to Germany will be speaking here April 9th. We are to be led in evangelistic meetings by Brother Bill Hafer-April 16 through 21. On the 21st of May we will be having a gospel team from Piedmont Bible College.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recent guest speakers include: Rev. Harry Cole and Rev. Richard McIntosh-both of Cedarville College. On March 15, we viewed Jim Entnor's slides of their work in the Philippines. We held our Missionary Conference in February with missionaries Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Rev. Sam Hornbrook and Rev. Romyne Strickland challenging us with the great need of getting out the gospel! "The Swordbearers" from Cedarville College also ministered here. Our pastor, Rev. Clifford Boessel recently visited the Holy Land. We will be having our Mother/Daughter banquet May 9. Evangelist John Canine will be here to lead us in our evangelistic meetings-May 21 through 26.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Blessings were realized during our Missionary Conference. Missionaries participating were: Rev. and Mrs. Norman Nicklas (Brazil), Rev. and Mrs. Albert Ostrander (Liberia), Rev. and Mrs. Rich (Japan) and Mr. and Mrs. Jemon Alparaque (Philippines). We held our annual Founder's Banquet on March 17. ABWE Representative to the Far East, Rev. Russ Ebersole, was with us on March 15. We enjoyed having "the Chamber Singers" form Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. sing for us. This was on March 19.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
On March 15, we had Missionary Clarence Fisher with us. We are having a Family Life Conference with Brother Don Worch of the Baptist Children's Home-April 9 through 12.

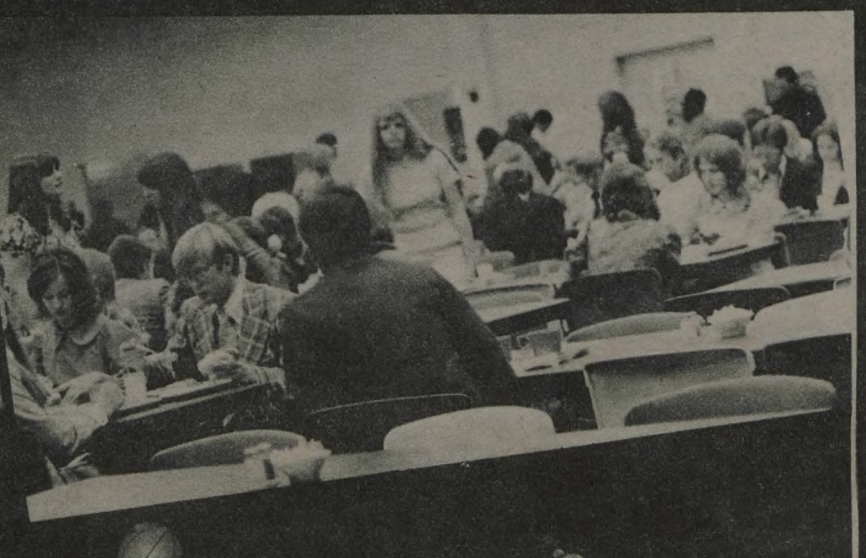
VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH—
Dr. Fred Hussey led us in our New Life Crusade April 23 through 28. Miss Joy Spieth will be guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 9th. and Rev. Bruce McDonald the guest speaker at our Father/Son Banquet-June 10th. He will also speak at our Sunday services on June 11.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in a Bible Conference March 5 through 10 by Rev. David Clemens. Our teens had a good time at their Valentine Banquet. The Lord has given us a new pastor-Rev. Paul Bowser.

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
The North West field council of F.B.H.M. met here March 6, 7 and 8. We viewed the slides of "Passion Week" on March 19. Our choir presented a cantata by Harold DeCou entitled "Jesus Lives" and, also, we viewed the film-"He Is Risen". In April, we were ministered by Rev. David Dunkin (FBHM) and Rev. Donald Messenger (Baptist Children's Home-Kouts, Ind.). Allen and Cathy Pick, missionary candidates to Italy under Baptist Mid-Missions are to be with us April 23rd. Our Annual Missionary Conference this year will be held May 19, 20 and 21. Guest missionary will be Rev. Mel Pittman who has spent 20 years in the Niger Republic of West Africa working among Moslem people.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—
We will be having an "Old-Fashioned" day on April 9. In March, we viewed Lester Roloff's film-"Save Our Nation". Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, led us in our Missionary Conference March 26 through 29.

XENIA, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had the privilege of having Phil Davis present his field of work with the Cedine Tennessee Mission. This is a work specifically with the black people of Tennessee. We also had a sweet time of fellowship on February 17 when we held our Sweetheart Banquet.



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On March 4, the College/Career group of the Clintonville Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio sponsored a Spiritual Life Seminar. The pastor of the church - Rev. George Hattenfield and Dr. Robert Gromacki, professor of Bible and Greek, Cedarville College presented the series of seminars. There was good attendance throughout the day.

Pastor Hattenfield delivered two seminars entitled - "The Spiritual Man" and "Spiritual Gifts". Dr. Gromacki's lectures were on "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" and "Walking in the Spirit". There was also a stimulating question and answer period.

Special numbers were presented. There were many opportunities for informal fellowship with other believers. The high-level of content in the teaching of the Word, and fellowship together made it a beneficial day - one long to be remembered.

Church School Success; Leaders Play Expansion



TEMPLE TOTS - Shane Flannery, Lucretia Jordan and Timmy Kelly busy making Valentines for their parents at the kindergarten at Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Editor's Note: The following article recently appeared in the local Portsmouth, Ohio paper. We felt it to be of such interest that we run it in its entirety. The Temple Baptist Church is to be commended for this fine work they are doing.

The preschool daycare center and kindergarten classes at Temple Baptist Church, 1148 Gallia St., are so successful the church is planning to expand them next year to include first and second grades, with creation of a Christian Elementary School for all six grades in the near future, Rev. Max Sidders, pastor said.

The already successful daycare center and kindergarten classes have been in operation for more than a year and handle about 50 children between the ages of 2 and 6. They have a waiting list of almost 70, Rev. Sidders said, and enthusiasm and support for them are more than enough to insure their continued functioning.

"We want to add elementary classes beginning in September, first and second grades with the option-possibility of adding additional grades through the future if there is an interest in the community," he said.

Presently, the church has a nursery school class for two and three year olds, and kindergarten classes for four and five year olds, under Kathi Lou Perry, a certified teacher who received her degree from Cedarville College, specializing in kindergarten training.

Each class has about 16 children most of whom are enrolled in the daycare program. The programs are under the auspices of Temple Tots Organization, a separate, non-profit entity which functions as an educational arm of Temple Baptist Church.

Housing additional classes would be no problem, Rev. Sidders said, as the church, built about 1928, was constructed originally with the intention of using it for a Christian school. He estimated room for between 200 and 300 students in its two upper floors, though the room now is used mostly for Sunday School classes.

Renovation work has been done on the second floor, which would house additional grades in its teaching area, a large assembly room with teaching areas around its perimeter, Rev. Sidders explained.

The school would use certified teachers and curriculum that is published by a Pensacola, Fla., company and is approved by the Ohio Board of Education. The building already has been approved since its daycare center and kindergarten started about a year and a half ago.

"We have definite plans for first and second grades, and arrangements have been made for teachers. With enough interest we'll have one for each class, but if we don't have enough students (Minimum class size has been set at 15), we'll have a teacher teach both classes. We're hoping to have a conventional school situation with one teacher per class.

"We're also planning to have classes up to sixth grade, but we're not in any hurry. If there is interest, we'll add a class a year. We set as a guideline that the school development would be on a sound basis both scholastically and financially.

"We want to offer this as an alternative to parents who want their children in a private, Christian school. Our emphasis will be on education in a Christian atmosphere."

Rev. Sidders said parents and children are more than satisfied with the quality and content of education. There have been few if any discipline problems, and most children do not want to leave their classes at the end of their assigned period.

The church has more than 40,000 square feet in its three floors and includes a 60 x 100 foot gymnasium. There is a kitchen and a full-time cook, Rev. Sidders said, and a hot lunch and two snacks now are offered to students in the classes and daycare center.

"The emphasis is on basic education, patriotism, courtesy and Christian character development. Our approved curriculum could be used by public schools if they wanted to. We worked with a local attorney to set up the corporation.

An Invitation To A Birthday Party

The COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY EVANGELISM is having a birthday! Ten years ago, on the second Friday night in May, the Committee On Missionary Evangelism was born. From its modest beginning, C.O.M.E. has been blessed of the Lord and now has offices in the Citizens Federal Building in Bedford, Ohio.

C.O.M.E. evangelists have been involved in missionary evangelism in virtually every aspect of missionary endeavor in the United States. In addition, these dedicated men have labored in Brazil, S.a.; Trinidad, Tobago; St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Jamaica in the W.I.; and in New Guinea, The Philippines, Japan and Hong Kong in the South Pacific. And new projects are constantly being undertaken.

The BIRTHDAY PARTY will be held in the form of a Conference On Evangelism to be held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia, May 10-14, 1978 AND YOU ARE INVITED. Free accommodations are being provided by the Church. Please write or call Rev. C. Richard Phelps, the pastor.

Featured at this year's Conference will be noted Bible Teacher, Dr. Hugh Hall of Cedarville, Ohio and Evangelists C. Fillmore Cobb of Lindley, N. Y.; Roy Fishburn

The school is to use a uniform enrollment policy (non-discriminatory), although we aren't geared for special education students," he said.

"We have tried to plan so that we can continue in the program and continue to develop it," he said.

The corporation has a rotating board with members appointed by the church. The foundation is under the church board of deacons, who make plans for the school.

The program is in the general assembly of the Regular Baptist Churches, some 14 in Ohio, who have schools like it as part of their church ministry, Rev. Sidders said, "so we know what we are getting into. The private school movement is growing rapidly in this country. We think we can add something to the community."



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Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship Meet

The Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship met on March 7 at the Washington Heights Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Host pastor was Rev. Lawrence Fetzer.

Pastor Lloyd Learned of the Faith Baptist Church in Greenville, Ohio brought the devotional message. Pastor Albert Tassell, Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio led a discussion on the topic - "Expository Preaching".

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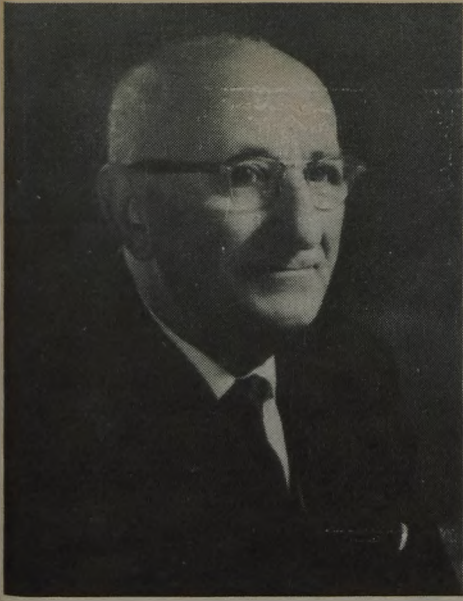
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Dr. Paul M. Cell

Editor's Note: In last month's issue (MARCH) of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we ran a brief announcement concerning the "homegoing" of Dr. Paul M. Cell. We stated at that time that in this issue (APRIL) we would have further concerning our brother and his ministry down through the years. He was a dear friend of your editor and his wife.

Dr. Paul Cell was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania on February 12, 1893. His was a long and faithful life. He lived a total of 85 years!

His life verses were Romans 8:28 and 29. After coming to know Christ as his own personal saviour, he graduated from the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania. Later he became an instructor there, as well as, the Superintendent during the years 1920 - 1924.

He was next called to organize and pastor the first church in the village of Willowick, Ohio. In 1926 he incorporated this group of 19 charter members under the name of the ERIESIDE GOSPEL CHURCH and erected the original structure. He was ordained on July 24, 1926. In 1942, he became a member of the Board of Directors of The

Cleveland Hebrew Mission. In 1943, he published the first of 21 editions of his booklet - PUTTING FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES ON THEIR FEET FINANCIALLY. This is still being used in many churches today.

In 1944, he organized the First Baptist Church of Willoughby, Ohio and, also, published the first issue of his bi-monthly parish paper - FELLOWSHIP. Today, issue No. 138, has a circulation of 107,000.

Under his leadership, in 1948, the ERIESIDE GOSPEL CHURCH officially changed its name to THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of WILLOWICK, Ohio.

He was elected to the Executive Committee of the International Council of Christian Churches in 1950. In this capacity he attended the plenary and regional congresses in '50, '51, '54, '55, '58, '62, '64 and '65. Too, he faithfully supported the American Council of Christian Churches and at one time was the President of the Ohio Council.

He received his honorary D.D. degree in 1957 from the Immanuel College of West Virginia.

His was an active life. - a full life - a life of faithful service "unto the Lord". He was used of God to reach many in the matter of their personal salvation and was blessed in helping churches both with their financial and spiritual problems.

A brother dearly beloved. One who will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife - Marcie (Morton), a daughter, a brother and eight grandchildren. His first wife, Ruth, is deceased.

One wrote concerning Mrs. Cell (Marcie Morton) - "No one could have shown him more Christian love and care than did she. She lovingly cared for him - proving to be a spiritual helpmate as he awaited his Lord's call to be absent from the body and at home with the Lord". Let us remember his loved ones in prayer at this time.

'Youth On The Move'

The young people of the Calvary Baptist Church in Painesville, Ohio are definitely and enthusiastically on the move. Under the leadership of Youth Pastor, John A. Colyer, the church is seeking to meet the needs of their young folk. They are doing this through their Sunday School, Sunday Night Youth Hour and other Youth Activities.

Recent Bible Studies have included such subjects as: "The Teenager and Dating" - "The Teenager and Love" - "The Teenager and His Music" and "The Teenager and His Friends".

Some of their more recent activities have been an "all-night" party which consisted of swimming, bowling, miniature golf, roller skating, and a breakfast at a nearby restaurant. They also recently returned from a Friday and Saturday of snow-skiing in Glendale, New York. They greatly enjoyed their Valentine Banquet at which they viewed the Christian film - "Sammy" and crowned a "King and Queen" who are brother and sister - Dave and Robin Michener.

The pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Painesville, Ohio is Rev. Raymond R. Luke. God is blessing the work there!



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick

In the recent communication from Rev. Don Trott to the Baptist Mid-Missions' youth family, he wrote concerning the upcoming INFORMISIONS Conference.

"We are going to treat missionary work not in a dreamy, gushy, maudlin way, but in terms of throbbing reality as it exists in America and foreign lands today."

Missions is positive, dear reader. It is exciting and fresh and it is Bible-based because it comes from the heart of our heavenly Father. Rev. Joel Kettenring, Candidate Secretary of BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS, in a recent message at Cedarville College spoke on this subject. Brother Kettenring pointed out that there is not much of a challenge to young people to enter a work where one is unsought, unloved and unknown. Such an outlook would make one fear becoming involved in missions. We must always keep before us the fact that missions is the heaven-sent vehicle to transport God's message of life. It is that worldwide investment that brings eternal heavenly dividends.

A recent letter from Rev. David C. Dunkin, Promotional Director of the FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS, tells of their outreach into Texas.

In September, F.B.H.M. launched an "all-out" effort to establish at least six more churches in Houston, a city whose growth is so phenomenal that predictions are that it could eventually be the largest city on earth.

Since that time, a retired businessman and his wife have responded by moving to Houston and are working with one of the missionaries there. In addition, a missionary couple is scheduled to move to Houston in the early summer. Another missionary will be moving from California to Houston to begin work there in September. A Joy Club missionary has informed the F.B.H.M. Home Office of her leading to Houston. Several college students have responded to the appeal to minister in five-day clubs and visitation this summer. The response to that needy area has been tremendous. Truly, the Lord is calling out a host of workers that He is preparing to enter that great field of service.

From the ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM, we hear about a "Granddaughter" church. Not too many years ago, a group of dedicated church members from a large Baptist church in South Jersey were burdened for the spiritual needs of those in nearby new communities. They saw acres of farmlands and orchards being plowed up to make room for thriving housing developments. God led this group from Haddon Heights Baptist Church to a choice location in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. These pioneers prayed and planned well. They were diligent and fervent in reaching out into the community with the gospel. To their credit and God's grace, there now stands an imposing church, Bethel Baptist, but more importantly an intensive, soul-winning band of God's servants.

God then burdened many of the fine Christian men and women at Bethel to "mother" a church. Missions USA of A.B.W.E. was just at that time coming into focus. An A.B.W.E missionary couple who had previously served in Papua, New Guinea, the Robert Dyers, were led of God to join forces with the Bethel group to spearhead a new church-planting ministry.

Now a year later, Shawnee Baptist of Vincentown has been duly constituted as a church. They are meeting in a local school building. The members have given sacrificially and are the grateful owners of ten acres of choice property in the midst of some large housing developments. Their deacons have evidenced leadership in the areas of both evangelism and finance. Plans are being drawn for their first building. After their goal of self-support is met, they are looking toward reaching out and planting another church, thus keeping the birth process alive.

Do you want information on Missions USA and the A.B.W.E.-II program? Just write to Dr. Floyd Davis, A.B.W.E., Box 5000, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034.

Reports like these indicate the excitement there is in missions. Just as compassion moved the heart of Christ, so should it motivate our every act. Yes, dear friend, missions is the vehicle to carry forth the gospel story and with such a heaven-sent message of life to proclaim, how can we relax for even a moment if there is one soul who has not heard?

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Cedarville College News

BRITISH ISLES TOUR

Two professors at Cedarville College, James McGoldrick and Dr. Allen Monroe, will be conducting a tour of the British Isles September 1-14, 1978. The group will be traveling through England, Scotland, and Wales, including the cities of London, Stratford, and Edinburgh. Visits will be made at the British House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and the homes of John Knox and William Shakespeare.

The tour will provide an opportunity for interested persons to view geography and historical sites first-hand. Students who enroll for the tour will be able to earn up to four hours college credit in history or geography. Several books will provide background knowledge for the trip. Geographical and historical features, as well as political and economical factors will be studied. Approximately fourteen people will be traveling in the group to the British Isles.

SWORDBEARERS ALBUM

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College have produced their first album entitled, "Forth in Thy Name." The Swordbearers, sponsored by the Christian Service Department, is comprised of several traveling teams. This recent recording is a result of the 1977 summer touring group and it is representative of the type of music ministry in which the team was involved.

The album was recorded in the College Chapel, with Paul Gathany, general manager of Christian Educational Publications, as producer. Flute, guitar, organ, and piano were used to accompany the ensemble of twelve singers. Orchestrated tapes were employed as background music for several selections.

The songs on the album are traditional in style. Selections include: "Down from His Glory," "Come Thou Almighty King," "God Said It and I Believe It", and the title song, "Forth in Thy Name."

The album was released in March and is available in cassettes and 8-tracks as well. Recordings may be purchased in the Cedarville College Bookstore or by writing: Christian Educational Publications, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

Special Celebration Of 11th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Wiltheiss celebrated their 11th anniversary on February 19, as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Valley City, Ohio.

The church was established by Rev. Earl Umbaugh, our OARBC State Missionary. Rev. Wiltheiss accepted the call to pastor the church and began his ministry there - February 19, 1967. At that time the attendance was 24 people. The attendance record was broken this year on February 19 with 365 in Sunday School and 450 at the Sunday morning worship service. Guest speaker for the day was Dr. Curtis Hutson from Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. John Charles Thomas from Columbus, Ohio, a graduate of Cedarville College, was guest soloist. He was accompanied at the piano by Miss Kari Webster from Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Bill Marks, a teacher in the Heritage Christian School in Cleveland, Ohio, was in charge of the Children's Church which had 112 present.

The Lord blessed throughout the day with decisions for salvation, assurance, baptism and church membership. There were 206 who were brought to the church on the church busses. The church has six church bus routes.

A beautiful cake was displayed at the front of the church and was shared by all at the close of the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Hutson remained until Monday afternoon and a meeting of the area Fundamental pastors was held. Rev. Wiltheiss has a burden to reach Medina County and surrounding area for Christ. Twenty-three pastors met from a radius of 50 miles and were served a noon luncheon by the ladies of the host church.

Rev. Wiltheiss was elected Chairman of the planning committees. No definite date or place has been established. A planning meeting has been called for March 6th and election of various officers will be conducted.

Those GARB Pastors present were:

- Rev. David Shimp, Litchfield Baptist Church, Litchfield
- Rev. Larry Leonard, Chippewa Lake Baptist Church, Chippewa Lake
- Rev. William Cruver, Peoples Baptist Church, Brunswick
- Rev. James Edmundson, Hinckley Ridge Baptist Church, Hinckley
- Rev. L. Max Deffenbaugh, First Baptist Church, Medina
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Faith Baptist Bible College News

FAVORITE ORATORIOS GRADUATION CONCERT

A special graduation concert of favorite oratorios is scheduled for May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Building on campus. Sacred oratorio favorites from Handel, Bach, Haydn, Brahms, Beethoven, Stainer and Mendelssohn are being presented by FBBC students and area church people. The choir will have about 150 voices, plus there will be an orchestra. Solos by FBBC students from the sacred oratorios will also be presented. Plan now to be on hand for this big event!

Commencement exercises will be performed on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Building.

SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Several special classes are being offered during summer school sessions. Speaking/Writing Improvement is offered the first session May 15 through June 9. The purpose of this course is to remove poor usage from all varieties of communication. Behind each class activity will be the diagnosis of speech problems and conscious work to remove offensive English grammar from communication.

Elementary Grammar and How to Teach It is designed to aid elementary school teachers in teaching English grammar more effectively. This course is offered in the second term which runs from June 12 through July 7.


A special guest lecturer, Dr. John Meyer, a graduate of FBBC, a former professor at the University of

Kentucky at Louisville, and currently Associate Professor of Science at Los Angeles Baptist College, will be teaching Introduction to Origins. The course includes a thorough and critical examination of evolution and presents the creationist position as a viable alternative.

Two short terms, June 12-23 and June 26-July 7, are also offered. Tuition is \$37.50 per hour, and room is \$12.50 per week. Write to the Registrar's Office at the College for full details.

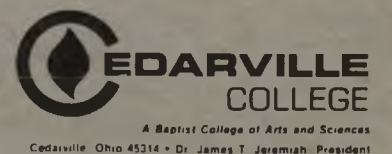
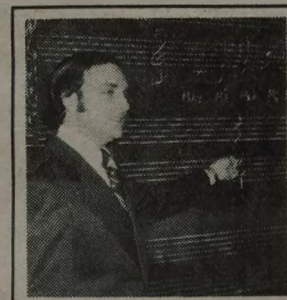
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Beyond Reach

Tonga looked across the front seat of the pick-up where his missionary friend sat behind the wheel. "Mr. Mason, do you think we can cross the river at this time of night?" A worried look was frozen on his face.

Warren Mason's eyes were glued on the narrow rut-filled road barely visible in the poor light of the dust-covered headlight. "I don't know, Tonga. We must cross it or Pierre will die."

The missionary's words seemed to hang heavily in the air before them as they picked their way slowly over the bumpy road. It appeared at times like they were traveling more over a rock pile than on the main highway it was charted to be on the road map.

The crude ferry, made of several dugout canoes with a few hand-hewed boards fastened over the top, could vaguely be seen tied to the other bank of the rain-swollen river. Warren carefully drove to the water's edge and blew the horn. The door seemed to explode open as Tonga jumped out and cupped his hands over his mouth to call the workmen.

"Men, this is an emergency. We have a sick man who must get to the hospital tonight. Bring the ferry to us immediately." Tonga's voice echoed from the opposite shore and then all was silent. "Surely, there must be someone within hearing distance," he grumbled to Warren.

As Tonga shouted again, Warren walked to the back of the truck. Only silence met his ears as his eyes tried to penetrate the darkness. "How do you feel, Pierre?"

"I don't think I'll make it, Mr. Mason." The strain of pain threaded Pierre's feeble voice.

Warren made out the form of the well-built African writhing in pain on the grass-filled mattress. His wife sat quietly beside him. "We'll soon be across the river, Pierre, and then we have only two more hours until we reach the hospital." He placed his hand on the African's forehead. It was hot but moist with abundant perspiration. At least there was no fever which was small comfort when he distinguished the sound of Pierre's grinding teeth clenched against the cry of his misery.

"They're coming!" shouted Tonga. "They're coming across now." Warren joined him at the riverbank. They could make out a half dozen men poling the small ferry upstream to compensate for the strong current.

"How is he, Mr. Mason?"

"He's not good, Tonga. No fever yet but gangrene may have set in by now. That strangulated hernia is in its second day. I surely wish they would have brought him to us sooner."

Tonga nodded his head in agreement.

Warren thought of his first encounter with Pierre. He was just a new missionary in his second year in Africa. The old missionaries warned him upon his arrival to stay away from Pierre's village. Over a period of time all of their lives

had been threatened by him. Warren recalled how one day, when he was preaching, that drunken Pierre shot an arrow at him barely missing hitting him in the neck.

"It's hard to imagine," said Warren, "that we have in the back of the truck a man who is probably the cause of most of the antagonism toward the Gospel in this section of the country."

Again Tonga nodded, "He is that. And his word carries weight. I've often thought if Pierre turned to our Lord he would influence the lives of many. He would be as strong a witness for the Gospel as he is against it."

"Exactly so. He is a strong man but now he's helpless and on the threshold of eternity."

The scraping of wood on sand announced the arrival of the ferry. The wood approaches were placed before the front wheels and Warren slowly inched the truck up on the creaking boards.

"Tonga looked at his watch. "Look at that, it took exactly one hour to get across. It will be morning by the time we reach the hospital."

"Let's pray that we won't have any carburetor trouble, Tonga. On my way home from Bangui today, I had to stop and work on it four times. In fact, I drove in the drive the same time Pierre arrived being carried on a stretcher. They said the hernia appeared while he was out in the forest hunting buffalo. It took them a half day to bring him out to the road." Warren paused and then continued. "There sure wasn't any time to work on the carburetor then."

The early morning light showed in the eastern sky as the pick-up turned into the mission station at Ippy. Warren went directly to the doctor's house. The sound of the truck had awakened Dr. Simms; and as Warren reached the front door, the doctor was there.

"Why, hello, Warren," said the middle-aged missionary doctor. "What brings you here this time of the morning?"

"A strangulated hernia case," he said as he shook his hand. "It happened yesterday morning."

Dr. Simms hurried to the back of the truck where he quickly examined Pierre. "Take him down to the hospital, Warren, I'll be right down"

The entire operating room was silent. Dr. Simms, a missionary nurse, three African assistants and Warren stood with bowed heads as Jacob, one of the male assistants, led in prayer. "Lord, guide the doctor's hand in this operation. I ask You to spare this man's life and also cause him to turn to You for eternal life."

Dr. Simms spoke to Warren in English. "This looks bad and only a miracle will save him."

The operation seemed to be endless to Warren but perhaps that was because he had no active part. His only outlet was to hold the participants before the Lord in prayer. Most truly did he want Pierre spared that he might gain eternal life. His life thus far had only produced hatred against God and His work. It didn't seem possible to Warren that the still form lingering between life and death there before him could cause so much bitterness and strife among the villagers toward the missionaries.

"That's it, Warren," Dr. Simms said, removing his mask. "I cut out the infected part. We'll keep him under constant watch but if he makes it, it'll be a miracle indeed."

Dr. Simms insisted that Warren go home with him to get some sleep. The local Christians took Tonga to the village to feed him and see that he, too, would get some rest.

And rest they did. Warren could hardly believe his eyes when he looked at his watch, "Three o'clock in the afternoon," he said to himself. "I must have slept like a log."

He found Dr. and Mrs. Simms in the front room drinking tea. "How's our patient?" he inquired as he entered the room.

Dr. Simms looked up and smiled. "Hi, Warren. Join me for a cup of tea while Barb gets you something to eat. I was just down to see Pierre and he shows remarkable improvement already. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if within a few days he'd be up and moving around".

That evening, Warren and Dr. Simms walked down to the hospital to see Pierre. As they approached his room they heard voices. They stopped to listen.

"Don't you realize that I tried to kill your missionaries? You mean to stand there and tell me that God still loves me?"

"You're right, Pierre, He still loves you. We all love you."

"That's Tonga's voice," whispered Warren.

"But our love is nothing compared to God's love. He loved you so much, Pierre, that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for your sins."

The room became silent.

"Do you remember that day when I kicked dirt on you and spit in your shadow?"

"Yes, I remember," answered Tonga.

"I really hated you and the missionaries. I tried to kill Mr. Mason one day but the arrow just missed him. The people grabbed me before I could shoot another one."

Tonga stood and listened to Pierre pour out his heart.

Available As Speaker



Rev. Gerald D. Phipps

Rev. Gerald D. Phipps resigned the pastorate of the Faith Baptist Church in Elida, Ohio in November of last year.

Our brother is a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary. He has spent over thirty years ministering in churches of our GARBC Fellowship. Most of his ministry has been in churches on the west coast. For the last eight years, however, he has ministered in the Canton and Elida areas.

Presently, he is residing at 3385 Cremean Road, Elida, Ohio-45807. His phone number is: (419) 640-1768.

Brother Phipps stands ready to accept speaking engagements, pulpit supply or interim pastoral work.

too late." The tears began to trickle from Pierre's eyes.

"No, it's not too late, Pierre. You can accept Him right here and now."

Out in the hall, Warren and Dr. Simms bowed their heads as they listened to Pierre, erstwhile antagonist to the Gospel, receive Christ as his Savior.

The words of II Peter 3:9 came to Warren's mind: "The Lord is . . . longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Sometimes, Warren thought, I need to be reminded that "the Pierres" of this world are not beyond my Lord's reach.

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Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Olsen

On March 5th, Brother Ernest B. W. Olsen went to be with the Lord. Our brother had served the Lord faithfully for 45 years in the countries of Peru and Chile.

"Ernie", as he was affectionately called, was saved at the age of 17. He began his training at the age of 19 in the Moody Bible Institute and it was while there that he was challenged through the ministry of R. A. Torrey and the martyrdom of Arthur Francis Tylee and he gave of himself wholeheartedly to serve the Lord in the regions beyond.

His "call" was indeed of God! Faithfully he distributed Bibles and gospel literature in far off rural places, in river towns, in jungle areas and in large cities. He helped to establish, direct and teach in Bible Schools in both Peru and Chile. There are today, to the glory of God and the faithfulness of his servant, many who have come to Christ for salvation and others who are serving Him in full-time Christian service. As a missionary, he had the proper perspective of directing all his energies towards the establishing of indigenous Baptist churches.

In his first marriage to Effie Ingeborg, the Lord, in grace, gave "the Olsens" six precious children. In the midst of their laboring for the Lord, she was suddenly called "Home". In the face of this great loss, our brother chose to remain on the field with his family, carrying on the work of preaching the gospel. Upon his returning to the States several years later he married Eleanore Smith. God gave Ernie and Eleanore two fine sons - Bruce and Jonathon.

It was the privilege of your editor and his wife to attend the funeral service for Brother Olsen. What a testimony of praise! Those having part included Rev. David Bennett of the First Baptist Church of Caldwell, New Jersey - Rev. Paul Jackson of the Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville, Ohio - Rev. William Davis of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio and Dr. William Hopewell of the

Special Events At Skyview Ranch

1. MEN'S RETREAT - MAY 18 - 20

Our conference speaker is Rev. Austin Plew, President of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. The missionary speaker is Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, M.D., Baptist Mid-Missions missionary to Assam, India. These men will bring our spiritual emphasis during the retreat. Special events in golf, trap shooting, horseshoes and others will highlight the physical. YOU can be a part of this two and one-half days of great fellowship for only \$22.00. Send \$5.00 registration per man to Skyview Ranch, Rount 6, Millersburg, Ohio - 44654.

2. STAFF REUNION - MAY 28 - 29

This year marks the 10th opening of SKYVIEW RANCH and all "old" staffers from 1969 through 1977 are encouraged to assemble at the Ranch for a great reunion on Sunday night, May 28 and all Memorial Day, May 29. It will be a time of reminiscing and viewing of slides and pictures. So "old" staffers, get a post card to Parson

Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

Each speaker told of the challenge of our brother's life. A South American brother (we regret we do not know his name) gave a testimony, in Spanish, which was interpreted into English by Ernie and Eleanore's son - Bruce. He testified as to the faithfulness of "the Olsens" on the mission field and in particular the excellent Bible training he had received from this missionary whom he dearly loved in the Lord!

All of the Olsen children were present at this service. Some travelled great distances. One was impressed with the solidarity of this family and of their love for their father and the Lord.

The past few years, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Olsen had gone into retirement and were living in Cedarville, Ohio. Eleanore will continue to reside there. Her home address is - Mrs. Ernest Olsen, Box 501, Cedarville, Ohio - 54314.

Ernie's life was one of great challenge and it continues so. His life verse was Proverbs 3:5, 6 - "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." This servant of the Lord experienced the leading of the Lord all along the way. It can truly be said - "He was a faithful witness - an excellent missionary!"

Bill Russell at SKYVIEW and let us know how many are coming for overnight accommodations on Sunday and/or meals on Monday.

3. SPECIAL CELEBRATION DAY - JULY 4

On this day - July 4th - there will be a special day of celebration to commemorate the 10th opening day of SKYVIEW RANCH. The people from our fellowshiping churches are invited to come and spend the afternoon and evening with us. Bring along a picnic supper and enjoy the glory of a SKYVIEW sunset. A special program of singing and preaching is being planned, as well as a fireworks display.

A special offering will be received to commemorate the day. The Trustees have set a goal of \$25,000 to be used in the following way:

- 10% - to offset 1977-78 extra winter expenses and lost revenue;
- 30% - to be used for improvements such as an electric transformer (\$4,431).

Churches and individuals are asked to prayerfully consider their part in this special celebration of remembering God's faithfulness over these past ten years.

4. SUMMER REGISTRATIONS -

These are being received at the Ranch and churches are reminded that early registration can mean the difference in getting the weeks you prefer. If you have questions write to us or call us at (216) 674-7511.

All Aboard For Caribbean Cruise!

A lovely Caribbean Cruise is being arranged for the dates of July 1 through 8. This will be immediately following our national GARBC conference which is to be held this year in Lakeland, Florida.

The cruise will begin at Miami, Florida and will include visits to Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and St. Thomas. The cruise will be aboard the M/Skyward of the Norwegian Lines. The "Biscayne Deck" on this ship has been reserved for our G.A.R.B.C. group.

The group price of \$595 per person is \$100 less than the regular price. If there are three persons who want to share the same cabin the price is \$488.33. If there are four persons willing to share the same cabin the price is \$435 each. There is a reduced rate for children under 12.

Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will reserve a cabin. The full payment must be paid by May 15th.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Stowell will be co-hosting the cruise. If you are at all interested in making this trip, write: Mrs. Sergie E. Umbaugh, 2150 Marhofer Ave., Stow, Ohio - 44224. You would really enjoy this cruise as you would be associating with "friendly Christian people"!

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