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GARBC Conference Dayton, Ohio

Planning on the local level is well under way for the 48th Annual GARBC Conference to be held June 25-29. Dayton area churches are providing local support for the programs to be held at Dayton Convention Center and Cedarville College where preparations are being made to host Elementary age children.

"With the Word to the World" is the theme of the Conference which officially opens with an evening meeting on Monday, June 24. Babysitting and children's programs will be available throughout the week for those with young children. Youth Day programs including Talents for Christ competition and youth-oriented workshops will be held on Thursday and Friday. Transportation between Dayton and Cedarville is being arranged for children in grades 1 through 6.

Featured speakers for the conference include: Quentin Kenoyer, Joseph Stowell, Don Jennings, Hank Scheltema, Knute Orton, David Marshall, Raymond Buck, Wilbur Rooke, Ken Davis, Fred Barlow, and Harold Nieman.

The Dayton area also provides interesting side trips for non-scheduled times. The Dayton Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History, The River Corridor Bikeway, The Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum, and campus tours of Cedarville College are some of the possible points of interest for conference attendees. Those who enjoy Hebrew studies may want to include the library at United Theological Seminary among their itinerary.

Local committee work is headed by Pastor Larry Fetzer of Washington Heights Baptist Church of Dayton.

New Pastor At Norwalk Church



Pastor and Mrs. McClain

The Calvary Baptist Church of Norwalk, Ohio is happy to announce they have called Rev. James E. McClain to be their pastor. Our brother began his ministry in Norwalk in December of 1978.

Pastor McClain received the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour at the age of 13. He was born of godly parents. His dad has pastored churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for some forty years.

He is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pa. It was while at BBC that he received his call into the ministry. Later, he also graduated from Baptist Seminary in Clarks Summit. He has both a B.R.E. degree and a M. Div.

Institute Of Balanced Church Ministries Held At Emmanuel



The 4th Annual Institute of Balanced Church Ministries (IBCM) took place March 10-16, 1979 at Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio. Pastors and church leaders from many parts of the country attended. The week-long Institute offered majors in the areas of (1) the Office of the Pastor, (2) the ministry to youth, and (3) the ministry of visitation. Each person was registered for only one major so that concentrated information could be gained in that given area. General sessions were provided for all conferees, where practical hints and philosophies were shared that benefit every person in the total ministry of the local church.

The goal of the Institute of Balanced Church Ministries is to provide instruction to Christian workers so that they might be effective in the leadership of evangelistic, growing, balanced local churches.

Two of the evening sessions were addressed by Dr. Don Tyler of Brownsburg, Indiana and enjoyed by all.

The conferees stated they would highly recommend the Institute because they found it to be personally beneficial. We can definitely say that the Institute is truly practical training for developing a growing, evangelistic church with a Balanced Ministry.

News Release From GARBC Home Office

Schaumburg, Illinois—"With the Word to the World" is the theme of the 48th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to be held in Dayton, Ohio, June 25-29.

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative, said, "Throughout these forty-seven years of our existence, three things have characterized our labors for Christ. Our churches have been centers of Bible preaching. Beyond this, our churches have been evangelistic centers, seeking to win the lost to Christ. This is our source of existence and growth. True Christianity is propagated by the second birth. Further, our churches have been deeply involved in the missionary enterprise around the world. This involves recruitment of workers, sending them out, and sacrificially supporting them with prayer and finances.

Concerning his life and the life of his wife, Janice (also a BBC graduate), our brother writes - "As I stop and reflect upon how God has worked in and through our lives, I am reminded that patience is the key to a consistent walk of faith. There were times of discouragement and doubt, but through everything God has been good and gracious to us. We have honestly learned the reality of Philippians 2:13, and are trusting in Him to perform great things here in Norwalk."

Editor's Note: It has been our privilege to know McClain's father down through the years. We have ministered in his Pastor father's church in York, Penna. These (father and son) are dear men of God! We welcome our brother into our OARBC fellowship!

It is fitting indeed, then, that the aforementioned theme has been chosen. May the Lord of the harvest grant us a lifted vision and divine enablement to more obediently and effectively carry out His Great Commission."

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches represents 1,544 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.

They Served 'Him' Faithfully

Two excellent missionary women went to be with their Lord during the month of March. The first of these was Mrs. Carol Roduner. She was the wife of Rev. Duane Roduner. Along with her husband she served the Lord under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism in the land of Peru. They had spent some four terms ministering the word along the Amazon River and its tributaries. She died in child birth.

The other was Mrs. Mary Smith. She was the wife of Rev. Robert Smith. "Bob and Mary" were known and loved by so many in our OARBC fellowship. Together they had served the Lord in the land of Liberia. About a year ago it was learned that Mary had cancer. She suffered greatly but through it all bore a sweet testimony of her love for Christ. Her uncomplaining, sweet spirit spoke volumes, al-

To Hold 12th Conference On Evangelism

The 12th annual meeting and CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM of the COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY EVANGELISM (COME) will be held May 9 through 13 in the Stewart Memorial Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana. Host pastor is the Rev. Douglas Bartlett.

Featured as the keynote speaker for this occasion and daily Bible Teacher will be FBHM President-Emeritus, Dr. Kenneth Muck. Dr. Muck is also presently serving as Interim Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio. The following evangelists will be taking part in the conference: Hugh Horner of New York, Charles Curtis of Wisconsin, Ray Fishburn of Indiana, Elmer Marquardt of Michigan and General Director of C.O.M.E. "Ed" Morrell of Ohio.

The host church is providing accommodations (bed and breakfast) for those requesting accommodations. You may contact the church by calling the STEWART MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH in South Bend, Indiana. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these profitable sessions. The theme for the conference is: REACHING THE UNREACHED!

'The Umbaughs' To Teach In West Indies



Rev. and Mrs. Earl Umbaugh will be leaving August 1st for St. Vincent, Windward Islands and will remain there through May of 1980. Both Sergie and Earl will be teaching in the Baptist Bible School (Baptist Mid-Missions) for the full school year. Who said anything about "The Umbaughs" going into retirement?

While in the West Indies, they would like to rent their house in Port Charlotte for a period of ten months or less. interested parties should write-Earl Umbaugh, 780 Conway Boulevard, South-Port Charlotte, Florida-33952. Phone: (813) 625-4929.

though she, due to the nature of her illness, could speak only with great difficulty.

We need to pray much for Brother Duane and Brother Bob. They have suffered great losses. Pray, too, for their children. This is a difficult time. These dear missionaries-Carol and Mary-are now with Jesus. Their work on earth is done! Faithfully they served their Lord. How wonderful to be with Him!

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The BIGGER And BETTER PLACE!



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.

Serving Our Churches

Two of our Regular Baptist men recently combined their ministries in a team effort to serve our churches as consultants.

Vernon Miller is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Cedarville College. He pastored in Illinois and Ohio before serving with Regular Baptist Press as the editor of Sunday School papers and Sunday School conference ministries.

Joe Miller is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College where he also attended seminary. He ministered in churches in Indiana and New Jersey as assistant pastor. In Florida he pastored a Regular Baptist Church and served on the faculty and administration of Spurgeon Baptist Bible College.

Brothers Vernon and Joe Miller have combined their years of training and experience in pastoring, building, youth ministries, Bible college and Regular Baptist Press to offer churches competent consultation. They offer complete facility study, Christian education needs analysis and project planning that will provide a balanced facility for the church's total program.

Services include assistance in funding the church project through first-mortgage, first-revenue, simple interest, sinking fund bonds. Proper guidelines for debt load are followed.

Many churches are confronted with these questions:

Should we remodel or relocate? Should our new building be on a thoroughfare? How much land will we need? How large should we build? Can I be sure that the new building will reflect Biblical priorities in meeting the needs of worship, education, fellowship and service? Should we include a Christian Day school?"

"How much space does a primary pupil need? Which design is functional without sacrificing aesthetics? How can I be practically energy-conscious? What is this national barrier-free code? Which quality materials are least expensive? How much can we afford?"

"Could a 'package deal' exist to satisfy our unique program? Should I really expect a church architect to know our ministry and design accordingly? If so, which one? Is it practical to construct the building ourselves?"

"Should I expect a general contractor to best know current trends in church construction? Does he really have superior buying power? Will he provide constant supervision and bookkeeping services? What should we do?"

The Millers are implementing a program of church construction management which they believe can provide adequate answers.

Construction management was first tested and proven in the heavy commercial construction industry. It was very effective in conserving time and money for the owners. It provided custom services and controls not obtainable through conventional construction procedures.

Since this method tested so favorably in the commercial industry, the question was, "Why not apply these principles and procedures to church building?"

CHURCH BUILDING ASSOCIATES was organized for this purpose - to relate construction management specifically to the unique needs of church construction. Their procedures have been tested in over 300 churches in 22 states during their 19 years.

By employing the construction management methods these churches have received extra value for the dollar. The buildings were constructed to fit the program needs of the church. The church maintained complete control over the total project while the agent provided all the needed services.

This procedure is designed to protect the church against the excessive costs due to lack of qualified personnel, inefficient methods and improper documentation. Quality of workmanship, conserving of time and cost savings are primary goals in the church's behalf.

CHURCH BUILDING ASSOCIATES is currently assisting Cedarville College as Consultants in a Bonding program. Building projects in recent years have included Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio; Calvary Baptist Church of Highland, Indiana, Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, Grace Baptist, Toledo and the new addition at the G.A.R.B.C. home office in Schaumburg.

Interested parties and those seeking further information should write to - Church Building Associates, 1 South 210 Summit, Suite 1, Villa Park, Illinois 60181 or phone: (312) 629-0937.

**A Word From
Your Editor . . .**

Our trip to Hawaii was one filled with many blessings. All told we ministered (preaching and playing the piano) over forty times. The very day we were to fly back to the mainland, United Air Lines went on strike. Have you ever waited in an airport for hours and hours and hours? We have!! Humanly speaking there was no hope of our getting out of Hawaii for weeks...

But God... had a dear Chinese Christian friend. She, too, had a friend! Her friend held a very important position with the China Air Lines. Our friend spoke to her friend and the Lord opened the way for us to get two seats on China Air Line. Praise Him! The Lord is good! We were delayed in returning home only one week.

The Lord gives one talent to one... and another to someone else. Dear Sergie Umbaugh was blessed by the Lord with the ability to speak at Women's meetings. Your editor's wife-Lois Moffat-is not so gifted. Her talent is that of playing the piano. We say this to make it known that Lois does not do any public speaking. Ever since our experience in Brazil-years ago-when she almost lost her life, speaking publicly has become most difficult. Our doctors have advised her not to do any public speaking. Play the piano-YES! To speak-NO! We do hope our readers understand.

Gradually invitations are coming in from our Ohio Churches. We will be getting to work-in earnest-in our work of helping our churches within the next few weeks. We covet your prayers!!

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Accepts Call To Minister In Sharon



Mr. and Mrs. David Searle

The Sharon Baptist Church of Sharon, Pennsylvania (Rev. John Frey, Pastor) has called a new Minister of Youth and Christian Education - Mr. David Searle. He is a graduate of the Lancaster Bible College-Class of 1978. Having been born in a preacher's family, he understands full well the responsibilities placed upon a faithful servant of the Lord.

Our brother is also teaching Science, Math, Bible and Physical Education (grades 5 through 8) at the Sharon Christian Academy. This is in addition to his responsibility of working with the young people at the church.

Mrs. Searle grew up in Sharon and also attended Lancaster Bible College.

We believe that together they will prove an asset and a blessing to the folk at the Sharon church.

Dramatic Evangelistic Film Produced In The Arabic Language

"MAN FROM TARSUS"-a feature length evangelistic film of 61 minutes on the early conversion of the Apostle Paul was filmed on location in the Middle East and produced by HARVEST PRODUCTIONS, the film of Evangelical Baptist Missions of Kokomo, Indiana.

From its inception, it was developed to be an evangelistic tool for reaching Muslims with the gospel. Thus, it is a first in Christian films to be produced in the Arabic language. (Some films such as Moody Science Films have been translated and dubbed into Arabic.) Copies have already been shipped to Jordan, France (where 2 million North Africans live), Egypt, Lebanon, as well as here in the U.S. where there are many communities with thousands of Arabic speaking people.

It is believed the films will have a tremendous ministry on the campuses of universities in North America and Europe where there are many students from the Middle East. Most major capitols of the world also have many Middle Eastern business and diplomatic communities where the film can be shown in private homes or to groups who will show interest in seeing a film in "their" language.

Copies and preview copies are available through Evangelical Baptist Missions, P.O. Box 2225, Kokomo, Indiana 46901.

"MAN FROM TARSUS" will also be produced in English, French, Spanish and Turkish by the end of 1979.

He Set His Goal Then Worked To Achieve It!

Complete an AWANA handbook in just weeks! Who said it could not be done? Dushann Hadinger proves you can do what you set your mind to doing. Despite many physical problems at a young age, Dushann was the first PAL to complete a handbook at the MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH in Columbus, Ohio.

Given little chance to ever live, Dushann underwent numerous surgeries including eye and throat surgery, physical therapy and speech therapy before he became old enough to attend AWANA. This year he earned PAL OF THE MONTH in his club. He sets his goals and then works to achieve them, just as he did when he set out to complete his AWANA handbook.

While attending MARANATHA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Dushann enjoys soccer, football and track. He can often be seen running with his father. Learning verses too difficult for young boys? Not for DUSHANN!

We all could learn a lesson from the example given us by this young man. Dushann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hadinger.

Kenmore Church Duly Recognized

At the invitation of the First Baptist Church of Kenmore, 2306 Eighteenth Street, S.W., Akron, Ohio, representatives from several Independent and Regular Baptist Churches met March 2, 1979 to consider the propriety of recognizing said company of believers as an Independent and Regular Baptist church.

Pastor Homer Graven of Ashland, Ohio was elected as Moderator of the council and Pastor Donald Matheny of Brunswick as Clerk.

The council was comprised of 18 pastors and individuals representing nine churches.

After reading the Constitution, By-Laws, and Confession of Faith, a healthy questioning period followed. The church was commended for their excellent Constitution. Also, a history of the church was read which proved most interesting. This, too, was followed by some more questions.

In the executive session of the Council, it was moved and seconded that the First Baptist Church of Kenmore be recognized as a duly constituted Independent, Biblical, Baptist church. This motion was then voted on and it carried unanimously.

For Sale

The Grace Baptist Church of Westerville, Ohio has an AMPLIFIER they would like to sell. It is a Bogen, Model CT-3535 Watt PA amplifier. Electronic compressor, anti-feedback equalizer, two auxiliary inputs, and four Hi Z microphone inputs. Accessories: four TM 200 low impedance transformers. -\$175.

Interested parties are to call the Grace Baptist Church of Westerville, Ohio. Phone: (614) 890-0078.

Calls New Youth Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. David A. Marks

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio voted March 28, 1979 to call David A. Marks of Clarks Summit, Pa. to become Assistant to the Pastor-Youth.

Mr. Marks is presently Minister of Youth at Calvary Baptist Church in Jersey Shore, Pa. He is also a student at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. He is in the Pastoral Studies Program leading to the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. He will graduate on May 11, 1979. During the third week of May, brother Marks and his wife, Elizabeth, will travel to Toledo to begin their ministry. They are soon to be proud parents of their first child in June.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Marks to the Buckeye State and look forward to their ministry as they serve the Lord and the people at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

'Ships And Lighthouses'

February 18 was Anniversary Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Valley City, Ohio. It had been twelve years since Pastor Jack Wiltheiss and his family came to Valley City and the first service of the church was held with 16 people present.

Dr. Curtis Hutson of Atlanta, Georgia spoke at both morning and evening services. Rev. David Harrison of Gary, Indiana ministered to the children throughout the day. He appeared as "Chief Talking Stone" and was dressed in an Indian costume.

Anniversary Sunday saw a previous attendance record broken with 380 present in Sunday School. Even more arrived later for the preaching service. Many first-time visitors were present. Vital decisions were made in both services.

The theme for the day was "SHIPS AND LIGHTHOUSES". Prior to this Anniversary Sunday, in the church's visitation program, folk were asked to sign their names to cards (shaped like life preservers) promising that they would be in attendance on this special day. A beautiful display of cakes, some in the design of ships, were served following the morning service. Decorating the front of the auditorium was a scene of a ship docked at port.

RBF Conference Proves To Be A Blessing!

The Lord blessed the Regular Baptist Press CHRISTIAN WORKER'S CONFERENCE held on April 6 and 7 at the Grace Baptist Church, Westerville, Ohio. Rev. James W. Ellick is the pastor of this fine church.

Participating in the conference were: Rev. Darrel R. Bice, Rev. James F. Derham, Miss Valerie Wilson and Mrs. Merle R. Hull.

Workshops were held covering such areas as Sunday School Teaching (of all ages), Children's Church Ministries, Conducting Successful Visitation, Evangelism in the Sunday School, and the like.

The conference proved to be a challenge to pastors, Sunday School teachers, and other church workers. Folk went away determining to do a better job for the Lord!

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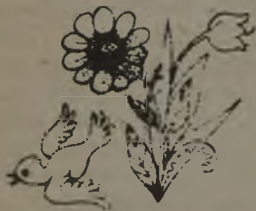
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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor



'Winter Is Past, The Flowers
Appear On The Earth.'
Song Of Solomon 2:11-12

Awaking each morning with the sound of birds singing is one of the joys of spring to me. The face of the crocus appearing, the daffodil, the tulip, the buds breaking forth on the trees, all are reminders that my Savior AROSE! HE IS ALIVE! "Winter is past," all nature is praising the Lord. "The birds upon the tree tops sing their song, The angels chant the chorus all day long; The flowers in the garden blend their hue, So why shouldn't I, why shouldn't you Praise Him too?" Yes, a song we teach children, but it certainly has a message for each of us. As believers in Christ, "Winter is past." The cold darkness of sin has been forgiven. Our souls should break forth in praise to God even more than nature. Do those around you know that it is spring in your soul?

A very practical suggestion was given to me, and I would like to share it with you. Obtain a note book, entitling it your "Praise Book," and through each day's experiences, search out at least three (3) things for which to praise the Lord. Write them down by date. Review at the end of each week, and praise the Lord again. I believe this is what the Lord means in Philippians 4:4. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Get in the habit of praise. Along with your quiet time, read a Psalm each day. The warmth of praise will melt the bad habits of criticism and negativeness.

As the earth is singing forth its praises, and adorning itself with beauty, let us make the major part of our spring wardrobe the adornment of praise. "Praise is comely (it's becoming) for the upright." Ps. 33:1

Music Of The Soul

My soul sings out its praises
As in God's Word it delights;
Like a tree planted by living waters,
Meditating all my days and nights.

My soul sings out its praises
It's spring in the heart of me;
Bringing forth fruit in this season
God promises prosperity.

My soul sings out its praises
But to compare, it ne'er can be
Like the new song that I'll be singing
To the Lamb through eternity.

Refrain:

My soul sings out its praises
Oh Lamb of God Divine,
My cup is full and running over
Oh praise Thee, Thou art mine.

Marcia Elmore

Mohican Spring Women's Retreat

As we look back over the happenings of our first Spring Women's Retreat, "To God Be The Glory", would have to be our theme! We saw God take things out of our hands completely and give us many wonderful blessings in His own sovereign way.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. before the retreat was to begin on Thursday at 10:00 a.m., we received a rather un-nerving telephone call. The lady who was to be our speaker for all four sessions had fallen on the way to the airport and had broken her shoulder; of course she could not be with us. (she is resting well now and seems to be on the mend).

The committee went into action via the telephone and within three hours, the Lord had given us new speakers for our retreat. Mrs. Mary Crotts, with the Baptist Mid-Missions Jewish work was available for all day Thursday, but had previous commitments for Friday. So on Thursday morning she gave us several pointers on how to witness to our Jewish friends. In the afternoon, she shared many Bible passages to give us a clearer picture of the Jewish people and how to win them. She also gave a slide presentation of their work in Israel on the kibbutz. This was also very interesting and informative. After the

banquet, she did a chalk drawing on the Easter theme. Our hearts were truly challenged and blessed by this choice servant of God!

Loretta Strock, missionary to France, under Baptist Mis-Missions, spoke to us on Friday morning. She pointed out how opinionated the French people are and the suspicious nature that they possess. Our eyes were opened to the great mission field of France. Then she spoke to us from the first chapter of Romans and reminded us that we still do have the old nature which enables us to commit some of the sins that we find listed there. We must be women of the Word if we want victory in our lives.

We had 113 ladies in attendance from 25 different churches. The food was delicious, the fellowship was great and the blessings were many and varied. All this -- plus fun, Fun, FUN!!! Plan now to attend the Fall Retreat at Mohican in November.

A special thanks to Bernice Mick and Marabeth Elmore, along with the Cedarville Book Store, for the great job they did with the hundreds of books that they brought along.

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South Bethel WMF

"Seeing life through M K eyes" was the theme of the South Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship that met at Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, on March 13 from 10-2. We tasted strange food, heard strange sounds, etc., all to help us understand how our missionary youth feel when coming to the United States after having been at home abroad for several years.

In the morning session we had three workshops with three different individuals; Mrs. Ralph Ankenman, Mrs. John Walborn, and Mrs. Richard Durham. Through overheads, slides, conversation, etc., they got the point across--truly our missionary youth have definite hard adjustments to make. Now the question "How can we help?" This question was answered in the afternoon buzz sessions with three missionary Cedarville College students, who made many profitable suggestions.

We also decided to make available for one year, through a fund called Missionary Kid Gift Grant (MK Gift Grant), funds for a needy Cedarville College Missionary Youth. The project runs from now until next March after which time the money given will be distributed upon the advice of the Cedarville College Student Aid Office. We all enjoyed a very profitable time of learning about the needs of our wonderful missionary youth and how we can fit into the picture to "See life through their eyes."

Ohio Ladies Prayer Line

The Ohio Ladies Prayer Line is "alive and well... Twenty-one ladies from twenty-one churches have been "bearing the burdens" of our Missionaries in prayer throughout this past year. Special requests are phoned or mailed to Dorothy Barkley. She calls two ladies and that starts the requests going to other ladies on each of two lines. They in turn, pray and bring the requests to their churches for prayer, and pass the request on by phone to the next lady on the Prayer Line. We have had several requests given to us and we've also heard how the Lord has answered some of these requests.

If you are interested in having your name added to the Prayer Line, there will be an "enrollment period" for this year until May 25, 1979. It caused too much confusion and many breaks in the line to add names at various times, so there will be just one "enrollment period" each year. Send your name, address, phone number and church name (One lady from each church) to:

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If she patterns her life after mine, will she elevate Christ to the position He desires in her life? Will she listen to His will and follow His teaching put forth in His Holy Word? Will she have courage to forsake the ways of the world and to become putty in the Master's Hand?

If she patterns her life after mine, will she have faith that she can do all things through Christ who strengthens her, and will she demonstrate this faith to those around her? Will she be a testimony to God's great love, showing the joy of this love even in the deepest pain? Will she bridle her tongue and withhold all mean, harsh words, leaving them unsaid? Will she glorify our Lord and Savior with every utterance from her mouth.

If she patterns her life after mine, will she ask the Lord's guidance in making each decision? Will she choose those companions and life-time partner who follows Jesus and when compelled to mingle with the world, speak gently and lovingly of Christ to win others to Him? Will she realize the preciousness of human life and thus raise her children in fear and admonition of the Lord?

If she patterns her life after mine, will she ungrudgingly care for the needs of her family? Will she teach her children of the faithful Old Testament saints, and take them through God's Word along the dusty paths the Apostles tread, as they performed miracles in Christ's name? Will she help them realize the agony so willingly endured on the cross because He loved us so?

If she patterns her life after mine, will she in her busy day of doing, take time to just be as Mary when she sat at her Master's feet? Will she be the God-fearing, Christ loving woman of whom others will say, "I desire to know the Christ who gives her such surety, joy, and peace. Truly she is a blessing!"

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Let's Get Acquainted With A Special Lady



Mrs. Pat Dixon

Mrs. Pat Dixon is not new to the state of Ohio, as she has taught in the Language and Literature Department of Cedarville College for eight years. But in her new role as wife of the President of Cedarville College, we felt the ladies of our state should be more knowledgeable of this special person.

Mrs. Dixon received her B.A. Degree from Tennessee Temple College, and her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Tennessee. She has taught a total of sixteen years in public secondary education and college.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the International Reading Association, and the Ohio Teachers of English. Other Professional Honors she has received include: 1970 Chattanooga, Tennessee Teacher of the Year; Represented Tennessee in the LOOK Magazine's "Teacher of the Year"; and was selected in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Women of America.

In her church related activities, Pat is a member of Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville, sings in the choir and in the women's trio, and is Director of the Primary Choir.

The enjoyment of her hobbies include art and plants.

As you continue reading, give special attention as Mrs. Pat Dixon shares with you her own personal testimony.

"When I think of sharing my testimony, the word "steps.. always comes to my mind. The Bible often speaks of steps in relation to the stages of life. I have re-

flected upon the verse in Psalm 37:23 many times:

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way."

"The first important step I took was that of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour when I was nine years old. Camp Joy drew many boys and girls during the summers in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Even though my Christian parents had taken me to church every Sunday, I had never realized that I was a sinner until that hot August afternoon. Sharing this salvation experience with me was my twin sister. We think that we have experienced an unique situation of being born physically and spiritually at the same time.

"As a little girl maturing through all the anticipated stages, I changed my future plans many times. Every career I planned had the same characteristic - the direct touching of people's lives. Medicine was a first interest, then nursing, then missions, and others. There were even the traumatic moments when I was quick to confirm that I never wanted to be a grown-up.

"My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Landers, enjoy telling of the time when they found me crying in my bedroom. After my mother quieted her four-year-old daughter, she realized the reason for her tears. "Oh, Mother and Daddy, I don't ever want to grow up. I'm afraid I'll be dumb and won't be able to spell my children's names." I did manage to "grow up" in a reasonably intelligent manner. I can even spell my son's one-syllable name, Scott.

"During my junior year in high school, I became very involved with deaf people. At that time, my steps seemed to be directed toward teaching them. The education of a person without this vital sense intrigued me. Every summer and Sunday was spent in teaching and interpreting for deaf people. Although I am not directly involved with a deaf ministry now, this early step of preparation was not in vain. Opportunities to talk to deaf people are continually occurring.

"My husband and I lived near a junior high school during our early years of marriage. Eventually, I started to substitute teach there. The principal encouraged me to finish my master's degree and to teach on a consistent basis. I figured that if I could stand a year of substituting and still want to teach in the public school, it would be a convincingly valid test. It convinced me! The Lord used those eight years of teaching to perfect me in several ways. He gave me many varied positions and experiences to prepare me for my teaching at Cedarville College. For now, I am preparing teachers of English for Christian and public schools. I am thankful for that step of my life.

"The verses in II Corinthians 3:5 and Psalm 138:8 provide an apt closing to this testimony. I realize that my sufficiency is of God as He continues to perfect me in any way that He deems fit. The ultimate end of this perfection, I trust, brings honor and glory to Him and to His work on earth. His ordered steps canlead me to that ultimate end; by faith, I position myself in them."

Children's Agency To Expand Ministry

The Board of Trustees of the Regular Baptist Children's Agency, 214 North Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan 48880, have voted to expand the ministry of the Agency to include an on-grounds Christian school to be operated exclusively and solely for children with special needs -- needs which have resulted in academic difficulties and/or emotional, behavioral, or social problems of such a nature as to indicate that specialized education is needed. The goal is to open this new school on September 4, 1979.

This new school will provide specialized education utilizing a complete Bible-integrated curriculum, to include: Bible, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; plus electives for the secondary level. Children with physical handicaps which require specialized care and children with mental retardation of a degree to render them "uneducable" in this program CAN NOT be accepted.

Our program is not to be confused with the Special Education Program provided by the Department of Education in the Michigan Public Schools. Ours is a private Christian School set up to teach only those children with special needs. Each child will be pre-tested in each subject. They will be taught individually at their level of ability and will progress in each subject as rapidly as they are able. Regular testing will help determine their movement from level to level in each subject.

The school will be conducted on the 100-acre Riverside Ranch of the Regular Baptist Children's Agency located five (5) miles north of St. Louis, Michigan. Present facilities will be utilized where possible with plans to erect a modular classroom adjacent to the present gymnasium. Projected cost of bringing the gym up to code and to purchase and erect a modular classroom is approximately \$25,000.

It is estimated that to operate this new school in addition to building costs it will take an additional \$20,590 the first year. Tuition costs of \$100 per month per child for nine (9) months is projected to produce approximately \$13,200 at most, therefore, an additional \$7,390 will be needed just for operating cost. Total new funds needed \$32,390. Residential costs for room and board and child care will be \$10 per day per child.

The school program will be an expansion of the present Residential Child Care program. Our present group homes will be available to provide for live-in accommodations. Beautiful lodging in a rural, ranch-style setting with six (6) children in each group home will provide a family atmosphere along with the opportunity for helping each child with their special needs involving social and behavioral skills.

The children in residence will attend local Baptist Churches which are affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC), and will be given additional spiritual training and direction by our born again, Bible-believing Baptists.

Both residential and classroom space will be limited the first year. Early application is of utmost importance. Child-

ren must qualify under the "Special Needs" guidelines to be eligible for acceptance. Special evaluation questionnaires will be sent to each person who inquires. Evaluations can be made only after adequate information is in hand. The school administrator will make the final determination. If classroom space and teacher time is available, qualified children from the local community not needing residential care may be accepted into the school program and need only pay the tuition cost.

The Board of Trustees believe that God is leading the Regular Baptist Children's Agency to begin this private Christian "Special Needs" School. They are asking God to provide the funds needed. If God burdens your heart to help in any way with additional support, designated special gifts, bequests, or to accept the cost of the building, the support of a child or a teacher's salary what a help that would be toward this worthy cause. WE NEED YOU! May the Lord richly bless you as you prayerfully consider your part in our "Special Kind of Caring".

For more information regarding enrollment applications, speakers to present this new school program, houseparent positions, teacher positions, or as to how you can help meet the financial needs of the new school program please write to: Regular Baptist Children's Agency, 214 North Mill St., St. Louis, Michigan 48880 or call (517) 681-2171.

West Moriah Fellowship

The ladies of the West Moriah Fellowship will be meeting at the First Baptist Church, Galion, Ohio (Rev. Lloyd Early, Pastor) on May 15. The meeting runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be a special program presented by a team from Shepherds. Brother Woods will be bringing several of his boys with him.

The Galion church is located at 445 North Market Street.

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AKRON, HIGHVIEW AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH — The Lord blessed through the ministries of Don and Lois Moffat - April 22 through 27. In grace, the Lord continues to bless the work here at Highview.

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — Our Valentine Banquet proved to be a success. We were privileged to have the Hebron W.M.U. rally held here in our church on April 3rd. April 30 through May 6 are the dates of our Evangelistic Meetings with Dick and Don Krueger.

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Laurine Gullette was with us in February and showed pictures of the work being done in Fortaleza, Brazil. We recently repaired and repainted our church auditorium and it looks beautiful.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH — The work among Jews was presented both morning and evening on March 25. Guest speakers were Rev. Leeland Crofts and Rev. Gerrit Buining. Our Interim Pastor, Dr. Kenneth Muck, recently conducted a Bible Conference at the Ithaca Baptist Church in Ithaca, Michigan. Missionary, Miss Kay Lamb, was with us one night in March.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH — We viewed the film - "All The King's Horses" at our Sweetheart Banquet. March 11 through 14 were the dates of our Missionary Conference. Those ministering to us were - Nancy Stanley (BMM-France), John McNeal (FBHM-Atlanta, Georgia), and Don Ross (EBM-serving in field of evangelistic films). The ministry of Brother Irv Johnson and his "T.E.L.L. ministry" proved a great blessing and challenge to our people. "T.E.L.L." stands for Training Evangelical Lay Leaders". Every church should have our brother in their church!

BUCYRUS, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — We were blessed through the ministries of Mark and Nancy Staley (BMM-Liberia— and also Raymond Cree (BMM-Japan). An Easter cantata was presented by our church choirs on April 8th.

BUCYRUS, LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH — Special evangelistic services were held with Evangelist Leland Connor of Jackson, Michigan. We helped move our missionaries, "the Gerald Schindlers" to their field of service in Canada. We thank the Lord for His blessings on our work.

CALDWELL, NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH — We are happy to announce that our pastor, Rev. Milton Barkley, is doing better physically and is now, once again, back to preaching. Dr. Allan Monroe of Cedarville College ministered here in late February.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — We held our Missionary Conference April 1 through 4. A special Workers Conference was held April 23rd. Representatives from Regular Baptist Press were with us for the day.

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Recent guest speakers include Bruce Burns, Dwight Webb, John Isaacson, John Poole, Rev. Melvin Keeler (Shepherd's, Inc.) and Rev. Roy Johnson.

CAMBRIDGE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — We have moved into our new facilities at 1120 Blaine Avenue in Cambridge. A special dedication service was held on April 1st. Dr. Don Winters was guest speaker and Pastor Kenneth Pugh read the Scripture. F.B.H.M. missionaries "The Fred Barret Family" ministered here. May 6 through 13 we will be led in special meetings by Evangelist James Threlfall.

CANTON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Recent films that we've been privileged to see include: "A Dream Begun" and "Flame In The Wind". In March Mr. Ed Pennel and Mr. Harold Burdick both ministered here. Our Youth Pastor - Roger Kirkpatrick and his wife Pat, presented a special dramatic program entitled - "When He Cometh". We held a special AWANA SUNDAY on March 25. April 28th was the date of our Bible Science Seminar.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Ron DeJong (BMM-Australia) ministered here in February. We recently viewed "A Thief In The Night" and "A Distant Thunder". Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, President of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary spoke at our Spring Staff Banquet March 10.

CLEVELAND, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH — We viewed the film - "Pilgrim's Progress". Our College young people held a SNO-INN

RETREAT in February. Dr. Quentin Kenoyer was their guest speaker. Veronica Sisson spoke at our mid-week service on February 14 just prior to her leaving for her work in the Chad. Campus Bible Fellowship Seminar was held March 23 and 24. On Sunday Morning, April 1 we were privileged to hear the Grand Rapids Baptist College Chorale.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH — We were led in a three-day Bible Conference - April 20 - 22. Guest Bible Conference speaker was Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Chancellor of Cedarville College. His ministry was one of blessing as he presented the Word. Our choir presented a cantata at Easter.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Our choir presented a cantata entitled - "Hallelujah! What A Saviour!". On April 21, we had a special MORTGAGE BURNING service. Guest speaker for this occasion was Rev. Richard Durham of Cedarville College. The Lord permitted us to pay off "in Full" the money owed for property across the street from our church.

COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH — The ministry of the Cedarville College Concert Chorale proved one of blessing. They sang here on Sunday evening, March 11.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH — Gary Storm was with us for the services on Sunday, February 18. Missionary Joe Hollaway ministered April 8. On Easter our choir presented the cantata - "Easter Celebration". We anticipate blessing in our special meetings with Evangelist Tom Williams. This will be May 27 through June 1. The special music for these meetings will be presented by "The Alparagues".

CUYAHOGA FALLS, GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH — We had the film - "A Distant Thunder". Brother Joseph Stowell of Kokomo, Indiana led us in a Family Life Seminar March 29 and 30. Our choir presented the cantata - "No Greater Love". We will be holding our Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 11. Guest speaker is to be Myrtle Thompson.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Elizabeth Jones told us of her work in Liberia. We held an Adult Spring Banquet on March 30. The ministry of the Cedarville Brass Choir Ensemble proved a blessing to our people. Brother David Long, missionary to Japan under Word of Life, spoke on April 8. Also, we were privileged to have missionary Larry Allen and his family. They look forward to serving the Lord under ABWE in Bangladesh. Our Mother/Daughter banquet will be held May 11. Our Spring Conference will be May 20 - 23 with Missionary Ron DeJong and Brother J.A. Paulson.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. and Mrs. Tom Jertberg were with us in February. They are looking forward to serving the Lord in Brazil (ABWE). We held a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at which time we showed the gospel film - "Survival".

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH — Dr. Jack Wyrzten of Word of Life, International, ministered here in late February. We were led in special meetings with Evangelist Fred Brown.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Guest speakers for our Missionary Conference were Beverly Curtis (BMM-Hawaii), Clint Kaufeld (BMM-Indianapolis) and Heath Bobbett (EBM - Niger). On March 26, Evangelist Fred Brown spoke. Also, the Singing Men of Temple University from Chattanooga, Tennessee were with us.

EUCLID, NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH — Recent guest speakers include - Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Rev. Joel Kettering, and Dr. Allan E. Lewis. These all are a part of Baptist Mid-Missions.

FAIRBORN, GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH — We were led in a Bible Conference by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Chancellor of Cedarville College. This was April 8 through 11. On April 20 we had a Campus Bible Fellowship "Film Night". On April 22, Rev. Donald Parvin of Cedarville College, was our guest speaker. Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gough also ministered here.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — We appreciated the ministry of the Piedmont Bible College choir on March 15. We held our Spring Musicale - "Harbored in Jesus" - April 20 and 21. April 30 through May 6 are our dates for special meetings with Evangelist Bill Compton and Tenor soloist - Joe Blanton. On May 13 we are having a "Mother Day's Spectacular".

GALLIPOLIS, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — Evangelist Norman Sharbaugh was used of the Lord to challenge us during our recent Spring Revival services. These were held April 8 through 13. On Easter Sunday, our choir presented the Easter cantata - "Easter Celebration" by Mr. Harold DeCau.

KENT, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — We held an "Anniversary Weekend" March 30, 31 and April 1. On the night of the 30th, we had a "Special Serendipity" for the ladies of the church. At 8:30 a.m. on the 31st we had a Men's Fellowship Breakfast at a restaurant in Kent. In the evening - at the church - we had a Banquet Dinner, and had very special services on Sunday, April 1st. Guest speaker for these occasions were Rev. and Mrs. Glen Crabb and Rev. and Mrs. David Bryant. Both Brother Crabb and Brother Bryant are former pastors at Kent.

KENTON, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — We recently had Missionary Ruth Hege with us. She ministered to our Ladies Missionary Fellowship. We appreciated the ministry of "the Larry Holman" family. Evangelist Norman Sharbaugh held special meetings April 1-6. **HINCKLEY, HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH** — "The Agape" players ministered here March 21, 22, and 23. Our Mother/Daughter Banquet is set for May 5. We will be having Vacation Bible School this year June 11 to 15.

LONDON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Mel Keeler of Shepherds, Inc. ministered on April 1. On the 6th of April "The Buntings" were with us for a "Supper Meeting".

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH — Dr. C. Raymond Buck of Baptist Mid-Missions spoke here on April 18. We had special meetings with Evangelist Norman Sharbaugh April 15 through 22.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — The president of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism - Dr. Wendell Kempton ministered during our Missionary Conference. This was March 23 through 25. Work is moving along - progress is being made - in erecting our new building!

MILLERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH — We appreciated the Bible teaching of Dr. Hugh Hall. He was with us for special meetings March 4 through 7. Rev. Larry Pittman spoke on Sunday, February 25.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Ken Starret, AWANA missionary, spoke here recently. We held our Missionary Conference April 19 - May 2. Our ladies had their Mother/Daughter banquet on May 4. We will be having a banquet for our graduates on May 19. May 27 is our Swordbearers and Promotion Sunday.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH — The Cedarville College Brass Choir ministered on March 24. We were led in special evangelistic meetings by Rev. Carl Lo Turco. Missionaries Simon and Mary Alice Leon (Mexico) were with us April 8. On June 10, we will be having FBHM missionary - Dick Sitzel, and his wife Hazel, who are ministering in Casper, Wyoming.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH — On April 1, we were privileged to have Dr. Peter Masters, pastor of Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England as our guest speaker. Our Annual Missionary Conference was held April 19 through May 2 with missionaries Seefied, Tucker, Alexander and Reiner.

OBERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Mark Staley was with us in February. We appreciated having the Swordbearers from Cedarville College. Also, Dr. Jack Riggs, of Cedarville College presented a series of messages on "Christian Growth".

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Keith Kiser - Evangelist with Baptist Mid-Missions ministered on Sunday evening, March 11. We were led in Evangelistic Meetings by Evangelist John Canine - April 1-6. We plan on holding our Vacation Bible School June 18-22.

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary - Joe Holloway told us and showed pictures of the work where he will be serving - New Zealand. Miss Norma Nulph is to be the guest speaker for our Mother/Daughter banquet - May 7. We just purchased a lovely new Baldwin piano paid in full!

SPAULDING, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Recently, two of our young men returned to us as guest speakers. Chuck Mathews and his family were here to begin deputation work for their work in Brazil. Dennis Gilbert and his wife will be going into the field of evangelism. It was a blessing to see these young people growing and working in the "work of the Lord!"

SALEM, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — We held a Friendship Banquet on February 16. Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Brennan of McDonald, Ohio were our guests. Pastor William Russell, Director of Skyview Ranch was guest speaker on Sunday, February 25.

SHARON, PA. SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH — Fifteen couples from our church enjoyed a "Couples Retreat" at the Mohican State Park Lodge in Perrysville, Ohio. Speaker for the retreat was Rev. Tom Wright, Jr. of Minford, Ohio. We held our Missionary Conference March 14 - 18. Guest missionaries were Rev. Maher, Dr. and Mrs. Quentin Kenoyer and students home from Bible College.

SMITHVILLE, PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Bill Russell of Skyview Ranch ministered here on March 18.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH — The Iowa Campus Bible Fellowship gave a short presentation of their work recently. On Easter, in the evening, we had a "Special Vespers Service" in celebration of Easter. May 4th is the date of our Senior High Banquet and our Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held May 10.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — On Sunday, April 8, we had a special "Dedication" of the Addition to our Church building. Our choir presented an Easter cantata. Brother Bill Russell of Skyview Ranch Camp spoke morning and evening of April 29. One of our own missionary family - Larry Secrest, will be with us Sunday, May 20.

STRYKER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — At a recent business meeting, we voted to continue the support of Rev. Tom Baxter (Fallsburg Baptist Church) and that of the office of our State Missionary (Don Moffat). We took part in a Round Robin Missionary Conference - March 25 through 29. Those having a part in the conference were Paul LaVin, Richard O'Neil and Bernard Bishop.

TIFFIN, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — We appreciated the ministry of "the Bob Richard" family. They are missionaries to the Mormons. Evangelist John Canine was used of the Lord as he led us in a special evangelistic campaign. The Lord blessed. Rev. Mel Keeler of Shepherds, Inc. ministered here. Some of our youth attended Junior/Senior Day at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. We learned of the work in Brazil through Missionary Laurine Gullette.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — On Sunday, March 25th we celebrated our Anniversary Sunday. Our church is now 14 years old! Missionary Mark Staley (Liberia) was with us April 4. Our Mother/Daughter banquet is scheduled for May 8.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Dr. Ken Nichols of Fort Wayne, Indiana was guest speaker for our Couples Retreat. The Lord richly blessed through our Institute of Balanced Church Ministries. Missionary Appointee to Argentina, Mr. Ronald Self, spoke at one of our mid-week prayer meetings. We held our Founder's Banquet on March 16. Dr. John Balvo of Grand Rapids was guest speaker. The Concert Choir of Cedarville College presented a concert on March 18.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Richard Vissar spoke at one of our mid-week services telling us the great need for the gospel in France. The Ladies Chorus from Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa ministered April 8. The date of our Mother/Daughter banquet is May 4. "The Singing Alparagues" are to be here June 4.

VAN WERT, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — We had a good time at our Valentine Banquet. There was a special program entitled - "The Sweetheart Tree". The whole evening was filled with fun. A special "love seat" was constructed and placed under a large 8 foot tree. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, who regularly attend our church, and who have been married for 62 years occupied the love seat.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Former "Rock Musician" - Peter Accardi - was with us March 11. The Lord, in grace, is blessing our work and we praise Him for it!

WESTERVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — We praise the Lord for the blessings received through our recent Christian Workers' Conference which featured our own REGULAR BAPTIST PRESS. (An article concerning this appears elsewhere in this issue of the O.I.B.)

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Guest speakers during April include - Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, Miss Loretta Strock, missionary to France and Pastor Craig. On the 20th we held our second "Sunday School Conference". Our annual Missionary Conference was held April 29, 30 and May 1 with Rev. Terry Tufts (ABWE-Brazil) as guest speaker.

WHEELERBURG BAPTIST CHURCH — On March 7, we celebrated our pastor's 6th anniversary here. Pastor Suner has faithfully declared the Word of the Lord and HE has blessed! The Lord is richly blessing our AWANA program. We recently broke all records by having 168 in attendance.

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Brother Gary Storm was with us for one of our mid-week services at which time he gave an excellent presentation of our Camp work in the Ohio.

Church Name Is Changed

The Sherman Baptist Church, 14390 Hametown Road, Doylestown, Ohio have changed their name to the Westview Baptist Church. Their address remains the same. Rev. William Absalom serves as pastor of this church.

Cedarville College News

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

"Passion Play" - a musical drama on the life of Jesus Christ, was presented by the Word of Life Collegians on April 11 in the College Chapel. The production involved a cast of over 100 people. The play was written by Mr. Harry Bollback of Word of Life.

David Baker and Suzanne Johnson presented a concert on April 21. These fine Christian vocalists are outstanding in their field of music. They have both performed far and wide presenting concerts in colleges, Christian Convention banquets, churches, and Bible Conferences, combining sacred classics, hymns, gospel songs, and folk melodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Collins will present a trumpet, organ and piano concert here on May 21. They are members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Commencement will be held June 2, in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel. President Paul Dixon will address the 196 graduates.

STUDENT BODY PROJECT

This year's Student Body Project, a fund-raiser sponsored by Student Senate, will be a Walkathon/Jogathon on May 16. Students, faculty and staff members will walk or jog, as they prefer, over a 15 mile course beginning on campus and finishing in Springfield. They hope to raise \$40,000 to help meet the needs of the Rescue Squad and Alford Memorial Auditorium.

PARENTS WEEKEND

Parents Weekend, including Cedar Day on Saturday, was held May 3-6. The weekend was designed as a time for parents, organizational alumni, and community folk to become better acquainted with the college and college events.

Friday was Honor's Day and over 200 students were honored for achieving membership on the Dean's Honor List. Saturday was spent witnessing many athletic events. The Concert Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Lyle Anderson, presented their Home Concert in the chapel on Saturday evening.

The weekend concluded with a Vespers Service on Sunday afternoon.

Cedarville College Special Education

Beginning with their 1979 Summer Session, Cedarville College will inaugurate a new program leading to a B.A. in Education with state certification in Special Education. The two introductory (prerequisite) courses **Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and Education of Children with Learning Disabilities/Behavior Disorders** will be taught at Cedarville. The remaining required courses will be taken at Wright State University, Fairborn, Ohio (near Cedarville) as prescribed by Cedarville.

Miss E. Ellen Glanville, Educational Consultant at Shepherds Home and School, will be teaching the introductory courses at Cedarville this summer. They are both scheduled for June 11-July 13. We would urge young people to consider this field of study. All inquiries should be addressed to the Director of Admissions, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314 promptly to assure enrollment for the 1979 Summer Session.

We wish to commend Cedarville College and Dr. James Biddle, Chairman of their Education Department for making this unique program available for Christian young people. Hopefully, Christian day schools across America will begin to offer special education as part of their total program. This in turn will increase the opportunities for young people to serve the Lord.

Signs Area Star

Dr. Don Callan, Cedarville College Basketball Coach kicked off his recruiting season with the signing of 6'4", 180 lb. guard-forward David Carr of Cedarville High School.

Carr is considered one of the areas top college basketball prospects with an average of 18.8ppg and 9.5 rebounds per game. Post season honors garnered by Carr included 1st team All Kenton Trace Conference, 2nd team Associated Press All Southwestern Ohio, and Honorable Mention All State. He was also selected to the 1st team District 9 All Star Team.

David, president of the senior class and president of Cedarville Chapter of the National Honor Society will graduate 3rd in his class with a 3.87 grade point average. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs Roy Carr, 12 E. Chillicothe, Cedarville, Ohio.

Prayers Have Been Answered!



Adding to the front of the church

Prayers have indeed been answered at The Fallsburg Baptist Church and after a long delay, some disappointments and even more prayer, the building program is well under way.

You may recall the announcement of the June 1977 ground breaking service which was reported in the August 1977 issue of The OIB. Almost before it had reached the press, the State of Ohio informed the church that their application for plan approval has been rejected and that it would be impossible to make any additions or changes to the building. This decision was appealed by the church and a hearing was held in April of 1978. A variance was granted and the approval and plans were received in late June with site work beginning in late October. The additions were planned for the front and rear of the old building, providing seven new classrooms containing 1200 square feet. The estimated cost of the new additions are \$28,000.

Throughout the past two years, Northfield Baptist Church has faithfully contributed over \$750.00 to the building fund. This money was added to what the congregation gave in offerings, plus two personal loans from individuals with little or no interest. The church had almost \$12,000 to use in the building. This was enough to put the additions under roof and install the siding.

Although this amount is far short of the estimated cost, it was the decision of the board and the congregation to go ahead and start the building and trust that the Lord would supply the rest of the money. Before the work had actually begun, Calvary Baptist Church of

Coshocton sent a check for \$750.00 for the excavation. The Lord had begun to provide. By the middle of March, the new additions were under roof. The congregation is trusting the Lord for funds to complete the building. Pastor Tom Baxter and Deacons Wesley Frair, Charlie Hancock and Ken Miller have overseen the building program to date. Design of the additions and supervision of the work is being done by Ken Miller of KenLen Construction with the congregation doing as much of the work as possible. The church board wanted to share this, their experience of seeing God turn defeat into victory, trusting it will be an encouragement to others to move forward in His name.

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Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College News



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

At the Annual Seminary Bible Conference held in February at the Grand Rapids Baptist College, the Alumni Association was pleased to present the Van Osdel Trophy to Rev. Homer C. Baker, the 1979 Alumnus of the Year.

Brother Baker attended the school in its formative years, known then as the Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible Institute. After graduation, he was led of the Lord into missionary service under the Hiawatha Baptist Mission. He has served as a missionary for over 21 years. Through the years, his has been a unique and valuable contribution to the God-given work of HBM. His depth of experience and sage advice have helped many of the individual missionaries.

Though he has pastored, his primary contribution has come through his work as a craftsman - working on parsonages, building church buildings, repairing roofs, installing pews, laying carpet, panelling walls, etc. He has driven thousands of miles in his work and has been used of God to lead folk to Christ!

NEW BOYS SPORTS CAMP

For boys who have completed the fourth through the eighth grade the Athletic Department of the Grand Rapids Baptist College is holding a BASKETBALL and a SOCCER CAMP this summer on campus. Basketball Camp will be held June 24-29, 1979, and Soccer Camp will be during the week of July 1-6. Cost is \$95.00 for resident campers and \$55.00 for commuters. For information write: ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, Grand Rapids Baptist College, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

SUMMER GOSPEL TEAMS

Beginning in June two teams will be on the road in churches and youth camps representing the college and the seminary this summer. The DVBS puppet team ministry which is in its second year of

Twentieth Annual Seminary Bible Conference

The Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary presented their Twentieth Annual Seminary Bible Conference February 19 through 23. It proved to be a time of rich blessing. Many vital decisions were made throughout the conference. The attendance was excellent. At some of the 9:30 A.M. services, over 1000 were in attendance. In the evening meetings, as many as 1500 were present. There were overflow meetings almost every night.

As an appraisal of what the conference means to them, some of the conference speakers declared that this annual conference is "one of the best Bible Conferences in the country". The conference motto this year was "THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD". Dr. Wilbert Welch, President of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, most graciously hosted the conference.

Guest speakers included Dr. Warren Wiersbe, Dr. David Allen, Dr. Wendell Kempton, Dr. Paul Dixon, Dr. Quentin Kemoyer, Dr. N.A. Wiens, Dr. Warren Faber, and Dr. Leon Rowland.

Brother Wiersbe helpfully expounded "The Strategies of Satan". Dr. Kempton's message covered the theme "What Makes A Man Great?". Dr. Paul Dixon spoke on "No Greater Joy".

The congregational singing was aided by the leadership of Brother Straton Shufelt and organist Ruth Woolpert. Special music was presented by various groups from the college. The climax was the concert by the Symphonic Band, and the annual singing of "How Firm A Foundation" by the congregation. It was thrilling!

The clinic sessions held each day included the following subjects: ABORTION-IS IT MURDER? (by Dr. Clifford Bajema), THE CASE FOR INERRANCY (by Dr. Victor Matthews) and THE WOMEN'S SEMINAR (by Mrs. Betty Wiersbe).

Rev. Homer Baker, one of the early students of the school and now for more than 20 years a Pastor/Builder with Hiawatha Baptist Mission, was chosen as ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR and was presented with the Dr. Van Osdel trophy.

Next year's conference will be held February 18 through 22. Plan on attending!!

existence will again continue its unique ministry of organizing and programming Bible schools for local churches.

The second team will be a men's quartet accompanied by a pianist. Each member of the quartet also plays an instrument. Their ministry in the churches, therefore, will be both vocal and instrumental. They will travel from June 17 to August 25.

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Galatians 6:10

Balanced Church Ministries Seminar

Editor's Note: Brother Steven Lantz is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Louisville, Ohio. The following is a letter received from him telling of the blessings experienced at the BALANCED CHURCH MINISTRIES SEMINAR. We are reproducing his letter just as it came to us.

Dear Brother Moffat:

I'm writing this letter in hopes that you will publish it for all your readers to see and "hear." It is in regards to the "Institute of Balanced Church Ministries" seminar which I had the privilege of attending at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, this last session. The experience has so blessed my life and ministry that I just had to share it with you.

It started like a lot of seminars start. We had a get acquainted buffet on Saturday night. The next day, Sunday, we had the privilege of sitting under the ministry of a true man of God-Dr. Ernest D. Pickering. In fact, a pastor friend of mine, Brother Bill Anderson, said that he'd pay the tuition just to come to Emmanuel for a Sunday. Those were my sentiments also at the end of the day. That Lord's day really set the spiritual tone for the rest of the week.

Monday through Friday we sat under the instruction of some of the wisest staff that its ever been my privilege to sit under. They all had much to contribute to our learning experience. As I sat there, I found myself getting excited about going back to my place of service and implementing the principles of the ministry which were communicated to me. I wish I had the time to express fully the total impact that those sessions had upon me, a young naive pastor.

In conclusion let me just say that my life and ministry, should our Lord tarry, will never be the same again. I've had a new burden for souls placed within my heart. My preaching ministry has taken on a new and exciting perspective. My love for my people has matured. All in all, it was the best week that I have ever spent learning what the ministry is all about. I don't know about the other men, but I plan, the Lord willing, to return every year as part of my continued education. I thank God for the entire staff at Emmanuel Baptist Church. May God richly bless them and the ones that they have encouraged.

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Outstanding Performance By BBC Athletes



NCCAA Division II National Champions

The Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania basketball team captured the National Christian College Athletic Association Division II national championship by defeating Valley Forge Christian College on March 3. This year the team won its sixth straight North Atlantic Christian Conference championship, and its fourth straight NCCAA regional championship.

In addition, Coach Jim Huckaby has been selected as the Division II Coach of the Year, and senior Rick Cole has been named to the NCCAA Division II All-American team.

Rick, a 5-11 guard from Wharton, NJ, averaged 20 points per game this season, and was honored as an All-American last year. During four years at Baptist Bible College, Rick scored a total of 2,126 points for a new school record. This season he scored 669, averaging 50 percent from the field and 72 percent from the freethrow line. Rick will be joining the staff of Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, IN, after graduation.

Also named as an All-American by the NCCAA was wrestler Bob Kelleman. Bob, a sophomore from Gary, IN, compiled a 15-3 record in his weight class (126) in leading his team to a seventh place finish in the NCCAA national wrestling tournament. The team, coached by Chris Davis, won the North Atlantic Christian Conference title for the tenth consecutive year.

South-West Area Teens

The South West Area Teens have come up with their new name SWAT. The SWAT team consists of youth workers - Mark Chandler, Chuck Pausley and Byron Shearer. They put out a paper which they call "The SWAT FLYer."

They are going "all out" in trying to reach our teens for the Lord. The following schedule of meetings has been set up. It all sounds exciting!

- Sept. 1- King's Island with the Life Action Singers.
- Oct. 12-13- Scioto Hills-Bruce McDonald.
- Nov. 17- Washington Hgts.-Wendy Kempton.
- Jan. 19- Faith, Greenville-Dave Carder.
- Feb. 16- Southgate, Springfield-Fifties Rally
- Mar. 15- Oxford-Ice Skating
- Apr. 19- Still open

Resigns As Director Of Galilean Mission

A number of our OARBC churches help in the support of the Galilean Baptist Mission. We have been informed that Brother John Yarworth, who has faithfully served G.B.M. for the past four and one-half years has now resigned his position of Director to accept a call to pastor the Good News Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Writing concerning his leaving the Galilean Baptist Mission, Brother Yarworth states: "God has been very gracious to entrust me with this wonderful working relationship with my staff, our missionaries, and mission board".

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Our speaker is Dr. Mark Jackson, the new President of Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, PA. The Lord will bless your hearts as he open God's Word.

Ben Kendrick of Baptist Mid-Missions will be here on Friday for a special promotion of his book Buried Alive for Christ. There will be a special price - - for a very special signature!

Remember that we're beginning with lunch on Thursday for those who want to come and work that day on some special projects. We have some cabins to divide and some other "specials" that Dutch Wolff is dreaming up for you!

Thursday evening supper will be served at 5:30. Our first message will be at 7:30. Late-comers will be served supper after the service. If you can - indicate to us on your registrations when you will be arriving.

\$5.00 per man will register you and assure you of a place at the table. The total cost is \$22.00 again this year. We're looking forward to having many of you here. Men's Retreat is a special time.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

It is time to get your registrations in for summer camp. At this writing there are openings in every week. If you are inter-

ested in the Wilderness Week, get your reservation in soon. There is room for only a few more.

Don't forget to sign up for the Overnight Horseback Camp-out when you send your registration. Send the extra \$5.00 in at that time. We have a new spot this year that you will enjoy.

Family Camp is filling up. If you're planning on coming and are going to need a cabin - - register NOW. Cabins are going fast.

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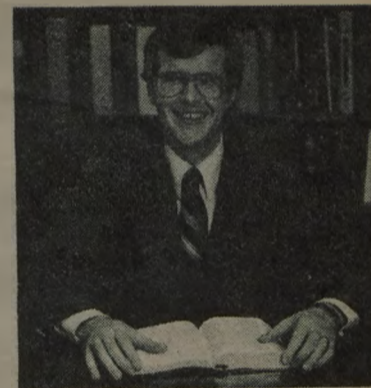
Dear O.I.B. Reader,

I want to take this opportunity to tell you about Baptist Bible College and School of Theology.

How does one express in just a few lines the impact of several years of training under men of God who love the Word of God? It is virtually an impossible task for there are so many memories that flood my mind.

May I say that the training I received at both the College and the School of Theology was of the finest quality. By that I mean there was always the utmost respect and love for the Word of God. The faculty was composed of men and women who were both gifted and highly skilled in communicating their subject matter. The instruction went beyond the "idealistic" classroom to be relevant and easily useable in my everyday ministry. The burden for God's work was deeply impressed upon me as I listened to and observed administrators, professors, and chapel speakers. These genuine people had as their objective to prepare students who would know how to use the bible to meet people's needs. Ample opportunities were given for on-the-job training through Christian service assignments. In my own personal life God used this to make clear His will for my ministry. The wealth of experiences that were provided through all aspects of college life helped to give me a balanced view of Christian living and service.

I will never forget what one of my instructors told me when he said,



John R. Greening

"School is the place where you receive the tools that will enable you to dig in the gold mine of the Scriptures." In light of that statement, my observation is that the Baptist Bible College and School of Theology placed in my hands the finest of tools that will be used for the entire duration of my ministry. It is with great confidence that I can recommend these schools.

In closing, I would like to recommend to you for your prayerful consideration the SCHOLARSHIP PLAN which exists at BBC. Since the tuition costs do not cover all the expenses, each student must be subsidized by the school. You can have a part in this very important program of training young people for the Lord's work. Simply write to Mr. Ken Swigart, Baptist Bible College, 538 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. John R. Greening, Pastor
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PAID ADV.

Introducing Our OARBC Young People

Editor's Note: Your Ohio State Youth Committee would like you to meet some of the young people from our OARBC churches. Each month we will be presenting a number of these fine teenagers. In an age when so many of the younger generation are taken over by sin and Satan . . . addicted to drugs . . . living with low, moral standards, it is good to know there are such as these who love God and desire to serve Him!

"GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!"

Atonya Sims is a Senior at Rogert High School in Toledo, Ohio. She has one brother, Harold, and two sisters, Verbenna and Belinda. Her mother, Jayne works for the Postal Service. She is a member of the Grace Baptist Church of which Rev. Larry D. Engle is the pastor.



Atonya Sims

Atonya was saved at age 10 and dedicated her life to the Lord in 1972. Here is her testimony:

"God has given me a lot of courage to speak to other Christians at School. I share with them as I share with you a prayer request. My studies come hard and I have a difficult time with my home work. In the past, I have always doubted God's Word, about helping me through school. The Lord has always come through with different prayer requests, like bringing other people to church and having them accept Christ after I have witnessed to them for a week. I thank God my whole family is saved. I thank Him for answering my needs. He always comes to me with the answer. Just this year I really depended on Christ for "all" answers!

"Philippians 4:6,7 has truly helped me through this second quarter!

"As I have helped in AWANA and SPARKS at church, God has taught me patience and different things about His Word.

"My desire, as He continued to lead me and give me victory in my studies, is to one day become a registered nurse."

"HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?"

Eric Prange is 17 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Prange, Jr. He is a member of Graham road baptist Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. His pastor is Rev. Laurence Smith. Eric was saved at the age of nine while attending Sky View Ranch and he enjoys feeling a part of his church. "Our church offers a position for each person either in visitation, choir, teacher or just as a member and this is what has kept me going."



Eric Prange

"If you have ever had the feeling the whole world is against you, I have learned to take my problems to God. This is the

distinct advantage a Christian has over a non-Christian. Sometimes we go to friends but they can advise us wrong, where God is never wrong."

When confronted with problems Eric finds relief in God's Word. Some of his favorite verses are:

Philippians 4:13-"I can do all-things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Romans 8:28-"And we know that all things work together for good to them that are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:31-"What shall we say to these things . . . if God be for us, who can be against us?"

"Surroundings change and friends change but God never changes. Put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ today. You won't be sorry."

Eric would like to continue his education as the Lord permits.

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"

Janice Klingenberg is a 4.0 Senior at Bedford High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klingenberg. She has one older brother and one older sister. She is a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Her pastor is Dr. Ernest Pickering. She was saved at the age of nine and dedicated her life to the Lord in June of '78. Let her share her testimony with you:



Janice Klingenberg

"The Lord has blessed my life more abundantly than I could have ever asked for. He has given me a Christian family and a Bible believing and preaching church where I can learn about Him. He has answered prayer many times in ways that were perfect for me. Overcoming problems in school and asking for the wisdom to help me succeed in my goals were two areas in which He greatly answered prayer this year. For a reason I don't understand yet, the Lord has let me be one of the top eleven graduating valedictorians out of a class of 467. I never set this goal for myself, but He has seen fit to bestow this honor upon me. There are also numerous personal areas in which He has answered prayer.

"The Lord has worked in my life this year especially in the area of using the talents He has given me. He has helped me overcome the fear of playing the piano in public but some nervousness still remains. The fears He removed uncovered the blessing He had for me and showed me that I could do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me!

"One of my favorite verses is found in II Corinthians 12:9. It says, 'And He said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in your weakness. Most gladly will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.'"

Janice's future plans are to attend Cedarville College. She would like to study Computer Programming."

"Teacher Training Trips"



Mr. Peter Reoch and Mr. David Rockwell

Two Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania faculty members are helping local churches to develop a corps of interested, effective teachers of God's Word.

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Those involved in a Teacher Training Trip choose the age group (ages 2 to 12 or youth and adults) they prefer.

Mr. Rockwell believes "Bible learning means change which is best achieved by discovery through involvement" so the participants find themselves doing the methods of teaching they are learning. "We basically want to cause the students to collide with God's Word and be effectively changed by it," he comments.

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"Our major concern," says Mr. Reoch, "is to help teachers." A secondary goal, he adds, is to introduce local churches to BBC, its philosophy of education, and the resources that are available to help local churches with problem areas."

The reactions of those who have attended these sessions has been very good. When a church sponsors a Teacher Training Trip, the pastor almost always attends and is "extremely pleased," Mr. Rockwell notes. He adds, "Most of the churches have been very grateful for the help and are openly excited about what we've done. Some teachers say they weren't going to attend, but were really glad they did while others had intended to quit teaching until they went on a Teacher Training Trip."

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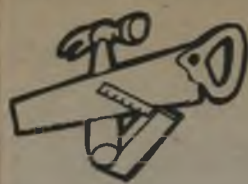
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Tools For The Youth Leader

PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE YOUTH LEADER

In the MARCH issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we considered the POSITION of the YOUTH LEADER. We would now like to examine the PROBLEMS confronting the YOUTH LEADER.

The first problem we would mention is LACK of PASTOR'S SUPPORT. There have been occasions when a pastor has reluctantly given in to pressure and has hired a second man, while all the time deeply inside he has not wanted one. Some pastors are neither happy nor comfortable having a second man. The board and/or church members have felt that the youth program would be more effective by calling a Youth Director, so the pastor has agreed.

Sometimes a Youth Director may feel he does not have the pastor's support due to the pastor never attending youth functions or publicly promoting from the pulpit the church's youth programs. There are some pastors who rarely, if ever, give words of commendation and appreciation to their youth leaders. A Youth Leader needs the Pastor's full support.

A second problem confronting youth leaders is that of UNJUST CRITICISM. It is sad the number of youth men who have personally been hurt and their ministries hindered because of unkind remarks made by uninformed people. Generally these unjust criticisms come from those who have no teen-aged children of their own. They actually know little or nothing concerning the youth program and are not in the position to make a proper evaluation.

Too often the only measure that is used in deciding whether or not a program is successful is whether or not there is an increase in attendance. There are those who expect the youth leader to produce in months what the church has not been able to do in years. It is interesting to note that in First Corinthians - chapter three, when our works are tried by fire, that which is burned (wood, hay and stubble) is the result of growth. More than one youth leader has been dismissed from his position because the signs of growth have been small. A youth leader is not successful on the basis of the program he produces but rather on the quality of the lives found in his group.

One question that has disturbed this youth director is - "Why do we spend so much time going after the unchurched when we have not in many cases, successfully reached the teens in our Sunday School department?" We know of one youth director who was highly criticized for not being able to bring in more new people than he had. The inconsistency of such criticism was that it was made in a church that did not have a visitation program at all!

A third problem is that of PLAYING FAVORITES. We are all distinct personalities and, as such, adjust to some people more readily than to others. We must, however, make sure that our programs and our attention includes everyone. What we do for one - we should do for all. There can be no favorites. Permit me

to share a personal incident in connection with this. Our Junior Hi and Senior Hi youth group made cookies and sent them to our college students. This was announced from the pulpit and parents were requested to give their child's name and address. Being new in the church, I knew some of the students but not all of them. When it came time to send the boxes, I was not aware that any were omitted . . . but one was! I felt badly about it and endeavored to make things right by sending a special gift at Christmas time. Perhaps with more careful planning and checking of records all of this could have been avoided. Be extra careful in this area.

Fourthly, BETRAYING A CONFIDENCE can be devastating. Imagine the feelings and reactions of a teenager who places confidence in her/his leader by sharing a personal problem, only to have that leader refer to it in a public message. The young person would be crushed . . . heartbroken! The leaders influence in that teenagers life would be gone . . . and you can be sure that your failure to keep a trust would be told to their friends. Your young people do not go to their leader with their confidences in order that you might build up your illustration file. Your young person needs to know beyond all doubt that when she/he comes to you, the matter will go no further. There may be times when the problem should be discussed with the pastor and even with the parents of the teenager but always with the young person knowing this is being done. Too, it is best if the leader and the teenager go together to see the pastor and/or parents.

FAILURE to STRESS THEIR LOVE and LOYALTY to THEIR PARENTS can be a source of conflict. If you want to see something interesting, ask your teens this question: "How many of you told your parents this past week that you love them?" Ask them to identify themselves by raising their hands. Ask the same of the parents. You will be amazed at the lack of genuine love being manifested in our Christian homes. It is vital that our teens love their parents and willingly submit themselves to their authority. This bridge between the home and the church can be built by having sessions for both the parents and the young people discussing with them - the Christian home.

God will not bless any program that bypasses the home any more than He blesses a program that bypasses the local church. Youth leaders, you cannot have a program or a ministry without the parents backing you. It is well for the parents to know that you are standing with them and not against them. It is good to remember that the home was created by the Lord first and the church was never meant to be a substitute for the home.

Let me mention three other problems confronting the youth leader. Brevity here does not mean unimportance.

1) JEALOUSY. Are you jealous because the program of another church is larger than yours? Does it irritate you when the Lord seems to bless someone else more than you? Be careful. More than one Christian leader has become most ineffective because they were taken over by the green-eyed monster of jealousy.

- 2) QUITTING. Do not quit too soon. Stay with your job until the Lord leads you elsewhere. God wants us to be faithful. Remember, He knew all of the problems you would have even before He called you. The obstacles may seem impossible but God is bigger than all of our problems. A good text to remember at such times are the words of the Apostle Paul - "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." The Lord never said it would be easy. There is an old saying that goes like this - "Winners never quit and quitters never win."
- 3) QUIET TIME. Do not become so busy for God that you do not have time to spend with God. If

you neglect your daily Bible reading and prayer then every area of your life will suffer. You will become an easy target for Satan. You need this more than anything else. Better to miss a meal at the table than to miss feeding on His Word.

By no stretch of the imagination have we covered all the problems you will face. At least, we've covered some of them. We trust they will be a help.

Just this final word - Be sure, Youth Leader, that you do not become so involved with the needs of your teens that you forget the needs of your own family. This is important. Love your wife. Play with your children. The more effective you are in your own home, the more effective you will be in the church.

. . . submitted by Earl Westbrook
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Faith Baptist Bible College News

BASKETBALL SEASON

The Faith Eagles ended their season's play fourth in the Midwest Christian College Conference on March 3. The team came in second during the season's regular play with a 7-5 record. Dave Wymer, a married student from Bainbridge Island, WA, was named to the first all-conference team. Dan Pegram of Carlisle, IA, and Kent McDougal of Alleman, IA, were named to the second team. The FBBC cheerleaders won the all-conference cheerleading award.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Mr. Kevin Bauder, a married student from Cambridge, IA, and Lloyd Williams from Laingsburg, MI, participated in the Oratorical Contest in March. Kevin placed first with his oration on gun control. He received a \$100 award. Lloyd received \$75 with his oration on the needs of junior highers.

GRADUATION CONCERT

FBBC's annual Graduation Concert is scheduled for May 10 at 7:30 P.M. in the Gym-Convocation Building. The Handbell Choir, Chorale, Ladies Chorus, Men of Faith and Concert Band are scheduled to perform separately distinctive repertoire suited to them as well as combining together for a grand finale of hymns. On May 11, 92 seniors are anticipating graduation. Dr. Paul Tassell is giving the commencement address. Commencement begins at 7:30 P.M. in the Gym-Convocation Building. Other graduation activities are scheduled throughout the day.

HISTORY OF FBBC

Dr. John Patten has written a history of FBBC that is to be printed and distributed in May. "For the Truth's Sake" is a sixty-four page booklet that has already been a blessing to those privileged to read the manuscript.

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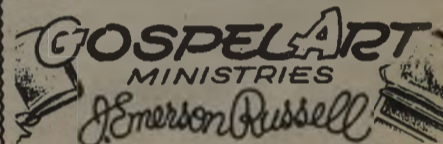
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Church School To Open This Fall

Editor's Note: The following appeared in the Examiner newspaper of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Since Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, is one of our OARBC churches, we felt this item would be of utmost interest to our readers. Let us remember to pray for these folk as they embark on this new venture.

Members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bellefontaine voted during a recent special business meeting to establish the first Christian Day School in Logan County.

"The school is tentatively scheduled to open in September beginning with kindergarten through grade four and will be meeting in the new education wing of the church building," stated the Rev. Earl Decker, pastor of the church.

"To begin operation, a minimum of 40 students must be enrolled," the Rev. Decker said. "Attaining this goal should present no problems because at this point more than 50 inquiries have been made from families interested in enrolling their children in the school."

The school year will begin with a separate kindergarten and a combination of grades, either one-two or three-four, with plans to expand by adding a grade and a teacher per year, up to and including grade eight.

An administrator, who will also be required to teach the first year as well as supervise the school, is being sought by the church deacon board. He or she must be certified by the state and have an M.A. degree in elementary education.

Three teachers will also be hired by a school board, as yet to be named, consisting of the pastoral staff of Calvary, a deacon representative and members elected from the congregation.

"Believing that 90 percent of teaching is the teacher pouring himself into the students, the faculty will be sought and hired according to a very high standard," said the Rev. Decker. "Not only must he or she be state certified, they must be a 'born again' Christian whose committed life exemplifies the absolute authority of the Word of God."

According to the pastor, a "Philosophy of Education" is being prepared to govern the school, based upon the Word of God, and must be accepted by the

Present With The Lord

Rev. Thomas H. Hubbard, on March 13, was called "HOME" to be with his Lord whom he had served faithfully through the years.

Our brother pastored for awhile at our OARBC church in Pataskala, Ohio. At the time of his death, he was pastoring the Commercial Point, Ohio Church. He was an able preacher and an excellent Bible teacher. He taught for many years at the Columbus Bible Institute and the Los Angeles Bible Training School. At one time, he was a writer for the Union Gospel Press.

His funeral was held at the Jerry Spears Chapel in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Ernest Finkenbinder delivered the funeral message.

His wife and companion through the 15 years, Mrs. Viola Hubbard makes her home at 3756 Kimberly Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43227. Let us remember our sister in prayer during this difficult time.

parents of any student before he or she will be enrolled.

Students will be required to provide sack lunches as no hot lunch program is being planned. Nor will there be any busing to and from the school. Car pooling among the parents will be encouraged.

The Rev. Decker stressed that the school is not being established as a reaction to the public school system, but as an alternative to parents who desire one.

The Christian school is not simply a school which adds a Bible course to its other curriculum, but rather a school that practices an absolute respect for the authority of the Word of God as it pertains and relates to all curriculum, the pastor said.

A special emphasis will be placed upon morality, patriotism and respect for authority.

This is not to imply that administrators and teachers in the area school systems do not desire the same high standards because the majority do, but they

are bound by laws which forbid or temper it, he added.


With utmost respect for the law, the school will meet the required number of minutes and will be offering all the subjects required by the state including one hour of physical activity and in addition will be reinforcing the moral values being taught first and most importantly in the Christian home and secondly in the church, the pastor stated.

"The school has every intention of working together with the public schools and of maintaining open lines of communication with the administrations," said the Rev. Decker.

For parents interested, an estimated yearly cost will be \$500 for kindergarten and \$800 for grades one through four. This fee may be paid in monthly installments.

Applications are now being accepted. More information may be obtained by calling the church office from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday.

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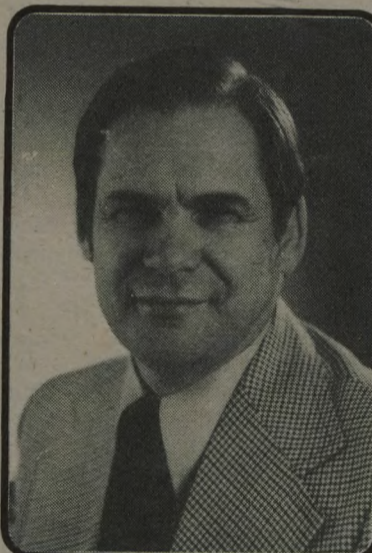
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