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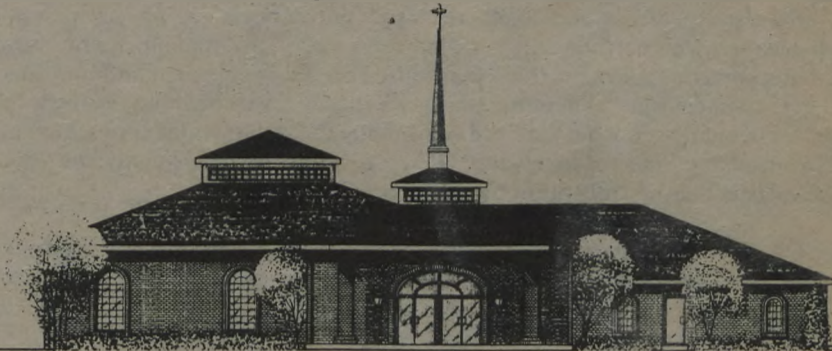
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Wheelersburg Plans New Building



The Wheelersburg Baptist Church unveiled plans for a new auditorium on their 109th Anniversary.

The church was organized on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 1878, into an autonomous, independent Baptist church. The first structure (to be replaced) was built that summer, and is still used as the auditorium today.

The first addition was added in 1949, and the second was completed in 1959. The educational building was dedicated in 1976.

Wheelersburg Baptist Church has a rich heritage and looks forward to a great future. Max K. McCullough is the Pastor.

First Brunswick Mortgage Burning 30th Anniversary



Bill Hollens, Pastor Wright, Don Matheny, Pastor Steve Lantz, Ron Gosnell, Bill Brock.

On Sunday, December 7, 1986, First Baptist Church celebrated thirty years of ministry in Brunswick, Ohio. The First Baptist Church of Medina, under the ministry of Rev. Ken Smelser, saw a vision for Brunswick, back in 1956, and began the first fundamental work in the community. During the past thirty years, five full-time pastors have ministered there, including their present pastor, Rev. Steven Lantz.

Dr. and Mrs. Brock were special guests for this occasion, along with Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Anderson and family from Cedarville College, who provided special music throughout the day.

A luncheon was served following the morning services for all those in attendance, followed by an afternoon "Anniversary and Mortgage Burning Service." The church burned the mortgages on the parsonage and on the newest addition to the church building--a 400-seat sanctuary, classrooms, and offices. Rev. Donald Matheny, under whose ministry this addition was constructed, was present to share memories of his ministry here. Also present was William Hollen, the church's first pastor, and two former interim pastors--Kenneth Nelson and Albert Johnson--who all shared in the afternoon's activities.

The pastor and people of First Baptist Church wholeheartedly say, "To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!"

Two paddleboats, five teepees, life jackets, sports equipment, cleaning supplies and much more were destroyed.

Please pray for:

1. Wisdom in building a new dining hall
2. Need of good used restaurant equipment
3. The immediate repair or replacement of George McClure's dozer. (We feel

a great responsibility to help him, as this is his livelihood.)
4. Need of a walk-in cooler.

It is our present goal to have the camp ready for operation by the first week of summer camp. If you can help in any way, please call Gary Storm at 614-778-2273. Thank you for your prayers.



Matthew 28:6-A
"He is not here for
He is risen as he said."

Fire Destroys Scioto Hills Dining Hall



Kitchen Area



Dining Hall

God makes no mistakes! The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Some say, "What a tragedy!", others say, "What bad luck!" But we know God knows and cares about the needs of Scioto Hills.

Tuesday, March 17, began as any other day on the reservation. However, as the Storms were finishing up their noon meal, Brad Rickard came tearing down the drive in the truck screaming, "Call the fire department, the dining hall is on fire!"

As Gary ran to the top of the hill, flames were coming out the gable end. His first concern was to move a 200 gallon propane tank that was right near the building. As he ran for the tractor, Mr. George McClure,

who was doing some volunteer dozer work, jumped on his dozer and pushed the tank away from the building.

As it was being pushed away, the valve came off, releasing a cloud of gas which moved toward the burning dining hall. George jumped off, leaving the dozer to push the tank into the hillside, where it ignited and formed a natural torch, which shot out over the dozer for over an hour.

When the fire department finally arrived, their main concern was the propane tank and the possibility of explosion. By this time, the dining hall was totalled. Nothing was saved despite the efforts of five fire departments. Many items were stored in the building for the winter, besides the loss of all the kitchen and dining equipment.

The Representative's Spot ●



Many of you reading are aware that prayer has been one of my main interests over the years. As a pastor, it was number one in priority and practice in our local church. Without prayer, no Christian, no pastor, no church will go anywhere except what can be accomplished by human effort.

We live in a day and in a country that even with many Christians, prayer is a last effort. Everything else comes first and, for some reason, prayer never gets any easier. I just came from a series of meetings where much prayer was offered and much prayer was needed. But someone said something that caused me encouragement and introspection. That statement was "I knew that prayer was necessary throughout the night but somehow I could not pray but the Lord continually through the night brought to my mind hymns that ministered to my need." There are times we need to pray but it does not come easily but the Holy Spirit brings "songs in the night."

I do teach on prayer (but only when requested to do so by the pastor). But the more I teach and the more I study on prayer does not make it any easier to pray or to take the time to pray. Somehow we forget so easily.

Prayer is highlighted, available and, in some churches, "pushed," but we still seem to not be able to encourage people to take advantage of the opportunity. I have said on some occasions that if the government ruled that we no longer could assemble for the purpose of prayer, we would have more secret prayer meetings than ever before. For some reason, when you take something away, you want it more than ever. I wonder why this is true?

In this issue of the O.I.B. you have triumph and tragedy and all spectrum in between. The destroying by fire of the dining hall at Scioto Hills is a tragedy (at least humanly speaking). It disrupts schedules, plans, and no doubt will cause temporary means to be needed that will not be convenient. We would question but God will not.

You'll see in this issue the triumph of a new church, Fellowship Baptist of Dublin. Here is a beginning. But in this triumph will be seen many challenges. Yes, even some problems. What about a building, additional people, finances? You see, the tragedy and the triumph will have some of the same needs and the same negatives.

We often will pray more and better for tragedies than triumphs. We will be thankful for triumph but should we be thankful for tragedies? So here is a suggestion for prayer - but prayer must be specific, for God cannot answer general praying. The first prayer for both is for wisdom for those involved. Most prayer must find the answer in individuals. Possibly this is the reason some prayers are so slow in being answered. The one who is the answer is not keen to the Holy Spirit's direction or if they are, refuse to be the answer. There is need to pray for specific needs of plans, building, material, workers, and, of course, (bad word) money. (In both the tragedy and the triumph.)

Some will pray, some will not. It seems that our personal interest and often involvement governs what we pray about. But I do believe that both the camp and the church and other articles that pertain to the Lord's work would appreciate and maybe even expect others to be praying for them.

But be careful. Prayer often leads to participation, and that might mean giving - of time - talent - but usually, in most cases, money. So possibly one had better not pray!

God often puts us in the middle, doesn't He? But God never puts us out of His love or His grace. It may be the wrong emphasis but the Psalmist did say, "no good thing will God withhold from them that walk uprightly." Prayer is part of "walking uprightly."

I have no great ending for this column. I sought the Lord's direction and began to write - Thus the above paragraphs. I was seriously thinking about writing about missions, but, of course, prayer is the key for this also.

Don't forget, Paul admonished to the Corinthians,
"Ye also helpers together by prayer..."

Could it be possibly that the O.I.B. is a guide to prayer just as you read the reports, articles, and items of interest? Paul also wrote, "In everything by prayer..."

We need to be obedient to pray. That's really all God asks.

DEATH - Dr. Gordon Shipp

Dr. Gordon Shipp, President of Faith Baptist College and Seminary, died suddenly after a heart attack on Thursday, March 26th. Funeral service was held Monday, March 30th.

Know Your Council

Roland Globig
Chairman Approval Committee

Thirty years in the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. That is the record of Pastor Roland Globig of Bible Baptist Church, North Madison, Ohio. And all of those years have been at one church, Bible Baptist.

Pastor Globig's ministry has all been in Ohio. Previous to North Madison, he pastored Albany Baptist Church, Albany, Ohio, and South Canaan Baptist Church, Athens, Ohio. At that time, these two churches were independent but are now part of the O.A.R.B.C. He began his ministry at North Madison in September 1956.

He shares with you his testimony:

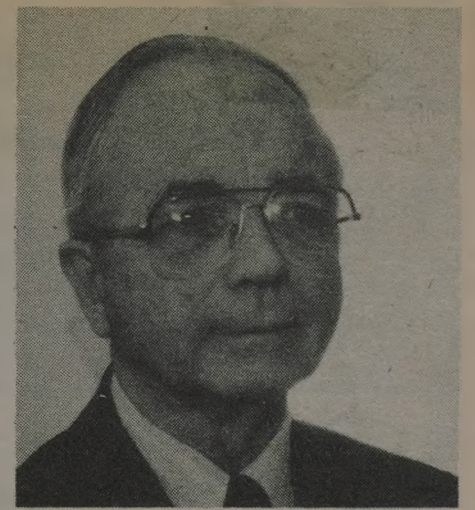
"I was saved in October 1944 while a senior in high school. Shortly after that I felt God's call to full-time service but the Army interferred for two years. While attending Michigan State College in 1948, I yielded myself to the Lord in my dorm room and enrolled next fall at National Bible Institute in New York City. While there, God confirmed my call to the pastorate and gave me my wife to share that service. I have never doubted that call to this day."

Pastor and Mrs. Globig have been married for 36 years. Mrs. Globig teaches piano in the home, serves as Sunday School secretary, and handles all visitation and Sunday School attendance records at the church. She also is the bookkeeper for Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland. The Globigs have four children: David, Wendell, Roger, and Renee, all married. They have nine grandchildren.

Since 1971, Pastor Globig has been Dean of the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland. He has served as treasurer of Camp Patmos and for several years as chairman of The Northeast Regular Baptist Fellowship.

Pastor Globig attended Michigan State College, National Bible Institute, and Piedmont Bible College.

His favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:19:



"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"

The folks at Bible Baptist have made two trips possible for the Globigs. In 1969 they had the privilege of visiting Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries in the Mexico City area and in 1982, they spent several days in Jordan with Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries with the trip including Israel and Egypt. They consider these trips a special blessing.

Pastor Globig speaks of his aim and desire, including the present day need:

"To be a faithful pastor with a shepherd's heart. To lead my people out of a discouraged slump, caused by the loss of many families out of work and moving away to find employment."

This is his first opportunity to serve on the Council of 12. He speaks of the Association:

"I believe we have one of the finest fellowships among pastors of any state around us. The absence of competition and jealousy makes for sweet fellowship, which is what I have enjoyed in my 30 years in our Association. The recent state Conference was excellent, especially the messages by some of our younger pastors. My own heart was challenged."

Serving on the Council of 12 may be an honor and privilege, but it is also a responsibility and takes time. Pastor Globig this first time serves as chairman of the Approval Committee, which deals with those groups seeking approval of the Association.

Pray for your Council of 12 and specifically for Pastor Roland Globig.

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Recognition Council Fellowship - Dublin

Tuesday, March 3, 1987, a "Recognition Council" was conducted for the FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF DUBLIN by pastors and messengers from seventeen independent Baptist Churches in Columbus and the surrounding area. The representative churches are in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

The purpose of the council was to examine the new local church's organizational documents such as the Church Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Constitution to determine if the church is a duly organized independent Baptist Church as it seeks local fellowship with the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and national fellowship with the General Association of

Regular Baptist Churches. Rev. Tom Wright, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, served as moderator of the council, and Rev. Timothy Kenoyer, Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, served as council clerk.

Unanimous approval and recognition was given by the council to the Fellowship Baptist Church of Dublin with only a few minor suggestions given to strengthen or clarify some procedural areas. The council gave strong commendation to the pastor, deacons, and members for their work.

Sunday afternoon, April 26, 1987 has been set aside for a formal "Recognition Service" to give a Scriptural charge to the church and pastor for encouragement to the local congregation.

Don Parvin To Calvary, Byesville



Pastor Donald Parvin

February 15 was the official beginning for Rev. Donald Parvin as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Byesville, Ohio

Brother Parvin is not a stranger to Ohio. Since 1976, he has been an assistant professor of Bible at Cedarville College. During that time, he was also director of the Pastoral Internship Program.

He is a graduate of King's College and Faith Theological Seminary. Before coming to Cedarville, he served pastorates in Ogden, Pennsylvania, Columbus, Ohio, and Tonawanda, New York. During his Cedarville ministry, he also served as interim pastor in Cincinnati, Xenia, and Greenville, Ohio.

Mrs. Parvin has taught in public and Christian schools and part time at Cedarville College. The Parvins have two children: Don of Elyria and Susan McCoy of Xenia. They have three grandchildren.

Brother Parvin presently serves on the Board of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

Pastor and Mrs. Reed

25th Anniversary



Pastor & Mrs. Reed

First Baptist Church, Niles, honored Pastor and Mrs. G. Ben Reed with a surprise party after the evening service, December 14th for their 25th wedding anniversary.

During this time of fellowship, the Reeds were presented, along with other gifts, a tea service from the deacons and their wives.

Attending this special occasion were some of their family from Akron.

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The Woman's View

Susan Hayes-Women's Editor

(April is a busy month for the women of our OARB churches. Now that Winter is officially over, many of us are looking forward to attending the Spring Rally in Columbus. Area Fellowships will be meeting as well. This month's feature, written by Mrs. Marge Odor, is pertinent in that many have graciously given to help meet the financial goals of previous state projects. As you refresh yourself with what has been done in the "past," accept my invitation to be an active part of the "present." I hope to see you in Columbus.)



Mrs. Marge Odor

Dear Ladies of Ohio:

I thought it would be of interest and encouragement to you to hear an update of our state projects for the past few years; how monies were used and if and how the items we helped purchase are being used today. Let's begin with the project which began in 1980. At that time we had only one project each year and it was always one within the state of Ohio. It was not until 1982 that we diversified to also include an out-of-state or foreign missionary project. Note how offerings have increased since that time. The project year runs from April to April. BMM refers to Baptist Mid-Missions; EBM to Evangelical Baptist Missions; CAR to Central African Republic.

1980-81 - Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries, Springfield (Office equipment) A desk, typewriter, calculator and miscellaneous small items were purchased which are still in active use today.	\$2,237
1981-82 - Skyview Ranch, Millersburg (Mattresses)	\$2,081
1982-83 - Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island (Dishwasher-sanitizer) - Laird Memorial Project, Ippy, CAR, BMM	\$1,500
Total	\$3,000

A used dishwasher-sanitizer was purchased for Patmos at a cost of \$1,700. Fifteen racks run on a conveyer-type apparatus, each rack stopping for 60 seconds within the unit where the dishes are sprayed with hot, chemically-treated water under high pressure from a rotating propeller. As the hot dishes move out, they air-dry almost instantly. The appliance is operating well and processes tableware for about 37,500 meals per season.

The building project at Ippy is not completed but the work of medical missions goes on, nonetheless. The latest report in hand from maternity is for the year 1985: Mothers delivered, 371; Babies born, 375; Pre-natal visits, 1,588; "Under 5's" clinic visits, 2,833; and Maternity professions, 37. Praise the Lord!

1983-84 - Scioto Hills Camp, Wheelersburg (Commercial range)	\$1,500
- Bibles International, BMM (Computer for Chad, Africa)	3,310
Total	\$4,810

The \$1,500 given covered the cost completely of a 72"X29"X34½" Comstock-Castle stove and grill for Scioto Hills. The two units include six burners, a 24"X35" grill and two ovens which are used to prepare approximately 17,400 meals per year.

Our gift to Bibles International was used for computers to produce the Sara Madjingaye New Testament for Chad. Last fall the first copies of the new edition were being read and studied eagerly by young people in the Sarh Christian camp. God had arranged unusually safe trucking for the 5,000 copies at no cost. The first edition of the Sara Madjingaye NT helped Chadian believers through severe persecution in the early '70s. Committed Christians suffered martyrdom rather than submit to pagan initiation rites. This revision is being distributed in the Chad during new pressure from the government for all citizens to undergo those same pagan tribal rites.

1984-85 - Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries, Springfield (Used automobile for director)	\$2,100
- Baptist Bible College of Indianapolis, IN, BMM	2,100
Total	\$4,200

A '77 Chrysler at the cost of \$2,200 served the BCH director well for 60,000 miles until its demise in an accident.

Built by a cabinet maker who also serves on the faculty, the check-out counter for the BCCI library is a 10'X1½'X3' wood cabinet with an inlaid woodgrain tile countertop with adjustable shelving on the back side for storage. The materials cost \$375 and labor was donated. The remaining \$1,725 was used to purchase about 287 theology, missions, church growth, and Bible reference books for the library at an average cost of \$6 per volume including a 40% discount. The school has nearly 80 students this semester and will be graduating their first Bachelor's degree (BRE) class of four this spring. Eighty-five percent of the students are black Americans or of ethnic origin, several preparing to be pastors.

1985-86 - Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island (Water system)	\$2,800
- Allan E. Lewis Christian Hospital, Bangladesh, BMM (20 or more complete patient bed units)	2,800
Total	\$5,600

OARBC WOMEN'S SPRING RALLY

Tuesday
April 21, 1987
10:00 A.M.
Memorial Baptist Church
2435 Eakin Rd.
Columbus, Ohio



Dr. & Mrs. Dennis Sullivan



Mrs. Merle Brock

"Be Ready to Every Good Work"

The OARBC Women's Missionary officers are looking forward to April 21, 1987, anticipating ladies from all over the state of Ohio to meet at Memorial Baptist Church, 2435 Eakin Road, in Columbus.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. Mrs. Merle Brock, wife of our State Representative, will be speaking on "Hearts Ready to Pray." Mrs. Brock is an experienced speaker. She serves as secretary to her husband and travels extensively with him. She is the mother of six children.

Dr. Dennis Sullivan and his wife, Barbara, will be speaking in the afternoon session. They will address "Hearts Ready To Service." The Sullivans are presently members of Washington Heights Baptist Church. They are called to serve in Haiti. Dr. Sullivan is a talented surgeon with extensive medical training and experience. Mrs. Sullivan plans to be actively involved in establishing a missionary children's school. The Sullivans have three daughters: Julie, Jennie, and Joy.

The annual election of officers for '87-'88 term will be held. Each church is to appoint three voting messengers. The Attendance Banner will be presented to the largest group from the Area Fellowships.

The projects for this year are the Bible Institute in Mali, Africa, and Skyview Ranch in Millersburg. Offerings to help meet the goal of \$5,000 may be sent to: Shirley Friend, 937 Ohio Avenue, McDonald, OH 44437.

A nursery will be provided and mothers are asked to bring a lunch for their children, as they will be taken care of during the noon hour.

The new Patmos water system is now completed and in operation at a total cost of \$82,000. With our gift and those from other sources, indebtedness for the system now stands at \$38,000. No more dry showers, ladies!

Our final report concerns the furniture for the hospital being built in Natore, Bangladesh. When this project was taken on, plans called for the bed units to be built on site from local materials and by resident laborers. The units would have been somewhat crude but common in that country. However, just prior to the presentation of our gift last April, it was learned that proper stainless steel, fully adjustable hospital beds had become available from a hospital in Georgia which was refurbishing its quarters. The \$2,800 we contributed enabled BMM to purchase these beds. Through many of God's people and a Christian shipping firm, the units were transported almost without charge to the port in Dhaka. The beds are now in Bangladesh waiting to be installed in hospital wards. God is able to do more than we ask or think!

Space does not permit me to include the kind words of gratitude from these agencies to you ladies for your gracious gifts. My personal thanks to Sallie McElwain and the many others who contributed information for this article.

The conclusion of our 1986-87 project for the water heaters for Skyview Ranch and study books for the Bible Institute of the Bend, Mali, W. Africa, EBM, is just around the corner! Hurry your "dime bank" offerings to our state treasurer, and don't forget to continue to pray for the above-mentioned ministries. In this way you will truly be "Women of Excellence."

Love you all,
Marge Odor

(Mrs. Odor, wife of Pastor Frank Odor, together have served Ohio churches since 1955. They presently serve the Lord at Vienna Baptist Church, Vienna, Ohio. Marge was born and raised near Oberlin, and accepted Christ as Saviour at the age of 12. She is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Houghton College in New York. She also attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. She has held offices in the Hebron and West Moriah Fellowships. She served two terms as vice-president of the Ohio WMU, and one term as president. She currently is active in the music ministry of her church, teaches piano, sings in the Warren Community Chorus, and serves as news correspondent for three organizations. Mrs. Odor has two sons and one grandchild.)

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Retreat Reflections

by Barbara Williams, Retreat Chairman

On Thursday morning, March 19, ladies of all ages arrived at beautiful Salt Fork State Park lodge to attend the Spring O.A.R.B.C. Women's Retreat. There were 128 ladies from 28 GARB churches in the state, the oldest being 81 and the youngest will be a bride in the spring. It was interesting to see how many were "first timers" as well as those who enjoy the retreats so much they have attended many through the years.

Norma Nulph, who works among the black people in Cleveland, gave us powerful messages from II Corinthians, using the theme "The God Who Is...Deliverance, Guidance, and Victory." She also gave her testimony, telling of a childhood with drinking parents, no love, and hating school. But at age 19, she was saved and life began to change and her parents eventually were saved also. We again thank Norma for the blessing she was to us and the challenge to do more for Jesus.

Suzie Furl from Bethel Baptist, Warren, and her pastor's wife, Mary DeBoer, gave us many beautiful solo and duet numbers. A choir of about twenty ladies also sang. A special thanks goes to Mary Ellen Lincer of Cedar Hill, Cleveland, for doing the big job of the registrar and Margaret Canterbury from Calvary, Lancaster, for being our secretary. A special thanks to the ladies of Calvary, Delaware, and especially Alice Yeager for lovely table decorations. Also, the retreat would not be complete without

the book store which we have come to really appreciate. Thank you, Alberta Carr and Cedarville College, for all the work in hauling it there for us.

After hearing of the loss of the dining room and kitchen at Scioto Hills, ladies from one of the churches made a 4 ft. X 18 in. card with praying hands, a saw, hammer, wrench, and scripture verses on it. Each of the ladies at the retreat signed their name and church. Then it was suggested we take an offering to send to Gary and Nancy to show them our love in a tangible way. We are pleased to announce that \$300 was given in the offering and then another \$100 was added after the bills were paid. Praise the Lord!

Our six fellowship circles, with 20 ladies in each group, scattered throughout the building, was a time of making new friends and then praying by twos. This was done both Thursday and Friday mornings and many expressed what a blessing it was. Our closing for the retreat was a big friendship circle all around the room. Many gave short testimonies of praise to God, we sang our benediction and then, with hugs of Christian love for each other, the retreat was officially over.

But certainly not forgotten. It was a beautiful time of learning, praising, praying, making new friends, relaxing and wondering about the family back home. I thoroughly enjoyed it all, and thank you each one for being there.

Special music for the afternoon was provided by Lois Beachler and Marilyn Malcom representing the Grace Baptist Church of Westerville. Decorations were provided by ladies of the Clintonville Baptist Church. Each lady was encouraged to take a small, magnetic heart as a reminder of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Marcia Elmore, President of the OARBC Missionary Union, was guest speaker for the meeting. She spoke on the Christian woman's need for a stronger sense of personal worth and acceptance of oneself as complete (and genuine). She concluded her message with the thought of God wanting women to stand for Him, train children, serve in churches, their homes, and communities.

The next West Moriah meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 1987.

CANTON

The Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship will meet April 28, 1987 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Smithville, Ohio. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. A nursery will be provided.

Guest speakers will be Gary and Corene Spence, appointees to Spain. Project funds will be used to buy items for the Spences' kitchen after they arrive in Spain.



How is Sunday evening service attendance in your church? Let's be a bit more personal. Do you attend Sunday evening service?

In our last issue of "The Encourager" (a bi-monthly paper printed for our pastors), we challenged pastors to give some attention to Sunday evening service attendance, even suggesting that they conduct a survey to find out why people do not attend the Sunday evening service.

Over the years, denominational churches have worked on the assumption (I assume from statistics) that only 50% of their members will attend service at any one time, not considering Easter and possibly Christmas. So when architects planned auditoriums for these churches, they plan for 50-60% attendance.

Fundamental churches would usually build facilities larger than present membership for they expect growth and I assume some faithfulness and commitment on the part of their people. But, here again, plans are usually based on Sunday morning attendance.

Again, it comes down to the question to those who are part of a local church on why Sunday evening attendance is not important. (We could meddle and go the next step and ask to take a look at Wednesday evening attendance.)

Do born-again believers need more than one service a week? Be personal. Can you just attend one service a week and be spiritually satisfied? Are Sunday and Wednesday evening services necessary and important? If so, just for a few or select or the "hyperspiritual"? Or are Sunday evening services just a tradition?

The Word, study, and fellowship are all necessary to spiritual life, growth, and maturity. Can this be accomplished with just attending Sunday morning service or Sunday School and the morning service? Which brings up another beginning fact. Many churches are having difficulty getting adults to come to Sunday School. One of the most frequent questions asked me is "What can I do to get adults interested in Sunday School?"

Many will say that Sunday evening is not important because of busyness, visiting family and relatives, etc. These are usually given as reasons for non attendance. But can this really be the reason? Is it a spiritual problem of lack of interest or interest in spiritual things? Are Sunday evenings profitable and well-planned? This, too, could be an honest consideration.

As a pastor, I did observe some truths about attendance at services. I remember specifically a family in which mother and children came to Sunday School and morning service. The father came only to morning service. As the children grew up and had families of their own, the same pattern became evident. Never attending on Sunday evening or Wednesday evening. The girls came to Sunday School and the morning service. The boys as adults only attended the morning service.

Dear reader, your children will follow your example. Carry this thinking through and consider the drop out rates from children to adults and it will not be long that Sunday morning services will be all that most members of a fundamental church attend. Sad commentary on the Word of God and some believers' interest. Possibly in some instances, a sad commentary on churches and pastors.

In thinking of attendance, business meetings of churches also have a problem. Are you aware that in some churches the business of the church is being accomplished by less than 50% of the so-called active membership? Church By-laws have a quorum clause. Some By-laws state a given number such as "25, 50, 100." As membership grows, the quorum clause is not changed. Pastors tell me that they have given up on a quorum (even though that is not legal) for they just do the business with the people present. Again, this could be an indication of interest, procedure, or organization, but another sad commentary on our interest and maybe even our involvement.

You cannot legislate righteousness. But it is interesting to see churches define "active members." Some church By-laws state that a person is an active member who attends "one or two services in a six-month period." I rather believe that is a loose definition of "active." You can see what that would do with a quorum clause based on a percentage of the "active members present." Few churches could legally do business.

Reader, take a look at the attendance at your church. What does it indicate? Interest? Faithfulness? Concern? Involvement? Or just a number?

Let's take a look at our churches!

AREA MEETINGS

WEST MORIAH

Seventy-nine women representing the West Moriah Missionary Fellowship held their Winter luncheon meeting at the Clintonville Women's Club, February 12, 1987 at 11:30 a.m.

As each lady arrived, she was instructed to meet two new ladies, and learn at least two new things about each one. Barbara Williams opened the meeting by asking for people to stand whose names began with each of the letters of the word, "HEARTS." These ladies introduced those who they met earlier and what they learned about each one. Mrs. Williams then read I John 4:7-11 and led in prayer.

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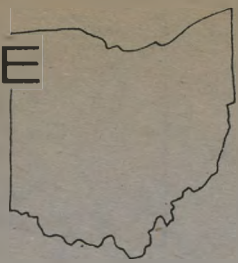
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AKRON
Brown Street Robert Kuhns, pastor
Mar. - Spaghetti Dinner with Esly Patch, Way-Out Prison Ministry
- Brunch with Marilyn Pitzer, BMM missionary to Venezuela
- Andrew & Ruth Bishop, EBM to Italy and Randy Laase, BMM to Chad
First Ernest Bloom, pastor
Mar. - Began Dobson film series, "Turn Your Hearts Toward Home"
- Young People's Mystery Banquet
Highview Joseph Chapman, pastor
Feb. - Tom & Jill Miller, missionaries
- Jr/Sr Hi Roller Skating
- Valentine Dinners
Mar. - Rev. Sami Kanani, CBF
- Rev. Curtis Thomas, Haven of Rest Ministries
- Spring Fellowship Dinner with David Carroll, speaker and soloist

ALBANY
Albany Richard Sementilli, pastor
Mar. - David Dolin, missionary to Australia
- Cedarville College Swordbearers
Apr. - Sunrise Service
- Cantata, "Emmanuel the Sacrifice"

AMHERST
Faith Robert Barrett, pastor
Feb. - Shower for church kitchen
Mar. - First Ever All Night Youth Party/Film

ASHLAND
Calvary Stephen Worth, pastor
Feb. - Youth/Adult Spring Dinner/Film: "A Father, A Son, and A Three-Mile Run"
Mar. - Sunday School contest with Bethel, Fruitport, Michigan
Apr. - Special meetings with Mike Coyle

BEDFORD
Bedford William Davis, pastor
Feb. - New Members Banquet
Mar. - Baptist Christian School Chorale
- Terry and Janie Holley

BELLE CENTER
New Richland Joel Harriman, pastor
Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet with Dick Snavelly
- Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- Terry Craven, BMM appointee to Brazil
- Bill Baker, Paulding
Mar. - Dan & Terry Cecil, ABWE to Philippines
- David Dve Family

BELLEFONTAINE
Calvary Barry Grahl, pastor
Feb. - Sainly Valentine Party by WOL teens
- Cedarville College Concert Chorale
Mar. - Evangelist Jim Cook, "Christ Is The Answer" Crusade
Apr. - WOL Spring Banquet

BEREA
Berea Kenneth Spink, pastor
Feb. - Youth Sleep-over activities for girls and boys
- Sweetheart Banquet with Cal and Debbie Searles
- FBCS Ensemble and Handbell Choir
Mar. - All-church Roller Skate

BERLIN HEIGHTS
Berlin Heights Jack McCullough, pastor
Feb. - Stewardship Month Dinner
- "Baptists For Life" with Dr. and Mrs. Griffith, Cedarville College/Film: "Silent Scream"
- 4 Chaplains Sunday with Commander F. J. O'Donnell
- Family Fun Night
Mar. - Missionary Conference

BLANCHESTER
First Stephen Best, pastor
Feb. - Funeral at church for Dr. H. O. Van Gilder, first GARBC National Representative
- Youth SWAT Valentine Banquet
- Dave & Patty Zemmer, ABWE to Brazil
- Dr. Robert Gromacki Cedarville College

BLUFFTON
Riley Creek Harold Guthrie, pastor
Feb. - "Love Sunday" - honored widows
- Jeff Hill, missionary to Navajos
Mar. - Jim Carleton, missionary to Peru
- Ladies Missionary Fellowship Progressive Dinner
- Missionary Terry Craven

BOWLING GREEN
First Philip Vine, pastor
Mar. - Stewart Cuthbertson

BROOK PARK
Mid-Brook David Knudson, pastor
Feb. - Family Skate Night
Mar. - Stephen Mortimer Family, missionaries to Columbia, S.A.

BRUNSWICK
First Steven Lantz, pastor
Feb. - Rev. Larry Czerniak, camp ministry
- Family Ski Outing at Brandywine
- AWANA Grand Prix with Lou Sattlemier, Christian race car driver

BUCYRUS
Calvary Howard Jones, pastor
Apr. - Mother/Daughter Fellowship

BYESVILLE
Calvary Donald Parvin, pastor
Feb. - Pastor Don Parvin began his ministry
- Lyle Anderson family in sacred concert

CALDWELL
New Harmony Eric Cuenin, pastor
Feb. - Pete Ringleberg, CBM builder
- Adult Soup Fellowship
Mar. - Alan McGill, sacred concert

CAMBRIDGE
Grace Fred Barrett, pastor
Jan. - Singing/Praise/Refreshment
Feb. - Special meetings with Gerry Roth

CANTON
Grace Dean Henry, Interim
Feb. - Concert with Kevin Wells
- AWANA Grand Prix
- Sweetheart Banquet
Mar. - Vic and Cyndi Millard, BMM missionaries to Haiti
- Pastor Max McCullough

Perry Kenneth Floyd, pastor
Feb. - "Operation M.O.V.E." Banquet
Mar. - "This Is The Life!" Bible Conference with Evangelist Carl Howerda
- AWANA Grand Prix
- Sunday School Staff Banquet with Kevin Boggs

Whipple Avenue John Moosey, pastor
Feb. - Special meetings with Evangelist Carl Howerda
Mar. - Missionary Conference

CLEVELAND
Cedar Hill David Moore, pastor
Feb. - Bible Conference with Dr. William Brock, "The Believer's Mind"
- Guest organists: Dr. Richard Stewart and Mrs. Merle Brock
- Joe & Noney Mita, missionaries to Japan
- Women's Missionary Society Luncheon with Cyndi Millard, missionary to Haiti
- AWANA Grand Prix
Mar. - New Member Reception
Apr. - Special meetings with Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative

Madison Avenue James Hunt, pastor
Feb. - Paul Fosmark
Mar. - 4-Sunday Missionary Conference with Loretta Strock, Roy Hendershot, Shepherds Home, the Fred Husseys

COLUMBUS
Clintonville George Hattenfield, pastor
Jan. - "Golden Agers Dessert" with Arlene Spurlock, missionary to Niger

Immanuel William Abernathy, pastor
Feb. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- AWANA Grand Prix
- "Acts 2:46, 47 Week," special services hosted by Deacon Watchcare Groups
Mar. - Joe and Noney Mita, missionaries to Japan

Maranatha Timothy Kenoyer, pastor
Mar. - Cedarville College Concert Chorale
- Bible Conference with David Warren

Memorial Thomas Wright, pastor
Feb. - Gary Smalley film series, "Love Is A Decision"
- Combined Ladies' Missionary Fellowship with Mildred Bryant, missionary to Jews
- Christian Education Workers Banquet
- Gary & Nancy Storm, Scioto Camp
- AWANA Grand Prix

Mar. - Vic and Cyndi Millard, BMM missionaries to Haiti
- Maranatha H.S. Ensemble & Handbell Choir
- Dr. Robert Gromacki, Cedarville College
- Dr. Wayne Robilliard, ABWE to Gambia, Africa
- Speakers: Mr. Tom Jude and Rev. Tom Wright, Sr.

COMMERCIAL POINT
Welch Road Randall Nelson, pastor
Feb. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
Mar. - Gary Storm, Scioto Camp
- Evangelistic meetings with Norm Sharbaugh
Apr. - Easter Cantata

COSHOCTON
Calvary
Mar. - Pastor Barkley retired/Farewell Party for Pastor & Mrs. Barkley
- Jerry Buining, missionary to Israel
- Ray Will

CUYAHOGA FALLS
Graham Road Larry Engle, pastor
Feb. - Stewardship Banquet
- Chums Mother/Daughter Dinner
- All-church Skating Party
Mar. - Missionary Conference/Banquet/Luncheons, "The Last Hour: Sufficient Grace for Insufficient Laborers for an Insurmountable Task"

DAYTON
Washington Heights Larry Fetzer, pastor
Feb. - Sacred concert by Ruth Ann Kanost
- Friendship Potlucks
- Report & Slides from Peru '87 team

DEFIANCE
Faith Warren Lewis, pastor
Mar. - Preventive Maintenance for Marriage Seminar with David Warren

DELAWARE
Calvary David Culver, pastor
Mar. - Dr. & Mrs. William Brock, State Representative
Apr. - Easter Cantata

DUBLIN
Fellowship Leslie Newell, pastor
Feb. - First Deacons elected
Mar. - Recognition Council - organized in 1986
- First Communion Service
- Rev. Wayne Ritchie, BMNA Field Director

DUNDEE
Lakeview Robert Veenhuis, pastor
Feb. - "Old Friends Day"/10th Anniversary of new Addition/Carry-in dinner

ELIDA
Faith Ronald Urban, pastor
Feb. - Cedarville College Kingsmen Quartet
- Sweetheart Banquet
Mar. - Jim Henry, missionary
- Fellowship Supper/Vic Millard, missionary to Haiti
- Hosted Gideon Prayer Breakfast/Gregg Gardner, Gideon

ELYRIA
Abbe Road James Turner, pastor
Feb. - Evandro Batista & family, Brazilian missionaries to Portugal
- Women's Missionary Fellowship carry-in dinner with Mrs. Charles Furroror, BMM missionary to Jewish people
- AWANA Grand Prix

Beth-El Walter Splith, pastor
Apr. - Annual Missionary-Faith Promise Conference with Carlson, Sweeney & Dr. Mundy

First Bradley Quick, pastor
Mar. - Slides of Africa by Pastor Quick
- Missions Conference with the Redmonds, Alaska; Fergusons, CBF; Pepes, Mali
Apr. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- Cantata, "No Other Lamb"
- Bible Conference with Arnold Olsen

FAIRBORN
Grand Avenue Randall Tate, pastor
Feb. - Evandro Batista, missionary from Brazil to Portugal
Mar. - Cedarville College Swordbearers Recognition & Appreciation Day

FINDLAY
First Richard Pettitt, pastor
Mar. - Film: "More Than Conquerors"
- Evangelist Jimmy O'Quinn

FOSTORIA
Fostoria David Chapman, pastor
Feb. - Ron Jutton, missionary appointee to Brazil
- Bill Wagner, Gideon Representative
Apr. - Spring Bible Conference with Rev. Dean Henry

GALION
First John Dantuma, pastor
Mar. - Earl Shaffer, Home missionary
- Dr. Ed Morrell, C.O.M.E. evangelist
- Dennis Jacobs, appointee to Ireland
- Missionaries, the Gommensens
- Film: "The Desert Shall Rejoice"

GALLIPOLIS
Faith
Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
- Film: "M..."
Mar. - Alan McGill
- Dr. Daniel...
- David Tro...

First
Feb. - Birthday...
- V.W. Pet...
Mar. - Special m...
- Radio Bib...
- Film: "M..."
- Joe & No...

GALLOWAY
Alton Road
Feb. - John Tho...
- Valentine...
Mar. - Larry Hu...
- Progress...
- Choir Pol...

GRAFTON
Midview
Feb. - 3rd Annu...
Mar. - L.I.F.T...
- Film serie...
- Smalley

JAMESTOWN
Shawnee Hills
Feb. - Hymn Si...
- Hospital...
Mar. - Recipro...
- Film: "..."

JOHNSTOWN
Independent
Feb. - Prayer M...
- Sweethe...
Mar. - "Super...
- Loudenb...

KENTON
Faith
Jan. - Dan Cel...
Feb. - Adult V...
- 16th An...
- mission...
Mar. - Men's...
- Gary St...
- Parent/...

LAGRANGE
First
Mar. - Missio...
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- Easter...

LAKEVIEW
Faith
Mar. - Rev. G...
- Church...

LANCASTER
Calvary
Feb. - Colleg...
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Faith
Feb. - Valen...

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Meadowbrook
Mar. - Films...
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- Cedar...
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Fellowship
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- Conca...

LOUISVILLE
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Feb. - Vic M...
Mar. - Harry...
- Bill P...
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MARION
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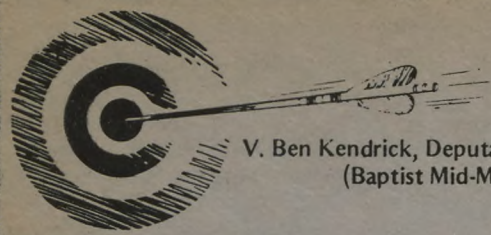
MASSILLON
Calvary
Feb. - Adul...
Mar. - Famil...
- Teach...
Apr. - Sun...

James Lusher, pastor
 - Conquerors"
 - President Appalachian B.C.
 - Dr. Paul Van Gorder,
Joseph Godwin, pastor
 - Church's missionary kids
 - to Brazil
 - Dr. Paul Van Gorder,
 - Conquerors"
 - Missionaries to Japan
Thomas Waldo, pastor
 - Candlelight/Adult
Larry Green, pastor
 - Debbie Searles
 - "I.F.T."
 - "Decision" with Gary
Annis Henderson, pastor
 - Hospitality Sunday
Drew Baker, pastor
 - Leon with Valerie
 - Foundation
Dennis Burns, pastor
 - Philippines
 - Adult V
 - 16th An
 - Carl Shaffer, home
 - soloist
 - Men's
 - Gus Guthrie
 - Gary St
 - Parent/
Dennis Gilbert, pastor
 - "Ordinary People" with the
 - Indians; and other local
Marlin Bowes, pastor
 - Rev. G
 - Church
Fred Hand, pastor
 - Conference with Dr. Wendall
 - Kemp
 - WE and Rev. Gerrit
Allan Kreamer, pastor
Henry Halblaub, pastor
 - "The Young Child
David Morris, pastor
 - Les an
 - BMNA
 - Cedar
 - "Jon
 - Gerrit
 - Mara
Frank Chittock, pastor
 - Dr. Paul Tassell
Kenneth Pugh, pastor
 - Vic M
 - Missionaries to Haiti
 - Harry
 - Bill R
 - view Ranch
Lyde Albertson, pastor
 - Spec
 - Norm Sharbaugh
Charles Johnson, pastor
 - Adult
 - Fam
 - Teach
 - Sun

MEDINA
Chippewa Lake Larry Leonard, pastor
 Feb. - Annual Sweetheart Banquet
First
 Mar. - Concert by Pillsbury B.B.C.
 - Annual Family Skating Party
 - David Warren, Cedarville College
 - Film: "Cult Explosion"
MILLERSBURG
Millersburg James Hayes, pastor
 Mar. - Harold Patterson. Gideon
 - Youth "Gym Nite"
 Apr. - Gary Spence, missionary to Spain
 - Bill Russell
 - Easter Breakfast/Cantata. "Hosanna!"
MINFORD
Grace James Brown, pastor
 Feb. - Rev. Murray Heron, missionary with Evangelical
 Baptist Seminary of Quebec
 - Jeff Hill, BMM appointee to Navajo Indians
 Mar. - Rev. Larry Fogle
 - Youth outing to Jackson with Dr. Monroe Parker
 Apr. - "Just Invite One Friend Sunday"
MOGODORE
Mogodore Robert Seymour, pastor
 Mar. - Teacher Appreciation Banquet
 - Agape III Banquet
 Apr. - Missionary Conference with John Robinson,
 Andy Bishop, Steve Mortimer, Vic Millard,
 and Paul Schultz
MOUNT VERNON
Faith Merlyn Jones, pastor
 Feb. - "Love In Action" Seminar with Fred Crown
 MAR. - Films: "More Than Conquerors"/"Coping
 With Change"/"Special Friendship"
 - Stewardship Banquet with Dr. William Brock
 - Marching to Victory Week
 - "A Merry Heart" Piano Premiere by Peggy
 Springer
NEW CARLISLE
Colonial Kevin Boggs, pastor
 Mar. - Koichi & Nobuko Mita, missionaries to Japan
 - Larry Theofanopoulos, missionary to Greece
 - Ladies' & Men's Fellowships/Super Sixties
 Apr. - Revival with Albert Gance
 - Dennis Jacob, missionary
NEW MATAMORAS
Harmony Hill Drew Walther, pastor
 Feb. - Adult Winter Get-away in Marietta
 Apr. - Youth College Trip
NEW MILFORD
New Milford Jack McCurry, pastor
 Feb. - Special Night Out for Ladies
 - Valentine Banquet with Jugglemania/Sage Advice/
 Love-ly Music/Speaker, Tony Beckett
 - All-church Skating
 Mar. - Musicales, "Love and Kindness"
NEWARK
Bible Karl Stelzer, pastor
 Feb. - WOL Teens Involved Night
 - Missionary Conference with Paul & Sandy
 Schultz, Mr. Payton, Dr. Wendell Kempton
 Mar. - Sunday School Annual Family Gym and Soup
 Fellowship
 Apr. - Grand Rapids Chorale
NILES
First G. Ben Reed, pastor
 Mar. - Film: "Honey, Your Mama's In Prison"
NORTH JACKSON
Balley Road Les Webster, pastor
 Feb. - Jill Miller, missionary to Brazil
 - Ross DeFelice, home missionary
 - Sweetheart Banquet
 - AWANA Grand Prix
NORTH MADISON
Bible Roland Giobig, pastor
 Feb. - Special Sr Hi/Jr Hi A.C.F.
 - Jr Hi Progressive Dinner
 Mar. - "Who's Coming To Dinner?" Dinner
NORTH ROYALTON
North Royalton Mark Cowell, pastor
 Mar. - Parent/Child Dedication
 - All-Church Evening Caring Ministry
 - Tom & Jill Miller, missionaries to Brazil
 - Dave & Jeannie Ferguson, BMM appointees with
 C.B.F.
NORWALK
Calvary James McClain, pastor
 Mar. - Joe & Meta Arthur, missionary appointees to
 Brazil
 - AWANA Swimming
 Apr. - AWANA Girls Overnight Party/Boys Camp Out
 and Back Packing Trip
 - Cantata, "No Other Lamb"

NORWOOD
Norwood Lee Fulmer, pastor
 Mar. - Baby Dedication
 - Concert by Alan McGill
 - Wayne & Noeline Robilliard, ABWE appointees
 to Australia
 - Youth Kite Flying contest
OBERLIN
Camden Calvin Searles, pastor
 Mar. - Bill Petite, missionary church builder
 - F.B.C.S. from Elyria Choir
 - Annual AWANA Night
 Apr. - Spring Concert with Mrs. Vickie Truett
 - Ladies Spring Brunch
ORANGE VILLAGE
Bethlehem John Fleck, pastor
 Feb. - Deacons' Prayer and Share
 - Moms' Meeting with Roy Clayton
 - Sweetheart Banquet
 - Began 6:00 P.M. Evening Services
PATASKALA
Bethel Dennis Bollinger, pastor
 Feb. - Adult Valentine Party
 Apr. - Begin Dobson Film series: "Turn Your Heart
 Toward Home"
PORTSMOUTH
Temple John Gowdy, pastor
 Feb. - "You're The Sweetest" Dinner
 - Sr Highers Ski Trip to Michigan
RAVENNA
Baptist Bible Michael McLaughlin, pastor
 Mar. - Evangelistic meetings with Robert Roberts
 - Ladies Missionary meeting, "Stress and The
 Cinderella Syndrom"
 Apr. - Vic Millard, "How To Study The Bible"
REYNOLDSBURG
Eastbrook Walter Lucas, pastor
 Feb. - Teen Lockout/Bowling/Pizza/Skits
RITTMAN
First Marvin Werbeach, pastor
 Jan. - Ross DeFelice, home missionary
 Feb. - Valentine Banquet
 - Wally Larson, Wadsworth
SANDUSKY
Calvary Thomas Townsend, pastor
 Mar. - Evangelistic meetings with Bill Compton
 - B.C.C. Choir in concert
 - Friend Day
SMITHVILLE
Pleasant Hill Stephen Olsen, pastor
 Apr. - Women's Missionary Meeting with Rev. Larry
 Shells
 - Hosting Canton Area Ladies Spring Rally
SPRINGFIELD
Maranatha Dwight Strickland, pastor
 Mar. - Camp Sunday with Brad Rickard and Bill Roloff
Southgate John Greening, pastor
 Feb. - All-church Skate
 Mar. - Cedarville Concert Chorale
STREETSBORO
Faith J. Tony Beckett, pastor
 Mar. - Pastor Beckett left for 17-day study tour of
 the Holy Land
 - Rev. Curt Thomas
STRUTHERS
Struthers Tabernacle Jerry Bell, pastor
 Mar. - Steve Mortimer, ABWE missionary to Columbia
STRYKER
First Daniel Douglass, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet with Mike Slagle
 Apr. - DeElda Payton, missionary to the Philippines
 - Missionary Roy Hendershot
SUNBURY
Grace Dalvin Cramer, pastor
 Feb. - Dinner for Adults
 Mar. - "Andrew Month" - Invite, Invite, Invite
TALLMADGE
First David Henry, pastor
 Mar. - Special Speaker
 - T.B.A. Out to Lunch Bunch
 - Pioneers Sleep-Over
TOLEDO
Bethel Rod Niner, pastor
 Feb. - Andy Barnes, EBM to Corsica
 Mar. - Film series, "Love Is A Decision" by Gary
 Smalley
 - Paul & Gerri Briggs, EBM to Italy
 - Hosted North Bethel Pastors with Earl Shaffer
 Apr. - Sunrise Service
EMMANUEL
Emmanuel Edward Fuller, pastor
 Mar. - Missions Month/Missionary Conference,
 "Sowing...Reaping Together"
 - Missionaries Andrew Barnes & DeElda Payton,
 Philippines

- Youth All-Nighter
 - Celebrated 20th Anniversary of Emmanuel Baptist
 Christian School with Dr. Paul Dixon, President
 Cedarville College
 - B.B.C. Choir
 - Ladies Friendship Breakfast with Libby Basler,
 missionary to Paraguay
Grace Robert Perry, pastor
 Apr. - 25th Anniversary Month/Highlight each week
 - Cedarville Master's Puppets
TROY
Grace Charles J. Pausley, pastor
 Jan. - Cedarville College Kingsmen Quartet
 Feb. - Cedarville Concert Chorale
 - Edith Phillips, missionary
 - Gary Holtz, CBF missionary
 - Films: "Enlighten My Darkness"/
 "People To People"
 Mar. - John & Judy Bigelow, missionaries to Alaska
 - Bible Conference with Dr. Paul Tassell, National
 Representative
VALLEY CITY
First Jack Wilthelms, pastor
 Feb. - Dedication of new organ with Mark Behnken
 Mar. - Friend Day with Dr. Curtis Hudson, editor of
 Sword of the Lord/Children's Church with
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marks
VAN WERT
Faith Fred Jensen, pastor
 Feb. - 5-alarm Chili Supper for Adults
 - Pastor & Mrs. Bill Baker, Paulding
 Mar. - Gideon Sunday
 - Missionary Cupboard Night
 - Rev. & Mrs. Jutton, BMM appointees to Brazil
WADSWORTH
Fellowship Tim Wright, pastor
 Feb. - Church Anniversary Dinner
 - Surprise Food Shower for Pastor & Mrs. Wright
 for 15 years of ministry
 - Missionary Charles Alexander
 Mar. - B.B.C. Concert Choir
 - Teacher Motivation Time
WARREN
Bethel Robert DeBoer, pastor
 Feb. - Men For Missions Breakfast with Dr. Ben
 Kendrick
 - "Truth In Action" Drama Team from Bob Jones
Leavittsburg Virgil Wolford, pastor
 Mar. - Kite-Flying Contest (in a snow storm)
 - Nineteenth Anniversary Service/"Partners
 Quartet" from Akron Baptist Temple
 Apr. - Revival services with the Ramsey family
WELLINGTON
First David Birch, pastor
 Feb. - Rev. Phil Melton, EBM appointee to Japan
 - AWANA Grand Prix
 Mar. - Ron Bishop
 - Mark Anderson, CEF
WESTERVILLE
Grace Murray Ingerham, pastor
 Feb. - Dr. Griffith, Cedarville College
 Mar. - DOERS 2nd Annual Crazy Challenge Mud Football
 game
WESTLAKE
Grace Jack Jacobs, pastor
 Mar. - Couples Retreat with Jim Jeffery
 - Ladies Special program with Sharon Ingram
WHEELERSBURG
Wheelersburg Max McCullough, pastor
 Feb. - Dr. Dennis Sullivan
 - AWANA Grand Prix
 Mar. - Special meetings with Dr. John Canine
WILLOUGHBY HILLS
Nottingham Donald McClintick, pastor
 Feb. - Ladies Luncheon with Mrs. Marilyn Williams
 - Dave & Jeannie Ferguson
 - Sweetheart Banquet
 - Christian Education Workshop
 Mar. - Senior Saints Potluck Luncheon with Pastor Gary
 & Lois Moosey in Message & Music
 Apr. - Began "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" film series
 - Sacred Music Concert by Rev. Burt Kettinger
WILLOWICK
First Donald Leitch, pastor
 Feb. - Ladies Christian Fellowship Luncheon, "Salute
 To America" with Mrs. Linda Parks, missionary
 to France and Mrs. Nancy McConnell, violinist/
 "Complete Meal" microwave demonstration
 Mar. - Dr. & Mrs. William Brock, State Representative
 - Ken Starett, AWANA missionary
 - Joe & Noney Mita, missionaries to Japan
XENIA
Calvary Wayne Hart, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet, "You Are The Song In
 My Heart"
 Mar. - Every-Sunday-Night-a-Family-Special-Music-Night



V. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Coordinator
(Baptist Mid-Missions)

ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

Reliable information sources inform us that by 1994 for every four missionaries coming home from the foreign fields, one will be going. Now, if these figures are even partially correct, there is cause for great concern among fundamentalists and particularly among those of us who are fundamental, independent Baptists.

It is a proven fact that Baptist Mid-Missions, which has a family of some 1,000 active missionaries throughout the world, does not increase in active mission personnel even with the addition of fifty new missionaries a year. Those of us involved in missions are tempted at times to push the panic button and somehow try to get the message out that something drastic is happening in the world of missions.

What is taking place? Who is at fault? Where are we failing? How can we correct the declining situation? These are questions which are very real and relevant to the day in which we live. Surely the biblical basis of missions is still as pertinent and vital today as it was when first declared by God. God has not changed His divine program of reaching a lost human race through human instruments. There is no reason to believe that God has ceased to call individuals to do His work. I believe the present trend in missions puts the church in a very serious situation as far as carrying out the command of the Great Commission.

As your writer considers the scope of where failure may possibly be, it involves some areas which are not only close to each of us, but areas where we can do something about it and make some positive changes.

I think of the home where the roots of the individual should be deeply grounded. In years past it was not unusual to walk into practically any Christian home and find missionary prayer cards, prayer letters, and even a missions bulletin board. Family devotions usually included praying for missionaries. Children grew up knowing the names of missionaries as well as those of their children. Missionaries were guests in their homes. The Christian home has played a very important part in the cause of missions for many years.

Another area that comes to mind is the church. There was a time when one could go into almost any fundamental church and hear the names of missionaries in the pastoral prayer in the Sunday services. It was normal for the mid-week prayer meeting to be missions-oriented. Prayer letters were read, special prayer requests from missionaries were noted, and unitedly the church family remembered their missionaries before the Throne of Grace. If one does not hear missions in the home, he certainly should hear it in the church. There is a great responsibility given to the church by God to be continually involved in the cause of missions. Inserting, periodically, a missions capsule emphasis will not do. A slim diet of missions will produce a slim missions-minded church family. This will have an effect upon the number of those responding to the call of missions as well as prayer and financial support for missions. The scriptural principle of reaping what one sows is true even if it involves the Lord's work.

The church family, and particularly the young people, need to be challenged repeatedly for missions. The local church is the source of missionary personnel. It is the sanctuary of missionary prayer and it is the support for missionary provisions. It is possible for both the home and the church to be major sources of failure in the work of missions. Dr. Allan Lewis, president emeritus of Baptist Mid-Missions, has said, "The good news of the Gospel is only good news if it reaches the lost in time." Are all of us working as diligently as we possibly can in getting out that Good News to the peoples of the world?

Surely, this is something to think about.

The sister mission agencies approved by the General Association of Regular Baptists, all voice the same concerns. The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Baptist Mission of North America, Continental Baptist Missions and Evangelical Baptist Missions unite in their plea for parents, children and the local church family to evaluate their contribution for the great cause of missions and, where necessary, to make changes.

The next thing that I would like for us to look at is the Christian college. Far too long parents as well as church families have depended upon Christian colleges to do with their young people what they have failed to do. Thank the Lord for those godly men and women who teach biblical principles to our young adults in the Christian colleges and, in most cases, challenge them for missions. It is the thought of some, "If I can't do it with him, then maybe a time at college will." This is the old-fashioned term of getting the cart before the horse. The primary exposure of Christian principles, godly living and a challenge for missions should be in the Christian home and the local church.

God has blessed in wonderful ways the ministry of our Christian colleges. Many missionaries today are on their fields of service because they were challenged by a missions professor or that visiting missionary speaking in chapel. I would never try to minimize the tremendous impact which Christian colleges have had on countless lives. Praise the Lord for those dedicated servants who have devoted themselves to help shape and mold the lives of precious young people for the glory of God!

Warren H. Faber, Ph.D., Vice President, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, to begin a support and consulting service named ASSIST.

After 35 years at the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Dr. Warren Faber is making his services available to church-related organizations that need help in achieving goals more effectively.

His ministry at the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary included administration, serving as Dean of the college and acting Dean of the seminary, campus and facility planning, conference speaking, curriculum development, teaching, pastoral responsibility, preaching, proposal writing, institutional self-studies, strategic planning and the writing of literature.

He has served with Mission agencies as an educational consultant in Brazil, the Central African Republic, Chile, Ecuador, Jamaica, Liberia, Peru, Puerto Rico and the West Indies.

His post high school education began with a diploma in Pastoral Studies from Moody Bible Institute and continued with a B.A. from Calvin College. His graduate theological training included a Th.M. in New Testament Studies from Calvin Seminary and studies in Israel sponsored jointly by the New York University and the Israeli government. His Ph.D. was in Public Address and was earned at Northwestern University.

We shall miss his optimism and creative approach to problem solving and wish him well as he shares his training and experience to ASSIST others.

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Last of all, I would like to look at mission agencies. Every mission agency such as those named in this article are really service agencies of the local church. They are local-church oriented, local-church controlled and are only in existence to be of service to the local church.

These five mission agencies are doing what they can within the framework of the reason for their existence. God has used the men and women of these agencies to challenge and reach many lives. It is only natural that these servants give the message they do because of their burning hearts and relentless efforts to promote God's program in reaching the lost.

If the work of missions declines to the place where one missionary goes for every four missionaries returning, there will eventually be no need for such mission agencies. Since these agencies are the arm of the local church, then the local church finds itself in a serious situation.

May the Lord grant us wisdom and help us, each one, to take a new look at what is happening in this biblical worldwide program called missions.

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Scioto Hills Reservations

Make your reservations now because things are happening at Scioto Hills. Our Men's Retreats are scheduled for April 24-25 and May 1-2. This year's speaker is Dr. Robert Gromacki. Why not make plans to join us.

The Senior Citizens Retreat is scheduled for May 14-16 with Rev. Dean Henry as speaker.

Summer Camp schedule is:
 Junior - June 15-20
 Jr. Hi - June 22-27
 Junior - June 29-July 4
 Sr. Hi - July 6-11
 Jr. Hi - July 13-18
 Junior - July 20-25
 Junior - July 27-Aug. 1
 Family Camp - August 3-8

Renovation



The old Chief's Teepee will be renovated and made into a ten-unit motel facility. The board approved the go-ahead to expand our facilities for couples. This will provide more facilities for couples retreats, deacon seminars, and other adult activities.

Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH



Russ Clark of Cedarville is the new Program Director at Skyview. He and his wife, Marlene, and two children, Jennifer and Keith, will be a welcome and strong addition to the Skyview Staff. Both Russ and Marlene were counselors in '76 and Russ returned as Program Director in '77.

Included in his experience is two years directing the Camp Patmos program. Russ was Youth Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan for three years, where he also taught in the Christian School and coached the basketball and soccer teams. He was also the Physical Education teacher at the Springfield (Ohio) Christian School and coached the basketball, baseball and soccer teams. He is presently a Resident Director at Cedarville College.

Russ brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the Skyview program. He knows the value and purpose of youth camps and is a valuable addition. He will be assisting in Staff training and Supervision and guiding the various activities and programs.

Russ will direct the music and he plays the guitar, which will be a big asset in the Out Door Chapel and Bon Fire services.

Summer registrations are well ahead of last year, in fact running very strong. Those planning for camp ought to get their registrations in as soon as possible. The valuable benefits of a Skyview Ranch camping experience are time tested and proven.



The remodeling and refurbishing of the Ranch House into a Retreat Center is well underway. Special thanks to the Lakeview Baptist Church and their 18 men who on March 14 "roughed-it-in." It is now ready for other work groups to come in and do the finishing. Thankfully, some are already scheduled to install dry wall.

Some new plumbing needs to be done as well as re-plumbing. Also needed are some built-in cabinets, kitchen appliances and utensils. Further help is needed with decorations, wallpaper, paint, fixtures, twin, double and bunk beds, sheets, pillow cases and blankets. Appreciate the Ladies Mission groups who have already expressed interest in helping but there is room for more.

The Ranch House has served its original purpose well and now the improvements will make it more efficient for Winter Retreats and Adult groups as well as expand the use of the camp. The expansion includes six bedrooms, 2½ baths, kitchen and an Infirmary for the Summer Camps, guest housing and a staff lounge. A new office will be where the current nurse's station is located.

Give us a call. Help us if you can with your skill in a work project and pray with us for the needed additional funds. Our goal is to have it ready by the middle of June.

MEN'S RETREATS

April 30-May 2

Dr. Dan Gelatt, Speaker

May 15-16

Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, Speaker

June 10-13

R.E.A.P.

SUMMER CAMPS

June 22-27 Juniors

June 29-July 4 Family

July 6-11 Jr. High

July 13-18 Sr. High

July 20-25 Juniors

July 27-August 1 Jr. High

August 3-8 Juniors

For brochures, work projects, camp presentation, information, contact Bill Roloff, Camp Director, Skyview Baptist Ranch, phone (216) 674-7511, 7241 TR 319, Rt. 6, Millersburg, OH 44654-9047.

SURF SPLASHINGS FROM

CAMP PATMOS



Communication in a Local Church

From time to time this writer has had opportunity to visit a number of churches in our Fellowship. There is an area of growing concern to me. I am referring to those tables in our church foyers that seem to accumulate literature that pile up more often than not in haphazard fashion over weeks and sometimes months.

Because of my involvement in the printing and promotion ministry, perhaps I am even more aware of the time, energy and dollars used to produce even the most basic of these items. My concern is that there be a

better way of putting this material into the hands of our people. This is not a new problem or concern but it is one that can be solved.

A word of commendation is in order for the many pastors and churches which do a fine job in this area. However, it is a job that requires consistent attention.

Our schools, social and mission agencies work hard in their efforts to keep the needs and news of missionaries and mission boards before God's people. Newsheets and prayer bulletins are in circulation as never before. Unfortunately much of this is a part of "those accumulating piles" to eventually end up in file thirteen and never reaching the people.

May I suggest some ways of approaching this situation?

1. This material can be inserted in every church bulletin. The quantities may have to be adjusted with the sending agency. You are probably thinking about now, "the sizes are not compatible for bulletin use," or "the Sunday bulletin may look like a book," or "if I put all this in the bulletin, my people will read it and not listen to the message." Yes, we agree these are genuine concerns.
2. Another approach would be to delegate someone the responsibility of handing one to every family. It often happens, however, that someone is overlooked when this is attempted.
3. In my opinion, a more superior approach would be to develop a Church Mail Box System. A secretary or designated person would simply deposit one to a family in their mailbox. Many churches have developed this system of communication. It does not take a large amount of space. A 24 x 48" space divided in 4 x 4 inch pigeon holes about 8 inches deep would provide 72 spaces. This is enough space for the average church.

Most of us find our mental notes of getting messages to folks somehow never get communicated when we reach the church door. Someone said, "If you want something done, write it down." The mailbox system makes easy work for a Sunday school superintendent to communicate messages to workers, as well as others in places of leadership. Most of us like to receive mail. An individual boxfull of literature is certainly an indication of a church family needing some further attention or follow-up in visitation, etc.

I am sure there are many other creative ways of using the mailbox system as there are people in your church. Let's put an end to accumulating piles of literature and get it into the hands of folks to read.

Bob Cass
 Continental Baptist Missions
 Director of Publications

Registrations for summer camp are coming in!! Some weeks are already full. There is still room for tents and R.V.s for all three family weeks. If you have not registered for camp, be sure to register soon. Send your registrations to:

Pastor Jim Howard
 P.O. Box 263
 Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
 (419) 352-0417 - church
 (419) 352-0535 - home

Camp Patmos will have a work week on May 25-30. The ferry for Kelley's Island leaves Marblehead at 8:30 a.m. and every hour thereafter. On Monday, the boat leaves as early as 7:30 a.m. When you arrive at Marblehead, inform the boat line that you are going to Camp Patmos. Your ticket will be provided by the camp. All meals while you are at Camp Patmos work week will be provided. We need many workers this year. Ladies, we need you to help with cleaning, painting, etc. If you can spend a day or even several days with us, be sure to come.

Camp Patmos is still in need of a cook, nurse, full-time counselor, lifeguard and several other staff members for this coming summer. If you are interested, call Larry Czernick at (216) 464-7616. Andrew Gelatt, the camp director, is available to churches to present the ministry of Camp Patmos. To have Andrew Gelatt to your church call him at (219) 295-7775.

The weeks of camp for the summer of 1987 are as follows:

1987 SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS

June 22 Junior High

Tony Coleman

June 29 Junior

Steve Lantz

July 6 Junior High

Scott Renstrom

July 13 Senior High

Larry Engle

July 20 Junior

David Chapman

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COLLEGE NEWS

Cedarville College

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During the past several years, Cedarville College has observed an increase in the average test scores of entering freshmen. Scoring 29 on the ACT test places a student in the top 3% scholastically in the nation. In 1985 Cedarville had 20 of these "presidential scholars" in the freshman class; in 1986 the number had risen to 43.

While Cedarville is very thankful for these fine scholars, the college strives to minister to the needs of all its students. Last year the faculty implemented programs to assist students with marginal academic qualifications in developing their study skills.

On February 13 and 14, seven Cedarville College students carried away high honors in the Ohio State Novice Forensics Tournament at Ohio University in Athens. The group won three first places, two seconds, three thirds, two fourths, two fifths, and two sixths. Five universities and seven colleges participated in the meet.

Professor David Robey of the Communication Arts Department and coach of the group, defines the "novice" participant as one who is in his first year of competition. The Cedarville students vying for honors were Andy Snider, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania; Donna Payne, Medina, Ohio; Jan Johnson, Corry, Pennsylvania; James Jawelski, Dayton, Ohio; Kirt Wilson, Wyoming, Michigan; Todd Dunkel, Fenton, Michigan, and Robyn Graham, Elkhart, Indiana.

When Dr. Callan joined the faculty at Cedarville, he found many opportunities to serve the Lord. As basketball coach for 27 years, he has maintained a discipleship ministry with his players. He has provided a climate that encourages spiritual development and has striven to live in such a manner that he might be a godly role model for the young men. He arranges retreats, team devotions, opportunities to minister to Christian schools and churches, and exposure to different people who have effective ministries for God.

Dr. Callan envisioned a program which would introduce Cedarville students to missionary endeavor. When Harold Green became the director of the Christian ministries on the campus, the two men developed the Missionary Internship Service program through which over 1,000 students have served on mission fields in more than 40 countries over the past 16 years. One of Dr. Callan's important contributions of the MIS program has been leading or arranging for basketball teams to visit the Philippines each summer with an evangelistic message.

Many people have come to know the Lord and to know Him better through Dr. Callan's commitment to evangelism and discipleship.

Rev. David Warren, Associate Professor of Bible at Cedarville College, will speak at a missionary conference in Toulon, France, April 21-25. The conference, sponsored by the field councils of Baptist Mid-Missions (BMM) and Evangelical Baptist Missions (EBM), is designed to minister to missionaries of the two boards who are working in France. Location of the conference

will be a camp which Baptist Mid-Missions maintains in Toulon in southern France. About 100 missionaries are expected to attend. Rev. and Mrs. Warren will visit the Dan Lacey family and the Charles Anderson family, BMM missionaries in France. Each of these families has a student at Cedarville College.

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also" 2 Timothy 2:2.

Dr. Donald Callan is one of the most experienced coaches in Ohio college basketball. Coming to Cedarville College in 1960 to assume leadership of the Department of Health and Physical Education and to serve as head basketball coach, this dean of college coaches holds a career record of 396 wins and 321 losses.

Another aspect of Don Callan's life is even more important. He epitomizes the 2 Timothy 2:2 principle. When he was in college, his basketball coach instilled in him a burden for souls which Don, in turn, has passed on to hundreds of Cedarville College students.

Cedarville College Professors Promoted

Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College, announced that, by recent action of the Board of Trustees, thirteen faculty members have received tenure and/or promotions.

Receiving tenure were Dr. Irene Alyn, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Nursing; Dr. Omer Bonenberger, Associate Professor of Education; Mrs. Sandra Harner, Assistant Professor of English; Kurt Moreland, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts; Mrs. Anne Rich, Assistant Professor of Accounting; Galen Smith, Assistant Professor of Economics; and David Robey, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts.

Promoted to the rank of Professor were Dr. Pamela Diehl, Department of Health and Physical Education, and Dr. Ron Walker, Chairman of the Department of Business Administration. A graduate of the University of Dayton, Dr. Diehl earned the M.A. and the Ph.D. degree from The Ohio State University. Dr. Walker received the B.S. from Bowling Green State University, the M.S. from the University of Michigan, and the D.B.A. from Kent State University.

Receiving tenure and also promotion to the rank of Professor was Dr. Lee Eimers, Department of Science and Mathematics. He earned the B.S. from Hobart College and the M.S. and Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

Dr. Edwin Braithwaite, Department of Science and Mathematics, and Mrs. Sharon Eimers, Department of Education, were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Dr. Braithwaite received the B.S. and M.A. from Western Washington University and the Ph.D. from University of Illinois. Mrs. Eimers, who also received tenure, earned the B.S. from Tennessee Temple University and the M.Sp.Ed. from the University of Tennessee.

James Leightenheimer, who was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor, earned the B.S. degree at Cedarville College.

Oracle Corp. Gives Data Base Software to Cedarville College

The Oracle Corporation of Belmont, California recently donated the Oracle data base management system software, version 4, to Cedarville College to be used for instruction in the Computer Information Systems program. David Rotman, Director of Computer Services, notes that this data base is currently the fastest selling system for minicomputers and mainframes and that IBM is selling this system on some of its computers. The software, according to Rotman, will be a substantial teaching tool for the Computer Information Systems program. He says the data base class and advanced CIS classes will use the software running on the college DEC VAX 11/750.

Cedarville Professor Named C.I.D.A. President-Elect

Michael DiCuirci, associate professor of music at Cedarville College, is President-elect of the Christian Instrumental Directors Association, C.I.D.A., a national organization serving over 600 Christian school, college, and church music directors, elected DiCuirci to his position at the annual national conference in Chicago.

A music educator for the past 16 years, DiCuirci taught in New York and Michigan before assuming his present duties at Cedarville College where he directs the Symphonic Band and the Pep Band. He also teaches music education classes, instructs lower brass students, and supervises student teachers.

DiCuirci's bands have played throughout the United States including performances at the Fundamentalism '84 convention in Washington, D.C., and the C.I.D.A. national conference. He co-authored with James Loucks, a two-level band method entitled "Jubilant Sound," published by Singspiration.

DiCuirci received the B.A. and M.M. degrees from the University of Michigan. He is a popular brass soloist, speaker, and guest conductor.

He and his wife JoAnn live in Cedarville and have two sons, Paul, 10, and Michael, 5.

Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary

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Education Programs Being Developed

The teacher education program at Grand Rapids Baptist College began twelve years ago as a combined curriculum with Calvin College. The program has been successful, with over 240 alumni having received teacher certification in Michigan. Believing it's now time for the next logical step, though, the College has begun the process of developing our own state certified elementary and secondary teacher education programs. This is a demanding undertaking, both financially and academically, and has many political implications. The entire project will require several years to complete and includes a continued relationship with Calvin as our sponsoring college. During most of this time, however, students will be able to take their education courses on our campus.

The new teacher education department needs the help of GRBC friends in this project - those who will faithfully pray, those who can financially support, those who may have educational books and/or materials they'd be willing to donate, and those who can help identify schools seeking to recruit teachers prepared to serve in

Jesus' name.

To become involved, contact the library or the teacher education department.

1987 Summer Sports Camp

Both boys and girls are invited to attend a Grand Rapids Baptist College Summer Sports Camp, offering many activities, including individual sports instruction, league playing, challenging Bible studies, and many other recreational opportunities.

Dates are listed below:

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Volleyball camp for girls

8th grade-11th grade

June 21-27

Basketball camp for boys

6th grade-11th grade

June 28-July 3

Basketball camp for girls

6th grade-11th grade

July 5-10

Basketball camp for boys

3rd grade-7th grade

July 12-17

Soccer camp for boys

July 19-24

Basketball camp for boys

3rd grade-7th grade

July 19-24

Baseball camp for boys

5th grade-11th grade

July 26-31

For a free brochure write to G.R.B.C. Summer Sports Camp, 1001 E. Beltline N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505 or call the Athletic Office at (616) 949-5300, ext. 306.

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College News Con't.

Seven to Work in Israel

This summer, resident director Celeste Guiley and six other Grand Rapids Baptist College girls will join a 20-member team from Baptist for Israel Institute to travel to Israel to work on Kibbutz-Ma'agan, a collective farm of about 200 Israelie families on the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee. Celeste worked on a kibbutz two years ago and returns this summer as team leader, helping orient members to kibbutz life and culture shock. The purpose of the six-week trip is to work with the Israelies as they farm the land in order to build relationships with them that will open doors for sharing the. Those interested in a summer opportunity such as this can contact Celeste at Baptist College.

Ladies Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for the annual Grand Rapids Baptist College Ladies Retreat June 8-10. Returning again this year will also be the Ladies Seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. "The Joyful Exchange" is this year's theme, and featured speakers Carol Kent and Dorje Van Stone will speak on topics such as "His Confidence For My Insecurity," "His Will For My Way," and "Wholeness From Brokenness." Write for a complete brochure to RETREATS, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania

538 Venard Rd., Clarks Summit, PA 18411

To Minister in Jamaica

Spring Break for most students means a vacation, trip back home, a place in the sun or anything to get away from classes and papers. This is not the case for all students. The basketball team of Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania is going to a place in the sun; however, this place includes a ministry. They plan to minister to churches, provide basketball evangelism, and to help people understand God's message.

Where is all this taking place? Jamaica! The team, along with Coach Russ Howard, faculty member Jim Collins and wife Susie, plan to arrive in Jamaica on Friday, March 13, and return to Baptist Bible College Monday, March 23. During their stay they will be working with missionaries and pastors by doing visitation, street ministries, conducting basketball clinics, painting, building, and doing repair work in the churches.

As a short-term missionary, each member is responsible to raise both prayer and financial support. An estimated amount of \$400 is needed to cover the cost of plane fares, food, and incidentals.

Coach Howard anticipates this ministry to be a life-changing experience for all those going. He is excited about the team serving the Lord and ministering to the Jamaican people through their athletic and ministry skills.

Laboratory for Ministry

Baptist Bible Theological Seminary is developing a unique, one-year, full-time ministry internship. This will be the culmination of those finishing their Master of Divinity degree program. The Seminary has teamed up with a select group of model church and mission locations to develop and have attitudes and skills of ministry.

It will be a first for the Seminary and within the fundamental circles with which the Seminary is in fellowship. This will pro-

vide an upbeat, hands-on, environment for ministry preparation. Each intern will earn 30 credit hours during this period of practical experience.

The Seminary will provide training for the pastoral staff at each location so that they will be skilled in the guidance and evaluation of their assigned interns. This is a complete training program involving course study seminars and repeated contact with seminary resource people. Also, Seminary faculty personnel will be assisting via on-location consultations and evaluations.

The local church and missionary training location and the training staff will be related to the Theological Seminary much like a hospital and staff are related to a university medical school. In both instances, the hands-on experience will enhance the use of the content learned from the classroom.

Baptist Bible Theological Seminary provides fundamentalists a curriculum rooted in scripture to assist students to acquire the knowledge and to develop the leadership skills that will enable them to enter into a worldwide Baptist ministry.

For information about this or other programs, please write to Dr. Howard Bixby, Seminary Director, Baptist Bible Theological Seminary, 538 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

Director of Field Training

As a part of its unique focus on practical ministry education, the "new" Baptist Bible Theological Seminary has announced the appointment of Rev. Lee Wise to the position of Director of Seminary Field Training.

Rev. Wise graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist College, attended The School of Church Ministries in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has had several years of ministry experience. His addition to the BBTS staff marks another step toward the Seminary's commitment to provide a unique "new" blend of theological education in the classroom with practical, "hands-on" ministry training.

Rev. Wise will teach practical evangelism in the Seminary using a format of in-class instruction and week-by-week on-the-job training through the visitation ministries of local area churches. He will also assist Dr. Howard Bixby, Academic Dean and Seminary Director, in supervising the Seminary's new internship laboratory, required of all M.Div. graduates. This is a one-year, full-time internship where the student-intern's only job will be full-time ministry in the local church.

When asked what he looked forward to in his new position, Rev. Wise replied:

"What excites me most about my ministry at the Seminary is being a part of what will happen in the lives of those men who will participate in the new training program. When you combine solid Biblical scholarship and 'hands on' ministry experience, you're bound to see results!

I expect to see men discover and develop their spiritual gifts, be used of God to win many people to Christ, sharpen their focus on where God could best use them and come away excited and confident about what God can do through them and that excites me!"

For further information regarding the "new" Baptist Bible Theological Seminary, you may send inquires to Dr. Howard Bixby, 538 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, PA, 18411.

Evangelism Emphasized and Experienced

In a day when "Christian" and unsaved students alike seem to be clamoring for material possessions and selfish, secure careers, there is a fresh breeze blowing on the campus of the Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Rigorous study of the Word of God can lead to a clearer understanding of the Great Commission. Since the Bible is central at BBC and BBTS, students are constantly being challenged with its truths, and the natural result is a burden for lost souls.

In a recent college class on "Baptist Church Ministries," over 50 students requested prayers for lost people they were seeking to reach for Christ. A girl came to her professor with tears trickling down her cheeks as she asked for advice in witnessing to her unsaved dad. Another asked prayer for a man led to Christ in street evangelism. Others spoke of tract distribution on Saturdays, and an evangelistic Bible study for teenagers.

Recently the gymnasiums at the Baptist Bible College have been used as locations for "basketball evangelism." A number of community teenagers have been invited to campus for recreation and evangelistic Bible study. Some have already received Christ and are in follow-up. A number of BBC students are going to area secular college campuses and sharing Christ in the cafeteria or on the volleyball courts after times of getting to know the unsaved collegians.

Personal evangelism is a priority at Clarks Summit. In the fall a totally rejuvenated evangelism training program will be launched in the college and seminary programs. Students will no longer just study about evangelism, but every incoming student will have opportunity to experience the excitement of witnessing. The Theological Seminary is launching a new evangelism training ministry in concert with local Baptist churches. Each incoming Seminarian will need at least two semesters of evangelism training and experience for graduation.

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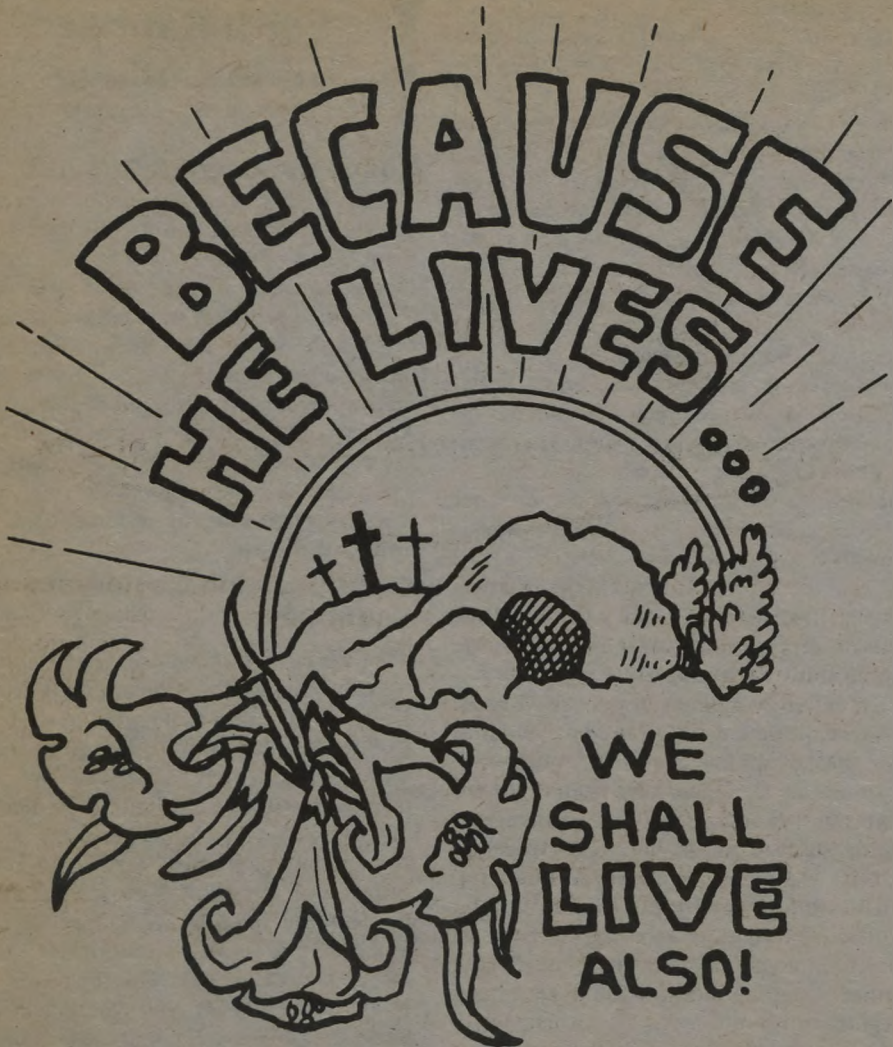
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IMMANUEL - Columbus Honors Pastor's 40 Years



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On February 1, the Immanuel Baptist Church, 3417 Palmetto Street, Columbus, Ohio, celebrated the fact that their Pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. William E. Abernathy, have faithfully served in the Gospel ministry for 40 years. Pastor Abernathy began his ministry in October 1946 at Jones Memorial Church in Mooresville, North Carolina. He has been at Immanuel since February 1, 1969.

Approximately 50 special guests from Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, and New Jersey joined Immanuel's congregation in

this celebration. Dr. Richard Durham of Cedarville College, a seminary classmate of Pastor Abernathy's, gave the morning message. Also participating in the service were Evangelist Dr. Donald Winters, Rev. Warren Harris, Bill and Eloise Thomas, and the Abernathys' children and grandchildren.

During the service the Abernathys were presented with a book containing over 80 letters of congratulations from members of former churches and other friends around the country and around the world.

Following the morning service a cold cut buffet dinner was served in the church fellowship hall. The celebration concluded with a brief program which included comments by area pastors.

Prior to coming to Immanuel in 1969, Pastor and Mrs. Abernathy served at the Jones Memorial Church in Mooresville, N.C. for 3 years, the Pennside Community Chapel in Pennside, Delaware for 2½ years, and First Baptist Church of Newfield New Jersey for 16½ years.

New Missionary Display Abbe Road - Elyria



Mr. John Simcik

The Missions Committee of Abbe Road Baptist Church, Elyria, unveiled a new display, designed and built by Mr. John Simcik, an Industrial Arts teacher and member of the church.

This display consists of a six-foot redwood map of the world, current pictures of each missionary family, indicating their location, and literature from the different mission agencies.

The display, along with a different missionary featured each week in the bulletin, enables the congregation to become more personally involved with missionaries through prayer and correspondence.

Baptists For Life

Baptist for Life reports that over 40,000 bulletin inserts were distributed to some 225 churches for observance of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in January. Response from the churches who participated has been very good as more fundamental Baptist believers become involved in promoting the sacredness of human life. Churches have taken special offerings, collected baby

and maternity clothing, conducted membership drives for BFL, and provided educational materials. Baptist for Life also reports that the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches voted in September to establish a BFL affiliate in that state. Dr. Walter Griffith, of Cedarville College, is the representative of Ohio's Baptist for Life affiliate. Regular Baptist churches in Flint will open a crisis pregnancy center on May 1.

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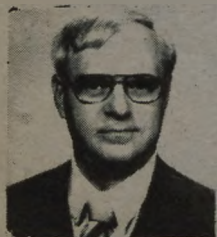
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