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A Word From The Past

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the July, 1956 issue of The O.I.B. At that time Dr. Balyo was pastor of Cedar Hill Baptist Church. Presently he serves as President of Western Baptist College.)

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

by Dr. John G. Balyo

Because the incomparable Apostle Paul did not hesitate to instruct a young pastor many years ago in the manner in which he "ought to behave in the household of God," I make bold also to say a word about the greatly neglected subject of Church Etiquette. First of all, Church Etiquette should include dressing up a bit. I know that church people have often been criticized for this, and I hold no brief for extravagant grooming or show-off attire, but I am not at all sure that dressing up is simply a matter of vanity. There is a certain spiritual value in wearing the best that you have. You would not go slovenly into the presence of a King, would you?

I can remember, as a boy, that we had "Sunday clothes" that could not be worn at other times; it meant to us that Sunday was special and that God was entitled to our very best. I cannot believe that such an old-fashioned habit of dressing up for church was anything but healthy, and I am quite sure that it made its contribution to our sense of reverence for God.

Secondly, I think that Church Etiquette should include being on time. Roland Hill was so troubled with late-comers on Sunday that he one day shocked everybody in his congregation with this amazing prayer: "Oh, Lord, bless those mightily who are in their places, give grace to those who are on their way, and have mercy on those who are getting ready to come and may never arrive."

The Sunday morning appointment is not one with the preacher or with the church, it is an appointment with God. The entire service is a time set apart for fellowship with Him, and I am confident that God is not pleased with an indifferent attitude as to the hour we are supposed to arrive. We have no preliminaries at our church; the first half hour is not just pastime for those who have arrived at the stated hour. The entire service is important! We do not feel that the Doxology is so inconsequential that it does not really matter whether a great many of us skip it or not.

Thirdly, I think that Church Etiquette should include taking care of church property. It has been provided by the sacrifice of many for the glory of God. No person, therefore, has the right to carelessly use it or destroy it. Keep your gum, we do not want it, not secondhand anyway. And if you must carve, do it in the woodshed. We are not giving courses in woodcarving at church.

So much for the incidentals. Now let me say a word about your emotional and spiritual preparation for the services. I know of no substitute for pre-service quietness. Do not leave everything at home to a last minute Sunday morning scramble. You know how it is, everything's churning, everybody's rushing, and everybody's a bit irritable, too. Then you rush in breathlessly at the last minute, and say, "Well, God, here I am." He might well say, "Yes, but in what a condition!" We need time to get quiet, to settle down, to pray; we need to prepare ourselves for listening and fellowship. The difference, then, in spiritual sensitivity is

amazing indeed. Assuming, now, that you have had your quiet time at home, do not spoil it by too much needless talk before the service. The organ prelude can prove a real blessing to you if you will not waste it by visiting with your friends. You need a time of quietness and meditation before the service, and others do, too. Be considerate of them. Without meaning to, we sometimes offend our neighbors around us by our whispered conversations. A person unaccustomed to the noisy atmosphere that sometimes prevails in our church, came into one of our services, and said, "God cannot be in this place." He can, but it might be hard to know it if we are paying very little attention to Him. Reverence means a recognition and an appreciation of the holy and refreshing presence of Deity. We are here to fellowship with, and worship, the most awe-inspiring Person in the universe; and we can hardly do that if we are ill-prepared, or if we spend our time during the service whispering, daydreaming, passing notes to our friend, or cleaning our fingernails.

Of course I am not asking that we be stiff and formal. I have no desire to lead a service that is cold and dead and lifeless. I am not asking for the chilling dignity of the cemetery. God does not want that either. He wants us to be perfectly natural in His Presence. He has no interest, I am sure, in an artificial, icy correctness that has no heart, no warmth, and no informality. From the reading of the Bible, we know that the early church was both informal and reverent. That means that they had a reverential seriousness about them, and it means that they laughed sometimes, too. How horrible if, in God's Presence, no laughter was ever heard. Heaven is not going to be a place of gloom, and church should not be either. A cheerless saint is no compliment to God, and He is not asking for the dill pickle services. Worship is a joyful experience, or it is not worship at all.

Permit a word now about your proper participation in the services. You are not a spectator watching a performance (at least I hope you're not); you are a participant in corporate worship. The words of the hymn should become your prayers. The anthem should become your anthem — because you are a part of the assembly's fellowship with Christ. Joining in is your high privilege and your holy responsibility.

Having urged you to participate in the service, now let me urge you to be willing to make a response to God. A service does not end with the benediction, but with what happens in your life. We must not only listen to what God has to say, we must also do what He tells us to do. That means something more than a passing desire to be better, or a hasty decision to improve. We must be serious about the things Christ has said to us in the hour of inspiration, and make them a part of the substance of life. God has warned us to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. So, please do not do the psychologically dangerous thing of always making resolves, and never carrying them through. The hour of decision should always lead to the hour of action.

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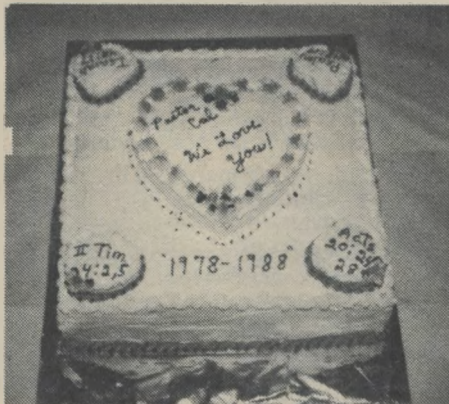
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Ten Years at Camden, Oberlin



Sunday evening, February 14, Camden Baptist Church, Oberlin held a special celebration. This unique service was in honor of Pastor Cal Searles' tenth anniversary as their pastor.

About 250 attended this special anniversary service, including family and friends. The major part of the evening was a surprise to Pastor Cal, especially a group coming from Cedarville College. Pastor Harold Green gave the devotional on Psalm 1 and prospering in the Lord. Dr. Don Callan gave a special testimony. A slide presentation of Pastor Cal's life was presented along with many of his favorite hymns and songs.

A reception followed with a number of special gifts presented including a commemorative plaque of his ten years at Camden. Many of the church family shared testimonies and memories during this time. A scrapbook containing all the written memories in letter was also presented.

Pastor Cal Searles has had an unusual history of serving as pastor. In 1977, after graduating from Cedarville College with a



business management major, he went home to the area church he had grown up in all of his life, planning to work in his father's insurance business. Having just been on an evangelistic mission to the Philippines with the Athletes for Christ basketball team, his heart was burdened to preach and share the gospel with his home community. Camden, his home church, was without a pastor and asked him to fill in as interim while they searched for a new man. Under his leadership, the church began to grow and prosper. People all over were getting saved and baptized and joining the church. It became clear that Cal was God's man to lead the flock and on February 12, 1978, he officially became pastor despite the "odds" that seemed against him.

It was evident that God's hand was upon him as the church continued to grow. With many new people coming, the need for a new sanctuary became clear. In 1981, a new auditorium, debt-free, was built, dedicated, seating just over 300. Over the past ten years, the attendance has greatly increased.

JOINS STAFF AT BEREA

Pastor Kenneth Spink, Pastor of Berea Baptist Church, announces the calling of Rev. T. Fred Hussey as Assistant to the Pastor in Senior Ministries.

Brother Hussey has pastored three churches over 40 years in the ministry - 6½ years at Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine; 11½ years at First Baptist Church, Niles; and 20 years at Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland from which he retired in 1986. He also serves on the General Council of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Pastor Hussey began the new ministry on April 1st.



Rev. T. Fred Hussey

This exhortation to make a response to God applies, of course to the non-Christian, too. Let me say my closing words to you. You have found your way into the House of God doubtlessly because you know that life is more than bread and circuses. You sense somehow that you are missing out on the grandeur for which you were fashioned. You know that behind the visible world there is something more; something more wonderful, more valuable, more necessary, more permanent, more vital than anything you have ever known. Perhaps you've realized in some measure how blind and earthbound you've been to spend your energies, tax your brain, and squander your talents on that which is merely ephemeral, especially when you

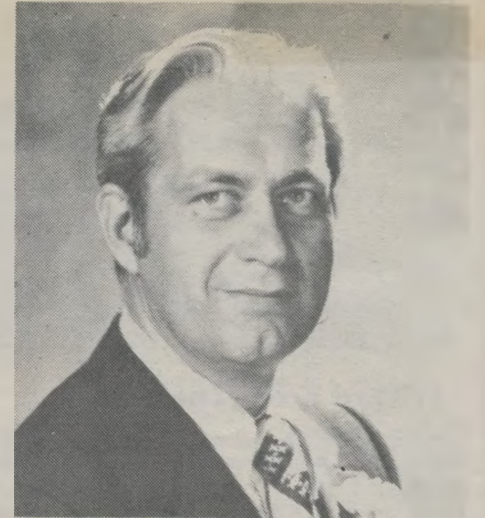
have been invited to participate in the timeless life of God through Christ. Angels must marvel that men come so slowly to real concern about the purpose of life and its destination. All this preoccupation with stuff and things — doesn't it make you sick at times? And if you lost it all, would you have lost your God? Perhaps it would be well to remind ourselves today of what the Bible has been saying for thousands of years in regard to the things that so enthrall and dominate us, "They will perish." Yes, they will perish, but now finish the sentence: "But Thou, God, remainest." God abides! We had better be preoccupied with Him then or we shall find that, having tied ourselves to the perishing things of life, we shall one day perish, too.

The Representative's Spot



KNOW YOUR COUNCIL

Lynn Rogers Vice Chairman



What's it worth?

That question comes to my mind regarding the O.I.B. The quote says, "If you give something free, it will not be appreciated and often just cast aside."

Could that be true with the O.I.B.? For 46 years, the O.I.B. was a subscription magazine. Circulation was never greater than 3200. (It was proven that many of our pastors did not subscribe and, therefore, were not reading it.) In 1973 the decision was made to try to get the O.I.B. into the hands of more of those in our churches so the format was changed and bundles of papers were sent to the churches to be given to everyone. (This was more economical than printing only 3200 copies.) We presently print about 10,000 copies each issue. Many churches hand the O.I.B. out at the door, others suggest "picking one up at the table in the lobby," others just place them on a table. Most churches have surplus copies. We know from the reports of the churches annually that taking the attendance average per church times 207 churches is more than 10,000 families. In fact, it would be closer to 15,000. So we know that circulation is not at maximum.

Other than mailing cost increase, the cost of the O.I.B. has not increased the last five years. (As you know from your newspaper, postage will again increase in the next few days. Our cost will increase 18%. We are working on some means to economize.)

I receive copies of all other Regular Baptist State papers. Only two other states have other than a bulletin insert format. These two have subscription rates even for bundles to the churches. One is a 4-page paper (same size as O.I.B.) and the single subscription rate is \$4.00 per year for 10 issues. The cost is \$3.50 per issue if sent in bundle lots to the churches. The other periodical is a 12-page magazine-size paper and is \$6.00 for a single subscription and \$4.00 if sent in bundles to the churches. A church subscribing for 50 copies each issue would pay \$200.00 per year.

Single subscription issues of the O.I.B. cost \$3.00 per year or \$7.25 for three years. Bundles are sent to the churches at no charge. The O.I.B. is 12 pages. If folded to magazine size, it would be 24 pages each issue. We have suggested (and thankfully a number of churches participate) that your church would give 22 cents per copy per issue received, we would break even. A church receiving 50 copies each issue would give \$11.00 per issue or \$88.00 per year.

If you have read carefully, note that the O.I.B. is a bargain compared to any periodical. Maybe too good a bargain. But we want the O.I.B. in the hands of all in our churches. But, again, maybe free things are not appreciated.

Last issue, we suggested that you consider sending your pastor and wife to the G.A.R.B.C. Conference in Anaheim, California in June. We suggested that in light of the fact that the 1988 conference would be in Columbus, you should consider total cost over a two-year period.

We are encouraged. Two churches took this to heart, considered it, and voted to send pastor and wife to Anaheim.

How about the rest of you?

I am not pushing any travel agency, but I have found Columbus agencies getting round trip fare to Anaheim from \$268 to \$311 per person. That is reasonable.

Take a second look and consider this for your pastor and wife.

LOOKING AHEAD

An O.A.R.B.C. DAY OF PRAYER

Date and details in the near future.

ASSOCIATION DAY

A number of churches have scheduled an Association Day with the State Representative. How about your church?

In 1983, Lynn Rogers was elected to the Council of 12 for the (?)th time. We had just begun articles on the Council and so he was "introduced." In that article, we referred to Lynn Rogers as a "patriarch."

Pastor Rogers was re-elected to Council this last annual conference. Does he need an introduction? To many, "no;" to those who are new, the answer is "yes." He has not given us any new information but let me "introduce" him.

Lynn Rogers is now the "dean" of the churches in the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Why is he "dean?" To the best of my knowledge, Pastor Rogers has served at Northfield Baptist Church longer than any other Pastor has served an Ohio church. He has been pastor at Northfield for 35 years. This has been his only pastorate but, also, the only pastor that Northfield has ever had. That is an accomplishment. That is a commentary on pastor and people. That is a tribute to pastor and people.

Pastor Rogers has not served on Council for two years. Not that he was not elected, but both of those years he felt he had "too many other irons in the fire." Elected this year, he has accepted and is now the Vice Chairman of the Council as well as serving on the Adopt-A-Church Committee.

Lynn Rogers has served and been a part of a great deal of Association history, beginning with the purchase of Camp Patmos; director of youth for the Association; the Christian School movement, having helped to found Baptist Christian of Cleveland; through the State Missionary era and now to the State Representative time. For many years, he was a trustee of Camp Patmos (really his first love and joy). He serves on the General Council and Administrative Committee of Baptist Mid-Missions and as a trustee of Cedarville College.

We borrow some of his thoughts from the article of 1983. How was he called into the Lord's service?

"God in His sovereign purpose took my father to be with Himself when I was eight years old. This left me bitter; and though I had believed in the Lord, I had difficulty trusting Him with my life. My high school football coach was an orphan in childhood. He challenged me to really apply myself in football and 'you'll be able to go to any college in the country. They'll pay all expenses.'

"The Lord spoke to me at the O.A.R.B.C. youth camp about who was really going to run my life. In the old sawdust floor tabernacle in Beulah Beach, the lines were drawn; there I yielded to the Lord for His

service. He's been so good to me. Though He's tried me, I still find it best to trust Him.

"The call to the ministry came later while traveling as the bass soloist on a gospel team from Moody Bible Institute."

Pastor Rogers attended Moody Bible Institute and Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland which became Cedarville College. He graduated from Cedarville in the first graduating class after the move from Cleveland to Cedarville. His wife, LaVerne, also graduated from Cedarville. Mrs. Rogers has never lived outside of Northfield. They have one daughter, Sue Emert, a son, and three grandchildren.

Speaking of his favorite Bible verse, he refers us to Philippians 1:10:

"That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ."

Having been a part of the O.A.R.B.C. these many years, he speaks with deep interest and concern:

"I personally feel a great debt to our O.A.R.B.C. Fellowship because of its help to me as a youth. Also, when beginning in the ministry, I found tremendous encouragement from my neighboring pastors (Hebron Association) by regularly attending their monthly prayer meetings. We can and ought to be a help to one another. We need a strong State Fellowship that cares."

Some of you have been introduced to Pastor Lynn Rogers and others of you have been re-introduced. Pictures do not do justice because the Lynn Rogers of today is different than before. He is now streamlined (having lost a good deal of weight). He looks great plus the fact he still has hair (the right color for a dean - gray).

He still sings. And with all of this, he is still interested in the Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Our thanks to Northfield for allowing their pastor to serve in this capacity. The Lord will reward them.

Joint Bible Conference



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Pastor Tom Chmura, First Baptist, Brunswick; Pastor Mark Cowell, North Royalton Baptist; Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Pickering; Pastor Kenneth Spink, Berea Baptist; and Pastor Wilbur Parrish, First Baptist, Strongsville.

Sunday through Wednesday, February 21-24, were the dates for the Joint Bible Conference of four neighboring churches in the Cleveland area. Dr. Ernest Pickering, Professor of Theology and Bible at Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, PA, brought a series of messages on "Ruth: The Glory of Redemption." Participating churches were First Baptist Church, Strongsville, First Baptist Church, Brunswick, North Royalton Baptist Church, and Berea Baptist Church, Berea.

Special music was provided by combined choirs, a Trumpet Trio from Cedarville College, vocalist Debbie Searles and special numbers from participating churches.

A morning ladies' meeting was held at which Mrs. Pickering spoke on the subject, "If the Fire's Too Hot, Get Out of the Kitchen!"

An excellent spirit was sensed as the conference went to a different church each night.

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**FAITH BAPTIST, OXFORD
WELCOMES NEW PASTOR**



Pastor Stanley J. Brown began his ministry at Faith Baptist Church, Oxford in January. A formal installation service was held on January 31.

Pastor Brown is a graduate of Cedarville College and Dallas Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Faith, he pastored the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Burlington, Wisconsin for ten years.

Pastor and Mrs. Brown, Mary, have three daughters; Sarah, Rachel, and Elizabeth. Mrs. Brown, also a graduate of Cedarville, taught at Burlington High School.

We welcome the Browns to Ohio and the Ohio Association.

**FAITH - KENTON
17th ANNIVERSARY**



PICTURED FROM LEFT to right: Tim & Kelly Rettger, Charlotte & Don Rettger, Donna Rettger, Ann & Ed Vince. Not pictured, John Rettger.

The Faith Baptist Church of Kenton observed its 17th anniversary on Sunday, February 21. Rev. Don Rettger, the church's first pastor, brought the morning message. The Rettgers' children and grandchildren travelled from Michigan, Florida, and Central Ohio to join their parents for the occasion.

The David Murdoch family of Bellefontaine presented a sacred music concert following a fellowship luncheon.

The present pastor of Faith is Dennis Burns.

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ORDINATIONS

LEAVITTSBURG

On Friday, September 11, 1987, the Leavittsburg Baptist Church called an Ordination Council of Pastors of the Bethany Association of Regular Baptist Churches of North East Ohio for the purpose of setting apart Mr. Peter A. Thompson for the Gospel Ministry. This meeting was presided over by Rev. Frank Odor of Vienna Baptist Church as moderator, with Pastor Frank Reynolds of Boardman Baptist Temple as secretary. The Council voted unanimously in favor of ordination which was held that evening with Pastor Mike McLaughlin of Baptist Bible Church of Paris, Mr. Milton Thompson of Nitro, WV, and Pastor Virgil Wolford as speakers.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, NC in 1983 with a Bachelor of Theology Degree. He is married to the former Karen Meeks who is also a graduate of Piedmont Bible College and Leavittsburg Baptist is her home church. The Thompsons joined the staff of Leavittsburg Baptist Church in

June of 1986 as an Assistant to the Pastor with their ministry to Youth and Young Adults. Rev. Virgil R. Wolford is Pastor of Leavittsburg Baptist Church.

BROWN STREET, AKRON

On March 15, 1988 an Ordination Council was called by Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron, to examine Virgil Yehnert's doctrinal statements and convictions. The Council, made up of churches and pastors in Ohio and Indiana, thoroughly examined Mr. Yehnert's biblical convictions and recommended to the congregation of the Brown Street Baptist to proceed with its ordination.

On March 20, 1988 Mr. Yehnert was ordained with Pastor Robert L. Kuhns bringing the charge to the candidate and Pastor Dean Henry bringing the charge to the church.

Mr. Yehnert and his wife, Glenna, have sensed the call of God to planting churches in North America, and will begin their ministry in that capacity.

**ATTENTION ALL
YOUTH GROUPS**

Baptist Mid-Missions has just released a short film on the exciting ARRIBA program. The fifteen-minute presentation shows a group of college students living and working in Peru at 10,000-12,000 feet in the Sacred Valley of the Inca, overshadowed by the soaring, snow-clad Andes mountains.

ARRIBA, meaning "upward bound" in Spanish, brings together the challenge of adventure that many dream about but never experience. It transports one into history in the streets and marketplace of ancient cities and villages.

To order the film, write or call the Audio-Visual Department of Baptist Mid-Missions, P.O. Box 308011, Cleveland, OH 44130-8011; (216) 826-3930.



Josias Lima serves as an investment advisor in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is a 1982 graduate of Cedarville College. He is also treasurer of International Reach, Inc., an organization that assists established Christian ministries in third world countries.

**"Months Before I Graduated From Cedarville,
A Major Corporation Hired Me"**

My name is Josias Lima.

When I came to the United States from Brazil ten years ago, I did not speak a word of English. Today, I am an investment advisor. My profession is the third highest paid in America, and I am doing very well, for which I am very thankful to the Lord.

I am also grateful to Cedarville College for helping me reach this stage of my career.

Cedarville's well-rounded, Christian liberal arts program was especially beneficial to me. Committed Christian professors taught me to think and to communicate -- skills essential in today's communication age. They encouraged me to broaden my interests by adding to my business program courses from other disciplines. This made me flexible and capable of pursuing more than just one career path.

Balancing the strong academic program was a healthy spiritual emphasis that included daily chapel and the integration of biblical principles into the classroom experience. I became more inquisitive about the Scriptures, and my faith matured. I was even able to travel back to Brazil with a Missionary Internship Service team.

My fine preparation at Cedarville College was instrumental in my being hired by General Mills before I graduated. Now, five years later, I have established my own business.

If your son or daughter is thinking about college, send for more information about Cedarville's well-rounded Christian liberal arts program. It gave me fine career preparation in a Christian setting where I could grow spiritually.

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The Woman's View

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Unique People...

by Betty Holtz

Isn't it a joy to have these special people come our way? Yes, they can be very trying at times, but what a delight.

We have a girl that comes to one of our CBF Bible Studies who recently delighted us with her creativity.

She had purchased a dress (second-hand) because she loved the color. Well, she knew it wouldn't fit her, but she felt she could "do something with it."

She came up with the idea of putting her legs through the sleeves and pulling the skirt up over her bodice putting elastic through the hem and wearing it as an "evening dress" with long gloves.

Now not everyone may be interested in this style, but how creative! What a challenge to us to rethink if we have been flexible and creative in the use of our resources and giving honor to those around us.

I Corinthians 12 tells of our spiritual gifts; that is one of the things that prompted me to write this prayer:

"Lord, thank You for the uniqueness of Your people

"Thank You, that You have not created us all the same.

"I thank You for those who have a joyful and encouraging spirit that bubbles over and uplifts my day.

"And for the ones who look so sad - help me to take time for an encouraging word or smile that might make them glad.

"Lord, how I praise You for people who have different viewpoints; they challenge me to think!

"How my mind would quickly turn to mush or cement if everyone's viewpoints were the same as mine.

"And Lord, those ones who sit quietly among us. Some, by their meek and quiet spirit alone are a rebuke to my life. How true it is that You speak to me not with a booming voice but in a soft quiet way.

"Also, the quiet ones that lead me to look deeper into their lives to see what You will teach me through their needs.

"How precious, Lord, are those who have a sensitive spirit. Like the more sensitive parts of my body wanting to protect me from harmful substances. Thank You, God, for such special gifted people.

"And those patient ones, Lord, who do not force me into their molds, but allow me to be molded by You.

West Moriah News

by Stephanie Moats

The West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship held its annual Winter luncheon on February 18, 1988 at the Clintonville Women's Club in Columbus. Seventy-four women were in attendance. Our theme was "Freedom." We were privileged to have with us our State President, Marcia Elmore, and officers Sue Miller (V.P.); Barbara Walker (Sec.); and Shirley Friend (Treas.).

Special music for the afternoon was provided by Diane Sheets, Julianne Spencer, and Jennifer Grove of the Welch Road Baptist Church in Columbus. Chalk artist Esther Frye from Xenia, drew for us a beautiful picture which she entitled "Peace" taken from Mark chapter 4, where Jesus calmed the sea.

Our Spring meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, at Clintonville Baptist Church in Columbus. Speakers will be Diane Dalton, missionary to Brazil, and Mrs. Joyce Gelatt. The West Moriah project funds will go to Camp Scioto Hills for a deep-fry cooker.

1987-88 Women's State Project

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"You are a God concerned for my comfort and protection, setting up those who watch over me, willing to be brother keepers and not dismissing me as part of Christ's body that is not needed.

"Thank You also for the ones that at times frustrate and become abrasive. Yes, even them, Lord, for they help to smooth down the barbs of my true character and also remind me of how often I have frustrated You.

"For those who grieve me, I praise You, for they are opportunities to show forgiveness. Your Grace is called to work in my life.

"God, how great You are to sit me in the midst of a many faceted people, like the sides of a diamond.....to view and examine and see the beautiful colors they can reflect from You into my life.

"Your spectrum reaches from the very humble to those who might be aggressively outspoken. All very needed to keep us well-gifted and complete in this earthly body of worshippers.

"Lord, You've commanded that we be ones walking together in unity. I thank You that You can use unique individuals and bind us together.

"Lord, teach us to bow our knees together and PRAISE You for the uniqueness that You have given to each one of us.

"For Lord, if I cannot thank You for them and love them, how can I begin to reach outside this group to love and win the unsaved?"

Betty & Gary Holtz have served under Baptist Mid-Missions since 1976 representing Campus Bible Fellowship. They presently conduct 5-6 Bible studies each week on the campuses of Sinclair Community College and Wright State University. Betty enjoys her role as wife and mother describing herself as an "air traffic controller" to husband and their three children, ages 16 to 19. She also has opportunities to disciple women in the Bible studies. The Holtz's reside in Fairborn and attend the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia.

Speaker Profiles

MARLEAH KENOYER

Marleah was saved at age 5 and committed her life to the Lord for foreign missionary service at age 9. After training to be a teacher, she felt led to train as a nurse. Dr. & Mrs. Kenoyer were married when she finished nurses' training. They served in Assam, India at the Burrows Memorial Christian Hospital for twenty-seven years. They have five children and six grandchildren.



SALLIE McELWAIN

Sallie began her ministry with Baptist Mid-Missions in 1970 as a missionary to Liberia, West Africa. She has served in the Mission's international headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past 12 years. She was recently appointed coordinator of the Women's Department of Baptist Mid-Mission.



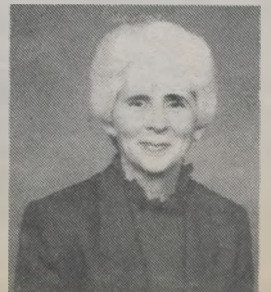
MERLE BROCK

Merle served with her husband in the pastorate 27 years, and since 1981, has served along his side in his position as O.A.R.B.C. Representative. Merle is the mother of six children, five boys and one girl. She is a noted speaker to women's groups and a talented musician.



MARCIA ELMORE

Marcia has served along with her husband in the ministry twenty-two years. Serving our state as President of the O.W.M.U., she also is a noted speaker to women's groups and an accomplished pianist.



O.A.R.B.C. WOMEN'S SPRING RALLY TUESDAY - APRIL 19, 1988 - 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. First Baptist Church - 17444 Drake Rd., Strongsville, Ohio

Theme:

"Generating A New Generation To Serve"

Speaker:

Mrs. Marleah Kenoyer will be speaking to our theme during the morning session.

Workshops:

The afternoon session affords four special opportunities:

"What's A Grandmother To Do?"

Marleah Kenoyer

"Single And Serving" -Sallie McElwain

"Raising Valuable Children" -Merle Brock

"The WOW Of Being A Pastor's Wife"

Marcia Elmore

Nursery:

Your church will soon be receiving a detailed flyer of this rally. We are asking that if you are bringing children, to send the lower part of the flyer indicating ages and how many children you are bringing, back to the host church.

Project:

DO KEEP IN MIND OUR STATE PROJECTS: The New Library at Cedarville College - Furnishing the Curriculum Materials Center; and equipping the Operating Surgical Unit at Emmanuel Medical Center in Cayes-Jacmel-Haiti. Ladies, the hospital. staff in Haiti stayed on the field and operated to full capacity during the recent difficulty. They are in much need of our help. Other missionaries are returning to Haiti now, as per latest information from Baptist Mid-Missions.

Election:

There will be an election of officers. Each church is asked to send three voting messengers to participate in election.

Lunch:

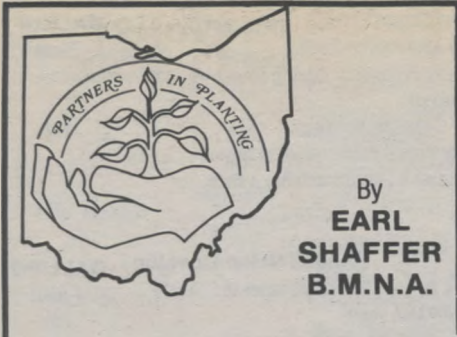
You will be on your own for lunch hour in area restaurants. If you so desire, you may bring a sack lunch. Coffee or cold drink will be provided.

A NOTE FROM YOUR STATE OFFICERS:

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**101 WAYS TO PLANT
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Statistically, every denomination or association in the United States reporting a gain in the number of congregations, reported an increase in members. And likewise, every group reporting growth in membership reported an increase in the number of congregations.

Every denomination, including the GARBC, reporting a decline in membership reported a decrease in churches. In four years the GARBC reported a loss of 10,000 members averaging a net loss of 4 churches per year.

Those denominations which are planting churches are growing. Those that do not are declining.

Church planting is the first step for any association that is considering growth. It is the one component of an overall church growth strategy that we can initiate and control.

In the next two articles, we will explore: How local churches can birth new congregations; how para-church organizations can plant new churches; and how churches are spontaneously started by laymen.

I. LOCAL CHURCHES BIRTHING NEW CONGREGATIONS

Three immediate advantages come to mind: The daughter church nucleus has experienced leadership and above average commitment, as well as a common philosophy of ministry from the mother church.

1. Mother-Daughter Models

a. **Hiving-off** is where a nucleus forms within the mother church to start a daughter. It was found that a building expansion costs \$1800.00 for every new member gained. But planting a daughter church costs only \$60.00 for every new member.

Either permanent or temporary nucleus are given by the mother church. Permanents become members of the new church (Washington Heights, Dayton and Clearcreek, Springboro). A temporary nucleus are given for either a period of time or until the nucleus can train new believers to assume their jobs (Bethesda, Brownsburg and Hamilton Hills, Indianapolis) and then return to the mother church.

b. **Colonization** is where lay-members purposefully change their place of residence to participate in the planting of a new church. Southern Baptists from Tennessee have done this in Illinois.

Eight added advantages can be listed with these two methods: 1) Revival in the mother church. 2) A community image of growth is established. 3) The daughter church is confident of support. 4) The prior relationship between pastor and people inspires trust. 5) It doubles normal growth: two locations. One doctrinal dissertation found people and finances lost to the daughter were replaced within 6 months (ave.). 6) Self-support is gained in 9 months, instead of 5-7 years with a missionary (ave.). 7) Survival: after five years 40% of those churches started by a missionary alone survive, while 90% of the daughter churches do. 8) New churches with cores under 50 are 2 to 3 times more likely to fail than those with larger, or to grow beyond 200.

c. **Adoption, rescues, or redevelopments.** Someone else starts the church and another adopts it. While this is not a direct method of church planting, it can be a means of denominational expansion.

d. **Un-planned parenthood** occurs when a church is ready to birth a daughter but won't. A split results. Edwin Orr, speaking of this favored way of multiplication, said, "Baptists are like alley cats. On a quiet night they fight, they screech, they scratch, they spit until fur flies and the whole town is awakened. The net result is always the same: more alley cats." Usually both churches grow, leading one to think God loves both equally well: split and splittee.

2. Satellite Models

A satellite will always be a part of the mother church even though it may have its own building, pastor, and workers. It is not meant to become an autonomous local church. Decisions made, workers appointed, members, and offerings belong to the mother church.

Satellites are called by many names: cell groups, chapels, classes, extensions, missions, or Sunday Schools. They can provide for effective growth for churches that are plateaued or landlocked. They are

often very stable since they're not self-governing and rely upon outside finances and leadership.

a. **Scattered satellites** are dispersed in different locales. A community may be too small or be too transient to offer the stability to support a church and its pastor. Highland Park (Chattanooga, TN) has over 100 chapel/mission Sunday Schools.

b. **Gathered satellites** are usually different ethnic congregations using the same facilities at different times. Temple (Los Angeles, CA) has Anglo, Hispanic, Korean, three Chinese dialects, Thai, and Vietnamese congregations meeting in one complex. Each group has its own pastor(s), but is part of one church and one board. Once a quarter all eight groups meet together for their "Sounds of Heaven" celebration (Communion service). Testimonies and musical numbers are given in different languages. All congregational hymns are the same tunes simultaneously sung in every language present.

(part 1 of a 2-part series)

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

FAITH, Bolivar, Floyd Stanfill (BMNA). Faith has recently broken three attendance records: 106 at a special service, 62 on a PM, and 74 for AM. Worship attendance has been averaging 60.

FELLOWSHIP, Dublin, Les Newell (BMNA). The church is gathering papers for zoning and building permits, and completing plot and building plans. Many visitors have attended since moving to the bank basement. Pray for Kathy. She was recently hospitalized (heart).

GRACE, Port Clinton, Howard Reed (CBM). Attendance has remained stable. Pray for an increased flow of visitors.

SIDNEY, Earl Shaffer (BMNA). Preparations are being made to locate unchurched residents by a "door-to-door" telephone canvas. Goals include: 1600 unchurched residents on a mailing list and 100 at their first service. Pray for the unresolved housing situation in Sidney.

MARANTHA, Toledo, Pat Ryan (BMNA). A new outreach ministry has begun for new parents. Attendance has remained stable. Pray the lawsuit against the church will be quickly dropped.

BEREAN FAITH, Warrensville Hgts., Tony Coleman. Now 4 months old, attendance has been in the 40's (60% black/40% white). Berean Faith has had visitors every Sunday but one. Pray for the follow-up of new converts and visitors.

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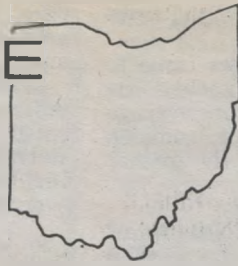
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AKRON

Brown Street **Robert Kuhns, pastor**
Feb. - Sweetheart Dinner/Love For One Another Banquet with Doug Wilson
- Youth Retreat
Mar. - Examination/Ordination Service for Virgil Yehmert
Apr. - Sunrise Service/Breakfast/Cantata
First **Ernest Bloom, pastor**
Mar. - "Silver Belt"
Apr. - "30 Pieces of Silver" special offering

Highview

Feb. - Women's Missionary Fellowship with Louise Henry
- Mid-Winter Youth Basketball Retreat
Mar. - William Russell
- Teens Ice Skating
Apr. - Good Friday Communion Service
- Sunrise Service/Cantata, "Jesus Lives"

AMHERST

Faith **Robert Barrett, pastor**
Feb. - Womens Missionary Union packed boxes for college students and servicemen
- Teen Singpiration
Mar. - Ladies Dinner Out with Linda Chapman
- Camp Patmos Film Strip

ARCANUM

Immanuel **Greg Greve, pastor**
Feb. - Youth Valentine Banquet
- Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers
Mar. - Primary/Jr. Roller Skating outing
- Spence family, missionaries to Spain

ASHLAND

Calvary **Stephen Worth, pastor**
Feb. - Night of Music/Fellowship hour
Mar. - Film Strip of Camp Patmos

BALTIMORE

Walnut Creek **James Evans, pastor**
Mar. - John Thomas
- Teen Party
- Work day at new church
- Opening Day! Moved into new building

BEDFORD

Bible **William Davis, pastor**
Feb. - Skyview Ranch presentation by Bill Roloff
Mar. - New Member Banquet
Apr. - Sunday School Easter program, "Sonrise"

BELLE CENTER

New Richland **Joel Harriman, pastor**
Feb. - Special Nights: Navigator's 2:7/King's Kids/Pastor Harriman and Family/WOL Youth Night
- Friendship Banquet with Dave and Darlene Murdoch
Mar. - Harold Beckley, missionary
Apr. - Spring Missionary Conference

BELLEFONTAINE

Calvary **Barry Grahl, pastor**
Feb. - WOL Birthday Banquet
- Valentine Banquet for Senior Saints and Teenagers
Mar. - Bruce McDonald, missionary
- Youth Film and Pizza Night
Apr. - Youth Spring Banquet
- Easter Concert
- Sacred Concert by Burt Britt

BEREA

Berea **Kenneth Spink, pastor**
Feb. - Dr. Ernest Pickering in Bible Conference with Strongsville/North Royalton/First & Beebetown, Brunswick
- Fred Hussey
Mar. - Ambassadors Progressive Dinner
Apr. - Pastor T. Fred Hussey began ministry as part-time assistant to the pastor in Senior Ministries

BERLIN HEIGHTS

Berlin Heights **Jack McCullough, pastor**
Jan. - Fellowship dinner/early service
Feb. - Youth Group Swim and Pizza Party
- Ladies Supper

BROOK PARK

Mid-Brook **David Knudson, pastor**
Feb. - Adult Valentine Fellowship
- AWANA Grand Prix
Mar. - Washing-painting-walls days
- Peter Ringleberg, missionary
Apr. - Mortgage Burning

BRUNSWICK

First **Tom Chmura, pastor**
Feb. - Joint Bible Conference with Dr. Pickering: Strongsville/North Royalton/Berea/Beebetown
- Welcome Celebration in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Tom Chmura as new pastor
- Missionary Shower for Grace Hendershot

BUCYRUS

Calvary **Howard Jones, pastor**
Feb. - Film: "The Desert Shall Rejoice"
- The Lehmans, missionaries

BYESVILLE

Calvary **Donald Parvin, pastor**
Feb. - Cedarville College Concert Chorale
Apr. - Cedarville College Swordbearers
- Gary Storm, Scioto Hills

CAMBRIDGE

Grace **Fred Barrett, pastor**
Feb. - Fellowship Dinner

CANTON

Grace **Max McCullough, pastor**
Feb. - Valentine Banquet
Mar. - 21st Anniversary Sunday: Master's Touch Quartet/Rev. Gerald Phipps/Fellowship Meal/Ground Breaking
- Ann Den Uyl, missionary
- TNT/BFC Mystery Dinner
- Missionaries: Bill Grubbs/Jim Ruff, Japan

Perry

Earl Shaffer, BMNA **Kenneth Floyd, pastor**
Mar. - Adult Fellowship activity with Grace, Canton
- Kick-off of "Silver Saints" ministry with John Moosey
Apr. - Cantata, "Glorious Morning"
- Mother/Daughter Brunch
- "Adults Night Out"
Whipple Avenue **John Moosey, pastor**
Feb. - Association Day with Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brock/Fellowship Dinner/Early Service
- Adult Progressive Dinner
Mar. - Rev. Bill Carter
- Annual Missionary Conference with Bob Humphreys, Friends of Israel/Ann Den Uyl, Togo/Dr. Harold Garland, president BMNA

CLEVELAND

Cedar Hill **David Moore, pastor**
Jan. - Dr. John Meyer
Feb. - Dr. Milo Thompson, president of BBC
- Adult class potluck
Mar. - BBC Concert Choir

Madison Avenue

James Hunt, pastor
Feb. - Gary and Penny Whipple, missionaries to Peru
Mar. - Missionaries: David & Ann Lind, Brazil/Paul & Glenda Stetson, France/Bob & Aloha Vance, Hawaii
Apr. - Evangelistic meetings with Dr. Fred Brown
- Easter Sunrise Service

COLUMBUS

Clintonville **George Hattenfield, pastor**
Mar. - Ladies Missionary Fellowship with Sharon Hollaway, missionary to New Zealand

Immanuel

William Abernathy, pastor
Feb. - Tom & Karin Benefiel, missionaries to Brazil
- Keen-Agers Valentine Party
- AWANA Grand Prix
- Sonlife: Agape Banquet/Winter Olympics
Mar. - Larry & Marea Smith, missionaries to Jamaica
- Larry Johnson family Concert
Apr. - Cantata, "Mission Accomplished"

Maranatha

Timothy Kenoyer, pastor
Feb. - Sonlife Agape Banquet
- Kingsmen Quartet
- College/Career Snow Retreat in Pennsylvania
Mar. - M.C.S. Joyful Sound Ensemble & Handbells
- Norm Busenitz, Missionary to Germany
- Contata by Adult & Junior Choirs, "Christ is Made Our Sure Foundation"
Apr. - Hosted area churches Sunrise Service

Memorial

Thomas Wright, pastor
Feb. - Memorial Men's Banquet/Film, "Basics of Bass Fishing"
Mar. - Gary & Nancy Storm, Scioto Hills
- Aaron & Annegret Bowes, EBM missionaries to Germany

- Film, "David and Goliath"
- Sunday School Appreciation Sunday
- Ladies Missionary Fellowship "Spring Spruce-Up" pre-Easter Breakfast
Apr. - Cantata, "Then Came the Morning"
- Sam & Ellen Hornbrook, missionaries to Mexico
- Friendship Banquet & Concert with Ray & Barb Williams

COMMERCIAL POINT

Welch Road **Randall Nelson, pastor**
Feb. - Jake Schrader & family, EBM missionaries to S. Africa
Mar. - Service by the AWANA youth
- Maranatha Christian School handbells and Joyful Sound Ensembles/Refreshments
- Missionary project, work day at Scioto Hills Camp

COSHOCTON

Calvary **Robert Riedy, pastor**
Feb. - Cedarville College Swordbearers
- Dan Block, missionary
Mar. - Angie Hunter, missionary appt. GEM
- James Corrent, piano concert
Apr. - Glad Meal

CUYAHOGA FALLS

Graham Road **Larry Engle, pastor**
Feb. - Joel Kettenring, Baptists for Israel
- Aaron & Annegrette Bowes, EBM missionaries
- Stewardship Banquet
- Youth Snow overnighter
- Craig Kordic, missionary to Hong Kong
Mar. - Kirt Wesselink, missionary

DAYTON

Washington Heights **Larry Fetzer, pastor**
Feb. - Sweethearts on the Sea Banquet
- Pastor Fetzer, missionary trip to Italy
- Dave & Barbara Taylor, ABWE missionaries in Brazil
- Dr. Russ Lloyd
Mar. - BBC Concert Choir
Apr. - Men's Retreat at Heuston Woods Lodge with Reese Kaufman

DEFIANCE

Faith **Warren Lewis, pastor**
Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
- Dr. Harry Dilcher
Mar. - Pinckney Pines Retreat with Biblical Psychologist Larry Crabb

DELAWARE

Calvary **David Culver, pastor**
Mar. - Forrest & Nancy Sidle, BMM
- Senior Citizen's Spring Fling
- Men to Scioto Hills for work day
- Olympians/Teens film, "The Pretender"
Apr. - Evangelistic meetings with Jim Cook

DUBLIN

Fellowship **Leslie Newell, pastor**
Feb. - Over-Fifty Outing
Mar. - Mr. Albert Armitage
Apr. - Participated in Easter Sunrise Service with Maranatha, Memorial, Immanuel of Columbus

DUNDEE

Lakeview **Robert Veenhuis, pastor**
Feb. - Men for Missions Breakfast
- Women's Missionary Fellowship packed cookies for college students and military personnel
Mar. - Les & Kathy Newell, BMNA/Covered-dish dinner

ELIDA

Faith **Ronald Urban, pastor**
Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson
Mar. - Special meetings with Jimmy O'Quinn
- Butch Griffiths, Gideon representative
- Steve Thorton, missionary to Argentine

ELYRIA

Abbe Road **James Turner, pastor**
Feb. - Teen College Trip
Mar. - "March to Sunday School" month
- Charles Forrow, Cleveland Hebrew Mission
Apr. - Sunrise Service/Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers/Breakfast/Cantata

First

Bradley Quick, pastor
Mar. - Missionary Conference/Tea Luncheon & Shower/Banquet
Apr. - Easter Cantata
- Grandview Park High School Choir from Des Moines, Iowa
- Father/Son Banquet

FINDLAY

First **Richard Pettitt, pastor**
Mar. - Special meetings with Ron Bishop
Apr. - Good Friday Service
- Film series, "God's Pattern"
- Craig & Darlene Kordic, appointees to Hong Kong

FOSTORIA

Fostoria **David Chapman, pastor**
Mar. - George & Elizabeth Norton, missionaries to Brazil

GALION

First
Jan. - Speakers
- Cedarville
Feb. - Special
- Darold
- Rev. Williams
- Special
- Wilson

GALLIPOLIS

Faith
Feb. - Sweetheart
- Skating
- Olympians
- J.O.Y.

First

Feb. - College
- Gene Stoen
- Phil Smith
Apr. - Evants
- Reds

GALLOWAY

Alton Road
Feb. - Began

GRAFTON

Midview
Feb. - Jr. Astro
- Bob & Carol
Mar. - Kirk & Jo
- Ladies M
- Joint G
Apr. - Special
- Faith W

HOMEWORTH

Mount Pleasant
Feb. - Valentine
- Mr. No
- Mark & B
Apr. - Evangelistic with

JAMESTOWN

Shawnee Hills
Mar. - "No T.Y."
- Family G
- Mike M
- HER T

JOHNSTOWN

Independent
Feb. - Super
Mar. - Kevin G

KENTON

Faith
Mar. - Spring
- Men's B
- Olympians
Apr. - Easter

KIRTLAND

Bible
Feb. - Ladies M

LAGRANGE

First
Feb. - Gary A
Mar. - Cedarville
- Associa
- Mother
- AWANA

LAKEVIEW

Faith
Feb. - Cedarville
- Harold
- Grace B
- ABWE
Mar. - Church
Apr. - Rev. G
- Dr. Jam
- Rev. Allan
- Easter
- Children

LEMOYNE

Lemoyme
Feb. - Don Alex
- Pastor and
- Fun and
- Mike & D
Mar. - Pastor Ven
Apr. - Secret
- Pastor Sh

LIMA

Meadowbrook
Feb. - Dr. Allen
Mar. - Presen
- Adult Gam
Apr. - Sunrise

LONDON

Grace

- Jan. - Adult Sunday School and Teachers Fellowship
- Fellowship Dinner/Early Service
- Feb. - Valentine Party
- Mar. - Evangelism Sunday

LORAIN

Fellowship

Frank Chittock, pastor

- Feb. - Valentine Banquet
- Dedication of church officers
- P.A.S.T. Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner
- Youth Film, "Image of the Beast"
- Mar. - Sunday School Easter Program

LOUISVILLE

First

Kenneth Pugh, pastor

- Mar. - "Pink Piggy Party" for Joan Gardner, missionary
- Bill Roloff, Skyview Ranch

MARION

Oak Knoll

Clyde Albertson, pastor

- Mar. - Lyle Anderson family in concert

MASSILLON

Calvary

Charles Johnson, pastor

- Feb. - Craig & Darlene Kordic. ABWE appointees to Hong Kong
- Adult Valentine Dinner
- Apr. - Sunrise Service/Breakfast

MEDINA

First

John Claggett, pastor

- Mar. - Missionary cupboard shower
- Temple Workers packed care packages for college students
- BBC Concert Choir
- Mark Hallam. BMM missionary to Mexico

MILLERSBURG

Millersburg

James Hayes, pastor

- Feb. - AWANA and Church Skate
- Harold Patterson. Gideon representative

MINFORD

Grace

James Brown, pastor

- Jan. - Honored choir with special fellowship time
- Hosted local Fundamental Pastors' Prayer Meeting
- Feb. - Film, "Naaman the Leper"
- Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers
- Mr. Nate Wood

MOGADORE

Mogadore

Robert Seymour, pastor

- Feb. - Family Skate Night
- Mar. - Missionary Conference
- Apr. - Family Enrichment Conference with Walter Fremont

MOUNT VERNON

Faith

Merlyn Jones, pastor

- Feb. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- Mar. - Began Sunday School contest. "Sow and Grow"
- Evangelistic meetings with Peter Accardi
- Apr. - Pastor Jones & family - Easter concert

NEW METAMORAS

Harmony Hill

Drew Walther, pastor

- Feb. - Teen Lock-In/Film, "Love Note"
- Mar. - Missions Conference with Bob Humphreys. Jewish missions and Jake Schrader. S. Africa/Carry-in dinner
- Apr. - Cantata

NEW MILFORD

New Milford

Jack McCurry, pastor

- Feb. - AWANA Grand Prix
- "Pre-School Mothers" Fellowship
- Craig & Darlene Kordic. appointees to Hong Kong
- Varsity & Young Singles Ski Trip to N.Y.
- "Suddenly Single" pot-luck
- Mar. - Seminar for Women with Naomi Cole
- Good Friday Service
- Rev. Gary & Barb Forney. CMCH
- Apr. - AWANA Banquet

NEWARK

Bible

Karl Stelzer

- Feb. - Annual Missionary Conference with Sam & Ellen Hornbrook and Vic & Cyndi Millard. Haiti
- Mar. - Ladies "Spring For Lunch"
- Apr. - Evangelistic meetings with Rev. Joe Day

NILES

First

G. Ben Reed, pastor

- Feb. - Missionary Conference with Mark & Jenny Wyman. Floyd & Laurell Wooden. Gary Spence
- Bill Roloff. Skyview Ranch
- Mar. - Wally Lawrence. BMNA
- Baby shower for Baptists for Life Crisis Center

NORTH JACKSON

Bailey Road

Les Webster, pastor

- Mar. - Hosted Bethany Women's Fellowship Pastors' Wives/Officers/Interested Ladies Luncheon
- Adult Bowling Fellowship
- Buckeye to Flower Show in Pittsburgh
- Apr. - Wedding of Jennifer Webster. pastor's daughter
- Scott Stevens. missionary to Haiti
- Annual Missions Conference

NORTH ROYALTON

North Royalton

Mark Cowell, pastor

- Feb. - Valentine Sweetheart Dinner
- Joint Bible Conference with Dr. and Mrs. Pickering
- Strongsville/Berea/First & Beebetown. Brunswick
- Mar. - "Growing for Christ" all-church Banquet
- Apr. - Cantata, "Behold the Lamb"/Combined Service/Dobson film, "A Winnable War"

NORTHFIELD

Northfield

Lynn Rogers, pastor

- Feb. - All-church Valentine Banquet
- Primary Social
- Mar. - Faith Baptist Bible College Chorale
- Couples-Get-Away

NORTON

Norton

David Elmore, pastor

- Feb. - Pastor and Marcia ministered in Jamaica
- Birthday Fellowship
- Apr. - Special meetings with Ken Lynch

NORWALK

Calvary

James McClain, pastor

- Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet/Film, "Strike the Original Match"
- Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- Church Swim
- Deacons and families dinner at pastor's
- Mar. - College Day with BBC Chamber Singers and Dr. Charles Wagner, president GBBC
- Social for youth and parents

NORWOOD

Norwood

Lee Fullmer, pastor

- Feb. - Film, "Winnable War"/All-Church Valentine Social

OBERVIN

Camden

Calvin Searles, pastor

- Mar. - Rollerskating with Faith. Amherst
- Scott & Lisa Carter. represented International Representation for Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches of Soviet Union
- Ladies' Spring Brunch with Marcia Elmore
- Apr. - Good Friday Singspiration
- Father/Son Banquet with Larry Whitehead
- Larry Whitehead in concert
- Mother/Daughter Banquet with Louise Green

ORANGE VILLAGE

Bethlehem

John Fleck, pastor

- Feb. - Friendship Banquet
- Apr. - Missionary Conference

PAULDING

Emmanuel

William Baker, pastor

- Jan. - Fellowship Dinner/Afternoon Service
- Youth trip to Toledo
- Family Fun Night
- Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
- Mar. - Gary Fourney, missionary

PERRYSVILLE

Vermillion

David Conrad, pastor

- Feb. - Evangelistic Crusade with Dr. and Mrs. Eldon Stevens and family
- Pot-luck dinner
- John Thomas. evangelist/soloist
- Mar. - "Sound of Praise" mixed quartet

PICKERINGTON

Berean

George Keith, pastor

- Feb. - Dr. and Mrs. William Brock
- Church Fellowship time
- Mar. - Adult Fellowship Night

PORTSMOUTH

First Missionary

David Gose, pastor

- Mar. - Video, "Gods of the New Age"
- Apr. - Participated in Sunrise Service with Twin Valley Baptist
- Ladies Fellowship
- Gideons Sunday

Temple

John Gowdy, pastor

- Feb. - Association Day with Dr. and Mrs. William Brock/Reception
- Mar. - Portsmouth Male Chorus in Concert
- Apr. - "Spring Missionary Banquet"

RAVENNA

Baptist Bible

Michael McLaughlin, pastor

- Feb. - Ladies Missionary Fellowship with Becki Lounsbrough
- King's Kids Valentine Party
- Dave Ferguson. C.B.F.
- Mar. - Wild Wild West Sunday School month

REYNOLDSBURG

Eastbrook

Walter Lucas, pastor

- Feb. - Lyle Anderson Family in concert
- Daughter, Johanna Christine, born to Pastor and Mrs. Lucas on 24th
- Joyful Sound Ensemble. Maranatha Christian School

SALEM

Calvary

Fred Robb, pastor

- Mar. - Missionary Conference with Dr. Mundy/Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Jacob/Ken Beckley

SANDUSKY

Calvary

Thomas Townsend, pastor

- Feb. - "Love Was When" Banquet
- Aaron & Annegret Bowes. missionaries

- Farewell service and reception for Pete & Cindi Dodd, assistant in youth & music
- Missionary Khoury, appointee to Arabs
- Rev. James Jeffery
- Mar. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets/Kirk Wesselink, church planting
- Apr. - Easter Sunrise Service/Moody Concert Band
- Family Life Conference with Don Worch, Baptist Children's Home
- Began film series, "Turn Your Heart Toward Home"

SMITHVILLE

Pleasant Hill

Stephen Olsen, pastor

- Mar. - Lay Missions Seminar
- Sunday School Workshop
- Rev. Don Matheny
- Larry Shells/Singspiration

SPRINGFIELD

Southgate

John Greening, pastor

- Feb. - Sip n' Sandwich/Carry-in Dinner/Men's Breakfast
- Senior Citizen's Outing
- "The Great Escape" for Ladies
- Youth Night
- Mar. - All-church skate
- Apr. - Easter Cantata
- Spring Bible Conference with Dr. Paul VanGorder

Blessed Hope

C. Richard Phelps, pastor

- Mar. - George Norton, missionary to Brazil
- "After Glow"/Refreshments/Pictures of Bible Lands
- Apr. - Sunrise Service

STREETSBORO

Faith

J. Tony Beckett, pastor

- Jan. - Youth Retreat at Atwood Resort
- Feb. - Full Heart for Christ Sunday
- Women's Outreach meeting with Kathy Webber, BMM
- Mar. - Association Day with Dr. and Mrs. William Brock

STRONGSVILLE

First

Wilbur Parrish, pastor

- Feb. - Joint Bible Conference with Dr. and Mrs. Pickering-Berea/1st & Beebetown, Brunswick/North Royalton
- Sweetheart Banquet/Chums and Guards Valentine Party
- Snow Spectacular
- Mar. - AWANA Grand Prix
- Music Night
- Gym Night

STRUTHERS

Struthers Tabernacle

Jerry Bell, pastor

- Apr. - Faith Williams and Suzanne Paulding, ABWE missionaries to Brazil

STRYKER

First

Dan Douglass, pastor

- Feb. - Pastor Warren Lewis in Revival Services
- Youth Night
- Mar. - Bill Roloff, Skyview Ranch

SUNBURY

Grace

Dalvin Cramer, pastor

- Feb. - Men's Prayer Fellowship
- Special love offering for the Aleshires

TALLMADGE

First

David Henry, pastor

- Mar. - AWANA National Uniform Week Parents Night with Ken Starett
- D. Taylor, missionary
- Italian Dinner
- Apr. - 50th Anniversary celebration weekend with Dr. William Brock, Rev. B.F. Cate, and Rev. A.E. Johnson

TOLEDO

Bethel

Rod Niner, pastor

- Feb. - Christian Women's Fellowship Salad Bar and Craft
- Aaron & Anne Bowes, EMB missionaries to Germany
- Mar. - Building Dedication Weekend/Banquet/Dr. William Brock

Toledo

Edward Fuller, pastor

- Mar. - Builders Banquet/Friendship Breakfast with Francoise Rich
- Missions Conference, "Reaching" with Tom & Karin Benefiel, Brazil/Mark Lounsbrough/Ron & Chris Self, Argentina/Carson Fremont/Craig & Darlene Kordic, appointees to Hong Kong/Mary Lou Brownell/ABWE/Banquet
- Dr. Alexander deChalondeau, France
- Dan Friesner began ministry as assistant as Ministries Coordinator/Reception

Grace

Robert Perry, pastor

- Jan. - Young adult Sunday School class progressive dinner
- Commissioning Service for Mike & Dianne Magnuson, AWANA missionaries/Speakers: Ken Starett, AWANA missionary/Daniel Douglass/Everett Hawbaker, AWANA Clubs International
- Feb. - AWANA Grand Prix/Sparks Match Box Derby

TROY

Grace Charles J. Pausley, pastor
 Feb. - Teen Cornerstone with Loren Johnson, member of Swordbearers Team of Cedarville College
 Mar. - "Call Unto Me" Prayer Conference with Dr. Bill Brock
 - Hosted South Bethel meeting
 - Ron Self, missionary, and two Argentine believers

VALLEY CITY

First Jack Wiltheiss, pastor
 Feb. - Dr. Curtis Hutson, editor of Sword of the Lord
 - Teens "HOOP-LA-THIG-A-MA-JIG-DOO-DAD"
 - Couples Night Out, "Galavant thru the Galaria"
 - Cedarville College Master's Puppets

VAN WERT

Faith Fred Jensen, pastor
 Feb. - Adults and Teens Progressive Supper/Food & film for children, "Rescue"
 - Have A Heart Sunday
 Mar. - Gideon representative, Paul Weimer
 - Good Friday Eve Service
 Apr. - Sunrise Service/Family Breakfast

WARREN

Bethel William Plough, pastor
 Mar. - Adult Fellowship
 - Ladies Missionary Fellowship with Ann Den Uyl

Leavittsburg

Virgil Wolford, pastor
 Mar. - Sunday School Pizza Party
 Apr. - Sunday School Easter Program
 - Revival Services with Rev. Carl Johnson
 - 20th Anniversary Service
 - Young Adult Retreat

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Nottingham Donald McClintick, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
 - Rev. and Mrs. Leon Small, ABWE to Brazil
 Mar. - Missionary Conference/Banquet

WILLOWICK

First Donald Leitch, pastor
 Mar. - AWANA Parents Night
 - Activities: Jr.-Sr. Hi Volleyball-Basketball competition/College-Career Mystery/Young Married social/Roller Skate
 - Combined choirs sang at some Malls

WILMINGTON

Faith William Moser, pastor
 Feb. - Charter Membership Roll at 23
 Mar. - Dave Taylor, ABWE Missionary to Brazil
 Apr. - Mini-Cantata

XENIA

Calvary Wayne Hart, pastor
 Feb. - Missions Conference with Mark & Becki Lounsbrough, BMM missionaries to Brazil/"Taste the World Night" Banquet

YOUNGSTOWN

Boardman Frank Reynolds, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet

CAMPUS COLLEGE NEWS COMPASS

Faith Baptist Bible College

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Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania

538 Venard Rd., Clarks Summit, PA 18411

SPECIAL PRESENTATION MADE IN MEMORY OF DR. GORDON L. SHIPP

During the Friday morning session at the FBBC&S Annual Bible Conference, a special presentation was made by the 1987 Senior Class in memory of their late president, Dr. Gordon L. Shipp. Dr. Shipp went home to be with the Lord in March of 1987. Mr. Chris Braniger, 1987 Senior Class president, made the presentation with the following statement:

"Dr. Gordon L. Shipp still remains in our minds as someone we miss and long to be with. He served our College with perseverance and faithfulness for eight years of his life. He relied upon the Lord to train men and women for Christian service.

"After Dr. Shipp went home to be with the Lord, the Senior Class of 1987 thought it would be appropriate to remember him in a special way. Therefore, a portrait has been painted by Dr. Michael Doonan, Chairman of Faith's Music Department, to capture the warmth and friendliness that so characterized the life of Dr. Shipp.

"So with love and respect for his life and ministry, we the Senior Class of 1987 present this portrait of Dr. Gordon L. Shipp to Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary."

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FBBC's Annual High School Music Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, April 22 & 23. This Festival provides an opportunity for teens to compete and perform before judges and audiences. Five Christian high schools from Iowa and surrounding states will be represented. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Approximately 175 musicians will be involved in the Friday evening concert at 8:00, including the mass band and choir, and the string orchestra from Emmanuel Baptist High School of Toledo, Ohio.

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT AND COMMENCEMENT

Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa, will hold its Commencement Concert on May 12, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. in the Convocation Building. The College's musical groups will present the concert.

Commencement will be May 13, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. in the Convocation Building. Rev. James H. Misirian II, president of Shepherds, Inc., Union Grove, Wisconsin, will bring the Commencement Address. Sixty-seven graduates will receive their degrees during the Commencement service.

JOINS ADJUNCT FACULTY



Rev. Jack Jacobs

One of the unique features of the rapidly growing seminary program at Baptist Bible Seminary of Pennsylvania is the opportunity to study under men of deep experience, in short-term modules. Dr. Jacobs is the senior pastor of the Westlake Baptist Church of Westlake, Ohio, and comes to the adjunct faculty of BBS with over 15 years of pastoral experience and over eight years of a previous full-time teaching ministry at Baptist Bible College. Dr. Jacobs has also taught module courses at North West Baptist Seminary as an adjunct faculty member. His degrees include a B.A. from Calvary Bible College, Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, and Th.D. from Grace Theological Seminary.

Dr. Jacobs will be joining a BBS faculty consisting of Dr. William Park (High Point Baptist Church), Rev. Bill Commons (ABWE), Rev. Dann Austin (Calvary Baptist Church), and Rev. Bob Dyer (Shawnee Baptist Church). All of these men are well known for excelling in their field of ministry, and bring a depth of practical experience to the classroom.

Dr. Jacobs' module course at BBS each year will be during the first three weeks of March. This year he will be teaching "The Exposition of the Epistles of Peter and John" (March 1-18, 1988). Pastors and others interested in taking this three-week module, may simply contact the Director of Admissions, Baptist Bible Seminary, 538 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 or call, 1-800-451-7664 for more information.

MODULES MAKE BBS MORE ACCESSIBLE

The new module system at Baptist Bible Seminary is providing an opportunity for pastors and missionaries everywhere to brush up with graduate level coursework.

The program divides each semester at BBS into two five-week periods, a three-week period and a two-week period. This allows a student to complete a course in as little as two weeks time.

This is done without jeopardizing the academic credibility of the institution. The courses progress under concentrated class conditions. The modules are demanding, but the course material is structured to be of maximum benefit to the student in his ministry.

Dr. Howard Bixby, seminary directory, says the idea behind the program is three-fold.

"This allows the individual to concentrate on one subject at one time," he said. "Educational research shows when a student takes five courses, they strive to do well in two of them, they get by on two others and they totally neglect the last. With the modules, each class can be a number one priority."

The second reason Dr. Bixby identified for the program was that it enables busy pastors to return to school when they couldn't otherwise. "They're not able to come for 15 weeks," he said. "Now, if they need a break, they can take a refresher course and return to their churches with some additional tools for ministering."

Thirdly, it allows for adjunct professors who are specialists in their fields to teach some classes. Most of these men are already full-time pastors or missions administrators, but they can come in for a two- or three-week session. Some adjunct faculty already employed include Dann Austin, Christian Education Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, MI; William Park, Pastor of High Point Baptist Church in Geigertown, PA; William Commons, Director of Missionary Enlistment for ABWE; Robert Dyer, Pastor of Shawnee Baptist Church in Indian Mills, NJ; and Dr. Jack Jacobs, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, OH.

Another important element of the program is summer school, which offers two additional two-week programs.

The modified module system, another example of how BBS is striving to cater to minister's needs, so they can better minister.

Cedarville College

Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio 45314

TEAMS MINISTER DURING SPRING BREAK

Over 70 Cedarville College students took part in special ministries during the spring break March 12-20.

- The Swordbearers, 12 members - concerts in 10 churches and schools in Florida.
- The Kingsmen Quartet, six members - 15 concerts in churches and schools in Georgia.

- Puppet Team No. 1, five members - 13 programs in churches and schools in the Quad City area of Illinois and Iowa.

- Puppet Team No. 2, five members - 13 concerts in churches and schools in Pennsylvania.

- The Beach Evangelism Team,, 27 members - evangelism ministry on the Fort Lauderdale beaches as well as assisting with youth programs and the weekly services of Westgate Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

- The Utah Team, six members - Day Camp and canvassing ministries with Pastor and Mrs. Wesley Clem of Berean Baptist Church, Sandy, Utah.

- A group of 11 students helped Camp Director Paul Teasdale with clearing land and construction at Master's Mission, a new Independent Baptist camp near Robbinsville, North Carolina.

PROFESSOR BAUER RECEIVES PH.D.



Dr. Janet Bauer

Janet A. Bauer, Assistant Professor of Nursing, recently completed studies for the Ph. D. degree in Nursing at the University of Texas. Her dissertation was entitled, "Caring, Content, and Experiences as Components of Baccalaureate Nursing Curricula: A Phenomenological Study."

Dr. Bauer received her nursing diploma from Hackley Hospital School of Nursing in Muskegon, Michigan, the B.S.N. from Coe College, the M.S. from the University of Arizona, and the Specialist in Clinical Nursing Diploma from Indiana University.

LITTLE SIBS WEEKEND

Students treated over 250 of their younger brothers and sisters to a weekend of activities on the campus February 19-21. Events included skating and bowling parties, a baseball card show, the varsity basketball game, the winter drama production, the Alpha Chi Talent Show, a game night, and attending area churches on Sunday.

MUSIC SHOWCASE

One hundred forty high school musicians participated in the annual Music Showcase February 26-27. They were involved in a 70-member Honors Choir and a 70-member Honors Band which performed in a Saturday afternoon concert. The young people represented 40 Christian high schools in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Professors Michael DiCuirci and Lyle Anderson directed the Honors Band and Honors Choir respectively.

**ST. CLAIR HEADS
NEW INSTITUTE**

Kenneth H. St. Clair

Dr. Paul Dixon, president of Cedarville College has announced the appointment of Vice President for Business, Kenneth H. St. Clair, as director of a new institute at the college. The Institute, which will operate under the auspices of the Department of Business Administration, will offer instructional programs, conduct research projects, and provide consulting services in church administration, church financing, and personal financial management. St. Clair will assume his new duties as director in the fall of 1988 with the rank of associate professor of business.

The Institute will begin immediately to send consultants on church management topics to churches. St. Clair and others will counsel individuals, hold workshops, and speak to congregations.

Beginning in the summer of 1989, the Institute will provide week-long seminars on the campus for pastors and lay people. The seminars will feature special speakers with expertise in such areas of church management as church accounting, personnel administration, use of computers, church budgets, pastors' compensation, income tax, legal issues, and family financial planning.

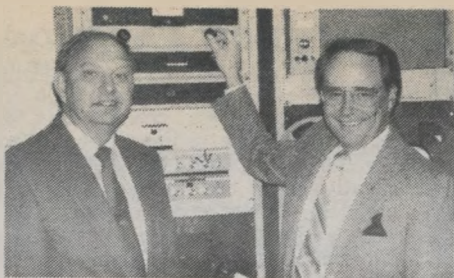
St. Clair has been a consultant on church management and finances for several years. He has served as chief financial officer of the college for 25 years and, before accepting that position, he was chairman of the Department of Business Administration for four years. In addition to his new duties, he will teach the personal finance and church finance courses offered by that department.

St. Clair has had leadership roles in the Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges, the Ohio Association of Colleges and Universities Business Officers, and Christian Ministries Management Association. He also is active in the National Association of Church Business Administrators, and National Association of College and University Business Officers and is currently on the Board of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Holding the B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois, he has additional graduate work in areas of church management at the University of Nebraska and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as well as special courses at Stanford University and Wharton School of Finance. He is a C.P.A., State of Ohio.

His service in the local church has been extensive and he has been a leader in community government and improvement.

St. Clair and Ida, his wife of 40 years, have two children: Linda Nier, a public school teacher, and Jeffrey, food service director at Tennessee Temple University.

**Power Increase for WCOR**

CDR RADIO GENERAL Manager, Paul Gathany (left), and Cedarville College President, Dr. Paul Dixon (right), are pleased to announce a power increase to 30,000 watts for the Christian radio station. Two million potential listeners are now able to receive the broadcasts in southwest Ohio.

**Spurgeon Baptist
Bible College**

4440 Spurgeon Dr. - Mulberry, Fla. 33860

**NEW VICE PRESIDENT
FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Spurgeon Baptist Bible College announces the appointment of Rev. Ralph Weer as its new Vice President for Financial Affairs. Rev. Weer brings to SBBC many years of experience in business, as well as pastoral ministry. He most recently served as the state representative for the Garden State Fellowship of Regular Churches and camp director of New Life Island Camp in New Jersey.

DEBT-FREE CAMPAIGN

The college is also pleased to announce the beginning of a debt retirement campaign. "Debt Free in Three" will be officially launched in September. A goal has been set to completely eliminate the campus debt of \$600,000. Contact Rev. Ralph Weer for more details of this program.

BUILDING RENAMED

At the annual Winter Bible Conference in February, two of the buildings on campus were renamed to honor some very special people in the Spurgeon family. The main administration-chapel building was renamed **Woolsey-Olsen Hall**, in honor of the co-founders of the college, Dr. G. Arthur Woolsey (first president of the college) and Rev. Arnold Olsen (first vice president of the college.) Also renamed was the college library, now call the **Oluf and Lois Jensen Library**. The Jensens have been with the college since the early 1970's. Oluf has served as Greek professor; Lois as a librarian, secretary and printer.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 14, with Dr. Charles Wagner speaking.

**Grand Rapids
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LADIES RETREAT

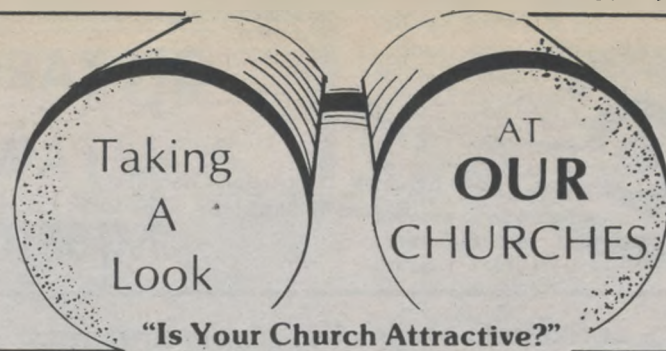
"A Woman Fashioned by God," is the theme for this year's Grand Rapids Baptist College Ladies Retreat. Scheduled for June 6-8, 1988, retreat favorites, Jennie Dimkoff and Ruth Wagner, will be joined by newcomer, Mary Glynn Peoples of Atlanta, Georgia. Added to the main seminars are twenty workshops focusing on timely topics.

For more information, write for a brochure to LADIES RETREAT, c/o the College, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

COMMENCEMENT SET

Grand Rapids Baptist College will hold its annual commencement exercises Friday, May 6, 1988, 7:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held at Calvary Undenominational Church, Grand Rapids, with College president, Dr. Charles Wagner, speaking.

Seminary commencement exercises will be held Saturday, May 7, 1988, 10:30 a.m., in the Seminary Auditorium. Chairman of



In this issue of the O.I.B. we have reprinted an article by Dr. John Balyo from 1956. I believe it has food for thought today, 32 years later.

Dr. Balyo comments on a number of areas of church etiquette. One phrase he uses is "Sunday clothes." In fact, I still have "Sunday clothes."

Over the past year, I have received letters suggesting I write about certain areas. A number of these have urged that I write on dress and church (usually wanting me to zero in on ladies' attire). I have steered away from this subject for fear of being called "square," "biased," and "old fashioned." But I would make some observations and even then I may get my "foot in my mouth."

Previously when we talked about clothing, the emphasis was toward ladies because of Paul's admonition to ladies in I Timothy, chapter 2 where he speaks of a biblically dressed woman. But today we would have to also take a look at men and their appearance.

I must admit I am a bit biased when it comes to ladies dress because of my years in the ladies fashion business. I like to see ladies well dressed. I do not believe that anything speaks of a Godly woman better than the way she appears in her clothing. I am not speaking of expensive. I am talking about biblical attractiveness.

This is the day of unisex. I do not believe you will find references to unisex in the Bible. Unisex advocates have only one purpose in dress and that is to be sure there is no sex distinction between men and women.

When discussing outward appearance, we do well to be careful that we do not equate being a Christian with dressing in a certain manner. (If this were true, our Amish and Mennonite friends would be the best proof.) But there are some present day changes and problems regarding this.

A question can and should be asked regarding what we wear to church. It is interesting that there seems to be a distinction between what we wear to church on Sunday morning and what we wear on Sunday evening. Is there a difference in the morning and evening services that dictates or allows different attire? By my observation, the thinking is that Sunday morning is a more formal service so we dress in our "Sunday clothes." The Sunday evening service is informal, so we wear our relaxing clothes to that service. That kind of thinking gives me trouble. And this is more true of men than of women. As I go from church to church, I find that Sunday morning, men are in their suits and ties but Sunday evening, suits and ties disappear. Why? And at times this is true with the ladies. Even more true with boys and girls and young people.

Should we have rules? I don't think so but I believe there needs to be some consideration. True, dress does not make the Christian but Christians cannot dress the total way of the world because the world's philosophy of dress cannot be the pattern for the believer.

We should be comfortable but comfort does not need to be sloppy, sleazy, unkempt, and all that fashion seems to throw our way today.

May I say that I am still not conditioned to ladies not wearing dresses to church and to other services attached to the Lord's work and the Word of God (especially funerals). I know you will argue that ladies' slacks are not men's trousers, etc. but I still have a bit of a problem with this. Here, too, I seldom see ladies wearing slacks to the Sunday morning service but that is not true of Sunday evening and week night services. Here, again, is there a difference in services that dictate attire? There are acceptable places for ladies to wear slacks but there are places, in my thinking, that they are not acceptable. In chatting with ladies, the only statement I hear is "they are so much more comfortable than a dress." And men say the same things about not wearing shirts and ties and suits.

Successful people in business and the world pay attention to their appearance. There is no place for "sloppy" clothing. There are the "odd balls" but in the majority, they speak by what they wear. Successful ladies in the world of business still wear attractive clothing and it does not include slacks.

We cannot compare. I have had pastors say they wish they could have a dress code for men and women in their churches. I regret that a pastor feels he needs to even think of that for I believe the dedicated believer wants to honor God in all areas of his life and that would begin with appearance. That happens on the mission field. When Christ comes into their lives, their attitudes toward cleanliness and clothing changes. Somehow they just seem to know that Christ makes a change in their appearance.

This is a vast, difficult, debatable, personal subject. One that probably never will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. To me, one word must come into our thinking with the subject. That is the word "consistency." You will note I use the words "our thinking." This is the biblical premise for where Paul writes to believing women, he says "think" when you dress, he adds, "dress in manner which becometh women professing godliness." I would add "ditto" to believing men. Dress, men, as a man who is showing forth God. (I Corinthians 11:7 - "The image and glory of God.")

Let's take a look at ourselves. Do we look like Christians? We are "the church."

the Bible Department at Cedarville College, Dr. Robert Gromacki, will be the speaker.

**MAKE MUSIC AT GRAND
RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE**

Vocalists and instrumentalists alike can "Sing Praises" this summer at the fifth annual GRBC music camp June 13-25. Offering a tremendous opportunity to develop musical skills in a Christian atmosphere, music camp is staffed by skilled teachers who are eager to work with campers in private lessons, ensembles, music theory, music history, conducting, computers and music, special concerts, and much, much more.

All music students in grades 9-12 and 1988 high school graduates are invited. Write to Summer Music Camp, Grand Rapids Baptist College, 1001 East Beltline N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505, for more

information.

1988 SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Grand Rapids Baptist College Summer Sports Camps offer many activities, including individual sports instruction, league playing, challenging Bible studies, and many other recreational opportunities.

Dates are listed below:

6 yrs. - 14 yrs. Soccer Camp,

June 27-July 1

High School Boys

Basketball, July 3-8

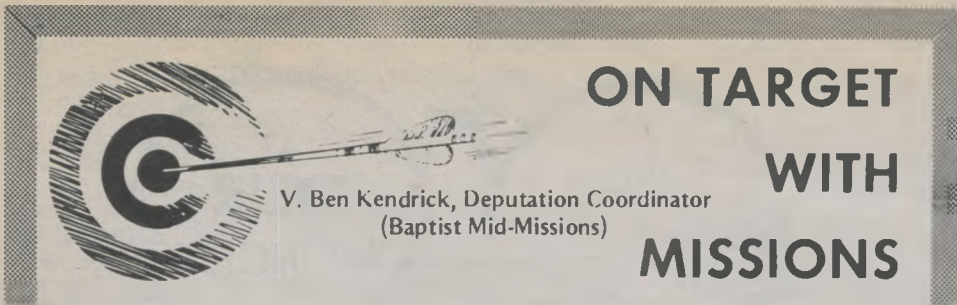
3rd - 7th Grade Boys

Basketball, July 10-15

3rd - 7th Grade Boys

Basketball, July 17-22

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.



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

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

RETIREMENT OPENS A DOOR OF OPPORTUNITIES

One of the bright spots in missions today is the active participations of many retired people. The timing of the influx of this particular age group into missions could not be any more perfect in order to fill the gaps in the depleting ranks of career missionaries throughout the world.

Retirees have definitely benefitted from some of the age-policy changes of mission agencies. There was a time when anyone approaching 40 years old who had indicated they were interested in becoming a missionary, caused eyebrows to be raised. It seemed that the half century mark was the barrier that would determine whether a person was eligible for active missionary service.

If one made it under the age barrier, then they could probably continue to serve as a missionary into their 50's or even their 60's. Anyone desiring to start at those golden ages was just too old. There was no place for them in missions.

It is amazing how 15 or 20 years can bring about such a drastic change. Nowadays, there are those mission agencies who not only welcome retired people but they even advertise for them.

Why such a change? Are retirees any more healthy or intelligent than they were 15 years ago? Could it be that they possess more talents nowadays?

The answer is a simple "no" to these questions. The 65 year olds were just as capable 15 years ago to do short-term missionary work as they are now. Why then has there been such a change in consideration of the age policy of mission agencies?

Your writer believes there are probably a number of reasons for the change. I would, however, like to mention what I believe to be two major reasons.

The continual thinning out of career missionary personnel has caused mission agencies to do a number of things. There has been a re-evaluation of indigenous goals and procedures in order to speed the indigenization process. Some ministries on foreign fields such as printing, translation, MK schools, etc., have been reduced or done away with altogether. By regrouping field personnel, lesser important stations have been closed.

There can be no doubt but that the decreasing number of full-time or career missionaries has caused mission agencies to look elsewhere for workers to fill in the gaps. There, right before their eyes, was this great untapped source of potential mission personnel - retired people. Once the tapping started, there was no stopping it - at least for the time being. In your writer's opinion, the shortage of career missionaries has spurred the recruitment of retired people for short-term service.

With the entrance of this great new source of mission personnel, the mission agencies have found out that they have discovered a stable, experienced, quality and capable group of workers who are, for the most part, proven servants through the test runs of life. They usually can be counted upon to do the job right and with as little waste as possible.

It has been said that there is no substitute for experience. I have talked with retired people enough to know that if they can't do the job, they will usually tell you so. They may not stay in the gap as long as career missionaries but as long as they are there, we can pretty well rest assured that they are giving their best.

I, for one, am glad that this new source of missionary personnel has been given the opportunity to have an active role in missions. They represent an enormous potential with their multiple talents. I don't know about you, but I feel pretty secure in knowing that they are plugging the gaps.

EVERY YOUTH GROUP SHOULD SEE IT

The Audio-Visual Department of BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS has announced the release of a new film on the ARRIBA program.

ARRIBA! is the dramatic acronym for Baptist Mid-Missions' and Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary's unique Academic Residency for Research and Internship for Baptists Abroad. It was coined because it derives from a dynamic Spanish word which captures precisely the purpose of a pioneering Peruvian work/study internship which leads "right stuff" college students to new heights of being and doing for God.

The Cuzco/Urubamba area of Peru's starkly beautiful high Andes - Inca Country! - is the setting for ARRIBA's school of practical missionary training and service.

ARRIBA! has become a synonym for high spiritual and academic achievement. Here is what it's all about...

1. Carefully screened undergraduate and graduate students who are independent Baptists study and minister for eleven months under tough field conditions. The program acclimates them to highland culture, teaches them conversational Spanish, and equips them for truly effective missionary service within an academic framework which can earn them up to 30 hours of college credit for less month (Miami-Cuzco and return passages included!) than a year in most North American schools.

2. Students fly to Cuzco in late May for a mountaintop rendezvous with ex-Marine and pioneer missionary Bob Whatley of Baptist Mid-Missions. They begin immediately with intensely concentrated but practical language study (with individual tutors) and orientation in an environment which requires 2 Timothy 2:3,4 discipline. Months are then dedicated to a challenging but balanced blend of academics and missionary work under the guidance of godly professors, missionaries and national pastors.

3. The ARRIBA! ministry includes all aspects of church planting, student evangelism, discipling, literature distribution, and several educational/recreational field trips, including one to fabled Machu Picchu, the hidden city of the Inca.

4. The ARRIBA! curriculum relates to missions, general Christian service, Latin American studies, language and disciplines chosen to meet specific credit requirements.

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- Rubbing shoulders daily with history in the streets and marketplaces of ancient cities and villages..
- Rounding some bend on a rough mountain road and being surrounded by a caravan of haughty llamas and their colorfully dressed Indian drivers on their way to market.
- The first look at Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake whose Island of the Sun is the traditional birthplace of the Inca.
- A sense of awe before the solemn majesty of the towering Andes, the constant backdrop for the ARRIBA! experience.
- A lowland trek to the jungle and white water thrills at the savage edge of Brazil.
- Cultural adaptation, a new language and souls saved and nurtured in that tongue.
- A new vision and burden for God's work on the raw frontiers of missionary endeavor.
- A return to campus to walk taller for the Lord with new maturity, higher purpose and with a memory bank overflowing with the knowledge of significant personal achievement and enriching experiences to influence the course of the rest of one's life.

FROM A MISSIONARY'S PERSPECTIVE

by V. Ben Kendrick

Missionaries are ordinary people who experience happiness, disappointment, frustration, fear, etc. Some live and work completely enveloped by foreign cultures and languages. Others are exposed to danger and even possible bodily harm or death.

for our well-being. Nothing is going to happen to us He doesn't allow to happen. When He is through with us here He will take us on home. (What a blessed hope!) Where or how or when He decides to do this is His business!"

The present turmoil in Haiti has made the front page in newspapers around the globe. Radio and television have kept the American people up to date on the happenings in that tiny poverty-stricken neighboring country in the Caribbean.

There in the midst of it all are missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions. Among them are Keith and Kathy Falde. In a recent newsletter, the Faldes explained how they look at the situation in which they find themselves.

"...but out of them all the Lord delivered..." 2 Timothy 3:11. This term in Haiti has been quite an experience. One has no idea what will happen next! Everyone was enthused about the elections on November 29. That ended before 10 a.m. with a blood bath in the Capital. There was a lot of shooting in our local town. No one was injured as far as I know. There has been sporadic gunfire since that time. Last week the Army started arresting scores of people around our area for various obscure 'crimes.' Most of these have been released at this writing. The new election is to be held January 17. After what happened in November there are many folks who do not plan to vote. All of the leading candidates refused to run this time. Pray much for the political situation here.

"Many well-meaning friends have sent pictures of bloody bodies and various hair-raising newspaper articles about the happenings here. Concern is expressed about our personal safety if we stay on. We appreciate all of your prayers and concern. At the same time, when I receive these items I ask myself how many people were ground to pieces in I-75 last week or died at the hand of some hoodlum in New York or Chicago or Miami? When we know the Lord as our personal Savior and are committed to doing His will, He is responsible

Is it possible to be content in any situation in which God places one? Can a child of God have peace in the face of danger or even death? I am convinced that they can; and in this case, Keith and Kathy Falde are a good example. The call of God upon their lives is the answer, and to them, it is top priority.

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CAMP SIGNALS

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

"Run - Walk - Stand - and - Wait in '88" is this year's theme for summer camp down in the hills. Camp weeks for this summer are:

- June 13-18: Juniors
- June 20-25: Jr. High
- June 27-July 2: Juniors
- July 4-9: Sr. High
- July 11-16: Jr. High
- July 18-23: Junior
- July 25-30: Junior
- Aug. 1-6: Family (Pastor John Greening)

The pre-registration fee, if received by May 1, is \$25.00, and \$30.00 if after that date. A great camping season in anticipated. Lord willing, the new dining hall will be in full operation by then. Progress on the new facility continues with work crews of one to twenty laborers each weekend since December. A new A-frame will also be completed and the old "Chief's Teepee" will be long gone when campers arrive in June. Please pray for the recruitment of boy's and girl's counselors. Five of each are needed.

Two men's retreats are planned with Pastor Paul Jackson of Grace Baptist, Cedarville, speaking at both. They will be held April 29-30 and May 6-7 respectively. The cost is \$20.00 with a pre-registration fee due two weeks prior. Because of the fire last year, the men's retreats were canceled. We are looking forward to a great reunion of men this year. The good food will only be surpassed by the fine fellowship.

A Senior Saints Retreat is also on the agenda for May 12-14. Traditionally, this is one of the most enthusiastic and exciting retreats. Those of you 50 and over will want to "come on down" for a wonderful weekend.

THE SHEPHERD'S VIEW OF PSALM 23

by B.C. Jennings

That beautiful Psalm number
Twenty Three,
Was written by a sheep that I
Had set free.
Now this is what I, the Shepherd
Must say
About that lost sheep I found
That day.

It still wandered away and was
Seldom content,
As into green pastures and by still
Waters we went.
Yet, My plan was to make that
Little sheep whole,
As morning by morning I restored
Its Soul.

From My appointed path it would
Often break,
Yet I brought it back for My
Own name sake.
Into many dark valleys it went
In despair,
Forgetting that I also went
With it there.

My rod and My staff I
Frequently used,
As it's privileges and liberties
It abused,
Until it was finally brought
To see,
How comforting My chastening could
Actually be.

In the presence of its enemies a
Table I spread.
I filled its cup and anointed
Its head.
Then goodness and mercy, it could
Finally say,
Has followed me every step of
My way.

Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

Anyway you look at it, the Skyview Ranch is a good friend of the local church. It is one of the church's richest values. It's there to serve year 'round touching the many aspects of church life — evangelism, Christian education, missionary challenge, leadership training, family life, friendship building and community outreach.

Skyview had excellent retreats this Winter; most recently 110 teens, 108 juniors, and 32 for the singles retreat.

A great favorite is the annual men's retreat. It begins this year, May 5-7, with the supper hour at 6:30. Dr. Raymond Buck, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, is the dynamic speaker. Only \$30 and the registrations are expected to go over the 100 mark according to present indications. Various outdoor activities occupy the men, including: horseshoes, horseback riding, rifle shoot, volleyball, softball, and the golf course. Good fellowship, good food. Register now!

The spring work day precedes the retreat for the men who can come early. Your help is needed to get the Ranch ready for the camping season. Bring the tools of your trade at 9:00 a.m. for repairing, and men and boys can be used in clean-up as well.

Another church has taken on finishing a room in the Ranch House. A man is coming to give some of his time for plumbing, trim and finishing, also. Still another group is taking on a roofing project. Four or five rooms are left for paint and wallpaper and the office area is badly in need of remodeling. Perhaps your group could enjoy doing one of these opportunities. Call the Ranch for project and date.

The Summer staff is beginning to shape up. Applications are still being taken for counselors, a nurse for each week or for the whole season, and kitchen and maintenance help.

Some days are available in the Spring for church outings, Sunday School picnics, fun days, hiking, and horseback riding.

1988 SUMMER SCHEDULE

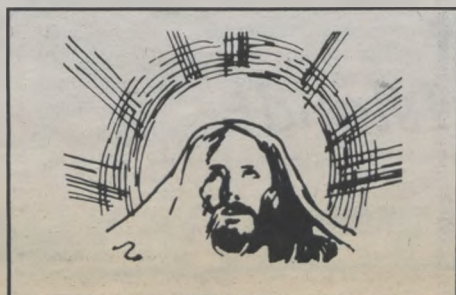
- June 20-25 (Juniors) Ken Floyd
- June 27-July 2 (Junior High) Lloyd Pickering
- July 4-9 (Family Camp) Dr. Robert Hess and the Cornerstone Quartet from BBC
- July 18-23 (Junior) Gary Spence
- July 25-30 (Junior High) Max McCullough
- August 1-6 (Junior) Dan Douglass
- August 8-13 (Family Camp) Dr. Bill Brook

Camp fees: \$85 plus \$80 for each additional camper from the same family. \$35 registration fee with \$50 balance due. Save \$5, register before April for \$30.

Family Camps: \$150 per couple and \$50 for each child. \$30 discount for those in tents and RVs.

For information call Bill Roloff, Executive Director, (216) 674-7511 or 893-2959. Write Skyview Baptist Ranch, 7241 T.R. 319, Rt. 6, Millersburg, OH 44654-9047.

And into the place I have
Gone to prepare,
That sheep shall surely dwell
With Me there.
And nothing from Me My sheep
Can sever.
As it dwells with Me there
Forever and ever.



SURF SPLASHINGS FROM CAMP PATMOS

ANNOUNCES SUMMER DIRECTOR



Bob Barrett, chairman of the board of Camp Patmos, has announced that Mr. Russ Clark will serve as the Camp Director for the 1988 camping season. Mr. Clark, who was director in 1983 and 1984, has over eight years of camping experience at four different camps. He has served as a counselor, music director and activities director at Skyview Ranch and as camp director at Beechwood Lake and Crystal Lake Camps in Indiana.

"My goals are to challenge campers to establish habits of daily Bible reading and prayer, to develop a committed staff and to improve staff and volunteer relations," Clark commented. "I also hope to be able to develop new activities and equipment that will add to Patmos' already unique program."

Russ and his wife, Marlene, presently live in Cedarville, Ohio, where he is on the staff at Cedarville College. They have two children; Jennifer and Keith.

CAMP CABINS FILLING UP FAST

Registrations for the 1988 season are coming in rapidly, reports Jim Howard, camp registrar. All of the cabins for the three family camp weeks are already taken and camper registrations for the youth weeks are coming in earlier than in past years. There is still some room available for RVs and tent campers during the family weeks but you should get your registration in soon. Anyone who would like more information about any of the weeks of camp may contact Pastor Jim Howard, Camp Patmos Registrar, P.O. Box 263, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

NEW CAMPER REBATE

Once again, Camp Patmos is offering "New Camper" rebates. Any young person who recruits a friend that has never attended Camp Patmos will receive a \$5.00 rebate. Even a first-time camper can recruit another first-time camper and receive the rebate! There is no limit to the number of new campers an individual can claim. Recruit two new campers and receive a \$10.00 rebate, three and get \$15.00, the possibilities are endless! Plan now on attending Camp Patmos BB — "A Light to a New Generation."

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FIRST, GALLION CALLS PASTOR



Pastor Douglas Wilson

Douglas Wilson has been called as pastor of First Baptist, Galion. He began his ministry on February 28.

Pastor Wilson is not a stranger to Ohio, having pastored at Calvary Baptist, Byesville and Fairhaven, near Akron, Ohio. Before coming to Ohio, he pastored at LaJunta Baptist Tabernacle, Colorado. But even before that, he was in Ohio, having been ordained at Brookside, Cleveland.

Pastor Wilson is a graduate of Citadel Baptist Theological Seminary in Sacramento, California.

Pastor and Mrs. Wilson (Linda) have two daughters; Holly, age 10, and Stephanie, age 7. He and his wife are avid sportsmen and he has extensive musical ministries in voice and trumpet.

FIRST, BRUNSWICK CALLS PASTOR

First Baptist Church, Brunswick has called Rev. Thomas R. Chmura as pastor. Pastor Chmura is not new to Ohio, having served in Ohio for a number of years. Eleven of the last sixteen years, he has been in Brunswick and Medina County.

Pastor Chmura was saved at First Baptist. He is a graduate of Cedarville College. He returned to Brunswick as assistant and then pastored Grace Baptist, Minford.

CHAMPION, WARREN HOSTS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, Champion Baptist Church of Warren will be hosting a Christian Education Conference, "Pressing Toward the Goal."

The conference will feature Dr. and Mrs. Dan Gelatt or A.B.W.E.; Pastor Mark Schmitz, Youth Director of Faith Baptist, Phoenixville, PA; Mark Steckiel, Assistant Pastor and Minister of Christian Education at Independent Baptist, Towanda, PA; Pastor Dan Morrell, Associate Pastor at Bethel Baptist, Cherry Hill, NJ; and Mrs. Linda Cross, Children's Home ministries with her husband, Duane, looking to return to the mission field under A.B.W.E.

The conference will be on Friday, the 20th at 2:00 p.m. with the total afternoon designated for pastors and wives. The general seminar for all who are interested begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening. Seminar continues through Saturday afternoon.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained by calling or writing:

Champion Baptist Church
556 Center Street West
Warren, Ohio 44481
Phone: (216) 847-7735



Gathering for breakfast



Pastors participating

Pastor John Moosey, Whipple Avenue, Canton writes about the Canton Area MEN FOR MISSIONS: "The format of the breakfast is somewhat loose. The area churches gathered one Saturday a month here at Whipple for breakfast, prayer, discussion of missionary topics and projects, and occasionally a missionary speaker. Our focus this year is more the 'hands-on' kind of projects where the men themselves get involved. Therefore, we have geared our attention to mission projects in our immediate area. We have been able to purchase an industrial power saw for one of the missionary builders, take a group of about 20 men to Calvary Baptist Church in Moffit Heights on Saturday morning to give the church a thorough cleaning, and we are now collecting funds to purchase paint for the exterior of Calvary Baptist in Moffit Heights. And the MEN FOR MISSIONS group will also be painting the church when weather breaks. Other projects that we are considering concern various needs at Skyview Ranch and the mission churches of our fellowship.

"It has just been a joy to see the interest the men have and that they are personally involved in serving the Lord this way. I hope our experience will be an encouragement and challenge to other area fellowships."

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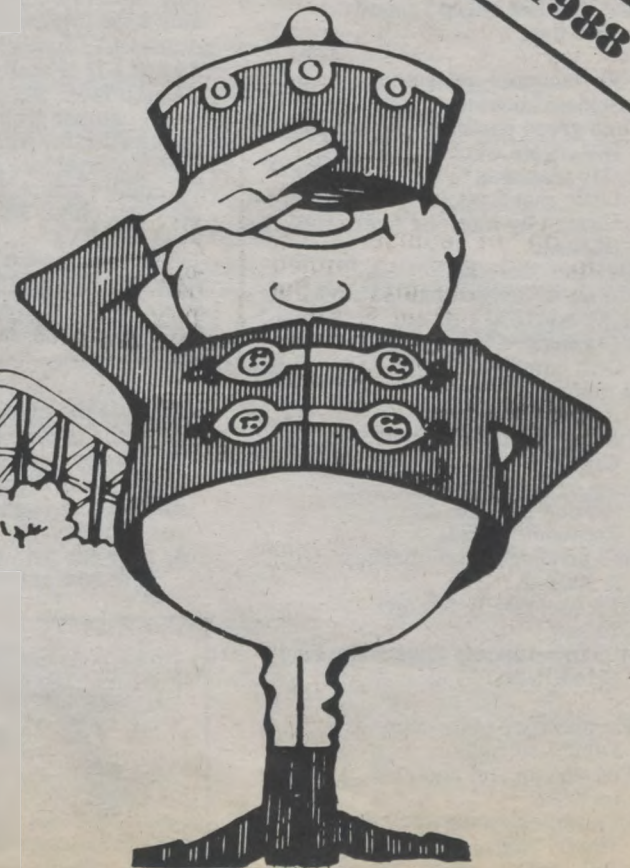
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