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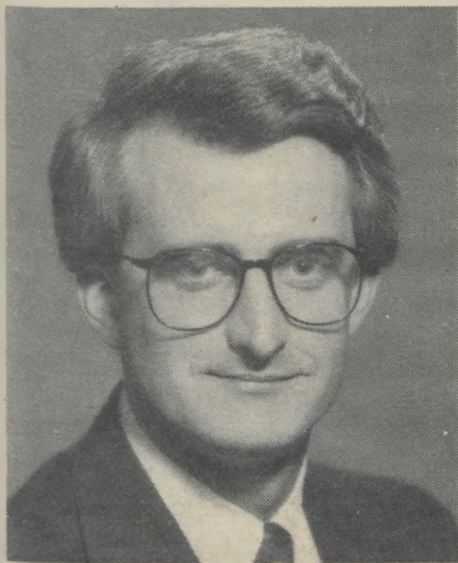
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NEW PASTORS WELCOMED TO SIX O.A.R.B. CHURCHES

Faith, GREENVILLE



Pastor Joseph Godwin, Jr.

Faith Baptist Church, Greenville has called Joseph Godwin, Jr. as their senior pastor. Pastor Godwin is the son of one of Faith's former pastors, Joseph Godwin, Sr. Pastor Godwin is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University and has completed further studies at Guilford College.

Previous to coming to Greenville, Pastor Godwin pastored the Trinity Baptist Church in Rio Grande, Ohio and the Grace Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he also served on the Adjunct Chaplains Staff of the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital.

Pastor Godwin and his wife, Kathy, are expecting their first child in May.

Oak Knoll, MARION



Dr. Marvin Clark

The Oak Knoll Baptist Chapel, Marion has called Dr. Marvin Clark out of retirement to be their pastor. Dr. Clark retired from pastor-

Mid-Brook, BROOK PARK



Pastor Richards and family

January 22 marked the beginning of the ministry of Pastor Albert Richards at Mid-Brook Baptist Church, Brook Park, Ohio. Pastor Richards, his wife, Linda, and their three daughters, Leah, age 6, Rachel, age 4, and Sarah, age 2½, moved into the parsonage next to the church during the week prior to January 22. The people of the church provided the evening meals and some provided babysitting during that first week, making it easier for the Richards to unpack.

The Richards came to Mid-Brook Baptist after 17 years of ministry in Western, Pennsylvania. Pastor Richards served the past 9 years at Fallowfield Township Baptist Church, Monongahela, Pennsylvania. He is a 1972 graduate of Point Park College, Pittsburgh, and attended Bob Jones University for three semesters.

On Sunday, February 5, an installation service was held with Rev. Gary Anderson, Executive Vice-President of Baptist Mid-Missions giving the charge to the pastor and Rev. Fred Hussey giving the charge to the church. A covered dish dinner, with the Richards and their family as special guests, was served prior to the service and a reception was held following the installation. Pastor Richards was given a \$200.00 offering received during the service which was to be used toward his library.

ing in 1985 and has been serving as pulpit supply since that time.

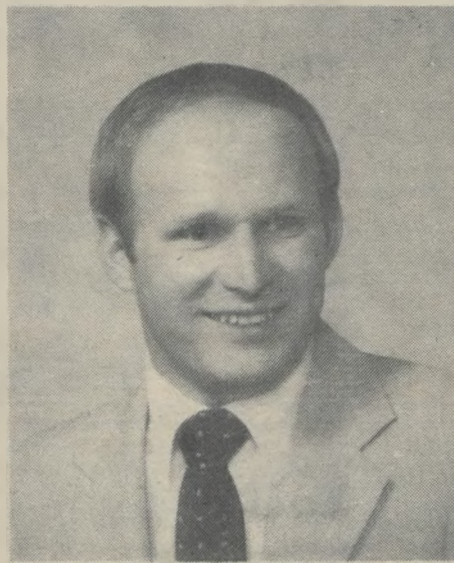
Pastor Clark is not new to the Association, having served churches in Columbus, Bucyrus and, most recently, the Johnstown Independent Baptist Church, Johnstown, where he pastored for ten years prior to retiring.

Dr. Clark studied at Moody Bible Institute and Homestead College of Bible, earning the Th.M. and Th.D. from that school.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark have three married daughters: Marva Lee Roush, Morral; Judy McGreary, Marion; and Sharon Gould, Lima. They also have five grandchildren.

The Oak Knoll "family" is looking forward to God's blessing as they serve together under Pastor Clark's leadership.

Grace, LONDON



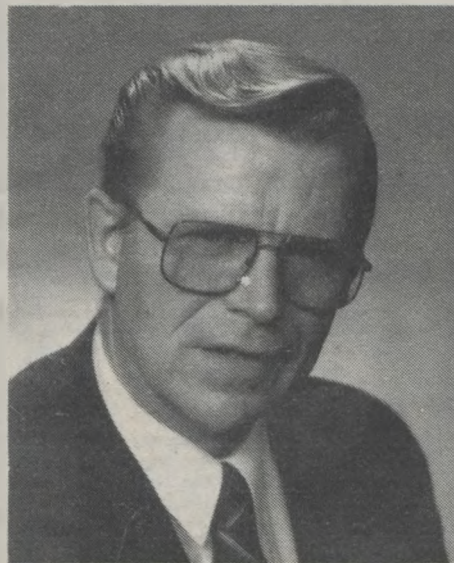
Pastor Dwain Hill

Grace Baptist Church, London has called Rev. Dwain A. Hill as their new pastor. He began his ministry on February 5.

An installation service for Pastor Hill is being planned for the afternoon of April 5 with Pastor Paul Jackson, Grace Baptist, Cedarville as the speaker. A reception will be held at the close of the service as a welcome for the new pastor and his family.

Pastor Hill is a 1979 graduate of Cedarville College and served in churches in Corning, New York and Wilmington, Ohio. He and his wife, Ruth, have three children: Jesse, 8; Mary Beth, 6; and Jonathan, 2½. They plan to move soon to the London area.

Struthers Tabernacle, STRUTHERS



Pastor Ron Sanderson

Pastor Ron Sanderson began his ministry at Struthers Tabernacle in Struthers, Ohio, in November of 1988, arriving on the field just in time to attend the O.A.R.B.C. Annual Conference. He was welcomed by the Council of 12 at the Newcomers Dinner.

Walnut Creek, BALTIMORE



Pastor Herbert and family

Pastor L. Michael Herbert began his ministry at Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Baltimore, on February 12, 1989.

Pastor Herbert, an Ohio boy from Delaware County, and his wife, Jan, from south central Pennsylvania, have three children: Nicki, 15; Nathan, 13; and Nanette, 11. They met and married while attending college at Bob Jones University.

He has a B.S. degree in Christian Education and a masters degree in Pastoral Studies from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. Pastor Herbert has served four pastorates in Ohio and Michigan over the past eighteen years.

The Herberts are enjoying the loving reception by the membership of Walnut Creek, a beautifully redecorated parsonage, the new church building recently built by the people, and the opportunities God is providing.

Pastor Herbert is presently teaching a church membership class of eight adults.

Having been raised in Marion, Pastor Sanderson is an "Ohio boy." He and his wife, Linda, have been married for 30 years and have four children: Terry of Baltimore, Maryland; Randy, who lives in Kingston, Ontario; Timothy, in Wilmington, Ohio; and Tracy Ball, who lives in Spencerville, Ohio. They also have five grandchildren; four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Pastor Sanderson graduated from Moody Bible Institute and received his Bachelor of Ministry degree from International Bible Institute and Seminary of Orlando, Florida. He pastored churches in Spencerville and Urbana in Ohio before coming to Struthers. His home church is Berean Baptist in Marion, Ohio, where he was Music Director under Dr. Charles Reed for four years.

Having sung in professional Gospel quartets, brother Sanderson is a tenor soloist and plays trombone.

He has already been in over half of his congregation's homes as well as having made some new contacts. The folks at Struthers are looking forward to the Lord's blessing as they work together under the leadership of their pastor.

Prior to his pastoral call in 1980, he held managerial positions in General Telephone Company of Ohio and Public Finance Corporation, both in Marion; experience that can be so valuable in shepherding in the Lord's work.

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KEEPING ABREAST



Robert Barrett
Chairman

He is alive! That's what the other disciples say. They say that He arose from the dead a week ago today. They claim they saw Him - that He spoke to them. But Thomas still doubts. (It's too good to be true. It just cannot be.)

Though Thomas was not antagonistic, he sure did have a faith problem. So Christ patiently took the time to help Thomas. Lovingly, He rebuked him, and gave him the opportunity this day to banish his doubts and express his faith. Then Christ added this postscript:

Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed.

Down through the centuries, this beatitude rests upon believer after believer after believer. Today as well, though not having seen the living Christ, we believe in Him and thus are a blest people. To possess so great a salvation - are we not blest? So many remain condemned, but we are blest. Yes, we experience heartache and trial and hurt on this earth. But take heart, we are also greatly blest. May our habit be to count our blessings rather than our trials. For then our praise to God will bring glory to His name.

MEMORIAL OFFERING

Our goal for the William A. Brock Memorial Offering was \$12,500.00. What a joy it has been to see how you have responded! The final amount received was \$12,549.45. Again, on behalf of the Council of Twelve, thank you for your gifts.

G.A.R.B.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The dates are June 26-30, 1989. Since it will be at the Ohio Center in Columbus, Ohio this year, we are expecting a large crowd. It would probably be wise to get your hotel or motel reservations in early. May God bless this meeting for His glory.

NEW STATE REPRESENTATIVE!

As we go to press, we have received word that Pastor Larry Fetzer, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton has accepted the position of State Representative of the O.A.R.B.C. The Lord has answered your prayers and has honored the diligence of the Search Committee.

Details will follow in the next issue.



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FAITH, WILKSHIRE HILLS "PASSED" RECOGNITION COUNCIL



Thirty area pastors and messengers met in council on February 7 at Faith Baptist Church of Wilkshire Hills for the purpose of examining and recognizing the church as an official independent Baptist church.

The church's Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Constitution were carefully examined and unanimously approved. Pastor Floyd Stanfill and the church were commended for their preparation and handling of the recognition council.

Pastor Stanfill was commissioned by Calvary Baptist Church, Delaware, and has served at Faith Baptist for the past two years.

Faith Baptist Church is a joint venture of Lakeview Baptist Church of Dundee and Baptist Mission of North American, Elyria. It was also supported by several Canton Area Regular Baptist Churches. The church is located just off State Route 77 in Bolivar, Ohio.

25TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AT ABBE ROAD

Abbe Road Baptist Church, Elyria, celebrated the church's 25th anniversary on Sunday, February 12, 1989. The day-long observance included "Reminiscing with Past Pastors" and a multi-media presentation of the church's history in the Sunday School Hours; a recognition of Charter Members during the morning service; and an afternoon concert by the Master's Touch from Cedarville College.



Participating in this anniversary time were (left to right): Todd Townsend, Associate Pastor; David Dunkin, Pastor 1971-75 and present Associate Pastor; Ron Reamer, Associate Pastor 1983-86; James Turner, present Senior Pastor; and Don Curtis, founding Pastor. Pastor Turner brought the morning message from Joshua 4 entitled, "Stones That Speak" and Pastor Curtis delivered the afternoon challenge, "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Abbe Road began with 26 members in 1964 as a daughter church of First Baptist Church of Elyria under the supervision of Fellowship of Baptist for Home Missions (presently Baptist Mission of North America). The church has completed four building programs in her 25-year history and presently has 348 active members.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE HONORED



Pastor and Mrs. Abernathy

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace." Romans 10:15. This was the theme of a 20-year celebration for Pastor William and Mrs. Shirley Abernathy for their service at Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus. A potluck dinner and program were held on the anniversary, February 3rd.

The program included special music of pastor's favorites, including a deacons and wives chorus, and reminiscing. All "youngsters" 20 and under also sang.

The Abernathys were presented with a garage door opener, two Precious Moments ceramics, a memory photo album, and a framed cross-stitch art work of the theme verse.

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NEW PASTORS:

Gary Batty - First Baptist, Spencer
Bruce Chouinard - Grace Baptist, Kent
Marvin Clark - Oak Knoll, Marion
Joe Godwin, Jr. - Faith, Greenville
L. Michael Herbert - Walnut Creek Baptist, Baltimore
Dwain Hill - Grace Baptist, London
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DREAM TRIP COME TRUE!



Pastor and Mrs. O'Keefe

In the December/January issue of the O.I.B. was an account of the 35-year celebration of Pastor and Mrs. George O'Keefe's ministry at Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland and that a surprise purse of money was presented to them making the prospect of a trip to England and Ireland probable.

On March 10, they left Cleveland with their daughter and son-in-law, Gerry and Beth Bouw, for their Dream-Come-True trip to their homelands.

They arrived in London, England where they toured the capital and surrounding areas, visiting many cities of importance, including Land's End, Fran O'Keefe's ancestors home. From England they flew to Dublin, Ireland and visited the cities of Dublin, Blarney and Cork, Pastor O'Keefe's ancestral home. They also visited the Jacobs in Galway, missionaries supported by Brookside. Also on their itinerary were Glasgow, Scotland, Loch Lomond and Edinburgh. Returning to England, they drove through the Yorkshires, York, Sherwood Forest, Stratford-on-Avon and Wales. The tour then took them to Amsterdam, Netherlands and a drive to Sliedrecht, Gerry Bouw's hometown.

The four travellers arrived back in Cleveland on March 27 with many wonderful memories and much to share with their people at Brookside, who made this wonderful trip possible.

SPECIAL HONORS AT RILEY CREEK, BLUFFTON

The people of Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton, surprised four of their ladies by honoring them during the morning service on Love Sunday, held on Sunday, February 12.

The ladies honored were Mary Wagner, Vera Kramer, Mary Warren, and Alice Cheney. These ladies serve faithfully on the hospitality committee of the church. Each lady was presented with a corsage and a box of candy in appreciation of their service.

Mary Wagner, who served as chairman for over ten years, was also presented with a plaque.

A Little Push

I was sitting in my car the other day when an old clunker stalled nearby. The driver was unable to start the old car, and traffic quickly started backing up behind him. Horns sounded and angry drivers shouted their unpleasant words at the embarrassed man. After a while, cars began to pull around the old car. Finally, one person drove up behind the stalled vehicle and gave it a push. Soon it began moving under its own power and traffic got underway again.

How lifelike that is! Someone is halted by circumstances. Most people shout their disgust at the unfortunate person and leave him to his fate. All he really needs is a little push to get started again.

Just as in any church, we have a few "stalled vehicles" who need a little push to get on the move again. If you know of someone who is losing interest in the church, or someone who is mired up to his axles in personal problems, offer him a little encouragement.

NEW ASSISTANT AT LEAVITTSBURG, WARREN



Bill and Judy Bianco

Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, has called William Bianco II as an assistant to Pastor Virgil R. Wolford. He began his ministry in January of this year.

Bill is a graduate of Warren Western Reserve High School. He served six years in the U.S. Navy and worked three years at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Perry. He attended Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, and also attended Baptist Bible Institute in Cleveland for more than two years. He graduated from Cedarville College in 1988 with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in Bible comprehensive pastoral emphasis and a minor in Biblical Greek. Bill and his wife, Judy, also spent a month last summer in Brazil in the Missionary Apprentice Program.

Judy Bianco is also a graduate of Cedarville College with a major in English education.

175th CELEBRATION YEAR FOR BIBLE BAPTIST, MADISON

"175 Years Old and Still Faithful to the Word of God"

This is the theme Bible Baptist Church of Madison, Ohio has chosen as they celebrate the church's 175th birthday. It is a year-long theme but actual celebration will take place Thursday, July 6 through Sunday, July 9.

The basics are already in place and an interesting and varied program is being planned. Planned activities scheduled to date are:

- Thursday -Violin concert followed by a message from a former pastor.
- Friday -A special film will be shown.
- Saturday -A Birthday Party, ending with a balloon release.
- Sunday -Homecoming Day which will include a dinner and an afternoon service.

As part of the celebration, the folks at Bible Baptist welcomed home former pastor, Mike Edwards, his wife, Debbie, and their four children. They have recently returned from Papua, New Guinea - Port Moresby area, where they were missionaries for four years. Their youngest child was born on the field and so the church family met the newest member of the family for the first time.

A church supper preceded prayer night and the Edwards were presented with a food shower.

Pastor of Bible Baptist, North Madison is Roland Globig, serving the Lord there since 1956, almost 33 years.

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AWANA TALENT NIGHT - MEMORIAL, COLUMBUS

(Report by Pastor Tom Wright)



A consistent rule of thumb seems to be that when children are performing, parents will come to see them. Schools know this and churches should know this, too. With a desire to share Christ with many of the unsaved parents of our AWANA children, Memorial Baptist Church decided to have an AWANA Talent Night. We sent out letters to the entire mailing list (we do regular mailings to our AWANA clubbers, so this was not an extra effort) and invited their parents to come on AWANA night (Wednesday) for a Talent Program.

Our Directors and leaders worked with the children, monitoring the music and presentations they would make. There were violin solos ("Mary Had a Little Lamb," played by a strapping 12 year old in ball cap and sweats!), clarinets, duets, solos, reciting of verses, poems, readings, piano solos, a skit by clubbers and a leader, etc.

The program lasted a little over an hour with regular applause for the participants. In order to share Christ with the unsaved parents present, Pastor Wright spoke briefly between some of the presentations regarding the ability of the Lord Jesus Christ to transform a life through faith in Him. The Lord gave us a great turn-out of parents who needed to hear of the Lord's desire to save them from sin.

We are making plans to have another Talent Night next February.

Besides reaching some unsaved parents with the Gospel, this night provided a teaching opportunity for some "fringe" kids to know the joy of sharing their abilities in service to Christ. Many of these young people have come to know Christ just recently and so this was a special time of growth for them.

"QUEEN FOR A DAY" AT CALVARY, TIFFIN



Mr. Neisler, Sunday School Superintendent, and Queen, June McCoy

On Sunday, February 12, the Sunday School Department of Calvary Baptist Church, Tiffin, sponsored a Love Sunday in honor of all the widows who were in church that day; eight widows were honored. Seven widows made up the court for June McCoy, who was chosen as the Queen For A Day. Each Sunday School class presented her with a gift. She reigned throughout the day and in the evening service she shared her gifts with other widows and shut-ins within the church.

June is 70 years old and was saved in 1977. She is very active in the church and the Lord has blessed her greatly.

Pastor of Calvary Baptist is "Gus" Guthrie.

NEW CHURCH SIGN



A new 6' x 8' sign with the church logo was erected at Grace Baptist Church, Canton. Mr. Phil Sisler and Mr. Craig Anderson served as the sign committee recommending the Midwest Sign Co., Canton.

Within three weeks after the sign was installed, Midwest said they had three churches inquiring and one who had made a purchase.

As you see on the sign, when you are in Canton, "You are welcome."

Pastor of Grace Baptist is Max McCullough.

LEARNING MISSIONS BY DOING

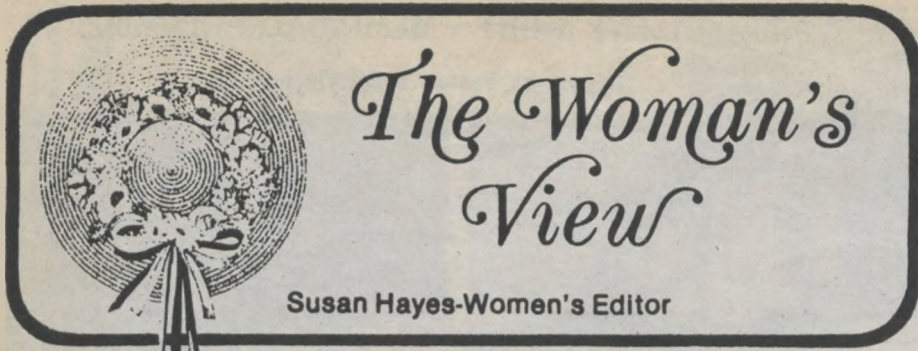
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Susan Hayes-Women's Editor

**"Something Is Missing
In The House!"**

by Marcia Elmore

How long has it been since you turned your house upside down looking for a lost object? I must say that ladies have a keen ability to find things that are lost. Inevitably when you send one of the children to look for a lost shirt, sweater, etc., (even our husbands, sometimes) they return with this bewildered look and reply, "I just can't find it!" Then the lady of the house promptly goes to the closet or drawer, and "Eureka!" There it is! You know what I'm talking about, don't you?

The item missing that I wish to refer to is a "garment of praise." To define it, it is that rejoicing in the LORD that David often mentions in the psalms, and Paul urges in Philippians. The Psalmist states in 33:1, that "praise is comely for the upright." Comely denotes that it is appropriate for us, it is becoming us; it is appropriate dress for the believer. This garment seems to be missing in our personal house, the "temple of the Holy Spirit," in our families; as well as in the House of the Lord where we come together in the Body of Christ.

The following are some clues as to its missing that have been on my mind. You may think of others: 1. The noise that people have to have surrounding them, along with the inability to enjoy the quiet. 2. The lack of power in Christian's lives to have control over the sin nature. 3. The lack of separation from the world. 4. The lack of personal commitment to Christ in serving Him, in attending His House three services a week. 5. The lack of sacrifice in giving of our time, our talent, and our treasure-finances. 6. The lack of contentment. 7. The lack of power in the pulpit, not faulting the pastor as much as the people in the pew. 8. The lack of seeing young people dedicating their lives to Christ in full-time service. 9. The multiplicity of broken-hearted, burdened, and disturbed families in the church. 10. Generally, the lack of major victories in all the above.

You ask, "What is a garment of praise?"

Let me create a picture that may begin to show us. A few weeks ago, I was teaching our Wednesday Evening Children's Hour. We had our lesson, and were getting ready for prayer time. As is our custom, we were preparing ourselves with a song. We finished singing and I said to the children, "We're going to begin our prayer time this evening by telling God how wonderful He is! We're not going to ask God for anything during this time. Let me read to you from God's Word and we'll get some ideas of what to say to Him." We read the description of the Promised Savior in Isaiah 9:6; We talked of His wonderful works from Psalm 40:5, letting them give account from stories they had heard from the Bible; We talked of God as the Creator in Psalm 19; From Isaiah 43:10-11, we concluded that there was no other God, never has been, nor ever will be. There is no Savior, but Him. Then I asked them to really think about what we had been discussing. I said, "Remember, we're not going to ask for anything, we're going to give our minds, our bodies, that means closing our eyes, and keeping our hands and feet to ourselves." We began, and one by one these children responded. "Dear Lord, You're our Counsellor and Guide." "You are the Almighty God!" There were more, but for those few moments God's special presence was dwelling with us. I'm not exaggerating when I say it was more like a covering, a garment. I would have given anything to have transported the adults who were upstairs to the children's class just to listen. Their hearts responded with all their attention to what they knew about God in His Word. They were adoring God. They were totally wrapped up in the Lord for that time. To me, that's the garment of praise, and that's what is missing.

An unknown poet penned these words:

*'Tis what I know of Thee,
My Lord, my God,
That fills my heart with praise,
My life with song!*

Would you be willing to take up the challenge with me of turning our hearts, families, and houses of worship upside down seeking it, I should say HIM! It will take sacrifice on our part. The sacrifice for sin is complete in Jesus Christ, but the time of sacrifice for offering ourselves has not ended. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." I Peter 2:5. We need to go into the "Holy of Holies" daily to offer the "sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Heb. 13:15. The results of knowing Him and praising Him will be verse 16. "But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." We will be willing to share what we have with others.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mrs. Ruth Wagner

Ruth will be the Keynote Speaker on the subject, "Going Back to Bethel." She is the wife of Dr. Charles Wagner, president of Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary. She is a Mother, Grandmother, Pastor's Wife of 30 years, Nurse, Educator, Bible Teacher, and a Noted Speaker. Her hobbies include: Needlework, miniature doll houses, and HO railroads.



MISSIONARY CHALLENGE: Mrs. Debbie Seymour

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES:
(Have two in mind at the time of registration on April 17)



Call to Prayer

- Taking a look at our personal prayer life and also the ministry of prayer in our ladies' meetings. The workshop leader will be Diane Varner, Norton, Ohio.

Planning a Program

- The opportunity of a hand-on experience of planning a monthly Women's Missionary Meeting. This workshop will be led by Sallie McElwain, the Coordinator of the Women's Department of Baptist Mid-Missions.



The Missionary Cupboard

- "To Be Or Not To Be, That Is The Question" Karen Clouse, First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Indiana, will be this workshop leader



Teaching Missions To Children

- Jackie Roberts has put together some excellent materials to motivate children for missions. Jackie is from Portage, Michigan and has been the State President of the Michigan Women's Missionary Fellowship.



**Special Music: The Jackson Sisters;
Deb Searles and Dee Haynes**

PROGRAM

Monday - April 17		Tuesday - April 18	
Registration	12-1:00 P.M.	General Session	9:30 A.M.
General Session	1:00 P.M.	Singing - Praise	
Speaker - Ruth Wagner		Speaker - Ruth Wagner	
Workshop	2:00 P.M.	Business - Election	
Coffee Break	3:00 P.M.	Lunch	11:30 A.M.
Workshop	3:30 P.M.	General Session	1:00 P.M.
Break for supper in area restaurants and register at hotel.		Dramatic Presentation of First WMU Meeting	
Celebration of Praise	7:00 P.M.	Closing Challenge	

Cost: Full Event \$30.00 for 3-4 in room
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Free lodging and Tuesday luncheon - \$7.00
Tuesday Only and Tuesday luncheon - \$5.00

AREA MEETINGS

HEBRON ASSOCIATION

Theme: What! Me a Missionary!?!
 April 4, 1989 - 10 A.M.
 at First Baptist Church, Rt. 10 at LaGrange Road, Elyria, OH
GUEST SPEAKERS: Naomi Spieth & Lisa McClure
PROJECT OFFERING: Baptist Mission of North America (Send any contributions to Dorothy Scoville, WMU Treasurer, 561 E. Herrick, Wellington, OH 44090.)

NORTHEAST AREA

April 4, 1989 - 10 A.M.
 at Nottingham Baptist Church, Willoughby Hills, Ohio
GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. Brinson and Carol McGowan - Haiti
PROJECT: Andy

"PRAISE AND CHALLENGE FROM A MISSIONARY'S HEART"



Debbie Hall

Debbie (Hall) Seymour was dedicated to the Lord (before birth) by her Christian mother. However, she lived her teen years in hate, rebellion, willful sinning, hardness of heart, and the fear of death. Finally, tiring of running from God, Debbie became a "new creature" in Christ in 1972.

Since then, God has called her to serve along with her husband, Mark Seymour, in Chad, Africa. They have served two terms on the field and are currently on furlough. The Seymours have two active boys which Debbie has home-schooled thru part of the first grade. Debbie's testimony as a missionary wife, mother, and homemaker in the middle of Africa will be one you won't want to miss. She will be speaking Monday evening at the "Missions Jubilee" to be held in Toledo at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, April 17-18.

**NORTH BETHEL
 SPRING RALLY
 Calvary Baptist Church
 Tiffin, Ohio**

**Speakers: Merle Brock
 Barbara Love**

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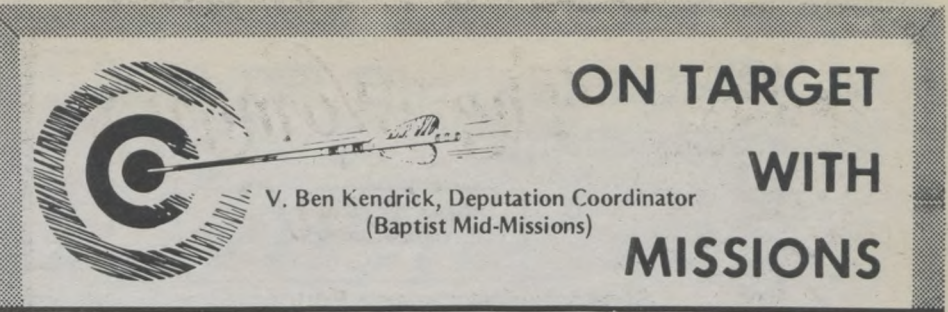
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WHAT A MAPPER THINKS ABOUT HER MISSIONARY CO-WORKER

by **V. Ben Kendrick, D.D., Director
 Baptist Mid-Missions Missionary Apprenticeship Program**

Miss Lynette Rice worked with veteran missionary Patsy King (Baptist Mid-Missions) this summer in the Central African Republic. The following letter is one which she wrote to those who support Patsy in her ministry. It is one of the finest letters that I have read from one participating in MAP (Missionary Apprenticeship Program).

"Dear Supporters of Patsy,
 "I remember about three weeks ago...running water, hot running water, electricity, fewer mosquitoes, pop, walking barefoot, paved roads, lined paved roads, the English language, cars, malls, fast food and telephones. Now I know what my elders meant when they said 'those were the good 'ole days.' Actually it's not that bad. It's kind of like a camping trip. And for the missionaries...a loong camping trip.
 "These missionaries are pretty impressive, too. Why, I'm sure I've got a Patsy-of-all-trades on my hands. She's not just a missionary, a gardener, a plumber, an international cook, a good dickeress, a paramedic, a chauffeur, a U-hauler, a teacher, an electrician and a terrific hostess.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity and privilege God has given me to be here. I've learned so much — the first being, working in an underdeveloped country such as this requires twice the time just to live. And modern conveniences being part of our fond memories of home makes it difficult sometimes to maintain a content spirit. Missionaries...just ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances who need some strong prayer support.

"Here, Mr. Postman comes about once a month and when you have no contact outside your own city, except by radio, sometimes you wonder if there's life beyond Bangassou. You know, I've only been here about three weeks and I wouldn't mind a letter from home right

about now. Being so far away makes you wonder all the more about everyone at home. So drop a line once in a while. Let them know you really are praying. Let's not just be missions minded. Let's be missionary minded.
 "I look at this field and see village after village filled with hungry people. The cost of living twice as high as the states and the standard incredibly lower. And true, after centuries of rejecting God, He is graciously accepting them back; but as any believer knows, it's a struggle living a Christian life. And for the Africans, even greater. The pagan culture they have lived with for hundreds of years has made the greatest struggle for missionaries. Trying to build basic Christian principles into a society that functions against them is the most awesome task. And year after year it wears you and tires you. Pray continually for God's longsuffering to be manifest in His workers.

"Well, I've learned the heartaches but with them the joys. The joy of leaving a portion of Scripture with an Arab after twelve years of work with them. The joy of having a farmer student come back to say 'thanks' for making her learn her verses well. The joy of hearing an old African Pastor and his wife, stricken with poverty, say, 'We're just waiting for our Lord to come.' The joy of knowing a young woman didn't escape to her family but held her husband as he went home to the Lord. The joy of knowing Bible classes can be held in the schools every day as soon as someone comes to do it.

"Heartaches that are temporary but joys that are eternal. This, I've learned above all, is what missions is all about. Thank you so much for your support of Patsy through prayers and gifts."

From the eyes of a layman and MAPper in the heart of Africa,
 Lynette Rice

BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT HELPS TO MAKE THE JOB EASIER AND MORE ENJOYABLE

The response from the women out in the churches requesting the numerous practical helps from Baptist Mid-Missions Women's Department has been tremendous. Record numbers of phone calls and letters are received daily from individual women as well as women's groups all across the country asking for the excellent materials that have been prepared especially for them. Miss Sallie McElwain, Women's Department Coordinator, has brought together a team of women who have pooled their areas of expertise to produce some of the finest materials in existence today for Women's Missionary Fellowships.

The following letter is an example of just how much these practical helps are appreciated.
 Dear Women's Department:

As the 1989 President of our church's Ladies' Missionary Fellowship, I have found the "Women and Missions" quarterly publication to be very informative and helpful as I begin this term.

I feel a burden to help educate some of the newer members of our group. Our ladies mentioned that they enjoyed the information that I was able to present them regarding the history of your ministry. I used the article from the Fall 1987 "Women and Missions" quarterly publication.

I have read all of the back publications that were passed on to me by the former president. I plan to use many of the ideas and articles in our monthly meetings. Thank you for making our job easier and more enjoyable. I was terrified when I was elected. Now I know that God has a tremendous network of helpers and ministers just waiting to assist. I am really excited for the coming year thanks to your terrific ministry.

Thank you for your help. We praise the Lord for your work.

In Christ,
 Jo Anne C. Rocha, President
 Ladies Missionary Fellowship
 Faith Baptist Church
 Geneseo, Illinois

This column, "On Target With Missions," is for the purpose of providing information to the readers regarding all aspects of missions. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any questions which you readers might have about missions. All of us can benefit from the input of others, and I certainly welcome your input. You may address your letters to: Dr. V. Ben Kendrick, Administrator for Church Relations, Baptist Mid-Missions, P.O. Box 30811, Cleveland, Ohio 44130-8011.

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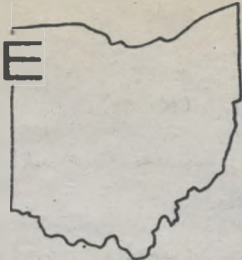
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60 YEAR

MISSIONS JUBILEE

A CROSS THE STATE Happenings HURCH Highlights

FROM YOUR BULLETINS
AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



AKRON

Brown Street Robert Kuhns, pastor
Feb. - Iron Curtain Nite for Teens
- Sweetheart Banquet
Mar. - Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Yehner/Commissioning Service
- Sunrise Service/Breakfast/Cantata
First
Feb. - Rev. Ernie Bloom, former pastor
- Speakers: Rev. Tom Nye, David Carroll

Highview Terry Wright, pastor
Feb. - Virgin Yehner, missionary
- Russ Clark, Camp Patmos
- Sid Main, Gideon representative
Mar. - Ken and Louise Starett, AWANA missionaries
- Good Friday Communion Service
- Sunrise Service/Cantata, "I Am"

ALBANY

Albany James Evans, pastor
Feb. - Film, "Twice Given"
- Valentine Banquet
- Dan Whisner, president of Ohio Legislative Watch
Mar. - Sunrise Service

AMHERST

Faith Robert Barrett, pastor
Mar. - Dave Van Etten, missionary

ARCANUM

Immanuel Gerg Greve, pastor
Feb. - Norm and Heath Bobbett, missionaries to Niger, Africa
- Deacon Retreat at Hueston Woods
- Valentine Banquet
- Mike Magnuson, AWANA representative
- Youth Ice Skating
- Special guests from Arcanum community

ASHLAND

Calvary Stephen Worth, pastor
Feb. - Bill Roloff, Skyview Ranch
- Youth Fast Food and Bowling Activity
Mar. - Church potluck dinner
- Sunrise Communion and Praise Service/Cantata

BALTIMORE

Walnut Creek L. Michael Herbert, pastor
Feb. - Ladies Missionary Fellowship packed college-care packages
Mar. - Sunrise Service/Easter Cantata

BEDFORD

Bible William Davis, pastor
Feb. - Dr. John Myers
- Pizza Blast/Film, "The World That Perished"
- Pastor Dan Betts
- Pastor Fred Hussey

BELLE CENTER

New Richland Joel Harriman, pastor
Feb. - Ken Moon, missionary
- Abundant Life Singers, Cedarville College
- WOL in charge of evening service
- Russ Clark, Camp Patmos

BELLEFONTAINE

Calvary Barry Grahl, pastor
Feb. - Teen Film Night: "Crime of the Age"/"Never Ashamed"
- Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers

BEREA

Berea Kenneth Spink, pastor
Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet/Richard Focht in voice and brass concert
- Farewell Reception for Assistant Pastor David and Beverly Blackstone
Mar. - Dan and Joyce Gelatt and Phil Byars, tenor soloist, in joint Bible Conference with North Royalton/First, Strongsville/First, Brunswick

BERLIN HEIGHTS

Berlin Heights Jack McCullough, pastor
Feb. - Bob Jones University Ensemble
Mar. - Carry-in dinner and early service
- Combined Easter Service at Calvary, Norwalk

BLUFFTON

Riley Creek
Feb. - Hosted Youth Rally
- Carry-in dinner
- Speakers: Fred Jensen/Stamley Miller/Paul Mayo
- Speakers: Bernard Horn/Paul Menz
Mar. - Sunrise Service with Dick Pettitt/Breakfast/Cantata, "Alive"

BOWLING GREEN

First
Mar. - Gerald Phipps
- Bob Rohm, Cedarville College
- Sunrise Breakfast

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

Calvary Gregory Hogan, pastor
Jan. - Began AWANA program
Feb. - Leigh Upchurch, missionary
- Sweetheart Banquet with Rev. and Mrs. Wally Larson

BROOK PARK

Mid-Brook Albert Richards, pastor
Feb. - AWANA Grand Prix
- Installation Service for Pastor Richards with Gary Anderson, BMM and Fred Hussey/Dessert Fellowship
- Ken and Mary Starett, AWANA missionaries
Mar. - David Ferguson, CBF

BRUNSWICK

First Thomas Chmura, pastor
Feb. - Dr. Raymond Buck
- Sweetheart Banquet
- AWANA Grand Prix
Mar. - Russ Clark, Camp Patmos
- Frantastic Days Sunday School Campaign

BYESVILLE

Calvary Donald Parvin, pastor
Feb. - Valentine Banquet and Musical
- Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Retreats
- Kiddie Koncert with Cedarville College Swordbearers and Puppets
- Film, "The Heritage"
- 55th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Pastor and Mrs. Gettmann, Assistant
Mar. - Women's Missionary Buffet and Shower for Elaine Schulte
- Cantata, "Hallelujah, What A Savior"

CALDWELL

New Harmony Eric Cuenin, pastor
Jan. - Wallace Larson, BMNA missionary
Feb. - Church Fellowship
- Ken Moon and family, missionaries at Missionary Acres

CANTON

Grace Max McCullough, pastor
Feb. - Gary Williams, BMNA missionary appointee
Mar. - 22nd Anniversary Sunday with Bill Anderson, former pastor of Grace/Concert by Kevin Wells

Whipple Avenue

John Moosey, pastor
Feb. - Board members get-together dinner
- Gary Williams, BMNA appointee
Mar. - Hosted Youth Rally with Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative GARBC
- Breakfast with Dr. Tassell

CLEVELAND

Brookside George O'Keefe, pastor
Mar. - Annual Membership Dinner
- Pastor and Mrs. O'Keefe took tour of England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and Holland
- Guest speaker, David Cass
- Sunrise Service at Brecksville Metro Park

Cedar Hill

David Moore, pastor
Feb. - College/Career potluck
- AWANA Grand Prix
- Sr. Hi Peek-N-Peak ski trip to New York
- Baptist Christian School Choir

Madison

James Hunt, pastor
Feb. - Missionary Conference potluck dinner
Mar. - Ruth Kennedy, BMM Chad
- Marion Pledger, CEF

- Men's Retreat
- Good Friday Service
- Sunrise Service

COLUMBUS

Bethesda Paul Vaughan, pastor
Jan. - Began new publication, "The Living Faith," edited by Tim Hitchcock, BMNA missionary builder

Maranatha

Timothy Kenoyer, pastor
Feb. - AWANA/J.V. Grand Prix
- M.A.P. Tacky Party
- Sonlife "February French Fantasy"
- Mike Vrbanac, high school senior summer missionary apprentice, WOL

Memorial

Thomas Wright, pastor
Mar. - Men's Banquet/Film, "Incredible Sports Capers"
- Family Night with Gary and Nancy Storm, Scioto Hills
- Film, "A Man Called Norman"
- Hosted area Sunrise Service
Apr. - Larry Smith, BMM Jamaica

COMMERCIAL POINT

Weich Road Randall Nelson, pastor
Feb. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- Young at Heart Banquet
- Sweetheart Banquet
Mar. - Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of GARBC/Handbell Choir from Maranatha Christian School
- Sunrise Service/Breakfast/Cantata

COSHOCTON

Calvary Robert Riedy, pastor
Feb. - Dave Knudson, BMM missionary
Mar. - Volleyball Players and Guests "Eat-Out"
- Talent Night
- Bill Roloff, Skyview
- Pizza Party/Bowling
- Good Friday Service

CUYAHOGA FALLS

Graham Road Larry Engle, pastor
Feb. - Annual Stewardship Banquet, "What God Hath Wrought"
- Began new Singles Class
Apr. - Travelers trip to Williamstown, West Virginia
- Missionary Conference

DAYTON

Washington Heights Larry Fetzer, pastor
Feb. - Women's Winter Luncheon
- Reports by Missionary Work Teams to Brazil and Quebec
Mar. - Women's Retreat with Helene Ashker, Navigators, "Contentment"

DELAWARE

Calvary David Culver, pastor
Feb. - Gary and Nancy Storm, Scioto Hills/"Camp Walk" for summer campers
- Teen/Family Activity
- Secret Pal Fellowship
Mar. - Hot Wheels Rally
- College Tour to Cedarville College and Grand Rapids Baptist College
- Hosted Good Friday Service with Delaware Bible
- Early Easter Service/Breakfast
- The Ringlebergs, CBM missionaries

DUBLIN

Fellowship Leslie Newell, pastor
Feb. - Church dinner party/Fellowship
Mar. - Bill Roloff, Skyview Ranch

DUNDEE

Lakeview Robert Veenhuis, pastor
Feb. - Film, "Cry From the Mountain"
- Ladies toured Haven of Rest

ELIDA

Faith Ronald Urban, pastor
Jan. - Rev. Pete Ringleberg, CBM missionary
Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet at "Old Barn Out Back"
- Gary Storm, Scioto Hills
- Cedarville College Swordbearers
Mar. - Gary Spence, ABWE to Spain/Fellowship dinner

ELYRIA

Abbe Road James Turner, pastor
Feb. - Sr. Hi College trip
- AWANA Pinewood Derby
- Mark Launsberry, missionary to Brazil
- Harold and Melody Davis, ABWE to Colombia
- Abbe Roadsters to Home and Flower Show
Mar. - David Knudson, BMM missionary
- Passover demonstration
- Easter Sunday film, "Jesus Then and Now"/Breakfast/No evening service

Beth-el

Walter Spieth, pastor
Feb. - Robert Greene, missionary
- Annual Adult dinner
Mar. - Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mayo
- Cantata

First

Mar. - Missions Conference
- AWANA Olympics
- Women's Missionary Fellowship
- Jeanne Ferguson
- Easter Musical

FAIRBORN

Grand Avenue
Jan. - Dr. and Mrs. Albert
- Europe and Pacific
Feb. - Men's work trip

FINDLAY

First
Mar. - Maynard Bell
- Rick Brooks, WOL
- WOL Night
- Friend Day
- Good Friday Service

FOSTORIA

Fostoria
Feb. - Rev. Richard
- Senior Ladies
- Bill Roloff, Skyview

GALION

First
Feb. - Adult Fellowship
Mar. - Cantata

GALLIPOLIS

Faith
Feb. - Dr. Alexander
- behind Iron Curtain
- Sweetheart banquet
- Dan Whisner and
- J.O.Y. Fellowship

First

Feb. - Cedarville College
- Cedarville College
- Ladies Missionary
- Party
Mar. - Annual Missionary
- Sunrise Service

GRAFTON

Midview
Mar. - First Baptist
- Participated in
- Lorain
- Sunrise Service
Apr. - Survival Guide

HOMEWORTH

Mt. Pleasant
Feb. - Betty Luytjes

JAMESTOWN

Shawnee Hills
Feb. - Cedarville College
- AWANA Grand
- Teen Roll
- Began 50-Day
- Sweetheart Social
Mar. - "Nifty Fifties"
- "Track Attack"

JOHNSTOWN

Independent
Feb. - Super Sixties
- Bill Roloff, Skyview
- Fellowship dinner
- Youth trip to Cedarville
- Valentine Banquet

KIRTLAND

Bible
Mar. - Potluck dinner

LAGRANGE

First
Feb. - Work weekend
- Escorted Brazil
Mar. - Participated in
- Lorain

LAKEVIEW

Faith
Feb. - Films: "Pilgrim"
- Teens Valentine
- Adult Valentine

LEMOYNE

Lemoyme
Mar. - Youth Group
- Carry-in dinner
- Resurrection
Apr. - Family Night

LONDON

Grace
Feb. - Pastor Dwain
Apr. - Installation Service
- Cedarville

LORAIN

Fellowship Frank Chittock, pastor
 Feb. - Rev. Doug Beason
 - Sweethearts Dinner
 - Senior Saints Noon luncheon
 Mar. - Sr. Hi college trip
 - Hosted Good Friday Service with First, LeGrange; Mid-view, Grafton; and Litchfield
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast/Cantata, "Alive"

LOUISVILLE

First Kenneth Pugh, pastor
 Feb. - Glen Stalmaker, Gideons International
 - Teens banana split outing
 Apr. - Rev. Phipps, Baptist Children's Home

MCDONALD

First Thomas Brennan, pastor
 Mar. - Gospel Baptist School Ensemble

MADISON

South Madison Bernie Smith, pastor
 Mar. - Mike and Debbie Edwards, missionaries to New Guinea/Church supper/Food shower

MASSILLON

Calvary Charles Johnson, pastor
 Feb. - Rev. Earl Ressler/Marshall Pickering
 - Adult Progressive Valentine Dinner
 Mar. - "Come Out of Hibernation" Sunday
 - Paul Schneider family, missionaries to Ghana/Carry-in dinner

MEDINA

First John Clagett, pastor
 Mar. - AWANA family skate
 - Baby Dedication
 - Musical Concert by Tim Kauffman
 - Ordination Examination of Pastor Ron Cole
 - Baptist Bible College Chamber Singers
 - Sr. Hi "Silly Supper" and Games
 - Betty Luytjes, BMM to Brazil

MOGADORE

Mogadore Robert Seymour, pastor
 Jan. - Rev. Bob Parschauer, WOL Director for Eastern Europe
 Feb. - George Chaplin, Christian Legal Association
 Apr. - Missionary Conference

MOUNT VERNON

Faith Merlyn Jones, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
 - Family Life Seminar with Dr. Donald Worch
 Mar. - Christian Workers' Commissioning Service/"Welcome Wagon" Launching
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast/Annual Easter concert presented by Pastor and Nancy Jones and family

NEW MATAMORAS

Harmony Hill Drew Walther, pastor
 Feb. - AWANA Parents Night and Open House
 Mar. - Day of Prayer and Fasting
 - Gary Storm, Scioto Hills
 - Cantata
 - Teen Lock-in/sequel to "Bambi"
 Apr. - Missions Conference with Les Wells, B. Taylor, and Lisa McClure

NEW MILFORD

New Milford Jack McCurry, pastor
 Mar. - Special meetings with Evangelist Randall Chovan
 - Homebuilders Sub-Sandwich Party
 - College/Career Swimming

NEWARK

Bible Karl Stelzer, pastor
 Mar. - Olympians Hot Wheels Rally/Rich Moon, Olympian Representative
 - Tom and Kari Zentz, short-term missionary appointees
 - L.C.C.A. Ministry Team
 - Ladies Fellowship "Spring for Lunch"
 - Easter Breakfast

NILES

First G. Ben Reed, pastor
 Feb. - Alpha Class Italian Dinner
 - Grace Bennett Missionary Sweetheart Dinner
 Mar. - Choir Progressive Dinner
 - Easter Egg Hunt

NORTH JACKSON

Bailey Road Les Webster, pastor
 Mar. - AWANA Boys' Overnighter
 - Eric Hawout in concert

NORTH ROYALTON

North Royalton Mark Cowell, pastor
 Feb. - Youth Tobogganing
 - Bob and Marcia Greene, BMM to Venezuela
 Mar. - Joint Bible Conference with Dr. Dan Gelatt
 - Ruth Kennedy, missionary to Chad
 - Youth Winter Beach Party

NORWALK

Calvary James McClain, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Dinner

- Dr. Charles Wagner, President Grand Rapids Baptist College
 - Singspiration

NORWOOD

Norwood Lee Fullmer, pastor
 Feb. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
 Mar. - Ansel and Sarah Mullins, missionaries to Japan
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast/No evening service

OBERLIN

Camden Calvin Searles, pastor
 Feb. - Steve and Kris Holman, missionaries to Philippine
 - Lisa McClure, missionary teacher to Colombia
 - Brook and Renee Anderson, Trails End Ranch
 Mar. - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
 - Teen Girls Lock-in, "Positive Reflections"

ORANGE VILLAGE

Bethlehem John Fleck, pastor
 Feb. - Youth and Teens Skiing
 Mar. - Dobson Films: "Power in Parenting Adolescent"/"Family Under Fire"/"Overcoming Painful Childhood"
 - Choir Easter presentation

PATASKALA

Bethel Larry Maddux, pastor
 Feb. - Valentine Banquet

PAINESVILLE

Calvary Fellowship Paul Beresford, pastor
 Mar. - Harvesters Potluck, "Birds of a Feather Flock Together" with Ann Bugena
 - Doug Reeder
 - Mario and Norma Portillo, WOL in Italy
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast
 Apr. - Teen Progressive "Sloff" Dinner

PERRYSVILLE

Vermillion David Conrad, pastor
 Feb. - Dedication of Children
 Mar. - Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Larson, BMNA Church Planters
 - WOL Training Session with Rich Moon
 Apr. - Lisa McClure, missionary to Bogota, Colombia

PORTSMOUTH

First Missionary David Gose, pastor
 Mar. - Gideon Sunday
 - Ladies Fellowship

Temple

John Gowdy, pastor
 Mar. - WOL Basketball Marathon
 - George Zinn, Evangelist/Soloist
 - Jr./Sr. High "Spring Retreat"
 - Sunrise Service/Cantata

REYNOLDSBURG

Eastbrook Walter Lucas, pastor
 Feb. - Senior Saints Potluck Fellowship
 - G.L.O.W. Club Program
 - Tom and Kari Zentz, BMM short-term missionary appointees

SMITHVILLE

Pleasant Hill Stephen Olsen, pastor
 Feb. - Missionary Speaker/Carry-in dinner
 - All-church Game Night
 Mar. - Junior Retreat
 - College/Career Bowling
 - All-church Afterglow
 - Women's Missionary Fellowship with Corene Spence, missionary to Spain/Personal shower
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast

SPRINGFIELD

Southgate John Greening, pastor
 Feb. - Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers
 - Blood Donation Day
 - Ushers' Breakfast
 Mar. - Couples Retreat

STREETSBORO

Faith J. Tony Beckett, pastor
 Feb. - Rev. and Mrs. Evan Gough, BMM
 Mar. - Betty Luytjes, missionary to Brazil
 - Women's Outreach Tea
 - Teacher Appreciation Banquet with Mark Jackson
 - Good Friday Communion Service

STRONGSVILLE

First Wilbur Parrish, pastor
 Jan. - Bill Roloff, Skyview Ranch
 - Surprise "This Is Your Life" Birthday Party for Pastor Parrish
 Feb. - Annual Valentine Banquet with Rev. and Mrs. Scott Renstrom
 - AWANA Grand Prix

STRUTHERS

Struthers Tabernacle Ronald Sanderson, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
 Mar. - Jolly Fifties Fellowship
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast/Easter Cantata and Drama
 Apr. - Special Meetings with Dr. Marvin Lewis

STRYKER

First Daniel Douglass, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Progressive Dinner
 Mar. - Mother/Son Breakfast
 - Missionary Conference with Randy and Jeanette Alderman and Don and Barb Love

SUNBURY

Grace Dalvin Cramer, pastor
 Jan. - Church Dinner/Afternoon service
 Feb. - Men's Prayer Breakfast

TALLMADGE

First David Henry, pastor
 Feb. - Pastor's Class Valentine Dinner
 - "Presidential State Dinner"
 Mar. - AWANA Girls Sleepover
 Apr. - Founder's Bible Conference with Dean Henry/Special music by Cedarville College

TIFFIN

Calvary Harold Guthrie, pastor
 Feb. - Bill Roloff, Skyview
 - Love Sunday for Widows/Queen for a Day
 Mar. - Missions Sunday
 - Sunrise Service/Breakfast
 - Cantata

TOLEDO

Bethel
 Feb. - WOL Teens Valentine Party
 - Kirk Wesseling, missionary to New Mexico
 Mar. - Betty Luytjes, missionary to Brazil
 - Olympian Swim Party
 - Steve Hankins
 - Sunrise Service/Billy Spears Concert

EMMANUEL

Edward Fuller, pastor
 Feb. - Men's Retreat in Michigan with Bob Humphreys and Dennis Bragg/Dobson film
 - Teen Snow Camp at Lake Ann, Michigan
 Mar. - Russ Clark, Camp Patmos
 - Missions Conference, "Go Quickly and Tell" with the Staggs, Hartwig, Rust, Logan, McCaffery, Spoto, Phrasavats, and Versluises
 - Mother/Daughter Luncheon with Karen Logan, missionary to Bangladesh
 - Father/Son Breakfast with Jim Spoto, missionary
 - Good Friday Service

TROY

Grace Charles Pausley, pastor
 Feb. - Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers
 - Sweetheart Banquet
 Mar. - Pack-A-Snack Sundays for packages sent to servicemen and college students
 - AWANA Program in evening service
 - Cedarville College trip
 - Good Friday Communion Service

WADSWORTH

Fellowship Timothy Wright, pastor
 Mar. - Becky Hales, BMM missionary to Scotland
 - Jim Ruck, BMM Home missionary
 - Gary Spence, missionary to Spain
 - Baptist Bible College Chamber Singers
 - Sunrise Service

WARREN

Bethel William Plough, pastor
 Feb. - Sweetheart Fellowship
 - Quarterly Day Prayer
 Mar. - Ice Cream Party

LEAVITTSBURG

Virgil Wolford, pastor
 Mar. - Church's 21st Anniversary/Singspiration with "Harmony" from Akron Baptist Temple
 - Easter Egg Hunt for 3-11 years olds
 - Ruth Kennedy, BMM Chad
 Apr. - Special meetings with Rev. David Marsteller

WESTERVILLE

Grace J. Murray Murdoch, pastor
 Feb. - Preparer's Class Banquet/Dr. Charles Clevenger, Professor of Music, Cedarville College
 - Youth Retreat

WESTLAKE

Grace Jack Jacobs, pastor
 Feb. - Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College/Sword-bearers
 Mar. - Ken Starett, AWANA missionary
 - Sr. Hi Spring Retreat
 - Fellowship Dinner and Film
 - Mens/Boys Breakfast

WHEELERSBURG

Wheelersburg Bradley Brandt, pastor
 Feb. - Marvin and Ruth Humphreys, missionary appointees to Hong Kong
 - Metallic Club lunch with the Humphreys
 - Metallic Club Friendship Banquet
 - AWANA Grand Prix

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- Sweetheart Dinner
- Mar. - Gideon Sunday
- Film, "Without Reservation"

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Nottingham

Donald McClintick, pastor

- Feb. - Rev. Virgil Yehmert, BMM missionary
- Mar. - Missionary Conference with Rev. Gary Anderson, Executive Vice President of BMM; Bill Aiken, Director

WILLOWICK

First

Donald Leitch, pastor

- Feb. - Sweetheart Banquet
- Mar. - Dr. Joseph Stowell
- First Baptist of Elkhart High School Band

- Cleveland Hebrew Mission; Dr. Basahi Tomioka, BMM
- Bangladesh; Mike Edwards, ABWE New Guinea/Potluck
- Banquet/Missionary Play by Youth
- Senior Saints potluck luncheon with Dr. Stabler

- Sun-up Service
- Apr. - Dr. Dave Seymour, BMM Chad

WILMINGTON

Faith

William Moser, pastor

- Feb. - Pastor Glenn Horne
- Dr. James Jeremiah, Chancellor of Cedarville College
- Full Heart for Christ Sunday with Brian Blair, blind singer/radio technician from WCDR
- Jan Widman, Director Crisis Pregnancy Center

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By DOUGLAS A. SNOW



NEW BOOK - FACE THE MUSIC

A firestorm of controversy has engulfed the music of the twentieth century church. The conflict is not between the grand old hymns of the faith and contemporary Christian music. The debate is over the morality or amorality of music itself. Lenny Seidel, noted musician and concert artist, refers to the problem as a misguided belief in the neutrality of music. In his 1988 book, *Face The Music - Contemporary Church Music On Trial*, Seidel says, "Music is not neutral! It is unthinkable that any honest student of music theory or history would believe otherwise!"

Most Christians have not studied either music theory or history but it is of utmost importance whether or not music is neutral. If music is not neutral, rock music with "Christian" lyrics cannot possibly glorify God. If music is not neutral, rock music has no place in a Christian's life. If music is not neutral, rock music does not belong in the church or anywhere in the Christian community.

Lenny Seidel spent four years writing *Face The Music*. The book comes into conflict with those who promote unbiblical forms of so-called "Christian music." Seidel says, "The issue of music's neutrality is the question about which most of the church is untaught. Belief in neutrality is the key that has opened the door to every style of music being fused with biblical thoughts and themes. In other words, music that is characteristic of a lifestyle outside the realm of salvation has been fused with biblical words but not necessarily with biblical truths." The promoters of "sacred pop" and "Christian rock" have sold the church this line of reasoning resulting in confusion about right or wrong. Seidel states, "The church community is blameless in its understanding because it has never been properly taught."

That's why he wrote the book and that's why I am bringing it to your attention. For further information, write or call:

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SHEPHERDS REACHES MILESTONE

Shepherds has reached another historic milestone. On May 1, 1989 Shepherds will be dedicating the newly acquired 70 acres of land for a greater ministry to the mentally disabled. This additional acreage is next to the present campus. The 85 acres will enable the expansion of the Shepherds ministry well into the 21st century.

Since last summer, hundreds of friends, residents, staff, and churches have shared together in reaching the \$200,000 cost. Purchasing this land without incurring debt is the first step towards a multi-phase expansion process. Plans for developing the kitchen, workshops, laundry, chapel/gymnasium and an additional cottage are now underway.

Prayers and gifts are vital to the physical and spiritual needs of the mentally disabled. Receiving handmade quilts, Campbell's labels, birthday cards, memorials and numerous other love gifts are constant reminders of the many friends who share in the Shepherds ministry.

Shepherds is a unique ministry to 160 mentally disabled residents. Another 175 families remain on a waiting list. Shepherds desires to develop the facilities and programming for ministering to additional residents around the country.

Anyone seeking an opportunity to share in this unique ministry is encouraged to contact: Shepherds, Box 400, Union Grove, WI 53182 or telephone 414-878-2451.

THE UNTOLD STORY OF GOD'S ABUNDANT PROVISIONS

by Gary Storm

REFLECTIONS: How God answers prayer and gives us the desires of our hearts.

On December 30, 1988 I was reading a chapter in Chuck Swindoll's book, *Seasons of Life*. In this particular chapter, there is a story about a tree and a little boy, *The Giving Tree*: "They played hide 'n' seek in his younger years. He swung from her branches, climbed all over her, ate her apples, slept in her shade. Such happy, carefree days. The tree loved those years of the boy's childhood.

"But the boy grew and spent less time with the tree. On one occasion the young man returned. 'Come on, let's play!' invited the tree... but the lad was only interested in money. 'Take my apples and sell them' said the tree. He did... and the tree was happy. He didn't return for a long time, but the tree smiled when he passed by one day. 'Come, play, my friend. Come, play!' But the boy - now full grown - wanted to build a house for himself. 'Cut off my branches and build your house,' she offered. He did, and once again the tree was happy.

"Years dragged by. The tree missed the boy. Suddenly, she saw him in the distance. 'Come on, let's play!' But the man was older and tired of his world. He wanted to get away from it all. 'Cut me down. Take my large trunk and make yourself a boat. Then you can sail away,' said the tree. And that's exactly what he did... and the tree was happy.

"Many seasons passed - summers and winters, windy days and lonely nights - and the tree waited. Finally, the old man returned... too old, too tired to play, to pursue riches, to build houses, or to sail the seas. 'I have a pretty good stump left, my friend. Why don't you just sit down here and rest?' He did... and the tree was happy."

As I reflected on that story, I thought about the great number of people who have been giving trees in my own life and who have encouraged me. I also thought of how I am starting to be a giving tree in other peoples lives. I reflected on those who have ministered with us at Scioto Hills - Pete & Diane Gardner, directed to another ministry, left and we felt alone; Don & Penny Hare, directed to another ministry, left and we felt alone; John & Ellen Battaglia, directed to another ministry, left and we felt alone. But after each one would leave, God would fill the need and void in our life by providing someone else. As I reflected on each of these dear friends, I thought perhaps I helped in the growth and development of their lives as a giving tree.

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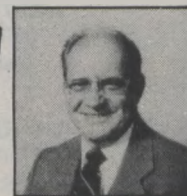
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COLLEGE NEWS

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NEW MASTER'S DEGREE FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS

Baptist Bible College has received authorization from the state of Pennsylvania to offer and grant the new **Master of Science in Christian School Education degree**. The fully-accredited graduate degree has been specifically designed to meet the continuing education needs of thousands of Christian School teachers across the eastern United States, including those involved in missionary education.

The Master's degree includes a 30 credit hour curriculum of courses designed to upgrade and build upon a Bible College or Christian college education degree. Christian school teachers with a secular liberal arts undergraduate background will find this new degree extremely helpful. While a number of colleges and seminaries have offered master's level programs in Christian School administration, there is little designed specifically for classroom teachers.

Because of BBC's commitment to provide programs that are convenient, meeting "felt needs," and of excellent quality, the course schedule has been designed to make it possible for most teachers to attend. The schedule includes two-week modules in the summer, Monday and Tuesday evening once-a-week courses, and Saturday classes. This variety of times allows the teacher to pursue a master's degree while continuing to teach. A degree may be earned in our summers or in one year and two summers. Enthusiasm for this M.S. degree program has been expressed by the examining team from the state of Pennsylvania.

The BBC graduate program in Christian School Education will offer the first course June 26-July 21, 1989. Seven credit hours may be earned during the summer of 1989. Campus housing and meals may be secured by those traveling a distance or those who stay on campus and take a concentrated program of studies.

Dr. Howard Bixby, Vice-President and Academic Dean of Baptist Bible College and Seminary, is thankful for the evident blessing of God upon Baptist Bible College in being granted authority for this new degree program.

The summer 1989 courses include:

TH 510 Theological Integration of Education - to be announced

ED 511 Advanced Educational Measurements - Dr. Barry Smith

ED 530 Learning Theories - Dr. Michael Firmin

ED 560 Improving Instruction - Dr. Barry Phillips

Those desiring further information concerning the M.S. in Christian School Education degree should contact Dr. Barry Phillips, Director of the new graduate program at Baptist Bible College, 538 Venard Rd., Clarks Summit, PA 18411, phone (800) 451-7664.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Baptist Bible Seminary held its missions conference February 27-March 1. With the theme "Go and Make Disciples: The Challenge of the Missionary Educator," the focus was on the need to provide quality education for national believers. Featured speakers were Dr. Paul Leslie, Resident Coordinator of the Asia Baptist Seminary in Manila, the Philippines; and Rev. Tim Vermilyea of Baptist Mid-Missions, teaching in Baptist Theological Seminary in Quebec and assisting in the local church. Sessions included "The Missionary Educator and His Local

Church;" "Strategy for Survival: Training National Leaders;" and "Living Lessons" by Mrs. Barb Vermilyea.

MUSICAL EVENTS

Baptist Bible College will feature several musical events in April. The High School Choir Festival is the 6th-7th. The Chamber Singers' Homecoming Concert is the 14th. The spring banquet on the 21st will feature Christian vocalist Christine Wyrzten.

"COLLEGE DAYS"

Baptist Bible College's "College Days" are April 13-14 and on the 15th is the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches Talents for Christ competition.

DEGREE CONFERRED ON PROFESSOR

Temple University has conferred the Doctor of Education degree upon Jay E. Long, Associate Professor of Business and English at Baptist Bible College and University of Scranton. With a grant from the Commonwealth, and a research assistant from the State Library in Harrisburg, Dr. Long wrote his paper on "Testing Weaknesses in Basic Writing Skills among the Business and Professional Community; and Testing of Teaching Methods to Overcome Weaknesses."

In addition to authoring two textbooks for home study, he has written several articles for professional journals and family magazines. He also served on the editorial staff for a monograph published by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and is on the executive board of the Temple University chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, national graduate honor society.

Dr. Long has taught at Baptist Bible College since 1982. He and his wife reside in Clarks Summit.

ANNUAL MINISTERS' ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

The annual spring Ministers' Enrichment Seminar was held April 4 on the campus of Baptist Bible College, Rev. James Vogel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Johnson City, New York, was the keynote speaker.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Baptist Bible College has announced the appointment of Mr. Gary Compton to the position of Development Representative. In this area he will continue to build and broaden the constituency base for BBC.

Rev. Glenn Stewart, pastor of Riverdale Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan, has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees following the resignation of Rev. Gary Anderson, who is Vice-President of Baptist Mid-Missions.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement for the college and seminary is May 12, with President Milo Thompson giving the Commencement Address. The Graduates' Reception is to be held on May 11.

ANNUAL MUSIC AUDITIONS

The Clarks Summit chapter of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, chaired by Dr. Larry Kauffman of BBC's music faculty, hosted its annual auditions on March 3, 4, 6 and 7 on campus. Eighty local students of member teachers performed and were judged.

GRAND CANYON CREATION ADVENTURE

Dr. John Meyer, Professor of Biology at Baptist Bible College, will again be a leader in the Grand Canyon Creation Adventure sponsored by the Institute for Creation Research, El Cajon, California. As guest lecturer, he will cover facets of biology, geology, and natural history as they relate to the biblical account of origins. The trip will include rafting down the Colorado River and

visiting the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, Zion, and Bryce National Parks.

In recalling a previous trip, Dr. Meyer said, "The highlight of the trip was a presentation of the biblical account of creation to over 200 Russian-Jewish refugees who are being processed in a suburb of Rome. We also had the opportunity to spend considerable time with two Italian Scientists, who, although being unbelievers, are nevertheless anti-evolutionists."

Anyone interested in joining this year's Grand Canyon Creation Adventure may contact Dr. Meyer at Baptist Bible College, 587-1172, ext. 259, El Cajon, CA 92021, (616) 448-0900.

RAPID GROWTH PATTERN

Baptist Bible Seminary of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, continues its rapid growth pattern. The last three years have seen an exciting surge of interest in graduate training at the school. Student surveys reveal that the balance of a practical ministry mind-set with genuine academic excellence is a major factor in the seminary's growth. In-the-churches evangelism training, a one-year internship, campus enthusiasm, and a deep commitment to expository preaching and teaching are also listed. Baptist Bible Seminary rejoices in God's hand of blessing.

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GRADUATION EXERCISES

Graduation Exercises will be held at Spurgeon Baptist Bible College on May 13th. The speaker for the Graduation Service will be Dr. Woodrow M. Kroll, President of Practical Bible Training School in Bible School Park, New York.

STAFF APPOINTMENT FOR SUMMER EXCAVATIONS

After two years of volunteer work at the Ashkelon archaeological dig in Israel, Mr. Dan Warner has been appointed to a staff position for the summer excavations which are sponsored by the Semitic Museum of Harvard University. Mr. Warner is the Assistant Professor of Theology at Spurgeon and he has taught at the college since 1984. Presently he is working toward completion of his doctoral program in archaeology from Florida State University. Mr. Warner is a 1978 graduate of SBBC.

TRIP TO KOREA

Dr. Elvin Mattison, President of Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, will be traveling to Seoul, Korea in order to hold lectures for a doctor of ministries course being held on March 27-31. He will be teaching and preaching in Korea with Dr. William Kerr, Professor of Theology at Northwest Baptist Seminary.

SPURGEON SINGERS TRAVEL

The Spurgeon Singers will be ministering in Indiana, Ohio, and New York in May; and in July the group will be in Iowa, Montana, and South Dakota.

Faith Baptist Bible College

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DR. JOHN HARTOG RETURNING

Faith Baptist Bible College & Seminary is pleased to announce the return of Dr. John Hartog, II as a full professor of Bible. In this capacity he will be teaching in both the College and Seminary. He will begin his ministry on August 1 and will be here to serve on our College and Seminary faculty beginning in September of 1989.

Dr. Hartog holds an A.A. from Northwest Junior College; B.A., Wheaton College;

Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary; Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary; M.S.L.S., East Texas State University; D.Min., Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Hartog was an Instructor at FBBC from 1968-70; Seminary Cataloging Librarian, Grace Theological Seminary, 1972-73; Academic Dean and Head Librarian, Montana Institute of the Bible, 1973-77; Professor and Head Librarian, Faith Baptist Bible College, 1977-84; Librarian and Professor in Bible, Calvary Bible College, 1984-89; Academic Dean, Calvary Bible College, 1988-89.

Dr. Hartog is the author of the Regular Baptist Press adult Sunday School lessons on Jeremiah and the recent two-quarter series on the Book of Acts. He has also authored *Enduring To The End. Jehovah's Witnesses and Bible Doctrine* (RBP, 1987).

It was while Dr. Hartog was head librarian at FBBC that the process began of changing the library over from the Dewey Decimal System to the Library of Congress, a recently completed task. Dr. Hartog is qualified academically and possesses many years of practical Christian experience to serve well at FBBC&S. He will bring with him, his wife Martha and youngest son, Paul. John Hartog, III is currently enrolled in the Seminary.

Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary

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COLLEGE HONORS VIVIAN BEALS

Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary is pleased to announce that Vivian Beals is the recipient of the 1989 Alumnus of the Year Award. Mrs. Beals received the award during Alumni Day activities at the annual Bible Conference held on campus in late February. The honor was bestowed in recognition of her involvement in Christian education and missions.

Vivian grew up on a farm in Decatur County, Iowa, near Kellerton. She was the sixth of seven children born to Horace and Abigail Brown. After graduating as valedictorian from Lamoni High School, Vivian went to Chicago where she worked as a secretary for the National Child Evangelism Fellowship, attended Wheaton College, met and married Paul Beals.

Within a short time, they both graduated from the Missionary Course of Moody Bible Institute and moved to Dallas, Texas, where Paul continued his studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. Following his graduation, they joined Baptist Mid-Missions to serve in Africa and spent two terms in what is now Central African Republic. Vivian became proficient in the Sango language and ministered with effectiveness to African women and teenage girls.

When the family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1964 for Paul to become Professor of Missions at Baptist Seminary, Vivian completed her education at Grand Rapids Baptist College, earning both the BRE and BA degrees. Vivian joined the Baptist College faculty in the late 1960's when she began teaching secretarial studies part-time. Her teaching load expanded to full-time in 1976, a responsibility she's continued until the present time. Known by her students for maintaining high standards, she has seen scores of them move out to serve in churches, mission agencies, and business.

During her time at the College, she and Paul have continued to be on special assignment with Baptist Mid-Missions and have made several trips abroad to assist missionaries and nationals. Through the years of school and missionary service and into the present, Mrs. Beals has used her secretarial skills with devotion and distinction. From manual typewriters to computers, she has served her husband, family, students, school and others with gracious proficiency. GRBC is delighted to have the privilege to honor her in this way.

Cedarville College

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FDA CHIEF SPEAKS AT CHARTER DAY

Cedarville College celebrated its 102nd birthday January 26 with a special Charter Day Chapel featuring Dr. Frank E. Young, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration in both the Reagan and Bush administrations. Dr. Young was commissioned a missionary to government by his home church when he moved to Washington five years ago.

Holding both the M.D. and the Ph.D. degrees, Dr. Young publishes extensively in his field of biotechnology. He has received numerous prestigious awards including three honorary doctorates and has served on the faculty or administration of Case Western Reserve University, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, University of California at San Diego, University of Rochester, and several hospitals. Presently he is on the Executive Committee of the World Health Organization.

DR. GEISLER PRESENTS STALEY PROGRAM

Dr. Norman L. Geisler addressed the topic "Invasion from the East: The New Age Movement" for the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program at Cedarville College February 21-23.

Dr. Geisler is Dean of Liberty Center for Christian Scholarship at Liberty University. He previously served on the faculties of Dallas Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical College and Divinity School, and Detroit Bible College. He is a prolific author with more than 20 titles to his credit, and his pulpit ministry includes several churches, a radio ministry and numerous speaking engagements.

VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT "THE CRUCIBLE"

February 14-18 the Village players of Cedarville College presented as their winter drama production, "The Crucible." Directed by Professor David Robey, the play centered on the Salem witch hunts of the 17th century.



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Cedarville's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Club sponsored the ninth annual Free Enterprise Conference on the campus February 9-10. Dr. Richard Chewning, Professor of Christian Ethics in Business at Baylor University, spoke at the Thursday evening banquet and at Friday's chapel and workshops. Business people from southwestern Ohio as well as Cedarville business students and faculty attended the conference.

MUSIC SHOWCASE DRAWS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thirty-five Christian and public high schools sent their best music students to Cedarville's annual Music Showcase February 17-18. The 160 high school musicians formed an Honors Band and an Honors Choir which performed Saturday afternoon. On Friday evening they enjoyed a concert by the Chorale, Brass Choir, Symphonic Band, Kingsmen Quartet, and Abundant Life.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL RECRUITERS ON CAMPUS

Forty-seven Christian schools from 15 states participated in Cedarville's annual Christian School Recruitment Conference February 20. The school representatives were recruiting education majors for elementary and secondary positions.

LI'L SIBS WEEKEND

Cedarville College students hosted their younger brothers and sisters at the annual Li'l Sibs Weekend February 24-26. More than 400 "li'l sibs" enjoyed a variety of events with their college brothers and sisters: the Alpha Chi Talent Night, Li'l Sibs Party, late night bowling and skating on Friday; a baseball card show, varsity basketball game with a "shoot-out" and musical chairs following on Saturday; and attending services at area churches on Sunday.

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FOLLOWING IN FAITHFULNESS THROUGH THE YEARS

A History of Berea Baptist Church
by Yvonne S. Waite

(Editor's Note: The following "history" has been edited somewhat but content should recall many memories of 50 years of faithful service.)

The drone from the tones of apostasy pealed into the pulpits across the nation. The year was 1938. Discerning Christians grieved. Ohio's Charles and Jennie Barker's ears were filled with discordant sounds from their Northern Baptist Church. How their hearts yearned for the deep things of God instead of the "sounding brass" of unbelief!

"Let us open our home for Bible study," they said. So, the "more noble" of Berea, Ohio, searched the Scriptures together. Pastor Henry Cruver of the First Baptist Church in Lagrange, Ohio, was the Bible teacher. The class grew to fifteen faithful "Bereans" who "received the word with all readiness of mind." (Acts 17:11) It was their desire to establish a fundamental Baptist testimony in the Berea area. That was a half century ago!

Twenty-seven years earlier in the year 1911, a bell, which had been donated by Sears and Roebuck, tolled in Middleburg Township, awakening worshippers who lived on beautiful Grayton Road. Horses became restless in anticipation of their trot to that tiny Union Episcopal Chapel at the edge of nowhere. The land, settled by early pioneers, had been donated from the Clark estate on the one condition that it would always be used as a place of worship.

When the city of Cleveland purchased neighboring farm acreage for what is now Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport, parishioners moved, making way for progress. The church failed! In 1929, Mrs. Lanphair won a successful lawsuit to keep the property, even though it had fallen into a state of decay.

The clarion call from that beautiful bell would have never sounded again if it were not for the burden of one layman, his family, and a Bible class on Daisy Avenue. No home mission board came to the Barker's aid - there weren't any. No "mother" church financially supported them - people were coming out of the great depression. Theirs was a step of faith in the Faithfulness of God.

Five dollars was the monthly rent. The abandoned building did not seem worth the money with its leaky roof and boarded windows. Soon there was a piano, chairs from a local undertaker, a pulpit lovingly handcrafted by a member, and a "sweet-voiced organ" with a glorious history. It had been a gift from J.L. Birdsall of Elyria, Ohio. His father used the reed organ when he served with Dwight L. Moody in evangelistic work.

The first full-time pastor, Bible teacher George G. Nika, was an Ohio man who had recently graduated from Moody Bible Institute. His call was unanimous - twenty-six votes, one for each of his earthly years. His salary? \$90 a month! The old bell, so long silenced, pealed forth its message once again.

Always the goal of the church was to reach Berea with the gospel of Christ. Many a Friday night, in the infant days of the church, one could find as many as thirty folk participating in open air evangelistic meetings on the "triangle."

Several young people dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ because of such holy boldness - men like Pastor Donald Guarnere, Cedarville College's Dr. Richard D. Durham, Dr. D.A. Waite of the Bible For Today and the Dean Burgon Society, and the late missionary, Pastor Robert F. Rogers, and his brother, Pastor Lynn Rogers of Ohio's Northfield Baptist Church. These men were the first-fruits of the church.

Rev. Lynn Rogers' thirty-five years pastoring one church has been a stabilizing influence to the Ohio Independent Baptist movement. His roots go deep into what is now the Berea Baptist Church. His father, Lynn, Sr., was the first chairman of the deacons and a charter member.

Sorrow was no stranger! The old bell groaned in grief at the sudden death of Mr. Rogers, Sr. He was only 41, the father of five. The "bong, bong" filled the stillness of the afternoon, drying the infant eyes of the mourning church. His death was the first of four within a span of a few months. As the years ate up time, the bell tolled on.

The thunder from hundreds of planes landing and taking off from the airport runways abutting Grayton Road Baptist Church was unbearable. Sermon points were interrupted by the constant noise. It seemed as if planes were landing on the very roof. Soon that ground would become part of the airport itself. Something had to be done!

Pastor Earl V. Willets shepherded the church from 1947 to 1971. This beloved man was a pastor's pastor. Many a letter of encouragement was penned to his "boys" - Berea Baptist's ordained men. A total of nineteen full-time Christian workers have gone forth from the Berea Baptist Church during its fifty years!

It was under Pastor Willets' leadership that the church moved to the city of Berea and built its first building on the West Street property - one of three built during his twenty-four faithful years. The old cast iron bell moved with the people, spending silent years hiding behind the new educational building, waiting to ring again.

The educational building, building #1 of the Berea Baptist Church on 250 West Street, Berea, Ohio, was dedicated in 1951. Among the many who attended, eighteen were pastors. Missionary Esther Weiss Entner was one of thirteen baptized that evening. She serves the Lord with her husband, Dr. James Entner, in the Philippines.

In time, laymen like John Draxler, George Engelmann, and R.O. Sanborn not only labored together building Berea Baptist Church but also served the Lord on the board of Cedarville College. Clarence Navorska and Eugene Fay, as well as Brothers Callooway, Bartel, Harwood, Guenther, and others played vital roles in the building programs.

Mr. Navorska was known throughout the state of Ohio as the prime mover towards the purchase of Ohio's first youth camp, Kellys Island, which the Baptists renamed Camp Pamos. Pastor Willets and his son, Jack, played an important role in the development of that retreat, also.

The old pinch for space was felt again. The auditorium was crowded and classes were spilling over. Under the direction of former Sunday School Superintendent Clarence Jandecka, the Bible School soared into the three hundreds. "Even in 19 degrees below zero weather, we had close to 350," he remembered. So, under the leadership of Allan Guenther and the expertise of Eugene Fay the present worship house of contemporary architectural structure was raised. A member recalled, "We had tremendous congregational cooperation!" The year was 1966.

Gracious Pastor Roy Gibbs pastored for six years, faithfully serving the people from 1971 to 1977. Pastor Derwin Hauser exhorted from 1978 to 1983, maturing the flock in faithfulness. Since 1984, Pastor Kenneth J. Spink has encouraged the church to follow in faithfulness throughout their golden years.

Resting in front of Berea Baptist Church, the old bell is a continuing witness to God's great faithfulness. "Peal out the watchword! Silence it never!" it seems to say. Resounding over and over for all to hear. It boldly proclaims, "It is required in stewards, that a man" as well as a church be found faithful." (I Corinthians 4:2)

GROCERY SHOPPING - A MINISTRY

by Sallie McElwain, Assistant Director
Women's Department Baptist Mid-
Missions

As a young girl growing up in New York state, one of my least favorite things to do was grocery shop for my mother. Now, I loved my mother dearly, and we usually communicated rather well; but in the area of grocery shopping, we were a total failure. Mom didn't always explain clearly, and I didn't listen attentively. Consequently, I came home with wrong brands, wrong amounts and wrong-size curd (cottage cheese!).

Several years later, when I arrived in Africa for my first term of missionary service, my strong dislike for grocery shopping had been all but forgotten. Alas, I soon learned that one of my tasks on the field was to grocery shop once a month for the missionaries who lived in the interior. The old feelings returned. Grocery shopping wasn't a ministry! It was a form of cruel punishment my mother had dreamed up!

And now I was to take ten to fifteen grocery lists to three different stores and try to get it all right! If I couldn't please my mother who had to love me, how could I begin to please the missionaries who hadn't yet learned what a sweet person I was?

The appointed day for grocery shopping arrived. My co-worker, a sweet, veteran missionary, seemed eager to begin the task. I later came to learn that anything I did with her was fun, but that day as we arrived at the store I was terribly nervous.

"What am I doing here?" I asked myself as I saw few familiar labels and many foreign words. "I thought this was an English-speaking country." After filling three or four carts, I realized this was not a job to do on an empty stomach.

We were quite a sight that morning with fifteen carts all lined up at the checkout. Checkout! Now that was another story. So many things were running through my mind. "Keep each register receipt separate so we know whom to charge...And be sure to write the missionary's name on each box...Box the frozen foods for each missionary separately and label them. These will be placed in the mission freezer until the plane makes its next trip...Look at all these boxes!...Will everything fit in our van?...I think I'm getting a headache!"

After a quick lunch break and siesta, it was back to town to another store. The items were all necessary, and one store didn't carry everything we needed to find. Sometimes we had to go down some little street to a tiny store because we knew it had something no one else had. But then woman was not made to shop in one grocery store alone. The afternoon did have its bright spot when we stopped for coffee and homemade doughnuts at "Wimpy's." Four days and eight doughnuts later we checked over our lists and found that we had been able to purchase just about everything that was requested. I had to admit it was a good feeling.

As the months passed, I grew more accustomed to the stores and the shopping. I even began to relax a little. Then the reality that this was a ministry began to sink in. While I was cruising the aisles with a grocery cart, the women in the interior were teaching children (MK's and nationals), conducting women's seminars, teaching Bible school, caring for their families, ministering to the sick, delivering babies and on and on. When I really stopped to think about it, grocery shopping was quite a privilege!

Mom, I probably will never remember whether you wanted small- or large-curd cottage cheese. And missionaries, I'm sure my grocery goof-ups on the field pro-

vided many laughs. But you were kind and patient and taught me an important lesson — in serving each other, we serve the Lord, even while grocery shopping.

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Donald G. Hanna is Chief of Police, Champaign, Illinois. Nancy Hanna, a 1988 graduate of Cedarville College, is pursuing a law degree at the University of Illinois.

"I'll see my daughter in court, thanks to Cedarville College."

"One of these days my daughter Nancy will have her day in court -- when she becomes a lawyer. And Cedarville College had a large part in preparing her for this profession.

"I realize that children are an heritage of the Lord, and I believe that my responsibility to Nancy includes providing the best training possible toward fulfilling her career goals. I wanted a college which also would reinforce the values my wife and I had instilled in her and would strengthen her spiritually.

"Because of these convictions I encouraged Nancy to attend Cedarville College. Her prelaw education there was first class academically. Her professors taught from a biblical perspective, and the total program of the College encouraged

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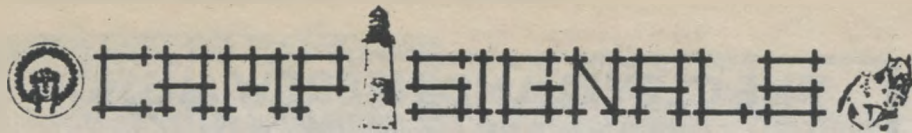
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RETREAT CENTER

Scioto Hills Baptist Camp and Retreat Center has been living up to its new name during this retreat season. Since January we have seen over 100 Junior Highers (with 2 salvation decisions), over 120 Senior Highers, and nearly 200 Juniors.

Our first Family Retreat is planned for April 21-22. There is still time and room for families to be a part of this new experience. Pastor Dave Durnlan of Liberty Chapel will be the speaker. Hey guys! Two Men's Retreats are just "over the next hill." Dr. Robert Gromacki will speak at both retreats, April 28-29 and May 5-6. The cost is \$20.00 per man. These will fill up quickly, so get your registrations in ASAP. Our Senior Saints Retreat will conclude the retreat season, to be held May 11-13, with Pastor Dean Henry speaking.

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

The first preregistration deadline for summer camp is already past. Campers can still save \$5.00 by preregistering by May 1. The campgrounds will be "in shape" and the staff "in place" (Lord willing) by the first week of camp. The summer camping schedule for "Marching In Time '89" is as follows:

June 12-17	Junior
June 19-24	Jr. High
June 26-July 1	Junior
July 3-8	Sr. High
July 10-15	Jr. High
July 17-22	Junior
July 24-29	Junior
July 31-Aug.5	Family

Willing workers are still welcome for a workday this spring. Please call ahead if you or your church would be able to serve the Lord in this way.

Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

20TH YEAR "CELEBRATION"

Anyway you look at it, camping is a good friend of the church. Skyview is celebrating its 20th year and the church participation is the greatest it has been. What a worthy investment in Skyview. Skyview has touched many aspects of the church life - evangelism, Christian education, missionary challenge, leadership training, family life, friendship building, even community outreach. Money invested in Christian camping produces positive results for the church.

Someone years ago referred to Skyview tucked away along the back road in Holmes County as the Skyview Miracle. With the two Ohio camps full back in the 60's, a need was apparent for expansion preferably more central since Patmos was located to the North and Scioto to the South.

A committee taking Jeremiah 33:3 at face value: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not," located the Skyview Boys Camp founded and operated by Vince Costello, Lou Groza, and Paul Wiggins of the Cleveland Browns.

The committee of 60 pastors and laymen reviewed the camp facilities and were impressed with what they saw and recommended purchase. Asking price was \$200,000 which seemed out of sight. And an offer of \$190,000 had been rejected. Only the Lord knew why. After "calling on the Lord" the committee felt led to offer \$160,000 in faith. It was accepted. A miracle!!! And with \$30,000 down payment the camp was purchased in February, 1969. That outstanding

piece of property became the Skyview Baptist Ranch. The plaque reads "Dedicated to reach youth to the Glory of God." May 31, 1969.

One of the features which attracted the committee was the year-round facility. It has served in that capacity as a fine camp and retreat center.

But the miracle of Skyview had just begun. Imagination and elbow grease transformed a hen house into a bunk house. It changed the barn into a multi-use facility housing the dining hall now called the Lodge; changed the attractive 19th century farm house into a small self-contained retreat center and office complex.

With these modern camp and retreat facilities, the Ranch is better able to serve youth and adults. It's ministry is for people with trained counselors to integrate God's Word into the program and into the lives of young and old.

Please note that circumstances necessitate a change in the 20th Anniversary banquets from April to September 15 and 16. Information will be forthcoming. Dr. Paul Dixon is speaking and Christine Wyrzten is singing at both the banquets in Akron and Columbus.

MEN'S RETREAT - MAY 4-6

Dr. Robert Domokos of Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Ankeny, Iowa is the Bible teacher. Included is a Spring work day at 9:00 a.m. (or as soon as you can come) on the 4th. The Men's Retreat begins with Supper at 6:30 p.m. \$30. Registration of \$10 due May 1. The Pastor bringing 10 men attends free; bring five for half pastor's price.

A great need at the Ranch is for carpenters and electricians. Some renovations always are going on - trim, brush cutting, walk paths repaired. The Director has a long list available for interested people. The need is not only for volunteer workers but also for monetary gifts for these projects. A major project demanding attention soon is the Lodge roof. It need painting!!! Who is willing and able to ascent the heights?

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Please be aware that waiting to get in the reservations may find you have chosen a week already full. Get the prospective campers registered now. Don't be disappointed.

June 19-24	Junior
June 25-July 1	Junior High
July 10-15	Senior High
July 17-22	Junior
July 24-29	Junior High
July 31-Aug.5	Junior

Brochures available in church or from the Ranch. Cost \$90. \$40 registration fee. \$85 for additional camper from same family.

FAMILY CAMPS

July 3-8 August 7-12
\$75 per adult and \$64 for each child (under 3 free). \$30 discount for those in RVs or tents. Deposit \$100 with registration. Remember, we serve you, so Mom and Dad can get a break. Something is planned for all ages.

For brochures, information, reservations, projects, feel free to call the Ranch: (216) 674-7511 or Bill Roloff, 674-2023. Write Skyview Baptist Ranch, 7241 T.R. 319, Rt. 6, Millersburg, Ohio 44654-9047.

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WORKDAYS PLANNED FOR SPRING

Now is the time to begin organizing your men, ladies, youth group, or Sunday School class for a special Camp Patmos Work Day. From cleaning cabins and the mini-golf course to building playground equipment and reroofing rooms, there are plenty of Spring projects available for able hands and willing hearts of all ages. Why not schedule a Spring Work Day today? May 29-June 3 has been designated as "Work Week" at Camp Patmos. Men and women from across Northern Ohio are encouraged to come up during this week to labor for the Lord. Contact Pastor Bob Barrett, Faith Baptist Church, 440 N. Lake Box 308, Amherst, Ohio 44001 for project information.

CABINS FILLING UP FAST

"Registrations for the 1989 season are coming in ahead of last year's record setting schedule," reports Jim Howard, camp registrar. All of the cabins for the four Family Camp Weeks are already taken and Youth Camp registrations 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.

CAMPING SCHEDULE

The 1989 camp brochures and posters are now available. Please contact Pastor Jim Howard, camp registrar, 749 S. Wintergarden Rd., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402; (419) 655-3292 for more information.

May 29-June 3	-WORK WEEK
June 19-24	-Junior High - Todd Townsend, Elyria, OH
June 26-July 1	-Junior - Al Mayhak, Papua, New Guinea
July 3-8	-Junior High - Jerry Smith, Clover, WI
July 10-15	-Senior High - Jim Huckaby, B.B.C.
July 17-22	-Junior - Jim McClain, Norwalk, OH
July 24-29	-Jr/Sr High - Mel Walker, F.B.B.C.

July 31-Aug.5

-Family - David Warren, Cedarville College

August 7-12

-Family - Lynn Rogers, Northfield, OH

August 14-19

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August 21-26

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