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Groundbreaking Service



These four men are (left to right): Richard Hyde, Dana Roberts, Pastor Wagner, and Ted Hyde.

Rev. Gerald G. Wagner, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Wellington, Ohio, announced that on March 9th, they held a Groundbreaking Service for their new Sunday School addition during the morning Worship Hour. The new Sunday School addition will contain nine classrooms, nursery, Pastor's study, an office, restrooms, and a furnace room. The 96' x 22' fully carpeted, two-story addition will be under construction as soon as the weather permits. Total construction period is expected to take three months. The new structure, containing 4,224 square feet will have the capacity to adequately handle over 100 Sunday School students. This will be the first expansion of the current church building which was erected in 1957. The total cost of the new Sunday School wing is expected to near \$150,000.00. Rev. Wagner, Pastor of First Baptist since January 1975, will be involved with his ninth building program since he entered the ministry over forty years ago. Those taking part in the actual groundbreaking were: Rev. Wagner; Richard Hyde, Chairman of the Deacon Board; Ted Hyde, Chairman of the Trustee Board; and Dana Roberts, Co-Chairman of the Building Committee.

Dedication Service



Grace Baptist Church of Geneva, after much delay, celebrated the dedication of their rented building on December 9, 1979. Pastor Ross DeFelice, a missionary with Hiawatha Baptist Mission and currently serving in Chardon, Ohio, was the guest speaker. The Service was well attended by folk from nearby Regular Baptist Churches.

Grace Baptist Church began services in November, 1974, in a local school. In April of 1979, when the congregation moved into their present building, they were faced with many repairs before safety regulations could be met. Finally, after much remodeling, the official dedication service has been held, and the building is being enjoyed. As of now (March, 1980), however, attendance is still low and the building is a financial burden. "Brethren, pray for us!"

50th Anniversary For Akron Church

On Easter Sunday, April 6th, members and friends of the Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio gathered for the 50th anniversary of the church. It proved to be a great day!

The pastor of the church, Rev. W. Dean Henry led his people in their special anniversary service. Guest speaker was Rev. B. F. Cate. His message was entitled "Memorials". The first pastor of the church was Dr. W. D. Herrstrom. In a special 50th Anniversary booklet given out during the day, compiled by Brother C. Albert Johnson, we read some of the following (most interesting) quotes.

"Dr. W. D. Herrstrom was pastoring the North Akron Baptist Church which belonged to the old Northern Baptist Convention (now American Baptist Convention) when squarely faced with the problem of the denial of the fundamental doctrines of the faith on the part of denominational leaders. Unwilling to compromise, he chose to obey God rather than men, and followed the scriptural injunction - "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (II Cor. 6:14, 17,

GARBC Conference June 23-27

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Schaumburg, Illinois - "For Such a Time as This" is the theme of the 49th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to be held in San Diego, California, June 23-27.

Dr. Paul N. Tassell, National Represen-tative, said, "In San Diego we will be encouraged by the fellowship, edified by the great preaching and elevated by the magnificent music. Our pastors and people will be fortified to be faithful to the Word of God, fervent in worldwide evangelization and fearless in maintaining the purity of the local church against the inroads of apostasy, new evangelicalism and worldliness. As An association we will proclaim with joy our loyalty and obedience to the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ."

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches represents 1,554 local churches united to accomplish mutual concerns on a national and international level through the chaplaincy, radio broadcasts, literature distribution, missions, education and social responsibility. The annual, nationwide Bible conference is for spiritual edification, challenge and fellowship.

To Err Is Human, To Forgive - Divine!

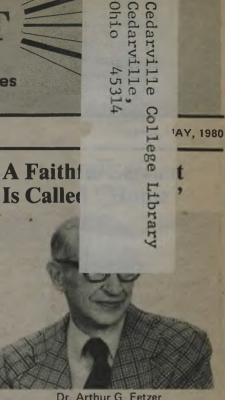
In our January issue of THE OHIO IN-DEPENDENT BAPTIST, we erroneously stated that our next annual OARBC conference, to be held at the First Baptist Church, Medina, Ohio would be October 13, 14 and 15 (1980). Actually, the dates are October 20, 21, and 22 (1980). We suggest you mark your calendar accordingly. Plan on attending but please don't arrive a week early!

18). Brother Herrstrom left that church and denomination in order to obey the Lord and be faithful to the truth, accompanied by a small group from the congregation."

From this very humble beginning, the Lord honored his servant for taking this stand. The church, through the years, saw a continued growth. Other pastors following Dr. Herrstrom, have been Rev. John J. Pringle (1935-1938). He was a man who delighted in preaching in those areas of the Bible which spoke on the return of Christ. Rev. Max Harvey followed Pastor Pringle. His ministry was from 1940-1942.

Present pastor of the church, Rev. W. Dean Henry, began his ministry at the Akron church on the 4th of July in 1942. Brother Henry has been a faithful pastor all of these 38 years. Again, let us quote from the Anniversary booklet: Pastor Henry says, "I have never

doubted that God's hand was directing when I came to Akron. The ensuing years have presented innumerable opportunities to preach and teach the Word of God." He further states - "As is true of all servants, the Lord will be the final judge. Although not all that we wished has been accomplished, we do praise God for what He has done. Foreign and home missions have been an important part of the ministry at Brown Street. In these fifty years hundreds of



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Dr. Arthur G. Fetzer

Dr. Arthur G. Fetzer was promoted to Glory on Wednesday, April 9, at the age of 79. He had suffered a heart attack followed by several lays in a coma. The funeral service was held Saturday, April 12, at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, of which he was a member.

Beginning in 1945, Dr. Fetzer first be-came involved with Baptist Mid-Missions as he served on the General Council. He later assumed the position of Treasurer on January 1, 1947. In 1949, he became Treasurer and General Secretary, thus receiving the appropriate title for responsibilities he was already carrying.

In 1956, he left his business responsibilities and came into the office fulltime. He continued his responsibilities for all the finances of the Mission and the administration of all the missionaries and fields, except those working in North America. Through the years he has visited all the Baptist Mid-Missions' fields.

On December 31, 1977, after more than thirty-two years of fruitful association with Baptist Mid-Missions, he retired as Vice-President and Foreign Secretary.

The strong drive of Dr. Fetzer's life has been missions. Every ounce of energy and strength the Lord gave him has been dedicated to Baptist Mid-Missions on a 24-hour basis. He can never be replaced, only remembered.

Dr. Fetzer is survived by his Wife, Leone, and three sons, Paul, Larry and David.

thousands of dollars have been given to the spreading of the gospel."

"God led others from this congregation to serve in pastorates and other areas of Christian service. The list is as follows: Pastor and Mrs. B. F. Cate, Dr. and Mrs. Dallas Billington, R. L. Shelton, Mary Elizabeth Divil Wilson, David Fisher, Robert Tolson, David Henry, Jim Guyer, Elva Boyd Herman, William Absalom, Prudence String (now the wife of Pastor Paul Humber), Larry Blalock, Tom White, Pat Blasdale, James McKeever, Vance and Lorraine Lemasters, Margaret Zehnder, Charles Horne, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Patton.'

The Lord has richly blessed this church with unique and outstanding men of God as pastors. The faithful exposition of the Word of God has produced results and only eternity will reveal its full impact. We congratulate these people and their pastor on this their 50th year of service in the work of the Lord. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR . . .



Your editor preached

Our trip around the world is now behind us. It was an exciting experience! The Lord, in grace, met our every need. provided guidance, protection, strength, opportunities for service, fellowship, and innumerable spiritual blessings. In this article, we have neither time nor space to give a detailed report. A form letter has been written which has been sent to those who had a part in helping us financially and/or through their prayers. If you have not received a copy and desire one, simply write: Don and Lois Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385. We ran some extra copies and will meet your request just so long as they last.

Perhaps, for this article, the easiest way to tell of our trip is to present it in the form of a log, which follows.

DAYTON – We began our journey on February 1. A group of friends gathered at the airport to bid us God speed. Our first stop was Kennedy International Airport, New York City. Here we spent several hours, while our plane refueled, with a dear pastor friend and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Southard.

LONDON, ENGLAND - At the Hea-Airport, we were met Mid-Missions' missionary, Rev. Stan Brittain. We had eight wonderful days in England and Wales. The sights were many -Buckingham Palace, the changing of the guard, Windsor Castle, Parliament, Westminster Abbey and more! Our son was unable to get away from his work in Saudi Arabia so it meant our not having the joy of being with him, his dear wife, and our lovely granddaughter whom we have not seen for almost five years. We did get to visit our grandson in Wales. Also, we ministered to the Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries. This proved a precious time.

DELHI, INDIA — We had an emergency stop here. The windshield on the plane developed a crack. We were put up overnight in the ASHOKA HOTEL in Delhi. This was at the airline's expense! The ASHOKA is one of the most modern and most beautiful hotels in the Far East. It was most enjoyable.

DACCA, BANGLADESH - First to greet us at the airport was Lois' brother, Dr. Donn Ketcham. This was the primary purpose of our trip - to visit Bangladesh and minister to the missionaries and their families at their Spiritual Life Conference. We saw Dacca, Chittagong, Malumghat, and Cox's Bazaar. Much is being accomplished in this land through the ministries of these ABWE missionaries. There is the work of publishing religious periodicals, the translation of the scriptures, the hospital ministries, the work among the evangelists and Bible women, the indigenous Baptist churches, etc. At the Spiritual Life Conference, the Lord blessed in many different ways. What a joy to share the Word and to minister among these who faithfully share it with others!



.... and Lois played.

BANGKOK, THAILAND – This, too, was only an overnight stay. In this case, however, it was so planned. We stayed at the ASIA HOTEL. We wish we could have had more time in this great city but had to arise early to get on our way to the Philippines.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – I doubt if anyone ever saw as much of the Philippines in any twelve-day period as we did! Every place we went, we were privileged to minister - both in preaching (my part) and in playing the piano (Lois' part). We visited Manila, Luzon - Cebu City, Cebu (Magellan landed here!) - Maasin, Sogod

Just A Few OARBC Directory Changes

In our February/March issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we presented our new OARBC directory. The following changes should be made.

- Rev. Donald O. Shue has resigned as pastor of the Albany Baptist Church.
 Rev. William L. Davis is the new pas-
- tor at the Bible Baptist Church, Bedford.
- Rev. Earl R. Decker has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine.
- Dr. Hall Dautel is serving as Interim Pastor at the Grand Ave. Baptist Church, Fairborn.
- The First Baptist Church of Hudson has a new street address - 5107 Darrow Rd.
- Rev. J.G. Stuckey has resigned as pastor of the Montpelier Baptist Church.
- The Faith Baptist Church of Oxford

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- The full mailing address for the Waits Baptist Church, Sciotoville is Box 380-C, R. 2.

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and Hilongoa, Leyte - Iloilo City, Panayback to Manila - Baguio City, Luzon . . . and back to Manila again! We will long remember seeing Bilibid prison at Fort Santiago. It was here that so many Americans died during World War II. It was in this terrible place that our own (ABWE) missionary - Marian Bomm suffered so greatly. The highlight of our visit to the Philippines was ministering to the students at Baptist Bible Seminary in Manila and at the Doane Baptist Bible Institute in Iliolo.

HONG KONG - What a crowded part of the world! How impressed we were with the Chinese believers. Most of these are young people, all of whom evidence a love for the Lord and His work. We saw the Communist border not far from Kowloon. We visited the Student Study Center, the Rooftop ministry, the Bible School, saw the newly purchased space to enlarge the school's facilities, the indigenous Baptist churches, etc. What an experience to walk the streets, to visit the open air markets, to partake of Chinese food (shark fin soup, chicken feet, and hamburgers at Burger King), and to ride the ferry from Kowloon to Hong Kong! Ministering to the missionaries and their people was such a privilege.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Another crowded city! Were it not for the signs (all in Japanese), one could imagine they were in New York City, Chicago, or Los Angeles. Here we ministered to some very precious believers. Again, the work flourishes best among the youth - high school and college age. We travelled north of Tokyo and saw Baptist Mid-Missions' new camp grounds. How good to sit with the missionaries and together look into the Book of Books. The cost of living in Japan (Hong Kong, too) far exceeds anything we have here.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA – A dear Japanese lady said to me - "You will rike (like) Araska (Alaska). Well, we do We "rike" it very, very much! We ministered at the Maranatha Baptist Church and the Dimond Blvd. Baptist Church in Anchorage. There were those to whom the Lord spoke and vital decisions were made. These Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries are doing a great job in our 49th state.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON – Here we spent three days with Rev. and Mrs. Al Tassell. We ministered at the Gatewood Baptist Church. It was good being with these former Buckeyes who remarked (more than once) that they do miss our OARBC fellowship. We miss having them here, too!

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – Just overnight and one day here visiting Lois' mother-Mrs. Robert T. Ketcham. We gave her a full report concerning the whole trip but especially concerning Dr. Donn Ketcham and his family. We are happy to report that Mother Ketcham is doing quite well. She teaches a women's Sunday School class each Lord's day. It hardly seems possible that almost two years have slipped by since Dad Ketcham went to be with the Lord!

DAYTON, OHIO - Flying down from Chicago, we found ourselves thanking the Lord for what proved to be one of the most exciting experiences of our lives. We knew our pastor, Rev. William Wheeler, would be meeting us at the airport. We did not know that along with him would be others from our church - young and old alike. There were signs reading: "Wel-come Home Moffats!" - "We're Glad You're Back!" - "We Missed You!". There was hugging, laughing, crying, and kissing! What wonderful friends! Making our way through the airport the children were singing lustily -- "Be A Missionary!" I am sure folk thought - "These folk must really be celebreties." It was so much fun! How do you thank people like this for their love and their care?

The best we know how - we want to say one more time – THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who helped financially and/or prayed. Surely it all was of HIS DOING and it is indeed . . . MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES!

Millersburg Church Calls Youth Pastor



Youth Pastor Larry Pittman

The congregation of Millersburg Baptist Church was challenged by Pastor Dave Truit with a faith promise in order to start a building program to enable the church to relocate as the present building is too small. Included in the faith program challenge was a call to Youth Pastor Larry Pittman, who has been on a part-time basis for more than one year, to become full-time Youth Pastor. The congregation more than met the challenge that was presented and are currently looking for suitable land available for a new church building.

Pittman served as pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Smithville, Ohio

A Request For Prayer Support

The wife of one of our OARBC pastors, Betty Myers, has been having a rough time of it physically. In a recent letter from her husband, Rev. George Myers, we learned that she has been hospitalized at the Doctors Hospital West for over seven weeks. This information reached us on April 15. Three of these weeks she was in intensive care. Her problem was pneumonia which was complicated with a herniated stomach which had pierced into her left lung. This required very serious surgery. In grace, the Lord brought her through. She almost slipped away to be with the Lord. She has been showing some improvement, however, she is presently having difficulty with her heart. It has a tendancy to race rapidly and there is a problem in trying to get her to regain her lost weight. We ask our readers to pray for Betty and Brother George during these days.

Also, in Brother Myers' letter was another urgent request. His church - the Alton Road Baptist Church, Galloway (near Columbus), Ohio is beginning a building program. Two FBHM missionary builders are coming to help them in this venture. There is a need for money. This is a new church. They have a \$45,000 loan approved by the Church Buildings Committee, however, they still have need for a little under the sum of \$14,000 in investments in order to secure the loan.

For any who might be able to help and would care to purchase "investment certificates", they should either write Church Buildings Committee, F.B.H.M., Box 455, Elyria, Ohio 44036 or contact Rev. George Myers, 547 Old Tree Place, Columbus, Ohio 43228. These investment certificate bonds pay anywhere from 6% (for a 90 day loan) to 9% for a 10 year maturity loan. The minimum investment amount is \$50.00.

Recently, Dr. Don Winters held special evangelistic meetings at the Alton Road Baptist church. The Lord blessed. On Sunday morning of the meetings 112 from 1975-1978 and formerly attended Kent State and Moody Bible Institute.

Early in January, the Pittmans and the elected teen leaders, at an overnight planning session at Salt Fork Lodge, planned the year's activities for the Junior and Senior High youth. A few of the coming outings are: kayaking, hiking, Cleveland Indians game, biking on Kelly's Island (Lake Erie), Sea World, rubber rafting on the New River in West Virginia, and camping.

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Pittman meets with the youth for "Gripe Night", which has become a great time of discussion.

Some of the youth highlights of the past year were a nine-day trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for beach evangelism, rubber rafting in Pennsylvania, and a trip to Gettysburg for the graduating Seniors.

Pittman, and his wife, Marilyn, reside at 6398 Millersburg Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691. They have two grown children, Vicki (Mrs. Rex Shaffer) of Marshallville and Jamie of the home.

Plane Crash!

On March 4, Missionary pilot Don Richter of Baptist Mid-Missions in Alaska and a deacon from the Iliamna Baptist Church, Mr. Len McMillen, crashed in a "pass" just north of Mt. Iliamna. They were enroute to an ordination service at the Grace Baptist Church in Anchorage.

As they were navigating through the pass, a "white out" occurred. This caused them to lose their orientation. A wing tip touched the glacier, cartwheeling the plane which lost both wings and the motor. Brother Don Richter was thrown from the plane. Brother Len McMillen had severe facial injuries. He was able to cut himself from the harness and went to Brother Don's help covering him with a sleeping bag to keep him from freezing.

When their plane did not arrive at Anchorage as per the flight plan, the F.A.A. sent out a search and rescue. By this time, another aircraft had discovered the crash and sent instructions as to its location. Rescue was effected four hours later.

Both men were taken to the Anchorage hospital. Brother Richter suffered a broken vertebra, and internal injuries. Your editor and his wife were in Anchorage after this accident had happened and were able to visit Brother Richter and also to see Brother McMillen. Before leaving Anchorage, your editor is glad to report that both men were improving. It will be a long time, however, before they are fully well.

Their aircraft, a Cessna 180, was a total loss. Experienced pilots, who have seen the wreckage, have stated that it is nothing short of a miracle that either man is alive! Prayer is requested, not only that they both may fully recover, but also for the necessary funds to replace the plane that was lost. In order to carry on the effective work that Don Richter was doing, a plane is a necessity. The villages he was reaching with the gospel can be reached in no other way. Do you want a missionary challenge for your people? Why not consider this one! Contact Baptist Mid-Missions and tell them what you - or your church - might be able to do!

Returns To Ohio



Rev. William F. Harris

We are happy to announce that Rev. and Mrs. William Harris, former "Buckeyes" have returned to the wonderful state of Ohio! Our brother has accepted a call to pastor the Immanuel Baptist Church in New Boston, Ohio.

Rev. Harris has pastored churches in Marshalltown, Iowa - Verona, Wisconsin -Cambridge City, Indiana - First Baptist Church, Rittman, Ohio (eleven years), and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has studied at Denison University and is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute.

The Harrises began their ministry at New Boston on March 2nd. They are very dear friends of your editor and his wife. We, especially, are glad to have them back in Ohio and look forward to fellowshipping with them. We are confident the Lord will bless them in this, their new field of service.

Now Serving Sunbury Church



Pastor Dalvin C. Cramer

Rev. Dalvin C. Cramer is the new pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Sunbury, Ohio. He began his ministry there on March 16.

Our brother was called to Sunbury while serving as Assistant Pastor in the First Baptist Church of North Tonawanda, New York. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. While there he received a Th. b. degree in Pastoral Studies. He is 32 years of age.

He and his wife have two precious children - James and Kathleen. They all are now living in Sunbury and are looking to the Lord to give them a ministry richly blessed by Him. We welcome our brother and his family to Ohio and to our OARBC fellowship.

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In Ohio hear the program on:KZAK - FM, Cleveland - Saturdays 6:00 A.M. WAWR - FM, Bowling Green - Sundays 10:00 A.M. WSPD - TV, Ch. 13, Toledo - Sundays 7:30 A.M.

"A Light For This Generation"

A new decade is upon us and Camp Patmos is preparing to effectively minister to the new challenges and opportunities of the 80's.

Our lighthouse has become a symbol of the camp's ministry and for the 80's our theme is "Camp Patmos: A Light for This Generation." That sums up the seriousness of our purpose and the times in which we live. Truly this generation needs The Light as none before it ever has.

As Christian values come under attack, Camp Patmos finds itself ministering to the family more effectively than ever before. "All the cabins for Family Week 1980 were reserved the first three weeks of registration! There is still room for RV hookup, self-contained RV's, and tenting and consideration is being given to adding a second family week. We are thrilled with this great response.

A growing age group in the 80's will be the Senior Citizens and Camp Patmos' ministry to them is keeping pace. Interest has never been higher and programs are being developed that will have special appeal for these special people.

As the numbers of children in our population continue to decline, we are looking forward to developing alternate and more effective ministries to the youth in our churches. Truly, the 80's present some challenges but by God's grace, we plan to meet them. To share with you some of our new emphasis, Camp Patmos has available a new visual presentation. Done in the Labelle format and complete with its own projector, its an easy to use tool for small group showings (Awana, Bus Ministry, Youth Groups, etc.), in your foyer (How about a Registration Sunday?), or large group projection in your auditorium. Contact Dave Carder, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, (419) 472-3280 to schedule this exciting testimony of God's leading at Camp Patmos.

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Never Too Old To Serve!



Rev. and Mrs. George Chadwick

That may well be the testimony of this missionary couple now serving with F.B.H.M. Brother Chadwick recently sent the following account of his ministrv

"In my senior year at B.B.C., I applied to a mission board but was informed that I was too old. A short time later I met Dr. Muck who consoled me in his inimitable way by saying, "Why not come with F.B.H.M., George!" I did apply to F.B.H.M., was in the 1966 candidate class and will shortly complete my fourteenth year of ministry. In my first church, in Fulton, New York, I had a small organized group but no church building. We built one during our stay there. My second church, in Watertown, New York, had a small organized group and an unfinished church building. A contractor had built the Fulton church, but, the one in Watertown was built by the members. When our work there drew near to completion we asked the Lord to give us the opportunity to build a church from the ground up and not on another man's foundation. God directed us to the city of Kingston, a place that had never known a fundamental Baptist church. We came to Kingston, rented a church building, put an ad in the paper, and started September 7, 1975. God has been good and our church is doing well."

One of the reasons for the Lord's blessing on the ministry of these folk may be detected from his preface to this report in which he states, "Most of my memories might seem dull to many inasmuch as they involve more perspiration than inspiration: ringing doorbells, plodding up and down the city streets, laboriously making up mailing lists so literature may be sent out and calif. o, calling, calling.

Praise God for such soldiers of the cross as these who are not about to let even the latter years of their life slip idly by. May the Lord give us more like them!

"If I could speak with you personally . . .

I would share some of the hearth of an unwed mother at our Bethesda Home. She had hopes of marriage now he has forsaken her. Her family tries to be understanding, but it's so so many decisions to Forgiveness? Yes, God difficult . make forgives but what is best for my baby? for myself? Friends, we try to help these girls reach the right decisions through regular sound, Bible-based counseling.

For more information, write to: Rev. Donald E. Worch. **Executive Director**

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Introducing Our OARBC Young People

GROWING IN THE LORD

Terri is a student at Valley High School. She has 1 brother and her parents are Roger and Peggy King. They make their home in Lucasville and attend the **Baptist** Grace

Church of Minford, Terri King Ohio. Until recent-

ly, her pastor was Rev. Thomas Wright, Jr. Brother Wright is now pastoring the Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Brother Wright shares with us this testimony concerning Terri.

It was the illness of Terri's grandfather that brought her and her family closer to the Lord. (Romans 8:28). Although Terri has been saved but for a short time, she is definitely growing in the Lord. She is very active in the church's Word of Life program and is faithful in all the service of the church. She sings with two other girls in a trio and is learning to use her talents for the Lord. She has been thinking more and more that perhaps the Lord would have her make plans to attend a Bible School or Christian College and, as He leads, consider the field of nursing.

THE JOY OF GOD'S LOVE

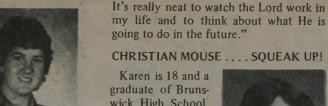
Susan Bogue a Junior at Dayton Christian, enjoys basketball and the singing ensemble, Spirit of Praise. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bogue and has 1 brother and 4 sisters. Sue attends County Line Bap-

Susan Bogue

tist where Carl Stephenson is Pastor. She is faithful to the services and active in the area of music.

Susan's testimony:

"The Lord has really been working hard in my life. He is teaching me the joy of His love. I'm learning that I have something very special and He's giving me a desire to share his love with other people. At my school every 2 weeks we go downtown Dayton and pass out tracts. My favorite book of the Bible is Philippians and my favorite verse is Phil. 1:6.



graduate of Brunswick High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Christmas and has one brother and two sisters. She is a member of the First Baptist Church,

Brunswick, Ohio. Karen Christmas

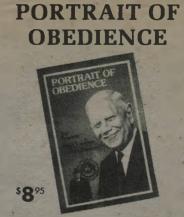
Her pastor is Rev. Donald Matheny.

Karen's testimony:

"After I was saved, like so many others, I was excited and ready to live a 'perfect life' for the Lord. I soon found, however, that I couldn't do it. I'm sure the Lord knew that I couldn't, too. I went around for a long time like a little Christian mouse. I knew that I was a Christian, but not many other people did. I was afraid of being stepped on! Little by little I began to center my activities around Christ. I knew that He had saved me, that He had died for me, but all of a sudden it hit me - HE REALLY CARES FOR ME!

An experience happened in my life about a year ago that caused me to realize that the Lord cares for His own that He answered my prayers! I was looking for a job. I had quit my last job back in the summer and it bothered me that I had no money I could tithe. I began to pray. An opportunity came up for a secretarial position, however, they were asking applicants work seven days a week. The Lord gave me the job without my having to work the seven days each week. They gave me Wednesdays off (I could take part in Awana) and Sundays (I could attend church). I found two verses very precious - Phil. 4:19 and Eph. 5:17.

I have seen the Lord answer other prayers too - many of the girls in my CHUMS class have accepted the Lord. He has guided in my going to Cedarville College. This is my Freshman year here and I like it very much! My major is Elementary Education. I continue to work in Awana (my Christian service) and God is blessing. My verse is - Proverbs 16:3 "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established."



Dr. Ketcham's life verse (Colossians 1:18) has been interwoven throughout his life and throughout the history of his beloved Association.

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The Grand Rapids **Bible Conference**

Editor's Note: Generally, when a report is given on the Grand Rapids Bible Conference, it comes from one of the leaders in the conference or the Publicity Department. This report comes from one of the students. The following was submitted by Ann Faber, a Senior at Grand Rapids Baptist College.



Good Attendance - Rich Blessings!

Something was different about our campus that week. But what was it? Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary had been metamorphosed by the beginning of the Twentyfirst Annual Seminary Bible Conference. Right under our very noses, the familiar face of our campus had been changed, almost without our realizing it.

Perhaps, we had failed to note what was happening because it all happened so subtly. As students, we did not see the intricate machinery of the Bible Conference organization when it began to roll months before Conference started. Its cogs had been greased so well by the efficient people who prepare for our Conference that we never even heard them turning.

Suddenly, however, we saw changes taking place all over campus, and we knew it was Bible Conference time again. One of the first places we noticed the results of the Bible Conference machinery was in our dining hall. It seemed some giants had developed a game with the object of seeing how many tables could be squeezed into the least amount of space. (Once Conference started, we knew why! Hundreds of guests moved into our Student Center with us to enjoy lunch on campus.) In addition, we saw our chapel area transformed into an exciting Conference Center and Display Area, with displays from several campus organizations and Regular Baptist Agencies. It was hardly recognizable as the same place where we meet for chapel each day. And then our gym suddenly became an auditorium to house 1500 people for all the meetings!

The changes taking place on campus to prepare for Conference were not confined to inanimate objects and buildings, however. One could see changes in the attitudes of all the people on campus too. Someone had tinkered around with a huge wrench and released all the tension felt at the time. Up until Bible Conference, we students had felt that each teacher had set a quota for all the homework that had to be met. But as the Conference drew closer, that quota dropped. Both teacher and student alike anticipated a week of blessing a week unmarked by piles of papers to grade for the teachers and without those fateful "red marks" for the students.

The anticipation grew as preparation for the Conference became more apparent. A note in the Chapel Announce-ments read: "Physical Plant must have niore car parkers for Bible Conference." The gym was closed - on Saturday, no less - to allow for chairs to be set up, and a beautiful electronic organ to be moved in. And then in bold letters, the marquee over the Multi-Purpose Building announced, "WELCOME BIBLE CONFERENCE GUESTS."

Conference had come, and the anticipation we had sensed did not diminish as hundreds of friends and former students arrived on campus. It was a week worthy of all our expectations. One of the things that made the week so worthwhile was the ministry of the speakers, among whom were Dr. Howard Sugden, Dr. Paul Tassell, Dr. David Hocking, Rev. George Gardiner, and our own President Welch. If one were to give a label to Dr. Sugden and the way in which he speaks, it would be that of a dramatist a dramatist of God. Dr. Sugden spoke five times during the week and never lost the vibrance and enthusiasm he exhibited when he first spoke on Monday. Dr. Hocking was a favorite of everyone. His approach to the Christian life was both practical and applicable. The messages he brought on spiritual leadership were challenging to all who heard them.

One of the methods of speaking that I found very interesting and easy to follow was the use of an acrostic by Dr. Paul Tassell. He very effectively used the word dynamite to explain the characteristics

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SPECIAL SEMINAR

Dr. Harry B. Ambacher, ABWE missionary to Hong Kong, shared his experiences and his doctoral thesis at a special seminar held March 10 through 14. The subject dealt with throughout the seminar was - "The Biblical Basis for Urban Evangelism".

BIBLE AND RELIGION FIRST CHOICE

Over one-third of the 1979 graduates from the Grand Rapids Baptist College majored in either religion or Bible, according to a recent poll. Seventy-five graduates who were surveyed had the following distribution in terms of majors selected: Bible & Religion, 35%; English, 14%; History, 12%; Speech, 8%; Sociology, 8%; Psychology, 8%; Secretarial diploma, 7%; other, 7%.

NEW APARTMENT BUILDING

In order to reduce crowded conditions in some residence halls and to allow a few more to enroll, the Executive Board approved construction of another 30-unit apartment building. This is to be situated with the other apartments and will be basically identical to the apartment building which opened in October, 1980. The new building will be ready for occupancy next fall.

of the successful Christian life. I'm sure I won't easily forget the qualities that should be demonstrated in a Christian's life: Direction, Yieldedness, Newness, Affection, Ministry, Intercession, Triumph, and Eternality.

The speakers were not the only enjoyable part of the Conference. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the musical aspect - both the congregational singing led by Strat Shufelt and the special music by individuals and groups from the school. The Twenty-first Annual Seminary Bible Conference is over. The campus is no longer bustling with visiting pastors, missionaries and special speakers. Once more the campus has settled into its academic routine, but we have been to the mountain. We have been blessed.

We welcome all

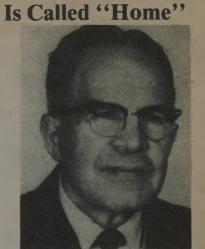
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Rev. Guy E. King

We regret this delayed word concerning the "homegoing" of our friend and brother, the late Rev. Guy E. King. This faithful servant went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 20.

Brother King was used of the Lord as General Director of the Hiawatha Baptist Missions for a period of twenty-one years. He was a man of vision - a man greatly burdened to see independent regular Baptist churches established in these United States. He had a missionary heart. Under his leadership, the mission grew not only physically but spiritually as well.

It was your editor's privilege to minister along with Brother Guy in many missionary conferences. We appreciated his friendship, his love for the Lord, and his love for the Lord's work. His messages always exalted Christ.

This delay in announcing his being called "home" was due to your editor and his wife being engaged in a missionary journey that took them around the world. We were away for a period of two full months.

Let us remember to pray for Mrs. King and the family during these days that the God of all comfort will be their strength and their stay. What a grand time Guy King must be having . . . being with HIM and the saints of the ages!



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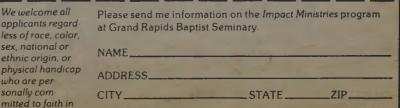
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AKRON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KENMORE-We praise the Lord for the continued increase in our Sunday School attendance. Rev. David Dunkin (FBHM) ministered here in March. Also, we viewed the films - "A Thief In The Night" and "Distant Thunder". We will be having special meetings with Evangelist Billy Absalom May 18-23.

HIGHVIEW AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH-On April 13 we viewed the film - "The Burning Hell". We were led in a Bible Conference April 20 through 23 by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Chan-cellor of Cedarville College.

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH-

PAITH BAPTIST CHORCH-We appreciated the ministry of "The Colle-gians" from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Penna. Mike Coyle spoke and played at our Valentine Banquet back on February 9. We appreciated having Drs. Roland and Martha Snearly (BMM-Chad). The Cedarville College "Chorale" presented a concert here in late April April.

ARCANUM, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH-

Missionary Larry Armstrong was with us on March 9. He is serving the Lord under ABWE in Australia. Rev. Hal Copley spoke at our Easter Sunrise Service. On the evening of that day, we were ministered to by Brother Terry Armstrong

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH--

SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH--In January of this year, our pastor - Rev. Paul T. Williams, completed his 15th year of minis-try at our church. One/half of his ministry for the Lord has been spent serving the South Canaan church. Rev. Ronald England (BMM-Hawaii) ministered here in February. Also, we appreciated the ministry of Brother Everett Jarvis and Rev. Fred Barrett, (FBHM). We were led in special meetings by Rev. Joe Halsey of Cedarville College - March 16 through 21. Our church choir presented the cantata - "The Cross, The Grave, and Triumph". BEDFORD.

BEDFORD

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH— The Lord has led us in calling Rev. William Davis to be our pastor. We wish to express our deep appreciation for the faithfulness on the part of Dr. Kenneth Muck in serving as our Interim Pastor. Brother Davis' first Sunday with us was on March 16 us was on March 16.

us was on March 16. BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH-In late January, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Spieth (BMM-Upper Amazon) ministered here. Mis-sionary Roy Hendershot (BMM) told of his new work in Arizona. April 20 through 23 we were led in evangelistic meetings by Brother Don Moffat. Special music included - piano solos by Mrs. Moffat and THE COLLEGIANS BRASS QUINTET from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. We are to be led in our "Leadership Conference" by Dr. Carl Elgena. Our brother presently serves as the Eastern Our brother presently serves as the Eastern Sunday School Consultant of the Regular Baptist Press. The dates for this conference are May 16-18.

BLUFFTON, RILEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH--We had a commissioning service for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snare. They are going forth as missionaries to Brazil. We recognized Mrs. Ethel Boutwell for her faithfulness as one of our Sunday School teachers. Brother Bill Rus-cult store a clide presentation of our Shruise. our Sunday School teachers. Brother Bill Rus-sell gave a slide presentation of our Skyview Ranch. We viewed the film - "TO Russia With Love". The work in Northwest Canada was presented by missionary Gary Forney. Our young people's Bible Quiz team was awarded the trophy for first place at the Teen Scene meeting in Fostoria. At our Easter evening ser-vice, our choir presented a cantata entitled -"ALIVE".

BUCYRUS, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH-

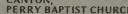
We were challenged through the ministry of Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions. Missionaries Gary and Bernice Hilliker (Venezuela) were with us on April 6. May 27 we are to have the Pensacola Christian College Ensemble.

CALDWELL

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH-ABWE missionary David Cooper spoke here on March 12, He works in the field of home mis-sions. We were privileged to have Dr. Allan Monroe of Cedarville College minister here, also.

CANTON

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH-The singing of Rev. and Mrs. Dave Murdoch proved a blessing to our people. We held our proved a blessing to our people. We held our Valentine Banquet on Feb. 16. Guest speaker was Brother Ben Kendrick (BMM). His theme was - "Give Your Heart To Missions". We re-cently voted to give \$100 per month regular support to Rev. T. S. Simon in India. Evange-list Bill Piper spoke at our Men's Prayer Break-fast on March 15. In April we were privileged to have Rev. Leeland Crotts.



CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH— Brother Mel Keeler of Shepherd's Home told of the work that is being done for retarded child-ren. We viewed the film - "John Hus". Brother Bill Russell of Skyview Ranch spoke at our Staff banquet. We appreciated the ministry of Rev. Jim Ruck (BMM-Japan). We are having special meetings with Editor and Mrs. Don Moffat - May 18 through 21. CANITON

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH-Our missionaries, John and Judy Bigelow were with us in February. We appreciated having the film-"John Hus". Evangelist Bill piper led us in special meetings March 9 through 16. CEDARVILLE

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH-We were blessed through the ministry of Rev. Richard Durham. Our brother now teaches at Cedarville College. He ministered for years in the Republic of the Philippines.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH– We were led in a concert by the Cedarville College choir in March. Hearts were blessed; COLUMBUS,

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH-

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH— Sally Sayger (ABWE-Japan) spoke here in late February. The Lord blessed through our Missionary Conference - March 16-19, Those taking part were: Rev. and Mrs. Albert John-son (BMM-Brazil), Rev. Lee Wise (ABWE-Chile), Rev. John Buck (Children for Christ), Mrs. Gary Holtz (Campus Bible Fellowship), Miss Elaine Schulte (BMM-Ivory Coast), and Rev. Gene Bryant (Columbus-Jewish Work-BMM). It was a great conference! Our choir presented the cantata - "No Greater Love" on Easter Sunday evening service. Easter Sunday evening service.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH-Recently, our former pastor, Dr. Don Winters ministered here. Also, our Associate Pastor -Mr. Dennis George. Brother John Buck of Children for Christ was with us on March 9. We were led in special meetings by Dr. James T. Jeremiah of Cedarville College.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH-Recent speakers include Dr. Thomas Burke, Rev. Clair Besse, Rev. Kenneth Klein, Rev. O. C. Morrison, and Rev. Bill Russell (Sky-view Ranch). Our ladies are having a "Mother/Daughter Special on May 15.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH-

We held an Easter Sunrise service at which we viewed the film - "I Beheld His Glory". At our Easter evening service our choir presented the cantata - "Jesus Is Coming".

DAYTON

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HGTS. BAPTIST CHURCH— The Ambassadors Quartet ministered here Sunday evening, March 2. Our ladies are having their Mother/Daughter banquet on May 8. Evangelist John Canine will be leading us in special meetings May 11 through 14. DEFIANCE

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH-We viewed the film - "Sheffey". Hearts were blessed through a special conference. Those ministering to us were Dr. John R. Rice, Dr. Curtis Hutson, and soloist - Mr. Ray Hart. The Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music presented a concert here on April 12. DUNDEE

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH-

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH-Our men enjoyed their Father/Son Banquet. Brother Marc Blackwell, missionary to Rho-desia, ministered to us in February. It was a joy to have Rev. Wm. Russell of Skyview Ranch tell of the camp ministry. May 2 was the date of our Mother/Daughter banquet. We learned concerning the need in Japan from Missionary Jim Ruck of Baptist Mid-Missions.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-Our missionaries were a blessing to us during our Missionary Conference. Those taking part were Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Webber (BMM-New Zealand), Rev. John Swedberg (BMM-Brazil), Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Bunjer (BMM-Germany), Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cuthbertson (FBHM), Dr. and Mrs. Ron Snearley (BMM-Chad), Rev. Tom Miller (BMM-Brazil), Rev. and Mrs. Ron Bantle (FBHM), and Rev. Larry Armstrong (ABWE-Australia). We held a "Dad and Lad" banquet in late February. Mr. Pete Mothers-head from Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo was guest speaker. was guest speaker.

ENGLEWOOD. UNION BAPTIST CHURCH-

were led in a Total Life Conference March 29th. Guest speakers were from Cedarville College. They were Dr. Robert Gromacki, Dr. Martin Clark, and Rev. James Grier. It proved to be a most profitable time.

FAIRBORN, GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH--Dr. and Mrs. Mead Armstrong presented a slide lecture concerning their ministry in Australia. Dr. Quentin Kenover of Baptist Mid-Missions ministered here in February. Our pastor, Rev. William Davis has accepted a call to pastor the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford, Ohio. As we wait on the Lord for the man of His choosing, Dr. Hall Dautel is serving as our Interim Pas-tor. The Master's Puppets from Cedarville College ministered here recently. As pulpit supply, we have had Dr. Charles Rhodes and Dr. Donald Parvin.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Our "Comfort/Brumbaker" Evangelistic meet-ings were held April 20-25, On May 4 we will be having the film - "Sheffey". Our ladies' Mother/Daughter banquet is set for May 9.

FINDLAY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-We held a Family Life Missionary Conference in February with Rev. Donald E. Worch as guest speaker. The Albert Johnsons of Baptist Mid-Missions were with us in March. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Bill Russell of Sky-view Banch view Ranch

GALLIPOLIS, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH--We held our Missionary Conference March 30 through April 2. Our theme this year was -"God's Plan For The Harvest Includes You". One evening we had a concert presented by the Liberty Baptist College Chamber choir. The missionaries having a part in our conference were: Rev. Richard Dodson, Rev. Lee Wise, Rev. Doug Couch, and Rev. Gary Holtz.

HOMEWORTH, MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH-Missionary Gary Forney was with us in Febru-ary to tell of his work in the northwest part

of Canada.

JOHNSTOWN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—

BAPTIST CHURCH-Brother Gene Bryant (BMM-Jewish missions) spoke here recently. We had the Master Puppets from Cedarville College, Missionaries Bill and Barbara Philipps told us about their work in Brazil.

KENTON,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH-We had a special night of music. The Chorale of the Practical Bible Training School in John-son City, New York ministered here.

LONDON

CONDON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH— Evangelist Bill Piper from Easley, South Caro-lina led us in special evangelistic services. The meetings ran March 2 through 9.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH— Brother Doug Couch of Baptist Mid-Missions was with us in February. It also was a joy to have Dr. Wendell Kempton, President of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, minister to us. This was a three-day conference. March 7, 8 and 9.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— We were led in special meetings by Brother Ron Comfort. These meetings were April 6 through 12. Our Mother/Daughter banquet is to be held May 5. Our choir presented the cantata - WOR-THY IS THE LAMB at our Easter Sunday avaning cervice evening service.

MILLERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-

Our choir presented an Easter cantata entitled -HE IS ALIVE. We held our Spring Bible Con-ference - April 20 through 23.

MAGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH-

MAGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH-During January we emphasized missions. Theme for the month was - "The Gift of Love". We were privileged to have missionaries Bud and Dianne Coutts with us while they were home on furlough. They minister in the Ba-hamas. We viewed the missionary film "Marvelous Missionary Multiplying Machine". Other guest speakers include: Rev. Mel Keeler, Rev. Gary Hilliker, Rev. Clint Kaufield, Rev. Curt Thomas, Rev. Wm. Absalom, Rev. Nolen Seckinger, Brother John Beers, and Brother Don Rohrbacher. We are having special meet-ings May 18-25 with Dr. and Mrs. Bob Man-derson. derson.

NILES

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— On February 6 we had missionary Lee F. Wise (Chile) with us. Also, in February, mis-sionary Bill Philipps told of his ministry in Brazil, We were led in special meetings by Rev. Kevin Boggs - March 16 through 21, Rev. Glenn Sjoerdsmas ministered here April 30. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was May 2.

Mother/Daughter banquet was May 2. NORTH JACKSON, BAILEY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH--Missionary to Chile, Rev. Lee Wise (ABWE) was here in late January. We had our Sweetheart banquet on February 9. Rev. Bob and Cathie, blind missionaries, spoke here in March, as did also, missionary Rev. Sami Kanani. The Col-legian Quintet from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. presented a night of music on March 30.

Ohio certification or be qualified for such.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH-On March 15, Brother Allan McCarthy spoke at our Fellowship for the Deaf. The South Ridge Christian Academy's "Proclaimers" sang for us on March 21. Our Revival Meetings with Evangelist Hugh Pyle from Panama City, Flo-rida have been rescheduled. They will be May 11 through 16. 11 through 16.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH-

Our pastor ministered at a Bible Conference in Dalton, Georgia. Recent guest speakers in-clude: Clayton H. Gray, Peter Masters of Lon-don, and Charles Alexander of Lemoyne.

OBERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH-

We had a splendid turnout for our Father/ Daughter banquet. Mr. Dave Ormsbee of the Public Relations Department, Cedarville Col-lege ministered here in March. Also, we were privileged to have the Swordbearers. ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH-

Recently we had missionary speakers repre-senting Word of Life. They were Joe and Linda Dukes. We were led in special meet-ings by Evangelist Dr. Jack and Eleanore Murray. This was March 23-28.

PAULDING, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH— We had our annual Stewardship Emphasis month and a banquet with the theme -"Faith Is The Victory". The Choralaires from Aoite Baptist Church sang here recently. We viewed the film - "The Land Where Jesus Walk-ed". Dr. Phil Shuler was with us for our Spring Paulual meeting Revival meetings.

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH— In January we had Rev. and Mrs. Mel Keeler of Shepherds, Inc. with us. The Lord continues to bless our AWANA program. We were blessed in a wonderful way through the ministry of Dr. Wilbur C. Rooke of Clarks Summit, Pa. SALEM,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH-

We had a good time at our adult and youth fellowship. The men of the church baked cakes! Our pastor, Rev. Fred Robb prepared ice cream. We all had a great time! Recently our young people put on a skit - "Using Our Talents For The Lord". On March 27, the Practical Bible Training Chorale of Binghamton, New York held a sacred concert here.

SPRINGFIELD, BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH— Recently we viewed the film - PILGRIM'S PROGRESS. Missionary Ray Reiner was Mis-sionary of the Month in February. It was a joy to have him with us. Rev. Edward Spencer of Cedarville College ministered on March 30 while our pastor was in the Holy Land. We viewed the film - "Sammy". SPRINGFIELD.

SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH-

We held special services April 12 and 13. This was our 10th Anniversary Celebration. Those having part were - former pastor, Rev. Joseph Stowell, Rev. Murray Murdoch, and our pastor, Rev. John R. Greening. We were led in evan-gelistic meetings by John Canine. This was April 27-30. April 27-30. STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH— Missionary Albert Johnson told of his work in Brazil, We had a special Sunday on February 10 which we called - "Full Heart For Christ". Also, Rev. Curt Thomas of HAVEN OF REST MISSION in Akron ministered here.

STRUTHERS BAPTIST, TABERNACLE

The ministry of Evangelist Dave Goodman proved a blessing to our church. He led us in special meetings March 16 through 21.

TALLMADGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— We viewed the film - "The Deceivers". Mis-sionary Candidate Thomas Miller (BMM-Bra-zil) spoke here in February. We held our Youth Valentine banquet on February 16. We had the film - "Stranger In My Forest". Also, in Febru-ary, we saw the film - "All The King's Horses".

ary, we saw the film - "All The King's Horses". TIFFIN, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH— We had missionaries Dave and Evelyn Southwell (ABWE-Brazil) with us. We hosted a Youth Rally, featuring Brother Dave Carder of Em-manuel Baptist Church, Toledo. At our Sunday evening services, we are having messages that are taking us "Through The Bible". John and Judy Bigelow (BMM-Alaska) were with us in late March. Our choir presented the cantata "No Greater Love".

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH-Our Missionary Conference was one of bless-ing, Those having a part were: Rev. Dan Brower (Brazil), Rev. Leon Williams, and Rev. Tom Jones (Italy). Our Senior High young people had their Valentine's banquet on Feb. 14. The Master's Puppets from Cedarville College pre-sented a special program on March 14.

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH-

"The Van Campaign"

The Regular Baptist Children's Agency, St. Louis, Michigan is once again in need of the enthusiastic support of many Vacation Bible Schools here in Ohio and all across the country this summer.

It's not too early to start considering plans for your 1980 VBS project. Every year it is a wonderful thing to see how children love to help meet the needs of other boys and girls that are less fortunate than themselves.

Children, as well as their DVBS sponsors, love to be a vital part of a project that will challenge and involve them in helping other children, and the Regular Baptist Children's Agency has such a project again this year.

The Agency is desperately in need of a newer, more dependable, 12-passenger van for one of their family units. This year's DVBS Project '80 - - "KIDS HELPING KIDS" is being called the "VAN CAN CAMPAIGN". One of the Agency vans is ready for "retirement", and it must be replaced this year. But, it will take the collective efforts of many Vacation Bible Schools to make this a reality for these needy children and their houseparents. However, if everyone takes an active part, meeting this need can be accomplished. The Agency

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH--Back in late January, Dr. Mark Jackson, Presi-dent of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. ministered here. February was our Mis-sionary Month. Sunday speakers were Miss Joleine Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips, and Rev. and Mrs. David Southwell. Wednesday evening speakers were Rev. Don Trott, Rev. Bob Dyer, Rev. Joel Kettenring, and Rev. David Southwell. The theme for the month was - "With A Heart For The World". TOI FDO

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH-The film "A Stranger In My Forest" was shown here recently. On April 26 and 27 we had the Cedarville College Puppet Team. The Kingsmen's quartet from Cedarville will be here May 4.

May 4. WADSWORTH, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH--In February we viewed the film - "Pilgrim's Progress". Later we saw another film entitled -"Christiana". Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Hollo-way (BMM-New Zealand) and Rev. and Mrs. Bob Harris (BMM-Alaska) told of their respect-ive works ive works

WARREN

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH— We had Peter Accardi with us for a number of days in February. Also, Mr. Paul Sarterelli of Kent, Ohio led us in a seminar entitled - "A Christian Perspective Of The Cults". Special speaker on March 2nd was Rev. Wally Metts.

WESTLAKE

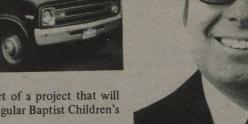
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH-Miss Lucille Brouillet spoke at our Women's Missionary Fellowship on February 7. On the 27th of that month, we had the Collegians Brass Quintet from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. The choir from the First Baptist Church Christian School, Elyria sang for us Sunday evening, April 20. Our Mother/ Daughter banquet will be on May 9. We begin our Annual Missionary Conference May 18. Those who will have a part in the program are: Betty Vanderground and Greg Moffett. Also, Clifton Gregory and a WCRF representative. The closing day of the conference Miss Brouil-let, Leeland Crotts, and Bill Russell (Skyview Ranch) will be speaking. WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH-

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-

We were led in special meetings by Evangelist Bud Lyles. This was back in late January and early February. Gary Storm (Scioto Hills Camp) ministered here in February. During March, our pastor, Rev. Dick Summer celebrat-ed bit seventh anniversary at our church ed his seventh anniversary at our church. March 30th marked the 102nd anniversary of our church Rev. Garv. Norris, presently, page tor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Ohio, returned "home" and preached during the services of the day. Editor/Evangel-ist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, will be lead-ing us in special meetings May 2, 3, and 4. XENIA

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH-It was a joy having "the John Bigelow" family with us in January. They serve the Lord in Alaska. We appreciated the ministry of Dr. Charles Ryrie. When Don and Lois Moffat (members of our church) returned home on April Le a group of us (old and young) went (members of our church) returned home on April 1st, a group of us (old and young) went to the airport to welcome them home. It was exciting! The Moffats were taken by surprise. Missionary Williard Benedict was with us April 13-16. While Pastor Wheeler took a little vacation to Florida, we were privileged to have the following speak in his absence - Mr. David Conrad, Rev. Willard Benedict, and Dr. Richard McIntosh.





staff trusts that many of our Ohio churches will prayerfully consider joining in with others to bring this about.

The Regular Baptist Children's Agency will soon be mailing out posters and promotional wrappers that can be affixed around coffee can containers. Churches that choose the Agency as their 1980 VBS program could then use this "VAN CAN" and the posters to help promote this worthy project.

The Agency is doing an excellent job and they praise the Lord for the opportunity of continuing to work with troubled youth. They need the help and support of your church, however, to carry on this vital ministry to these needy children.

Hopefully, the Agency can count on the support of many Ohio churches this year to help meet this transportation need. Thank you for helping the Regular Baptist Children's Agency in their "Special Kind of Caring".

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> > PROPHETIC SPEAKER

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Called To Pastor **Bedford Church**



Rev. William L. Davis

On March 8, our friend and brother -Rev. William L. Davis began his work as pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio.

Prior to moving to Bedford, he pastored the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio. He served there just two months short of a full ten years. He has pastored only one other church and that was the Calvary Baptist Church of Hubbard, Ohio where he ministered six and one/half years.

The Hubbard church was the first church started under the Program of Propagation introduced into our fellowship by our former State Missionary -Rev. Earl Umbaugh. It became a selfsupporting indigenous church under our brother's ministry.

Pastor Davis has been most active in our OARBC and GARBC fellowships. He served as Chairman, Secretary and Youth Chairman of both the Bethany Association and the Southwest Ohio Association of our OARB churches. Presently, he is serving as Secretary of the Sky View Ranch Board of Trustees.

The Davises have three children - Rebecca Lynn, age 13 - Butch, age 10 and Brian, age 3. Mrs. Davis (Priscilla)

A Special Day **Of Celebration**

Sunday, April 13, was a very special day in the history of the Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio. It was just ten years ago that a handful of people met to pray and plan concerning the establishing of a testimony on the southside of Springfield. God allowed that work to begin and through the years has blessed by building a work to His glory.

To celebrate this occasion a full weekend of activities was planned. On Saturday, April 12, a carry-in supper was held with approximately 300 in attendance. This was held at the Perrin Woods School where the church met during its first few years. Special music was provided by the church's first Ladies Trio. A slide presentation brought back many happy memories and a humorous historical survey helped to make it an enjoyable evening.

On Sunday, Dr. Murray Murdoch, who was the pastor during the church's two and one/half year interim period, opened the Word during the Bible School Hour. In the Worship Service, Pastor John Greening challenged the church concerning the next ten years to maintain their commitment to Biblical principles of church growth. The Evening Service included the return of former pastor, Rev. Joseph Stowell III who brought a message on the goodness of God. Throughout the day thrilling music was provided by church members and former Minister of Music, Mr. Jack Payne.

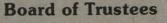
Hearts were filled with praise as from their hearts they declared - "to God be the glory great things He hath done"!

has served as an officer of the Bethany Ladies Missionary group and the Ladies fellowship in Southwest, Ohio.

We are confident the Lord will continue to bless our brother in the days ahead in Bedford as he has in the past. We thank the Lord for his being a faithful friend and pastor.



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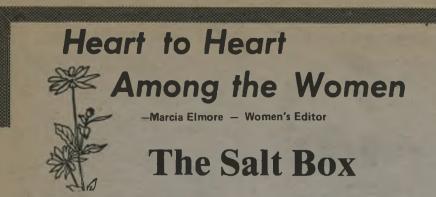
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Long before the salt shaker reached table tops in the mid 1800's, the salt box of wood, copper, pottery, or pewter could be found hanging near the fire place. There were some table top models, but generally salt was stored in a wall type container, hung as close to the hearth as possible to keep the contents free from excessive moisture. These square or semi-round boxes with hinged sloping lids appeared in many styles. The wooden examples were plain or fancy depending on their origin. One whittled in Pennsylvania was more likely to have carved motifs or colored designs, sometimes including a name or a date. In the late 1800's the blue and white pottery salt box with a wooden lid appeared in eye catching design.

From the beginning of time, salt has probably been one of the most common commodities. If I were to be asked, "what one item in your home are you the least likely to run out of?" I would have to say, "salt." I always seem to have an ample supply, as do most homemakers.

Because of its varied uses and qualities, such as to preserve, season, feed, and purify, it seems natural that Christ should use it as an object lesson to Christians, those who are containers of His Spirit. In Mark 9:50, Christ says, "have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." The word salt is used metophorically (to show a likeness between) of believers, of their character and spiritual health.

In the Old Testament, salt was used as a symbol of the covenant between God and His people. Numbers 18:19

It seems to me that Christ is giving a directive in Mark 9:50, "have salt in yourselves". Or as He spoke to my heart, coupled with the Numbers passage, be in agreement with me, or make a covenant with me to allow My Spirit to work out these qualities in your life. Christ desires a spiritual good health for us, that purity, energy, strength, power, and vigor essential to Christian uprightness. Also He desires that quality that will retard, or be counter active to corruption.

In Colossians 4:6, our speech is to "be alway with grace, seasoned with salt". "Have salt in yourselves", then you will be able to "have peace one with another." "Have peace one with another" is also a directive from Christ. Christian's relationships with one another have been a growing concern to me. It's very soul stirring to concentrate upon Christ's intercessory prayer in John 17, verses 20, and 21.

> Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

In connection with Hebrews 7:25, "He ever liveth to make intercession for them", allow the following thoughts to occupy your mind. Christ is praying for me! He's praying for me in my relationships with fellow believers. As difficult moments can and do arise, direct your mind to Christ and what He is doing for you. It can be a deterrent to unnecessary words or bad feelings.

Would you allow the Lord to take you, and design an attractive "salt box", having its origin in Ohio. "HAVE SALT IN YOURSELVES, AND HAVE PEACE ONE WITH **ANOTHER.**"

(Next month we will thoughtfully consider loving other believers.)

South Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship

The South Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship met for a delightful meeting at Shawnee Hills Baptist Church, Jamestown, Ohio. Our host church did a wonderful job in providing the accommodations for the meeting, luncheon, child care, etc., they are to be commended.

Eighty-nine ladies and thirty-four children from thirteen churches met together for the day. The morning session included a slide presentation from Evangelical **Baptist Missions on Harvest Productions** shared with us by Mr. Don Ross.

After a delicious luncheon the afternoon session was highlighted by the presentation of our project money Missionary Kid's Gift Grant" to two fine Missionary young people from

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Cedarville College. The money was divided between Debbie Buining, whose parents are in Home Missions in Iowa, and Devon Block, whose parents are missionaries in Haiti. They shared their testimonies with us. The afternoon session was continued by the "World Premiere" showing of Telling Kelli. The ladies voted that we should try to reach a goal of \$1,000 by next Spring for the Harvest Production ministry and specifically for the translation of the film Telling Kelli into Japanese.

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Immanuel Baptist Church, 502 W. South St., Arcanum. The special guest speakers for that day will be Mr. & Mrs. Gary Holtz, Campus Bible Fellowship under Baptist Mid-Missions. Please join us for that special day.

Future Events

West Moriah Fellowship Pine Hills Baptist Church 5164 Ivyhurst Drive Columbus, Ohio 43227 May 20, 1980 Mrs. Marleah Kenoyer, Speaker Cedarville College Women's Fellowship Cedarville College Cedarville, Ohio 45214 June 6, 1980

1. DDIRMEL YTBNRA 2. TYETB SRYEM 3. NAOJ OLCE

Let's start now having fun as we look forward to next Fall's ladies retreat at Scioto Hills Camp! Unscramble the above names, and you will know the speakers, who are already spending time in prayer and Bible Study for this special time of blessing.

Need some help? - Well, the first lady, who will be the Bible Teacher, lives in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. She and her husband are missionaries with the Columbus Hebrew and Christian Fellowship. The second lady also resides in Columbus area, and she and her husband are with the FBHM in a church planting ministry. Although she permanently resides in Cedarville, Ohio, lady number three is presently serving as a short term missionary in the Philippines.

Sound good?? Makes plans then, ladies, to join us September 11th, 12th, and 13th at Scioto Hills!

> Answers: 1. Mildred Bryant 2. Betty Myers 3. Joan Cole

OARBC W.M.U. SPRING RALLY

The ladies of our OARBC Women's Missionary Union held their annual Spring Rally in the First Baptist Church of Niles, Ohio. This was on Tuesday, April 15. There were 335 in attendance. A more detailed report concerning the day's activities will appear in the next issue (JUNE) of THE OHIO INDEPEN-DENT BAPTIST.

1980 Retreat Schedule

SCIOTO HILLS RETREAT

September 11-13 Mrs. Shirley Abernathy, Chairman

Committee and Registrar: Women of Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus Mrs. Mildred Bryant, Bible Teacher Mrs. Joan Cole & Mrs. Betty Myers, **Missionary Speakers**

SKYVIEW RANCH RETREAT

September 25-27 Mrs. Jonie Plantz, Chairman Mrs. Pam Chambers, Registrar 4863 Peacock Rd. Springfield, Ohio 45502 Mrs. Pat Fetzer, Bible Speaker

SALTFORK FALL RETREAT November 6-7

Miss Barbara J. Spere (Babs), Chairman Miss Norma Nulph, Registrar

1521 Wilmar Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a Camp Patmos Retreat this year.

To the Ladies of our O.A.R.B.C.

We, the trustees of Camp Patmos, appreciate so much your continuing interest in the program of summer ministry on Kelleys Island.

Your gift of \$671.00 from your "dime bank" offering was greatly appreciated and has already been credited toward the payment for our Van.

We join the other camps in Ohio with a hearty "Thank You" and God Bless You.

> Yours By Redeeming Grace, Dean Henry

Looking Forward! A Young Child Speaks

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Editor's Note: I presume I receive more poems than anything else when it comes to contributions to place in our paper - THE OHIO IN-**DEPENDENT BAPTIST. 1** must have hundreds of them on hand. At least, it seems that way! This poem is a bit different in that the author is but 12 years of age.

Delsi Heckathorne is the daughter of Dorreen Heckathorne of Galion, Ohio. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Galion and is president of the Junior Youth Group. She is in the 7th grade at Galion Middle School and is an "A" student, a cheerleader, a member of the band, active in the Student Council, and on the Year Book staff. A very gifted and active young lady. She dearly loves the Lord. Her poem is entitled

IF HE WANTS

If He wants, I will leave, For in His word I do believe. And if He wants, I will stay, And on my knees I will pray. If He wants, I will read, And learn about Isaac of Abraham's seed. And if He wants, I will shout, To tell all people what Jesus is about. If He wants, I will shine, Just to save all of mankind. And if He wants, I will die,

Then I'll meet my Savior in the sky.

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"Let's Talk About Doane Rest"

In March, Don and Lois Moffat visited Doane Rest, located in the mountains of beautiful Baguio City, Philippines, as a half way stop on their trip around the world. During staff devotions, Lois prayed, "We thank Thee, Lord, for this Haven of Rest." Two days later, the very unit the Moffats occupied was hit by fire!



Harry and Joan Cole - Don and Lois Moffat

What is Doane Rest? It is a compound consisting of totally furnished apartment complexes for vacationing missionaries and their families. There are four 3-bedroom apartments; one 2-bedroom unit; one efficiency apartment for two; a large recreational hall and a caretakers house.

When Harry and Joan Cole felt led to be the Host and Hostess there, they were told that missionaries just don't talk much about Doane Rest . . . the churches wouldn't understand about missionaries "vacationing" in such an ideal setting. The Coles DID talk about it and churches were pleased that there was a haven of rest. Jesus said to His disciples, "Come apart and rest awhile", while evangelist Vance Havner added, "or you'll come apart."

In the six months Coles have been at Doane Rest, they have seen missionaries come from many islands of the Philippines, Australia and Hong Kong. Many were exhausted from overwork; fatigued from the heat and humidity; physically ill from tropical diseases or coughing from the constant exposure to pollution.

At Doane Rest, they have the peace and quietness of a secluded compound (excluding crowing roosters and barking dogs 24 hrs. a day); the cool mountain air (20 ° cooler than Manila) and the delicious fruits and vegetables of "the salad bowl of the Philippines." WOULD YOU DEPRIVE THEM OF THAT?



Damage done by fire!

Now a little about the fire: Coles were awakened at 1:00 a.m. on March 6th as they heard breaking glass. To their horror, the roof of the adjacent apartment was all in flames (unoccupied - praise the Lord). Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Aagard (ABWE - Australia) were asleep in the adjoining apartment and had to be evacuated, as did two maids below. Neighbors had summoned the fire department who arrived in a new pumper with plenty of water pressure. The fire was quickly extinguished, but the damage had been done.

Two small bedrooms were charred, as well as the bathroom and kitchen. The living room and master bedroom were badly damaged by smoke and water. Cause of the blaze: Negligence. The maid cleaned a fire place of warm coals, placed them in the trash box and poured water on them (as she has done for 17 years). The trash box smoldered, then flamed, which caught the overhang on the apartment above.

The Coles praise the Lord that there were no injuries; that the water pressure at that time of the morning was at its peak and that the quick action by the firemen saved a large portion of the building. Though the fire was destructive, the apartment is not irreparable. Damage estimate: \$11,500 . . . no insurance. ABWE says "Proceed with reconstruction" and trust the Lord for the needed funds. PRAY!

.... Joan B. Cole





MEN'S RETREAT

Men from across the state will gather May 15-17 for the annual Men's Retreat at Skyview. Fellowship around the Word and relaxation are their goals. Rev. Gene Gurganus, ABWE Southeastern Representative and long-time missionary to Bangladesh, will minister the Word. The men will relax (?) with softball, basketball, horseback riding, golf, rifles, horseshoes, ping pong, etc. Another thing they like is the coffee pot!

Murray Murdoch of Cedarville College will be here to autograph copies of his book about Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, <u>Portrait of Obedience</u>. This book is A MUST on the reading list of every family in the state.

Again this year there will be work details at 9 A.M. on Thursday, May 15: Groups who would like to come to work should call ahead for details and to make lunch reservations (no charge).

Retreat opens with supper at 6:30. The first service is 7:30. There will be a snack afterward, so men who can't get here for supper will be able to eat.

To register: send \$5.00 per man, by May 12, to:

Skyview Ranch Rt. 6, Box 115

Millersburg, OH 44654

SUMMER, SKYVIEW 1980

Registrations are beginning to come. On the schedule below the nearly full weeks are noted for your convenience.

June 16 - Art Willis

June 23 - Dan Friesner - 80 left

June 30 Family - Grier/Clark - No cabins left - Room for RV or tents

July 7 - Floyd Davis

July 12 Wilderness - Dave Truit - 4 left

July 14 - James Eilick - 35 left

July 21 - Proclamation Aug. 4 Family - Duane King - 9 cabins

left Aug. 11 Black - Pat Hunt

To register: send \$15.00 per person to Skyview, address above.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Russells are <u>slowly</u> getting thank you notes written to folks across the country who have helped in their time of need after the fire at the Ranch. A multitude of people have responded with loving hearts. Churches and individuals

CAMPUS CHATS

For all BBC and BBST Alumni:

The ALUMNI CONFERENCE is a very special time at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and Baptist Bible School of Theology. This year's conference is scheduled for October 6-10, with the Alumni Banquet to be held the evening of October 7.

Your alumni officers are urging as many of you as possible to attend this yearly event. The fellowship will be great as you meet old friends and make new ones. You will be missed if you don't attend.

We are asking you as well to participate as soon as you are able in the SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI DE-. PARTMENT project. This has never been done before and it is our belief

Baptist Bible College Of Clarks Summit News

GRADUATION

Baptist Bible College and School of Theology, Clarks Summit, PA, will graduate 222 students at its 48th annual commencement exercises on May 9. Dr. James Jeremiah will give the baccalaureate address.

FALL CONFERENCE AND ALUMNI WEEK

Speakers have been named for the Fall Bible Conference and Alumni Week to be held October 6-10. They include Dr. John Balyo, Dr. John Benson and Dr. David Nettleton.

A NEW BOOK

Christian Music In Contemporary Witness, Dr. Donald Ellsworth, author, has recently been published by Baker Book House. Dr. Ellsworth is Chairman of BBC's Music Ministries Department, and received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southerm California in 1978.

CONCERNING SPORTS

BBC's Varsity Basketball team finished second in the National Christian College Athletic Association Division II championship tournament in March. Baptist Bible College has been runner-up in four of the last five years. They were National Champions in 1979. Coach Jim Huckaby was named the NCCAA Division II 1980 Coach of the Year. Sophomore Zac Wilcox, Columbus, was named to the NCCAA All-American First Team. He and Mark Malin, a junior from Flint, MI, were also named to the NCCAA District II First Team, as well as the All-Conference First Team of the North Atlantic Christian Conference.

come to mind frequently as they use things that have been given to them. Money gifts have been put into savings, for the most part, in order to furnish a home when plans are complete. God and His people have been most gracious.

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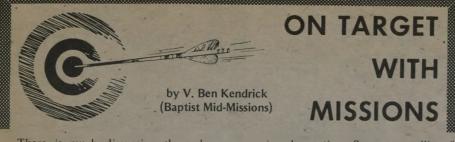
that our great Alumni Family will arise to meet this unparalleled challenge.

We have a wonderful alma mater, fellow alumni. We know you would want to have an active part in maintaining the good quality of education and spiritual atmosphere which you enjoyed when you were a student. You can do so by supporting your alumni project and attending the alumni conference. We'll be looking for you.

· Sincerely in Him,

Your Alumni Officers

P.S. If you can't stay for the entire conference, plan to attend the banquet on October 7.



There is much discussion these days concerning deputation. Some are calling for changes in the present deputation tradition . . . changes which could be more harmful than helpful. Your writer travels thousands of miles each year visiting churches. I have heard all kinds of suggestions as to how missionaries should carry on their deputation ministry. I'm sure that all of us want to see missionaries raise their required support just as quickly as possible. Writing scores of letters for meetings and traveling thousands of miles to share their hearts' burden for missions, only to receive a negative response, can be a wearisome, testing experience for the missionary.

As of this writing, there are 102 appointees as well as 132 veteran missionaries involved in deputation with BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS. These 234 people represent only a part of the missionary force from the GARBC-approved mission agencies which is on the deputation trail. My heart goes out to these who are making every possible effort to be faithful to God's call for missionary service.

Churches must be extremely careful in dealing with the deputation problem because it does affect the lives of the Lord's annointed. I was astonished recently when I read of a new missions policy adopted by a church. This particular Baptist church took action to drop some of the missionaries they currently support simply because these missionaries happen to live more than 200 miles from the church location.

This, to me, is an unfortunate decision. Surely, there are better ways to work out a solution for localizing a church's supported missionaries than to drop those who don't meet the distance requirement and to whom that church has made financial commitments. We need God's wisdom and direction in this matter. We need also to use the common sense that God has given to us to keep us from making rash decisions which will hurt and hinder instead of help. A "super-high priority" project was the way ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR

A "super-high priority" project was the way ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM's Bangladesh Field Council referred to it. What could merit such a description in that country of continuing crises? Dr. Viggo B. Olsen had been burdened by God about the need for a Scripture translation that would be acceptable to the millions of Bengali Muslems. The vast majority of Bengali Christians or their forbearers had been converted out of Hinduism, and existing Bible translations reflected this cultural bias. When Muslems began to read existing translations of the Word of God, many never finished the first page. They were offended by the standard Bengali words which to them had a "smell of Hinduism." There is now a tremendous breakthrough.

In 1964, Dr. and Mrs. Olsen began collecting Muslem-Bengali words. Three years later, they produced the first Muslem-Bengali-to-English pocket dictionary to be published in Bangladesh. Over the years, progress slowly continued. An illness that confined the authors to rest for many months resulted in the Gospel of John. Gradually other items came from the press. Since the translation work was secondary to the medical-surgical ministry of Dr. Olsen, however, progress was slow.



(left to right) Bev Bidwell, Cher Frauenhoffer, Randy Gantt, Tammy Frauenhoffer, Jeff Curtis, and Laura Gantt,

The Johnstown Independent Baptist Church has for the past few months had "special showers" for various mission agencies and missionaries. The "showers" run for a full month. They have been very successful. Everyone is enthusiastic about the program.

In November, the "shower" was a "Spice for the Shepherds Home". The result was almost 50 pounds of spices for Shepherds. In December, "Jello and Kool-Aid Shower" for the Baptist Children's Home and again over 40 pounds of items. Shown in the picture are some of the children as they gave their offerings "unto the Lord" and to the Children's Home.

January was a "Shower of Envelope Mixes" for the David Bennetts in Australia. February - a "Shower of Toothpaste" for Shepherds. March - a "Sock it to the Baptist Children's Home Month". This was a shower of tube socks for boys and knee socks for girls.

All of these showers have generated a great deal of interest and enthusiasm among the people . . . more so than just asking for money to meet these needs.

Faith Baptist Bible College News

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Judy (Fuller) Matlock was the recipient of this year's Alumnus of the Year award in the category of Christian worker. She has been faithfully serving the Lord in the Public Relations and Alumni Office at FBBC for the past ten years.

BASKETBALL

FBBC's women's basketball team had a 2-10 record for their first year of intercollegiate competition. The men's Eagle team had an overall record of 16-10 with one 9-3 record in the Midwest Christian College Conference league, FBBC took third place in the MCCC tournament.

SUMMER SCHOOL

As many as twenty subjects may be offered beginning May 19 through June 27. Most classes meet from 7:30-9:10 or 9:50-11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. A few classes meet in the afternoon. A full range of subjects including Bible, pastoral, and teaching classes are being offered. Write today for complete details.

COMMENCEMENT

FBBC'S commencement concert is scheduled for May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Building. The Chorale, Men of Faith, Ladies Chorus & Handbell Choir, and Concert Band will be performing with inspirational music.

Commencement is May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Building. Dr. Floyd Davis, a board member and with the Home Missions section of ABWE. The Olsens were due for furlough in 1979, but they had a goal to meet. Before departing from Bangladesh, they wanted to have the Muslem-Bengali New Testament in the hands of the printer. They recruited several short-term surgeons to fill the need at Memorial Christian Hospital. The Olsons plodded on at this strenuous task - checking, rechecking, conferring with nationals - a difficult and enervating assignment. The weeks stretched to months and furlough time came. Vic and Joan delayed their departure, and pushed on in a day and night marathon.

How they praise God that the Muslem-Bengali translation of the New Teatament is now a reality! A huge segment of the Asian population can now read the Scriptures in their "heart language."

How does a new work begin? Rev. Ron Bantle of the FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS shares with us how it is done.

"As we were finishing our first work and earnestly seeking the will of God for our future service, the Lord led us, through a series of unusual circumstances, to the town of Bay Shore, Long Island. As we drove into town for the first time in our lives, we passed a beautiful Masonic Temple building, and sort of jokingly said to ourselves. "We'll rent that building for our services."

"As we continued onto the Main Street, we said, 'We'll go to the realtor with an open parking space in front of his office,' and we did. The Lord directed us there. This realtor 'just happened' to have a model home available for immediate occupancy, and in an affordable price range. After we lived there for five years, we still felt it was an ideal location, and one we would have picked even if we had been familiar with the area before we purchased.

"We were able to rent that Masonic building, and began to canvass and advertise in preparation for our first services. We had no nucleus; in fact, we didn't know a soul in the area, but as Paul said of Corinth, God had 'much people' in that city to draw to Himself. One young father called and said he would be in Sunday School with his two children, and so we began with eight of us that first Sunday morning.

"There were 29 in the morning church service, and this became the solid nucleus that the Lord had prepared unbeknown to us.

"That first Sunday evening, an elderly Scottish couple came to us with tears in their eyes, praising the Lord. They said, 'Pastor Bantle, we have been praying for 30 years for a fundamental Baptist church to be started in this area.' What an encouragement!

"Isn't it wonderful how the Lord works? This business of 'home missions' is so exciting! We praise the Lord for the privilege of serving Him in the great work of planting new churches in our needy America."

Yes, missions is exciting. It's exciting because it's the heartbeat of our Savior and it involves all of us. Rev. Roland Smith, Baptist Mid-Missions' Canadian Deputation Secretary, says, "My heavenly citizenship makes the whole world a foreign mission field."

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Brong Named Acting President

The Rev. Donald Brong, Iowa state missionary, has been named acting president of Faith Baptist Bible College by the school's board of trustees. The action was taken following the resignation of President David Nettleton for physical reasons late in March. Dr. Nettleton, who had overworked to the point of exhaustion, was instructed by his doctor to leave the campus and cancel all engagements. He is now recuperating in Sun City, Arizona.

In formal action, the FBBC board voted: (1) to grant the president a temporary leave of absence for medical reasons; (2) to name Mr. Brong as acting president; and (3) to accept Dr. Nettleton's resignation upon the completion of his leave of absence.



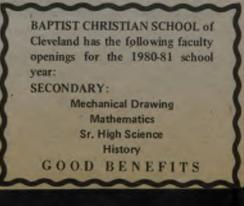
Rev. Charles A. Lemaster

The Calvary Baptist Church of Xenia, Ohio called for an Ordination Council for the purpose of examining the propriety of setting apart their pastor, Charles A. Lemaster, to the work of the gospel ministry. The council was called for 2:30 p.m. on April 1st and met in the church building.

Rev. Robert Perry, Immanuel Baptist, Arcanum was elected first as temporary Chairman and then permanent Chairman of the Council. Rev. Lloyd Learned, Faith Baptist Church, Greenville was elected Clerk of the Council.

The candidate gave testimony as to his conversion, convictions, and call. After a period of examining the candidate, Mrs. Lemaster was asked to give a word of testimony. Those present were pleased with the manner in which our brother answered the questions asked of him. It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously that the church proceed with the ordination.

Rev. Lemaster and his wife, Sally have three preoious little children. They are Charles, Chad, and Chet. Our brother will continue as pastor of the Xenia church. We are confident the Lord will richly bless him and the work to which the Lord has called him.



Special News Items From Mid-Missions

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MISSIONARY CONCERN: An outpouring of student missionary concern and sacrificial stewardship characterized the Annual Missionary Conference at Cedarville College, which was held from January 6-11.

Missionary speakers Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, missionary doctor and Medical Director of Baptist Mid-Missions, and veteran missionaries to Africa, Mrs. Margaret Laird (of THEY CALLED ME MAMA fame) and Rev. Gordon Wimer of the Ivory Coast, ably presented the urgent challenge of world missions.

A love offering of over \$4,000 was given by Cedarville students for the ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions in the troubled Chad, where truly heroic missionaries continue to work in total identification with the suffering Christians. Students fasted and brought their meal money, along with other sacrificial gifts, to the Lord in a unique offering of love and practical concern.

General student response during the conference gave ample evidence of continuing spiritual growth at Cedarville, a Baptist college of Arts and Sciences in Cedarville, Ohio.

VENEZUELA: The prayers of thousands of God's people over the last 25 years have been answered in the Orinoco Delta area of Venezuela. The Government has granted permission for Baptist Mid-Missions to work freely among the Warao Indians.

Richard Long, missionary linguist and church planter, reports that the unprecedented authorization gives the entire Warao Indian ministry "a dignity and impetus that we have not been able to enjoy before. The good work of Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries over the years has been the basis for the granting of the permission."

The annual Warao church conference this year was entirely directed by the Indians. There were five saved, including an Indian who was about 72 years old.

Dr. Henry Osborn and his wife, Anne, were the pioneer missionaries among the Warao Indians. Dr. Osborn is now professor of linguistics at Grand Rapids Baptist College and serves as the Linquistic Consultant for Baptist Mid-Missions.

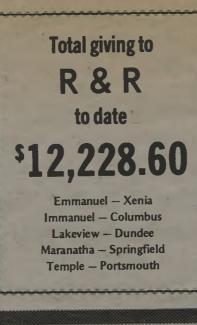
A Call For Help From Camp Patmos

Patmos WORK WEEK is set for May 26-30.

There are many different types of jobs to be done. Possibly your church would accept the challenge of shouldering a special responsibility. We list here some of the jobs necessary to be done before camp opens. We need your help!

Cabins are to be cleaned. Mattress covers to be placed on. Grounds to be raked. Flowers to be planted. Buildings to be trimmed with paint. Roofs to be fixed. New shingles to be installed. Pans and dishes to be washed. Bikes to be repaired. Windows to be washed. Boats to be repaired. Grass to be cut, brushes to be cleared. Sports equipment to be repaired. Curtains to be washed and ironed. Electric wiring to be installed, and on and on the list grows.

YOUR HELP really is needed. Come for a day or two . . . or even for the whole week!



Denver Baptist Bible College News

CHOIR SPRING TOUR

The choir for Denver Baptist Bible College and Denver Baptist Theological Seminary, under the direction of Mr. Paul T. H. Tan, left for their Spring tour on March 28, 1980. They will travel north through western Montana, across Idaho, and into Washington state. Their concluding concerts will be in northern California, Nevada, and Utah.

MUSICAL GROUPS TO PERFORM

The musical groups, Gospelaires and Christ's Ambassadors, will provide music for the national meetings held in San Diego, California and then travel north and east during the summer. The Christ's Ambassadors will go as far as Alaska, and the Gospelaires will conduct concerts in the Mid-west and travel as far as Portsmouth, Ohio. Churches have responded well to the proposed scheduling for the groups. They are looking forward to a very fruitful ministry this summer.

FURTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Dr. William R. Fusco, president of the college and seminary, has honored his many commitments in the Mid-west and Rocky Mountain areas in the past few months. During the Spring break, he spoke in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and California. Dr. Fusco recently announced that Dr. Robert Delnay will assume the duties as Dean of the seminary and his wife, Mrs. June Delnay will take the position of librarian for the college and seminary. There is much excitement about the change in curriculum which will take place for the next school year. Good practical courses will be included as well as courses that teach effective methods of preaching the Word of God. The present emphasis on Bible and theology will continue also.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement for the college and seminary will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 1980. The Board of Trustees and the Alumni will meet at that time. Approximately 40 will graduate at that time.



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What Awana Means To Me

The Bethel Baptist Church, Pataskala, Ohio (Rev. Kenneth T. Romig, Pastor) is seeing the blessing of the Lord on their AWANA program. From a humble beginning, they are experiencing a steady growth. The church is excited about the program . . .but then . . . so are the AWANA young people. Recently, the young people were asked to give a word of testimony as to what the AWANA program meant to them. Some of these young people are members of the church - some are not. Does AWANA pay off? Read these and maybe you will consider having the same program in your church.

- "AWANA is a place to learn about Jesus Christ and what He did for us on the cross of Calvary. It is also a time to have games and to listen to God's word.

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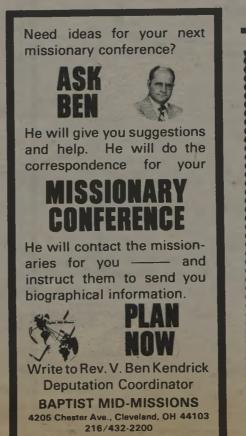
.... Tad Frederick – "In AWANA everything is fun. I espe-

cially like saying verses in the Bible. I think it's nice to know that you know what it's saying what it means. Games are also very fun. I can't wait until the Olympics come up. I am allowed to be in them. The Gran Prix was fun but my car was very slow but it was worth coming for. I was able to see my leaders and friends for the second time in one week. Even though I wish I could see them more often. I really do like Bible Council and hearing the Pastor telling us about the Bible. AWANA is fun! I really love AWANA and every single one of the leaders and the pastor. I like to go and hear special speakers. And when I come to AWANA I really feel safe and secure." Sonya Gibson

- "I like AWANA because I know Jesus Christ and I let Him in my heart and put out the devil. I like saying sections and being in the Olympics that are coming up and getting rewarded for being clubber of the month and sections."

.... Jessie Riley

- "AWANA means a lot to me. I like to learn about God and Christ. AWANA means to love, church, care, be happy. Going to AWANA make me fell better because I learn about Christ and God.



Learning about heaven, Christ, God is very fun. I really like to learn about them."

.... Lisa Copley

These are but four of a whole list of testimonies. The wording may not be just as you might put it. Remember these are young people. Some of them are quite young. Here, in their own words, they've told you what AWANA means to them. It might be well for some adults reading this (lay folk and pastors) to ask what they are doing for their young people. This is something you could do that would really help our young friends. Remember - --AWANA is great - Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed - YEA AWANA! !

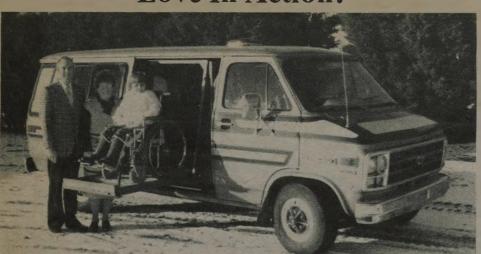




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Love In Action!



"My God Will Supply"

On December 22nd of last year, the members and friends of the Bailey Road Baptist Church, North Jackson, Ohio presented their pastor - Rev. Don Leitch and his wife, Mary, the keys to a new 1979 Chevy van equipped with a wheelchair lift.

Brother Leitch and his wife have a daughter, Debbie, who was born with a birth defect and is paralyzed from the waist down. These dear people also gave them, at an earlier date, an elevator to take Debbie from the ground level into the house. THIS is love in action!

Pastor and Mrs. Leitch are overwhelmed at the goodness and the generosity of their people! Our brother has been at the church for over four years and only recently they moved into a new church building seating 300 people.

How thrilling - how exciting it is to hear of a people who love their pastor - his family and the Lord. Truly, this is one reason God is blessing the work of the Bailey Road Baptist Church as He is!

West Moriah **Fellowship**

At the March 18th meeting of the West Moriah Fellowship, guest speaker was noted pastor and Bible teacher - Dr. Wilbur C. Rooke. His ministry proved a blessing. This meeting was held at the Bethel Baptist Church in Pataskala. Host pastor was Rev. Kenneth Romig.

Editor Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, were special guests at the April 8th meeting. Brother Moffat brought a Bible study in the afternoon and at the evening service presented a slide report of their recent missionary journey that took them around the world. Mrs. Moffat presented a piano solo. This meeting was held in the Bible Baptist church, Newark, Ohio. Host pastor was Rev. Frank Odor. The Lord blessed here, also.

Mid-Bethel Association

On April 1st, the Mid-Bethel Association met at the Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton, Ohio. Rev. Harold M. (Gus) Guthrie is pastor of this church.

They were privileged to have the Collegians Brass Quintet from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania minister to them. Rev. Duane King, who travels with the Quintet, challenged them from the Word of God.

Rev. Bill Wert of the Lighthouse Baptist Church has been elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Association.

Recently, they voted to send fifty dollars (\$50.00) each month to the Faith Baptist Church in Van Wert, Ohio to aid them in paying the salary of a pastor for their work

Cedarville's Yellow Jackets Finish 21-9

The Cedarville College Yellow Jackets ended their most successful season since 1964-65, posting an impressive 21-9 mark for 1979-80. The Jackets made the NAIA District 22 finals for the first time since 1969 by defeating Malone College 92-91 in overtime, but were stopped in the final game by a tough Defiance College squad.

Reflecting upon the season, Cedarville's head coach Don Callan said he was "very, very pleased" with his team's perfor-

Cedarville **College** News

EIGHT FORD VANS

Eight 1979 Ford vans were purchased for use by the Christian Service and Maintenance departments. Formerly owned by a government agency which lost its funding, the college was able to buy these vehicles for nearly half the current price.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rev. Joseph Stowell III spoke during Spring Enrichment Week March 24-28. In April, two Artist Series concerts were performed, one by guitarist Charles Postlewate and another by soloist Jerome Hines.

CEDAR DAY

May 2, 3 brings the annual Cedar Day festivities. The college will host the National Christian College Athletic Association track meet this weekend. Further activities will include a road run, a baseball game, and a program by the Concert Chorale.

SPEECH

The Speech Communications department will present the musical Sound of Music May 8-10.

SWORDBEARERS

On May 10, the Christian Service department will hold its Junior Swordbearers Conference for 9-12-year-old children.

mance. "We won a lot of games that should not have been ours. We were the smaller team almost every time we played, but we took the floor and played our hearts out." The caliber of the squad was something that made this year special for Callan in his twentieth season. "The guys on this team are not only good ballplayers, but they are quality young men. They have shown themselves to be mature in their attitudes, and demonstrated a spiritual depth that reflects their love for Jesus Christ."



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