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Niles Church 90th Anniversary



It was a great Sunday!

The First Baptist Church of Niles, Ohio (Rev. William E. Alexander, pastor) marked their 90th year of service in the Niles area with an "Old Fashioned Sunday" celebration. This was held on May 18.

Members and friends of the congregation came to the Sunday morning service dressed in the popular styles of the early summer of 1890 when the church was founded. It made for an interesting sight!

Following the morning worship service, a dinner was had which produced good food and great fellowship.

The First Baptist Church is located at 26 East Church Street in Niles, Ohio. It was on this sight that the first building was erected in 1892. Later in 1920, a major portion of this first structure was demolished and a larger, stucco surfaced edifice was built. This building was used until February 8, 1941, when a fire destroyed the church, leaving the congregation without a permanent place to worship until September 2, 1951 when they moved into their present building. The current membership stands at 375.

Though Pastor Alexander has been in the Niles area only six years, his 21-month old grandson, Jonathan Keith Hoak (a regular attendee though not yet a member), is the great, great grandson of Mrs. C. L. Adgate, one the church's seventeen charter members. The young Hoak's family is the only one to remain with the church for five generations.

Under Pastor Alexander's ministry, established programs such as the church choir, Sunday School, and AWANA have continued. The bus ministry and visitation program of the church have been revitalized and the youth ministry expanded. Mr. Jeff Scaggs was recently called to serve as assistant to our pastor. Also, a class has been developed that cares for the needs of the mentally retarded. This is taught by Mrs. Ruth Ann Fritz and is assisted by Virginia Scaggs.

First Baptist has had 20 pastors in its 90-year history including the late Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, one of the founders of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) to which the church belongs.

The church contributes to the support of twenty missionaries who serve both in the United States and abroad. Rev. and Mrs. James Wooster, missionaries to the island of St. Lucia, and the late Brace Bennett, missionary to Venezuela, were

members of the First Baptist church before leaving for the mission field.



Jonathan Hoak and Grandmother Alexander

Messiah To Arrive In 1980?

Editor's Note: This article appeared in a recent issue of the Evening News, East Liverpool, Ohio. We present it in its entirety.

JERUSALEM (UPI) - The dreams of two aged rabbis have sparked speculation in Israel's ultra-orthodox community that the Messiah will arrive during the new year to save the world from a flare-up of fighting in the Middle East.

A Jerusalem eschatologist, Shabetai Shiloh, who predicted the 1973 Arab-Israeli war from clues in the Bible, believes the war of Gog and Magog - the ultimate atomic battle between the superpowers - will erupt soon in the Middle East.

The chief rabbi of the Wailing or Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City is sure Israel will have to confront the Soviet Union soon in a battle over the Holy City.

Even Jewish mystics, called Cabalists, believe the current Jewish year - 5740 - which began in September, will bring a crucial development.

The pieces of the divine puzzle began to fit in place a few weeks ago when 90-year-old Rabbi Yisrael Abu Hatzeira, of the southern Israeli town of Netivot, dreamed he saw the Messiah born in a small house in his native Morocco.

Delaware Church Purchases Land

After over four years of praying and probing, the Lord has graciously provided property for the future construction of a building for the Calvary Baptist Church in Delaware, Ohio. Rev. David Culver is pastor of this work.

The land is located on the northwest side of Delaware and consists of 4.8 acres, including a pond which is almost an acre in size. On May 28th, the church voted to finalize this purchase of the property and closed a contract put on the land last February.

Before the actual construction of a building can get under way, the land will have to be developed properly. The church has been selling "bricks" at \$10.00 each for the past three months in an attempt to raise some of the needed money for development and building. These certificates are available to any and all who would like to have a part in forwarding this testimony. Interested parties should write: Rev. David Culver, Pastor - Calvary Baptist Church - P.O. Box 505 - Delaware, Ohio-43015.

The folk at the Delaware church are excited and enthused over the possibility of having their own building and are looking to the Lord to supply their needs. He has been blessing the work! It is now averaging approximately 60 on Sunday mornings. Folk are being saved, baptized and added to the church membership. The prayers and support of sister churches are still needed greatly, especially as they enter into this new "faith project."

The church wishes to express their thanks to all who have been praying and financially supporting this work. At the outset of 1980, they claimed Philippians 1:6 as their verse for the year - "Being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Indeed, God is continuing to perform a good work in and through these believers in Delaware.

"My father interprets the dream as a clue the Messiah is coming very, very soon," said the aged rabbi's son, Baruch Abu Hatzeira. "I can't tell you when, but it will be very soon."

Rabbi Abut Hatzeira has laid out a set of white clothes to wear when greeting the Messiah and requests his walking stick each morning to go out to look for him.

But excitement started to grow in Israel's ultra-orthodox community only when another important religious leader, Rabbi Mordechai Sharabi of Jerusalem, described a similar dream about the imminent arrival of the Messiah.

Jewish tradition says the Messiah will arrive near the end of the war between Gog and Magog.

"The tension in the Middle East will spark a war between the superpowers," Abu Hatzeira said. "It will be a push-button war. The Messiah will stop it and bring peace."

As the religious quarters of Israel considered the twin dreams of the two wise men, the Hassidic Lubavitcher rabbi who lives in the United States sent messages to his followers in Israel warning of imminent danger.

New Director of Galilean Baptist Mission



Rev. David Smith

Rev. David E. Smith has accepted a call to become the new director of the Galilean Baptist Mission. He will assume his duties of directorship beginning July 14.

Our brother for the past thirteen and one-half years has pastored the Burton Avenue Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Under his leadership there, the average attendance for the Sunday School has grown to 325 and at one time reached a high of 468. Within the last two years, the church also added a multi-purpose building with a full-size gymnasium. It had been his desire to have a youth center where young people could be trained, as well as providing an adequate place for Christian fellowship for the people of the church. While pastoring in Iowa, he served on the Council of Ten for a period of six years and also as chairman of the Next Town Evangelism Committee for three years, an effective church-planting program which establishes Bible preaching churches in Iowa.

Prior to his call to serve the church in Iowa, Rev. Smith had pastored three churches in Michigan: Decatur Bible Church; Oakfield Baptist Church near Rockford; and Maplelawn Baptist Church of Grand Rapids. Their three children were born in Michigan: Shirley Kay, Kenneth A., and Sharon Lynn.

In September of 1946 Pastor Smith enrolled at the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He took the five year pre-seminary Seminary course and graduated in 1951. During his pastoral years in serving Michigan churches, Brother Smith was very active in the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches where he served as clerk from 1954 through 1960; moderator from 1961 through 1963; and in the area of publicity in 1964. He also served three years on the Michigan Council of Regular Baptist Churches and was chairman for one year. For twenty years Pastor Smith has served on the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, and nine years on the Board of Trustees of the Regular Baptist Camp in Iowa.

Those who are a part of the Galilean Baptist Mission are thankful to God for answering their prayers in sending them Brother Smith to be their new director. The Lord, they feel, has truly met their need!

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Just As I Am

The doctor stopped his carriage at the Anglican parsonage in Brighton, England. But there was nothing in his medicine kit to help the paralyzed sister of the Rev. Henry V. Elliott. He was calling to offer his usual word of cheer and to leave one of the little leaflets he had bought to distribute among his shut-in patients.

The leaflets were welling all over England, he said, and were being translated into many foreign languages. And for a good cause, too. Someone had written a poem to help finance the building of a school for children of poor clergymen. It said so at the top of the page. . . "Sold for the benefit of St. Margaret's Hall, Brighton." Under that, the line, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Then came the six-verse poem.

Tears welled in Charlotte Elliott's eyes as she read the lines. Her memory went back to the day her brother had organized a bazaar to start his school. Everybody in town had helped. That is, everybody except her . . . a 46-year-old spinster who could hardly drag about the room.

Lonely and helpless, she had written a poem to console other invalids. She had sent it to a publisher in the hope that from its sale she could contribute a few shillings to her brother's school. And now, her little

poem was bringing in more revenue than all the bazaars the town could give.

The doctor was pleased with his call. He had left his patient so happy that she was crying.

The following year Charlotte Elliott published a whole book of hymns and she wrote many another before she died at the age of 82. Perhaps the good doctor might have wept a little himself that day in 1834 had he known it was his patient who had written . . .

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. Thou shalt guard thy children in home and on the street.
2. Thou shalt make thy home a sanctuary of love and devotion.
3. Thou shalt honor the teachers of thy children and teach thy children to honor them.
4. Thou shalt not condone faults of children through a misguided sense of loyalty.
5. Thou shalt teach thy children respect for the law and keep them from companionship of children who indicate disrespect for the law.
6. Thou shalt not lead thy children into temptation by providing them with the means thereof. To wit: too much money, a car, adult privileges.
7. Thou shalt enforce decency in the dress of thy daughters and dignity in thy sons.
8. Thou shalt protect the morals of thy children from the indiscreetness of useful ardor and inexperience.
9. Thou shalt conduct thy own affairs in such a manner to set an example worthy of imitation by thy children.
10. Thou shalt not permit thy children to bear arms except in the service of their country.

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Akron Church Burns Mortgage



Left to right—Mr. Richard Mull, Chairman Board of Deacons - Pastor Joseph Chapman - Mr. Larry Cordier, Chairman of Trustees.

On Sunday, June 8th, during the morning worship service at the Highview Avenue Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio, a special service was held to burn the mortgage on the church parsonage. According to Rev. Joseph C. Chapman, pastor of the church, in 1960 a loan had been taken out for the sum of \$14,500. This has been PAID IN FULL! The parsonage is presently valued at \$50,000. In less than two more years, all the money owed on the present church buildings will also be paid off!

Too, a new fiber-glass, maintenance free, church steeple has been erected. The church parking lot has been repaired, seal-coated, and newly striped. A lovely new 1980 eighteen-passenger Ford Van has been purchased which will be used to assist in the various ministries of the church.

C.O.M.E. Holds 13th Annual Conference



C.O.M.E. Officers

Back Row, L. to R.: Richard Brown, David Crandall, Thomas Wilhite, Larry Jones, Howard Barnes.
Front Row, L. to R.: Lawrence Malone, Stanley Lightfoot, Jr., Karl Buckingham, C. Richard Phelps, Roy Fishburn, L. S. Joe Moore, W. O. Fluharty.

The 13th Annual Conference of the Committee on Missionary Evangelism was held May 18 through 21. This was at the University Heights Baptist Church in Indianapolis. Dr. Elton Crowell was the main speaker.

Newly elected officers are: President—Rev. David R. Crandall of Indianapolis, Indiana . . . Vice President—Rev. C. Richard Phelps of Clarksburg, West Virginia . . . Secretary—Rev. Thomas E. Wilhite of Sharon, Pennsylvania . . . and Treasurer—Mr. Kark Buckingham of Mason, Ohio.

Newly elected to the Executive Committee are: Rev. Larry Jones of Muskegon, Michigan - Rev. L.S. Moore of Milford, Michigan - and Rev. Stanley Lightfoot of Marine City, Michigan. Mr. W.O. Fluharty of Bedford, Ohio was elected to serve as Area Representative and Board Member at Large. Rev. Roy Fishburn of Plymouth, Indiana was elected to serve as a Board Member representing the C.O.M.E. evangelists. Other members of the Board are: Rev. William Bump of Edinboro, Pennsylvania and Rev. Richard Brown of Marathon, New York, Evangelist "Ed" Morrell of Bedford, Ohio serves as General Director.

Mr. Morrell will be doing evangelistic work in the Island of Jamaica beginning July 2nd and continuing for a period of six months. This will be under the auspices of C.O.M.E.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEENAGERS

1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
2. Be smart. Obey your parents: you will give orders some day.
3. Think before you drink.
4. Ditch dirty thoughts before they ditch you.
5. Choose a date fit for a mate.
6. Don't go steady unless you are ready.
7. Pick the right friends.
8. Act your age in a car.
9. Love God and your neighbor.
10. Live carefully. The soul you save may be your own.

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New Pastor At Bowling Green Church



Our brother, Rev. Philip Vine, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ohio. He began his duties there on June 30th.

Brother Vine attended Bob Jones University and is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He has served in youth work for some ten years. Most recently he was Assistant Pastor at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio. His father, Rev. Allan Vine, was pastor at that time. (In last month's issue we mentioned Rev. Allan Vine having accepted a call to pastor in Shelby, Michigan).

It was in Brother Phil's heart to continue in youth work. He seriously considered and prayed concerning getting into a camp ministry, however, an open door was never realized. It was during this time that the Lord led him to consider serving as a full-time pastor. Almost immediately, the call to the Bowling Green church became a reality.

Mrs. Philip Vine (Elaine) serves as treasurer for our OARBC's state Women's Missionary Fellowship. "The Vines" have two precious children - Timothy, age 7 and Heather, age 5.

Let us be in prayer for our brother as he undertakes his new responsibilities. We believe the Lord will bless him richly and the Bowling Green church as well.

Summer Music Intern



Mr. Tim Vanderveld

This summer, the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Dr. Ernest Pickering, Pastor) are having Mr. Tim Vanderveld as a music intern. Tim is a senior in the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree program at Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pa.

Our brother was born in Seoul, South Korea, and is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vanderveld, who is an Associate Professor in Christian Education and Director of Admissions at B.B.C.

Tim is a fine musician majoring in both voice and trombone. He is a member of the Chamber Singers and Brass Quartet and also plays in the Marywood College Wind Ensemble and Orchestra. He has done some recording work and sung with several professional groups. This fall he will become the Music Director of Fellowship Baptist Church in Dalton, Pa.

Special News Items From Mid-Missions

Important staff changes have been made at Baptist Mid-Missions' world headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Robert L. Gilbert, distinguished missionary statesman, has retired as Foreign Missions Secretary after many fruitful years of association with the independent Baptist agency. He continues as Vice President of the Mission.

Rev. Joel S. Kettenring, Candidate Secretary for the Mission, has been chosen by the General Council as the new Foreign Secretary for Brazil, Asia, Australia and the Near East to replace Dr. Gilbert. Mr. Kettenring formerly served as a missionary to Jamaica.

Replacing Mr. Kettenring, Rev. William Smallman, veteran missionary to Brazil, has been named to the post of Candidate Secretary. Mr. Smallman, a highly successful Bible Seminary Administrator in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, will assume his responsibilities on September 1.

Rev. Evan Gough and Rev. Abraham Guenter will be serving as special representatives for the Mission beginning in the fall of 1980. Both men are former missionaries. Brother Gough served in Australia and Brother Guenter in Liberia. The ministry of Mr. Gough will be in the Texas area while Mr. Guenter will be serving in the Northwest, particularly in British Columbia.

Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, former missionary to Northeast Brazil and to West Coast Jews, is the Director of the Women's Department of Baptist Mid-Missions. Unusual blessing has attended her wide-ranging ministry.

Mrs. Thompson, although her outreach will continue to be nation-wide, has moved her office from Cleveland to California, where her ministry has been particularly effective.

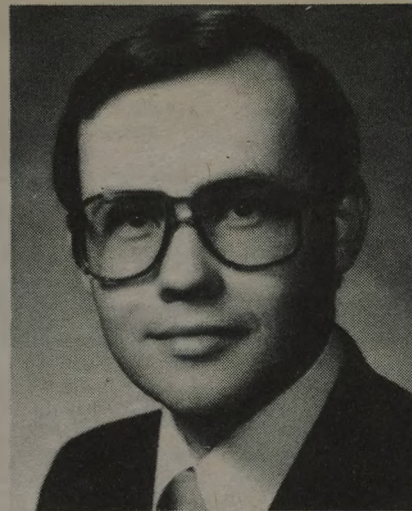
Ordained To Gospel Ministry

The First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio, called for an Ordination Council for the purpose of examining the propriety of setting apart their Assistant Pastor, Paul M. Loney, to the work of the gospel ministry. The council was called for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8. The council was composed of 30 messengers from 19 area churches. Pastor Dean Henry of Brown Street Baptist Church of Akron was chosen Moderator and Pastor Walter Spieth of Bethel Baptist Church of Elyria was chosen as Clerk.

The candidate gave testimony as to his conversion, convictions and call to the ministry. Mrs. Teri Loney gave testimony as to her conversion and the Lord's leading in her life. Those present were pleased with the manner in which Brother Loney answered the questions and voted unanimously that the church proceed with the ordination.

Sunday, May 11, was the time set aside for the Ordination Service combined with a Farewell Fellowship for the Loneys. They have served at Medina First Baptist since July of 1977. Brother Loney has recently been called as Missionary Pastor of the Milliken Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They will assume their duties there the end of June. They are presently on deputation. The speakers at the Ordination Service were Dr. Ben Kendrick, Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland; Rev. Lynn Rogers, Pastor, Northfield Baptist Church, Northfield, Ohio; and our own Pastor Max Deffenbaugh. The youth and several adults of the church presented a very appropriate Farewell Program for the Loneys. This was followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. A love offering was taken to be used in supplying Brother Loney's library.

Now Pastoring Hubbard Church



Rev. Horace C. Varnum

We learned only recently that the Calvary Baptist Church of Hubbard, Ohio has called a new pastor. He is Rev. Horace C. Varnum. Our brother began his ministry in Hubbard as of February 6th.

Brother Varnum is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, Florida. He served as Music Director at the Florida Baptist Tabernacle, Cantonment, Florida and later pastored the Bible Believers Baptist Church, Foley, Alabama.

Both Brother Varnum and his wife, Noella, are natives of Maine. Mrs. Varnum attended Glen Cove Bible College, Glen Cove, Maine. They have been married seven and one-half years and have three

Receives Doctor Of Divinity Degree



Dr. V. Ben Kendrick

Baptist Mid-Missions announces that Baptist Bible College, Denver, Colorado, has conferred upon Rev. V. Ben Kendrick the degree of Doctor of Divinity. This conferral took place May 13, 1980, following Rev. Kendrick's address to the graduating class.

Brother Kendrick and his wife, Nina, joined Baptist Mid-Missions in 1949 and served for over twenty years in the Chad and Central African Republics. Since 1973, he has carried the responsibilities of Deputation Coordinator in the Home Office of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Our brother has been greatly used of the Lord in promoting the cause of missions. He is an able writer and has authored the book - BURIED ALIVE FOR CHRIST.

Canton Area Fellowship

On Tuesday, June 3, the pastors (and a few laymen) of the Canton Area Fellowship met at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Smithville, Ohio. The pastor of this active and growing church is Rev. Stephen P. Olsen. Word was expressed by Pastor Olsen that the church is planning on enlarging their facilities.

There was a time spent in prayer and good fellowship. Our State Representative, Brother Don Moffat met with us. Along with Pastor Gordon Roloff of the Perry Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio, they presented a challenge concerning one of our struggling churches - the Calvary Baptist Church of Massillon. It was decided that Brother Roloff should keep in close contact with this church, informing them that the Canton Area Fellowship stands ready to be of help to these dear people in any way possible. Prayer is requested of our O.I.B. readers that the Lord will permit us to continue with a testimony to His glory in the area where this Massillon church is located.

children: Meredith Anne, age six-Elizabeth Jeanne, age three-and Matthew Eric, age two.

We welcome our brother and his family to Ohio. In particular, we are glad they are a part of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Let us pray for them as they endeavor to reach the people of the Hubbard area for Christ.

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A Happy Grandma!

Let's Give Our Children A Goodly Heritage

A recent telephone conversation of mine went something like this. "Hello, is Grandma There?" To which I replied, "This is Elmore, I think you have the wrong number." "No, Mother, you are a Grandma now," Then I recognized my daughter's voice as she related that one hour before she had given birth to our first grandchild. She held the telephone near the little fellow, and I heard that precious cry of a newborn. My heart was overflowing.

It was but a short time until my thoughts were turned to the soul of the little boy, and I asked God to show His mercy and save him early in life; and then to use him for His honor and glory.

Several months ago, some will remember, Marleah Kenoyer challenged the women at Mohican Retreat to pray for their children to serve the Lord, and "Grandmothers," she said, "pray for your grandchildren to become missionaries." God tucked that thought away in my mind, and brought it out again when I heard the cry of this new one.

Will you take a look with me at some dear women I'm sure God gave for ensamples to you and me?

In I Samuel 2:2, we notice Hannah's respect for a Holy God. "There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. She had to have instilled in Samuel this faith and respect, causing him to answer so early in his life, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."

Then there is precious Jochebed, whose faith God honored by giving her back her own son Moses to nurse and mother. In Biblical times, weaning was done so much later in a child's life, and somehow I can just imagine that Jochebed used these formative years to tell Moses the truths of Jehovah. She must have told him of God's protection in the basket on the river. God lets us know in Hebrews 11:23-24, that it was by faith, Moses' parents hid him. They trusted God, and were not afraid of the king's commandment. This faith was passed on to Moses and God records, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Paul called to remembrance the unfeigned faith in Timothy, his spiritual son. You notice Paul mentioned that the faith dwelt first in Timothy's Grandmother Lois, and in his Mother Eunice. II Timothy 1:5.

Lois, Eunice, Hannah, and Jochebed were models of women who with faith in God, prayed for their offspring, entrusting them into God's care and keeping, and then I believe we can say, prayed them into God's service.

There are also many children in our church families, though not our own, but who would greatly profit by our physical love and attention; and then profit even greater by our prayer and spiritual concern for them.

By faith, let's pray some boys and girls into the service of our Lord.

*Give of thy sons to bear the
message glorious,*

*Give of thy wealth to speed
them on their way;*

*Pour out thy soul for them
in prayer victorious*

*And all thou spendest
Jesus will repay.*

Future Events

September 16, 1980

South Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship
Immanuel Baptist Church
502 W. South Street
Arcanum, Ohio
Speaker: Mrs. Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship

September 16, 1980

West Moriah Women's Fellowship

October 21, 1980

State Women's Fall Rally
First Baptist Church
Medina, Ohio

October 28, 1980

Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship
Co-Hosted By: Pleasant Hill Baptist, Smithville and First Baptist Church, Rittman. Meeting will be held at Rittman

November 6, 1980

North Bethel Women's Fellowship
First Baptist Church
Stryker, Ohio

Ladies, You Will Not Want To Miss This!

"KNOWING GOD AND PRODUCING" . . . will be the theme of Mildred Bryant's Bible Study at the Scioto Hills Fall Retreat in beautiful Southern Ohio. Mark your calendar for September 11, 12 and 13. Ladies, you will want to be there as Mildred shares all that the Lord has given her during her preparation for this study.

In the April/May issue of the O.I.B., we reported that Betty Myers would be one of the missionary speakers for this retreat. Because of health problems, Betty will be unable to be there. (Betty will be missed greatly, and your continued prayer for her complete recovery will be appreciated.)

Joan Cole, a short term missionary with ABWE in the Philippines, will be at the retreat, and from the letters received from her, we know she will have much to share about her work this past year. Ladies, you certainly will not want to miss this either.

Reservations can be made now for this delightful weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The cost of the retreat will be \$23.00. The registration fee of \$5.00 is due upon registering, and the remaining \$18.00 is due when you arrive at the retreat. Send registration fee with your name to:

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Important Notice To The North Bethel Womwn's Fellowship

Attention: Women's Missionary Group President

Early in May a letter from Donna Moseley, the North Bethel Women's Fellowship President, was sent to each of you in care of your church, concerning the proposed division into the Mid-Bethel and North Bethel Women's Fellowships. The questionnaire at the bottom of the letter should be sent in as soon as possible, so plans can be made for this possible additional slate of officers. Voting messengers will vote on the division at the Fall Rally, November 6, 1980, at the First Baptist Church of Stryker, Ohio. If you did not receive your letter, please contact Donna Moseley, 276 Barnsbury Drive, Lima, Ohio, 45804; or call (419) 227-6632.

1980 Retreat Schedule

SCIOTO HILLS RETREAT

September 11-13

Women of Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus
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Mrs. Mildred Bryant, Bible Teacher
Mrs. Joan Cole, Missionary Speaker

SKYVIEW RANCH RETREAT

September 25-27

Mrs. Jonie Plantz, Chairman
Mrs. Pam Chambers, Registrar
4863 Peacock Rd.
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SALTFORK FALL RETREAT

November 6-7

Miss Barbara J. Spere (Babs), Chairman
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Devotional Speaker
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Canton Area Ladies Meet

The First Baptist Church of Louisville hosted the Spring Meeting of the Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship, April 22, 1980. Ninety-six ladies and children were in attendance.

The morning session opened with group singing under the direction of Mrs. Edna Muckley, followed with prayer by the President, Mrs. Carol Moosey. Mrs. Muckley also introduced the theme song, "Whatever He Wants For Me" in accordance with the theme scripture, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." I Samuel 3:9.

Mrs. Ruth Lantz, host pastor's wife, welcomed the ladies. Devotions were presented by Mrs. Lois Russell, centering around the topic, "He Is A Faithful God." "He is our beginning and our ending, can we trust Him for the middle?", was her challenge. She related her own experience of a recent home-fire where His faithfulness was proven without a doubt.

Special music throughout the day was shared by Mrs. Kathy McCloskey, Mrs. Linda Miller, and Mrs. Ruth Lantz.

The hearts of the ladies were blessed by Missionary Speaker, Miss Norma Nulph of Baptist Mid-Missions. "Victory Over Fear" was her morning session topic. During the afternoon session, Miss Nulph showed slides of her camp ministry, and related incidents depicting her burden for the Cleveland Inner-City youth.

The newly elected officers are:

President: Mrs. Mary Jane Olsen, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Vice Pres.: Mrs. Betty Jo Trader, Grace Baptist, Canton
Secretary: Mrs. Myra Gerber, Millersburg Baptist Church
Treasurer: Mrs. Linda Tatum, Grace Baptist Church, Canton

The Fall Meeting will be held October 28, 1980. The meeting will be Co-Hosted by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Smithville, and First Baptist Church of Rittman, with the meeting being held at Rittman.

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Introducing Our OARBC Young People

A MISSIONARY NURSE

This is a faithful teenager. She is one who seeks for answers to her problems. In seeking, it takes her into the Word of God which helps her to grow in Him. Cindy is Secretary of a youth group, an Awana leader and a Bible School teacher. She does all this at the First Baptist Church in Brunswick, Ohio. Her pastor is Rev. Donald Matheny. She was saved at the age of 8 during Bible School and has a desire to be a missionary nurse.

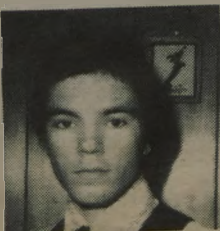


Cindy Carson

Cindy's testimony: "God has worked in my life by always being there. He answered my prayers that my parents would not get a divorce better than I ever really believed He could. He has often used the verse - "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" to just help me whenever I needed it. God truly gave me a clear understanding of His plan for my life through the missionary - Beverly Curtis. He showed me that although I might not have a husband - I can still go ahead out to a mission field and give Him a glorifying life."

ZEAL FOR EVANGELISM

This young man started going to church with some boys of the Youth group in the Fellowship Baptist Church of Lorain, Ohio. His pastor was Rev. Allen Vine. The Youth pastor was Rev. Philip Vine. The very boys who got him started going to church were not even saved themselves. The Lord began to work in his life and soon he accepted Christ as his very own personal Saviour. Brother Phil Vine writes: "Whenever I get a bit discouraged - I think of Karl and of his growth. I pray for him and rejoice in what God has done."



Karl Haefka

Karl's testimony: "The Lord has really blessed my life in the eight months I have been a Christian. When I got saved I started to pray for my family. The first thing I did was tell my mother who wasn't a Christian. She immediately wanted to know more about it. Later she called my uncle in California and told him. My uncle was so happy that he called me that night and I shared my testimony with him. I kept praying and soon my youngest brother accepted the Lord on the way to Pennsylvania in the back seat of a car. My mother wholeheartedly accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour and has been growing ever since; I'm still praying for my father and my other brother."

"My favorite verse is I John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal

life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God." This verse gives me all the assurance I need. Things haven't always been rosy though. I read the book "Buried Alive for Christ" and when I got done I felt so convicted about not sharing Christ with my other classmates that the next day of school I was given the name of Moses, but that didn't stop me. Even the teachers call me preacher. This just showed me that these people really are lost and need Christ in their lives.

"A real encouragement to me at church is the visitation program because it really strengthens me and helps me to be a better witness at my school and home. I am a Senior at Lorain County Vocational School. I live in Sheffield Lake, Ohio and attend Fellowship Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio. In the future I would like to attend Bible College somewhere and then go into the ministry as an evangelist, a missionary, or a minister. I am writing for the Lord to open the doors that I may do His will."

A GOOD TESTIMONY

Tim is an exceptional teenager. He is highly respected by his peers; most teens in our youth group look to him as an example. He has exceptional music talent and is also near the top of his class academically. I know when I ask Tim to do something that it will be done and done well. Whom has this youth leader been talking about? Tim Jenkins, a Junior, attending Findlay High School and attends the First Baptist Church, Rev. Richard Pettitt is pastor. Tim was led to the Lord at age 5 by his mother while at home and in 1978 while attending Word of Life Camp he dedicated his life.



Tim Jenkins

Tim's testimony: "I attend a public school and have many friends who are not saved. God has given me many opportunities to discuss salvation and the things of God with them. This is an answer to prayer as one of my friends got saved and others are thinking about what we have discussed. My favorite verse is: "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

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State Youth Rally Report

The 17th Annual Ohio Youth Rally was held May 17th in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel at Cedarville College. Several hundred teenagers and their sponsors were in attendance.

Special presentations were made by all three of our Ohio camps (Scioto Hills, Patmos, and Skyview) as well as three colleges (Faith Baptist - Ankeny, Iowa; Baptist Bible College - Clarks Summit, Pa.; Cedarville College, Ohio).

Beautiful, challenging music was presented by John and Jackie Mitchell. John, who is presently Director of Christian Service at Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit has served as tenor soloist with the male chorus of North Park College (Chicago) and with the BBC male quartet, chamber singers and Oratorio choir. He has also been soloist with both the Binghamton and Scranton Oratorio. Jackie, a graduate of BBC, accompanied John at the piano, as well as vocally in duet selections.

The featured speaker for the Rally was Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College. Dr. Dixon spoke to the teens on three areas of God's will: "1. It is God's will that you be saved; 2. It is God's will

that you be Spirit filled; 3. It is God's will that you be sanctified." As the invitation was given, several young people came to accept Christ as Saviour while others came to dedicate their lives to Him. We praise the Lord for these decisions!

Next year's Rally will be held May 16th at Cedarville College. The featured speaker will be Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of the GARBC. Pastors, Youth Directors, Teens! Mark your calendars now and plan to be present for what promises to be a great Rally!

Spurgeon Baptist College News

Professor M. R. Dahlquist addressed the ten graduates at Commencement on May 16. All the graduates are committed to full-time ministries, five in missions and five in pastorates. The Spurgeon Singers toured as far north as Cleveland in May. New faculty members include Mr. Keith Eggert and Miss Jonita Barram. Dr. Elvin Mattison, Academic Dean, moves in August to his new position on the faculty of Northwest Baptist Seminary. Authorization has been granted by the State of Florida to grant the Bachelor of Theology degree. Fall registration is set for September 3.

MAP Program Continues To Grow

Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Missionary Apprenticeship Program Director of Baptist Mid-Missions, informs us that the statistics of MAPers for summer service on the fields of the Mission look good. A total of some 140 college and seminary students will be moving out for this "service in training" ministry during the summer months.

Baptist Mid-Missions has been one of the pioneers in the area of Missionary Apprenticeship. Brother Kendrick states that an ever increasing number of new appointees have worked with MAP, a summer ministry becoming a lifetime calling to service.

He further declared that an unusual number of "MK's" (Missionary Kids) are taking part in this year's apprenticeship program. Thus far, applications have been received for 15 of the Missions' MK family.

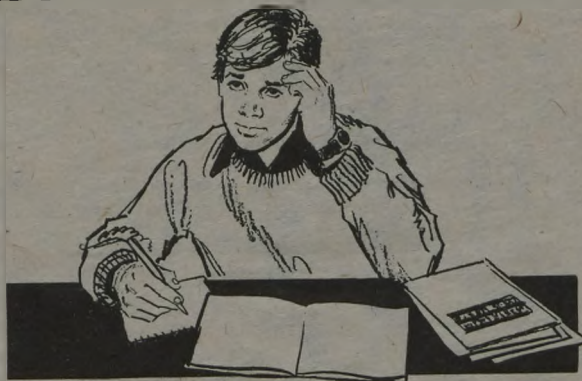
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AKRON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREEN TWP.
We honored our graduates at a special service on June 8. These young people conducted the entire service which included special singing, testimonies and a sermon. Each graduate was given a lovely new Bible. Refreshments were served following the service.

AKRON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KENMORE—
We were led in special Revival services by Evangelist Billy Absalom. These meetings ran May 18 through 23. The Lord blessed.

AKRON, HIGHVIEW AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
On May 4, we held a "Second Anniversary" celebration for our pastor-Rev. Joseph Chapman and his wife. After a time of fellowship, they were presented a check in appreciation for all they have done. Dr. James T. Jeremiah ministered here during April. His ministry was a great blessing.

ARCANUM, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Jim Ruck was with us on May 18. He serves as a missionary in Japan. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 23rd. Guest speaker for this occasion was Mrs. Sandy Entner.

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH—
Mrs. Ronald England, missionary appointee to Hawaii (her native land) was guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter Fellowship which was held May 8.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Dave Morrell was with us on June 1st. Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Jim Entner family (ABWE-Philippine Islands) were with us on May 18. They serve the Lord on the island of Palawan. Dr. Entner is engaged in missionary/medical work. Missionary Tom Miller (BMM-Brazil) is to be with us June 18. We will be holding our Sunday School picnic on June 21.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother Rodney Horton from the Clinton County Christian School spoke here Sunday evening, June 5th. Vacation Bible School started June 16.

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We have called Rev. Philip Vine to be our pastor. He begins his ministry here on June 30. Editor/State Representative (OARBC) Don Moffat ministered here on June 28.

BLUFFTON, RILEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held an Old-Fashioned Day in May. The ladies appreciated the ministry of Mrs. Keeler at their Mother/Daughter banquet. The Keelers are field representatives of Shepherd's Children Home.

CALDWELL, NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held our Annual Missionary Conference April 20 through 23. Guests included Rev. John Jackson (EBM-Zambia, S. Central Africa), Rev. Dennis Washer (ABWE-Togo, West Africa), Rev. Roger Curtis (ABWE-Japan), and Rev. Frank Marshall (EBM-Candidate Secretary). Our ladies held a Salad Smorgasborg on May 20. This was a Mother/Daughter affair.

CANTON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Robert Teis spoke here on May 18. On the 25th of May we viewed the film - "Pilgrim's Progress." Mrs. Carol Moosey spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet. Our teens had a good time on their trip to the Cedar Point Amusement Park. Also, they had a Junior/Senior banquet on May 16.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our "Church Family" missionary, Ken Steward from Canada was with us in May. Our Junior/Senior young people enjoyed their special banquet. Brother Bob Dyer from Baptist Bible College spoke here June 9th. He gave valuable information pertaining to the subject of wills, recent tax reforms, and the like.

CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother Harold Green of Cedarville College was guest speaker at our Junior/Senior banquet. Our ladies held a Mother/Daughter "Brunch" on Saturday morning, May 10. While our pastor (Rev. W. Paul Jackson) and his wife were away attending a conference in New York State, Mr. Jim Biddle ministered here.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our graduating Seniors had their banquet on June 10. We were blessed through the ministry of Brother Mike Coyle. He presented a concert here Sunday evening, June 22. We will be holding our Vacation Bible School this year August 11-15.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Vacation Bible School this year was held June 23 through 27. Our theme was "God's Way Of Victory." Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the ministry of Missionary John Kennedy. He and his wife serve under Baptist Mid-Missions in England. Recent guest speakers include: Rev. Kenneth Klein, Drs. Ron and Martha Searly (BMM-Chad), and Rev. Larry Engle.

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recent speakers here were Mr. Russell Anderson and missionaries - Bill and Barbara Phillips (Brazil). We held an Old Fashioned Sunday on June 18. The Lord blessed through our Vacation Bible School - June 16-20. In July we will be having Dr. Andrew Wood along with Butch and Steve from Shepherd's Home. Editor/State OARBC Repres. Don Moffat is to be with us Sunday, July 13.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held our Junior/Senior banquet on May 16. Evangelist Gordon Sears and family were with us for special meetings May 18-21. Brother Dan Templeton ministered here June 8. We held our Sunday School picnic June 21.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our young people (ages 9-12) had a Senior Banquet and trip. They are at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Millersburg, Ohio. We enjoyed the ministry of THE PROCLAMATIONS from Grand Rapids Baptist College.

FAIRBORN, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciate having Dr. Hall Dautel serve as our Interim Pastor. As guest speakers, we have had Rev. Richard Durham, Rev. Harold Green, Rev. David Chapman and Rev. Marlin Rayburn.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Mother/Daughter banquet this year was held on May 9. The theme was "Mothers Around The World." Mrs. Norman Lohrenz, missionary to Nigeria, was guest speaker. It was a profitable evening.

FINDLAY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recently we viewed the film - "HEAVENLY DECEPTION." It is a revelation of the subtle and deceptive heresy - the Unification Church - a cult headed by a Reverend (so-called) Sun Myung Moon. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 13. Brother Don Worch led us in a Family Life Conference.

HUDSON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We joined with the First Baptist Church of Twinsburg for our Mother/Daughter banquet. It was held May 16 at the Cathedral Buffet in Cuyahoga Falls. Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Donna Wright of Wadsworth, Ohio. John and Catherine Kennedy, our missionaries to England were with us on May 28.

LIMA, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
It was a joy to have Dr. Jim Entner (ABWE-Philippines) with us in early June. We held our Vacation Bible School June 16 through 20.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Earl Willetts ministered here in June. We covet the prayers of our O.I.B. readers as we seek the Lord's leading in choosing a new pastor.

LONDON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our ladies held a Mother/Daughter "Brunch" on May 24. Vacation Bible School this year will run August 4 through 11.

LOUISVILLE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the ministry of Evangelist Norman Sharbaugh. The Lord blessed in reaching souls. God is blessing in our church. There is a constant growth for which we praise Him!

MADISON, SOUTH MADISON BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
We held special meetings May 8 through 11. Guest speaker was Pastor B.C. Jennings. His ministry proved to be a great challenge and several made vital decisions. On May 22 we had the pleasure of hearing a choral group of ninth grade girls from the Willo Hills Baptist Christian School.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Vacation Bible School this year will run August 4 through 8. We are looking toward the month of October when we will be having the OARBC annual conference right here in our church. We trust that many will be at the conference to hear men like Dr. Viggo Olsen (Bangladesh) and Dr. Paul Tassell (National GARBC Representative). We anticipate a wonderful time! Mark the dates on your calendar - October 20, 21 and 22.

NEW LYME BAPTIST CHURCH—
We greatly appreciated the ministry of Evangelist Norman Sharbaugh. He was with us May 18 through 23. Souls were saved and saints were edified.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Revival meetings were held May 11-16. Guest evangelist was Brother Hugh Pyle. His ministry was challenging. The Pensacola Christian College sent one of their teams here to minister. Also, another team was with us from Piedmont Bible College. We are having a Father/Son retreat at Shalom Lake Camp August 15 and 16.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Proclamations from Grand Rapids Baptist College ministered here in late May. The Dick Anthony Family will be with us on July 13 to present a concert.

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Brother Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship spoke here in late May. Rev. Ed. Spencer was guest speaker at our Father/Son banquet. Editor/State OARBC Repres. Don Moffat and his wife ministered here Sunday evening, June 15. They showed us pictures they had taken during their trip around the world. Our Summer Bible School ran from June 16 through 20.

PAULDING, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had a special night of music with the Blackhawk Singers from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

PICKERINGTON, BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Walnut Creek Baptist Church is currently worshipping with us until they can re-establish themselves with a full-time pastor. Recent guest speakers have been Dr. Cleveland McDonald, Rev. Norman Bosworth, Rev. Gary Storm, Brother Charles Monroe, and Missionary Dave Southwell. Dr. William Brock was guest speaker at our Seventh Anniversary Dinner.

SALEM, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We celebrated our 20th anniversary the weekend of May 9th. Dr. Kenneth Muck and Rev. Leslie Wells (our first pastor) were guest speakers. A potluck supper was enjoyed by those who attended. On Mother's Day we dedicated our new hymn books.

SMITHVILLE, MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH—
We recently hosted the Canton Area Pastors' Fellowship in our church. Editor/State Representative (OARBC) Don Moffat and his wife, Lois are to be with us Sunday, July 20.

SPRINGFIELD, BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had an Ice Cream Social following the evening service on June 1st. On Father's Day, June 15th, missionary Dr. Jim Entner (ABWE-Philippines) spoke at our morning service. Brother John Payne ministered here on June 22.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH—
A group of our young people, six in all, travelled to Austin, Texas. They went there to help missionaries Bruce and Bev McDonald (ABWE-Home Missions). Marjorie McMillian, missionary to Liberia, spoke to our Women's Missionary Fellowship.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Virgil Geren (a very dear friend of our pastor, Rev. William Moser) ministered here on Father's Day, June 15. Brother Geren is also Director (and Founder) of the Shadyrest Bible Conference in Trenton, New Jersey. On June 22nd Rev. Harry Banfield and Rev. Robert Marsh spoke here.

STRUTHERS BAPTIST TABERNACLE—
In April several of our women attended the OARBC Spring Rally of our Women's (State-wide) Missionary Fellowship. We are looking forward with excitement to our coming 50th Anniversary as a church. Guest speakers will include Dr. Gerald Smelser, Rev. A Donald Moffat, Dr. Billy Renstrom, Dr. Allen E. Lewis, and Dr. Marvin Lewis. The dates for these meetings are August 10-13.

SUNBURY, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Editor/State OARBC Representative Don Moffat and his wife Lois were with us Sunday, June 22.

TALLMADGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Kenneth Klein ministered here in May. Our ladies' Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 30 and Mrs. Gill Miller, missionary to Brazil, was guest speaker.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Editor/State Representative (OARBC) Don Moffat will be ministering here on July 6th. We are waiting on the Lord to guide us in the choosing of a new pastor.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held a Graduation banquet on May 19 and a Father/Son banquet on June 7. May 24 was our SURPRISE SUNDAY. Word concerning this appears elsewhere in this issue of the O.I.B. One "surprise" was having Rev. Kenneth Romig back as guest speaker.

WADSWORTH, COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in special Revival services June 23-27 by Dr. Kenny McComas. Also, Rev. Albert Johnson ministered here in May. The Johnsons are home on furlough from Brazil.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—
We held our Mother/Daughter banquet May 13. Too, we were privileged to have the Pensacola Christian College Men's Ensemble. A special group, THE SWORDSMEN - a seven-member ensemble from Tennessee Temple University, were with us Sunday evening, June 8. Our Vacation Bible School this year will run July 21-25. Our theme is - "God's Way Of Victory."

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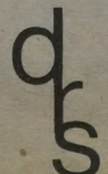


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One criticism that reached us recently was - "The GARBC approved schools are not missionary minded!"

Let me tell you what is happening at Cedarville College. Incidentally, this is happening at our other schools as well! Your editor was invited to speak at a mid-week prayer meeting service held in the Dr. James T. Jeremiah chapel. It was a special service honoring the college young people who were going this year to different parts of the world under their Missionary Internship Service program. We were privileged to deliver a missionary challenge to all who were present. The chapel was very well filled.

It was especially exciting to hear these special groups present their testimonies in word and in song. This year thirteen students are going to Red China, a team of ten men will be playing some thirty basketball games in the Philippines and will be presenting testimonies at half-time, seventeen are going to be in Australia. They will be presenting some eighty concerts in schools, shopping centers and churches. Another evangelistic team of twelve will be ministering in Brazil, nine will be working on a kibbutz in Israel. A host of others will be witnessing in Scotland, France, Mexico, and the Ivory Coast (Africa). These groups will be directed by faculty members from the college.

Besides these, there will be the many who will return to their churches right here in this land and will spend the summer months bearing a good witness for the Lord.

Don't tell me Cedarville College is not "missionary-minded". To speak in such a manner is to make known one's ignorance as to what is really happening! Let us praise God for our schools and for the men whom God has called to instruct our young people. A little less petty criticism and a lot more of prayer and financial giving is what all of our schools need!

Cedarville College News

The men's tennis team of Cedarville College won the Mid-Ohio Conference and the NAIA District 22 championship. Coach Murray Murdoch's teams have won these honors for the last 12 out of 13 years. In fact, his teams have not lost to a District 22 team since 1967. Cedarville finished second in the NCCAA Track Championship Meet hosted by the college. The meet was attended by 22 teams from around the country.

On May 8-10, the college presented the play "Sound of Music". It was performed to four sell-out audiences. There were those who said it was one of the greatest drama productions presented on the Cedarville College campus. It was indeed most heartwarming.

The Christian Service Department held its annual Junior Swordbearers' Conference for young people nine to twelve years old on May 10th. Approximately 572 attended.

The 84th Annual Commencement was held June 7. Approximately 260 seniors were graduated. Guest speaker at these graduation exercises was Dr. Tim LaHaye of San Diego, California.

Speaking In Tongues

Acts 2:1-13

by Gary A. Norris

Our major premise or foundational point is that we find no reference in the Bible of women either speaking in tongues or being present when they were spoken. Our study will be confined primarily to the book of Acts, chapters one, two, ten, and nineteen.

To prove our major point we must first prove that only men spoke with the miraculous gift of tongues or languages, and only men heard them. The Bible only speaks of two groups speaking with the gift of tongues - men and Balaam's donkey.

We now look at Acts 2:8 and 2:13 and find the words man and men. These words refer to the ones who were doing the speaking. In Acts 2:5, 6, 14, and 22, the words man and men have reference to those who heard. The words man and men are in italics in Acts 2:8 and 13. We are told that this means that the words were not in the original.

Now notice the words they and all in Acts 2:1 and 4. To whom do these personal pronouns refer? Many conclude that they refer to the one hundred and twenty in chapter one and assume that they were men and women. Remember that when the Bible was written there were no chapter and verse divisions. Acts 2:1 begins with the conjunction and. This would indicate Acts 1:26 and Acts 2:1 should be joined. They and all would refer to the eleven plus Matthias. Our point can also be proved another way. We read in Acts 1:14 about the women and brethren continuing with one accord in prayer and supplication. We come to verse fifteen and we have a new thought. The one hundred and twenty included only men. The word disciples in this verse could be translated brethren. Someone might say that the words man and men are used in a generic sense and includes all mankind, both men and women. To prove our point that these were all men, we must look at the Greek word used for men in Acts 1:16, 2:5, 14, and 22. The Greek word is aner. According to W. E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of the New Testament Words, aner is never used for the female sex. It is always used to designate the male person.

We need to also point out that the personal pronouns in Acts 2:1 they and all are in the masculine gender; therefore, we conclude that no one can prove from Acts one or two that women either spoke with the miraculous gift of tongues or were present when they were spoken.

We will now consider Acts ten, and we will find that our foundational point is still true. In the following verses of this chapter, we will look at some of the nouns and pronouns. In Acts 10:24, kinsman and friends are both masculine in gender. In Acts 10:27, we find that the word many is in the masculine gender. In all of the following verses, the words are in the masculine gender also: verse 28, them; verse 44, them; verse 46, them, and verse 47, these. In addition, we need to

On July 10-12, the college will be hosting over 700 high schoolers for "Salute to Summer." This conference features activities on campus as well as an all-day trip to the King's Island Amusement Park.

Dates for the Pastors' Conference are September 8-11 with Dr. Ed. Hindson as guest speaker. The Cedarville Baptist Open Golf Tournament is set for September 11-12.

The Cedarville College Women's Fellowship will be meeting at the college on October 17, and the Annual Homecoming Festivities will be on October 18.

Mid-Bethel Fellowship

At our last meeting on May 6, we were privileged to have Dr. Hugh Hall minister to us. We had a sweet time of fellowship together in the Word. The meeting was held at the Oak Knoll Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio. Rev. Clyde Albertson is the pastor of this church. We will not be meeting again until September 2nd. This meeting will be at the Calvary Baptist Church in Bucyrus. Rev. Howard Jones will be the host pastor.

In past meetings, we have had as guests - Rev. Duane King of Baptist Bible College and the Collegians Brass Quintet, Editor/State (OARBC) Representative Don Moffat, Rev. Dick Seaver of Detroit Baptist Seminary, and a traveling team from THE WILDS CAMP.

As a Fellowship, we voted to send \$50.00 per month to the Van Wert church (Faith Baptist) to help them toward paying their pastor's salary. Two churches in our fellowship have also placed them on their budget. They are the Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton, Ohio and the First Baptist Church, Findlay, Ohio.

We are happy to report that we have been averaging about 15 to 20 pastors at our Mid-Bethel Fellowship meetings. Besides these pastors, we have been having other guests as well.

look at Acts 11:3 in which we find that the word men is again translated from the Greek word aner, and as we said before, this word is never used to describe the female sex.

We have one other reference to someone speaking in tongues in Acts 19:1-7. In verse seven we have the word men and again the Greek word aner is used. As pointed out before aner signifies only the masculine gender. From this, we conclude that not only the book of Acts but also from the rest of the Word of God that there is no place in which a woman is described as speaking in tongues or even being present when it was spoken. Any woman involved in this movement does not have the authority of God's Word for her actions. In fact the Bible is very specific on the matter of women being involved in the speaking of tongues. In I Corinthians 14:34, Paul speaks to the problem of women speaking in tongues in Corinth: "Let your women keep silence in the churches."

Surprise Sunday At Warren Church

Sunday, May 25 was "Surprise Sunday" at the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio. On this day, according to Rev. Paul Bowser, pastor of the church, there were a number of surprises.

First, there was a "surprise singer" - Donna Anderson Smith. She had her mother, Mrs. Mardell Dicks, with her. Donna is a sister of Rev. Charles Anderson who serves as a missionary in France. The ladies' adult Sunday School class had a "surprise teacher". It was Mrs. Kenneth (Ethel) Romig. Also, at the church services for the day, there was a "surprise preacher". This was former pastor - Rev. Kenneth Romig.

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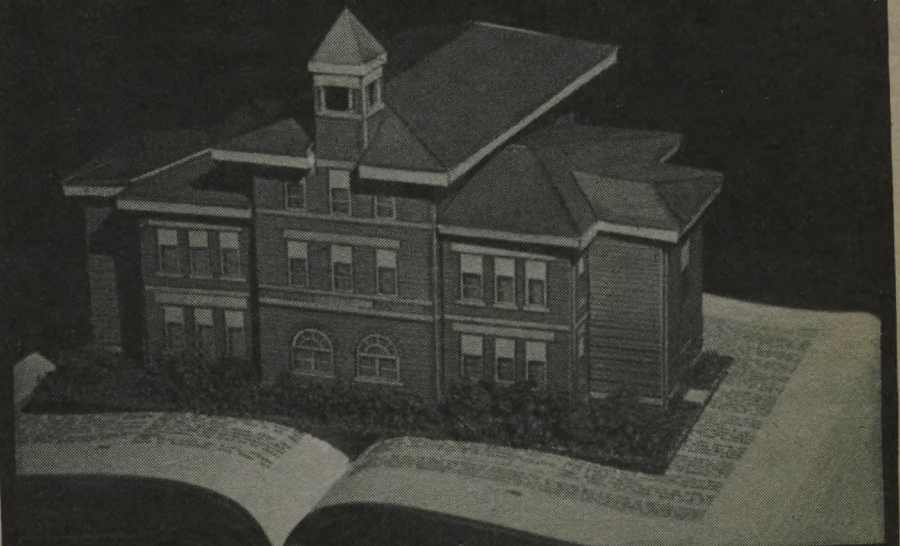


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TO CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Titus 2:4,5

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
 "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed."

"Oh, Pastor, that's old fashioned." That was the answer of a wife and mother regarding the Bible's teaching to believing wives and mothers. She may think it's "old fashioned," but that does not change the truth of the Bible, the teaching of the Bible, and it does not change God's demands and expectancy.

To talk to ladies and discuss their position today can be highly volatile and even produces anger. Whatever the world presents as the position of women may sound good and even be reasonable in the light of the 20th century. But if this contradicts the Word of God, it will end in disaster; disaster for those involved and also disaster for the nation involved.

We should be studying the subject of mothers and that may enter in. But you cannot study the subject of mothers without first studying the subject of wives. You see, the Bible never speaks to ladies as mothers until it has spoken to them as wives. The Bible does not accept motherhood outside the realm of marriage. That may sound harsh, but it is true.

Our verse for study today gives the excellent Biblical order and position of a believing wife and mother. God blesses obedience, ladies, so study carefully their characteristics. Our verse begins with "that they may teach . . ." This refers to the previous verse where Paul speaks to the older ladies. Young women should be able to follow the example of the older women. So you see why it is so important for Christian ladies to follow the Word of God. When older ladies try to act young and will not take their position, how can younger ladies have an example? As someone says, "No one wants to be a grandmother today."

Paul begins the character of the young lady with the word "sober." This word really has to do with thinking. Young ladies are to think. Of course, if the Christian young lady knows the Word of God, her thinking will follow that knowledge and will find her conduct being the outcome of that right thinking.

The order is for the wife to "love the husband." Many wives who become mothers immediately transfer the major part of their love to the children. This makes an unbalanced situation and causes friction in the home. God always expects the lady to remember that she was and is a wife before she was a mother. How many husbands feel left out when the children are born? Kindly note, there is no condition of the wife loving her husband. Often wives say, "I would love my husband if he would do certain things." That is not in the Word of God, just as husbands try, on occasion, to make their love conditional.

The wife's love for the husband would naturally find the next characteristic to be "to love their children." That has very little problem for most Christian wives. But, ladies, let's keep it in the right perspective to the love for the husband. The characteristics that follow and their order certainly do not line up with what is trying to be offered in our present day.

Christian wives are to be "discreet." In the New Testament, the word, as used, would mean that the person had self-control and self-discipline. The word today means to use good sense or to be sure of how something appears. The modern ladies' movement is very often the opposite of this characteristic. Ladies are to be "chaste." Certainly you can

hear the present thinking again say, "old fashioned." To be chaste is simply to be pure. God expects Christian wives to manifest purity. Certainly the word includes the attitude toward dress and outward appearance.

To the Christian wife, the home is important. Our verse says "keepers at home." The reference Bible tells us this could be "diligent at home." In our present economy, many wives are working. There are those who would say that this is contrary to Scripture. And that may be true if the work is to only gain a higher standard of living and luxury or just to be sure that desired items can be purchased. Space does not allow, but the description of the godly woman in Proverbs 31 certainly shows us that this wife "who was the joy of her husband" and who "caused him to be prominent in his community" was a wife who was concerned with his home and its needs to the extent that she had outside interests. But all of this interest was for the benefit of the home, the husband, and the family. So our verse says that the wife, in all of her endeavors, finds that they contribute to her diligence in the home. If the wife's activities are a detriment and contribute to the neglect of the home, they do not line up with God's Word.

Christian wives are just plain "good." That's the word our verse uses. She is good for herself, her husband, her family, and certainly for her Savior. When you wrap all of these Biblical characteristics up, you find that we are now ready to accept the last one which is "obedient to their own husband." Alarming? Startling? Unbelievable? No, for the Christian woman understands that God knows best and God's blessing will come because of obedience. This is the word that upsets today. The word "obedience" or "submission." Paul writes in Ephesians:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

"Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

If the word "submissive" is not necessary to the Christian wife, then believers and followers of Jesus Christ do not have to be subject and obedient to Christ and His Word. No Christian would dare to say that but often Christian wives say it because of their actions.

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The ideal husband and wife relationship found in our Bible is that of Sarah and Abraham. In using these two as an illustration, Peter writes:

"Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

What a remarkable relationship! Sarah did well as a wife, as a hostess, as a mother, and as a believer. She was not a slave. She was just the opposite and, yet, she illustrates the Biblical position of the wife. She is listed in the heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter 11.

But there is a final phrase in our study. Why does the Christian wife manifest, obey, and practice the characteristics listed in our verses? True, they are the Word of God and we should obey. True, they are the means of God blessing the home and the family. True, it makes the woman an example of the true believer. But the verse says "that the word of God be not blasphemed." The Christian woman and wife can be the reason and the cause for the Word of God to be belittled and criticized and not followed.

Few Christian ladies, today, seemingly see their importance to God, His Word, their husbands, the family, our nation. But Christian lady, you are important to God. Don't let the world bring you down from the Bible's pedestal. God is never wrong. Trust Him!

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"He Shall Direct Thy Paths"

THROUGH THE DENSE BRUSH which surrounded them, David saw the red glow in the eastern sky which meant the beginning of another day. He looked at his sleeping brother, Joseph, in the semidarkness. "Joseph," he whispered, "wake up. We've got to be on our way."

Joseph stirred and opened his eyes. "I must have really been worn out. I don't think I moved all night long."

The conversation between the two brothers awakened their companions, Tega and Bata. Joseph had forgotten that Bata had joined the trio the night before. He turned to have a good look at the fugitive government soldier, who had escaped from his fellow soldiers after they found out he was a Christian.

"I'm still here," said Bata, as though he had read Joseph's thoughts. "I don't plan to go anywhere except with you fellows."

David thought of the four of them hiding there in the jungle and the strange happenings that had brought them together. For a moment his mind flashed back to the grave of his cousin, Andrew, who was buried alive because of his faith in Christ. There Tega had accepted Christ as his Savior. The fleeing soldier, Bata, had found Tega in the forest, gathering wild fruit for their evening meal. "I know God has a purpose and plan for all of this," said David to himself.

After washing in a nearby stream, the four young men sat around a small fire for their breakfast of roasted manioc and jungle fruit. They had prayed together and started out for David and Joseph's village, which was three more days of walking.

The dry season made it much easier for the men to travel because much of the grass and undergrowth was burned off. They tried to keep as deep in the forest as possible so they would not be detected by the government soldiers. Because of their refusal to go along with the government supported cultural revolution, they were labeled criminals and prime targets.

It was during the third day of their long walk when it happened. The men were making their way down the side of a bank to cross a small, dry, streambed when Joseph called out. "Oh, no," he said as he reached down and grabbed his right leg. "I've been bitten by a mamba snake."

The other three men rushed to his side as the dangerous monster reared its head to strike at Bata.

"Look out, Bata," called Tega, who was close by his side.

Joseph saw the snake about to strike his friend and, even though he was in great pain, swung his arm and knocked the mamba to the ground. David then caught the snake across its neck with his walking stick, breaking its back. Bata quickly finished it by cutting off its head.

Within a minute, David had made a tourniquet of his shirt sleeve and fastened it just above his brother's knee.

"Hold on, Joseph," said Tega as he took his knife and cut deep into the fang marks. He hoped that he could flush out the venom with the flow of blood. The men worked quickly and expertly on their companion.

"I'm cold, David," whispered Joseph to his older brother, who immediately covered him with his shirt. Tega and Bata took off their shirts, too, and laid them over their suffering friend.

"I'm not going to make it, David," said Joseph as the tears welled in his eyes. "The Lord is going to take me Home."

"Don't try to talk, Joseph," said David, wiping the perspiration from his brother's face. He fought hard to keep back the tears. "Father," he prayed in his heart, "if it's Your will, spare my brother's life."

After a short period of time, Joseph cried out in pain while reaching out his arms. "I can't see you."

David moved close to Joseph. "I'm right here, Joseph. I'm not going to leave you," he whispered, patting his brother on the shoulder.

The three men knew that Joseph was dying. Already his sight was gone.

"Sarah," called Joseph, "I'm home. Where are you?"

"He's calling our little sister," said David to Tega and Bata who sat on the ground beside the dying African.

Joseph began to breathe deeply as though he were in a deep sleep. The three men looked at him, knowing there was nothing they could do to help him. The tears dripped off David's chin into the dust. Joseph gasped, trembled and then was still.

"He's Home with the Lord," said David in a whisper, more to himself than to his two friends. He laid his head on his brother's chest but heard nothing. Tega and Bata quietly arose to look for a place in the dry creekbed where they could dig a grave for their friend's body.

The sorrow of seeing his brother die lay heavily on David's heart. The men spoke very little of the sad event during their next two days of travel. Only once did they discuss the death of Joseph; and that was the following evening when Tega and Bata both gave their lives to the Lord for whatever He wanted of them.

Later that night after the two men had fallen asleep, David lay awake thinking of the blessed time they had had that evening. "Dear Lord," he prayed, "thank You for Joseph's testimony. Even in his death, You were pleased to use him to speak to the hearts of Tega and Bata."

It was well after midnight when David finally drifted into a deep sleep. He missed Joseph so very much; but at the same time, he was confident that God's will was done.

"How can I break the news about Joseph to Mom and Dad?" thought David as the three men neared their destination. "Lord," he prayed, "give me the right words to say to them. Please comfort their hearts, and help little Sarah to take this sad news."

The village looked inviting to the three weary travelers. They knew they had to take certain precautions, but David assured Tega and Bata that they would be welcomed by his family. This made the two men feel at ease, as they were a bit leery to meet anyone.

"There's our house now," said David excitedly. He stopped and looked. "There's my mother with my little sister just coming out the door."

The young African ran, calling out to his mother. Martha Bareka looked up and ran toward David. Sarah followed close behind her mother.

"My son! My son!" she cried as she threw her arms around David. Her hot tears wet David's face. She lifted her head and looked about. "Where's Joseph?"

David knew this was the moment he dreaded. He looked at his mother. "Mama," he said quietly, "Joseph is with the Lord." He hesitated. "Two days ago he was bitten by a mamba and died in a very short time."

Martha put her head on her son's shoulder and sobbed. David knew this was not the time for words. Sarah, hearing the sad news, put her arms around David's waist and cried as though her heart would break. Tega and Bata felt helpless to do anything.

Finally David spoke. "Where's Papa, Mama?" He seemed almost afraid to ask.

"Oh, my David," she said through her sobs, "the soldiers came three days ago and killed your father."

David's heart felt as though it was being crushed. The lump in his throat seemed to choke him, and the pain in his chest was almost unbearable.

"The villagers told me that the leader asked your father to tell him where you and Joseph went," she continued. "He told them, but they wouldn't believe him. They beat him and cut out part of his tongue. I didn't see his body, but I was told that they tied him to an anthill."

David was too stunned to hear all that his mother was saying. The deaths of his cousins, Andrew and Paul, back in the village of Uanga, and now his brother and father seemed too much for him to take. The little family walked slowly to their hut, followed by their new friends, Tega and Bata.

That night as the five of them sat around a kerosene lantern inside the hut, David read from the Bible, "All things work together for good to them that love God." He stopped and looked at his mother and sister. His eyes then went to Tega and Bata. David knew in his heart that God had a bright future in store for them as a family and for his two friends who were thrust into their lives.

In his prayer that night, Bata startled everyone as he told the Lord that he would go to Bible school. "Lord," he prayed, "a lot of sad things have happened this week, but on the other hand, it was a good week too." He paused a moment and then continued. "Father, even though there are dangers all around us tonight, our hearts are filled with peace and joy, knowing that You are directing our paths."

With bowed head, Martha Bareka nodded her agreement with Bata's prayer.

Prophetic Conferences



Dr. Gerald V. Smelser

Editor's Note: A dear friend of your editor is our brother - Dr. Gerald V. Smelser. He serves as Field Representative for THE CLEVELAND HEBREW MISSION. Quite a number of our OARBC churches have this missionary work as a part of their ministry to the Jews. God is blessing our brother's ministry. We prevailed upon him to give us a report concerning his recent activities.

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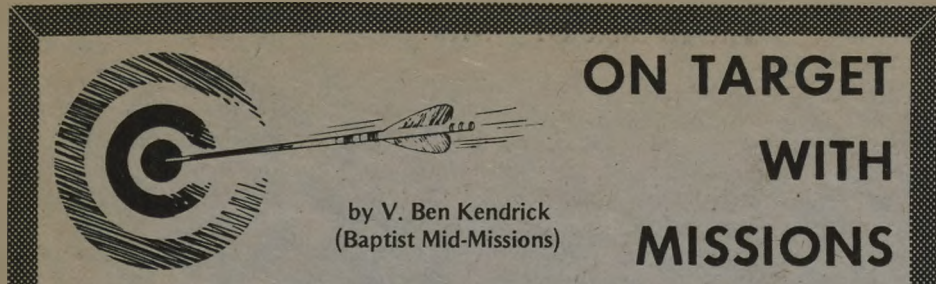
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A vital ministry in missions is that of working with MK's (missionary children). ABWE's contribution this month touches upon this important work.

"My desire. . . God's design. . . interwoven to bring me here," was the expression of an ABWE missionary-school teacher now serving 10,000 miles from our shores in Bangladesh. What part does such a laborer have in the total missionary enterprise? Over the years, one of the major problems faced by missionary parents has been securing an adequate education for their children in a foreign country. From the beginning, ABWE has adopted the philosophy that individual parents must make the final decision as to the method of educating their offspring. In remote areas, the method is often a correspondence course taught by an already busy mother. Where several families live in the same locale, the request frequently comes to mission headquarters, "Send us a teacher."

"From our stateside Bible colleges, God has prepared young people to take up the challenge of working with these lively, lovable MK's. These teachers must meet the same requirements as all other missionary candidates. And they must be adaptable. Once on the field, they discover that no job description could have adequately prepared them for the variety of projects they meet. Classes are usually small and include several grades. The blessings are there, too. 'Some of the pupils from my first term are now missionaries in Peru,' rejoices a teacher who is now in her fifth term of service.

"Yes, teachers have an important contribution to make to the total missionary enterprise. May God raise up more dedicated workers to meet further challenges."

A P.S. is in order with an excerpt from a letter of a Baptist Mid-Missions' MK in Bangladesh. He writes, "Boy, Uncle Ben, Dad really needs our prayers an awful lot. You know, his being the only man here is hard on him, plus language study which is one of the hardest things anyone would want to do. . . It will be great when the Lord will get some men out here to work with Dad. I try to help all I can, but I'm not exactly what Dad needs at this time. I wish I was, but I'm not. So pray for him, would you? Thanks a lot."

SCATTER SHOT? Well, not exactly, but a similar system of church planting is in effect and working for the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. The last report from this home mission agency told of new works in New York, Florida, Iowa, Illinois and Tennessee. Another fifteen areas are calling for missionary help and so it goes. What a tremendous challenge to the churches to support the cause of missions at home. Remember! The foreign outreach can only be as strong as the home base. One cannot overlook the needs of Jerusalem to concentrate on the Samaritans and the uttermost parts. Your neighborhood? It's a mission field.

One of the most exciting fields in the worldwide outreach of Baptist Mid-Missions is the country of Haiti. The ministry there reminds your writer of a giant flower which is about to burst open into full bloom. A church under the supervision of Don Block has been organized. The camping ministry involving the Blocks and Rachel and Evelyne Metzler is growing. Dr. Brinson McGowan is supervising the early stages of construction of a medical unit. Ruth Carlson and Loraine McDowell find themselves overwhelmed in working with a local church outreach. MK Ruth Yost is deeply involved in teaching Haitian children. At present she is eagerly awaiting the completion of a new school building. Her mother is having an effective ministry reaching the middle-age and older women in the small community. Pilot Blaine Lewis and his wife, Sharon, are nearing the end of their deputation ministry and should soon be on the field to pioneer an aviation ministry. As this is being written, several couples are in application for Haiti, a small and impoverished country, yet a giant mission field. Yes, these are exciting days in Haiti.

A Challenge For Thinking Adults

Plagued with the philosophy that Sunday School is for kids, and the conventional stereotype that church is a bore, Maranatha Adult Bible School has braved the traditional and developed a program which seeks to expand the discernment and perception of the adult.

Maranatha Baptist Church, 4663 Trabue Road, is please to announce its Fourth Annual Summer Series designed especially for adults. Each summer Maranatha Maturing Ministries offers an adult program aimed to broaden the student's knowledge and exposure to current areas of interest. Professionals from various walks of life are featured each week to provide both expertise and spiritual stimulation regarding their particular discipline. The program provides Biblical Fellowship centering around God's Word and is structured to help encourage spiritual growth and maturity through opportunity for both questions and feedback.

The series is scheduled to begin Sunday, June 15, and run through September 7; each session beginning at 9:30 A.M. The program commences with "An Update on Christian Education" with Dr. William A. Brock, Pastor, Mr. David Rauch, and Mr. Timothy Bosworth, principals of Maranatha Christian School. June 22 features Mr. Myron Amstutz, Vice President of Picton Cavanaugh, Toledo, Ohio. He will address the topic, "The Christian and Finances." June 29, provides an audio demonstration on the subject "An Insight Into Rock Music Today" by Rev. Kirby Lancaster, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio. July 6, brings Mr. Phillip Beckley, Clinical Technician and Instructor at O.S.U. with a visual presentation on the subject "The Life Is In The Blood."

July 13, will be an "Emphasis on Missions" in cooperation with the Baptist Mid-Missions' Triannual Conference. Baptist Mid-Missions, located in Cleveland, Ohio, with over 1,000 missionaries around the world and celebrating its sixty years as a mission agency, will be holding its Triannual Conference at Maranatha July 12-16. Maranatha's Adult Bible School will be privileged to hear from several missionaries from both home and abroad. These will include both veteran and appointees sharing the challenges, of hard times, of victories, of persecutions, of gains, of joys, of productivity and of triumph.

July 27, will feature Dr. James Entner, Medical Missionary under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism serving in the Philippines. He will address the subject, "Medical Missions." August 3 and 10, Professor Karl Stahl, Assistant Professor of Music, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, will speak on the subject, "The Place of Music In Worship."

The summer will be highlighted August 17, with Senator Donald (Buzz) Lukens, Ohio State Senator of the Fourth District, speaking on "The Christian In

Politics." Dr. Donald Miller, Diagnostic Radiologist, Marion, Ohio, will speak to the subject "Radiation and the Body, August 24. Senior Adjustor and Attorney for the Buckeye Union Insurance Company, Columbus, Mr. David Dilley, will deal with the subject "Honesty in Business on August 31.

This year's Summer Series is designed to provide challenge for everyday living and is a unique opportunity for the adult to better himself both spiritually and intellectually. The public is invited.

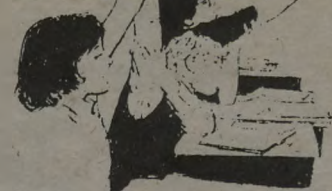
Baptist Bible College Of Clarks Summit News

Dr. John Master has recently been appointed Academic Dean of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, PA. He has taught for four years in the graduate division, The School of Theology, in the Theology department. Dr. Master is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, where he also served as an instructor for three years. He was also the former Academic Dean at the Word of Life Bible Institute prior to coming to The School of Theology.

Dr. Gary Hauck, a 1974 graduate of Baptist Bible College, has just accepted a position on the faculty in the Biblical Studies division. He received his doctorate degree this spring and will be coming from a pastoral ministry in Houston, Texas.

Miss Nancy White, of Flint, Michigan, has been added to the Physical Education Department of the General Studies Division of the College. Most recently she has been teaching in one of Michigan's largest high schools.

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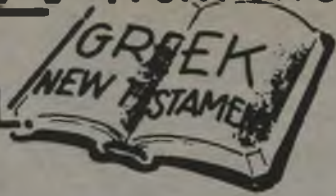
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GLIMPSES of **TRUTH** from the

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The Word Of Following

The normal, usual Greek word for "follow" is the verb *akoloutheo*. It is the word that was commonly used to describe soldiers following their commander, and it was frequently used of a slave following and attending his master and who does not dodge and run away. It was ordinarily used to describe one person following and attaching himself to another in order to obtain a favor. An early papyrus speaks of a man "sticking" to another in order to become his friend. Another very early source describes a man staying constantly close to an associate for the latter's protection. It was commonly used of obeying the laws - to follow the laws of a community was to accept them and obey them. The verb was often used of following the thought or argument of a discourse. Socrates once said: "Come now, follow me, to see if we can get this matter explained." It is also used of following, or obeying someone's advice or counsel, and of following a line of evidence and clues to the final solution of a crime.

In the Septuagint Version, it is used of Elisha's following a yoke of oxen, and then going after Elijah, I Kings 19:20-21. In Ruth 1:14, it occurs to describe Ruth as she resolved to follow after her mother-in-law, Naomi: "but Ruth clung to her." And it occurs in I Samuel 25:42 of Abigail going after the messengers of David.

The word is properly a combination of the prefix "a" - here expressing likeness, union - and the word keleuthos, which denotes a way, a path. Hence the thought in the word is that of "going in the same way with another, walking the same road." This may be illustrated by the use of the word in Matt. 4:25. Multitudes of people followed the Lord as He went about the region of Galilee, ministering in a number of ways. Wherever He went, crowds followed Him from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond Jordan. These crowds gathered and followed the Lord, moving around and after Him, and accompanying Him as He went.

The word occurs 77 times in the New Testament in several interesting and important ways, particularly in the light of its background.

(1) It is used by our Lord Jesus Christ in calling men and summoning them to Himself, to join Him and follow Him. It is the word of challenge and command: Matt. 9:9, to Matthew - "Follow Me!" (*akolouthei*, present imperative). It is His final command to Peter, John 21:19,22 - "Follow Me!" (*akolouthei*). The Lord's command to all His true followers is to take up their cross and follow Him, Mark 8:34.

(2) It is also used in the New Testament of those who did follow the Lord as true disciples, leaving their various trades and occupations in order to do so: Simon Peter and Andrew, Mark 1:18, "And they straightway forsook their nets and followed (*ekolouthesan*) Him."

(3) The word is used of the crowds that followed the Lord and milled about Him, as in John 6:2, "and a great multitude kept following (*ekolouthei*) Him." They followed Him, clamoring for healing, to hear Him speak, to watch Him perform wonders, and as His ministry was coming to an end - to see what might happen to Him.

(4) At times, the word denotes the following that was the result of gratitude on the part of those whom He had helped or healed. In Luke 18:43, the blindman is healed and receives his sight, and followed (*ekolouthei*) Him, "glorifying God."

(5) It is interesting to note that sinners followed Jesus also, as in Mark 2:15, "many tax collectors and sinners sat also together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they kept following (*ekolouthoun*) Him." They could not

help being attracted to Him, and they felt that He could meet their need, while on the other hand they avoided the Pharisees.

(6) It is used of an individual who cleaves steadfastly to the Lord, conforming wholly to His example and teaching in living and - if need be - in dying also. In John 12:26, the Lord says, "If any man serve Me, let Him follow Me (*akoloutheito*) . . ."

From these considerations of the word, its background, and early and alter uses, certain points suggest themselves as necessary for our following the Lord today:

(1) Following the Lord means taking up a cross and bearing it: "Then said Jesus to His disciples, 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me,'" Matt. 16:24. Christ undoubtedly chose this figure because He Himself was shortly to be crucified. Each believer is to bear his cross - that particular one allotted to him. All our sufferings are not a cross - even wicked people have many sorrows and sufferings, but no cross. The cross is that reproach, suffering, abuse that results from our faithful adherence to Christ - faithfulness to Him despite any and every, even the worst, persecution. Each of us will have his share if we stand true to the Lord.

(2) Following Christ involves some kind of sacrifice. In several N.T. passages it is pointed out what certain individuals left to follow the Lord. Matt. 4:20 reveals that Peter and Andrew left their nets. Luke 5:11 says that James and John "forsook all" and followed Him. Matt. 19:27 has Peter's question: "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee. What shall we have therefore?" The real point is that following the Lord requires leaving some things behind. Not in the sense of wastefulness or dereliction of duty, but separation from and total abandonment of all that will interfere with and usurp the place of our faithful following the Lord. Full obedience requires and involves some sacrifice on our part.

(3) Following the Lord means serving the Lord. John 12:26a says: "If any man serves Me, let him follow (*akoloutheito*) Me. . ." The point is not simply following after the Lord and walking along with Him as His companions in the faith. Many did that in the Lord's day, and many are undoubtedly engaged in that

The Demise Of "Mrs. Prayer Meeting"

"MRS. PRAYER MEETING" died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony, praise and heart holiness. Quickly she grew into world-wide prominence and became one of the most influential members of the church family.

For the past several years Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. She has suffered general paralysis and weakness of the heart. She was but a shadow of her former happy self.

Modern surgeons, and liberal physicians, including Dr. Good Works and Dr. High Brow, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests, dances, bridge parties, athletics, suppers, bingo games and finally tried religious education, but to no avail.

A post-mortem showed a deficiency of spiritual food coupled with lack of prayer, fasting, faith, heartfelt religion, shameless desertion, and non-support as contributing causes for her death.

Only a few were present for the last rites, sobbing over memories of her past glory.

Pallbearers for the service were, Brothers: Cold Heart, Luke Warm, Worldly Minded and Pleasure Mad. She was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories in the new downhill addition.

She leaves to mourn a needy world and Christians that need the strength of her services."

Velocity Of Gossip



Dr. Albert Cantrell, professor of psychology at Princeton University ran a series of experiments to prove the velocity of gossip. He called six students to his office and in strict confidence informed them that the Duke and Duchess

kind of following in our day. But this great statement of Christ brings following and serving together into the same mold. The present tense verb "serves" denotes continual service - a life devoted to this service, and the verb itself is *diakonein* (from which comes our word "deacon"), which signifies active, effective, voluntary service, which the servant desires and delights to render. Such service requires constant following, consistent following - which is to keep close to Him, to obey Him, to listen to His voice and to His Word, and not rely upon our own wisdom and knowledge. Such following and such serving always go together. To the true servant of God, following the Lord means serving Him with the whole heart. It has been said - and truly too - that the Son of God has many admirers but far too few followers. The Lord beckons to us and says: "You who will thus serve Me - follow Me!"



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And besides this, the facts were hopelessly mixed up also. One newspaper man called from Canada asking them if it were true that the Queen of England and Sir Winston Churchill were to be present for the function. Another story got out that the president of Princeton had been secretly married to the Duchess of Windsor before she married the Duke. Still another rumor was circulated that the University was going to award an honorary degree to Prince Charlie, the then five-year-old son of the Queen of England. All this from one strictly confidential and secret report.

Dr. Cantrell observed, "That was a pleasant rumor. A slanderous one travels even faster and gets even more confused."

A well-known publisher declared, "If you are an articulate person, you utter some 30,000 words each day." He might have added that we utter most of them without any thought or consideration of whom they may bless or curse. The writer of Proverbs puts it this way: "Where no word is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth."

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According to Dennis Troyer, Sunday School Superintendent, their overall percentage was 60%. This was based on Sunday School attendance, Church attendance, visitors, and Bibles brought.

Two Ordained To Preach The Word

Two young men - Mr. Daniel Cecil and Mr. Stephen Wolgamot were on May 9, 1980 examined by an ordination council as to their fitness to serve as ministers of the gospel.

The examining session was held at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 Broad Avenue, Findlay, Ohio. Dr. Richard Snavely is pastor of this Church. Brother Snavely was chosen as moderator for the meeting and directed the council in examining these men.

Both men spoke concerning their conversion, their convictions, and their call to the ministry. After a thorough examination, it was voted by the council that they were well fitted and recommended to the church they proceed with their plans for ordination.

Rev. Daniel Cecil serves as Youth Pastor at the Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. Stephen Wolgamot as Administrator of Heritage Christian School which is a part of the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church.

Brother V.B. Spitzer was chosen as Clerk of the Council and submitted the facts contained in this report.

Faith Baptist Bible College News

One-hundred-twelve seniors graduated on May 9. Twelve received the two-year A.A. degree; 14 received the three-year Diploma; 54 received the B.S. degree; 21 received the B.A. degree, and 5 received the Th.B. degree. Six received both the B.A. and Th.B. degrees. Dr. Floyd Davis, Executive Director U.S.A. for ABWE presented the Commencement address on "Three Magnitudes of Life." A special treat was a taped message to the seniors by Dr. David Nettleton.

Fifteen FBBC students are participating in the Missionary Apprenticeship Program (MAP) this summer. Four of these students are spending a year at the New Baptists for Israel Institute in Israel. The FBBC family raised \$4,530.61 to help in the support of these individuals.

FBBC's annual Church Music Workshop is scheduled for September 19 and 20, 1980. Mr. Vic Hubbard of Christian Clas-

sics Co., and Voice Instructor at Western Baptist College, Salem, Oregon, is the guest clinician. He has a two-part session on the why and how of P.A. systems in the church and school, and one on The Singing Machine - - how it works and how to use it. Mr. Michael Doonan and Mr. James Wolfe of the FBBC music faculty will also take part.

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ACCC Annual Spring Rally

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Individuals desiring a copy of these resolutions and statements should write: THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, P.O. Box 816, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19482.

Blessing AT Chardon Church

The Chardon Baptist Church, Chardon, Ohio held a Prophecy Conference May 23, 24, and 25. Guest speaker was Dr. Gerald Smelser, Field Director of The Cleveland Hebrew Mission. Meetings were held at the parsonage on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. The Sunday morning service was held at the Chardon High School. Concerning the conference, Rev. Ross DeFelice, pastor of the Chardon church, stated - "It was of tremendous spiritual enrichment to us and spurred us on toward watching, praying, and ever looking forward to our Lord's soon return. It challenged us to be found occupying until He comes!"

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The year 1979 and prayerfully, until the Lord comes for His own will find many Christians in Ohio filled with the joy of the Lord because He has given them added blessings thru the services of the Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries of Ohio. We became licensed in January of 1979 for adoption and foster care, took up residence at Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus and began to serve the Lord.

Since then, scores of adoption applications have flowed in and many babies have been placed in Christian homes. It is such a joy to be able to provide added blessings to Christian adoptive folk who are walking with the Lord. In addition, it provides the best opportunity for a child to grow and come to know our Lord as their own personal Savior.

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Our maternity and foster care program provides an avenue for some of our Christian families to open up their homes and lives as missionaries; serving the Lord by sharing of themselves and setting a Christian example of a home being led by the Lord. Our selection of such couples is based on their personal surrender to God in Biblical faith and practice.

Baptist Children's Home views the local church as being God's avenue for evangelism and edification of the saints. For this reason, we see ourselves as a part or extension of the local ministry; ministering to God's people thru the local church as we are called upon by the pastor. Like every other program in a local church, it does not get far without God's people being willing to give of their service and be supportive in prayer and finances.

As family problems increase in our churches, the need for the Baptist Children's Home increases. Answering those needs, both present and future takes vision and perception of the troubling times ahead. Pray with us, let us know what you believe to be the families and churches present and future needs and invite us to your church to share our ministry with you.

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