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Special Dedication Service

The Abbe Road Baptist Church of Elyria, Ohio (Rev. James H. Turner, Pastor) on June 28th held a special dedication service. The theme for this occasion was - "To The Praise Of His Glory." These folk now have a beautiful 13,000 foot addition which they first began building in September of 1979. It is now fully completed!

During the months of construction, members and friends gave sacrificially and also donated thousands of work hours. The new auditorium expansion has a seating capacity of 650. Everything was completed in time for the dedication service.

Guest speaker at the June 28th service was Dr. Mark Jackson, President, Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pa. The Lord has made possible for these dear folk a fantastically beautiful auditorium! They are praising HIM for that which HE HATH DONE!

A brief history of the Abbe Road reads as follows:

The Abbe Road Baptist Church began as a mission church out of the First Baptist Church of Elyria and under the supervision of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. Dr. J. Irving Reese, then president of the Mission, was the first to recognize the need for a Regular Baptist Church on the east side of Elyria. It was under his leadership that the church was

F.B.H.M. Family Conference



A time of precious fellowship!

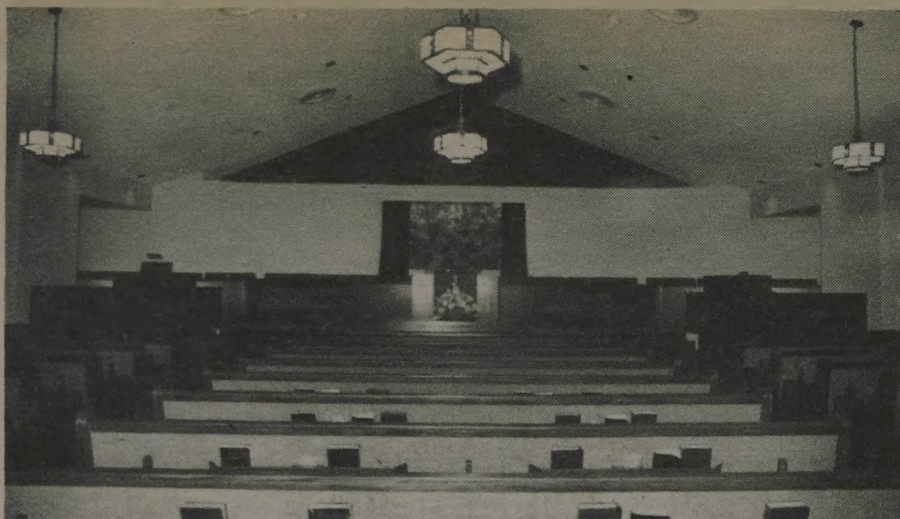
More than 150 members and friends of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions attended the F.B.H.M. family conference held on the campus of the Grace College and Seminary at Winona Lake, Indiana, just prior to the annual G.A.R.B.C. conference.

The family conference began with a banquet on Friday evening at the Lamp Cafeteria at which Rev. Ervin Butler was honored for his dedicated service with F.B.H.M. as Mountain Plains Representative for the past ten years. The Butlers plan to begin retirement this fall. Rev. Fred Henzler of Decatur, Georgia brought a message on "Building Doctrinally."

On Saturday, June 20, the missionaries met in a class room provided by the college for services presided over by the chairman of the F.B.H.M. board, Rev. Ralph Burns of Westlake, Ohio. Dr. Charles Pausley of Troy, Ohio, spoke on the subject, "Building Practically." This was at the morning session. In the afternoon, Rev. Charles Cuthbertson spoke on "Building Physically." Following the dinner hour, Mrs. Cuthbertson directed in the performance of a number of skits for the entertainment of all.

Sunday afternoon, June 21, Dr. John Milheim of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa., spoke on "Building Academically." Rev. Donald Brong, State Representative for the Iowa Association of Regular Baptist Churches, brought a message on "Building Spiritually." Following the family conference, most of the missionaries were able to stay over for the annual G.A.R.B.C. conference held at the Billy Sunday Auditorium at Winona Lake.

These two conferences provided an excellent opportunity for the best in spiritual inspiration and for the renewing of acquaintances with fellow missionaries from across the country.



The lovely new auditorium!

organized. The church was organized as the Abbe Road Fellowship and later changed to the Abbe Road Baptist Church. Services were first held in the house at 674 North Abbe Road which was rented from the Mission.

On August 26th, 1963, the church called Rev. Donald Curtis as its first missionary pastor. Due to the rapid growth of the church under Pastor Curtis' ministry, the house had to be enlarged to provide for the attendance. On February 17, 1964, the church was duly organized and chartered.

A new building was started in June of 1964 and the first services were held in it in September. By April 9, 1967, the church had grown to the place where it could become self-supporting at which time Pastor Curtis began a new missionary pastorate in Newark, Ohio.

Rev. Gene Collings was called to become the second pastor of the church on October 15, 1967. It was during Pastor Collings' ministry that a new auditorium

was begun. Ground for it was broken on May 31, 1970 and construction began in June - the cornerstone was put into place on August 23rd.

On May, 1971, Rev. David C. Dunkin of Fairless Hills, Pa., was called to succeed Rev. Gene Collings as the pastor of the church. Upon Pastor Dunkin's move to Elyria, in July, plans were made of the dedication of the new auditorium and was held Sunday, September 26, at 3:00 P.M., with Dr. Kenneth A. Muck, President of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions as guest speaker.

Rev. Carl Schultz succeeded Rev. Dunkin and was pastor until September, 1977.

In December of 1977, James H. Turner of Northfield, Ohio was called to be pastor. Experiencing the blessing of God, the church continued to grow, not only numerically, but spiritually!

Today, these new facilities have been realized...and all - "TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY!"

Our 54th Annual OARBC Conference

We realize it is a bit early, however, it might be well to remind ourselves that our 54th annual OARBC conference is not too far into the future. The conference this year will be held in the beautiful Washington Heights Baptist Church, 5650 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Host pastors are Rev. Lawrence (Larry) Fetzer and Rev. James (Jim) Neely. The dates are: October 19 - 21.

The opening meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m., Monday evening, October 19. The conference will then run all day Tuesday, October 20 and Wednesday, October 21.

Guest speakers include Dr. Mark Jackson, President of the Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and Rev. William Commons, Director of Enrollment and Education for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Both men are excellent speakers. Brother Jackson speaks out of years of experience as a successful pastor and educator. Brother Commons served the Lord effectively as a missionary for three full terms in Hong Kong.

The State Women's Missionary Fellowship will have their meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20. At the same time, the men will have their special service.

On Wednesday morning, two of our Ohio pastors will be preaching. Rev. William Moser, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, Ohio will be speaking at the 9:30 a.m. hour and Rev. John R. Greening, pastor of the Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio will speak at 11:15 a.m.

All we suggest for now is that you mark these dates and plan on attending! It is

Groundbreaking At Smithville



Moving ahead to the glory of God!

The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Smithville, Ohio held a groundbreaking service on Sunday, June 14. This was immediately following the regular morning service. Pastor Stephen Olsen presided at the service and introduced Deacon Ralph Hill who was responsible for the Bible Study started in the spring of 1977 which later became the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Deacon Hill turned the first shovel full of dirt. Completion of the new education wing is scheduled for November 1, 1981. We praise the Lord for His continued goodness and find great joy in seeing how He has worked (and is working) in and through the lives of the people of our church.

hoped that the new State Representative/Editor for our OARBC fellowship will be presented at this time. In a later issue of the O.I.B. we will have word concerning lodging and eating arrangements.

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A Word From Your Editor....

Not too much material on hand for the AUGUST issue! Everyone is busy thinking about vacations! Be sure to send us "news" concerning your church. We should have material for our SEPTEMBER issue sent us by the early part of AUGUST!

Bit by bit we are getting invited back into the churches. August 9 we will minister at the Maranatha Baptist Church, Springfield - August 16 at the Calvary Baptist Church Delaware - August 23 at the Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro - and August 30 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Chillicothe. The month of September is still wide open. We would be happy to minister wherever and whenever the Lord grants opportunity. If you are interested in having us, write Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385 or call (513) 376-1196. We stand ready to serve.

This month we have counselled with seven different pastors. Some of these dear men have most difficult situations and need our prayers. It is good for us to pray - one for the other!

July 27 was a big day for us - the day we got rid of our cast! It appears as though we will be wearing a brace in the days ahead. Better than having no leg at all! THANKS again - for the many who prayed. May He bless you richly because of this.

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"Busy As A Bee"

Let's talk about bees. A bee has five eyes, three simple ones on the top of his head and two compound eyes with thousands of lenses. She has 5,000 nostrils, which is nose enough to smell apple blossoms two miles distant. Difficult to comprehend, eh?

A bee has two sets of wings which can be hooked together in flight so they flap as one, 16,000 times a minute. Bees have a variety of jobs to do in the hive, street cleaner, water carrier, nurse, sentry, mason, engineer, or air conditioner. A bee can fan 12 hours at a stretch plus gathering nectar the next 12 hours. Amazing!!

"Busy as a bee" is not an overstatement. Bees do not live long, just a few weeks, but she works hard to provide us that teaspoon of honey on our toast. A one-pound jar of honey represents the work of thousands of bees and 50,000 miles of flight.

God made the bee. Evolution could never produce such an intricate creature. There are about 65 references to honey in the Bible. It makes a profitable study. If we think seriously there are parallels about bees and honey and the Christian life that can enable us to be better servants.

Now here are some "Be's" for us:

Be Faithful, Be fervent, Be fruitful, Be Holy, Be affectionate, Be diligent, Be happy, Be prayerful, Be content, Be discerning, Be honest, Be Christ-like.

These "Be's" make sweet honey in the Christian's life. It is more important that we "be" something than that we "do something."

Bees do the job for which God created them. Do we? My prayer is, "Lord, keep us (or make us) sweet."

....Pastor Ralph Burns

Grace Baptist Church Westlake, Ohio

Honorary Degrees Granted Missionaries

During the Commencement hour last May 8, the Executive Board of the Grand Rapids College and Seminary honored two choice servants with the degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.). They are Miss Lynn Silvernale and Miss Jeannie Lockerbie. They both serve under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism in Bangladesh and were chosen for this honor because of the significant ministries they have provided.



Break Thou the Bread of Life

An Artist Takes Time Out to Write Two Hymns

Mary Artemisia Lathbury was 30 years old. She had spent most of those years writing verse and illustrating stories for children. But in the Summer of 1880 the noted artist-writer of juvenile books sat on the bank of a lake in Southwestern New York state and read a book that has been published more than any other volume between covers. The story she read from the Bible was about Christ feeding the five thousand.

Because her father and two brothers were Methodist preachers, Mary Lathbury felt so close to that denomination that when she was 32 she put aside her pen and brush and took a job as assistant to the Methodist Sunday School Union's executive secretary, Bishop John H. Vincent. A year later, in 1874, Vincent founded the famous Chautauqua, movement. By 1880 Chautauqua had grown to such proportions that the bishop opined they needed a Vesper hymn just for Chautauqua meetings. So

Asst. Mary Lathbury brushed up on her verse-writing and came up with "Day Is Dying in the West; Heaven is Touching Earth with Rest..." She wrote only two verses, but the hymn became so popular that she had to write two more stanzas and a chorus. It became so popular, in fact, that it wasn't long until "Day is Dying in the West" was called "one of the finest hymns of modern times" and published in nearly every hymnal in America.

Mary Lathbury became known as "The Lyrist of Chautauqua" and when the organization's Literary and Scientific Circle was inaugurated the lyrist was called on to write a "Study Song" just for members to sing at their gatherings all over the country. Sitting by the lake that gave the movement its name, Mary Lathbury got the theme for her other hymn as she read about Christ feeding the multitudes by the Sea of Galilee and she wrote...

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the Sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy Holy Word the truth that saveth me.
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see;
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.



Lynn began her missionary service in Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) in 1960. Recognizing the need for study books, she developed a series in the Bengali language as well as in the Chittagong dialect. Under Field Council direction she began work on the translation of the New Testament into the common Bengali language. By 1977, Lynn, with her Bengali colleagues, saw the consummation of their efforts with a New Testament translation. The 1974 Informissions students contributed \$5,000.00 toward the new printing. With the New Testament edition completed, Lynn began studying Hebrew and, with the assistance of consultants, now has one-third of the Old Testament in draft form.

Jeannie began her labors in Bangladesh in 1963 as a nurse. Burdened about the need for literature for 160 million Bengali-speaking people in Bangladesh and India, Jeannie endeavored to correct this literature poverty of less than 25 titles of Christian books of any kind in Bengali. She launched the Literature Division of ABWE in Bangladesh, has used her own productive pen as well as those of others, and now oversees a staff of 15 in the publication of more than 70 titles in Bengali. These publications are distributed in Bangladesh and India, but also in outlets as far away as London and New York

City. Jeannie has also published a book about the revolution, On Duty In Bangladesh.

We congratulate these two splendid servants of the Lord. We know they recognize that all honor comes from God Who alone is worthy of praise, and thus they shall wear this honor with humility.



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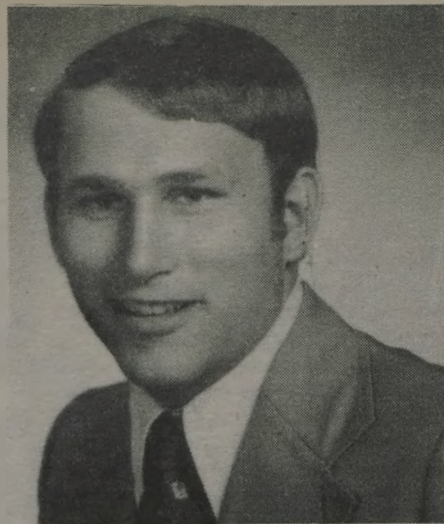
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Ordained To Declare The Word



Rev. Thomas Hopewell

On April 8, 1981 during a quarterly business meeting of the Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio, a recommendation was presented that an ordination council be called for their Associate Pastor, Tom Hopewell. Letters of invitation were sent to area Baptist Churches and various individuals, stating that the council would convene on Friday, June 19, 1981 at 1:00 P.M.

Following a lovely luncheon prepared and served by the home church, Pastor John Greening, host pastor, called the council to order. Following a hymn of praise and prayer, a temporary moderator and secretary were elected. The temporary moderator and secretary were later voted to act as permanent officers of the council. Ohio State Missionary, Rev. Don Moffat was elected as chairman, and Pastor Bob Perry of Arcanum, Ohio as secretary.

Now Pastoring At Commercial Point



Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Newell

Rev. Leslie Newell has been called as interim missionary pastor to serve the Welch Road Baptist Church, Commercial Point, Ohio. They are already on the field seeking to be used of the Lord in this work.

Rev. Newell was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the state of Washington in 1958. He and his wife, Kathryn, began serving with the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions in 1967 and have served mission works in Williston, North Dakota; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Clarinda, Iowa; and Jonesboro, Arkansas. They have three children who are now married.

The Welch Road Baptist Church has had some difficult days, however, we believe with the coming of "the Newells" there is every reason to believe that God has great things in store for the days ahead. They covet the prayers of His children!

Following a motion to officially convene the council, the secretary of the council read the roll call of churches and individuals invited. Responding to the roll call were nine (9) pastors and twenty-two (22) messengers representing nine (9) churches.

Pastor John Greening introduced the candidate to the council. Brother Hopewell had prepared a doctrinal statement and copies were submitted to each council member. A motion was made that the council would read each doctrine and then proceed to ask questions concerning that particular doctrine, reserving further questions for consideration after completion of the doctrines.

Our Brother shared his personal testimony and call into the ministry. Following these statements he advanced to his doctrinal statement which included all of the ten doctrines we Baptists hold dear.

After the questioning of the candidate, Brother Don Moffat entertained a motion to terminate the questioning of the candidate. Brother Hopewell, his family, and those not on the council, were excused. The council went into executive session by a motion made by Pastor Larry Fetzer, supported by Pastor Chuck Pausley. Much discussion was offered and many favorable testimonies were given as to the credibility and effectiveness of Brother Hopewell's ministry at Southgate Baptist Church.

The council, after hearing of Brother Hopewell's conversion and call into the ministry, and the reading and quizzing of his doctrinal statement, proceeded with the following motion by Dr. Murray Murdoch, supported by Mr. Tom Wise; that the Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio, proceed with the ordination service for Pastor Tom Hopewell. The council then instructed the secretary to notify the Baptist Bulletin and the O.A.R.B.C. paper of this action.

The candidate, his wife, and their families were called back and informed of the action of the council. Our moderator called for a motion to dissolve the council and to dismiss the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Robert G. Perry
Secretary of the Council

Editor's note: It was my privilege to attend and share in the special Service of Ordination for Brother Thomas M. Hopewell. This was held the following Sunday evening, June 21st at the Southgate Baptist Church. Those having a part in the service included - Deacon Tim Greenwood who led in the opening prayer after which Brother Dave Haffey read from II Timothy 4:1-8. The pastor of the Southgate Baptist Church, Rev. John R. Greening presented the charge to the church - Dr. William J. Hopewell of A.B.W.E., the father of Brother Thomas Hopewell, presented the charge to the candidate. The ordination message was delivered by Dr. J. Murray Murdoch of Cedarville College. The deacons gathered together with the pastors present and participated in the laying on of hands at which time the ordaining prayer was given by Brother Moffat. Deacon Paul Howell presented Rev. Thomas Hopewell with the ordination certificate. Rev. Moffat, as State Representative for our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Thomas M. Hopewell. The newly ordained pastor then pronounced the benediction on the

AWANA Youth Earn Recognition



Bette Pycraft, Citation winner. Diane Regnier and Pastor Bob Pycraft.

A special AWANA service was held on Sunday evening, June 7 at the Grace Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Editor Don Moffat and his wife, Lois were at the church for the day. Brother Moffat had ministered at the Sunday morning service. They stayed over to witness the AWANA awarding service and we're glad they did. What a blessing!

Former Youth Pastor, Bob Pycraft and his wife, Bette were there to present the awards. They are now ministering in Lombard, Illinois. The folk at Grace in Toledo welcomed them back with open arms. Pastor Bob directed the entire AWANA program while he was at the Toledo church. There were a lot of Award winners! At the close of the evening program all of the Timothy Meritorious and Citation winners for the first six years, which is how long the church has had AWANA, were asked to come to the platform. It was filled and overflowing with young people. Grace Baptist Church of Toledo has seen 49 Timothy, Meritorious or Citation winners in these six years. This is great for the future of any church.

Miss Diane Regnier, a member of the church, received her Citation Award at this service. Diane had never been in the AWANA program as a clubber because the Club is only six years old and so she missed out. What she has done is, as a jun-

service. An offering was taken and presented to Brother Hopewell which money was to be used toward his library. The organist for the entire service was Mrs. Sue Seever.

It was noted that three of the preachers having a part in the service were all sons of preachers. Pastor Greening's father is Rev. John E. Greening (Deerfield, Illinois), Rev. Hopewell's father is Dr. William Hopewell (ABWE, Cherry Hill, New Jersey), and Dr. J. Murray Murdoch's father was Rev. Henry Murdoch (now with the Lord).

A time of light refreshments and fellowship was held immediately following the evening service. This was a service that truly honored the Lord! We are confident God will greatly use Rev. Thomas M. Hopewell and his dear wife in the days that lie ahead...as they serve HIM!

ior leader the past four years, she has passed all of her AWANA books, earning her Timothy and Meritorious. While at the same time being faithful and working on her Shipmate material.

She has learned over 700 verses these past 4 years. The Shipmate material is equal to a 2 year Bible Course at one of our Bible Colleges. She is one of only a few to ever receive a Citation in Ohio.

She has been a tremendous testimony in her school and church and is respected by all she works with in the club and has been an encouragement to the leaders over her.

Her parents Lou and Elise Regnier have been an encouragement and supported her endeavor to reach this goal.

Diane will be attending Cedarville College this fall as she majors in Elementary Education.

To these AWANA clubbers and to Diane - we say congratulations!

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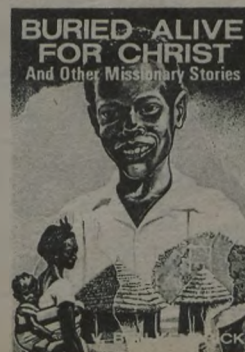
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AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH —

We greatly enjoyed the Collegians Quartet from Baptist Bible College, Clarks, Summit, Pa. Both Pastor Barrett and our Youth and Music Pastor, Brother David Chapman, served as "Camp Pastors" at Camp Patmos in July. They were there at different weeks.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Brother Bill Russell, Administrator at Skyview Ranch, ministered here in late June. Dr. Ben Kendrick, Baptist Mid-Missions, was with us on July 5. Both their ministries proved a blessing to our people.

BELLEFONTAINE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH —

God, in grace, is blessing in the work here. We praise the Lord for Pastor Barry Grahl. We will be having Evangelist Bill Compton with us August 9 through 16 and anticipate great blessing.

CANTON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Missionary appointee - Dave Moody - spoke here recently telling of his call to Togo, Africa under A.B.W.E.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH —

Pastor George Stitz of the Canal Fulton Baptist Church ministered here on Sunday, June 14. We had been in a contest with the Canal Fulton church.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Our Women's Missionary group held a special picnic. Mrs. Stephen Olsen of Smithville spoke at this occasion. We appreciated the missionary challenge presented by Brother David Moody (ABWE-Togo). Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Russell (Skyview Ranch) were with us for a special Dedication Service.

CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Brother Mel Keeler of Shepherds, Inc. told of their work with retarded children. An Appreciation Banquet was held on Thursday, June 18.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH —

Mildred Bryant spoke at our Grace Guild Missionary meeting on July 6. We will be having a "Family Picnic" this coming August 15.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH —

We held our Father/Son banquet in early June.

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH —

Our Father/Son outing was held at nearby Bronson Park. The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Paulding joined us at this time.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH —

Missionary appointee (ABWE-Togo) spoke here in late June. Also, the ministry of Brother Roy Clark proved a blessing.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH —

Rev. Gordon Johnston (BMM-Brazil) spoke at one of our mid-week prayer services.

EUCLID, EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH —

We viewed the film - "A Thief In The Night." We held a Junior/Senior banquet for our young people. In mid-July, we were blessed through having Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stetson (BMM-appointees to France).

FAIRBORN, GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH —

We held our Mother/Daughter banquet in May and our Father/Son Banquet in June. We appreciated having Rev. and Mrs. Leeland Crofts of Baptists for Israel Institute minister at our morning and evening services of May 31.

FINDLAY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH —

Guest speakers at our special HOMECOMING weekend - July 25 and 26 - were Editor/State Representative Don Moffat and former pastor, Rev. Melvin Welch. Our Children's Day Camps proved a blessing. The men and boys of our church appreciated their Father/Son banquet. The Lord willing, we will be having Dr. Merle Hull and his wife from the Regular Baptist Press. Also, we will be showing James Dobson's film - "Discipline in the Classroom" This will be September 19.

GALLIPOLIS, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH —

We had a good time with our Vacation Bible School, July 13 through 22.

GRAFTON, MIDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH —

The Lord blessed through our Vacation Bible School. We are planning our picnic this year during the month of August.

HUBBARD, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH —

Our annual Sunday School/Church picnic was held at Mill Creek Park in Youngstown, Ohio. This was on June 20.

JOHNSTOWN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH —

We recently showed the film series - "Focus On The Family." A singing group - the Master's Men - from Reynoldsburg were here in concert. Brother Chuck Matthews, missionaries looking forward to ministering in Brazil, were here. Brother Don Winters ministered here, too.

LAGRANGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH —

Vacation Bible School was held June 22 - 26. Recently, Dr. Lawrence W. Bong ministered here.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH —

Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary - Brother James Garlow - told of their years of service in the great land of Assam, India. Mrs. Garlow (Joyce) spoke at our ladies' Missionary meeting the following Tuesday.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH —

We recently had our church pews all padded. They are a beautiful melon red and look very nice. Vacation Bible School was held July 13 - 17.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH —

Our Father/Son banquet was held June 20. The dates of our Vacation Bible School were June 15 - 19. We had a lovely reception for our new pastor - Rev. Ben Reed.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Mrs. Susie Furl presented a Sacred Concert on July 11. Our Father/Son Retreat was July 17 - 18. The Appalachian Bible College Team were with us on July 30. We anticipate blessing through our Back Yard Clubs during August.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH —

We held our Vacation Bible School June 22 - 26.

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH —

Recently, Brother Dan Frederick spoke here. Brother Gene Bryant, missionary to the Jews in the Columbus area, ministered here on July 5.

PICKERINGTON, BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH —

Guest speaker for our Family Life Conference - July 19 through 22 - was Dr. James T. Jeremiah. Mrs. Jeremiah spoke to our ladies at a special luncheon.

PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH —

It was a privilege having Dr. John Dunkin, president of Los Angeles Baptist College, Newhall, California, minister to us. The ministry of "The Proclamations" from Grand Rapids Baptist College proved a blessing when they sang here. We had a special presentation of "I Love America" by John Peterson and Don Wyrzten.

REYNOLDSBURG, EASTBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH —

We held a special PATRIOTIC SUNDAY on July 5. We enjoyed having missionaries with us on July 19. These were attending the Baptist Mid-Missions Seminar at Cedarville College. We viewed the film - "Enlighten My Darkness." Our Church/Sunday School picnic was held on July 18.

SALEM, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH —

Recently we were privileged to have Paul Margraff at our church. Other guest speakers were - Leeland and Mary Crofts, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trylick. The Lord is blessing through our Joy Club ministries.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH —

Brother David Culver of Delaware, Ohio gave a report of their work. Also, Rev. Curt Thomas, Ex. Dir. of The Haven of Rest Rescue Mission, ministered here. We appreciated the ministry of "the Lacey's." They are our missionaries to Liberia. We held our Sunday School picnic on July 18. This coming August 23 we will be hav-

Church Celebrates 17th Anniversary



Pastor and Mrs. Hoyt D. Douglas

The Mogadore Baptist Church, Rev. Hoyt D. Douglas, pastor, celebrated their 17th anniversary on Sunday, June 14. Pastor and Mrs. Hoyt have been with these people 14 years. The founding pas-

ing a "Dinner On The Grounds" day with guest speaker - Brother Don Moffat.

TALLMADGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH —

Vacation Bible School was held July 27 - 31. Our Sunday School picnic has been set for August 22. Our men and boys enjoyed their Father/Son banquet.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH —

Brother Mike Farrell, missionary to France, ministered here on July 22.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH —

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rodgers presented special music at one of our evening services. Our choirs, under the direction of Pastor Roger Kilian, presented the I LOVE AMERICA concert. We held our Father/Son outing on July 25 and our Senior Citizen Sunday this year was July 26.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH —

We were blessed through the ministry of Brother Mark Trautman of Geneva, New York. On July 12, we held our Adult Family picnic. Our AWANA clubbers and leaders visited the Ohio Caverns on July 18.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH —

"The Jackson Sisters" were with us in concert on June 28. The Baptist Bible College men's quartet are to be with us August 9 and on the 15th of August we will be having our Sunday School picnic.

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Our men and boys will be having a canoe trip and overnight campout August 13, 14 and 15. Rev. Frank Buckley will be with us for our Vacation Bible School August 17 through 21.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH —

We enjoyed the singing of "The Proclamations" from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Missionary Dan Lacey (BMM-France) spoke here July 19.

tor of the church, Rev. Bill Absalom and his wife, Mary, were also present at the anniversary service. Mrs. Absalom was honored with a beautiful silk corsage.

A large anniversary cake was placed at the front of the church during the service. Mrs. Emma Daily, chairman of the food and fellowship committee, did a beautiful job with table decorations and with the serving of the meal that followed the morning service.

Special during the day was having Brother Clifford Swain and the Sun Lighters. Our brother is a handicapped person and has been since birth. He is unable to read or write, but knows from memory over 1,000 songs. He plays the organ, the piano, and the accordin. One of his records was given to each family attending the anniversary service. At night the film - "Sammy" was shown.

As a church, we have had two special meetings this past year. Both the ministry of Norm Sharbaugh and Jim Dunn challenged our people. Also, Bob and Rita Manderson ministered here and blessings were realized. They were with us during the month of May.

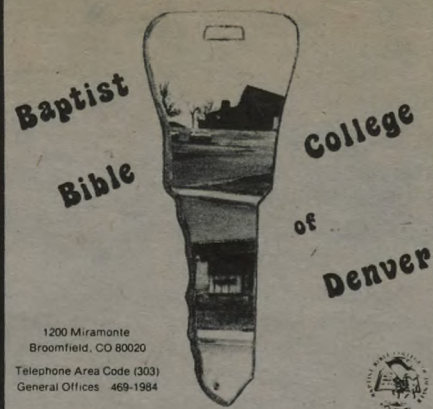
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1981 Talents For Christ Winners

Some very excellent talent was displayed at the 50th Annual GARBC conference in Winona Lake, Indiana. The judges had no easy task in making their decisions. We have every right to be proud of all who were a part of the competition. We list here those who made first and second place.

PIANO

1st place - Laurie Loescher, Heritage Baptist, Clarks Summit, Pa.
2nd place - Eric Helmuth, Southgate Baptist, Springfield, OH.

ORGAN

1st place - Debbie Hanel, West Hills Baptist, Huntington, NY.
2nd place - none.

GIRLS' VOICE

1st place - Leda Yager, Calvary Baptist, Ypsilanti, MI.
2nd place - Carla Lamb, Temple Baptist, Charles City, IA.

BOYS' VOICE

1st place - Joseph Osenni, West Endicott Baptist, Endicott, NY
2nd place - Earl Guinter, Marlette Baptist, Marlette, MI

BRASS

1st place - Bill Hafner, Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, OH
2nd place - John Frank, Calvary Baptist, Quincy, IL

WOODWINDS

1st place - Shirley Schneppe, Faith Baptist, Pimherst, OH
2nd place - Colin Lord, First Baptist, Perry, IA

STRINGS

1st place - Linda Coldren, First Baptist, Elkhart, IN
2nd place - Ron Underwood, Immanuel Baptist, Traverse City, MI

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1st place - Cynthia Saltz, First Baptist, Pana, IL
2nd place - Carla Lautz, Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, OH

GIRLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st place - Cynthia Shipp, South Baptist, Flint, MI
2nd place - Robin Randolph, First Baptist, Clayton Valley, CA

BOYS' PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st place - Kevin Titus, Shawnee Baptist, Vincentown, NJ
2nd place - Michael Crawford, Calvary Baptist, Greene, IA

JOURNALISM

1st place - none
2nd place - Lydia Webb, Belden Baptist, Niles, IL
TIE - Cynthia Reed, Faith Baptist, Sparta, NJ

We have received word that the questions presented in the field of Bible Knowledge for the 1982 TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest will be taken from the Gospel According to Luke, chapters 12 through 24. Pastors - please inform your young people regarding this.

Special "Take Monday" Series

Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary has invited Dr. Howard Sugden back for the Fall, 1981, "Take Monday" series. Beginning September 14, Dr. Sugden will lecture on "God's Word for Changing Times" and "Making the Local Church Effective in the 20th Century" each Monday for ten weeks. "Take Monday" is a non-credit continuing education experience offered to pastors and other Christian workers. There is no tuition cost, but there is a minimal registration and materials fee of \$20.00.

Baptists For Israel Institute

We were happy to receive a recent letter from Leeland and Mary Crotts with information concerning the Lord's working through the ministry of Baptists For Israel Institute.

The letter reads as follows:

Dear Friends in Christ:

As of June, 1980, the Crotts family have been assigned to Baptists for Israel Institute, which is located in Israel. The school was founded in October, 1979.

At present we are spending 6 months with classes in Israel and 6 months in the United States recruiting students and staff and raising finances.

The end of December, we completed our first semester in Israel and the Lord greatly blessed. Baptists for Israel is a school of practical evangelism with on location Bible study for students from the United States. I am enclosing a brochure describing our program.

We had 28 students our first semester, three permanent staff, and two temporary staff. The group was divided among three kibbutzim in Israel, where we worked five hours a day. The students attended classes two hours a day, and also had many hours of on site study at Biblical and historical locations. We were asked by the three kibbutzim to conduct programs for all the kibbutz members before we left. Each program was well attended, as about 150 members from each kibbutz came. Our program consisted of skits, group singing, solos, an ensemble, Scripture reading, slides, and testimonies by some, of what it meant for them to come to Israel, and why they came.

*We are enclosing a pamphlet telling about our new "Prophecy Club," and how you can be a part of this tremendous work the Lord is doing in Israel. Possibly you would like to be a part of this new endeavor by joining our "Prophecy Club."

We would definitely like to know if you want to be on our mailing list. If you would like to hear news of Baptists for Israel Institute and the Crotts family so that you might know our needs and pray for us, please fill out the enclosed card and return it to us.

Thank you for your interest and prayers.

In Messiah,
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*This pamphlet can be obtained by writing Rev. Leeland Crotts, Baptist for Israel Institute, 5573 Reef Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor

Full To The Rim

We often comment concerning a favor shown us, that a person or persons were "so good to us." Frequently the observation is made of children or youth, and we remark about their behavior, "they were really good." Then regarding one of America's favorite pastimes, one repeatedly hears, "that tastes so good."

I recall a story about Butch, one little foster boy among many that my Mother kept. He was thoroughly enjoying one of Mom's delicious desserts, eating as if he hadn't for a week, when these words came from a full mouth, "this is so good." To which his little sister replied, "Butchie, if it tastes so good, don't eat it so fast, it will last longer."

If something is so good, slow down, apply the brake to all the activity and fast pace of life, and delight in that goodness.

May I recommend to you God's Goodness, the "good things of our Heavenly Father." The good things of God and His goodness bring the ultimate in completeness to a person's life. A completeness which is sufficient, full, good, absolute, thorough, solid, undivided, brimming full from the beginning to the end.

His gospel, "good news" forgives our sin, makes us whole, and delivers us from eternal separation from God. God gave the Good Spirit to instruct the children of Israel in Nehemiah 9:20, now He gives the same Good Spirit to dwell within us and instruct us. Once we have "tasted of His Good Word," and He has "begun a good work in us, He will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6. We are then challenged in Romans 12:1-2, "to present our bodies a living sacrifice unto God," so that we may eventually and without a doubt know "that good will of God."

This Good Shepherd is ours, and He came that "we might have life and have it more abundantly," completely. This is surely HIS GOODNESS, not deficient in any way. The continued following of the Good Shepherd also results in His "goodness following us all the days of our lives." Psalm 23:6.

Another result of intensely focusing on His Goodness, is that it will produce good works in His children. Titus 3:8.

We always like a full cup of something don't we? "Fill it to the rim with Brim." As we aim our attention, and fix our mind on God and His Goodness, our Good Shepherd, and the instruction of the Good Spirit, we will have more than a cup full, "pressed down and running over."

"...No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."
Psalm 84:11.

"...But they that seek the LORD shall not want any good things."
Psalm 34:10.

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And think - He's my Father and Guide,
Fills my heart's cup to overflowing
In His goodness I trust and confide.

By His goodness I was led to repentance,
Drawn by His Spirit's command:
"Believe and call on the Saviour,"
In His Word I'll firmly stand.

A good work He began to perform,
With confidence I trust and lean;
He'll continue 'till Jesus comes -
'Till the Saviour's face I've seen.

No good thing will He withhold
For those who walk upright,
Who focus on the Saviour -
Make Him their soul's delight.

Surely His goodness will follow
All the days on this earth I live,
I will dwell with Him forever -
In thanksgiving I'll serve and give.

....Marcia Elmore

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Future Events

September 12, 1981
Maranatha Missionary Fellowship
Scioto Hills Camp
11:30 A.M.

October 16, 1981
Cedarville College Women's Fellowship
Cedarville College Library Multi-Media
Room

October 20, 1981
State O.A.R.B.C. Women's Meeting
Washington Heights Baptist Church
Dayton, Ohio

October 27, 1981
Canton Area Women's Fellowship
Grace Baptist Church
Canton, Ohio

November 5, 1981
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C.C.W.F. Women Enjoy Seniors' Testimonies

Mrs. Sandy Entner, President, welcomed the ladies attending the Cedarville College Women's Fellowship, June 5, 1981. The women were also greeted by Mrs. Pat Dixon, wife of the College President.

Intermittently throughout the program, graduating seniors shared high lights of their four years, the leading of the Lord in their lives, areas of service, and future plans. This was a special challenge to those present. Among those seniors taking part were: David Merkh, Randy Strobridge, Jan Callan, Trudy Tangblade, Ted DeShields, and Eric Mounts. Senior John Hart, in cooperation with his mother's testimony, offered a very tender presentation.

Dr. Dixon presented with excitement what was happening on campus, and also what he entitled, "Plans For The Decade." This excitement in turn was caught by the ladies. He cordially thanked the women for all they were doing to further Cedarville College.

President Sandy Entner presented to Dr. Dixon outstanding paintings which the Women's Fellowship purchased from Artist, Debbie Moody, who was present at the meeting. It was evident that Project Chairman, JoAnn DiCuirci and her committee's goal was accomplished, "The presentation of the Word in an attractive manner."

The coming year's officers were elected as follows:

President — Sandy Entner
Vice President — Carolyn Phillips
Treasurer — May Greenwood
Recording Secretary — Ida St. Clair
Corresponding Sec. — Grace Beikert
Mrs. Cathy Durham awarded Freshman, Mark Holman, with the Prayer Partner Scholarship for the coming year.

Continued good fellowship and testimonies were shared around the luncheon table.

The next Women's Fellowship will be October 16, 1981.

Maranatha Missionary Fellowship Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Maranatha Missionary Fellowship will be held at Camp Scioto Hills following the Ladies Retreat, September 12. The Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:30 A.M., and all churches are urged to have a representative present. Lunch will be served at 12:30 P.M., and the afternoon meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. The program will consist of special music, a report from the Camp Director, Mr. Gary Storm, and Guest Speaker, Shirley Litteral, Missionary to New Guinea.

1981 Retreat Schedule

SCIOTO HILLS RETREAT

September 10 - 12

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Mrs. Ginny Peasley, Registrar

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Miss Linda Strain, Speaker

SKYVIEW RANCH RETREAT

September 24 - 26

Mrs. Sue Might, Chairman

Women of Mogadore Baptist Church,
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Speaker: Mrs. Joy Cuthbertson

SALT FORK FALL RETREAT

November 5 - 6

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The Interim Pastor

Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an article that first appeared in the MINNESOTA BAPTIST MESSENGER. The editor of that paper, Rev. B. G. Ham, is a very good friend of your OIB editor. With his permission, we ran the article in our MAY issue, however, at that time, we inadvertently failed to run it in its entirety. We are running it again, but this time - ALL OF IT! It is a good article and well worth reading.

The office of Interim Pastor seems to be playing a greater role in the on-going work of our local churches. We are convinced that this unique position can be of great value even to the point, on occasion, of saving a local testimony. At the outset it would be well to distinguish between three pastoral ministries outside of the place of "regular" pastors. These are Supply Pastors, Intern Pastors, and Interim Pastors. Supply Pastors are really not pastors, but pulpit fillers. Intern Pastors are normally theological students who temporarily work with and under the supervision of a regular pastor. The Interim Pastor, on the other hand, is one called to serve as pastor with its privileges and responsibilities during the time the church is without a regular pastor.

AN INTERIM PASTOR SERVES A PURPOSE. It ensures a continuity of pulpit ministry which a stream of Sunday pulpit supplies cannot do. We have known churches who were enamored of a "running Bible conference" of pulpit supplies, as one deacon expressed it, only to indicate to us later that it was a serious mistake. A second purpose fulfilled by the Interim Pastor is in providing other important pastoral ministries - weddings - funerals - hospital visits - etc. Some of these ministries are needed on an emergency basis and an Interim can provide it. In the third instance the Interim, who we believe should normally be an ordained man of considerable experience and totally sympathetic to the stand of the church, can provide a bridge between regular pastors. There are often situations left by the outgoing pastor which can be better handled by an experienced, mature Interim Pastor than by the new pastor. These may or may not be of the former pastor's making. The fact is, they are there. Perhaps this would be a good place to say that it is our judgment that the congregation, as well as the pulpit committee, should have a voice in calling the Interim Pastor. It has been suggested that it might be well to make him an associate member of the church.

THE LENGTH OF AN INTERIM MINISTRY will, of course, be determined by the length of time it takes the church to find God's man. It is right at this point where the Interim Pastor is put into something of a "bind." He must encourage the church to aggressively seek for God's man while, at the same time, he cautions them not to rush into a decision which they may regret to the point where the church itself is placed in jeopardy. The Interim has had the experience of feeling certain that a given candidate was not God's man, but he hesi-

tates to state that conviction too forcefully lest some accuse him of wanting to perpetuate his own position.

Then again, the length of an Interim ministry may be determined by the condition of the church spiritually and financially. It is sometimes wise for a church to not even begin to look for another pastor for some time until some things are set in order and some recouping of financial resources can be made.

THE ROLE OF AN INTERIM PASTOR should be clearly defined and understood by both the Interim and the congregation. Obviously he will be expected to fill the pulpit as the regular pastor would, being willing to step aside for any candidate the church might wish to hear. His visitation ministry would at least include hospital visits and counseling sessions in the study. If he is called as a full-time Interim then his visitation work should be the same as a regular pastor.

The Interim Pastor should be included in board meetings and business sessions. He can then decide whether his attendance at a given meeting would or would not best serve the interests of the church.

There will be the matter of the Interim Pastor representing the church at ordinations, recognition services, State and National meetings with voting privileges. Here the historic Baptist Distinctive of the "autonomy of the local church" should be carefully guarded. It is our conviction that it is the local church's prerogative to express this confidence in their Interim Pastor. Of course, it is the privilege of the inviting body to reject the action of the church, but that is a rather rude affront to the local church more than to the messenger.

A WORD ABOUT REMUNERATION. If the call is for full-time service the remuneration should, of course, be that of the regular pastor. In the case of older men there would be some adjustment based on retirement income from various sources. If the call is for part-time service the remuneration should be adequate to care for added expenses of maintaining a car and other items. Above all, there should be a clear understanding at the time of the call. It has been our experience that most churches are very considerate in these matters.

A FINAL WORD. The two men who collaborated on this article have had considerable experience as Interim Pastors and they testify to the precious relationships that develop between them and the churches they have served. The love ties grow quickly and run deep but, let it be quickly said, they pose no threat to the in-coming pastor. They rather become incentives to prayer for the churches they have thus served.

— David E. Mathews
— B. G. Ham

EDITOR'S NOTE: The article appearing on this page is the work of the two men whose names are appended thereto. The intent was to give our churches who may have occasion to call an Interim Pastor some guidelines born of our combined experience in the Interim Ministry. It should be made clear that they are not directives for we recognize the "autonomy of the local church."

Missions Alive And Well At F.B.B.C.

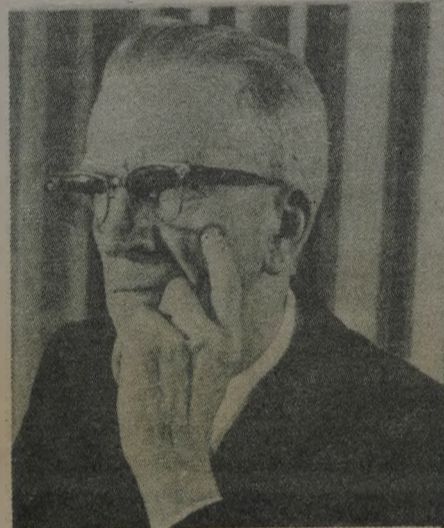
Faith Baptist Bible College's Missionary Apprenticeship Program (MAP) continues to be a vital program for students. Missions mindedness is caught through the weekly missions chapels, prayer bands and campus mission fellowships. In addition, prayer and financial support are developed each year for the MAP personnel that go to various mission fields to serve Christ.

This summer seven couples and six single students are serving the Lord in this manner. Students and college personnel gave \$3,150 to support their ministry. The students will serve in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, South America, and Europe. Mr. Sammons, Head of the World Missions Department, calculates 45% of the previous MAP students are either now on mission fields or are

appointees. Pray that God will give each MAPer this summer a fruitful ministry and that they will know God's leading concerning missions in their permanent service for Christ.

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Dr. John L. Patten

After many years of faithful service, Dr. John L. Patten has entered into the presence of his Lord. This was on June 15. He had previously been taken to a hospital suffering greatly and running a high fever. In the hour of death, however, the pain subsided and he evidenced GREAT PEACE!

Brother Patten was a pastor 18 years prior to becoming instructor and president of the Omaha Bible Institute. This school, because of his strong baptist convictions and able administrative leadership, later became our Faith Baptist Bible College which is located at Ankeny, Iowa. As a result of a serious eye condition, he found it necessary to resign as president in 1965. He continued teaching, however, until 1975 after which he became President Emeritus of F.B.B.C.

Our brother's lifetime walk with God provides abundant evidence that his theology of the classroom was also his guide for Christian experience. Out of the work of God in Dr. Patten's life, the Lord indeed has brought forth rich fruit for His own glory!

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50th Annual GARBC Conference

The 50th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) convened at the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, Winona Lake, Indiana, June 22-26, 1981. Over 2,000 messengers representing the fundamentalist church group registered for the business sessions. Attendance reached 4,500 plus in the evening sessions.

Five resolutions were acted upon by the messengers. All were passed by unanimous vote. (Complete resolutions are included with this report.) Included among the five resolutions were:

1. **OUR HERITAGE AND PURPOSE** — A commitment of our constituency to preserve the historical landmarks of our Association and to promote evangelism, purity of doctrine and life, great public preaching, careful teaching of the Bible and steadfast defense of the faith.
2. **LIBERATION THEOLOGY** — A rejection of this new term for the old social gospel promoted by liberals and modernists earlier in the 20th century. Liberation Theology declares that theology is secondary and practice is primary and the Bible is to be interpreted situationally rather than literally and in harmony with its context. This resolution by the Association labels Liberation Theology as unscriptural and opposed to God's declaration of man's total depravity.
3. **EXPOSITION OF SCRIPTURE** — An encouragement and exhortation to the faithful proclamation of God's Word and diligent study and preparation on the part of evangelists, pastors and Bible teachers. The expected result of such preparation and proclamation is a spiritually healthy and strong church member.
4. **CONTEXTUALIZATION** — A recognition of the need to communicate the Word of God in terms which the national on the mission field can understand. However, caution must be used to not allow this to become the standard by which divine truth is communicated. The Word of God is our standard. Further caution needs to be exercised in the use of the term "contextualization" since it originated in the minds of liberal theologians.
5. **SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE** — A call for a clear separation of church and state and an encouragement to our church members to maintain a watchful eye and vocal standard to defend our religious freedom.

Thirty-four churches were received into the Association at the business session on Tuesday. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches now numbers 1,571 churches.

The finals of a national Talents for Christ contest were held in conjunction with the Youth Days program. First-place winners received a one-year college tuition scholarship. Second-place winners received half-year tuition scholarships.

Other reports given to the assembled messengers included mission agencies, colleges and social agencies.

The missionary committee reported that the following six mission agencies (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Evangelical Baptist Missions, Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, Galilean Baptist Mission and Hiawatha Baptist Missions) now have 2,353 missionaries, including 1,512 on the field, 207 on furlough, 357 accepted candidates, and 277 on the inactive or retired list. They further reported receiving \$26.3 million for the work of missions around the world. Regular Baptist missionaries are now serving in more than 71 foreign countries, the United States and Canada. The establishment of indigenous churches is their ultimate goal.

On the educational scene the Association recommends nine institutions of higher learning:

- Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and Baptist Bible School of Theology, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.
- Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Denver Baptist Bible College, Broomfield, Colorado.
- Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa.
- Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Los Angeles Baptist College, Newhall, California.
- Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, Washington.
- Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Florida.
- Western Baptist College, Salem, Oregon.

The schools reported a total of 5,099 students enrolled during the past academic year. Faculty members numbered 342. The annual combined budget of all nine schools totaled \$22.6 million.

There are now five social agencies recommended by the Association. The Baptist Children's Home of Valparaiso, Indiana, provides child care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, a home for unwed mothers and family counseling services. The Michigan Christian Home Association of Grand Rapids offers retirement home and extended care for senior citizens. The Regular Baptist Children's Agency of St. Louis, Michigan, provides child care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, care for unwed mothers and family counseling services. Shepherds, Inc., a home and training school for the mentally limited, is located in Union Grove, Wisconsin. The Regular Baptist Child Placement Agency of Seattle, Washington, also provides child care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, care for unwed mothers and family counseling services.

Full-time workers in the five agencies totaled 146 and 67 part-time workers are also engaged in these agencies. Income from contributions by individuals and supporting churches totaled \$3.3 million. The number of people served through these agencies total 2,322 in 1980-81.

The total number of chaplains on active duty is 77.

Chairman of the GARBC Chaplaincy Commission, Dr. William E. Kuhnle, completes his 20th year in that capacity and has retired as of June 28, 1981. He states, "These have been years of varied and rewarding experiences. It has been a pleasure to visit some of the chaplains' bases and to be a guest in several of their homes. We really became a family."

On July 1, 1981, Chaplain Ervin Ellison completes 25 years of active duty as a chaplain. He has a total of 39 years in service. Prior to his chaplaincy he served as a line officer in the Air Force. He is concluding his chaplaincy in the office of the Chief of Chaplains as director of logistics and budget.

The Baptist Builders' Club, which gives financial grants of up to \$5,000 to needy churches, reported that 8 churches had received grants totaling \$41,500 during the past fiscal year. Since the Club began, 437 churches have shared in grants totaling \$1,013,840.

One of the far-ranging ministries of the Association is Regular Baptist Press, Brought into existence 29 years ago by the express wish of the churches, the Press now serves over 5,000 churches with Sunday School curriculum materials. In addition to Sunday School literature, the Press publishes books, Vacation Bible School material and gospel tracts, and conducts a Sunday School conference ministry. Gospel Literature Services supplies free literature to missionaries serving under GARBC-approved mission agencies as God provides the necessary funds. Literature was furnished to 44 foreign countries in addition to 41 states in the USA; 559 literature projects were completed during this fiscal year.

The following men were elected to serve on the Council of Eighteen, the administrative arm of the GARBC:

- Dr. Fred R. Brock, Jr., Seattle, Washington
- Dr. L. Duane Brown, Houston, Texas
- Rev. Ralph Colas, Anchorage, Alaska
- Rev. Daniel E. Gelatt, Elkhart, Indiana
- Dr. Wendell Kempton, Cherry Hill, New Jersey
- Rev. John Lineberry, Silvis, Illinois
- Dr. David Moore, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
- Dr. David Nettleton, Parsippany, New Jersey
- Rev. Orlan W. Wilhite, Des Moines, Iowa

Council members elected previously who continue to serve are:

- Dr. Bryce Augsburg, Romeoville, Illinois
- Rev. William Bellshaw, Salem, Oregon
- Dr. John Dunkin, Newhall, California
- Dr. William Fusco, Broomfield, Colorado
- Dr. Mark Jackson, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
- Rev. Richard Mohr, Tucson, Arizona
- Dr. Ernest Pickering, Toledo, Ohio
- Dr. Wilbur C. Rooke, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
- Rev. Donald Tyler, Brownsburg, Indiana

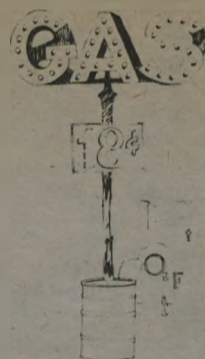
Dr. Ernest Pickering was elected chairman of the Council; Dr. Mark Jackson, vice chairman; and Rev. Ralph Colas, secretary.

The Spiritual Life

"Its growth depends in great measure on prayer. According as I pray much or little, pray with pleasure or as a duty, pray according to the Word of God or my own inclination, will my life flourish or decay . . .

Christian, pray much, pray continually, pray without ceasing. When you have no desire to pray, go just then to the inner chamber. Go as one who has nothing to bring to the Father, to set yourself before Him, in faith in His love. That coming to the Father, and abiding before Him, is already a prayer that He understands. Be assured that to appear before God, however passively, always brings a blessing. The Father not only hears; He sees in secret, and He will recompense it openly."

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