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"Honor To Whom Honor . . ."



Musing With The Moffats

On Wednesday morning of the Annual Conference in Dayton, Lois and Don Moffat were honored for their years of service as Editor of the O.I.B. and, in recent years, as State Representative.

This highlighted hour was prepared by Mrs. Kenneth Romig and was begun by seating Lois and Don in chairs of honor on the platform. Mrs. Romig began with a fitting poem and then asked Lois to play "Onward Christian Soldiers." This was followed by a fitting tribute, sprinkled with laughter and tears, the sharing of associations and remembrances, and, in a few instances, some "roasting." (But of course in a kind, Biblical, living way.)

Pastor Bill Wheeler began this tribute and shared some thoughts as the Pastor of Lois and Don. This introduction was followed by Pastors Bill Abernathy, Bill Moser, William Brock, John Greening (the baby of the group who was the only one able to relate "diaper" stories), Lyn Rogers, and Missionary Bill Commons.

Midway of this sharetime, Pastor and Mrs. Joe Chapman sang the following original parody for and about the Moffats, sung to the tune of "Small, Small World." (You will appreciate this work of art.)

1. We've a song to sing - hope the words are clear
Want to show our love to a man so dear.
We have met with him to laugh,
We have met with him to cry,
He's a Great, Great Guy!

Chorus:

They're the Moffats - friends of dogs,
Babies / teens, and polliwogs,
Friends of all and friends so true,
O.A.R.B.C. loves you.

2. He has loved our babies and our big kids too,
We all know he's a friend we can call - "true blue".
He is always there to listen
But he never tries to pry,
He's a Great, Great Guy! (chorus)
3. Don has Lois Ketcham Moffat - she's his darling bride,
He'd be lost - (we all know it) without her by his side;
She is always there to listen
She is Donald's lustrous pearl,
She's a Great, Great Girl! (chorus)
4. We shall close our song in a moment or two,
Thank you Lois and Don for your life - so true;
Many hearts you've won to Christ
Many lives you've led to yield
To a Whitened Mission Field.

Chorus:

You're the Moffats - called of God,
Faithful down life's road you've trod;
Friends of all and friends so true,
O.A.R.B.C. Loves you! (Repeat)

New State Representative

At our recent 54th Annual OARBC conference, it was announced that Dr. William A. Brock has accepted an invitation to serve as State Representative for our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. He will also take over as Editor of our state paper - THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

Brother Brock will begin his new ministry as of January 1, 1982. He has already resigned as pastor of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus where he served faithfully for over sixteen years.

Your present Editor/State Representative - Don Moffat - will continue in this work until the end of this year -12/31/81.

In making this transition, it seemed wise that we make the next issue of our paper-THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST - a combined issue, that is putting December and January together. This December/January issue will not be off the press and in the mail until late December or early January. If you have material you would like to appear in it, please send all copy to me - Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio-45385.



We plan, in this December/January issue, to have further word concerning Dr. Brock. We feel he is the Lord's man to undertake this ministry and we look to HIM to bless abundantly!

Report On '81 OARBC Conference

The 54th Annual OARBC conference held at the Washington Heights Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio (Rev. Larry Fetzer, Host Pastor) is now a part of history. It was a great conference. The Spirit of the Lord empowered each speaker. Lives were blessed and challenged. The fellowship was wonderful. There was a spirit of unanimity throughout. How good to fellowship with those of like precious faith!

The opening message by Dr. Mark Jackson truly exalted the Lord. He spoke concerning "the glory of the Lord." Rev. William Commons gave much food for thought regarding missions and missionaries. The messages by Dr. William Brock, Rev. William Moser, and Rev. John R. Greening were thought provoking and soul stirring.

The special music was presented by Cedarville College. It was tremendous. Brother Willis Hull led in the congregational singing and was accompanied by Dr. Hall Dautel at the organ. There was a spirit of enthusiasm in every song service.

Three new churches were received into our OARBC fellowship. They are the Emmanuel Chapel Baptist Church of Bailey Lakes, Ohio - the Madison Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio - and the Beebetown Baptist Church of Brunswick, Ohio. We now number 203 churches in our OARBC. Only 104 churches sent reports to our Council of 12 secretary. These showed an average church member-

ship of 224, an average Sunday School attendance of 155, and an average number of baptisms as 12. Total current expenses (97 churches reporting) was \$6,725,874.09. Money given to missions (95 churches reporting) was \$1,875,440.09. Total income received (104 churches reporting) was \$10,455,468.36. This figure includes receipts for building fund and totals from churches which did not itemize receipts.

Newly elected to our Council of Twelve are: Rev. Robert Perry, Grace Baptist Church, Toledo-Rev. Richard Pettitt, First Baptist Church, Findlay-Rev. Larry Fetzer, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton-Rev. Robert Barrett, Faith Baptist Church, Amherst-and Dr. David Moore, Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland Heights. A complete listing of the entire Council of Twelve and the offices they serve on the Council are shown on page two of this issue. (See masthead).

On Tuesday, guest speakers for the Women's meeting were Editor/State Representative-Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. They showed pictures of their recent trip around the world. Mrs. Moffat presented several piano solos. Then, on Wednesday at the 11:15 a.m. hour, a special service was held honoring "the Moffats." A report concerning this service appears elsewhere in this issue. Your editor greatly appreciates all that was said and done for him and his wife at this time. It was a precious hour. A monetary gift was presented to "the Moffats" in appreciation

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The hour was drawn to a close by Pastor Ken Romig, sharing his personal relationship with Don from high school days on. Two gifts were given by Mrs. Romig to the Moffats; to Lois was given her favorite perfume, and to Don (eater that he is) was given four loaves of homemade bread and a pound of butter, this always being his request when asked what is his favorite.

Pastor Lynn Rogers called the Moffats to the pulpit and presented them with a check for \$10,000.00, the amount given into the R & R Fund in recent years.

The hour "rang" with the honest love and appreciation for Lois and Don Moffat. But possibly it was also shown, as someone drew to our attention, by the fact that during this hour of tribute not one person moved from the auditorium. What further commentary is needed? Our Biblical "hats" are off to the Moffats for their faithful years of service and our prayers and concern for the Lord's leading and use in the days ahead!

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O Happy Day

A Hymn That Was Written by a Dying Man

The frail man walked feebly down the gangplank. Before he left Northampton he had told friends that he could go to heaven from Portugal as well as from England. All his life he had worked hard and now that his health was shattered he had come to Lisbon to die.

Philip Doddridge was the last of 20 children by his London oil merchant father and pious Dutch mother. As a child he was so frail that his parents feared he would not live. But it was the other way around. Before Philip finished grammar school he lost both his parents. But the mother left her weakling son a heritage that not only shaped his destiny but has resounded across the centuries.

As a child Philip Doddridge sat on his mother's knee while she told him stories from the Bible. Around the family fireplace were tile decorations representing Biblical events. There was Noah and his ark; Eve's apple and the serpent; Peter crossing the Sea of Galilee, and others. She explained all of these and told of how her own father had been driven from his home by religious persecution.

There on his mother's knee Philip Doddridge "fixed his choice" to follow the footsteps of his grandfather.

It was an age of religious controversy and a minister was either for the Established Church or he was with the dissenters. But the mild-mannered Doddridge drew the admiration of both. His one great failing was that he ignored his frail constitution. While pastor of Northampton's Congregational Church he took on added duties of running an academy where he trained 200 young men for the ministry and wrote no less than 400 hymns. On his travels he carried a manuscript in his saddlebag and even while he shaved he had a student read to him.

But at 49 tuberculosis forced his hand. Friends advised the climate of Portugal and he went there in 1751. But he had waited too long. Three weeks after arriving in Lisbon he died and they buried him there in the English Cemetery. Four years later his hymns were collected and published. Among them is a favorite that was sung 100 years before an unknown writer added the chorus in 1854:

O happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

'Tis done the great transaction's done!
I am my Lord's and He is mine.
He drew me and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the voice divine.

O happy bond, that seals my vows
To Him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill His house,
While to that sacred shrine I move.

Chorus:
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day.

OARBC Conference

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of the 16 years they spent serving the OARBC.

Our new Editor/State Representative, Dr. William A. Brock, was presented at the Associational hour on Tuesday morning. He was received with great joy. A unanimous vote of confidence and appreciation was given to our Council of 12 for selecting Brother Brock to fill this position. It is our conviction that he will do a most effective work and will be used of the Lord in strengthening our fellowship causing it to rise to even greater heights than ever before.

There was a good attendance at all of the meetings. We would like to express our sincere thanks to those on the staff of the Washington Heights Baptist Church for doing such a great job. Everyone was well cared for and made to feel they were something special! The conference next year will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. The dates are - October 18, 19 and 20. Mark your schedule NOW. Plan on attending. You will be glad you did!

Ordained To Ministry



Laying on of hands

An Ordination Council met at the Bible Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio on Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. to examine Brother David J. Morrell, son of Evangelist and Mrs. Ed Morrell. Rev. Earl Willetts of Northfield was elected Moderator and Rev. Roland Globig of North Madison as Clerk. Brother David Morrell was carefully examined and unanimously recommended for ordination. There were twelve pastors and nineteen messengers on the Council.

Baptist Children's Home Bike-A-Thon



It was a long, long trip!

What do you do for excitement at 8:00 a.m., Saturday morning? On September 26th, the children of Baptist Children's Home (Valparaiso, Indiana) went on a 46.5 mile ride in the Bike-a-thon for Education. Over 500 individuals and groups pledged nearly \$20,000 to pay for the Christian school tuitions for our kids. An afternoon thunderstorm created some extra excitement but we thank the Lord that everyone had a safe say.

Prayer Requested

Dr. Kenneth Muck, President Emeritus of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, is going through some difficult times (healthwise) these days. Our bother is suffering from cancer.

Word reached us just recently from the FBHM office stating - "Dr. Muck was able to teach some classes at our recent Candidate School in September and attend the annual banquet. The recurrence of the cancer, however has greatly curtailed his activity and confined him largely to his home at 112 Weleyan Court in Elyria."

It is good to know the Lord has answered much prayer on his behalf for which we are thankful.

LOVE...Joe loves me, as a person — GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD... everyone in the world

I SAID YES...I accepted Joe's proposal — WE MUST EACH SAY YES TO CHRIST and personally accept His offer of salvation

I TALKED ABOUT JOE...to anyone who would listen: I never got tired of talking about my fiance — WE MUST TALK TO AND ABOUT GOD... it's important to spend time reading God's Word, praying, and sharing the gospel with friends

I WANTED TO PLEASE JOE...I couldn't — WE MUST OBEY GOD'S WORD...we should do enough to make him happy try to please God in everything we do

WEDDING PREPARATIONS AND CHOOSING A PLACE TO LIVE... share details — JESUS IS PREPARING A HOME IN HEAVEN FOR US... John 14. Mention activities and setting goals with eternal values

ANTICIPATION...I counted the days — LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE... lead into an invitation. Has each clubber accepted Christ? Are they ready, if Christ should come today?

"If I could speak with you personally . . ."

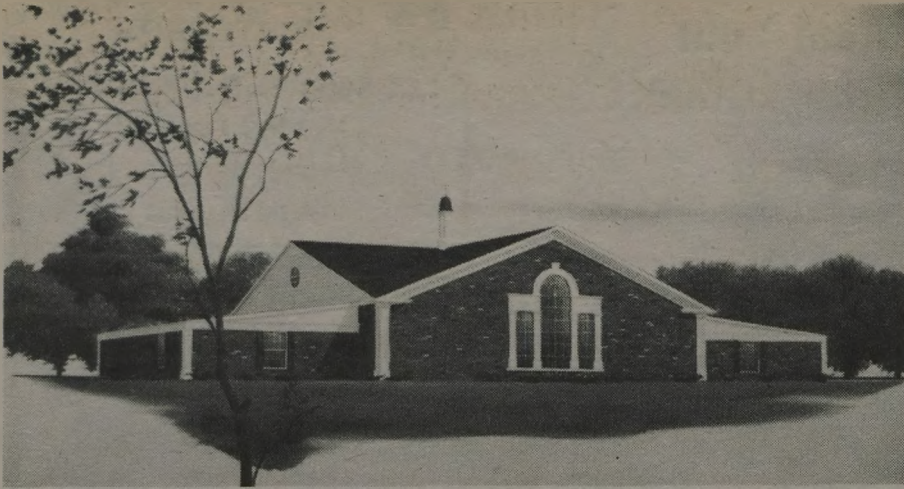


"I would share some of the burden of caring for over 50 boys and girls — not only seeing that their physical needs are met — but also praying for them and with them. I want to see them grow up for Christ. WILL YOU HELP ME?"

For more information, write to:
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Executive Director
Baptist Children's Home
and family ministries

354 West St., Valparaiso, IN 46383

A Lovely New Church Building



Faith Baptist Church, Mr. Vernon

The Faith Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, Ohio (Rev. Merlyn E. Jones, Pastor), dedicated their new building to the Lord on September 13th. Dr. James T. Jeremiah delivered stirring messages both in the morning service and at the afternoon dedication service. The day was a tremendous blessing with 190 in the morning service and well over 200 attending the dedication service. The Lord richly blessed with one soul trusting Christ as Saviour!

Others taking part in the day's activities included Rev. Earl Umbaugh, former Ohio State Missionary, who delivered the evening message. The Mt. Vernon Church was one of the last of the many churches organized under the direction of our dear brother three years ago, and had previously been meeting in the Knox County Memorial Building. Brother Jones became their first pastor in October of 1978.



The beautiful auditorium

The new church will seat 200 in the auditorium approximately 150 in the overflow, and will handle 400 in Sunday School. Finances were arranged and consultation given by Hein Associates, Findlay, Ohio. The church was designed by Gaiser-Johnson Associates and constructed under the management of Ken Miller of Ken Len Construction, Frazeyburg, Ohio. The church was the general contractor with the congregation helping with some of the construction.

The nearly 12,000 square foot, colonial style bi-level building on nearly 11 acres will give the young church room for growth as they seek to reach their area for Christ.

Balanced Evangelism Seminar Appreciated

In a letter received from Pastor Pete Mothershead, Pastor of Visitation, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, he gave us the following word concerning their recent **BALANCED EVANGELISM SEMINAR**. It was appreciated greatly by those who attended!

Pastor Mothershead writes: "We just finished another Balanced Evangelism Seminar here at Emmanuel Baptist Church, in Toledo, Ohio. We had thirty-two clinicians representing the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio.

The purpose of the Balanced Evangelism Seminar is to share insights on how to organize a total Balanced Visitation Program in the local church. It majors on teaching the lay person on how to become a fruitful witness for Jesus Christ, and then a reproducer. Though this is a relatively new program, there are some

forty pastors who have the Balanced Evangelism Program functioning in their local churches as a result of coming to one of these Balanced Evangelism Seminars.

I'd like to share with you a few of the comments by some of the clinicians who attended this fall seminar: A missionary writes, "I thank you and God for the opportunity to attend this seminar." A pastor writes, "This seminar has been extremely helpful to me and I appreciate the balance of this ministry. I have been stimulated and motivated and can't wait to start this in our church." Another pastor shared that the seminar was extremely helpful and well organized." These are just a few of the positive comments that we received as a result of the Balanced Evangelism Seminar. Truly God met with us during the Seminar and I am confident that many churches are going to experience a growth as a result of organizing a Balanced Evangelism Program in their churches.

Galion Church Calls New Pastor

The First Baptist Church of Galion, Ohio has called Rev. John Dantuma to be their new pastor. Our brother began his ministry there in early September.

Prior to coming to Galion, Pastor Dantuma was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Valparaiso, Indiana. He ministered there for five years. He also has served as Director of the Capitol Christian School which is located in Lansing, Michigan. This was prior to his serving in Valparaiso.

He is a native of Grand Rapids, He received his Bachelor in Education and Theology from the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, and his Master's degree from Michigan State University.

He and his wife, Kay, have five children. They are Loralee, Denise, Dan, Kirt and Susanna, who is a student at Galion High School.

Pastor Dantuma stated that his priorities for the church are the development of the teen ministries, the young adults Christian ministry and the on-going growth of the Galion Christian School.

He wants to reach out to the community, preach the word of God and to make all people welcome, regardless of their religious background.

Dantuma hopes to develop programs of spiritual growth for the teens. For the young adults he wants to give them the spiritual support as they try to raise their children in these sometimes difficult times.

The Galion Christian School has doubled in size in the past year and Dantuma hopes for its continued success.

40th Annual ACCC Convention

The American Council of Christian Churches held their 40th annual convention at the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio on October 27 through 29. Host pastor was Rev. Max E. Sidders.

According to Rev. Eldon H. Pals (First Baptist Church, Monroe, Iowa) the Convention program was "outstanding with current issues being dealt with in a forthright manner by exceptional men of God."

Public meetings began Tuesday evening, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. with a message by Dr. Raymond Barber. Wednesday, the 28th was a full day starting with devotions at 8:00 a.m. led by Rev. Robert Mayer. Speakers throughout the day included: Dr. Hall Dautel, Dr. Robert Rapp, Rev. James Grier, and Rev. Eldon Pals. On Thursday morning the 8:00 a.m. devotions were led by Rev. Joseph McNulty. Other speakers were: Rev. A. Donald Moffat, Dr. L. Duane Brown, Senator Ray Taylor, and Rev. James Grier. Dr. McNulty spoke at the closing service of the day.

The theme for the conference was "New Beginnings" taken from the text in Isaiah 43:19 - "Behold, I Will Do A New Thing."

Talents For Christ

We learned recently from the GARBC Home Office that the Bible Knowledge Contest in next year's Talents For Christ Contest in next year's Talents For Christ Luke - Chapters 12 through 24. **STUDY HARD!!**

I trust God may continue to use this program for His honor and His glory as we all labor together to reach a lost and dying world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Honored For 25 Years Of Faithful Service



Pastor and Mrs. Globig

On Saturday Evening, September 26th, Rev. and Mrs. Roland P. Globig were the honored guests at a celebration commemorating twenty-five years of faithful service to Christ, at Bible Baptist Church, North Madison, Ohio. The evening began with a huge potluck dinner involving around three hundred individuals. The dinner was followed by a two hour program of enjoyable reminiscences, tributes, special music and gifts.

The program began by introducing the remaining members who were at the church when Rev. Globig and his family arrived in September of 1956. Letters of congratulations from a number of states, were read. Interspersing these letters, mystery guests, who in some cases had traveled hundreds of miles to be there, spoke from a hidden location, before coming out to surprise the couple. A ladies trio followed, singing a medley of songs.

A highlight of the program was the showing of specially-made slides of the couple, produced without their knowledge until the present, accompanied by biographical narration. Some hilarious film footage of their early years had also been located for the occasion, and was shown, to the enjoyment of all.

Next, an original poem, specially written for the celebration was read. A solo by Mrs. John Gayer of Kirtland then preceded a message from the Word of God by Rev. Ralph Lenz of Faith Baptist Church, Novelty.

The capstone of the evening came with the presentation of several gifts. Rev. Gerald Smelser, President of The Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, presented Pastor Globig with the five volume Zondervan Pictorial Bible Encyclopedia. The guest book and a large box, full of person cards and notes, followed. After that, three beautiful works of art were unveiled. They included: a beautiful calligraphy of the couple's life verse, framed under glass; a two by two and one half foot calligraphy/degoupage of a poem titled "The Pastor's Wife"; and thirdly, an original oil painting of Rev. Globig. The finale was reached when Gene Winne, representing the entire congregation, presented to the Globig's a check for over two thousand two hundred dollars. This will send them overseas to visit Rev. and Mrs. Ray Marchand, members of the church who are missionaries in Jordan, to be followed by a side trip to Israel.

HELP WANTED!!

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor

Just Can't Wait For A Visit A Welcome Visitor

*Thou visitest me in the morning
At the breaking of the day.
And ere my eyes are open,
I hear the Spirit say.*

*"Good morning, child of light,
We wanted you to know
We'll guide you in this day,
In every step you go."*

*Thou visited me at noontime
In thanks I bowed my head;
And again I was reminded,
Thou art the Living Bread.*

*"Lift up your eyes, my child-
Look now on the whitened field.
Souls are all about and waiting:
To Me, your members yield."*

*Thou visitest me at evening
At the close of a busy day.
My head just touched the pillow,
When I heard Your sweet voice say;*

*"I will not slumber while you sleep,
So rest till the morning break.
Upon me, cast all your care;
I'll never leave you nor forsake."*

It's happened. My husband and I have an empty nest. I was told it was inevitable, but a mother always likes to think that it won't happen for a long time. My, that time was short.

Of course our daughter in college, and our married daughter and her husband will be home for the Holidays. So, I've been planning, and will be planning for more than a month yet to come for their visit. You can be sure the door will be thrown open wide to greet these precious kids. What excitement there will be, as first one, and then the other share what's on their hearts and minds. We all will be full of joy as we take part in the conversations. I'm sure there will be a warmness, and lingering of this sweet fellowship long after they have left and then we'll be looking forward to the next visit.

I can't convey to you how much I look forward to the visits from my children. I find it even more difficult to express to you the joy that has come more recently from the visits of my Heavenly Father. I'm very aware that the Holy Spirit indwells me, and I've enjoyed His fellowship many times. I am also very aware that I have often ignored His desires to commune with me. Haven't you? It's as if we've opened the door just a crack to let Him in, and He's waiting in the entry way. Open wide every door of your earthly house. He wants so much to visit with you.

In our own local fellowship of ladies, there has recently been an extra amount of praise for answered prayer. I'm convinced that it's because we've been challenged to discipline our lives for the Lord. The discipline comes in every area of our lives, but especially in the area of prayer. "Prayer is the greatest power on earth, and yet it is unused."

Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you." To abide is to be totally occupied with the Lord. Mary must have been totally occupied with Jesus when she poured out the ointment upon Him, and wiped His feet with her hair. She couldn't have had anyone or anything else on her mind. John 12:3.

The Lord will not push you, but oh, He's waiting. "He seeketh such to worship Him." (John 4:23) Discipline yourselves to give the Lord a time just for Him. Make definite plans for that time. Find a definite place, and let that be the place you meet the Lord everyday. (The place isn't holy, but it will be a good reminder to you.) Jesus made the suggestion that you "enter into your closet," that is, to shut out the world. As you sit or kneel, quiet yourself, then start by adoring the Lord for Who He is. Enumerate His attributes. Read Psalms of praise back to Him. Also read hymns, for example, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," in worship to a Holy God. He alone is worthy. After adoration, with other areas of prayer such as confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

I can say with confidence that the lingering warmth of God's visits with you will cause you to be in awe of Him, and you'll be just waiting for the next time.

A personal evangelist reminded me recently that, "All of God is available to us, if we will make all of ourselves available to Him."

Women's Retreat '81 At Skyview Ranch



Rose Hauser presents check of appreciation to Vi Wolfe

The 1981 Skyview Retreat was a blessed time of Christian fellowship as 135 ladies gathered from many parts of Ohio. The ladies of Mogadore Baptist Church

(Sue Might, chairman), presided over the weekend.

Joy Cuthbertson, wife of the Fields Director of FBHM, spoke on "I will serve Thee," sharing examples from God's Word and her own life.

Kay Schumaker, Ashland, brought a devotional on our relationship to Christ the Good Shepherd, ending with a beautiful chalk drawing.

Special music was presented by Marge Odor, Vienna, and The Calvary Trio, Mogadore. Besides being pianist, Shirley Hepler, Mogadore, met with the brave ones to jog at 6:30 A.M. Many ladies also enjoyed riding the horses.

Talent Time showed how we can use the talents God gave us through music, recitation and humor. Testimony Time really drew the ladies close together as joys and sorrows, testings and blessings were shared. During Show and Tell we saw how God uses our talents in handiwork, including knitting, crochet, beads, egg scenes and plastic needlepoint. Kay Schumaker also taught four new crafts.

Meet Your State Officers



Louise Henry

My parents met aboard Henry Ford's Peace Ship during World War I as they returned to Sweden for a Christmas visit to their families. They married a year and a half later and established a Christian home in Akron. After my arrival into the family they carried me to a little Swedish Baptist Church.

I received spiritual life at an early age, probably around seven or eight, under the ministry of a blind evangelist. While attending a youth camp at age sixteen the assurance of salvation became a reality. This experience made me sensitive to the need for counseling young and old on how to deal with sin in the daily life after leading them to the Saviour.

Late in 1943 I met a young man who pastored another church in our city. A year later we were married and in the course of time have welcomed into our family two sons and a daughter, and also two granddaughters.

I began teaching a Sunday School class at age 14 and have been privileged to be used of the Lord in serving in many areas. As I look back, every opportunity for service was a learning experience. With this in mind, if I were to do anything differently in almost 37 years as a pastor's wife it would be to encourage others to shoulder responsibilities instead of accepting so many jobs as "do-it-yourself" projects. There is great blessing in service to the Lord and to pass this on to others would result in stronger spiritual children.

An appropriate designation for me now might be "P. H." -- Pastor's Helper or Pinch Hitter -- stepping into the breach wherever needed. I always want to be found faithful and "occupying" until He comes.

Mrs. Dean (Louise) Henry
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Penny and John Jackson

Evangelical Baptist Missions of Kokomo, Indiana, is extending its ministries into the Republic of South Africa. John and Penny Jackson recently received their visa and will leave on their first missionary journey November 14th. They will be involved in a church planting ministry on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

EBM's General Director, David Marshall visited South Africa earlier this year to do a survey and found many new subdivisions needing a fundamental Baptist testimony. Due to the racial policies of South Africa, the Jacksons' initial ministry will be to the growing white population. South Africa is highly industrialized and has a growing economy.

While there is certainly political unrest and much apprehension relative to South Africa's future, the need remains constant and it is felt there must be no letting up in the preaching of the gospel.

Both John and Penny Jackson are graduates of Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania. For a period of time, John served as Youth Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio. (Rev. Wm. Davis). The Jacksons have a son who is nearly three years old - Jason.

Mid-Bethel Elects New Officers

The new Mid-Bethel officers for the '81-'82 years are as follows:

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Church history was taught by Dr. Kenneth Muck, President Emeritus of the Mission, and the other subjects by the members of the administration. The school began each day at 9:00 a.m. and concluded following an evening session. Noon meals were served at the church, supper being provided each day by various churches in the area. During the second week a recognition service was held at the First Baptist Church in Elyria where Rev. Willis Hull is pastor at which Rev. Ervin Butler, retiring Mountain Plains Area Representative, brought the message. At this service certificates were issued to each of the candidates by the President of the mission, Rev. Austin Plew; and by Fields Director, Rev. Charles Cuthbertson.

The two-week school was concluded with a banquet where the candidates conducted the program and Rev. Butler again brought the closing address. This was one of the largest candidate classes in the history of the Mission with members coming from Maine to California, from Michigan to Florida and many states between. As these candidates launch into their time of deputation our prayer is that the Lord will open many doors where they may have opportunity to challenge churches and individuals with the great home mission ministry to North America.

Bowling Green Pastor Is Ordained



Rev. Philip Vine

An Ordination Council met on October 15 at the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ohio to examine their pastor, Brother Philip A. Vine, for ordination.

There were eight churches represented. This included a total of seven pastors and ten delegates. Brother Bruce Snyder was elected Moderator of the Examining Council and Brother Brad Harbaugh as Clerk.

Pastor Vine presented his testimony speaking of his conversion and call to the ministry. He was then examined thoroughly by the Council pertaining to his doctrinal beliefs. They were well satisfied with his presentation and the answers he gave to their further questioning. It was moved by Rev. Richard Pettitt, seconded by Rev. Vernon Billington and passed unanimously that the church continue with the ordaining of their pastor.

A special Ordination Service was held the evening of the same day. Those having a part in this service included - Mr. Jamie Belleville, Mr. Dale Harris, Mr. Ray Heyde, Mr. Brad Harbaugh, Don and Sheary Boessel, Rev. Allan Vine (father of the candidate), Rev. Fred Crown, and Rev. Richard Pettitt. The closing prayer to the service was offered by the newly ordained pastor - Rev. Philip Vine.

Faith Baptist Bible College News

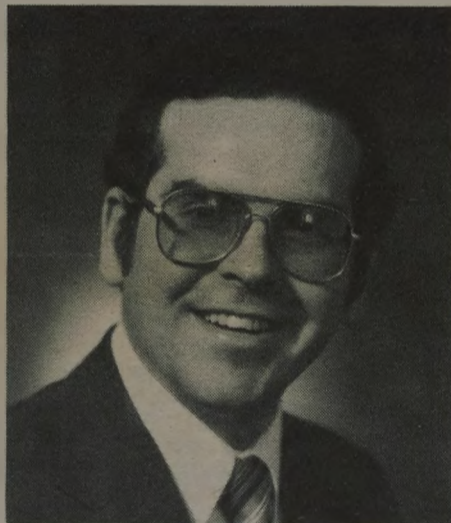
Over 150 students, faculty and administration helped pass out literature door-to-door in West Des Moines on September 20th and 27th with the goal of beginning a local Baptist church in this rapidly growing area of Des Moines. Pastor Donald Ballard, HBM church planter, is directing this effort.

Missionary Conference, September 28 - October 2, was a time of great spiritual blessing. Many decisions of dedication to fulltime service were made. As a special feature celebrating the 25th anniversary of the conference, "Missionary Moments" were presented from missionary alumni around the world. These included tapes, live radio or phone connections, and personal interviews with missionaries from Argentina, Brazil, Central African Republic, Colombia, Mexico and the United States. The Missionary Radio operators helped immensely in making the live contacts by radio. These proved both exciting and challenging as reports from the various fields were given.

On November 20, 21, at 8:00 p.m. FBBC will present the Biblical Drama, Ten Miles to Jericho. The play is a dramatization of the care given by the Samaritan for the man beaten and robbed on the Jericho Road. The care and compassion contained in the Biblical narrative are expounded, drawing a spiritual application for believers today to so demonstrate the love of Christ in our world. For information, call or write the College.

On December 11, 1981, the Music Department will present "Emmanuel, God With Us," a Christmas Concert written and compiled by Charles Bergeron and James Wolfe of the Music Department. Each of the large music groups (Chorale, Concert Band, Ladies Chorus and Handbell Choir and the Men of Faith) will participate individually and as a mass choir. Dr. Michael Doonan will be the narrator. Some favorite carols have been included in the concert. Plan now to come for a great evening of musical challenge from the Word.

Fairborn Pastor Ordained To Ministry



Rev. Randall J. Tate

On October 13, 1981, at 1 p.m. an ordination council convened at Grand Ave. Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio to examine Pastor Randall Tate for the gospel ministry. Brother Tate has been the pastor of Grand Ave. Baptist Church since December of 1980. He is a graduate of Cedarville College and Grace Theological Seminary.

Following a lovely luncheon prepared and served by the home church, Brother Tate called the council to order. The temporary moderator and secretary were also made the permanent officers of the council. Pastor Larry Fetzer of Washington Heights Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio was elected chairman. Pastor Brad Quick of First Baptist Church of Blanchester, Ohio was elected secretary.

Following a motion to officially convene the council, the chairman read the roll call of churches and individuals invited by the home church. Responding to the roll call were sixteen (16) pastors and nine (9) messengers representing eleven (11) churches.

Pastor Tate gave his personal testimony covering his conversion, spiritual growth, education, and call to the ministry. He introduced his wife Jan. Mrs. Tate gave her testimony expressing her agreement with and support of her husband's ministry. Following these testimonies, Brother Tate answered questions concerning the ten doctrines included in his doctrinal statement.

After the questioning of the candidate, Pastor Fetzer entertained a motion to terminate the questioning of the candidate. Brother Tate and his family were excused. The council went into executive session by a motion made by Pastor Jim Neely and supported by Pastor Chuck Pausley. Testimonies were given as to Pastor Tate's personal testimony and effectiveness in the ministry.

Acting on a motion made by Dr. James Grier and seconded by Rev. William Russell, the council voted unanimously to declare itself satisfied with its examination of Pastor Randall Tate and to recommend that Grand Ave. Baptist Church proceed with his ordination. The council voted to commend Brother Tate for the excellent presentation he made during his examination by the council. 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. The council was dissolved and the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Tate's father-in-law, Rev. Harold Green.

The Ordination Service was held Wednesday evening, October 14. Those having a part in the service were: Mr. Frederick Pensworth, Rev. Gary Holtz, Dr. Paul Vernier, Rev. James Grier, Mrs. James Kollar, Rev. Harold Green (father-in-law of Rev. Tate), and Rev. John Green. The newly ordained pastor, Rev. Tate pronounced the benediction to this beautiful service.

Bradley W. Quick,
Secretary of the Council

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BYESVILLE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH --
We've had a number of missionary speakers of late. These include: Brother James Parsons, Dr. V. Ben Kendrick, and "the Mark Seymours". We were led in special services - October 11 through 18 by Dr. J.B. Williams.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH --
Mr. Paul Steiner, Superintendent of the Perry Public Schools spoke at our "Round Up-Sunday". Also, on that day, "the Moodys" (Togo-West Africa) ministered here. At our Missionary Conference, guest speaker was Dr. Edwin DuBois of Baptist Mid-Missions.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST --
We held our 11th Annual Missionary Conference October 3 through 7. Guest missionaries were: Miss Eleanor Taylor, Mr. Charles Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rustine.

CLEVELAND, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH --
We held an Appreciation Banquet for our Sunday School staff on October 3. We held a Music Seminar October 16 and 17. Mr. Lenny Siedel, Christian author, pianist and minister of music directed this conference. Brother Mel Keeler was with us to present the work of Shepherd's, Inc. on October 26. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held October 24. We were blessed through the ministry of Rev. Joel Kettering (BMM). We are glad to announce that our pastor, Dr. David Moore, is doing much better physically.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST --
Dr. Walter Brown presented a preview of an all-day Seminar on Scientific Creationism on October 15. The seminar is to be held at the Whetstone High School for adults and students of the community on December 5. Everyone is invited. Mrs. Peggy Rush was with us October 17. Her singing was a blessing to our people. On Sunday, November 1, Dr. Paul Dixon of Cedarville College spoke at our Sunday morning and evening services.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH --
Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, former National Representative for our GARBC ministered here at one of our mid-week prayer services. He is now serving as International Consultant for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
We held our 16th anniversary on Sunday, September 20. We regret that our pastor has resigned. He has accepted the position of Editor/State Representative for our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. He will begin his work with the OARBC as of January 1, 1982.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH --
We had the LIFE ACTION TEAM with us on September 28. They presented - "The Glory Of The Cross".

COLUMBUS, PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH --
We had a good time at our Church picnic on September 26. We were led in special meetings September 27 through 30 by Evangelist Hugh Horner. The Lord spoke to hearts.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST --
Rev. Clair Besse of the Haven of Rest Mission spoke here on October 4. The ladies of our Women's Missionary Society visited missionary Lucille Brouillet on October 17.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH.
Rev. Perry Temple, Ex. Secretary of Bible Literature International ministered here September 13. We were led in evangelistic meetings - September 27 through 30. Guest evangelist was our brother - Mike Coyle.

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH --
We held special Harvest Revival meetings October 25 - 30. Our evangelist was Brother Neil Cadwell of Muncie, Indiana. Missionaries Dick and Carol Stagg were with us November 1st. (ABWE-Bangladesh)

EAST LIVERPOOL, PLEASANT HEIGHTS BAPTIST --
On October 18, at our evening service, we viewed a film on Brazil. This was followed by a brief message. A time of fellowship and refreshments was followed by a hymn sing. All of this to set aside a special time

to receive our Missionary Christmas offering for "the ROGERS" who are going to Brazil as short-term missionaries to help in a church-building program.

FAIRBORN, GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST --
Brother Charles Monroe was with us in late June to tell of the work of the Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries in Ohio. We appreciated having Rev. Robert Collins of Baptist Mid-Missions with us. He has labored for years in Brazil. The Lord gave us a good Bible School in August. The Master's Puppets from Cedarville College were a blessing to our people. In September Dr. Hall Dautel ministered to us.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH --
The ministry of Brother Mike Coyle was appreciated by our people. He is an able speaker and an outstanding musician. On September 6th, our pastor, Dr. Richard Snively began his 21st year ministering here.

IT'S THANKSGIVING

When the New England Colonies were first planted, the settlers endured many privations and difficulties. Being piously disposed they laid their distresses before God in frequent days of fasting and prayer. Constant meditation upon distress kept their minds gloomy and discontented, and made them disposed even to return to their homeland, with all its persecutions.

At length, when it was again proposed to appoint a day of fasting and prayer, a plain, commonsense, old colonist rose in the meeting and remarked that he thought they had brooded long enough over their difficulties, and that it seemed high time they should consider some of their mercies; that the colony was growing strong, the fields increasing in harvests, the rivers full of fish, the woods full of game, the air sweet, the climate good, their wives and children healthy, their children obedient and respectful; above all, that they possessed what they came for, full civil and religious liberty.

On the whole, he would amend the resolution for a fact, and propose in its place A DAY OF THANKSGIVING. His advice was taken.

FINDLAY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH --
Dr. Ed DuBois and a male quartet from Grand Rapids Baptist College was with us October 4. Our Missionary Conference will be held November 7 - 11. Guest missionaries are: "the Loves" from the Philippines, "the Richards", and Dan and Brian from Shepherds. We will be holding a Thanksgiving banquet on November 21. Dr. Murray Murdoch spoke at our S. S. Recognition banquet.

GRAFTON, MIDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH --
Recently our men made a tour of the FBHM office in Elyria, Ohio. We will be holding our Missionary Conference November 18 through 22.

JOHNSTOWN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH --
Rev. Wilfred Booth, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Galion, Ohio, ministered here.

LONDON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH --
Our choir had a "cookout" in September. It was a time of fun and fellowship.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH --
We appreciated having several missionaries minister here in October. They were Brother John Rogers and Brother Roger Bacon. We will be having a special Prophetic Conference November 8 through 11. Guest speaker will be Rev. William Randolph of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship, Dresher, Pa.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH --
Our pastor, Rev. Max Deffenbaugh, was placed in the Acute Care Unit of the Medina hospital. This was on September 14. He was kept there for a period of five days. The problem was his heart. He has been placed on a limited work schedule. We covet the prayers of our O.I.B. readers for his complete recovery.

MINDFORD, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH --
We held our all-church picnic October 3rd. On the night of October 11th, our young people were in charge of the evening service. This was called "Youth Night".

MONTPELIER BAPTIST CHURCH --
We appreciated having "the Millards" with us on September 27. Also, Missionary Edie Phillips (ABWE-Bangladesh) spoke here. We had a great time on our all church hayride. We praise the Lord for the continued growth being evidenced in our church. God is blessing especially through our visitation program.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH --
Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative for our GARBC, ministered to us September 13 - 15.

NORTH JACKSON, BAILEY ROAD BAPTIST --
We were led in a Spiritual Life Conference September 13 through 17. Guest evangelist was Brother Joe Halsey. Our people presented Patsy King with a gift of \$2,230.00. Our goal had been set for \$2,000. The giving went over and above!

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH --
In September, we held our Labor Day Picnic, had Brother Bill Dooley (ABWEChile) speak to us, enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Marvin Werbeach of Rittman, Ohio, and held a Special Church dinner. It was a busy month! Too, we appreciated the ministry of Rev. Paul Tidball. Our choir presented a mini-cantata that was greatly enjoyed.

NORWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH --
Col. Jack McGuckin, former missionary pilot with Wycliffe Bible Translators in South America spoke here. Spurgeon Baptist Bible College's president - Dr. John Polson, told us about their school in Mulberry, Florida. Nov-

ember 4 through 8 are the dates of our Second Annual Faith Promise Missionary Conference. Speakers include Rev. Joel Kettering and Rev. Ron England (both of BMM) and Miss Marilyn Dunn with Trans World Radio.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH --
We held our Annual Missionary Conference October 25 - 28. On November 1, Brother Rudy Atwood presented a piano concert. Our ladies will be holding a Fall Banquet on November 7. We plan to have our Holiday Family Musicales December 19 and 20.

PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH --
Missionary Lenore Cates (Great Britain--BMM) spoke here in September. We held a special

celebration for our pastor, Rev. Robert W. Belt, on November 1 through 6. Guest evangelist is Brother Hank Haubold. Missionary to Australia under BMM, Brother Bert Kinsey was with us October 21.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH --
Our special meetings with Evangelist Bob Smith were held October 25 through 30. Our pastor, Rev. William Moser was one of the speakers at our 54th annual OARBC conference held in Dayton, Ohio. On November 1st, we enjoyed a "Men of Praise" Concert.

STRUTHERS BAPTIST TABERNACLE -
Missionary Audrey Jackson was with us recently. The ministry of Dr. Gerald Smelser of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission proved a blessing.

STRYKER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH --
Rev. Larry Engle, pastor of the Graham Road Baptist Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, ministered here October 4 through 7.

TALLMADGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH --
We recently viewed a missionary film entitled - "A Voice In The City."

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH --
Miss Phyllis Bancroft (BMM-Africa) presented an interesting account of her work. We were blessed, too, through the ministry of Dr. James Jeremiah, Chancellor of Cedarville College, when he ministered here October 25 through 28.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH --
A "Balanced Evangelism Seminar" was held in late September. This was especially for pastors. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet October 23. Mrs. Pat Dixon was guest speaker at this occasion. The GARBC Anniversary film is to be shown at our church on November 11.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH --
Brother Pete Mothershead from the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio spoke at our Fall Enrichment banquet. Brother Dave Moody (ABWE-Togo) ministered here September 27. Also, we have had Brother David Haas of the Bible Club Movement. We will be holding a Faith Promise Missionary Conference November 6 through 8.

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH --
Rev. Willis Hull, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio led us in special meetings October 4 through 9. Missionary Ed Wilt (FBHM-Dalton, Georgia) told us of his work. This was on October 25. A special conference was held October 30 through November 1 with Dr. John Whitcomb, Professor of Old Testament at Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, as guest speaker.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH --
We held a Dedication Sunday on September 6. The very next Sunday it was our privilege to have Missionary James Wooster with us. On October 11 we had a representative from the Gideon Bible Society. The ministry of Dr. Gerald Smelser on Sunday, October 18 proved a blessing.

XENIA, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH --
We were led in special meeting by Chalk Artist/Evangelist Mark Gove. This was October 24 through 28.

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH --
Evangelist John Canine was guest speaker for our Evangelistic services. These were held October 25 through 28. We rejoice in what is being accomplished through our church and our Xenia Christian Day School. God is richly blessing!

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Hidden Chinese Church Is Found!

Now that the students have returned to Cedarville College an interesting story has surfaced from the college's China Team. The following is an interview Public Relations Director Ron Coriell had with Dr. Dwayne Frank, professor of Asian studies at Cedarville College.



Dr. Dwayne Frank, professor at Cedarville College, shared Christ with numerous Chinese people this past summer. He led a team of 19 faculty and students to the Communist nation of almost one billion. Twenty-six souls were saved and 600 Bibles were given out.

- Coriell: "Dr. Frank, how many college people went this past summer to Communist China?"
- Frank: "Ron, there were 19 from Cedarville including past and present members of the women's basketball team."
- Coriell: "I understand this is the second team to be sent to China. How were they sent out?"
- Frank: "The group is only one team of several that were sent around the world as part of the college's unique Missionary Internship Program. Each person raised his own support. The cost this past year was \$2,850 apiece."
- Coriell: "What is unique about M.I.S.?"
- Frank: "Well, there are three aspects: our people are trained ahead of time, our selection process rivals that of some mission boards, and the college stands behind the group financially to meet bills when support has not yet come in."
- Coriell: "Oh, let's get to the actual trip. How long were you in China and where did you go?"
- Frank: "Our total stay was 19 days. We visited six major cities including Peking and Shanghai. We also viewed the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs."
- Coriell: "I'm sure you didn't go just to sightsee."
- Frank: "That's right, Ron. We went to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in any way we could. We gave out 600 Bibles and met with 'underground believers.'"
- Coriell: "Are Bibles allowed into China now?"
- Frank: "When we arrived, the authorities were really clamping down on such literature. We were told that it had been two months since any Bibles had gotten in. At customs, we prayed and asked God to help our 600 Bibles and other literature to escape the eyes of the customs agents. Then we were advised to spread out. To our horror, a Chinese official recognized us, gathered us together, and said, 'follow me.' Then he took us around all of the customs lines to a lobby on the other side. Not one of our bags was inspected. It was a miracle of God's protection!"
- Coriell: "You mentioned 'underground' believers."
- Frank: "Yes, we discovered pockets of folks who actually knew Jesus as Savior. Most had only one old tattered Bible to read, but they faithfully meet to worship. Of course, this is done secretly. They also are able to pick up gospel broadcasts from the Philippines and other Far Eastern nations."
- Coriell: "Isn't there a state approved church in China today?"
- Frank: "Oh yes, there is. Many pastors are born again, but they have compromised to the government over the years. Thus, the underground believers that we met do not trust them, but some still attend state churches."
- Coriell: "Why is that?"
- Frank: "They told us that although they do not agree with what the state pastor says, at least they get to sing the old gospel songs, hear the Word read, and meet other believers."
- Coriell: "Dr. Frank, are these believers being persecuted today?"
- Frank: "Absolutely. On our first trip in 1980 we heard about this in a roundabout way. But this second trip confirmed our suspicions. One fellow I talked with told me a close friend of his used to actually beat up believers who had been rounded up and sent off to a commune. His friend later was saved and now deeply regrets his actions."
- Coriell: "How did your group witness to the people?"
- Frank: "Having the basketball team with us was a great help. Wherever we went, a huge crowd always gathered. You have to remember that China has almost one-billion people. They work five days a week and then have nothing to do for two days, so they get out and walk. Foreigners like us were a big, I mean BIG, attraction. Then, while most of our group was engulfed by on-lookers, a few of us would be free to share Christ with people. In some cases, we were able to witness one on one for hours. In other circumstances, we just gave out literature."
- Coriell: "Now that you are a veteran of these China trips, how has it affected you personally?"
- Frank: "Ron, I'll never be the same. I now pray differently, much more specifically. I can actually see in my mind's eye the souls that I am burdened for. And, I think that my prayer life is much less selfish."
- Coriell: "How do you think the Cedarville College students benefited?"
- Frank: "I'm sure their prayer life has been deeper, just as mine has. In addition, two young people have told the Lord they are completely open to becoming missionaries if that is His desire. One young lady has applied to return to China as an English teacher; and Myron Youngman, Campus Activities Director, is now studying Chinese at a university nearby."

Record Enrollment At Cedarville College

On October 1, Cedarville College held its first convocation to mark the beginning of the 1981-82 school year. A convocation is "a gathering" and this one brought out all the faculty and administrators in their finest academic regalia.

A record of 1662 students are on campus. "At a time when colleges are predicted to be on the decline," states President Paul Dixon, "Cedarville is growing against the trend." We have grown 29 percent in the last three years and have added 16 new full and part-time faculty this year. This past year we ended with a balanced budget; and five building projects that have been underway this summer are now near completion."

Dr. Dixon, indeed, has reason to be enthusiastic. Dormitories and classrooms are at a capacity and a 67,000 square foot Athletic Center is near completion. Programs like pre-engineering are being added. Recently, a \$150,000 grant was received from a major foundation in Ohio. This complements a recent Kresge Foundation challenge grant of \$200,000.

Students are returning with exciting stories of college organized missionary service around the world in places like China, Philippines, Brazil, and the European countries. "The feeling around here is that this is going to be an outstanding year at Cedarville College," reports Public Relations Director Ron Coriell. Some teachers may be disappointed when the vacation is over and the students come back, but it's not that way at Cedarville. The faculty and staff are ready and excited about this coming fall term. We believe that this will be the greatest year in the near 100-year history of the college.

- Coriell: "One last question. Dr. Frank, how can we pray for China?"
- Frank: "Pray for the believers. They need God's protection, Bibles, and gospel literature to use among their own people. And, believe me, souls are getting saved. The hidden church in China is growing. God help us to help them."

November Happenings At Cedarville College

- NOVEMBER 6,7 Swordbearers' Conference
7 The Hutsah Puppet Theater, THE HOBBIT
- 12-14 Fall Drama Production, THE MIRACLE WORKER
- 20-21 Cedarville Invitational Basketball Tournament
- 23 Brass Choir and Symphonic Band Concert

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Thanksgiving Food Ingathering

Regular Baptist Children's Agency (RBCA), St. Louis, Michigan, is in need of the enthusiastic support of our constituency churches and individuals to help once again in organizing and promoting the annual RBCA Thanksgiving Food Ingathering.

Since postage and distance are prohibitive and prevent many churches from having an opportunity to share in this ministry, we would encourage you and your church to become involved in the DOLLARS FOR DINNER project this Thanksgiving season. In lieu of or in addition to having an actual food ingathering for the RBCA, you may choose to contribute funds designated for the purchase of needed items and save the expense of delivery. Grocery lists, posters and promotional wrappers for soft drink cans or coffee can containers are being mailed to churches for use in collecting these needed funds and organizing this worthy home missions project.

Last year our food bill was reduced considerably because friends of the RBCA gave generously to help meet this need. Every dollar we do not have to spend for food and supplies can be used to provide a more effective program in meeting each child's special needs.

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If you haven't been to the Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary campus in the past couple months, you'd be amazed at the transformation that has taken place with the completion of the new library. Centrally located, between the Administration Building and the Multi-Purpose Building, the library ties together the entire campus -- not only physically but also as the hub of academic life. In addition to the stack area, and study carrels, the building includes a rare book/archives room, conference rooms, a board room, a children's literature room, and six classrooms. It was designed to eventually accommodate a

student body of 1200 and 120,000 volumes. The space alone seems like a luxury when one considers the fact

that our previous library had been built for 400 students and 25,000 volumes. However, by the time the new library became a reality, it was actually serving

a student body of nearly 950 and housing 56,000 volumes with another 12,500 in storage. The library was designed for increased efficiency, and it allows the nine full-time and 23 part-time support people employed there to offer many more services to students and other off-campus friends.

Not only is the new library an extremely functional facility, but it is also

a beautiful facility. The stack area features a dramatic two-story glass corner which provides for a lovely, panoramic view of the campus to the south and west. The glass corner features reflecting glass which tempers the sunlight, allowing for generous amounts of natural lighting in the interior of the building greatly reducing glare in the reading areas. The exterior brick was selected to blend harmoniously with the existing buildings.

All in all, the library stands out in every way as one more monument to God's goodness to us. It would not be a reality, though, without the generous gifts and faithful prayers of many friends. Thanks again to each of you who had a part in providing it. Be sure to stop on campus and take a tour of the building and become familiar with the services now available whenever you're in the area.

The dedication service for the library was held on Labor Day, September 7. Seven hundred students, parents, alumni and friends gathered to rejoice over what God had done and to set aside this facility to be used for God's glory. Dr. Paul Tassell spoke for the hour, reminding the audience of the importance of books and reading and of the impact that the printed word can have upon a life. It was an exciting hour commemorating another milestone in the life of Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary.

men joined the Development Department staff including Mike Oberlin who is working as a development representative and John Pearce who is working as a planned giving representative. In addition, alumnus and former Director of Student Affairs, Bill Kellaris, returned to campus in the position of Director of Alumni and Recruiting. These men are joined by new music faculty member, John Varineau.

Three others, though not new to campus, have taken on new responsibilities for this school year. Biology professor, Ray Gates, has assumed the additional position of coach for the women's basketball team. Don Elmer, who was already the assistant basketball coach, has taken on the responsibilities of coach of the cross-country team as well. These men are joined by Dave Devaney who will replace retired Nate Price as baseball coach this spring.

Missionary Paul Versluis has been appointed by Baptist Mid-Missions as Field Director for Bibles International. Bibles International is a Bible Society set up by BMM for the purpose of helping with the many Bible translation projects in which BMM is involved around the world.

Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College News

Every semester there is a Missions Emphasis Week on the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary. This year the week was expanded to include a selection of seminars, usually reserved for spring semester. Quentin Kenoyer, M.D. (Baptist Mid-Missions) was the chapel speaker in both college and seminary chapels. He also led two of the seminars related to missionary health and missions in the Far East.

Others involved in the four-day program were: Rev. and Mrs. Eric Elmer of BMM in Central Africa Republic, Rev. and Mrs. Stan Brittain of BMM in England, Rev. Carson Fremont of ABWE in Hong Kong and Rev. David Smith, Director Galilean Baptist Mission.

The 1981 fall semester at Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary brought with it several new additions to the faculty, staff and administration. Three



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

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

In this ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS article, I would like to take the opportunity to commend publicly our beloved Brother and Sister, Don and Lois Moffat, for the great contributions they have made to missions. Your writer has met many of the Lord's servants during his thirty-two years in the ministry, but I have yet to see anyone who exhibits any more love and grace than this couple.

Don and Lois have brought untold blessings to the mission fields of the world. They have been generous in sharing the varied talents God has been pleased to give them. On behalf of the GARBC-approved mission agencies, I say, "Thank you, Don and Lois, for your love and friendship. We who are directly involved in missions appreciate your great heart for this ministry which is the heartbeat of our Savior."

Bangladesh is in the news again. This time, the item comes from ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM which, under the leading of the Lord, has established a strong work in that needy country. Bangladesh has proved to be a land where crises are the norm rather than the extraordinary. They have come in such forms as illness, personnel shortages, weather-related and governmental restrictions. ABWE's Field Council has come to the conclusion that top priority must be given to the training of national leaders for the churches of Bangladesh. Thus the formation of the BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE OF BANGLADESH is now a reality, with the timing and courses adjusted for the students. The training school has become a total field project. Some of the missionaries are more gifted to write material for teaching, and they have set aside other projects to spend many hours on research, translation and formulating courses. One course is given over a two-week period. After each course is taught at Malumghat (the site of the Memorial Christian Hospital), it is then given the next two weeks in the port city of Chittagong where ABWE missionaries also have a ministry. Most of the key national men are studying in this program. Dr. Richard Stagg taught the first class on the book of Romans to an enthusiastic "freshman" class. At first the students were horrified at how much they had to learn; but as they settled into the pace, they became excited about the program and worked very diligently. One of the students wrote on his application, "I am so glad that I can learn to be a true disciple of Christ. I want to use this training to go back to my village and build up a group of believers into a local church." May this be a reality! Please pray for God's blessing upon the ministry of the BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE OF BANGLADESH.

The local church is God's instrument through which the great Commission is carried out. It has a unique ministry in missions in that it has the responsibility of sending out those whom the Holy Ghost calls. BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS recognizes the sovereignty of the local church and its God-given responsibilities. The only reason for the existence of the Mission is to be of service to churches. A missionary is not only sent out by the local church but his sending church is also the final voice of authority in his regard.

For additional input from the churches, the Deputation Department of Baptist Mid-Missions has supplied missionaries in deputation with a form called the Deputation Presentation Evaluation. This information sheet is to be filled in by an authorized person of the church. Usually, pastors complete the report. They can comment on such areas as personal appearance, attitude, presentation, general reaction of the church, financial support possibilities as well as any other observations. This report form from the churches has brought a tremendous response. The information has been helpful and the opportunity for input appreciated by the pastors.

A sample comment is as follows: "Unique approach to his mission work was very refreshing and he communicated it to our church very well. Our people responded to his presentation favorably." This church is already supporting the missionary couple.

When we talk about missions, we're talking about people. They are God's method of carrying out His work. He has no other plan but to use people and that is why each person called to be a missionary is so vitally important to Him. Baptist Mid-Missions endeavors to cooperate with churches in helping to send out these valuable servants.

Spurgeon Baptist Bible College News

New in the curriculum this fall at Spurgeon Baptist Bible College are the Monday modules. Among the classes being offered, the "Ministry to the Deaf" is proving most popular.

The year appears to have gotten off to a great start. Spirit and enthusiasm are running high among students from many states - from Washington to Texas; from Michigan to Florida, - all with one great purpose, - to prepare to better serve God and country.

New faculty members and their assignments include: Mrs. Judy DesCombs, teaching Christian Ed. courses and serving as dean of women; Dr. Jack McCurry, teaching psychology and counseling courses; Mrs. Patricia Polson, conducting the deaf ministries classes; Mr. Glen Stewart, teaching apologetics; Mr. Warner Knight in charge of Language Arts; and Miss Darla Forbes, bookkeeper.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
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Collegians Brass Quintet

During its fiftieth year of training young people for the Christian ministries, Baptist Bible College and School of Theology is being represented by the Collegians Brass Quintet. The Collegians, who began their ministry on May 22, are not attending classes during this academic year, but are traveling for the school on a full-time basis.

By traveling throughout the school year, the quintet will be able to participate in many pastors conferences, youth retreats and youth rallies that are not held during the summer months. In addition, they will have the opportunity to spend much of their time with young people in Christian schools.

Members of the Collegians include Greg Allen, trumpet, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; Peter Dodd, French horn, Binghamton, New York; Randall Fagan, pianist, Butler, Pennsylvania; Rollin Howard, tuba, Newark Valley, New York; Jonathan Rust, trumpet, Elk Rapids, Michigan and Kenneth Spink, baritone horn, Belfast, New York, Jonathan Rust, trumpet, Elk Rapids, Michigan and Kenneth Spink, baritone horn, Belfast, New York. Jonathan's wife, Marilyn, who is a 1980 graduate of the music program, is also traveling with the group. Peter, Randall, Rollin, Jonathan and Kenneth are all graduates of the College. Greg has completed two years of study.

Blessings Realized At S.S. Conference

"Totally fulfilling!" "A good day well spent!" "Well organized!" - "Super!" - "A shot in the arm!" - Such were the comments concerning the Second Annual Sunday School Conference held at the First Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio. Host pastor.

Over ninety laymen and pastors enjoyed the inspiration and teaching of the day which was provided by: Dr. Merle Hull of the Regular Baptist Press, Miss Jean Fisher a professor at Cedarville College, Brother Ken Dady of Word of Life, and Rev. Richard Pettitt the pastor of the Findlay (First Baptist) church.

Dr. Hull's comment concerning the conference were: "Well planned, well conducted fine programming and excellent interest."

A special thanks to Dr. Hull and to the teachers and pastors who came. Some came quite a distance.

The folk at First Baptist are looking forward to their Third Annual S.S. Conference which will be held Saturday, September 18, 1982. Brother Dan Gelatt, Senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Indiana and his assistant in Education, Mr. Dan Friesner, will be the featured speakers. Readers of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST are invited to put this conference in their schedule for 1982.

Now Serving At Frazeyburg Church

The Fallsburg Baptist Church of Frazeyburg, Ohio has called Rev. Maynard W. Waterman to be their new pastor. He started his ministry there on Sunday, August 20.

Brother Waterman received his training for the ministry through Moody Bible Institute, the American Bible College and the International Bible Institute and Seminary of Florida.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1950. His ministry has been primarily in New York state, having served four different churches there. His most recent pastorate, where he served eight years, was the Thurman Baptist Church of New York. While serving there, at the same time, he pastored another work-the Knowlhurst Baptist Church of Stoney Creek, New York. This latter work he was able to lead into our GARBC.

Pastor and Mrs. Waterman have five children. The three oldest are married. There are six grandchildren. Their son, Daryl is a graduate of Cedarville College. He is presently assisting his father in the Fallsburg church as Youth Pastor and Choir Director. Their youngest daughter, Vicki is a Junior this year at Cedarville College.

A New Director Of Development



Mr. James Courey

Baptist Bible College has recently named Mr. James Courey as their new Director of Development. He comes to the College with ten years of experience in the development field.

We welcome our brother and his family to Ohio and in particular to our OARBC fellowship. Our prayer is that the Lord will richly bless his ministry there in Frazeyburg.

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"I Lost A Friend!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Generally - each month - we run, as a missionary emphasis, our "Stories That Tell" by Dr. V. Ben Kendrick of Baptist Mid-Missions. This month we have been led to share a recent form letter received from Dr. and Mrs. David Seymore. They are medical missionaries serving the Lord under BMM in N'Gaoundere, Camerouns - Africa. This is a moving account of God's working in that needy part of the world. Missionaries and the people with whom they work - NEED OUR PRAYERS!

I've just lost a friend! A praying friend! A brother-in-Christ! A father of seven which illustrate our situation here.

As I've thought over the experience with Jacques, I thought I would share it with you -- our prayer supporter -- because there are so many facets of this story which illustrates our situation here.

The story of Jacques is true and could be multiplied an hundred-fold here at Koumra and I am sure many thousands of times in many other places of the world.

Jacques, when I met him, was on the work crew - a thin, average build, slightly stooped Chadian who was hesitant in manner but a hard worker. It was but a few weeks after our arrival - that in the heat of a late morning work effort, he had a typical epileptic seizure. Burn scars on his body testified to many previous attacks. He had seizures in church, on the job, but he kept working for he was a conscientious worker. As we got better acquainted, there was only one characteristic which made it difficult to treat him - he would never ask for more medicine when what we had given him was finished - always protesting that he hated to bother the Doctor.

Jacques married Pastor Mounta's lovely daughter, Lea, despite the hostile protests that no one should marry a sick man. Lea, herself, must have seen good qualities despite his handicap of epilepsy and they trusted their life together to God.

Last week at the funeral, Pastor Mounta gave testimony to the fact that his son-in-law had been a faithful husband, a good provider, and that God had blessed with seven children. He spoke as a truly proud grandfather.

Because Jacques was almost constantly under medical care, we developed a friendship which we both seemed to appreciate. Back many years ago now, I had a work crew helping me put up a radio antenna. It was made of galvanized piping. Faulty leverage allowed the uppermost eighteen foot segment of piping to fall to the ground - missing my head by inches. We thanked God then and there for His protection. When we resumed our efforts, Jacques was nowhere to be found. Later when asked, he replied that he had been on his knees at church thanking God that Doctor had not been hurt.

Hard times fell on our Chadian Christians in '73 - '74 - the hospital was closed - medicines to Christians were denied as a part of the overall persecution. Jacques stood firm in his faith but without medication, he had three or four convulsions a day.

The hospital reopened in '75 - medicines became available again. Jacques's convulsions almost disappeared and he joined the hospital work crew as laundryman.

Again, Chad fell on hard times - Civil War this time! With our difficulties in the Chad, some of the work crew were given enforced vacations until our financial situation could be re-established. Jacques just could not understand why he should be let loose for awhile. It is sort of hard to explain to a man who has seven children to support that he has to take an enforced vacation with no pay due to difficulties beyond the control of any of us. Jacques became bitter and was not hesitant to decry the present difficulties and clamor

for the "good old days."

Things reached a climax one Sunday evening when Lea came to report that Jacques had five convulsions that day - couldn't something be done? Forgive him for his bad talk - do something for us! We helped both medically and financially from our personal stocks, but epilepsy demands specific medication, and that specific medication had had not yet arrived - so our help was minimal.

Then some small packages arrived from the Home Office in Cleveland. Praise the Lord! Before that day was finished, you may be sure that Jacques was on his medication again. The convulsions stopped and he was able to resume his gardening. He ran out of medicines on a Thursday (unknown to us.) He told a friend, who told us later, "I just didn't want to bother the Doctor." Three days later - a cool night - a small fire in a tiny mud hut with a grass roof and smoked-filled to keep away the mosquitoes, Jacques had a massive convulsion which threw him into the fire and before anyone could do anything, his legs were hopelessly charred. By the time I saw him the next day, his burns were bandaged and with his shy, rueful smile said, "Doctor, I got burned."

We later learned that with the premonition that some have, Jacques and Lea both felt he was going to die. We have many burns at the hospital but when I saw his burns, I told Lea that we'd have to take off his right leg and amputate his left foot. We scheduled it that very night. Already he was showing beginning signs of tetanus. Unhappily, the medicine we sent for arrived a few hours too late.

Had I taken the legs off earlier.....
Had the anti-tetanus medicines arrived sooner

Had he asked for his epileptic medicines which were there for the asking

The "bottom line" is: I lost a friend. Heaven gained a stalwart.

I have a family of seven and a young widow to help.

In Him,
Ruth and Dave Seymour

Church Calls New Pastor And Celebrates 140th Anniversary



Rev. Alan Beal

On September 16, 1981, the Ambrose Baptist Church, Fayette, Ohio, extended a call to Rev. Alan Beal to become the pastor of the church. His first Sunday was September 27, 1871.

Rev. Beal moved to Ohio from Wilmington, Illinois. This is his fourth pastorate, the previous ones being in Illinois and Iowa. He also has taught in a small Bible College in Kentucky. His wife, Velva June, was a former missionary in Kentucky under Baptist Mid-Missions. They have one son, David.

Pastor Beal received his schooling at Western Illinois University, Omaha Baptist Bible College (now Faith, Ankeny), and Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Beals had the privilege of helping the church (Ambrose) celebrate its 140th Anniversary on the 4th of October. Two previous pastors were present for the celebration, Rev. John Warren and Rev. Reginald Shepley, who pastored the church 53 years ago. Also, missionaries Eunice Stowell, and Rev. & Mrs. Dallas Hyatt were present and helped to make this a very joyous occasion. There were many former members and friends at the services. One member of the church, George Barnes, has been a member for almost half of those 140 years.

On October 18 a special memorial plaque was given to Miss Eunice Stowell for her 43 years of missionary service in Africa and France.

Sweet Sixteen Surprise Party

The Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Ohio recently surprised their pastor and his wife - Rev. and Mrs. Homer Graven - with a "Surprise Sweet Sixteen" party. This was in recognition of their 16 years of faithful service.

The Lord has indeed used our brother and his wife in ministering to these people. Only recently the church building has been renovated. It looks beautiful!

Great things have been done through the years. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to keep His hand of blessing on these dear folk - pastor and people!

25 Years by Faith!

The NORWOODBAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (Norwood Baptist Church, Rev. Lee Fullmer, Pastor) celebrated "25 Years by Faith" on the weekend of September 25 through 27.

A RALLY was held Friday evening, September 25. This was a time of thanksgiving to the Lord for the many blessing received through these years. Many things have happened since the school's beginning. Hundreds of children have received their training and have entered all walks of life! Dr. Mitchell Seidler, former Pastor and Founder was the featured speaker for this occasion.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening, September 26 at the Norwood High School. This was well attended and Dr. Seidler was again the main speaker for the evening. He also spoke at the Sunday services.

It was a wonderful weekend - one filled with a true spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Truly, the Lord has done great things!

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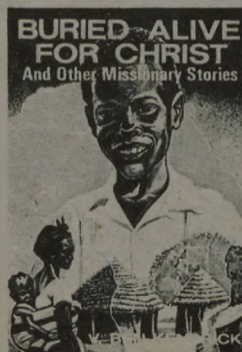
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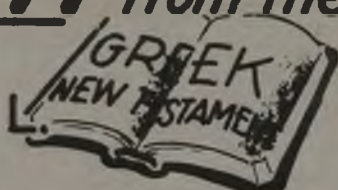
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Standing Fast

It is essential in such days as these that the people of God give full attention to standing fast in connection with the faith which they profess. The perils are many, the pressures are severe, the enemies of the Gospel are many and active, and the opposition against the true church is intense. Hence the duty of local churches, Christian people and their leaders is clear, and is expressly set forth in the N.T. Scriptures as "Stand fast!" There is no option or alternative. This is the word of God to His people in such a time as this.

There are several outstanding passages in the N.T. Scriptures which instruct Christians as to their duty of "standing fast," and in each passage the verb is the same: steko, "stand, stand fast." The word occurs infrequently in the Papyri, and only a few times in the Septuagint Version. It is peculiarly a N.T. word, and occurs in several passages which are particularly significant and expressive as to our "standing fast."

1. In 1 Cor. 16:13, the people of God are commanded to "be watchful, stand fast in the faith, act like men, be strong." Four imperatives mark this verse, co-ordinated by the need involved. All have a military character, and are all present tenses to express continued action. We must keep on being watchful, be not careless, keep our eyes open against enemies, hostile influences, subtle endeavors of Satan. And such watchers are always ready to raise the alarm against danger. With such a watchful eye as this, we "stand fast" (stekete) in the faith. This charge is directed against wavering, doubt, uncertainty, insensibility to spiritual dangers, and against retreat from the truth. We stand fast, not like dead posts driven into the ground, but as living trees with their roots fixed permanently in the ground and ever growing deeper. And as we stand in the realm of faith, we keep ever growing in that realm. Therefore - stand!

2. In Gal. 5:1, believers are admonished to stand fast with respect to the freedom for which Christ has set us free. Our blessed Lord set us free from all legalistic religion, from slavery to sin, and from the power of the prince of this age, so that we might have, maintain, exercise, and enjoy this freedom. This admonition reaches back to Abraham and Isaac, as the context shows, and strongly urges us to stand fast in the freedom Christ has won for us, and never to be drawn back into the slavery and bondage of this world-order.

Stand fast (stekete) ever and always! For freedom Christ saved us! For everlasting release from the bondage of the world's yoke, from death and hell the Lord has set us free. Shall His blessed act be annulled? Will this freedom be lost again by us? Never! Then let us stand firmly in this blessed freedom and keep clear of anything in the nature of slavery. Stand! And fight against the paganism and liberalism that would force their bondage back upon us if they could.

3. In Phil. 1:27, believers are admonished to stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel. Because there are so many enemies all about us, and because the opposition against the true church is so vicious and severe, the people of God must "continue firm, keep standing (stekete) and hold their ground." Keep standing even in the face of the worst opposition, and stand "in one spirit" - that is: in the unity of spirit in which the members of good local churches should be linked, fused, and blended. To "stand for the faith" in

such a way demonstrates that temper and disposition which fill the minds of the Christian members. It is a unity and oneness of spirit that is produced by oneness of spirit that is produced by the Holy Spirit with the Word of the Lord.

But the "standing in one spirit" is not a standing still like cold stones. It is standing firmly, holding our ground, and striving for the faith of the Gospel, fighting the good fight of faith. Striving together for the faith means strenuously opposing all those numerous enemies who would wreck and destroy the faith, i.e. the Gospel Cause. There are many adversaries of the true Christian faith today, and our duty is to stand unitedly against them and strive together for that precious faith.

4. In Phil. 4:1, Christians are charged to stand fast in the Lord. Reaching back and gathering up the context as to our belonging to the heavenly commonwealth and living down here in the world-order as citizens of that heavenly commonwealth, and looking for the return of our Lord and Saviour, believers are to "stand fast" (stekete) in full fellowship and communion with that great Lord and Saviour. The thought continues from 1:27, through 3:20-21, and here. Stand fast in the Lord is especially effective after 3:20, "the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

We must stand, stand firmly. Do not let yourselves be moved by errorists, modernist critics, speculative theories, or by disunity. Some are swayed by every new wind of doctrine, others grow lax and drift away of their own accord, still others become dissatisfied and give the ear to self-righteous, pandering talk, and some do not yet know how to stand with firmness. But it is the one thing that all true believers need to do.

5. Again, in 1 Thess. 3:8, Christians are admonished to stand fast in the Lord. This is a striking statement from the standpoint of Paul: "For now we live if ye stand fast (stekete) in the Lord." The figure is a strong one. Paul says: "Now you can see how we are so greatly affected, and comforted, and benefited, and what all this means for us, if you stand fast. It means that now we live if you keep standing fast in the Lord. If the Thessalonians had failed, if the church had broken apart, if believers had not stood fast in the Lord, it would have been like a death-blow to Paul and his associates. The unfaithfulness of Christians would have been as though fatal to them.

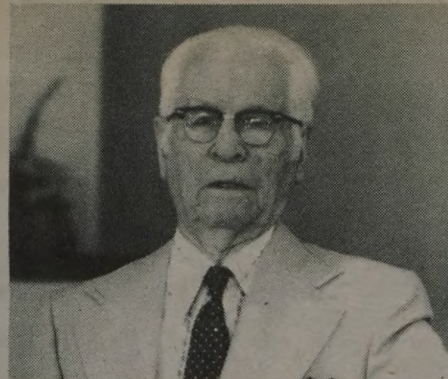
But "if ye stand fast and firm, unshakable in the Lord," then all is well. May the Lord help us in this generation to stand firmly in the realm of the revelation of our blessed Lord, with faith that cannot be shaken or broken, or moved, or changed. This continuous standing fast in the Lord means so much to faithful leaders in the churches. It means that faithful servants and leaders and teachers go on living in the fulness of joy and confidence and gratitude because the people of God are maintaining their standing fast in the Lord.

6. In 2 Thess. 2:15, the people of God are commanded to stand fast and hold the truths they have been taught in the Word of God. This is both timely and extremely important. In accord with all that vss. 13-14 concerning the blessed state and prospect of true Christians, and in the light of all that we know from this Epistle and the rest of God's Word about the Lord's second coming, and about the dreadful apostasy spreading everywhere across the world, and the appearance of the antichrist after the removal of the true church in the rapture - the one thing we must keep doing is to keep standing fast and holding fast to those great verities we have been taught from the Word of God, and which we know to be true.

Believers everywhere must cling to the great truths of the Scriptures as they have come to us through the writers chosen by the eternal God to make them known. They are the words of Almighty God. Courageous, manly standing fast (stekete) coupled with strong, faithful holding to the truths of God must constitute the response of Christians to this charge to stand.

And Romans 14:4b states: "for God is able to make him stand!" Apply this to your faith.

Two Special Events!



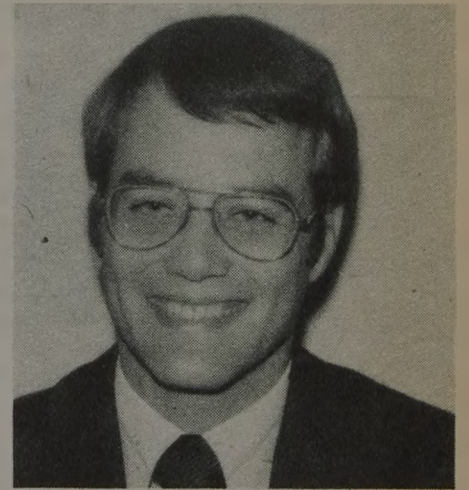
Mr. Harlie Stevick

Sunday, September 13 was the 11th anniversary of the Beth-el Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio. The pastor of the church, Rev. Walter Spieth, informed us that the guest soloist for this special occasion was Brother Harlie Stevick.

Brother Harlie celebrated his 89th birthday on September 15. He and his beloved wife live at 803 Washington Avenue in Elyria. They attend the services at the Beth-el Baptist Church as health permits.

Some of us "old-timers" (like your O.I.B. editor) can remember back - years ago - when Harlie Stevick was the song leader for our state OARBC and our national GARBC meetings. Through the

Oberlin Pastor Ordained To Ministry



Rev. Calvin Searles

The pastor of the Camden Baptist Church in Oberlin, Ohio, Calvin Searles, was publically ordained to the gospel ministry by the church on Sunday, October 11, 1981.

On Monday, October 5, a Council composed of twenty-six (26) pastors and sixteen (16) messengers met to examine and question Mr. Searles regarding his conversion, his call to the ministry and his views of Bible doctrine. Officers elected by the Council were: Rev. Walter Spieth-Moderator; Rev. Ralph Burns-Clerk.

Those participating in the Ordination Service on October 11 were as follows:

1. Rev. Kenneth Nelson, Oberlin, OH (Charge to the Church)
2. Rev. Kenneth Nelson (Charge to the Candidate)
3. Rev. Harold Green, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio (Sermon)
4. Rev. Kenneth Nelson (Ordination Prayer)
5. Music by Men's Quartet from the church and Mark Sigmon, Youth Pastor from Mishawaka, Ind.

Ralph O. Burns
Clerk of the Council

years they have served the Lord faithfully.

So - Congratulations to the Beth-el Baptist Church on their 11th anniversary and Happy Birthday to our friend and brother in Christ - Harlie Stevick!

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Chardon Church Holds Groundbreaking Service



A joyous occasion!

On Sunday morning, September 20, the Chardon Baptist Church of Chardon, Ohio officially broke ground for their first church. It is located at 363 Wilson Mills Road. The 40 by 80 foot structure will be on a rise of ground some 450 feet back from the street.

It will have a main auditorium seating 165, a nursery, and three classrooms. There will be parking space and a full wheel-chair access.

Hiawatha Baptist Mission builders will be doing the erecting along with the church people. Pastor of the church - Rev. DeFelice was a masonry contractor before being called into the Lord's service and will be actively involved in helping construct the building. The architectural work has been done by Brother Dean Tatum of the Hiawatha Baptist Mission.

Shown in the picture above are Chardon Baptist Church members as they gathered for the groundbreaking service. Reading right to left are: Rev. Ross DeFelice and Deacon Malcolm Maynard (holding the shovel) and Syia Kilko (one of the church's first deacons). In back of Pastor DeFelice is Deacon Paul Peterson and Rev. Ben Garlich (Huntsburg, Ohio).



Smoke Signals From The Scioto Hills Reservation

1982 RETREAT SCHEDULE

- Jan. 29-30 Junior Hi Winter Retreat -
Speaker, Dr. Don Callan
- Feb. 5-6 Senior Hi Winter Retreat -
Speaker, Mr. Tim Bosworth
- Feb. 12-13 College & Career Retreat -
Speaker, Rev. Jim Grier
- Mar. 5-6 Junior Retreat -
Speaker, T. B. A.
- Apr 3 - May 1 Men's Retreat -
Speaker, Dr. Ernest Pickering
- June 12
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- June 12 Family Day -
Speaker, T. B. A.
- Sept. 9 - 11 Ladies Retreat -
Speaker, T. B. A.
- Oct. 1-2 Couples Retreat -
Speaker, T.B.A.

1982 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

- June 14-19 - Junior
- June 21-16 - Junior Hi
- June 28 - Jul 3 - Junior
- July 5-10 - Senior Hi
- July 12-17 - Junior Hi
- July 19-24 - Junior
- July 26-31 - Thunderfoot Village Juniors
- Aug 2-7 - Thunderfoot Village Teens

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Rev. Ben Garlich delivered a message of encouragement and challenge to the congregation. His text was taken from the Book of Nehemiah. It was a great day - a blessing to all!

SIGNAL OF THANKS

Our signal of thanks comes to all of you who support us through prayer, physical help, sending campers, and for your financial help.

Because of your faithful support, we are praying that we will not have to raise the camper tuition fee in 1981. In order for us to do this we must sacrifice, and we pray that you will consider increasing your support or adding us to your budget. Remember, we are an arm of the local church, missionaries ministering to you and your people.

We believe we are here to minister to people and we do not want the cost to prohibit them from attending camp. Thank you for your help.
The Scioto Hills Board & Staff

"SEEING IS BELIEVING"

"To God be the Glory" for the great things He continues to do at Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp. This is the greatest year ever here at the Reservation. With winter, spring & fall retreats, work days and summer camp the Reservation will be used over 32 weeks this year. This is a 300% increase in usage in the past 5 years. As the camp is used, God is glorified through calling people unto Himself, changing lives, and giving people an opportunity for serving Him. "You must see it to believe it":

The addition on the trading post plus winterization.

The winterizing of the boys cabin. The double tennis court with fence. The 4200 sq. ft. in the Steed-McKeever Memorial Chapel.

The remodeling & winterizing of the dining hall.

And many exciting additions to the program.

This past weekend, Oct. 2-3, was our first annual Couples retreat. We see the importance of couples & families being

able to be together, spend time together, so our next project for the fall of 1981 will be Nee-Sha-na Lodge. This will be a 10 unit building for couples and families to stay together.

Continue to pray for the ministry of Scioto Hills. If you would like a camp presentation, please call or write:

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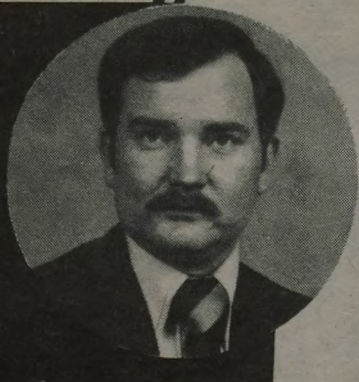
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