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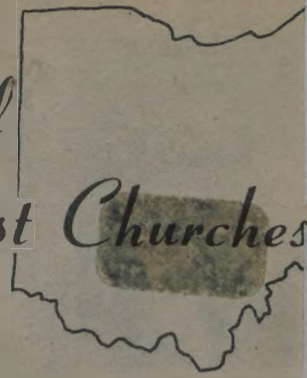
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It's Anniversary Time

April 4, 1982 - Wheelersburg Baptist Church Celebrated

One Hundred-Four Years

Of Service For The Lord

Twenty-Five Years

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS
DAYTON

Fifty-One Years

A Bible Conference was the emphasis for the week in celebrating the 51st year. March 7-14 found Calvary Baptist in Sandusky in conference with Rev. Donald George, pastor of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Vestal, New York, and Dr.



Calvary Baptist - Sandusky

Robert Gromacki, Bible Department Chairman of Cedarville College. Pastor George brought a series of messages Sunday thru Wednesday from the 23rd Psalm. Dr. Gromacki closed out the week with lessons from Revelation on the 7 letters to the seven churches.

Calvary Baptist held its first services on Sunday, March 8, 1931 under the leadership of the late Dr. Ralph Stoll. A group of believers, desiring to be free from the Northern Convention, met in the Old First Reformed Church. The men, along with Dr. Stoll, made their own blocks and constructed the new building at 1012 Columbus Avenue. The church remained at this location until the new building was completed at the present location - 1810 E. Perkins Avenue. The first services in the new building were held Sunday, November 22, 1970. Dedication Day was January 17, 1971 with Dr. Ralph Stoll being the guest speaker.

The present pastor, Rev. James Jeffery, began his ministry at Calvary on July 8, 1979. He and his wife, Alberta, have three lovely children. The church has

experienced steady growth under the ministry of Pastor Jeffery.

One of the highlights at Calvary these past months has been the starting of Grace Baptist Church of Port Clinton. This church began from a Bible Study Group from Calvary.

Calvary continues to trust God to do a work through them in the coming years as He tarries.

The motto for the year is "A WORK TO DO IN 1982." The verse for this year is I Thessalonians 1:3 - "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father."

"A monument to the grace of God," was Dr. Chuck Rhodes' (BMM-Central African Republic) description of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, March 6 & 7. Dr. Rhodes was one of many friends and former members who returned to Dayton for the anniversary weekend. "Our people came 'home' from Texas, Florida, Missouri, Iowa and seven other states," said Pastor Larry Fetzer, "to help us make this a memorable weekend." Dr. James T. Jeremiah, former pastor to many of the charter members, was guest speaker at the Saturday evening anniversary banquet and for the Sunday evening service.

"The greatest service we as a church can do is not to bring them in, but to send them out," said Pastor Fetzer in his challenge to the congregation. He noted that 25 people are in vocational Christian service as a direct result of the ministry of Washington Heights.

Displays of snapshots from the early years, a 25th anniversary pictorial booklet highlighting the history of the church, and a multi-screen slide presentation gave old and new members alike the opportunity to reflect on what God has done these 25 years at Washington Heights.

Thirty-One Years

Bible Mission Baptist-OTSEGO



Charter Members

Front Row: Mrs. L. McNurlin, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. M. Schlosser

Back Row: Mr. J. Hamilton, Mr. W. Hamilton

March 7th was the day that Bible Mission Baptist praised God for 31 years of ministry. The special-day speaker was Dr. Richard Stagg, missionary to Bangladesh, and an informal anniversary service was held at 2:30 in the afternoon following a fellowship dinner.

The first services were held on March 4, 1951 in a grocery store purchased for \$3,000.00. The church was organized on June 6, 1951. They were examined and recognized as a Baptist church on March 14, 1953 and accepted into the fellowship with the G.A.R.B.C.

The church has had four pastors; Jewellyn Thompson, Bert Kinsey, Norman Helfers, and presently, George Mett. Two men over the years have served as assistants; Jim Shaw and Keith Moore. Brother Kinsey, now a Baptist Missions missionary, a member of the church, led the music for this special anniversary Sunday.

Twelve Years

And

Dedication

Sunday, March 7 was a day of joy, thanksgiving, and dedication for Berean Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio. This day, Berean celebrated its 12th anniversary and dedicated the new building addition.

The morning message was brought by Dr. William Brock, State Representative of the O.A.R.B.C, and the evening message by Pastor William Moser, former pastor of Berean.

Berean Baptist is the outgrowth of a Bible Class taught by Dr. Brock in 1969. First services as a church began on March 1, 1970. Dr. Charles Reed, former assistant at Maranatha in

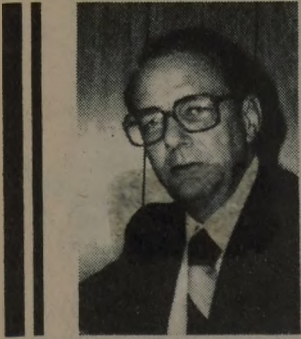


Berean Baptist - Marion, Ohio

Columbus, became pastor in September of 1972. The first building was dedicated in June of 1974, a classroom building was added in 1978, and now the size of the church has more than doubled with the new 10,000 plus square foot addition. Included in the new construction was an expansion of the auditorium, a fellowship hall, new foyer, nursery, library, offices, classrooms, teachers' lounge, and restrooms.

Berean Baptist began a Christian School in 1976 and has a current enrollment of 140 students in grades K - 8th.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - G.A.R.B.C. - DENVER, COL. - JUNE 21-25



The Representative's Spot

The Pastor And His Salary

I feel like that old song: "Fools Rush In Where Angels Fear To Tread." Maybe for the next few issues we should make that phrase the new headline for this column.

The Pastor's salary and income is a difficult subject. And, some will say, more difficult in these economic times. But I believe it ought to be looked at. More has been written on this recently than in previous days and possibly that is a good sign.

A number (both pastors and deacons) have asked me if I was considering a salary survey of pastors in our Ohio churches. I would like to do this but presently do not have it in the "hopper." I understand the Bethel Pastors' Fellowship is considering or already doing this with their group. Maybe they will give us their results as a beginning.

Many of our churches regularly review the pastor's salary and his benefits. But there are also churches that never do this. In fact, I know of two pastors at this time who have had no salary or benefit increase in the last five years. That is a sad commentary on those who claim to believe the Bible.

As I am writing this article, I received the current issue of the Michigan Association's monthly "Baptist Testimony." This issue contains the results of a music survey. These results came from 8 Midwest states and some 140 replies. Of the churches that had full-time music people, the average salary was \$16,500.00. This survey was not just from large churches. But that salary figure is interesting in the light of my knowledge of some pastors' salaries in a number of our Ohio churches.

Early in my ministry, I began teaching on the subject of pastor and people. In preparing these lessons, I naturally came upon Paul's word to Timothy:

"Let the elder which ruleth well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine."

In chatting with one who knew the original language well, he told me that "double honor" could be readily translated "double money." It is a material word. That is not our normal teaching or thinking. I believe it has some value.

Those chatting with me about pastor's salary often refer to furnishing a parsonage. That is part of his salary and rightly so. We have recently again been set to thinking about parsonages versus owning your own home. But that is another subject. Parsonage is part of pastor's salary but if so, let's consider. To be honest, a parsonage helps the church. For if a pastor leaves that work, the church still has the home. What does the pastor have to show for that part of his salary? (And those of you who know me know I am for parsonages). When he leaves that work, he has nothing to show for his parsonage benefit. If a pastor lives in the parsonage, so much each month should be set aside as a benefit to pastor for living in that home. This should be treated as a benefit (not necessarily given to him unless invested). Look at a simple example. Let's say a pastor lives in the parsonage for 10 years. The church sets aside \$100 or \$200 a month (that would be a small housing allowance today) as a benefit to pastor for living in the parsonage (remember, it was part of his salary). At the end of 10 years, if he is called to another work, he has \$12,000 - \$24,000 benefit to take with him. The church still has the parsonage. Let's be honest, the parsonage benefits the church. But it should also benefit the pastor. (You know he has to declare its value as income toward his self-employment tax?)

With the new I.R.S. rulings, the income of pastor will need to be looked at very carefully so that he is not liable for unnecessary income tax. Dear churches, let's take a look at pastor's salary, yes, all staff salaries. A church should not continue or prosper or high-light missions at the expense of pastor and his needs and yes, his future.

Now please don't write me about your pastor who is not worth the salary he is receiving. That is an entirely different subject (we may even speak to it in another issue). Few pastors are honestly overpaid.

We have said nothing about retirement or insurance or auto or clothing or children's education and all that is necessary for living and planning and so-called security. My dear reading friends, I am concerned about pastors who honestly are not living from a material, necessity standpoint.

I have had those in the last month tell me they did not know that their pastor had to pay self-employment tax out of his salary and also they did not know that he had to pay it in advance and quarterly.

Pastors are timid and reticent to talk about salary. They should not have to. We have sharp, honest business men in our churches who should be concerned about this and feel that responsibility to the Lord and His servant.

At a recognition council for a new church recently, in reviewing their proposed constitution, they had included this by-law:

"The pastor's salary shall be reviewed and determined at least once a year, with consideration also being given to rising cost of living."

May their Tribe increase!

Know Your Council



Paul Jackson

Secretary Council of 12

age 7. Mrs. Jackson is also actively involved in the ministry of the Grace Baptist Church.

Of his favorite verse, James 1:5 "...If any man lack wisdom..." he writes, "There are enough potential problems in the ministry without me being responsible in causing my own! My constant prayer is that God would give me what I do lack in myself and what He alone can give - Wisdom."

Last month the O.I.B. carried the exciting and encouraging progress of Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, in their new auditorium and building program which has progressed under the leadership of Pastor Jackson. Thus you can identify with him and his ministry in work and challenge in the Cedarville College community.

Of our state fellowship, Pastor Jackson writes:

"The fellowship of our state has proven to be a very special blessing for me and my family. While Ohio is my home state, I had been away for 10 years pursuing my training and then beginning my ministry in another state. As a young pastor in another state, I remember sensing a lack of fellowship and upon coming into Ohio, the warmth and acceptance and fellowship immediately made itself known and it has continued ever since."

Of his Council service:

"I consider the opportunity I have been given to serve the Lord and this state through the Council ministry a real privilege."

Now you "know" Pastor Jackson!

For 6½ years Paul Jackson has been pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio. This, of course, is a college-town church - and beyond that, the College is Cedarville College.

Pastor Jackson writes of desires or aims:

"Pastoring in a college community presents some unique challenges. It is not only my desire to spiritually feed our own church family and truly shepherd them in the way of God's Word, but also to minister to college students who worship with us and enlarge our ministry around the world through them as they come and go without forgetting that we have a community that desperately needs Jesus Christ as Savior."

Pastor Jackson is a native of Ohio. He graduated from Cedarville College in 1967 and from Grace Seminary in 1971. Before coming to Grace, he pastored the Faith Baptist Church of Plainwell, Michigan.

This is his second term on the Council of the Ohio Association and the second time he has had the responsibility as Secretary of the Council. This is a large task and as all of you know, takes writing, timely correspondence, and just a "lot of leg work." He has also served 6 years as a Trustee of Skyview Ranch.

Pastor and Mrs. Jackson (Grace) have two children: Julie, age 9, and Stephen,

William Abernathy

Treasurer Council of 12

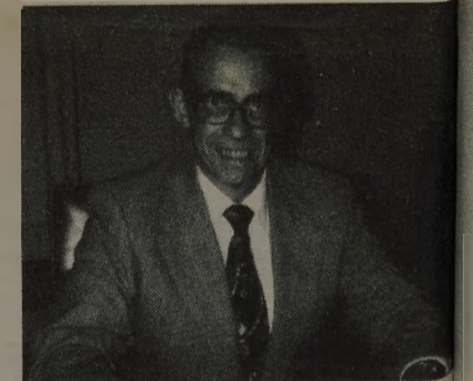
Thirty-five years as a pastor! That is the record of Pastor William Abernathy. He has been pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio for the past 13 years.

Brother Abernathy's work on the Council is rather a "misnomer." He is not "Treasurer of the Council." The Council has no money (all "poor" pastors). He is really Treasurer of the State Fellowship. In this capacity he is responsible for receiving all gifts to the association, the O.I.B., etc. - but not the camps. The Treasurer has a large task.

Pastor Abernathy was saved at the age of 13 through reading the Bible, specifically Ephesians 2:8 & 9. He graduated from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina and holds a B.D. and S.T.M. from Faith Theological Seminary. Previous to coming to Immanuel, he served in New Jersey, Delaware, and North Carolina.

Regarding his call to the Lord's service, "In my first year of college I was uncertain as to what the Lord wanted me to do with my life. Early in this year, I went through a crisis time in college when I was brought to the realization that my own plans and hopes were unimportant, the most important thing for me was to do the Lord's will, and His will for me was to enter the pastorate. Even though at that time I was in a liberal denomination and church, I am still very sure of this call. He has confirmed this to me in many ways..."

Of his wife, Shirley, he states, "Greatest wife and homemaker any pastor (or any man) could have." Mrs. Abernathy is active in counselling ladies and in the



Bible School children's department. The Abernathys have three children: Betty Ann, Mrs. Robert Allen, who lives in Gahanna, Ohio; Joy Elaine, Mrs. Thayer Bodenmiller (pastor of Midview Baptist in Grafton, Ohio); William E., a student at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary studying for the pastorate.

Brother Abernathy has served 8 years on the Ohio Council of 12 and also served in various capacities for 10 years on the Council in New Jersey. He was also Dean and Registrar of Cumberland Evening Bible School for four years.

His favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5 and his favorite hymn is "It Is Well With My Soul."

Simply and directly stated, Pastor Abernathy says of his desires and aims "to continue faithful in the pastorate until the Lord comes."

Each Council member is asked to give some thought regarding the O.A.R.B.C. "The O.A.R.B.C. has been a great blessing to me. I came from a state with a much smaller fellowship. I found brotherly welcome and a blessed fellowship. I had many blessings working with the men on the state Council."

Here is our Treasurer. Be sure you give support, etc. for the fellowship and O.I.B.

Pray for Pastor Abernathy, his family, his work, his service.

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Special "What A Fellowship" Service

Calvary Baptist Church, Lancaster is planning a special emphasis on Sunday, April 18, to make their members aware of the great family in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Pastor Kirby Lancaster will be preaching on the fellowship we have in Christ and among believers of like precious faith in the morning service. All music and special music will be centered around the "What a Fellowship" theme. Letters will be read from Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of G.A.R.B.C., Dr. Ernest Pickering, Chairman of the Council of 18 of the G.A.R.B.C., and Dr. William Brock, State Representative of

the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Information packets about the G.A.R.B.C. and O.A.R.B.C. will be handed out to every family present.

During the evening service, the film, "A Living Treasure" will be shown and the people encouraged to participate in the national, state, and local fellowship meetings as they are available as well as enjoying the regular distribution of the "Baptist Bulletin" and the "Ohio Independent Baptist."

This sounds like a unique, challenging, and worthwhile-copying idea.

And A Time Of Beginning

Grace Baptist Port Clinton

The Grace Baptist Church of Port Clinton held a Recognition Council on Saturday, March 6, 1982. Some 10 pastors and 20 plus messengers met on this day to examine the by-laws and Biblical standards of Grace Baptist. Upon unanimous recommendation, the council recognized the church as a duly organized Baptist church.

Grace Baptist began as a Bible class in June of 1979 in Catawba Island. Six attended the first class. Tom Alexander taught this class the first summer. Pastor James Jeffery of Calvary Baptist, Sandusky continued the class as an outreach of the Sandusky church.

The first meeting was held in May of 1980 in the afternoon in the gymnasium of Portage School. Pastor Jeffery shared the Word with 17 in attendance. However, services were not able to be continued, but the weekly Bible class with Pastor Jeffery did continue to meet.

Charles Alexander of F.B.H.M. continued the class until a missionary pastor was able to begin. In June of 1981, Pastor Paul Margraff, missionary under Hiawatha Baptist Mission came to the work.

In August of 1981, five acres of land was purchased with \$5000.00 as down payment. The land was dedicated in September of 1981. On September 25, Grace Baptist Church was incorporated and a full schedule of Sunday services began December 6, 1981. The culmination, of course, was the Recognition Council on March 6th.

They continue to meet in the cafeteria of the Portage School with attendance regularly in the 40's - Grace Baptist moves ahead!

Think Prayer

"Prayer is more than asking; prayer is taking. Prayer is more than pleading; prayer is believing. Prayer is more than words uttered; it is an attitude maintained. Whenever there is an awareness of need, that is an opportunity to let the heart, the thought, and the voice (whatever form prayer may take) lift immediately to God. Prayer is the expression of dependence which lays hold of God's resources for any need."

"Pray earnestly, sincerely, accurately, definitely, lovingly, trustingly, but pray. And remember that prayer is the simplest utterance of the heart, and that it is the laying hold of God's willingness, never the pressing of His reluctance. Take Jesus Christ not only to be your Master, but likewise your Friend, remembering that there can never come to you a darkness that He cannot make light for you, that there cannot be a weakness for which He is not able to give you strength, and that even in the depths of your greatest need, you cannot possibly want to come to Him so much as He wants to have you come."

"...ye also HELPING TOGETHER by

II Corinthians 1:11

PRAYER...

- Pastor Henry Halblaub - Stryker - Word received in coronary care unit in Montpelier
- Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries of Ohio - need of monthly support
- The new work begun at Wilkshire Hills - Pastor and Mrs. Les Wells
- The planning of new work to begin on the east side of Toledo
- The Springspiration at Cedarville College in May - The work of the Youth Committee and Larry Engle, Chairman
- It is not too early to begin praying for our Annual Conference in October at Immanuel in Columbus
- Our Camps - Patmos - Skyview - Scioto Hills

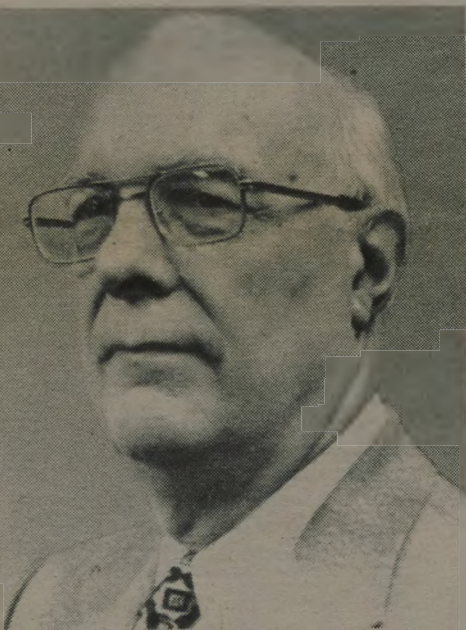
Promoted

Dr. Kenneth Muck, former President of Fellowship of Baptist for Home Missions, passed away on Friday, February 26, 1982. Grave side services were held in Lockport, New York on March 1st.

A Memorial Service was held on March 4th at the Abbe Road Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio. Participating in this service were Pastor James Turner, Rev. Austin Plew, Pastor William Davis, Mr. Myron Bieber, Dr. Charles Pausley, and Pastor Al Williams.

Dr. Muck, before accepting the presidency of F.B.H.M., pastored churches in New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Minnesota.

The following tribute was written by his grandson, Ron Phillips, graduate of Cedarville College and now attending graduate school at Ohio State University.



Dr. Kenneth Muck
April 16, 1912 - February 26, 1982

"In Loving Memory"

Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting?"

My grandfather died recently. Many of you knew him, for his tireless efforts in the work of his Lord carried him not only across the state, but also across the nation many times over. Dr. Kenneth A. Muck will be remembered by many as a pastor and as the second president of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, where he served for 18 years. But more than that, I am one of eight grandchildren who will fondly remember him as "grandpa."

If there was one characteristic that stood out to me about grandpa, it was what one theologian called his "sparkling sense of humor." It shone through both at home and in the pulpit. We always knew when he was up to something, though; he was no deadpan humorist. A twinkle in his eye and a devilish grin always preceded his wit. Over the years I met many people who knew grandpa, and they always lovingly described him as a character, recalling many ways in which he had touched their lives.

Visits by grandpa were always highly anticipated in our home. It was not because he was sure to arrive with an armload of gifts and surprises. He was never one to generously shower us with gifts. We looked forward to seeing him because he brought joy into our lives. As children, we would squeal with delight at the hand of his inevitably grandfatherly teasing. He would invariably greet us by sticking out his hand to shake hands, and we knew if we accepted the hand he would squeeze our little hands until he extracted the requisite plea for mercy. It was a trap we willingly fell into.

I knew grandpa was always very busy as president of FBHM. It seems ironic that his last words to me when I saw him last Thanksgiving were "Don't work too hard." But he never talked about his work or complained about his schedule while with the family. During the memorial service held for him, I marvelled again at his energy as fellow pastors

and co-workers told of the numerous times he left home or work at a moment's notice to help a soul in need or a struggling church.

During his life, he pastored six churches; First Baptist Church, Newfane, New York; First Baptist Church, Hamburg, New York; Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, Mass.; Ganson St. Baptist Church, Jackson, Michigan; and First Baptist Church, Rochester, Minnesota. From 1959 to 1963, while still in Rochester, he served both the church and F.B.H.M. until April, 1963, when he resigned from the church to become full-time General Director of FBHM. There he served until his retirement in 1977.

The word "retirement," in his case, is a misnomer. His "retirement" involved nearly 100,000 miles of travel, both preaching and filling two interim pastorate positions.

Grandpa's great recreational love was fishing. His annual summer vacations were spent in Canada, where the daily pressures were left behind in quest of Northern Pike, Walleye and Bass. These were wonderful family times together. As grandchildren, we were convinced that he was not only the best preacher in the world, but also the best fisherman. He seemed to take special joy (and patience) in teaching the grandchildren to fish. My brother recalls of those times, "Grandpa was a great man of faith who had a tremendous influence on my life. I will never forget the terrific times I had fishing with him. He always got a joyful look on his face when one of his grandchildren caught a little, slimy fish. He always said that he didn't catch very many because he felt that he should leave the fish for us kids."

The fishing trips, though, were only vehicles for family fellowship. We knew it was the family, not "the big one," that grandpa was interested in. My sister remembers being touched by his interest in her. She told me, "Grandpa was a fishman, not a swimmer, but he always took interest in us swimmers. One thing he always said to me after I went swimming was, 'Did you get wet today?' or 'Was the water dry today?'"

I also remember that after we had lunched on the morning's catch, grandpa would gather the family and lead the family devotions. It was always a challenge to catch more fish than grandpa, but we knew that catching men's souls, to which he devoted his life, was far more important. His life stands as a benchmark and a challenge to me to win souls for Christ. It was not the stars in the crown he was after, it was the fish in the net.

At his memorial service, I was impressed by the number of people who told me grandpa had performed their wedding ceremony. He officiated the wedding ceremony of my sister, the only one of the grandchildren to marry so far. I was touched, as I am sure Cheryl and her husband, Clyde, were, by the personal and sentimental remarks with which he concluded the ceremony. He was the first to kiss the new bride as the ceremony concluded. I consider it a loss not to have him here to perform my eventual wedding ceremony.

I also remember his wedding blooper. The first wedding I saw him officiate was of a family friend, a female, who had accompanied us on a family vacation in Canada. When he presented the newlyweds to the assembly at the conclusion of the ceremony, he introduced them by using the bride's family name rather than the groom's. So much for dignity! Not the kind of mistake that goes unnoticed, it brought down the house.

Grandpa died a slow, painful death. The cancer slowly ate away at his body, engulfing the hearts of his family at the same time. On Friday morning, February 26, at the age of 69 years, grandpa left his suffering and joined his Lord on high. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lila; a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn M. Phillips of Cedarville, Ohio; sons David W. of North Ridgeville, Ohio and Kenneth A. Jr. of North Adams, Michigan; eight grandchildren; and a brother, Dr. Webster C. Muck of St. Paul Minnesota. We will sorely miss him, but we remember him with joy, not with sadness, for his death was a sure victory. He will be remembered by many as friend, pastor, and a great man of God. To that list, I am privileged to add "grandpa." Praise God that we may look forward to a grand and glorious family reunion.

Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor

Personally Yours



Women, aren't they something! They have various moods and changing opinions. They like to be right just because they are right and they know it, sometimes without logical explanation. They like to rearrange furniture and wall hangings, change the color or redecorate a room. They like to test out new recipes on their families. When husbands or close friends think they have them figured out, women have the adept ability to throw a cloud over their range of vision, and they just thought they understood them. It is no wonder some would consider a woman to be a mystery, "something not understood or beyond understanding."

But when we consider the lady that has a personal and persuing knowledge of Christ in her heart and life, and is relying on His Word, we find there is an underlying foundation that will make her steady, wise, purposeful, kind, industrious, and not tossed about with circumstances. Her husband and those in close contact with her will "safely trust in her".

Personal fellowship with Christ will provide security, which is one of a woman's basic needs. This was brought again so close to me about a year ago. We were leaving our pastorate of twelve years, and the leaving of friends and home was weighing on my heart. While staying in a motel in Northern Ohio, my husband needed to be away for the morning, and I was alone. For a moment the circumstances of our life were almost overcoming. I had been reading through the Psalms, and picked up my Bible to continue. At the very onset of reading, the Lord took over and provided all that I needed, and He can do the same for you.

That morning I read Psalm twenty-three through Psalm thirty-two, in which time God showed me anew how personal He is.

- Psalm 23:1 He is my Shepherd - He will take care of me.
- Psalm 27:1 He is my Light - He is my source of truth.
- Psalm 27:1 He is my Salvation - He is my Preserver from destruction, my Redeemer from bondage.
- Psalm 27:1 He is my Strength - the power to grow and endure.
- Psalm 28:1 He is my Rock - means of safety and defence.
- Psalm 28:7 He is my Shield - protection or guard.
- Psalm 30:10 He is my Helper - He will assist me in making progress, He is my Succorer.
- Psalm 31:3 He is my Fortress - my place of security.
- Psalm 32:7 He is my Hiding Place - my covering.

If you will travel through the Psalms, there are many, many more references to our Personal God. The Holy Spirit provided through this time for me a strong sense of belonging, which covered me like a coat of protection. He wants to do the same for you.

We probably will still rearrange the pictures and the furniture. Our families will still be the guinea pigs for new recipes, etc., but we can be women who are known for the foundation that we have in Christ. He is our stay.

"THE LORD WAS MY STAY"
PSALM 18:8

Future Events

HEBRON FELLOWSHIP MEETING

First Baptist Church
Strongsville, Ohio
April 6, 1982

STATE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

First Baptist Church
Niles, Ohio
April 20, 1982

BETHANY WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Vienna Baptist Church
Vienna, Ohio
Speaker: Mrs. Joy Cuthbertson
April 27, 1982

CANTON AREA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Whipple Avenue Baptist Church
Canton, Ohio
Speaker: Dr. William Brock
April 27, 1982

WEST MORIAH WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Place: To Be Announced
Speaker: Miss Norma Nulph
May 18, 1982

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Cedarville College
June 4, 1982

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Retreat Schedule

SKYVIEW RANCH RETREAT September 9-11

Joyce Grodi, Chairman
4259 Wickford Rd.
Toledo, Ohio

SCIOTO HILLS RETREAT September 9-11 (Note Change)

Barbara Schumaker, Chairman
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SALT FORK FALL RETREAT November 11-12

Marcia Elmore, Chairman
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1981-82 WOMEN'S STATE PROJECT

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AT SKYVIEW BAPTIST RANCH
Millersburg, Ohio

ANNUAL STATE WOMEN'S SPRING RALLY

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-NILES, OHIO APRIL 20, 1982 10:00 A.M.

Theme: "Be Strong And Of A Good Courage" Joshua 1:8-9

Annual Election of Officers: Each church appoint 3 voting messengers.

Speakers: Miss Joy Spieth, Missionary to Brazil

Mrs. Marcia Elmore, Women's Editor, O.I.B.

Lunch: Host church will provide dessert and beverage if you desire to bring lunch, or lunch may be purchased in area restaurants.

Project Concern: To date we have just received \$913.81 toward the mattresses for Skyview Ranch.

Speaking At Spring Rally



Missionary, Miss Joy Spieth, will be speaking in the afternoon session of the State Women's Missionary Union Spring Rally. Joy received her Bachelor of Religious Education Degree from Baptist Bible College, Johnson City, now Clarks Summit. She then went on to receive the RN degree. After six months deputation, she was on her way to Brazil, where she has served two three and one-half year terms. Both terms Miss Spieth taught in the Baptist Seminary of the Amazon, Manaus, and served also as school nurse. The first term Joy was very instrumental in helping an established national church start a new local work, while the second term, along with teaching, she spent a large amount of her service in bookkeeping and business management.

Joy is making plans to return to Brazil in the Fall. She considers this thought to be her philosophy of life, "God's Call Is God's Enablement".

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Read any good books lately?

The Image Of Joy

Jeanette Lockerbie, Author

Do you often wonder why people aren't being drawn to Christ more readily? Does it seem the account of thousands saved in the Book of Acts is only history, not to be repeated?

Could it be, could it just be the image we as Christians are reflecting doesn't have any drawing power? Could the reflection be that of a 'joyless saint' as Jeanette describes in her book?

The Lord will challenge you as you read about the many attitudes, biased notions, etc. that affect the image of the Christian each person reflects. Jeanette's warm presentation of illustrations in everyday life will tug at your heart and cause a moment of retrospect in every chapter.

Quoting Mrs. Lockerbie; "Some miss out on the joy-filled life because they can't just simply accept this joy, this hallmark of a genuine Christian. Some rationalize or intellectualize Christ's promise; others spiritualize it, fearing to put it into practice, lest they portray a more joyful image than their own concept of Christianity will permit them to show. No wonder that, on occasion Jesus... would set a little child in their midst, for a child believes, a child accepts what Jesus has promised. Promises are for believing, and Jesus promised joy. ". . . Ask. . . that your joy may be full." (John 16:24).

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Taking A Look AT OUR CHURCHES

"Is Your Church Attractive?"

We told you in the last issue that this question would be our theme - you will probably get tired of reading it and hearing it. But I would like that to be the question all of our churches ask regarding everything going on in the church.

Let's start with the easy side.

Is your church attractive? - from the building viewpoint?

The first area people see when they approach your church is the building - no doubt, first the outside. Well, how does it look?

Probably (maybe not always) the place we cut expenses, budget, and work is in buildings. When money is not available, the building needs are first to be depleted. We just don't paint or repair or fix-up. But is this wise? I know what people say, "The building is not important." "If you love the Lord, you can fellowship in a shack." That's true - but if you have a building, what about stewardship of property, which is the Lord's and built with the Lord's money?

Let's just be simple. Is your building clean? Many churches I enter are not clean. That does not take much money, but it does take effort. How about the outside? Is it neat or is there "junk" sitting all over? Why? Is the grass cut? How about the paint on the trim and the eaves? Peeling? Paint is pretty cheap - labor can be free.

The second area people see is the entrance or the lobby. What does your church lobby look like? Cluttered? Probably if it is a normal Baptist church. Why? Ever look around the platform, pulpit, and instruments - piled high with books, etc.? Is that true in your church? What kind of an eye impression does that make?

Now some of you reading this will say we are "meddling." Friends, stewardship of property is important. Read your Old Testament. Many times those who neglected the material areas of the Temple were admonished. Buildings may not be necessary or important to us but if we have them, we have a responsibility to God and to His work and to preach to make them attractive, neat, and appealing. I find that money is not always the problem. It is just plain lack of planning or co-operation or willingness of God's people to see the importance of presenting the attractiveness of the Lord's work.

To those who come to church every week, probably the building does not seem important. But we need to be attractive to outsiders. I don't care if you meet in a store front, it can be clean and fixed up attractively.

Ever look at some of the things on the walls in classrooms and lobbies? Anything goes! Hanging off times a paper, hand-written sign instead of a nice permanent, attractive sign. What kind of impression do you leave with people with your office and the church office?

Well, we have asked a lot of questions.

One more - When I walk into your church will the building be attractive on the outside and the inside?

A Word About Pastor Switzer



Pastor & Mrs. James G. Switzer

Just December 20, 1981, the members of the Berlin Heights Baptist Church honored their retiring pastor and his wife with a fellowship time. As can be seen from the photo, the Switzers were presented with a hand-crafted quilt. Each square of the quilt in some way represented and was fashioned by a family that was part of the church. We regret the time element of the article but it just arrived at the O.I.B. As the member of Berlin Heights states, "We all join in wishing Pastor and Mrs. Switzer many more productive years in the Lord's service."

GIVING

A devout Christian lady had taught tithing to her family, and her teen-age son had a paper job earning approximately ten dollars. Each week he thankfully gave \$1.00 to the work of the Lord.

After a while, he got his first regular job which paid about \$100.00 a week. After two or three weeks, he said to his mother, "It was just for me to give \$1.00 a week to the church,

but when I tithe the \$100.00, I am giving \$10.00 a week; and that is hard for me to do - there are a lot of things I could do with that money."

So his mother replied, "I have a solution - let's pray and ask God to give you your old job back so you can easily and gladly pay the \$1.00 tithe."

As far as I know, the son never missed giving his tithe.

Pulpit Helps - AMG

THE BUTTON FAMILY FOR KIDS

by PATRICIA CONANT

The Easter Eggs

The eight-thirty bell rang, and seventeen kindergarteners rushed to their tables. The other four children in Mrs. Lear's class were trying to see what was in the big box on her desk.

"Suzy, Michael, James, and Lynn, please take your seats." Mrs. Lear called. "We'll all get to see what is in the box later this morning."

Suzy Button and her friends obeyed. Their teacher walked to her desk.

"Who can tell me what month this is?" she asked.

"Spring!" piped Dexter Wood.

Suzy muffled a giggle.

"You forgot to raise your hand Dexter," Mrs. Lear chided quietly. "The season is spring, Dexter. The month is April."

"Who can tell me what special day comes in April?" she asked next.

Suzy knew the answer and waved her hand.

"Suzy Button!" she called.

"Easter comes in April," said Suzy.

"That's right," said Mrs. Lear. "I have some very special Easter Eggs in my box for you to see."

The class watched as Mrs. Lear opened the big box. Suzy couldn't wait to see the beautiful eggs. She wondered if they would have designs on them or just be dyed with lots of pretty colors.

The box was opened at last, but the class was surprised to see two very plain, brownish colored eggs in a funny glass box with a light in the top of it.

"Those aren't pretty at all!" Suzy cried.

"Are we going to decorate them?" James asked.

"What's the light for?" Dexter added.

Mrs. Lear smiled. "Everyone listen to me." she said. "These are special eggs. We aren't going to color them. We're going to watch them. The light will keep them warm until something special happens to them. We'll just wait and see."

One morning, a week later, Suzy stood watching the small eggs with Dexter. Suzy thought she saw an egg move. Then she saw a tiny crack opening in it.

"Do you see that?" said Dexter. Suzy nodded, and they both ran to Mrs. Lear.

She called the children to gather around the box. They watched as the crack got wider, and out came a tiny white beak! The children were amazed to see a chick finally shake the last piece of egg shell from his body.

"It's a baby chick, and it's alive!" squealed Suzy.

Mrs. Lear got her Bible and quieted the class. "Now I can tell you why I called these eggs 'Easter Eggs,'" she began. "Do you remember Tuesday's Bible lesson? We talked about the Lord Jesus and how He was crucified on the cross and died for our sin. Jesus had promised He would rise from the grave and be alive, but His disciples had forgotten and were sad.

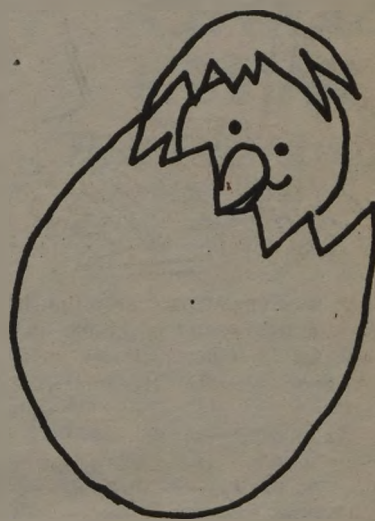
Jesus was in the dark tomb. He was dead. On the third day, women came to the tomb and found that Jesus was gone. He had risen, and He was alive! Because Jesus rose from the dead, He can promise life to all who believe Him and accept Him as their Savior.

I want our chick to help you remember Jesus' promise to us. It was dark inside that little shell. When it was opened, out came a baby chick alive and into the light.

It is important to remember that Jesus died for our sins, but it is wonderful to remember that He rose again, and He lives!"

The Bible says:

"The Lord is risen indeed." Luke 24:34a.



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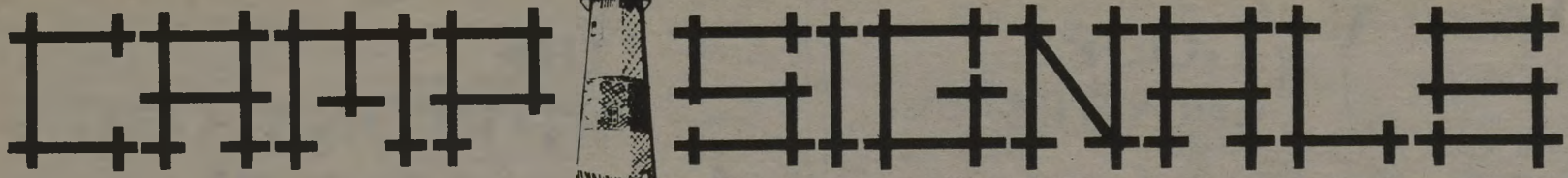
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Saddle Sayings from **SKYVIEW RANCH**

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April 16-17 has been set aside as a special workday for those who would like to cut wood for the Ranch and themselves. Because Skyview sold some timber off we have a great number of tops, most of it hardwood. You must have your own chain saw. Skyview will supply gas, oil, and bar oil. We will cut from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the Ranch supplying breakfast and lunch at no charge. For those arriving on Friday night, we will have a "midnight snack". For all who labor in love in this endeavor, each one may take home a pickup load of wood. Call in reservations. (216) 674-7511.

MEN'S RETREAT - MAY 13-15

This annual event will feature Evangelistic Don Moffat as speaker. There will be the usual events plus a few surprises! This is an outstanding time of fellowship for the men of the OARBC as we gather together around the Word of God.

Work day starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday with lunch provided. The retreat begins with supper at 6:30. Total cost is \$28. Send \$5 to register.

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SUMMER 1982

JUNE 14 Older Teens (enter Gr. 10-age 21) Jim Jeremiah, Lima Cedarville College Team
JUNE 21 Family No. 1 Stan Brittain, BMM England Dave Taylor, ABWE Brazil
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JULY 4 Juniors (enter Gr. 4-7)

Charles Lunsford, Milan, MI
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JULY 12 Teens (enter Gr. 8-12)

Charles Cuthbertson, FBHM

JULY 18 Juniors (enter Gr. 4-7)

BBC of PA quartet V. W. Peters, BMM Brazil

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Philip McMillen, ABWE Togo

AUG. 2 Teens (enter Gr. 8-12)

Frank Snyder, Hackensack, NJ
BBC of PA quartet

AUG. 9 Family No. 3

Bill Arp, Clarks Summit, PA

AUG. 16 Family No. 4

William A. Brock, OARBC Repres. Dave Short, Cedarville - music

Smoke Signals From **SCIOTO HILLS** Teen Talk

We praise God for the way He has worked in the lives of many young people at Scioto Hills. We trust that as you read the testimony of Connie Brown that you will faithfully support the ministry of Scioto Hills in prayer and encourage young people to be involved in the summer camping program.



After that I just quit trying in school and in just about everything else. About the only thing I cared about was getting enough money to get high again!

When my mom and I arrived at camp, it was really exciting because I saw one of my friends from school with whom I used to party. We thought we would have a really good time together that week, but I later found out that she had become a Christian and I really did not want much to do with her after that because I thought she had flipped out!

A change was also noticed in some of the staff that I had known. They were close and how happy they seemed to be.

I listened to the messages on Monday and made up my mind that there was not a God and that Christianity did not work. I had played church for so many years that I thought it was impossible to be a Christian. It is funny that I missed the whole point of being a Christian. After not sleeping Monday night, I was finally urged to talk to Cathy Heatly, my counselor, on Tuesday evening. She helped me to realize that I had tried to be a Christian without Christ, an impossible task. No wonder I kept failing at everything, I did not have God on my side (Rom. 8:31). On July 7, 1981 I asked Jesus to take over my life and come live in my heart. Things have not been the same since.

Today, Cathy writes me and sends me Bible verses to help me out and lift me up. I am now a member of the Forestville Baptist Church. The church family has been a tremendous help to me. I have so many new Christian friends. God has made sure that I have plenty to do using me in the puppet ministry and also in the youth group, and in enabling me to talk to kids.

None of these things, however, can compare with the joy that I have had of seeing my best friend changed from being an atheist to a believer in God. She says the reason she believes in God is because of the change (II Cor. 5:17) she saw in my life. (Wow!) Now she is trying to witness to her friends at school who think that we both have flipped. Maybe one day they will see that we are not flipped out, but we just love the Lord.

A New Creature

I have attended church camp every summer for the past eleven years. The past three years I have gone to Scioto Hills Reservation. I love camp and I could not possibly bear the thought of a summer going by where camp attendance was not a part of it. I was thinking about camp and dug up an old newsletter from Scioto Hills. To my dismay, Sr. High camp started the next day. I finally persuaded my mom to drive me to camp. I was really glad I got to go because this was to be the year that changed my whole life.

Up until that week my life was pretty confused. Sometimes it got to the place where I did not know if I was coming or going or if I even arrived. I had been on drugs. Many times I would try to quit on my own but I always failed. Each time I tried to quit I would hate myself more and more for starting up again. In January, 1981 I decided I could not take it any more so I tried to end my life. I was in a coma for 24 hours. Had it not been for my mom and her friends praying for me, I never would have made it through.

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The Celebration

BY Beverly Williams

I have been to many funerals, but never had I considered one to be a celebration... Never, that is, until one of my best friends from college passed away at age 29 and requested that her funeral be a celebration.

Kim was a vibrant young lady who accomplished many goals that would seem insurmountable to anyone, much less to a gal who all of her life suffered from the effects of the disease of Cystic Fibrosis. For Kim this meant daily treatments with machines and medication, frequent hospital stays, difficulty in breathing, and eventually an inability to digest food.

When I think of Kim, I remember her sweet spirit. . . her uncomplaining attitude in spite of her difficult circumstances. Even in death, she was most concerned about the feelings of others. She was ready to meet the God who allowed her to have Cystic Fibrosis. . . the disease she credits for bringing her into contact with many wonderful people.

The beginning of Kim's memorial service began with the congregation standing to sing, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Other songs sung or played according to Kim's wishes were: "Because He Lives," "Special Delivery", And "How Great Thou Art."

I found myself feeling extremely sad that I would no longer be able to see Kim and enjoy her fellowship. While I was happy to know her suffering had ended and she was with our Savior, it wasn't until a few days later that I was able to focus in on being able to see the funeral as an actual celebration.

How do you celebrate the losing of a friend? This is how I finally came to view it. I remembered our conversations from college days about our expectations of marriage and I knew that I would have been thrilled to attend Kim's wedding. Then it suddenly hit me. . . Kim had met her bridegroom. . . THE bridegroom. She is now waiting for the rest of the bridal party to arrive. She is having the celebration to end all celebrations and I am truly happy for her at last!

(Editors Note: Kimberly Elaine Kerr was a member of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.

West Moriah Fellowship

On March 16, 1982 24 pastors and laymen of the West Moriah Fellowship met at the Clintonville Baptist Church of Columbus. The general theme of the meeting, "The Pastor and His Preaching," was developed by George Hattenfield as he spoke on the preparation of expository sermons. Afterwards a symposium consisting of Marvin Clark, Bill Abernathy, Don Moffat and George Hattenfield discussed the use of illustrative material in sermons.

The next meeting will be held April 20, 1982, at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Columbus. Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College, will examine the topic, "The Pastor and Discipleship."

Lorain. She was a graduate of Cedarville College and received her Masters Degree in Education from Wheelock College, Boston. Since 1978 she was employed at Lorain Community Hospital as Child Activity Coordinator. The Service described was held on March 1st. with Rev. Myron Williams and Rev. Wesley Huffman officiating. Kim was 28 years of

Home Mission Agencies Meet



Present for the Grand Rapids meeting were: Austin D. Plew, F.B.H.M.; Leigh Adams, B.M.M.; Wayne Ritchie, G.B.M.; Arthur Cunningham, H.B.M.; David Smith, G.B.M.; Larry McCauley, H.B.M.; Floyd Davis, A.B.M.E.; and Larry Vincent, H.B.M. The next meeting will be held on May 24, 1982, Baptist Mid-Missions in Cleveland, OH.

On February 22, 1982, representatives of the five mission boards comprising the Home Missions Council of the F.O.M. met at H.B.M. Headquarters in Grand Rapids, MI. The purpose of this council is to exchange ideas as to problems and procedures, and to formulate a strategy for the promotion of home missions.

Christian Businessmen Speak At Free Enterprise Conference

Explains Japan's Success

Reese Kauffman, president of Kauffman Products in Carmel, Indiana, recently returned from Japan. He spoke at the Free Enterprise Conference at Cedarville College March 5,6. Area businessmen, governmental officials, faculty, and students heard him explain that the secret of Japan's success is not so mysterious. In fact, it is evident everywhere: in their factories, on buses, in taxi cabs, at hotels, and in their families.

America is suffering through a recession. But, Japan prospers. Unemployment is high in the U.S. But, there is nearly 100 percent employment in Japan. Inflation in our country has been double digit while Japan's has remained 6-7 percent. Why the contrast? Is there an oriental economic secret that the Japanese are keeping under wraps to preserve the prosperity?

"I observed at least four key aspects about life in Japan that contrasts sharply with the way we are in the States," explained Kauffman. "The Japanese, as a whole, have a tremendous respect for authority; they use the latest industrial technology; they allow private enterprise to operate comparably free of government regulation; and they practice the motto 'one mind, one spirit, one goal!'"

First impressions often give valuable insights into a culture when they contrast with the one you have just left. Kauffman found this to be true.

"The first thing I noticed as soon as my wife and I got off the plane in Tokyo was the cleanliness of the airport," he stated. "Customs was a breeze. No long lines and waits. Everything was organized, fast, and efficient. Everyone was dressed neatly in uniforms and all seemed to work toward the same goal of treating passengers with courtesy and fast service."

This concept of a oneness of mind, spirit, and goal was further illustrated as I toured factories. Everyone from the executives to the machinery operators wore a matching uniform, white gloves, and a hat. You could tell who was management personnel only because they wore suit pants under the standard factory jacket."

Kauffman was especially interested in the rooftop ceremonies that he had heard about. The factory allowed him to visit and photograph such a ceremony.

The plant employed about 700 people that were divided into departments. Each department had their own ceremony. The one I attended involved about 18 men who met on the roof of the factory at 8 a.m. sharp. Prior to this, loudspeakers were playing happy marching music as the workers put on their uniforms.

The men assembled on the roof in three neat lines. Then the music changed and they, in unison, performed light calisthenics for exactly five minutes."

After this, Kauffman told of a man, a different one each day, who stepped out from the ranks and faced the other men. He began to shout something and the men responded all together. This lasted for exactly five minutes. Later, Kauffman discovered they were following the company policy, part of which says, "Our company swears to make better products at a better price and with a passion."

Then at 8:10 a.m., all 18 men literally jogged off to their work stations," explained Kauffman. "And they were all fired up!"

Most all Japanese industry is unionized. But, unlike here in the United States, Japanese management works hand in hand with union leaders for the common good. "This is just another example of their carrying out of the 'one mind, one spirit, one goal' principle," Kauffman.

He also found evidence of the good that results when an entire nation practices a high respect for authority. "About 30 percent of the marriages are still arranged by parents or relatives," noted Kauffman. "And the divorce rate is only about two percent. The crime rate is very low and those offenders who are caught and found guilty are dealt with very leniently."

In his amazement, the Indiana businessman found no graffiti, no litter, spotless buses and taxi cabs. "This is hard to believe, but on the buses you can rest your head on white clothed. The taxi drivers carry a bottle of window wash in their trunk in order to wipe off finger marks that get on the glass."

Kauffman also found that high technology abounds in Japan. The bus drivers had a TV screen on the dashboard so that they could monitor traffic behind them. I visited a factory with only 10 employees who worked in a rather humble building. But they used the latest robots. I saw one man operating five machines. He even was running one machine to machine.

Kauffman also mentioned that Japan's bullet trains are among the finest in the world.



Mr. Reese Kauffman

They average 145 m.p.h. with a ride so steady that your coffee will not spill if you set your cup on the window edge.

"When I was a boy, anything that came from Japan was what was given out free at carnivals. Now Japan is exporting to the States the latest industrial technology. It's quite a turnaround," he said.

Lastly, Kauffman told those assembled at the conference that Japan is successfully practicing a private enterprise system relatively free of government regulation, and they are reaping the good results.

"Actually," he noted, "business over there feels toward their government like we feel toward our own I.R.S. Thus large and expensive government regulatory bureaucracies do not exist. Like in the U.S., corporate taxes are about 48%. But, inflation has been kept to 6-7% for the last few years. You can buy a car today in Japan for about the price it cost ten years ago. The low-level, unskilled wage earner makes \$17,000-\$18,000 per year and pays 10% in income taxes. Even a factory manager at a salary of \$27,000-\$28,000 is on the same tax level."

So Japan is successful, and Mr. Kauffman feels it is at the expense of U.S. industry which is depressed. What does he make of this?

"I believe that Japanese trade barriers ought to be made more equitable. Some American products can compete in Japan if given a chance free of excessive tariffs. But, in general, industry in our country needs to take a long hard look at what has made our post-war friends prosper as a nation and reevaluate our methods.

"America has long been a world pacesetter and still is," concludes Kauffman. "I hope we are not too proud to take a few tips from a small country which now has a lot of industrial clout."

Mr. Kauffman returns from Japan with further insight. Japan is a thoroughly pagan nation. Kauffman discovered they do not even include Christmas on their calendar.

So, how is it that a pagan nation is experiencing prosperity and "Christian America" is suffering? The answer, suggests Kauffman, could lie in Habakkuk 1:12. The prophet was perplexed because God chose to use wicked Babylon to be an instrument of judgment for His chosen people, Israel, who had strayed from godliness. Could it be that America has strayed from its Christian roots and now God is raising up a pagan nation (Japan) to judge us? Indeed, if Japan is a source of correction for our country, it will hit us where it hurts most, in the pocketbook. Maybe Mr. Kauffman has a point.

What is the solution? Kauffman offers three scriptures for guidance: Proverbs 11:10,11 and II Chronicles 7:14. He believes that this country's problems will not be solved by electing a Christian president, or by winning more folks to Christ. But, rather, God's people must repent of their unfaithfulness, then turn back to godliness, and pray for this land. Then, God says that He will heal our land. Perhaps the Lord will use our current economic troubles to push us to this place.

(Reese Kauffman is very active in sharing his testimony and insights about the Christian life before students, businessmen, and government officials. He is an avid student of the topic of prayer and recently authored two articles on this subject in Cedarville College's upcoming TORCH magazine. In addition, he will again be the featured speaker at Annual Laymen's Conference August 3-6, 1982.)

Industrialist Optimistic About America

Also speaking at the Free Enterprise Conference was Mr. Orie Fritts. Mr. Fritts, a born-again Christian, is president of Calspan Corporation, formerly Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, located in Columbus, Indiana.

"Sure, this country has had a poor first quarter of 1982," stated Fritts, "but I'm encouraged by signs of recovery. Interest rates are substantially below their peaks of last year and should decline further in the months ahead. Inflation is down; the consumer price index has decelerated to a 6-8% pace and should remain there for the rest of the year. For the first time in decades, labor and management have recognized that their own self-interests require that they abandon conflict strategies. By July, the tax cuts and investment incentives put in place by the Reagan administration should begin to yield results. And if the Federal Reserve loosens up the money supply somewhat, the U. S. Economy, by 1983, should be in position to achieve a sustained growth of 4% on an annual basis.

What will bring about this recovery? Fritts believes it is allowing the private enterprise system to freely work its magic.

"Americans can work in occupations of their choice, work where they want geographically, and work at the company they select, or go into business for themselves. Therefore, the results of this American System of economics are not matched anywhere in the world."

Fritts noted that through private enterprise the American people have reached a level of economic well-being never before equaled in the history of the world. They are better fed, better clothed, and enjoy more luxuries than people in any other country in the world. "Free people, making free decisions in economic life, have produced an amazing record of economic progress," he stated.

"But we are on the brink of losing all this," cautioned Fritts. He believes the most important economic issue that

could prevent recovery is excessive government regulation of private industry.

He cited the example of the steel industry. It has to contend with over 5500 regulations administered by 26 different agencies. His own company, Calspan, suffers from the regulatory bite. "For every dollar we spend on capital investment, 10% pays for government regulations. Our research and development costs reflect that 43% goes for government regulations."

To further his beliefs that private enterprise must be freer, Fritts quoted from Abraham Lincoln: "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they would and should do for themselves."

Asked if big business can be trusted to be freer of the regulatory hand of government, Fritts answered, "Sure, I think a few companies have been unethical and have incurred the heavy hand of government justifiably. But, by and large, business is honestly trying to make a profit. And in today's society, with an ever watchful media, good business is ethical business."

The Calspan president is encouraged by the Reagan administration's efforts at deregulation and the control of federal spending. He sees a bright future for America if this trend continues.

Fritts' conservative views of economics were well received by the 100 area business leaders, government officials, and Cedarville College students, faculty, and staff who attended the two-day Free Enterprise Conference.

Fritts concluded his remarks in a speech in chapel service on Friday by saying, "It's up to you to accept the challenge of keeping the American dream - our private enterprise system - alive and well for yourselves and future generations of Americans."

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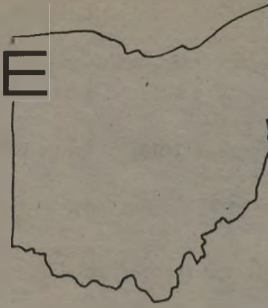
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AKRON

First Ernest Bloom, pastor
Mar. 21 - Ann DenUyl, Missionary to Togo, West Africa
Mar. 28 - 31 - Evangelistic meetings with Buddy Lyles

AMHERST

Faith Robert Barrett, pastor
Feb. 21 - Carson Fremont, missionary to Hong Kong
Mar. 12 - Hosted Youth Rally - Speaker: Paul Wren, presented a powerlifting exhibition
14 - Baptist Bible College Drama Team presented "For This Cause"

ASHLAND

Calvary Homer Graven, pastor
Feb. 21 - 28 - Missionary Conference - Speakers: Carl Abbott, Campus Bible Fellowship; Ken Starrett, AWANA Director; Dr. William Brock, State Representative
Mar. 7 - Church Remodeling Fund Love Offering Sunday
COMING:
Apr. 25 - 28 - John Canine

BALTIMORE

Walnut Creek Donald Gommesen, pastor
COMING:
May 9 - Special meetings with Lawrence Malone, Galilean Baptist Mission

BEDFORD

Bible William Davis, pastor
Mar. 14 - Missionary appointee Bill Dooley
15 - "Spring Thing" Banquet for Mothers/Daughters
Mar. 17 - Violin Concert presented by Rev. John Toroni
28 - Cedarville College Day - Speaker: Dr. Richard McIntosh, Special music by Dave Short and Marsha Mallare
COMING:
Apr. 11 - Sunrise Service

BELLEFONTAINE

Calvary Barry Grahl, pastor
Mar. 20 - Peggy Bush Spring Concert
28 - Dr. Hugh Hall
Apr. 4 - Cedarville College Concert Chorale
COMING:
Apr. 11 - Easter Cantata, "Worthy Is The Lamb"
14 - Dr. Ken Cole, medical missionary to Philippines
18 - Dr. Paul Dixon

BEREA

Berea Derwin Hauser, pastor
Feb. 17 - Dale and Karen Marshfield, A.B.W.E. missionary appointees to South Africa
28 - Earl Willetts, Pastor Emeritus
Mar. 1 - W.M.F. hosted Pastors' Wives and Presidents Luncheon of the Hebron Fellowship
27 - Parent/Teen Dinner

BEAVER

Beaver Ward Miller, pastor
Feb. 1 - 7 - held first evangelistic meetings with Lonnie Teal, missionary pastor with H.B.C. in Wisconsin. Various sister churches provided special music.

BLANCHESTER

First Bradley Quick, pastor
Mar. 28 - 31 - Mission Conference with Dave Taylor, Brazil, and Don Block, Haiti
COMING:
Apr. 11 - Easter Cantata, "No Greater Love"
- Sunrise Service

BLUFFTON

Riley Creek Harold Guthrie, pastor
Mar. 2 - Mid-Bethel Pastors' Fellowship
7 - Elizabeth McDonald, missionary
14 - Film: Hudson Taylor
28 - Dr. William Brock, State Representative

BOWLING GREEN

First Philip Vine, pastor
Mar. 3 - Beginning of Prayer Meeting being switched to Wednesdays

Marc Kordic gave report of trip to Alaska with M.A.P.
11 - Baptist Bible College Choir
21 - Charles Thornton, missionary
Apr. 1 - Ladies hosted North Bethel meeting

BRUNSWICK

First Donald Matheny, pastor
Feb. 14 - Don Moffat - Slides of trip
Mar. 9 - Dorcas Missionary Work Day - Speaker: missionary Louise Green

BUCYRUS

Calvary Howard Jones, pastor
Mar. 14 - Ken Snare, missionary with A.B.W.E. to Brazil

CANTON

Grace Bill Anderson, pastor
Mar. 1 - Family Skating
7 - Rev. Lawrence Shells, missionary pastor from Youngstown with F.B.H.M.
12 - Adult AWANA Grand Prix
13 - AWANA Grand Prix
14 - Rev. Lee Spivey, missionary appointee to Italy with B.M.M.
20 - Hosted C.A.Y. Youth Rally
21 - David Pyle and group from Centre County Christian Academy
28 - Missionary Ann DenUyl

CANTON

Perry Gordon Roloff, pastor
Mar. 7 - 14 - Special meetings with Iner and Emily Basinger, evangelist and singing team
31 - Ann DenUyl, medical missions, Togo
COMING:
Apr. 18 - Dr. Gerald Smelser

CANTON

Whipple John Moosey, pastor
Feb. 28 - Roy Jones, missionary to Spain
COMING:
Apr. 27 - Hosting the Canton area Women's Mission, Bible Department of Cedarville
May 2 - 9 - Special meetings with Bill Piper

CEDARVILLE

Grace Paul Jackson, pastor
Feb. 21 - Lonnie and Margaret Richards, serving with Harvest Productions, division of Evangelical Baptist Missions

CLEVELAND

Cedar Hill David Moore, pastor
Mar. 15 - Evening Missionary Group-Speaker: Louise Green, missionary to Jamaica
20 - AWANA Parents' Potluck - Speaker: Don Leitch
21 - Chamber Singers from Baptist Bible College
Apr. 4 - "Bach and the Bible" Concert presented by Mr. Daniel Majeske, concertmaster for the Cleveland Orchestra
COMING:
Apr. 11 - Choir Easter Musical

COLUMBUS

Clintonville George Hattenfield, pastor
Mar. 7 - Cedarville College Chorale
14 - Gary and Nancy Storm, presentation of Scioto Hills Camp
Apr. 4 - 7 - Missionary Conference with Dr. Durham, Missions Department of Cedarville College; Dr. and Mrs. Ken Cole, missionaries to Philippines; Miss Betty Doverspike and Miss Nancy Lutz held missionary conference with Juniors.

COLUMBUS

Immanuel William Abernathy, pastor
Mar. 14 - Don Hare, missionary with A.B.W.E. to Portugal

COLUMBUS

Maranatha
Mar. 10 - Baptist Bible College Brass Quintet

COLUMBUS

Memorial Thomas Wright, pastor
Mar. 13 - Sunday School Spring Advance Banquet - Theme: "David's Sling" - Special guests: Baptist Bible College Brass Quintet
14 - B.B.C. Brass Quintet

DAYTON

County Line Carl Stephenson, pastor
Feb. 17 - Ron England, missionary appointee under B.M.M. to Hawaii
Mar. 20 - Family Fellowship skating party

DAYTON

Emmanuel Nile Fisher, pastor
Feb. 28 - Ordination Service for Leonard Miller
Mar. 5 - All-church Spring potluck
28 - Don Hare, missionary with A.B.W.E. to Portugal

DEFIANCE

Faith R. Stephen Smith, pastor
Mar. 1 - Church skating party
13 - 14 - Film: Hudson Taylor
28 - Bill Russell and Tom Farlow, Skyview Ranch
Apr. 4 - Gary Holtz of Campus Bible Fellowship
COMING:
May 2 - 4 - Missions Conference with the Taylors and Howards

DELAWARE

Calvary David Culver, pastor
Mar. 14 - Baptismal service at Marion

DUNDEE

Lakeview Robert Veenhuis, pastor
Mar. 8 - Ordination council for Vic Millard
14 - Ordination service for Vic Millard
21 - Charles Monroe, Director of Ohio Baptist Children's Home

ELIDA

Faith Donald Urban, pastor
Mar. 21 - Dr. William Brock, State Representative
27 - Choir Clinic
COMING:
Apr. 7 - 11 - Spring Revival with Rev. Jack Hines

ELYRIA

Abbe Road James Turner, pastor
Mar. 4 - Memorial Service for Dr. Kenneth Muck
13 - AWANA Fairmont Fair

ELYRIA

First Willis Hull, pastor
Mar. 7 - "VIT-EM-IN SUNDAY"
9 - 10 - Rev. Virgil Redmond, B.M.M. missionary to Alaska
12 - Baptist Bible Colleg
12 - Baptist Bible College drama team

FAIRBORN

Grand Ave. Randall Tate, pastor
Feb. 9 - W.M.F. - Missionary Glenda Rivers, Australia
21 - Clint Kaufield, missionary with B.M.M. in inter-city of Indianapolis with Black Americans
Mar. 4 - 6-weeks Bible Study for ladies began
27 - New Members Banquet
COMING:
Apr. 11 - Choir Cantata, "Hallelujah for the Cross"

FINDLAY

First Richard Pettit, pastor
Mar. 7 - 14 - Special week of evangelism with Dr. Bill Compton
14 - "Record High" Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Fishing for Families

FOSTORIA

Fostoria Vernon Billington, pastor
Feb. 14 - Prove Your Love Sunday
28 - Mr. Charles Thornton, missionary appointee under F.B.H.M.
- Film: "Some Through The Fire"
Mar. 21 - 24 - Prophetic Bible Conference with Dr. Hugh Hall
Mar. 27 - Youth Rally with Baptist Bible College Brass Quintet - Film: "High Point"
Mar. 28 - B.B.C. Collegians Brass Quintet

GALLIPOLIS

Faith Lynn Lahaie, pastor
Mar. 20 - Hosted Ladies Maranatha Fellowship - Speaker: Mrs. Alice Cole, Missionary to Philippines
28 - Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College
- All-church potluck dinner
Apr. 4 - Dr. Andrew Wood, Shepherds Home

GALLOWAY

Alton Road George Myers, pastor
Mar. 7 - Apr. - "Flying High" Sunday School contest
- Don Winters, Jeff Scaggs
10 - Cecil Sagraves
20 - Annual Stewardship Banquet - Speaker: William Abernathy

GRAFTON

Midview Thayne Bodenmiller, pastor
Mar. 21 - Youth Night in evening service
COMING:
Apr. - Easter Cantata

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HINCKLEY

Hinckley Ridge James Edmundson, pastor
 Jan. 27 - Gideon Sunday - Speaker, Linn Mast, medical doctor from Medina
 Feb. 13 - Church-wide Valentines Dinner

JOHNSTOWN

Johnstown Independent Marvin Clark, pastor
 Feb. 27 - Sweetheart Banquet
 28 - Cedarville College Brass Choir - "May Christ Be Glorified"
 Mar. 14 - 17 - Revival with Don Moffat

KENTON

Faith Charles LeMaster, pastor
 Mar. 11 - Women's Missionary Fellowship - Speaker: Rose Mary Stevens
 14 - 19 - Evangelistic meetings with Eldon Stevens

LAGRANGE

First Dennis Gilbert, pastor
 Feb. 28 - Ben Jennings
 Mar. 3 - First service in charge of Pastor Gilbert

LAKEVIEW

Faith Marlin Bowes, pastor
 Mar. 14 - Tract Sunday
 Apr. 4 - 9 - Special meetings with Evangelist Gerald Pasma, chalk artist

LANCASTER

Calvary Kirby Lancaster, pastor
 Apr. 4 - "What A Fellowship" Day
 Film: "A Living Treasure"
 COMING:
 Apr. 9 - Good Friday Luncheon for Ladies - Speaker: Mrs. Doris Jennings

LEMOYNE

Lemoyme Charles Alexander, pastor
 Mar. 17 - Ron and Elena England, missionaries to Hawaii under B.M.M.
 21 - Picture-taking Sunday for church history book
 COMING:
 Apr. 22 - 25 - Missionary Conference

LONDON

Grace David Morris, pastor
 COMING:
 Apr. 25 - Missionary Don Hare, A.B.W.E. to Portugal

LORAIN

Euclid Ave. Myron Williams, pastor
 Mar. 11 - Worker's Conference
 14 - Missionary Larry Fogle
 20 - All-church bowling
 21 - Rev. Warren Simmons
 25 - Daily Vacation Bible School dinner
 Apr. 1 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - Speaker: Pastor Earl Willetts

LOUISVILLE

First Steven Lantz, pastor
 Mar. - Pastor began two special series: Life & Miracles of Elisha and Through the Book of Hebrews
 Apr. 4 - 7 - Don and Lois Moffat

MEDINA

First L. Max Deffenbaugh, pastor
 Mar. 20 - Baptist Bible College drama team, portrayed life of John and Betty Stam
 31 - Webster Frowner, F.B.H.M. appointee to the Black Ministries
 Apr. 2 - Church Workers' Banquet
 4 - "Record Sunday"
 COMING:
 May 3 - Mother/Daughter Banquet

MCDONALD

First Thomas Brennan
 Feb. 2 - Sweetheart Banquet of Ladies Fellowship - men invited - Speaker: Dick Walker
 13 - Ski trip to Peak-n-Peek in New York
 Mar. 14 - Dr. William Brock, State Representative
 20 - Youth Rally - Film: "Hudson Taylor"

MOGADORE

Mogadore Hoyt Douglas, pastor
 Feb. - Pastor and Mrs. Hoyt received counsel-

ing certificates from Narramore Christian Foundation where they took training for three weeks

Mar. 10 - Vic Millard
 Apr. 4 - Dee and Deb Jackson in Concert
 COMING:
 Apr. 11 - Swordbearers from Cedarville College
 May 9 - Beginning of showing the Focus on Family series

MONTPELIER

Montpelier D. Mike Lee, pastor
 Mar. 14 - Shower for missionary Edie Phillips Added to monthly support for all missionaries and added 3 new missionaries

NEW STRAITSVILLE

Carmel William McVey, pastor
 Received over \$240 toward bus need after O.I.B. note

NILES

First G. Ben Reed, pastor
 Mar. 2 - "Parents' Night" - joined with teens
 Mar. 21 - Baptist Bible College drama team presented portrayal of John and Betty Stam

NORTH JACKSON

Bailey Road Donald Leitch, pastor
 Feb. 14 - Rev. Harold Davis, missionary to Colombia, S. A.
 23 - Entire-family roller skating party
 Mar. 11 - Missionary Drama Team from B.B.C. presented story of John & Betty Stam

NORTH MADISON

Bible Roland Globig, pastor
 Mar. 11 - Hiawatha Baptist Mission
 21 - B.B.C. Drama Team
 25 - Shepherds Home

NORTH OLMSTED

North Olmstead Kenneth Good, pastor
 Feb. 20 - Youth-hosted church dinner
 Mar. 31 - Ordination Council for Russ Tarr
 Apr. 4 - Ordination service for Russ Tarr

NORTHFIELD

Northfield Lynn Rogers, pastor
 Apr. - Easter week-end - Evangelistic meetings with Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College

COMING:
 Apr. 25 - 30 - Bible Conference with Dr. Lehman Strauss

ORANGE VILLEGE

Bethlehem John Fleck, pastor
 Mar. 5 - Cleveland Sacred Society Concert - "The Love of God"
 21 - Ron and Elena England, missionary appointees to Hawaii under B.M.M.

COMING:
 Apr. 11 - Special Easter Concert

PAINESVILLE

Calvary Douglas Green, interim pastor
 Mar. 20 - Fellowship Dinner
 21 - Pastor William Ditty
 COMING:
 Apr. 13 - Miscellaneous shower for Miss Ruth Nephew, missionary to Africa
 25 - Spring Choir Concert

PATASKALA

Bethel Kenneth Romig, pastor
 Feb. 25 - Women's Missionary Fellowship - Speaker: Nancy Jones - Spain
 27 - AWANA Grand Prix

PORT CLINTON

Grace Paul Margraff, H.B.M. pastor
 Mar. 6 - Recognition service and council - approved.

PORTSMOUTH

Temple Max Sidders, pastor
 Feb. 12 - Sweetheart Banquet
 15 - Jr. High thru College - Youth Banquet
 21 - Roy Jones, missionary to Spain

REYNOLDSBURG

Eastbrook Robert Belt, pastor
 Mar. 3 - Vic & Cyndi Millard, B.M.M. appointees to Haiti

5 - 7 - Rev. and Mrs. Joel Kettnering, Missionary Conference
 14 - Rev. Dain Canterbury
 17 - Evangelist Don Winters
 28 - Everybody Come Sunday
 - Don Hare, A.B.W.E. missionary to Portugal
 Apr. 4 - Carol Showers, B.M.M. missionary appointee to the Mormons

SALEM

Calvary Fred Robb, pastor
 Feb. 21 - Swordbearers from Cedarville College
 Mar. 14 - Dr. William Brock, State Representative
 27 - 31 - First Missionary Conference
 COMING:
 Apr. 18 - 21 - Bible Conference with Don Moffat

SMITHVILLE

Pleasant Hill Stephen Olson, pastor
 COMING:
 Apr. 23 - 25 - Missionary Conference with Virgil Freyermuth, Joy Clubs; Larry Fogle, B.M.M. Central African Republic; Lawrence Shells, F.B.H.M.. Black believers; Carl Abbot, B.M.M. Campus Work

SPRINGFIELD

Southgate John Greening, pastor
 Mar. 21 - Recognition service and reception for Edie Phillips, missionary to Bangladesh under A.B.W.E.
 26 - Special Outreach Rally with Dr. Paul Dixon, Glen Cobb, and Mark Womack
 Apr. 4 - 7 - Spring Bible Conference with Dr. and Mrs. Don Jennings
 COMING:
 Apr. 25 - Cedarville College Concert Chorale

STREETSBORO

Faith William Moser, pastor
 Mar. 28 - Webster Frowner, missionary with F.B.H.M.
 MARCH WAS "Get Acquainted with new Hymnals" month

TALLMADGE

First David Henry, pastor
 Mar. 12 - Family Fun Night - Film: "My Son, My Son"
 19 - Day of Prayer
 21 - 26 - Norm Sharbough meetings - lots of special music

TOLEDO

Emmanuel Ernest Pickering, pastor
 Feb. 28 - New hymnals in use
 Mar. 10 - Film: "Distant Thunder"
 17 - Film: "Image of the Beast"
 21 - Chamber Singers from B.B.C.
 Apr. 2 & 3 - "Teacher Training Trip" with Professors Peter Reoch and David Rockwell of B.B.C.

TOLEDO

Grace Robert Perry, pastor
 Mar. 3 - AWANA Poster contest
 20 - Pro-Teens Spring Banquet
 27 - Adult Fellowship - Gym Night
 Apr. 3 - 7 - Missionary Conference

VAN WERT

Faith Fred Jensen, pastor
 COMING:
 April is Appreciation Month
 Apr. 17 - Banquet

VIENNA

Vienna Frank Odor, pastor
 Mar. 15 - Hosted Bathany Association meeting - Speaker: Dr. William Brock
 21 - 26 - Prophecy Conference with Rev. Joseph Gavitt
 23 - Missions night with Rev. George Blood, missionary to Alaska

WARREN

Bethel Karl Smith, interim pastor
 Mar. 14 - Ruth Nephew, missionary to C.A.R.
 17 - Ladies Missionary meeting - personal shower for Ruth Nephew
 COMING:
 May 1 - Mother/Daughter Banquet

WESTLAKE

Grace Ralph Burns, pastor
 March was MARCH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH Contest
 Mar. 26 - Berean Banquet

WHEELERSBURG

Wheelersburg Richard Sumner, pastor
 Pastor Sumner resigned to accept a pastorate in Quincy, Illinois

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COLLEGE NEWS



Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania

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NEW DEGREE OFFERED

Baptist Bible College has recently been authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer the Bachelor of Science in Bible degree. Most undergraduate students at Baptist Bible College receive the Bachelor of Religious Education degree, with the exception of those studying in the Bachelor of Sacred Music program. Those currently enrolled may receive either the B.R.E. degree or the new degree, the B.S. in Bible.

COMING EVENTS

The BBC Chamber Singers will present their annual homecoming concert on April 2. The College will sponsor a Christian School Choir Festival on April 15-16. The play, "Our Miss Brooks" will be presented on April 15-17. The Concert Choir will give their spring concert on April 23.

SPORTS UPDATE

The winter sports teams at Baptist Bible College had a very successful season. The men's and women's varsity basketball teams, along with the varsity wrestling team, won the championships of the North Atlantic Christian Conference. Both the men's basketball and wrestling teams advanced to the National Championships of the National Christian College Athletic Association.

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Grand Rapids Baptist College announces that there are four \$500/year scholarships available for students entering the College next fall as music majors - male voice, tenor (2 scholarships); bassoon performance; bass trombone or tuba performance. The scholarships are renewable each year for four years. For further information, contact Richard Stewart at the Music Department, Grand Rapids Baptist College, 1001 E. Beltline NE, 616-949-5300.

STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO YELLOWSTONE FOR ECOLOGY CLASS

Ten students and Professor Ray Gates will spend from June to September in Yellowstone National Park as part of an ecology class. In addition to working on staff at Yellowstone, they will take numerous field trips to places like the Great Blue Heron Rookery, Red Rocks Wildlife Refuge area, the Madison earthquake area, Grand Teton National Park, and the Alpine Tundra of the Rocky Mountains. They will search for life in a hot springs. They will identify the native birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals of Yellowstone. Their objectives will be to develop skills in how to pay close attention to the outdoors to become aware of life cycles, seasons, natural schemes, and, ultimately, the total environment; to develop the "art of

seeing"; to learn to interpret what they observe; to develop an appreciation of nature and thus a deeper appreciation for the Creator; and, finally, to learn how to use His creation as a tool in teaching Biblical principles.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK TO BE PRESENTED AT GRAND RAPIDS

The well-known play, THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, will be presented by the Grand Rapids Baptist College drama department, April 20, 22, 23 & 24. The name of Anne Frank is known throughout the world as a symbol of the millions of Jews who suffered and died like her during the Nazi atrocities of World War II. Her diary tells details of the daily life of eight people who were hidden for twenty-five months in the secret annex of an Amsterdam office building before they were taken to concentration camps. Only Anne's father survived. The play is filled with startling, amusing, and pathetic scenes that reflect the experiences of many Jews during this period and move us to compassion and deeper understanding of the tragedy.



VENLET CHOSEN ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

The Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary is pleased to announce that Rev. John Venlet was chosen as the 1982 Alumnus of the Year during the Alumni Day activities at the 23rd annual Bible Conference during the week of February 22-26. Mr. Venlet graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary with his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1957. Following graduation, he was employed by the High School Evangelism Fellowship, working with a number of HI-BA (High School Born Againers) Clubs in New York and New Jersey.

After several years, he felt the need for further education and returned to Grand Rapids for a year of study at Calvin College. While he was here, he attended a Word of Life rally with Jack Wyrzten. He was impressed with what he had heard and lingered to talk with Mr. Wyrzten afterwards. Mr. Wyrzten hired him on the spot, and Venlet has been on the Word of Life staff for the past eighteen years, writing materials for their club ministries and serving in other capacities. We are pleased to honor this man who has had an impact on so many young people through the years.

LYCEUM LECTURES AT GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE

Mr. Lynn Buzzard, Executive Director of the Christian Legal Society, was the speaker at Grand Rapids Baptist College's Lyceum Lectures on March 23. His lectures included a discussion of the Moral Majority and the relationship of the church to current court cases.

SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM SEMINAR ON GRBC CAMPUS

During the week of July 19-23 the Institute for Creation Research will conduct a summer institute on Scientific Creationism on the GRBC&S Campus. Faculty will include Dr. Duane Gish, Dr. John Moore, and Dr. Gary Parker, some of the world's most eminent creation scientists. The Institute will be especially timely for public and private school teachers and of special interest and practical help to pastors, youth leaders, and laymen interested in the subject of origins. A background in science is not necessary. College credit is available. Write for a complete brochure to: Professor Ron Meyers, 1001 E. Beltline, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, or call (616) 949-5300.

DR. WELCH TO SPEAK AT OBERLIN

Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary alumni and friends will be interested to know that President W. Welch will be at Camden Baptist Church of Oberlin, Ohio, on April 24 and 25. He will be speaking on the importance of education Saturday evening at a banquet for the church's teachers and deacons and again on Sunday morning for Sunday school and the morning service.

Spurgeon Baptist Bible College

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NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

Rev. Gary Candlish, former administrator of the Mill Road Christian School, Evansville, Indiana, has recently joined the faculty and staff of Spurgeon Baptist Bible College. Brother Candlish will serve as Dean of Students, Chairman of the Christian Education Program, and Director of the State Camping program. Additional energies will be directed to student recruitment and public relations.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Those attending the recent Spurgeon Baptist Bible College Bible Conference enjoyed the ministry of Dr. Ernest Pickering, Dr. John Polson, M. R. Dahlquist, Keith Eggert, Ed Morrell, Williard Benedict, Bernard Flanagan, and alumni Tim Teall. Chelsea Stockwell directed the conference music ministry.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Spurgeon Baptist Bible College has recently accepted responsibility for the summer camping ministry of the GARB churches in Florida. The new program will permit quality in-service training for college students, a blending of talents from the college and supporting churches, and a healthy ministry to the youth of Florida churches.

SPURGEON SINGERS

The SPURGEON SINGERS recently completed a two-week concert tour of the mid-west, ministering in 11 churches. The SINGERS are under the direction of Mr. Keith Eggert, and are comprised of 19 students, representative of the academic and spiritual qualities stressed at SBBC.

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SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

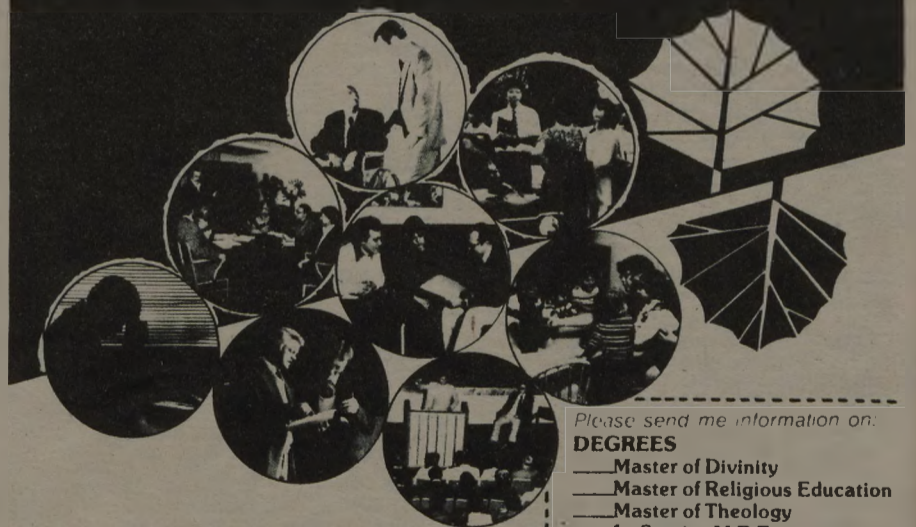
Cedarville College's men's basketball team is again NAIA District 22 champions. They downed Defiance College for the second year in a row in district play-off action. The game was witnessed by almost 200 fans at Cedarville's new Athletic Center. Unfortunately, the Jackets dropped their first-round game at the national tournament in Kansas City to second seed Quincy College.

In other sports action, soccer coach John McGillivray was voted coach of the year in the NCCAA. Cedarville's fine soccer team finished second in the nation among Christian colleges.

MAY ACTIVITIES

May highlights at Cedarville College include the annual Junior Swordbearers' Conference on the first, Parents' Weekend May 7,8, which includes the annual Cedar Day festivities on the eighth. The spring drama production, "The Rainmaker," will take place May 13-15. An outdoor symphonic band concert will be held on the thirty-first. The 86th Annual Commencement is June 5.

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NEW VAN



Cedarville College received a 1981, 12 passenger Van, a donation from the Tom Raper Foundation of Richmond, Ind. Pictured with Rev. H. Green, (left), director of Christian Service and Dr. Paul Dixon, president, on the right, is Mr. Tom Raper, president of Tom Raper Recreational Vehicles. The use of the van is essential to the many Christian ministries Cedarville College and is added to the Christian Service Department fleet.

RESCUE SQUAD



Cedarville Rescue Squad, a part of men's service organization of Alpha Chi, was the first of its type on a college campus in America. Organized in 1960, they serve on call 24 hours a day.

Eleven Emergency medical technicians staff the rescue squad which provides emergency care and transportation for sick or injured students.

SPORTS DAY

An incredible sight, just a joy to watch. Those were the comments of Coriell, Public Relations director at Cedarville College, as he watched 90 students from Four-Oaks School experience the fun of a Sports Day last week at the college Athletic Center.

It was all part of National Physical Education and Sports Week. Cedarville's M.M. club (Physical Education Majors and Minors) sponsored the Sports Day.

Club sponsor Dr. Pamela Diehl said, "The college has this beautiful new special facility. We thought, why not let it benefit these very special students who are physically and/or mentally handicapped?"

Assistant teacher Virginia Musselman noted that the students had looked forward to the day for weeks. "We've not been able to take many field trips this year because of budget restrictions," she commented. "That's why the students are so excited about today."

Sports Day ran from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 5. It was divided into two sections featuring a variety of educational movement activities in the first part and mini-sports clinics in the second. Lunch was served in the newly completed Student Center with a guitarist featured for entertainment.

The activities took advantage of nearly all of the Athletic Center's facilities all at once. Basketball and volleyball were played on the center court and scooters raced on the one-tenth-mile indoor track. Students used the trampoline, a variety of obstacle courses, and played kickball. In the afternoon, college athletes taught skills in soccer, basketball, baseball, and gymnastics.

Janice, 16, a Four-Oaks student from Beavercreek, participated in basketball drills. When asked how she felt about the day's activities, she responded, "Tired!" What was her favorite activity? "Eating peanut butter cookies upstairs at lunchtime!"

Lois Jacobs' daughter Cristi has attended Four-Oaks for 10 years. "This is just wonderful for our kids," she said. "They love the freedom they have in this facility." Asked about the greatest need of these special students, she noted, "They need to be loved and treated as individuals. Sometimes it's hard to tell if you are communicating with them. But it is important to talk to them anyway. They understand more than we give them credit for. A lot of them will remember this Sports Day for a long time."

Tracey, 17, is from Beavercreek. She likes to play soccer, and she especially enjoyed the soccer clinic. What did she like best about Sports Day? "Mike," she answered, "He was nice." Mike Morgan is one of the Cedarville College soccer players who helped with the mini-soccer clinic.

Said Mike, "I've helped with other soccer clinics before, but never with special people like this. It's incredible. They're happy whatever they do, whether they kick the ball or even miss it."

Dr. Diehl summed up the day's activities. "We wanted our college students to share their knowledge and skills with these special kids. But, perhaps best of all, the Four-Oaks students have shared their special happiness with us."

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YOUTH CONFERENCE

"Launch Out Into The Deep" is the theme for this year's Youth Conference, April 15-17, 1982. Pastor Dave Marks, youth pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, is the featured speaker. He was saved at the age of 16 after a softball game, and the next year he entered Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania to prepare for the Lord's work. He has had experience in working with youth, both in college and presently at Emmanuel Baptist.

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Lisa's Story: "I Am Not Ashamed..."

One day the teacher announced to our ninth grade class: "Today you will write a composition entitled 'Lenin's Place in My Heart'. You should write what Lenin did for all people in the world and what he has done for your family. Of course, you will write that Lenin occupies the main place in your heart and that you love him very much!"

Everybody began to write. It was so quiet in the classroom. . . I prayed silently: "God, help me! What shall I do? Only You, Lord Jesus, are in my heart, not Lenin. If I write candidly about this I will have so many problems! What shall I do, Lord Jesus?" Then I recalled Romans 1:16. Apostle Paul had written, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

Most of the students had already finished their composition when I began to write: "Lenin was a leader of the revolution in Russia in 1917. He is a famous man. But he is only a man, he is not God. I love Jesus, my heart belongs to Him. So there is no room in my heart for Lenin. . ." Then I wrote what Jesus did for me, how He gave His life for my sins and made me happy!

The class ended. I gave my composition to the teacher and left the room. The next day the teacher called me to her office. She was enraged:

"Lisa, what is this? How could you be so impudent? Do you know that I will have to send this composition to the KGB? Do you know that if you will continue thinking this way you will never study in the university or institute? We are being very kind to you - you could be expelled for this! Take this composition and rewrite it. Write about Lenin, not about Christ! If you believe in God, be silent about Him. Do not talk to anyone about your faith and never write about it. Believe quietly in your God, but in your composition write that you love Lenin. How can you love some kind of Jesus more than Lenin? You are a fanatic! Rewrite your composition immediately!"

I told her that I could not. I loved Jesus, therefore I could not do what she asked. For a long time she spoke harshly to me. She criticized my father, Georgi Vins, who was imprisoned in a concentration camp in Siberia for preaching the Gospel.

A few days later she informed me: "I sent your composition to the KGB. From now on I will send all your compositions to the KGB."

The other teachers at school also read my composition. Some teachers even read it aloud in class and discussed it with their students.

I was so glad! Because of my composition, many people at school were hearing about Jesus and my love for Him. God protected me in a marvelous way!

In some schools children are beaten because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Sometimes children are taken away from their Christian parents and put into special state orphanages for re-education. They are forbidden to see their parents.

When my father was exiled to the United States in April 1979, our family was allowed to join him. Now I live in America and can study the Bible freely. But children in my homeland go to atheistic schools. Everyday they are taught that there is no God.

Please pray that children in my country will grow up to know and love the Lord Jesus. Pray that God will protect Christian children and make them strong.

* Secret Police.

Lisa Vins is the daughter of Rev. Georgi Vins, and is presently attending Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

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Coordinators for the Conference are Jean Hlad, Sylvan Grove, KS, and Don Michaelson, Tiltonka, IA. Both are seniors. Jean is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hlad. Mr. Hlad currently serves on the FBBC Board of Directors. Don is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Michaelson of Tiltonka, IA.

The Bible Knowledge contest will cover chapters 12-24 of Luke, the same portion being used in the GARBC Talents for Christ Contest in 1982. The top scoring guy and girl will each receive a \$100 scholarship.

The cost for sophomores, juniors, seniors, and post graduates is \$15. Youth sponsors may register for half price.

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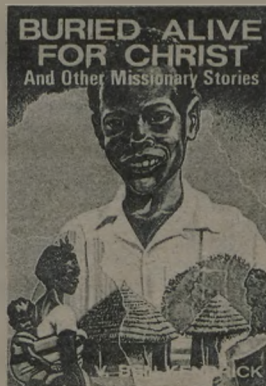
On April 23, 1982, at 7:00 p.m. Faith

Baptist Bible College will perform Brahms' Opus 45, "Songs for Saints," a choral work written for chorus and orchestra. The text is skillfully arranged to provide consolation for the living saints. It expresses comfort, the joys of heaven, and faith in the righteousness of God by showing the preciousness of the death of the saints of God.

The soprano and baritone solos will be sung by Miss Nancy Walter, graduate of FBBC, and Dr. Michael Doonan, FBBC Professor of Voice. The chorus will be directed by Mr. James Wolfe.

The evening will conclude with familiar gospel songs about heaven arranged by Mr. Charles Bergerson, chairman of the FBBC Music Department.

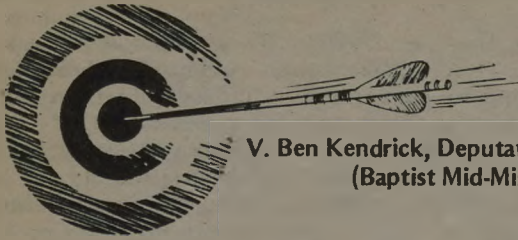
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Starting A Work Among The Cannibals.....

The French administrator asked us to open a new work among the Bandas in Ippy. "Ippy?" I challenged Guy when he returned from a survey trip of the territory. "I didn't even know anything was happening up there."
"Mother, the people are cannibals".....

Guy and I both thought it would be a wonderful opportunity, but we kept coming back to the frightening fact that they were cannibals - and we had three small children.

So I went to see Mr. Eboue, the official. Felix Adolphus Sylvester Eboue was a highly educated French citizen. He was later to become the first black governor-general of all Free French Africa. Later, during World War II, it was Eboue who turned that section of Africa over to the Allies, even though France itself had gone with the Vichy government.

Mr. Eboue was from Martinique and, when I first met him, very much opposed to Americans. He had read a good deal about America's early history and the slave problem.

But we had developed a friendship with him. He had signed Marian's birth certificate, and he had turned to us when his wife was confined and the military doctor was 200 miles away. Many a time during the years, I sat up all night with his children when they were ill. Through the years we came to know and to love each other. So I went to him personally.

"What's the idea of suggesting we go to Ippy?" I asked. "We heard they ate the French official there a short time ago."

"Yes, Madame Laird, that's sad but true."
"And that they ate the Portuguese man who went to see about a coffee plantation," I continued.

"Yes, I know, Madame Laird. And they ate the only other white man to go into that district, too."

"Well, then, why do you want us to go? Me with three little children - two babies."

"Madame Laird, if you want to know why I picked you, it is because I believe you're one person they will not eat."

He paused ever so briefly. I never did understand why he felt they wouldn't eat me. Then he continued.

"I'd like you to go in and live among them. They have been misunderstood. They are Africans who need to have a little guidance. They will be great people if you do that. Go in and mother them. We'll not leave you alone. We'll keep an eye on you. When they've accepted you, and you feel you have the confidence of the people, we'll send you a French administrator."

We prayed about it and Guy went out looking for a concession.....Guy paid little attention when the others ridiculed him about his location. He said to me, "Mother, I feel the Lord is leading me to this particular location. There are five natural springs on this concession. You can't have much of a dispensary and raise a family without water."

How God led him! Little did we realize then that we would later have seven residences on this station and that there would be a seventy-five-bed hospital and dispensary which needed much running water.....(Taken from *THEY CALLED ME MAMA* by Margaret Nicholl Laird, Moody Press).

Built in the early 50's from handcut "white wood" laid up in ant-hill mud, and staffed with God-given "conscientious Christian doctors," Ippy hospital has served these many years as a beacon light drawing the sick and the hurting from hundreds of miles around. Always coupled with an evangelistic outreach, it has sent out trained African Medical Evangelists to outlying dispensaries in a church-planting ministry. It serves as nearly the sole source of health care for the approximately three hundred African churches, representing some 100,000 Christians, meeting the medical needs of many missionaries.

BUT NOW - the buildings are badly in need of repairs. Some should be rebuilt. Old worn out equipment must be replaced. God has burdened the heart of Dr. Charles Rhodes to bring into existence the project LIFE SUPPORT - IPPY in answer to these urgent needs. Any one interested in this vital medical ministry may contact BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS.

The call goes out from ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM for personnel needs. They write:

"In recent months, we have been amazed to learn of the abundance of requests for short-term school teachers. From Portugal, three missionary couples are in need of a teacher. Norway has first-term missionaries engaged in language study who could also benefit by a dedicated servant of God competent to teach the three R's to their active, lovable M.K's. Likewise, pleas have come in from Bangladesh, Togo, and Philippines. The desire is for such individuals to serve one or two years on a foreign field.

"A few months ago, a short-term teacher went to Japan to assist some M.K's. with their high school studies. She wrote back to us with great enthusiasm of the joy she is having in this assignment. She was also excited in the opportunities to get to know and minister to the Japanese young people. Such are the rewards of service.

"In times past, we've also had some fine teachers complete their short-term and then realize God wanted them as career missionaries. That one or two year assignment just whet their spiritual appetites for further pursuits in God's work.

"Thus our challenge goes out to qualified Christian teachers who care to seize a challenging opportunity for God. ABWE's Director of Enlistment and Education, Rev. William T. Commons, would be delighted to correspond with you about short-term service."

The needs are great, dear readers. There is still much to be done. God has given us the privileged opportunity to have a part in these ministries.

A minister, by nature of his position as Pastor of a local church, is required to drive his automobile to perform his job as Pastor. Therefore, he normally will drive more miles than most of the members of his congregation.

Driving from home to the church is considered commuting and is a personal expense. Driving from the church office to the hospital or to some other place of church business is a normal business expense and the costs are deductible for income tax purposes. However, in order for the business auto expenses to be deductible, the Pastor must have written evidence that he drove so many miles for the church. A simple record may be kept on a clipboard and placed on the front

Date	Odometer Reading	Miles Business	Personal	Explanation
1/1/82	28,326			Begin
1/2/82	28,332		6	Commute to office
1/2/82	28,352	20		Hospital visitation
1/2/82	28,358		6	Commute to home
1/2/82	28,373		15	Dinner at restaurant with family
(Data for remainder of month)				
1/31/82	29,586			
TOTAL		610	650	

seat of his automobile. A suggested form is shown:

The foregoing diary indicated that 610 miles were driven for church business and 650 miles were driven personally. The data will be accepted by an IRS audit and the Pastor will get credit for all of his business miles.

Ministers are now required to deduct their business auto expenses on federal income tax form 2106. Many ministers have been using a flat rate of 20 cents a mile up to 15,000 miles and 11 cents a mile over 15,000 miles. With the new accelerated depreciation rules, an auto can be depreciated over three years with no salvage value to be considered. Therefore, along with high gasoline costs, etc., generally the actual cost of operating the auto, along with depreciation, will exceed 20 cents a mile. Hence, a record should be kept of expenditures of gasoline, maintenance, repairs, insurance, and license fees.

Also, I am sure, some ministers will not know that they can claim an investment tax credit each time an automobile is purchased new or used. This credit is applied to directly reduce income taxes.

Suppose a minister buys an automobile (new or used) for \$6,000 in 1981 or later. The automobile should be depreciated over three years, and the investment tax credit is 6% (10% for Equipment depreciated five years or longer).

This car, used 60% in the Pastor's profession, will get a one-time, first-year investment tax credit of \$216 (\$6,000 x 60% x 6%). If you sell the car before it has been used three years, you get to keep a 2% (6% 3yrs.) credit for each year you keep the car for church business. Business cars purchased prior to 1981 retain old rules that are different.

There is a difference between an automobile allowance and an automobile reimbursement. If \$2,000 of a Pastor's salary is designated by the church as automobile allowance, it should be taxable as salary and be included on the W-2. Then the business portion of the automobile expenses (actual or rate per mile) should be deducted on form 2106.

An automobile reimbursement occurs when the minister submits a report to the church (probably Treasurer) and is reimbursed by check (usually monthly) at rate per mile driven for the church. The reimbursement may be reported on form 2106 at the end of the year as follows:

Deductible auto expenses - 7,000 miles @ 20 cents	\$1,400
Reimbursed by church	1,260
Net amount deductible	140

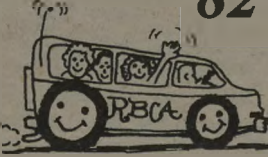
Ministers should also remember that gasoline costs are not the only auto costs that they should consider. The cost of the use of money (interest) has risen greatly in the last three years. The amount of money that you have invested in your transportation vehicle should be considered along with gasoline costs. Compare the purchase of a used auto with low miles at a cost of \$2,500 with the purchase of a new auto at a cost of \$9,500. The interest that one can earn now is about 14%. Observe the following comparison:

	Annual cost
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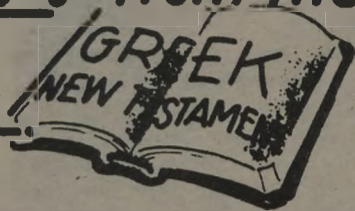
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The Word Of "Substance."

There is a great statement in Heb. 11:1 to the effect that faith is "the substance of things hoped for." What is the true sense of this pronouncement? What is meant by the term "substance?" What are we to understand in the fact that faith is the "substance" of things hoped for? The answer, of course, lies in the use and meaning of the word rendered "substance?"

The term "substance" used by the A.V. goes back to early sources such as Aquinas and others who interpreted that faith takes the facts and substantiates them in our soul, or that faith is the foundation upon which the other verities are based. The first point of

significance in the study of this term "substance" consists in a look back at the context in 10:35-39, where the writer points to the future reward, promises, the need for patience, the second coming of the Lord, all of which are "things hoped for" - and as such require from us a persevering, unwavering, solid trust that they will come to pass as foretold and written. This is not to confuse faith with hope, nor to define faith as hope. This requires a firm, fixed confidence in the words of God.

Now, the word "substance" is hupostasis (hupo + histemi, or huphistemi), "to underset, place or put under, stand under, as a foundation or substructure." The Septuagint Version in such passages as Psm.39:8, Ruth 1:12, Ezek.19:5, render the word "hope," and Ezek.43:11 translates it as "fashion." In Psm.69:2, it is even rendered "standing" in the clause "when there is no standing (hupostasis). So there is not as much help in understanding the sense of the term in the Septuagint Version as might be desired.

The Papyri shows the use of the word to mean "substance, property, effects," and one source refers to certain "expectations." These varied uses are at first sight rather perplexing, but in all cases there is the same central idea of something that underlies certain visible conditions and, in a sense, guarantees future possession.

This fact does not contribute to the sense of the word as it appears in the New Testament, where it is found 5 times: in Cor.9:4; 11:17; Heb.3:14; Heb.1:3; and Heb.11:1. The first three passages refer the word to a foundation standing under, or, in later Greek, a solid confidence in what is done, or said, or written. Of course, it involves the firmness, resolution, and steadiness of mind which rest upon that solid confidence, and because of it. But the occurrence of the word in Heb.1:3, "and the express image of His substance (hupostaseos)" is a remarkable one, and may seem to be somewhat troublesome as to its proper meaning here. However, a consideration of the total sense of the composite term and its use and meaning in various sources where it appears make its significance in this passage clear. It denotes substance, essential being - the divine essence underlying the divine self-revelation. It describes the supreme reality of the Lord's being. The KJV has used the word "person," and such is not wrong since we are dealing here with the very essential being of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hence, in Heb.11:1, from which we take the text, "faith is the substance (hupostasis) of things hoped for..." the word must mean that firm, unshakable confidence in future things, as based upon and centered in the absolute reality

of the person of our blessed Lord. The reason why that firm confidence is immovable is because He Himself is its underlying cause, the One standing under its trust and hope and bearing us on to those things hoped for but not yet seen.

The person of Christ is not only the incontrovertible mystery of godliness - it is the substructure, the essential foundation, and that which stands under the reality of the Christian faith. It is the center and the substance of our theology - the fundamental under-support for our whole system of doctrine. In Heb. 1:3, this blessed person is described as "upholding all things by the word of His power." The incarnate Son's relation to God involves His relation to the world. He is the Heir of all things, the very one being brought into being through Him, and He indeed bears all these - not as an atlas with the world, or universe as a

dead weight upon His shoulders, merely keeping everything from sinking into oblivion. But He bears all things so that His will and purpose are being fulfilled and will be fulfilled. He is carrying them forward by the utterance of His own mandate (hremati, not logos) which called into existence the universe in the beginning, sustains, and administers it.

So we may have this abiding confidence in the "hoped-for" things - those things just ahead in the future concerning His coming and the wonders of His presence because our blessed Lord in His own magnificent essential being - His own blessed person - is the foundational, substantial basis for them all. Faith is never its own basis. It must rest upon something, somebody outside of ourselves. And our faith rests upon the person of our Lord and His own fallible Word. HERE WE MUST STAND.

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SEVERAL TIMES LAST YEAR and already this year I have been confronted with what should be of great concern to every believer and especially to the pastors of our fundamental churches. God has burdened my heart, as I am sure He has most of you that are reading this issue of the O.I.B., to carry out the command of Matthew 19:14 in bringing little children to Him, the Savior.

IT IS BECAUSE OF OUR OBEDIENCE to this command that Sunday Schools, bus programs, junior churches, AWANAs, Word of Life clubs, Christian schools, summer camps, youth group activities, family seminars, and many many more avenues are planned for children and families to come to the Lord for the grace of His salvation and daily provision.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CHURCH. It is His local institution by which He carries out His commands. Through it He offers opportunity for children and adults alike to receive His provision of grace for faith and practice. That provision is carried out by plans, programs, and people within His church. The stated plans and programs are somewhat standard and commonplace for most churches in the fellowship. They are normal avenues set up to bring children from a normal family to Himself.

BUT THE ISSUE that I want to raise is: What is being done to provide a way for children with less than normal backgrounds, ie; from broken Christian homes? What about the grandchild of a 75 year old Christian lady whose daughter has run off and left her child with children's services? What about provision for the child that is in a county children's home; born to a Christian parent from one of our fundamental churches? What provision is being made for a child in one of those county homes who has gone to a fundamental church and has accepted the Lord as personal Savior? What grace is being provided for them? Is it God who has limited grace for their daily lives and future reality or have God's people been lulled to sleep by the hardening of our hearts? Have we resigned to giving up children to the State; thereby, cutting off the Spiritual Grace that God desires to provide to them? God forbid that we should be so insensitive and disinterested even in a little soul.

I WANT TO SHARE with you a very recent situation which should burden your hearts to pray. It is one of many that are going on right now in our churches in Ohio.

A grandmother who is a born-again and faithful member of a fundamental Baptist church called the other day explaining that she had just heard about our ministry. She stated that her daughter, also a believer, had a child out of wedlock. The young mother ran away and left the child with the grandmother; but for health reasons, grandmother is not able to care for the child permanently. Eleven months ago children's services took the child and placed it in a foster home.

When this grandmother heard of us she wondered if we might be able to take responsibility and place her grandchild for adoption into a solid Christian, two-parent home. Grandmother and I set out to find her daughter. We found her and were able to spend some time with her sharing God's Word with her and offering her opportunity to place her child in such a home. Children's services has already served notice of intent to terminate her rights to Baptist Children's Home for adoption into a fundamental Christian home. While this young woman acted out of concern and compassion for her child, she remains in need of your prayers as she is still in the grasp of Satan's devices; stating that she does not like her lifestyle but does not know the way out. Pray that her heart will be softened to God's pleading and she will turn away from the sin that she is in.

IF WE ARE ABLE to get this child from the court and welfare-state, God will be enabled to provide His grace to him. But, I am greatly burdened about how many more situations there are that are undercover because God's people do not know about us.

IT IS GREAT that this grandmother found out about us from a friend but sad that she did not find out through the administration of her own church. How many children from our churches are going to be so deep in the grasp of children's services that we will not be able to rescue them? We have lost too many already. Pastors and Christian friends, I would encourage you to have me present this ministry to your people so that we may be a channel of blessing to someone who might be in your church with a hidden need but to which God has a storehouse of mercy and grace.

REMEMBER we have a command to: "Suffer (let, permit, encourage and even provide a way for all) little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

THIS COMMAND WAS MADE to the disciples but I am sure if Christ were to make it today it would be made directly to the Church. I urge you to pray about this important matter. Feel free to contact me if you desire to know more about this ministry.

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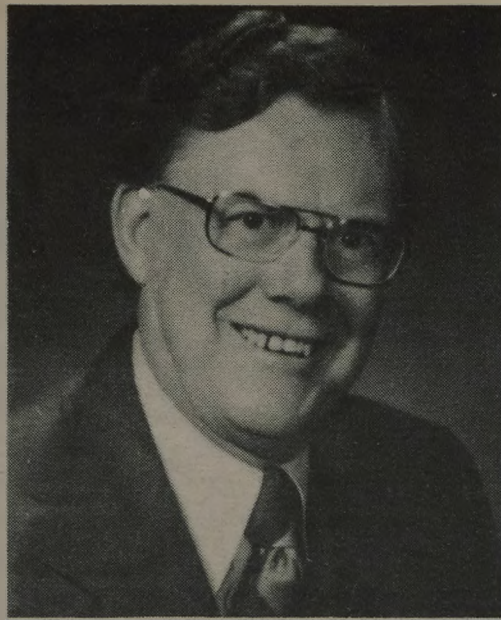
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Lawrence W. Malone

Rev. Lawrence Malone is a missionary/evangelist, serving with Galilean Baptist Mission of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Kent City, Michigan.

Brother Malone's ministry began more than 35 years ago when he was a member of the world's largest Pentecostal/Charismatic Church Organization. For more than 25 years he served as a pastor and evangelist. During this time, he classified Baptist as part of all the other cults of the age. However, he was invited to attend special meetings in the First Baptist Church of Kent City where Dr. Ed Morrell was preaching. Through this church and its pastor, he was introduced to the Grand Rapids Annual Conference and began to attend. Here he began to think and re-evaluate.

Since his affiliation with GBM, he has been serving in many capacities including pastor, supply, interim pastor, and presently serves as secretary and publicity

director of their camping program, and directing special areas such as co-ordinating Sunday School events between the various GBM churches, publicizing events of the churches, and holding special meetings.


His ministry at Walnut Creek Baptist will be under the theme "The Hour of Prophecy Evangelistic Crusade." Brother Malone has given the OARBC an invitation in an open letter at the bottom of this page.

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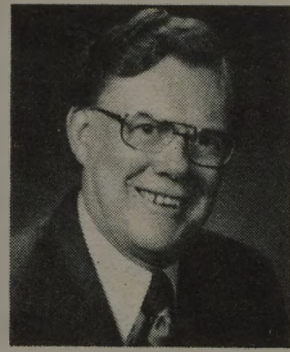
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Pastor Don Gommesen, missionary under GBM, began his ministry at Walnut Creek Baptist in February, 1981. The church has experienced good growth in their 15 months. Their building is at capacity and some expansion must be found in the near future.

Our meetings, beginning May 9th, will endeavor to reach those in the area of Walnut Creek Baptist with the Gospel, and to strengthen and establish new believers in the faith. This we are dedicated to according to Ephesians 4:11,12.

Walnut Creek Baptist Church is an infant church and they will make every effort to meet the expenses of the meetings including printing, advertising, mailing, and caring for the evangelist while I am with them.

But they could use your help. I would invite the churches of Ohio, should the Lord direct, to share in this ministry in this church. A gift toward the additional expense of these meetings is not only needful and helpful, but a great opportunity to have a part.

Please send all gifts to Galilean Baptist Missions, 3120 Leonard St. N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505. Be sure to mark your envelope "Baltimore Meetings."

Why not send a letter of encouragement to Pastor Gommesen and the Walnut Creek Baptist Church. This would be a great encouragement to them as well as to the evangelist and the Galilean Baptist Mission.

My personal thanks for your prayers and whatever consideration the Lord would have you share. I remain

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Russia Update

WIDESPREAD CONFISCATION OF BIBLES

Widespread Confiscation Of Bibles

ELKHART, March 1, 1982—In February the KGB (secret police) conducted mass searches in cities across the Soviet Union with the intention of discovering and confiscating Bibles. The homes of six Christians in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) were searched, as were eleven Christian homes in the city of Zyrjanovsk (East Kazakhstan Region).

On February 13 a search was conducted in the home of Baptist believer, Ivan Ervinovich KINAS (address: ul. Fabrichnoi, 34, Tokmak, Kirghizia). KGB officials discovered and confiscated 600 Bibles which were being prepared for binding. The binding of Bibles printed by the Christian Publishing House is all done by hand and demands a great deal of time and manpower. After the search in the Kinas home, six believers were arrested: Ivan KINAS, owner of the house, his sister Antonina KINAS, 22, Olga BOSLER, 21, Maria TISSEN, 57, Panel SUKHORUKOV, and Daniel SHEVCHENKO.

According to article 52 of the Soviet constitution, the Bible is not a forbidden book. But despite this, KGB officials carry on these searches with the specific aim of locating and confiscating Bibles.

This campaign against the Bible began in 1929 when atheistic authorities in the Soviet Union issued the special legislation on religious cults which was formulated to gradually and completely liquidate religion and the Church. Evangelical Christian Baptists estimate that since that time (1929-1981) police and KGB officials have confiscated more than 10 million pieces of religious literature from Evangelical Christian Baptist believers alone. This includes more than one million Bibles and gospel portions.

Atheistic authorities fear the impact of the Bible in the hearts of the people. State atheism has tried to wrench God and the Bible from them without giving them anything else for their souls. People in the Soviet Union are tired of atheism. While searching for the spiritual meaning of life, they hunger for the light of Christ. At the present time the Bible is the most beloved and sought after book in the Soviet Union. For this reason the Evangelical Christian Baptists have organized a secret network of printing presses known as the Christian Publishing House which for more than ten years has been printing Bibles and gospel portions in Russian, Ukrainian, Moldavian, Georgian, Ossetian, German, and other national languages spoken in the USSR. The KGB is searching for the printing teams and presses, anxious to arrest the workers and confiscate equipment. Some teams have been discovered and sentenced to concentration camps. Nevertheless, the work goes on. Luba KOSACHEVICH, 30, was part of a printing team arrested in 1980. At her trial in Dnepropetrovsk, Luba's final defense speech reflects the spirit of the printers:

In Moscow there is a monument in honor of the first printer Ivan Fedorov on which these words have been chiseled, "For the sake of my brethren and those who are dear to me." I want these words to be an epigraph for every day of my life. The Christian Publishing House has existed for ten years. We have been arrested but the work continues; our places will be taken by new workers. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:19-20). So has the Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to do.

Let us pray that the work of the gospel amongst the nationalities of the Soviet Union will be successful, so that each person who so wishes can have a copy of the Bible. May we also remember in

prayer those who for the sake of spreading the gospel of Christ and distributing God's Holy Word have been deprived of their freedom for many years in prisons and labor camps.

LENINGRAD BAPTISTS PUT ON TRIAL

ELKHART, March 8, 1982—Three leading members of the independent Evangelical Christian baptist church in Leningrad were tried on February 17-19. Senior Pastor Fedor Vladimirovich MAKOVITSKY, 52, was sentenced to five years in strict regime labor camp and evangelist Mikhail Vladimirovich AZAROV, 45, received a sentence of four years in ordinary regime camp. Vladimir PROTSENKO, owner of the house in which the church meets for worship (address: Leningradskoye shosse 30 "A", pos. Kuzmolovo, g. Leningrad), was given three years in ordinary regime camp.

The court ordered the confiscation of the personal property of all three men including Protsenko's home where believers meet for worship. Only close relatives were allowed into the courtroom and many friends and fellow believers were refused entrance. The Leningrad congregation, with 300 members, now faces the inevitable difficulty of having to conduct their worship services in small apartments in Leningrad high-rises or in the many wooded areas on the outskirts of the city.

The outcome of several other trials of ECB believers have become known to us. On January 26 the trial of Grigory Vasilievich ZHURBA was held in Nikopol, Dnepropetrovskaya oblast. The court sentenced him to 2.5 years in ordinary regime labor camp. A military tribunal in the city of Ryazan sentenced young Christian Genrikh Genrikhovich LEVIN to four years in ordinary regime camp for refusal to bear arms because of his religious convictions. The trial was held February 3. On February 4, believer Fedor Kuzmich CHEVGAN was sentenced by a Kharkov Region court to 3.5 years in ordinary regime labor camp with confiscation of personal property and Nikolai Petrovich POLISHCHUK, 38, was sentenced in Novograd-Volynsky, Zhitomir Region to four years in ordinary regime labor camp plus four years in exile. All of these men were sentenced for spreading the gospel and remaining faithful to the Lord.

Arrest of Christians continue in the Soviet Union. On January 28, Valentina Ivanovna SAVELEVA was arrested in Budeinovsk, Stavropolsky Area, and on February 3, Anatoli Timofeyevich RUBLENKO and Vladimir Mifodievich VLASENKO were arrested in Nikolayev. Other arrests include Georgi KOLODENKOV in Vasilkov, Kiev Region; Galina MIKHAILEVA in Tashkent; and Pavel

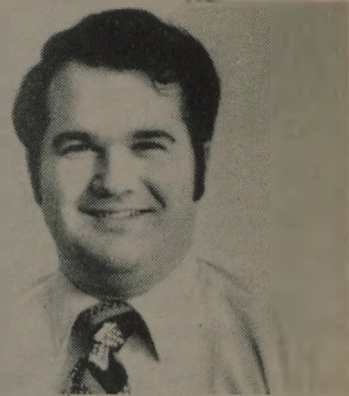
Ivanovich ANTONOV in Kirovograd. Antonov is the son of Ivan Yakovlevich ANTONOV, a member of the Council of ECB Churches.

On December 25, 1981 authorities destroyed the tent in which believers in the city of Dzhambul, Kazakhstan worshipped. The Senior Pastor of that church, Yakov SKORNYAKOV, has spent three and a half years of his five-year sentence in a strict regime labor camp in the same city. He suffers severely from cancer of the stomach and has been refused medical treatment by order of the KGB (secret police). Despite his illness he has been forced to do heavy labor.

We have also received a report that Galina VILCHINSKAYA, 23, has been cruelly treated by KGB officials in the woman's labor camp where she is imprisoned. Under their orders, she was brutally beaten by two inmates. Her address is: p/ya 267/10, 11 br. 20 otr., s. Gornoye, Mikhailovsky raion, Primorsky krai, Soviet Union. On February 22, Galina's mother Zinaida visited her. According to her report, Galina is very weak physically and the marks from the beating are still visible on her body nearly two months later. Her mother writes:

"Galina told us: 'I didn't come here to sit with my hands folded in my lap, I am compelled to speak about Christ to those who are perishing in their sins. . . Mama, if I don't return, be assured that I will have died joyfully for the sake of Christ!'"

Serving Assistant Internship At Mogadore



Mr. Rob Seymour

On January 1st, Rob Seymour began his internship as assistant pastor at the Mogadore Baptist Church. Under this plan, he will be with Mogadore for at least one year.

Rob attended Cedarville college and Grace Theological Seminary. He is completing the internship through Grace Seminary. He has a lovely wife, Nancy, and three children: David, 4½; Paul, 3; and Kimra Lynn, 6 months.

The uniqueness of this internship is that Rob grew up in the Mogadore church and they have observed his progress through the years.

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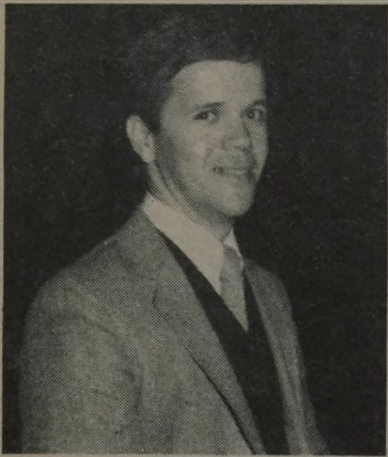


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At Washington Heights



Mr. David Robey

David H. Robey has been added to the staff of the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, as Music Director. Robey also is Assistant Professor of Speech and Director of Forensics at Cedarville College. He received his undergraduate training at Pillsbury College and holds an M.A. in speech from Bob Jones University.

"The primary purpose of church music is to prepare the congregation for the preaching of God's Word. I am pleased to be a part of the ministry in a church where the Bible is taught faithfully," says Robey. "I also feel strongly that music can be used to provide a moving form of oral expression as God's people sing His praises. Congregational ministry through song is a vital part of our services."

Robey served on the speech department faculty at Tennessee Temple University for 9 years, and for 3 years was Music Director of the Duncan Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga. This summer he will be part of a Cedarville College M.I.S. team to the Philippines.

David and his wife, Beverly, live in Cedarville. They have three boys.

RECOGNITIONS

The Lakeview Baptist Church, Dundee, Ohio called an ordination council which convened on March 8, 1982 to hear the testimony, call, and doctrinal statement of missionary appointee, Vic Millard.

The council unanimously declared itself satisfied and recommended that the church proceed with the ordination service. (Submitted by William Russell, clerk of council)

The ordination service was held March 14th.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio called an ordination council which convened on February 23, 1982 to examine Mr. Leonard M. Miller, assistant pastor at Emmanuel.

The council unanimously recommended that the church proceed with ordination. Missionary Carson Fremont was chairman of the council and Pastor William Wheeler was secretary.

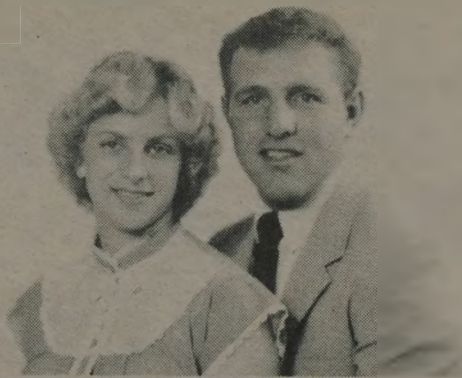
The ordination service was held February 28th with Pastor Wheeler presiding and Pastor Nile Fisher gave the ordination sermon.

The Grace Baptist Church, Westerville, Ohio, called an ordination council which met on March 18, 1982 to examine Mr. Robert Altstadt for the purpose of proceeding with ordination.

The council, made up of more than 30 pastors and messengers, unanimously recommended that the church proceed with ordination. Mr. Altstadt, a previous member of Grace, returned to Grace as assistant pastor after attending Baptist Bible College and Cedarville College. He is looking toward the pastorate.

The ordination service will be held in the near future.

Let's Get Them To Haiti!



Cyndi and Vic Millard
Appointees to Haiti

Cyndi and Vic Millard are appointees under Baptist Mid-Missions to serve in Haiti. They are previous short term missionaries there and, having completed the 1981 Candidate Seminar, are now on full-time deputation.

Vic was born in Pennsylvania into a

Christian home and was saved during Daily Vacation Bible School. He attended Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, and graduated from Cedarville College. He taught three years in a Christian school and served two years as an assistant pastor. The Millards have four children. During a Missions Youth Banquet, God touched their hearts concerning a previous commitment for missions.

The field of Haiti was presented to them by Dr. Ben Kendrick. An opportunity arose for them to be involved in short term construction work at the medical site in Caye Jacmel. During this time of service they grew to love the Haitian people and saw the many needs of this area.

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