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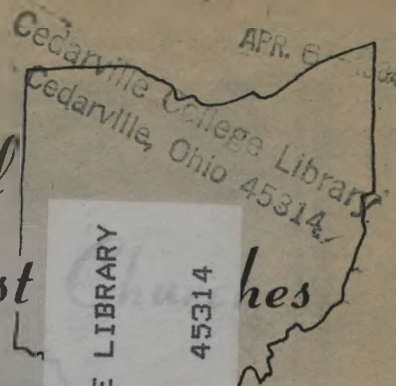
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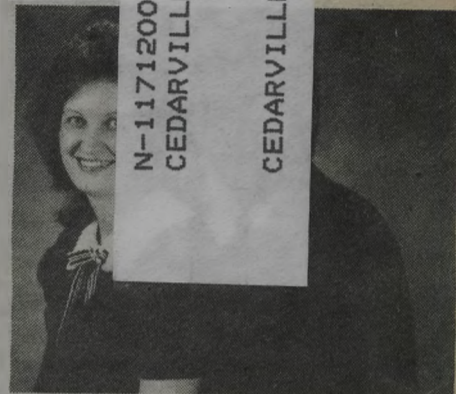
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Debbie and Kenneth Spink

Berea Baptist Church, Berea, is pleased to announce the calling of Kenneth J. Spink to the senior pastorate beginning March 11, 1984. Pastor Spink has served here since November 1982 as assistant to Pastor Derwin G. Hauser, who resigned in December to pastor the Townsend Avenue Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

He is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, with a BRE degree.

The church officially welcomed Pastor Spink and his wife Debbie with a reception Sunday evening, March 18th. A gift of money was presented for him to purchase books for his personal library.

Additions At Emmanuel - Toledo

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, has recently added two pastoral staff members, according to Dr. Ernest Pickering, Pastor.

Rev. George Rich began his ministry as Assistant to the Pastor in Evangelism on February 16, 1984. Pastor Rich is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and has served the Lord in several areas. He was saved while pastoring an Episcopalian church and after his conversion taught in Christian schools in Ohio and Florida. He comes to Toledo from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bremen, Indiana.

Pastor Rich and his wife Francis have two children, Matthew and Sarah.

Mr. Duane Early of Allen Park, Michigan, began his ministry as Assistant to the Pastor in Youth on March 4, 1984. Mr. Early is a graduate of Baptist Bible College of Pa. and has been attending Detroit Baptist Seminary. While at B.B.C., he traveled three years with the Defender Five basketball team.

Mr. Early plans to be married in July to Miss Sue Hopkins, a teacher in a Christian school in New Jersey.

**The Resurrection
WAS ONLY THE
BEGINNING
HE IS STILL ALIVE!
HEBREWS 10:25**

Ordained At First, Blanchester



Pastor B. Quick, C. Hackney
Dr. C. Nuttall

On Wednesday evening, March 7th, First Baptist Church of Blanchester, Ohio, ordained Pastor Charles Hackney, Jr. to the gospel ministry. A day earlier, an ordination council composed of 17 pastors and messengers from several Baptist Churches recommended that First Baptist proceed with plans to ordain Pastor Hackney. Chairman of the Council was Rev. John Greening, Sr. of Southgate, Springfield, and secretary of the Council was Pastor Dennis Henderson of Jamestown.

Pastor Clay Nuttall from Bethel Baptist of Fruitport, Michigan, brought the charge to the candidate. Pastor Nuttall is the pastor of Pastor Hackney's home church. Pastor Brad Quick, pastor at Blanchester, brought the charge to the congregation.

During the service, the First Baptist Church adult choir sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Pastor Quick played "It Took A Miracle" on his trumpet. Pastor Hackney's sister Chris Dykstra sang a special number. At the close of the service, the deacons of First Baptist Church laid hands on Pastor Hackney. Also involved in this laying on of hands were Pastor Quick, Pastor Nuttall, Dr. H. O. Van Gilder and Missionary Ward Harris. At the close of the service, refreshments were served. Pastor Hackney is presently serving as the Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church of Blanchester, Ohio.

Euclid-Nottingham 75th Anniversary Days

"In November of this year we shall be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church. The first three Sundays (4th, 11th, 18th) of that month will be the time for this special celebration. We have former pastors committed to speak on these Sundays (Bates, Lewis, Huffman, Rooke, Davis) and our state representative Dr. Bill Brock.

"Saturday evening, the seventeenth, the committee has planned for an "Old Fashioned Night" with a carry-in dinner and folks dressed in old-fashioned clothes. Ken Boyce is planned for a special video presentation at that time.

"The board is suggesting that instead of having our regular Thanksgiving Offering at the usual time during that month, that we bring our Thanksgiving Offering on the eighteenth. A goal, in keeping with the 75th, is also suggested to be \$7500.00."

He Is Risen

A certain Pastor made it a practice to include an Easter hymn in every Sunday morning service. Asked why he followed this practice when it wasn't Easter, he replied, "To me, every Sunday is Easter. We celebrate His resurrection everytime we come to worship Him on the first day of the week."

There are some fourteen appearances of Jesus after His resurrection. All the Apostles saw Him. More than 500 brethren saw Him at one time. Could they all have been mistaken? Was it a hallucination? No, the demonstrable facts were too self-evident, the persons involved too many and too reliable. The simple fact is "HE IS RISEN."

He appeared to the eleven disciples on His Resurrection day. As they were together, suddenly the risen Lord stood in their midst. They were terrified. They thought they had seen a Spirit. Christ dispelled their doubts and fears with this statement and lesson:

"Behold, my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

Thomas, of course, was not present. But eight days later he was and Christ again came and stood in their midst. Previously Thomas had been told that the others had seen the risen Christ, but he said he would not believe it without personal, visible evidence.

Christ says to Thomas:

"Thomas, reach hither your finger, and behold the print of the nails in my hands and reach your hand; thrust it into my side."

Thomas was aghast at this visible, tangible evidence of Christ's resurrection. He could only admit, confess and say:

"MY LORD AND MY GOD"

Leland Keys, writing on the Resurrection, suggests four facts in connection with Christ's Resurrection:

FIRST - THE FACT OF THE EMPTY TOMB - testified and acknowledged by friends, enemies and the angel who met the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus (Luke 24:2)

SECOND - THE LORD'S DAY.

From the time of the resurrection on, it became the custom of the early church to meet on the first day of the week for worship, prayer, fellowship and breaking of bread. The first day of the week became to the Christians a day of special significance, for it was on the first day of the week that their Lord had risen from the dead. Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth twenty years after Christ's resurrection and ascension, indicates that this was a continuing custom. The Day became known as THE LORD'S DAY. (Acts 20:7)

THIRD - THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. This on the Day of Pentecost was another result of Christ's Resurrection. (Acts 2:1,2) Peter declared, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whom we all are witnesses. Therefore,

being by the right hand of God exalted and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." (Acts 2:32,33)

FOURTH - THE NEW TESTAMENT. The New Testament was written because Jesus had risen from the dead, vindicating His claims to be the Son of God with power and the Savior of the world. The writers of the New Testament had a story to "tell to the Nations," and they told it by Word of mouth and by their writing.

Here, then, are four direct results of the Resurrection. But we must add ONE MORE - that of the CHANGED LIVES of those who put their trust in the Living Lord and Savior.

Because He lives, we have eternal life now and in the ages to come -

We should sing -

"Up from the grave He arose

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain

And He lives forever with His saints to reign;

HE AROSE! HE AROSE!

HALLELUJAH, CHRIST AROSE!"

Dautel Memorial Service, Temple, Portsmouth

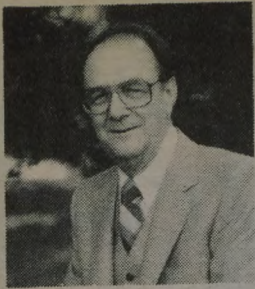


Mrs. Marian Dautel is shown here with the beautiful floral arrangement given at the memorial service for Dr. Hall Dautel at Temple Baptist Church on February 19, 1984. Dr. Dautel served as

pastor here for nine years. A talented musician, he had composed more than 60 hymns, three of which were presented during the morning worship service. The Dautel Memorial fund sponsored the radio broadcast of the service and the remaining funds will be used to purchase books for the church library.

Dr. Dautel attended Wheaton College, was with the musical staff of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, served as Pastor of Baptist Churches in Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. Was on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pa., Mid-Missions, Council of General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and on the Council of Ten of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Survivors include his wife Marian; a son David; a daughter Joan; two granddaughters and a great-grandson.



The Representative's Spot

It is difficult at times to decide to share situations, thoughts and suggestions. Should we endeavor to make our constituency aware of situations or should we just share them with our Pastors. We believe in the independence of the local church and the position of the Pastor? That is Biblical. Pastors are to lead their people and as a Pastor, I want that Biblical privilege. As the Pastor goes, so goes the church. Most money raisers or recruiters know that if you can get to the Pastor, you usually get to the people. So we venture to share with you folks, but also share further with our pastors in the bimonthly "Encourager."

I just returned home from a Baptist Mid-Missions Triannual Conference in North Carolina. While there, I visited with friends in Staly County. There are no large cities in Staly County, the largest being about 20,000. But I was startled with the fact that there are 52 Southern Baptist Churches in Staly County and most of them not small. In my mathematical mind I transferred such thinking to Ohio. With 88 counties and 50 churches in each county that would be more than 4000 churches. You are aware that we have 200 O.A.R.B.C. Churches in Ohio.

Why bring this up? Across my desk this past month has come a great deal of material on the need for new churches and the need to help struggling churches. Pastors have received Dr. Tassell's G.A.R.B. "Information Bulletin." The current one by Dr. Tassell is headed "A Strategy for Establishing Churches in the U.S.A." He has gathered a number of background articles and suggestions and challenges us to consider the need. As a member of a Mission agency, I am concerned with support for Missionary appointees and Missionaries. This is a difficult area, but the question arises, "Can our present churches continue to increase and add to their missionary giving in the ratio of the economy and new missionaries available?" I think plain, common sense says they cannot. So a possible key or need for missions is additional churches, new churches or we find support from independent, non-fellowshipping churches.

Along with all of this comes a letter from Pastor John Morrow of Oxford, Ohio, mailed to all of our Ohio Pastors, highlighting a real need from their church regarding a partially completed building. Along with this is the work on the Southeast side of Columbus which we mentioned last month (Hope, now called Bethesda) and their need for financial help. There are other works such as the new work at Beaver with the Millers under Continental Baptist Missions. I am not leaving others unmentioned because of bias but because of space. We do have other established, self-supporting churches struggling.

In past years Ohio had a new church program which was guided by Earl Umbaugh and was concerned only with starting new churches and did so numbering some 30 plus. But again, we must bear in mind that the present economy will not allow 7 or 8 families to support a new work and get it on its feet. But it was done.

Now I write personally. The key to new churches is our present churches. But we know that. It is the implementation that is difficult. As I have spoken to this issue, I have reminded you that have heard that one of our problems is Pastors and churches that are afraid to lose people. Turn this around and you have Pastors and churches that will not encourage families from their church to launch out in a new work. We all want our churches to grow, so we do not want to give up people. But you cannot start new churches without people, and these need to be spiritually mature, well-grounded people, not just new converts.

There is another problem. Probably not many churches can take families and start new churches alone. So it will take a cooperative effort on the part of the churches in

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a given area. Now we have the problem of cooperation. I do not know why this is a problem, but it seems to crop up. Whether this is jealousy or lack of confidence or just plain stubbornness, I have not figured out. It may be that cooperation speaks of Conventionism and we are deathly afraid of that.

You have heard me speak of the last hurdle. We do not have the financial means or vehicle to start new churches or to help existing struggling churches. We have no "common" pot. That would mean control or organization. But you do have to have money to help and start new churches.

As most of you know, I am good at highlighting situations but very poor with solutions. It really is not fair to ever present a problem without presenting a solution. But my purpose for the moment is to get you to think and possibly discuss. Maybe Pastors can at least use this "editorial" as a take off for discussion with their people and maybe people can share their thoughts with Pastor. Would that be bad? Someone may even come up with a good plan. Some churches may decide they can help start a new work in their area and be willing to give it a try. Possibly even our local area fellowships could decide to do something together. Yes, it will take money. But the key to missions, education and other outreaches is churches. For we do believe in the local church principle.

As Dr. Tassell's bulletin states and quotes, "We do have our home mission agencies and many of us are using and helping them to start new works. And we are thankful for them." I will not take time to repeat many of the quotes in this bulletin. Your Pastor has them.

I am not looking at myself as the key. I do not believe the State Representative can start new churches as we did in previous years. I think our present churches should see and know the area that new churches could and should be started. Our mission agencies are the key and help in areas where we do not have churches to help reproduce themselves.

But I close with another thought from another letter received. This Pastor asked me to explain why our Ohio Churches do not support missionaries starting new churches in Ohio or pastoring struggling churches. He sights a good example of a missionary Pastor with only two Ohio churches giving support to that Ohio work. How would you answer this question? Why are our O.A.R.B.C. churches not supporting new works in their area or even in Ohio? I must be honest, that was a difficult letter to answer, other than Baptist churches are "independent." But that is rather a "flimsy" answer, isn't it?

I don't know where this column goes this month. Maybe flat, maybe breeding resentment, maybe discussion, maybe prayer, maybe movement.

I close with the closing statement of Dr. Tassell's bulletin.

"In writing to the Corinthians about their stewardship, the Apostle Paul stated a principle that applies in every area of our Christian service. II Corinthians 9:6, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." If we in the G.A.R.B.C. want to reap bountifully, we must give our money, our manpower and our members bountifully in the establishing of new churches. The undiluted promise is II Cor. 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." AMEN! " (?-editor.)

"Senior" Debbie Nash To Complete Four-Year Challenge

Article by Cynthia Reed taken from Cedarville College Cedars

For any senior, the anticipation of graduation holds mixed emotions. Although living with muscular dystrophy has made college a different type of challenge for her, 22-year-old Debbie Nash feels the excitement and the sadness that come with the completion of college.

Born with infantile progressive spinal muscular atrophy, Debbie has been physically restricted to a wheelchair since seventh grade and constantly suffers pain or lack of feeling in her legs. The muscles in her back, neck, arms, hips, and legs undergo continual contraction, and this has affected her lungs, making the common cold far more dangerous.

She attested to the fact that God has demonstrated His grace to her through these past years. In three years, she has had to conquer only one cold, and she has accepted the pain as a necessary symptom of the disease.

Although school has been more difficult physically, Debbie's academic abilities are above average. Having graduated as valedictorian from high school, and presently holding a GPA of 3.2, Debbie has surprised her doctors several times with her determination and achievement.

Early in her life, her parents had been told that her mentality would not go above a third-grade level.

By this June, Debbie will have a degree in accounting, and plans to obtain her CPA license.

Debbie has similar feelings to those of other graduating seniors. "I'm excited about getting out," she asserted. "It's a feeling of accomplishment, but yet it'll be a tearful day. I've enjoyed it and have made many close friendships."

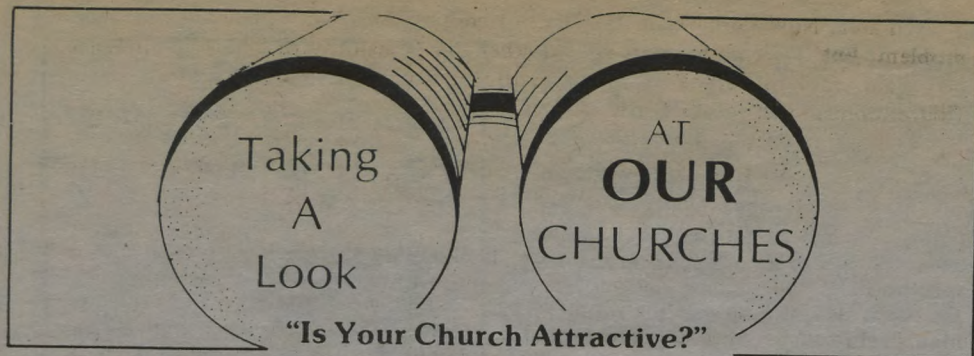
Debbie stated that during her four years she has learned a lot about trust. "So

often," she commented, "we depend so much on people, but people aren't here forever." She shared experiences of friends who have died and others with whom she has not been able to keep in contact since they left school. Although she dislikes these experiences, they have taught her a lot about friendships and the balance between trust and independence.

Debbie's position has given her a special inlet with many of the young patients. Often they stare at her at first, but once they get to know her, a relationship develops. There have been hours worth of wheelchair races, "and sometimes," admits Debbie, "they beat me. It's disgusting." On some visits, Debbie and the children formed wheelchair trains, connected hands to handles, whirring down the hallways, and often losing cargo at the corners. It's not surprising that Debbie has a reputation as the "crazy woman in the wheelchair."

Of this Christian service, Debbie stated, "The Lord has given me strength to keep going, and He wants me to pass it on to someone else." This strength has stood the test for Debbie, who admitted that difficult circumstances, whether temporary or permanent, often make the value of living seem distant or debatable. The ministries God enables her to have supply the reasons and support for continued efforts, she concluded.

Thankful for the independence she has learned at Cedarville, Debbie reported that she will also miss the security of college. Like other graduates, she wonders about life ahead of her, and more specifically, the job market. She said, however, that she has been God supply the necessary money for this nearly completed part of her life, and thus, she will trust Him for the next part.



"Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

Let me stop again - There is controversy, but the apostles are the foundation for the pastor in the transition book of Acts - The verse above has a little pronoun in it. The pronoun is "we" - Who is "we?" Please read carefully. The "we" are the apostles.

Interestingly, here you have one of the first inferences to the word "oversee" or "overseer." Pastors are identified as "overseers." Please notice the apostles "oversaw" the seven and where, how, when, and whom they served. Just an added thought. If the seven are the foundation of deacons, then you will find no job description for deacons in the Bible. Interesting. It would seem from this passage that pastors are "overseers." In other words, they administrate. It does not say they do the work, they have and need help but they "oversee." That is not dictatorship (Read Acts 20 and I Peter 5).

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Note the three expectations - Oversee - Prayer - The Word. These three areas are enlarged upon in other areas of the Word but they do not change.

Would you allow your pastor to be an overseer - a pray-er, and a handler of the Word of God? If he did nothing else, would he be a good pastor? Would you allow him to be a Biblical pastor? I am not saying pastor will not do other things. Allow him to do what he wishes - but if he does not do a great deal more, don't criticize.

You are all familiar with Ephesians 4. Space will not allow us to print the entire passage. But note again that the work of a pastor is defined as:

"Perfecting the saints"
"for the work of the ministry" (These two possibly should be tied together)
"edification of the body of Christ."

Here, again, you see the importance of allowing him to handle the Word. Paul, by the Holy Spirit, states the reasons for this in verses 13-16. The reasons - unity - stability - growth - cohesion - My dear reader, that's what our churches need - and it comes because a pastor is allowed to be a pastor.

Stop and think. How long does it take your pastor to get a lesson or message? How long would it take you week in and week out? Does your pastor speak 3 or 4 times a week? Would you think it takes at least 4 or 5 hours to get one message? Really, I tell you by experience, it takes longer. If your pastor has a multitude of duties and we keep adding to his duties, where does he steal time to do other things? That's right, from prayer and study.

Now please don't say that I said pastor has no problem and all pastors would be Biblical. Most pastors I know want to be "good" and God-used pastors. But I wonder if they have the time and the blessing and encouragement of the people to be that?

Let's take a look at pastors. How about it?
(Next issue, Lord allowing - and I don't need the space for more important news - "What Should A Pastor Expect From His Church?")

Most of the time as we "look" at our churches, we have shared thoughts on service, procedures, fellowship, etc. with an aim to endeavor to get you to see and think from a different view.

Recently I had the privilege to be asked to speak at an ordination service with the specific subject of the charge to the church. This is normal procedure. But it again sent me to restudy the subject of pastor and people. You see, this becomes a two-fold subject. One being "What Should A Church Expect Of Its Pastor?" - The other "What Should A Pastor Expect From His Church?"

Let's take a look at pastor. Better yet, what do you expect from your pastor? Is it Biblical? Do you have a reason to expect what you think your pastor should be doing?

Often I have asked people and churches, "Will you let your pastor be a pastor? - a Biblical pastor?" Very often I find that a church will not allow pastor to be pastor. Now don't get up tight. I am not asking you to defend your pastor or to tell me how busy your pastor is nor how much your pastor does. All pastors are busy. But are they busy with the right things? Is your pastor doing things that you should be doing? Do you criticize your pastor for what you think he should be doing and is not doing?

If we would take your congregation or any congregation and pass out paper and ask each to write what he believes a pastor's work to be, you possibly would have as many answers as people.

I know all of the jokes about pastors and how they really only work one day per week - and the old soliloquy of "Pity the Poor Preacher." - but I don't have space for all of those. I know all the old humility jokes from deacons to pastors.

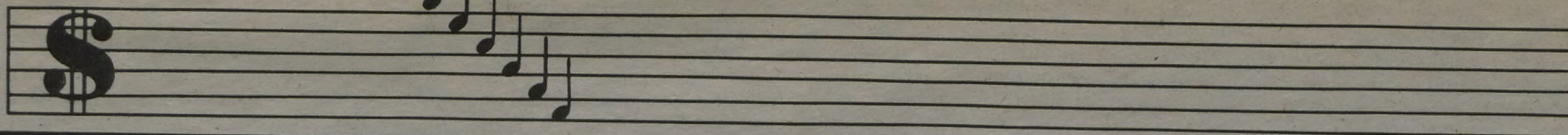
Our main concern is what the Word of God says. Many churches do not want God-called, God-used pastors. They want a pastor that will allow them freedom and meet many of their demands. Churches say, "Our pastor must win souls." As a pastor or as a believer? "Our pastor must visit the sick." Is that what the Bible says? And we could go on and on.

Let me challenge you to look at a few verses. All of you know Acts 6 - The murmuring and the choosing of the seven - But let me repeat the verses for you -

"Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them and said, It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." - Let me stop - Notice the emphasis on "the Word of God"

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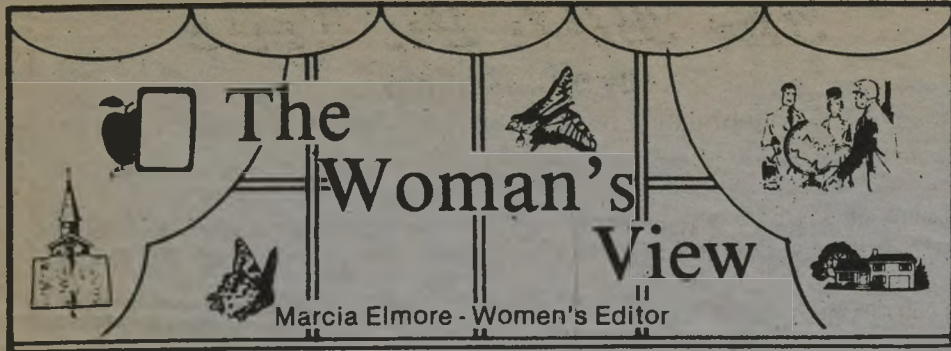
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Believe It Or Not



Cheer up ladies, it's coming. Whether the ground hog saw its shadow or not; no matter if the woolly bear had stripes or spots; and whatever predictions might proceed from the Farmer's Almanac or the American Meteorological Society, it's coming! God promises in Genesis 8:22, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime (SPRING) and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

God promises! Have you ever let your mind get caught up in that thought? One writer reports that there are some eight thousand, eight-hundred and ten promises in God's Word. We used to sing with our children, "God Always Keeps His Promises," and along with that, "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It." The prerequisite for having the results of God's promises in our lives is to BELIEVE. We quickly respond with "we know that," thinking it to be very elementary to the Christian life. We are very much aware that this is the primary step in salvation as the Scripture is so explicit. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved . . ." Contained in this primary step are great promises, such as: ". . . that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16); "He that believeth on him is not condemned; . . ." (John 3:18); "And by Him all that believe are justified from all things," (Acts 13:39); to name a few. We may know this, and it may seem elementary, but it is the foundation of our entire Christian life and our future growth depends on it.

Standing on this primary principle that we have salvation in Christ and life through His name by believing, why are we seeing so many of our families in the church defeated, confused, mixed together in the masses of this world so that they cannot be distinguished from anyone else, finally confounded? Peter states that, ". . . he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded."

When Christ was talking to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he said, ". . . O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:". Does this speak to you today, 1984? It sure does to me. Do we believe all that the Scripture says about Him, and what He wants to accomplish in our lives? Or, do we pick and choose what we want to believe? To believe is to credit or rely upon the ground of authority about a matter (other than personal knowledge). What it comes down to is our willingness to adhere to God's authority, believing what He says is true.

Ladies, if we take God at His Word, and honestly believe, some things will have to be removed from our lives, and we all have some. On the other hand, the plus side is endless. Increased prayer will ascend and be answered, living water will flow out from us, and greater works will be accomplished. Do you believe it? "Jesus said . . . , If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23)

"Publish Glad Tidings"

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SPECIAL SPEAKER: Mrs. Marleah Kenoyer

OUR THEME: "Publish Glad Tidings"

OUR THEME VERSE: "Allowed Of God To Be Put In Trust With The Gospel... Not As Pleasing Men But God..." I Thess. 2:4

Ladies, remember the Dime Bank Projects: A computer for language translation in Africa and a new stove for Camp Scioto Hills. Make checks payable to Louise Henry, 777 Rex Lake Rd., Akron, Ohio 44313.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The afternoon session includes a panel discussion on subjects pertinent to your women's missionary organizations. Mrs. Marleah Kenoyer, Mrs. Pauline Kettering, and Mrs. Marcia Elmore will be participating on the panel.

Lunch will be available at area restaurants, or you are free to bring a sack lunch.

Please Note: The host church will be providing a luncheon for missionaries and pastor's wives. If you plan to avail yourself of this opportunity, please drop a post card to Faith Baptist Church.

This is the Annual Election of Officers, you are asked to appoint three voting messengers to represent your church.

News From The Hebron Ladies

The Hebron Fellowship's pastor's wives, missionary presidents, choir members, and missionary cupboard chairmen met on March 6th at First Baptist Church in Wellington for a time of fellowship and sharing. A panel of four ladies discussed how to have a more efficient missionary cupboard.

On April 3rd, the Women's Missionary Union held their Spring Meeting at Fellowship Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mayo of Baptist Children's Home, Springfield, were the featured speakers of the day. The ladies have chosen to purchase carpet for the Baptist Children's Home as the 1984 project.

Fall Retreat Schedule:

PATMOS RETREAT

September 6-8

Mrs. Roxane Brock, Chairman

Theme: "Fit For A King" II Timothy 2:21

Speakers: Dr. Pam Diehl, Cedarville College
Mrs. Marleah Kenoyer, Baptist Mid-Missions.

SCIOTO HILLS RETREAT

September 6-8

Carol Stairs, Chairman

SKYVIEW RETREAT

September 20-22

Mrs. Barbara Williams, Chairman

SALT FORK RETREAT

November 15-16

Mrs. Peggy Patrick, Chairman

Speaker: Nell Collins (Crisis in Hope, Indianapolis, Ind.)

Name Changed To Baptist Family Services

The new name "BAPTIST FAMILY SERVICES" was recently adopted by the Trustees of the oldest GARBC approved social agency which has operated for years as the Regular Baptist Children's Agency. This change was made March 15, 1984. Rev. Norm Bosworth, Executive Director, has announced that this change does not mean any change in leadership, location, program or services. Baptist Family Services will continue as a non-profit corporation operating as an approved Social Agency of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. The reason for the change was to choose a name that would identify more clearly that the ministry involves a variety of services to families, including children. These services include Riverside Residential Treatment for Children, Adoption Services, Pregnancy Counseling, Christian Counseling Services, Special Schooling at Riverside Baptist Campus and Foster Care. An effort to balance the focus of these programs has already begun. The emphasis upon service evangelism and upon close association with our constituent churches as an extension of their

1983-84
Women's State Project

SCIOTO HILLS CAMP

New Stove

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ministry to meet very unique and special family and child needs continues as before.

This change in name follows closely a recent decision to discontinue accepting state funds. Children accepted into the Riverside Residential Treatment Program must be placed privately by parents or guardians. Support for the operation of all programs and services is coming from churches and private individuals.

Under this new policy, Baptist Family Services is now operating with only one half of its former revenue as it seeks to recruit new sources of funds.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Riverside Residential Treatment Program

A Private Program For Families With A Child Having Behavioral Or Emotional Problems

At Riverside, we require counseling for the child and family while we work to re-unite the family unit as a whole. There is an on-grounds school (State certified grades 1-8) for those having difficulty functioning in a regular classroom. Each child is also a part of the therapeutic recreational program, where they receive both individual and group interaction with our staff. Regular church attendance is also required to meet the spiritual need of each child. Housing is provided in group homes with live-in houseparent staff. Our Riverside program works with boys, ages 8-16.

Since 1953, we have been providing services to children in need with an emphasis in recent years on residential treatment for mildly to moderately disturbed children. Historically, it has been necessary to call upon the responsible parties and referring agencies to assist in funding the services offered.

In August of 1983, it was decided by our board to operate our established residential program as a totally private ministry funded by supporting individuals and churches. Parents placing their child contribute to the cost of treatment. However, ability to pay is not a criteria for admission. Costs parents cannot cover are subsidized as a ministry of the agency.

Referrals may be made by either families or other sources.

For further information, write or call:

REGULAR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S AGENCY
RIVERSIDE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM
Attn: Social Work Supervisor
214 N. Mill Street
St. Louis, MI 48880
(517) 681-2171

The Bible In Verse

By B.C. Jennings

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ISAIAH

There are two divisions in this prophetic book
And some seem to think that two authors it took.
But only one we say, for Isaiah has no rival.
It is called by some the Miniature Bible.

Hear, O ye heavens and give ear, O ye earth,
You have rebelled against Me since the day of your birth.
The ox knows his owner and the ass his Master's stall,
But Israel does not listen nor hear when I call.

From the sole of the foot to the top of the head,
There is no soundness in her: she is almost dead.
Come and let us reason together the Lord does plea;
Your sins tho like scarlet, white as snow can be.

'Twas in the year that good king Uzziah had died
I heard the angels around God's throne as they cried,
"Holy, Holy, Holy," is what they did sing,
And I said, "Woe is me, I am an unclean thing."

A seraphim cleansed my lips with a coal from the altar.

Then I heard God's voice and I did not falter.
He asked, "Whom shall I send?" and thus did plea.
Then I said, "Here am I, if you will send me."
Then Lucifer, son of the morning, God's plan mars,
Saying, "I will exalt my throne far above the stars.
I will be like the Most High," he does boastfully tell,
But God declared he would be brought down to hell.

Isaiah cried against Israel's sins day after day,
And told them that to Babylon they would be carried away.
"Yet Comfort My people," God said at the last,
"She has received double for her sins of the past."

"Look unto Me and be saved all ye ends of the earth,
For I am thy God and there is none other of worth.
I'll blot out your transgressions so they cannot be seen,
Return unto Me and I will wash your souls clean."

All we like sheep from God have gone astray -
Yet on His Son all our sins He did lay.
Wounded for our transgressions His Word revealed,
By the stripes that He bore we are wondrously healed.

I CORINTHIANS

Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ unto the Corinthian saints -
You have all the spiritual gifts, but I have some complaints -
While some say I am of Paul, Apollos, Peter or Christ,
You are reflecting divisions and that is not nice.

Who is Paul, or Apollos, but men who did God's Word release?
I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
Brethren, I did not come to you in wisdom or excellent speech -
I determined to know nothing but a crucified Christ to preach.

It is also reported that there is fornication among you,
And you are puffed up. Now this you should do,
In the name of Jesus when you gather in the Lord's power,
Put that wicked person away, or you will all turn sour.

It is also reported that some have gone to law with a brother.
I speak to your shame that you so threat one another.
Do you not know that the world will be judged by the saints?
Is there not a wise person among you to handle these complaints?

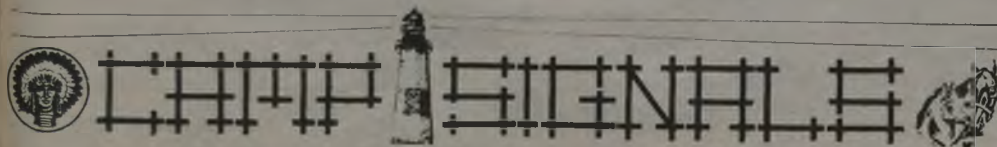
Now concerning the things that you wrote me about -
Neither married partner should put the other one out.
And touching things offered to idols let me speak,
Do not allow your liberty to be a stumbling block to the weak.

I also hear that at the Lord's supper you are divided a lot -
You have houses to eat in so for this I praise you not.
At that supper Jesus broke bread for all to see,
And He took the cup saying, "This do in remembrance of Me."

Now love is set forth above both faith and hope,
If you have all else but lack love, in darkness you grope.
Likewise among the gifts and this tongue speaking race,
Tis the telling forth of God's Word that gets first place.

I have delivered to you that which I also received -
Christ died was buried, arose and you believed.
If He be not risen, your faith is vain; you are yet in sin.
For in Adam all die yet in Christ life will begin.

But some will ask how are the dead raised up?
It is sown a natural body but the spiritual will erupt.
We shall not all die but a change will take place;
On the resurrection morning we will see Him face to face.



SURF SPLASHINGS FROM CAMP PATMOS

Still in need of a Registered Nurse for the 10 weeks of camp this summer. Please contact Pastor Loren Schenck, Pine Hills Baptist Church, 5154 Ivyhurst Dr., Columbus, OH 43232, Phone (614) 866-3810.

Work Week - May 28 - June 2

You are invited to come and work one day, two days, or the week.

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

RETREATS

Scioto Hills Reservation Retreats continue to be very successful. Both the College/Career and Juniors enjoyed a great weekend at the camp. We would like to remind you of the upcoming retreats:

Men's No. 1 April 27, 28
Men's No. 2 May 2, 3
Keen Agers May 31 - June 2

We would especially like to remind men to register early. Our space is limited. Our first Men's Retreat will feature Richard T. McIntosh and our second will feature W. David Warren. Both are Associate Professors of Bible at Cedarville College and have a great ability to communicate the truth of God's Word.

YOU NAME IT

A new 150' water slide with a 15' tunnel is being installed at the camp to be ready for the summer program. We need you to name this 150' slide of thrills and excitement. Please send your suggested name to Chief Storm Cloud at the camp. The winning entry will receive a free Scioto Hills Camp sweater and will have their name printed in the O.I.B. Send your suggestion now!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer camp registrations are be-

ginning to arrive. Be sure to get your registration in before May 1, and take advantage of the \$55.00 fee for the fourth straight year. This is only possible because of the faithful support of the churches for which we are grateful. Juniors who register for the week of June 11-16 will be given free swimming lessons by a certified instructor.

Junior Camp	June 11-16
Junior Hi Camp	June 18-23
Junior Camp	June 25-30
Senior Hi Camp	July 2-7
Junior Hi Camp	July 9-14
Junior Camp	July 16-21

FAMILY CAMP

This is also a good time to plan your family vacation. Family Camp will be July 23-28. The new ten-unit lodge opens the door for a new venture in family camp. Electrical hookups for RV's, rustic teepee camping, and traditional cabin facilities provide opportunities for a great family vacation and spiritual learning. Pre-registration is \$50. Adults is \$55 each.

1st child	\$35.00
2nd child	30.00
3rd child	25.00
4th child	20.00

(Family of 4 - \$175.00 - includes meals, lodging, activities, and spiritual enrichment.)

Feel free to contact Gary Storm for more details. Our speakers for the week will be Ron and Becky Coriell, conference speakers and authors of a series of books on building character into the lives of our children.

PIONEER VILLAGE

Five log cabins have been disassembled and transported to the camp for the erection of a new adventure in camping. One of the cabins will serve as a registration office, museum and nature center, while the other four will be erected on the hillside for lodging. If you would be interested in assisting in the reconstruction of these cabins, please contact Chief Storm Cloud.

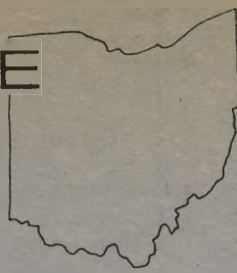
For further information, contact:
(NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE)
Scioto Hills Reservation
Route 6, Box 84
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A CROSS THE STATE

Church Happenings

Highlights

FROM YOUR BULLETINS
AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



AKRON
First Ernest Bloom, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Steve Rutledge, Jewish Mission
 Mar. 11 - All-church Fellowship
 Mar. 12 - Tournament basketball game with Mogadore

Highland Joseph Chapman, pastor
 Feb. 19 - Sharon Beres presented China trip under M.I.S.
 Mar. 4 - Commissioning Service for Jonathan and Sylvia Rawdon, short-term to C.A.R.
 Spk: Dr. Raymond Buck, president of BMM
 - Baby Dedication
 - Men's Breakfast
 Spk: Pastor Dean Henry
 Apr. 6 - All-church Spring Banquet
 Spk: Rev. Bill Russell

AMHERST
Faith Robert Barrett, pastor
 Feb. 19 - Rev. and Mrs. David Toro, missionaries to Australia
 Mar. 28 - Women's Missionary Union packed boxes for college students

ARCANUM
Immanuel David Huffman, pastor
 Jan. & Feb. - Swindoll film series, "Strengthening Your Grip"
 Feb. 11 - Paul and Vickie in Sacred Concert

ASHLAND
Calvary William Moser, pastor
 Mar. 4 - KIDS PRAISE presented at Norton Baptist by youth
 Rev. William Russell, Skyview Ranch
 Chalk drawing by Byron and Kay Schumaker
 COMING: Apr. 10 - Ladies' Missionary Society Meeting; Spk: Loretta Strook, missionary to France

BEDFORD
Bible William Davis, pastor
 Mar. 4 - Film: "God's Prison Gang"
 Mar. 17 - YAC Breakfast in the park
 Mar. 28 - Missionary, Miss Laura Lehto
 COMING: Apr. 15-20 - Special meetings with Dr. Hugh Horner

BELLEFONTAINE
Calvary Barry Grahl, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Teens in charge
 Brian Roget - slides of China, where going as MAPer
 Mar. 25 - Baby Dedication
 Apr. 8 - Dr. and Mrs. Philip McDonald, appointees to Bangladesh

BEREA
Berea Kenneth Spink, pastor
 Mar. 20 - Willing Workers' Workshop
 Mar. 24 - Chamber Singers Concert - B.B.C.
 Mar. 30 - "Wallball" with North Royalton Young People

BLANCHESTER
First
 Mar. 4 - Gary Storm, Director
 Scioto Hills Camp
 Mar. 6 - Ladies' Missionary Fellowship salad buffet honoring Mrs. Quick
 Mar. 11 - Teen Potluck Dinner
 Mar. 12 - Special carry-in supper for Mrs. Quick by Ladies' Bible Study group
 Mar. 24 - Special farewell dinner for the Quicks
 Mar. 25 - Night of music

BLUFFTON
Riley Creek Harold Guthrie, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Film: "Armageddon"
 Mar. 3 - Youth Rally
 Film: "Mistaken Identity"
 Mar. 25 - Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers
 Mar. 28 - W.O.L. missionary, Ron Morton

BROOK PARK
Mid-Brook David Knudson, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Silent Evangelist slide and casset presentation on use of tracts
 Mar. 4 - Charles Monroe, Director of Baptist Children's Home of Ohio

BRUNSWICK
First Steve Lantz, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Church Fellowship
 Mar. 28 - Ladies' Dorcas Missionary meeting
 Spk: Mrs. Grace Hendershot, missionary to Hobi Indians

Mar. 18 - Rev. Gary Weaver, missionary
 29-31 - Sr. Highers' trip to Cedarville College

BUCYRUS
Calvary Howard Jones, pastor
 Mar. 11 - Cedarville College Chorale
 Mar. 18 - Began Sunday School contest - "An Extra Effort - An Extra Mile"
 Apr. 8-11 - Evangelist George Zinn
 COMING: May 13 - Dr. James Entner, missionary to Philippines

BYESVILLE
Calvary Kenneth Pugh, pastor
 Apr. 1 - Male Quartet from Akron Baptist Temple

CALDWELL
New Harmony Milton Barkley, pastor
 Feb. 11 - Senior youth Valentine Banquet
 Mar. 18 - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
 COMING: Apr. 14-18 - Missionary Conference with missionaries from FBHM, ABWE

CANAL FULTON
Canal Fulton George Stitz, pastor
 Feb. 29 - Massillon Christian Ensemble
 Mar. 5 - Roller Skating
 Mar. 25 - Sunday School contest with Perry began

CANTON
Perry Gordon Roloff, pastor
 Mar. 9 - Workers' Spring Banquet
 25-Apr. 29 - Spring Attendance Campaign
Whipple John Mooney, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Richard Brosseau, missionary
 Mar. 27 - Women's Missionary Union "Hats Off to Spring" picnic
 Spk: Hae Ja Brosseau
 Mar. 18 - Ray Lane
 - AWANA Night
 Apr. 1 - Commemoration of Mooney's 10th year at Whipple
 Mar. 8 - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
 COMING: Apr. 29 - Dave and Bev Toro

CLEVELAND
Brookside George O'Keefe, pastor
 Feb. 6-17 - Pastor and Mrs. O'Keefe took 30th Anniversary trip to California
 Mar. 12 - Rev. Tom Wright, Strongsville
 Mar. 14 - Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hendershot, missionaries to Indians in Arizona

COLUMBUS
Immanuel William Abernathy, pastor
 Mar. 11-18 - Meetings with Evangelist Don Winters
 Mar. 18 - "Church Loyalty Sunday"
Maranatha Bruce Snyder, pastor
 Mar. 4 - Rev. David Warren, Cedarville College
 Cedarville College Concert Chorale
 18-21 - Special meetings with Dr. Ernest Pickering, Toledo

Memorial Tom Wright, pastor
 Mar. 11 - Rev. Fred Hussey, pulpit exchange
 Mar. 24 - Sunday School Advance Kick-off Banquet
 Spk: Dr. J. Don Jennings, president of Northwest Baptist Seminary
 Music: Dave and Darlene Murdoch
 Dr. Jennings
 COMING: Apr. 10 - Men's Banquet
 Spk: Dr. Paul Dixon, president of Cedarville College
 22-27 - Family Week/Family Life Seminar with Rev. Donald Worch, Children's Home in Indiana

Pinehills Loren Schenck, pastor
 Feb. 19 - Rev. Dennis Martin, missionary appointee
 Mar. 26 - Refreshment Fellowship
 Mar. 12 - Women's Missionary Fellowship

COMMERCIAL POINT
Welch Road Leslie Newell, pastor
 Feb. 12 - Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Valen, missionaries with Baptists for Israel Institute
 Reception at parsonage for Pastor and Mrs. Newell's 35th Anniversary
 Mar. 19 -

DAYTON
County Line Carl Stephenson, pastor
 Feb. 11 - Dr. Jim Entner, missionary to Philippines, ABWE
 Mar. 17 - Annual Gym Night
 23,24 - See and Saw Marathon

Washington Heights Larry Fetzer, pastor
 Feb. 27 - Construction began on new education wing
 Mar. 4 - Haiti slides
 Hobby Night All-Church Fellowship
 17 - Hosted SWAT Talent Rally
 21 - Family Night Potluck
 Film: "It's Friday But Sunday's Comin'"
 31 - Christine Wyrzten in concert
 Apr. 8 - Primary-Junior Musical "Kid's Praise"

DUNDEE
Lakeview Robert Veenhuis, pastor
 Mar. 17 - Family Skating

EAST LIVERPOOL
Pleasant Heights J. Edgar Beckley, pastor
 Mar. 10 - Family Fellowship
 Film: "Changed Lives at San Quentin"
 Apr. 1-6 - Evangelistic meetings with Norm Sharbaugh

ELIDA
Faith Ron Urban, pastor
 Mar. 4 - Gideon Sunday, Mr. Lyman Fisher
 Began series on Personal Finances with Mr. Don Dollens
 Apr. 8 - Rev. Bill Russell, Skyview Ranch
 COMING: Apr. 15 - Begin "Focus on the Family" films

ELYRIA
Abbe Road James Turner, pastor
 Mar. 4 - Roy and Evelyn Challacombe, missionaries to England, BMM
 "Puncture the Principal" Sunday
 10 - Crusaders/College/Career Rally and Banquet
 Spk: Tom Sparling
 11 - Tom Sparling
 COMING: Apr. 15-18 - Spring Bible Conference with Mike Coyle

Beth-el Walter Spieth, pastor
 Mar. 11 - Mr. Dean Kennedy, principal of ECA
 COMING: Apr. 15-20 - Family and the Home meetings with Keith Kiser

First Bradley Quick, pastor
 Mar. 4 - Dr. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Coordinator, BMM
 11 - Rev. James Hostetler, FBHM
 14 - Calvary Christian Academy choir and brass band
 25 - Rev. James Hostetler
 Dr. James Biddle, Cedarville College
 31-Apr. 4 - Missionary Conference with Rev. Roy Challacombe, BMM in England

EUCLID
Euclid-Nottingham Donald McClintick, pastor
 Mar. 17-21 - Annual Missionary Conference
 Dr. Wendell Kempton, ABWE president
 Florence Hagan, CHM
 Ron and Chris Self, ABWE
 Jeff and Inge Cook, EBM
 Apr. 1 - Dr. Brinson McGowan
 4 - Russ Clark presented Camp Patmos
 COMING: Apr. 18 - Rev. and Mrs. James Lossing, BMM missionaries to Ecuador.

FINDLAY
Calvary Richard Snavely, pastor
 Mar. 9 - Family Fun Night
 30 - Pillsbury College Choir
 Apr. 8-13 - Spring Bible Conference with Dr. John McCormick
 COMING: Apr. 22 - 1984 Easter Pageant

FOSTORIA
Fostoria Vernon Billington, pastor
 Feb. 26 - Oshiro sisters, missionaries to Okinawa
 Mar. 2 - Kickoff Dinner for Sunday School contest
 4 - Began Sunday School contest, "Weighed in the Balances"

GALION
First John Dantuma, pastor
 Mar. 4 - Welcome Fellowship for new Assistant to Pastor, Reuben Luthold and wife
 Apr. 8 - "Old Fashioned Sunday"

GALLIPOLIS
Faith Lynn Lahaie, pastor
 Mar. 15 - JOY Fellowship Soup and Salad Night
 17 - Old-Fashioned Country Prayer Breakfast and Operation Outreach
 18-23 - Evangelistic meetings with Norm Sharbaugh

First Joseph Godwin, pastor
 Mar. 24 - Maranatha Ladies' Missionary Fellowship hosted
 Spks: Dr. and Mrs. William Brock
 Dr. William Brock, OARBC
 State Representative

GALLOWAY
Alton Road Thomas Waldo, pastor
 Feb. 17-19 - Prayer Conference with Dr. William Brook, State Representative

GRAFTON
Midview Thayne Bodenmiller, pastor
 Apr. 8 - First Baptist Christian School Choir, Elyria

COMING: Apr. 15 - Service for hymn
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 Mar. 18 - Miss
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 missionary to Indians
 Hendershot showed
 Lee Grosh, pastor
 Sell, Skyview Ranch
 Sunrise Service
 Henderson, pastor
 Overnights/All Church
 Baptiste Choir
 Lord's Supper Program
 Graduation
 All-night Night
 Marvin Clark, pastor
 "Master's Puppets"
 Thunder"
 Hosted Pastors' Meeting
 Image of the Beast"
 Dennis Gilbert, pastor
 Hendershot, BMM
 Challacombe, BMM
 Marlin Bowes, pastor
 Cedarville College
 William Brock, State
 Fred Hand, pastor
 Director of Scioto Hills
 Alexander, pastor
 Begory Program for
 David Morris, pastor
 Fellowship
 High School
 Ruth, missionary appointee
 to BWE
 Chittock, pastor
 missionary to
 Banquet
 Emmanuel, Toledo
 with Dr. Lyle Ander-
 son, college
 Family
 Women's Missionary
 Paul Mayo
 Brennan, pastor
 Meeting
 Albertson, pastor
 Luytjes
 Deffenbaugh, pastor
 Chorale
 Carol Showers,
 Fellowship meeting
 Sell, National
 GARBC

MINFORD
 Grace
 Feb. 5 - Friend Day Sunday
 17-19 Meetings with Rich Moon
 Rally for Children
 Hot Wheels Race
 Puppets

MOGADORE
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 Mar. 25,28, Missionary Conference
 Apr. 1 - Rev. and Mrs. Bob Collins, BMM
 Field Administrator
 Mr. and Mrs. Tim McElhaney, Trans-
 World Radio
 Miss Ann Wahlgren, missionary, Japan
 Richard Durham
 Walt Anderson

MOUNT VERNON
 Faith
 Mar. 18 - "Free Our Sunday School" Campaign
 18-23 Evangelistic meetings with Al Salas
 25 - Church Fellowship

NEW MATAMORAS
 Harmony Hill
 Feb. 25 - Men's Work Day
 Mar. 18-22 Special meetings with Evangelist
 Gary Collins
 30,31 Shipmates to Cedarville College

NEWARK
 Bible
 Mar. 10 - All-church Soup and Gym Activity

NILES
 First
 Feb. 11 - Couples' Retreat
 12 - Dr. Paul Hatmacher
 COMING: Apr. 28 - AWANA Banquet

NORTH JACKSON
 Bailey Road
 Feb. 5 - Ken Starett, AWANA missionary
 19 - Rev. William Russell, Skyview Ranch
 26 - Rev. Robert Collins, BMM Field
 Administrator
 Mar. 13 - Ladies' Bethany Luncheon

NORTH MADISON
 Bible
 Feb. 24 - Senior High Progressive Dinner
 COMING: Apr. 14,15 - Family Life Seminar
 with Dr. Walter Fremont

NORTHFIELD
 Northfield
 Mar. 17 - Pastor and Mrs. Rogers began Holy
 Land trip
 19 - Family Skate
 COMING: Apr. 14, 15 - Cedarville College
 Symphonic Band
 19,21 - Teen Backpacking Trip to
 Penn.
 20 - Good Friday Service

NORTON
 Norton
 Mar. 4 - "Kids' Praise" program from Calvary,
 Ashland
 10 - Hosted Akron Area Youth Rally
 Spk: Bill Russell, Skyview Ranch
 11 - Jeff and Inge Cook, EBM in Germany
 14 - Dave Walborn, pastor of mission
 church in Toledo
 15 - Adult Banquet

NORWALK
 Calvary
 Mar. 11 - Ward Harris, missionaries to Africa
 20 - Craft Nite/carry-in meal
 COMING: Apr. 22-27 - Evangelistic meetings
 with Norm Sharbaugh

NORWOOD
 Norwood
 Mar. 4-Apr. 1 - S.S. contest - Warriors vs. the Crusaders
 10 - Shepherd Breakfast
 13 - Examination council for Phil Carroll
 14 - Ann Wahlgren, missionary appointee
 25 - Ordination Service
 Apr. 7 - Fellowship Supper

ORANGE VILLAGE
 Bethlehem
 Mar. 17 - Olympian Fun Day
 COMING: May 5 - Hebrew Christian Banquet

PAINESVILLE
 Calvary
 Mar. 11 - Dave and Bev Toro, missionaries to
 Australia
 Apr. 1-4 - Dr. William Brock,
 State Representative

PORT CLINTON
 Grace
 Mar. 17 - Guests of Abbe Road-Rally for
 Singles with Tom Sparling
 18 - Bob Aleshire and Carol Showers,
 BMM missionaries
 21 - Chili supper

PORTSMOUTH
 Temple
 Feb. 19 - Dr. Hall Dautel Memorial Sunday
 Hymns and choruses by Dr. Hall
 Gary Storm, Scioto Hills
 Mar. 18-24 Anniversary Week
 19 - Baptist Bible College Chorale

REYNOLDSBURG
 Eastbrook
 Feb. 26 - Margaret Bash, CEF, Vienna, Austria
 Mar. 11 - Dr. James Entner, ABWE missionary
 to Philippines
 18-21 Spring Bible Conference with
 Dr. Hugh Hall

SALEM
 Calvary
 Mar. 24-28 Annual Missionary Conference
 COMING: Apr. 21-23 - Mortgage Burning
 Services

SPENCER
 First
 Mar. 4 - John McCourt, pastor
 Dave and Bev Toro, missionaries to
 Australia
 18 - First Baptist Christian School Choir,
 Elyria

SPRINGFIELD
 Blessed Hope
 Mar. 13 - Barry Haley, pastor
 18 - Hosted Ladies' South Bethel meeting
 Dr. James Entner and family, mission-
 aries to Philippines
 24 - Young People Gym Night
 Doug Yates, karate demonstration and
 testimony
 Apr. 1 - Absent "T" Sunday
 8 - Class Packing Sunday
 COMING: May 6-9 - Dr. Kenny McCommas for
 evangelistic meetings

STREETSBORO
 Faith
 Mar. 18 - James Beckett, pastor
 Rev. Mike Edwards
 Apr. - Film series: "The Christian Walk in
 the Eighties" by J. MacArthur, E.
 Radmacher & G. MacDonald

STRONGSVILLE
 First
 Feb. 4 - Wilbur Parrish, pastor
 10 - AWANA Grand Prix
 Sweetheart Banquet
 David and Darlene Murdoch
 18 - Valentine party for children's choir
 Mar. 24 - Mini-Retreat, "Key to Joy & Service"

STRUTHERS
 Struthers Temple
 Mar. 11 - Jerry Bell, pastor
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jackson, EBM
 appointees to Canada
 Meetings with Bill Maher
 18-23

STRYKER
 First
 Feb. 26 - Dan Douglass, pastor
 Russ and Marlene Clark, Camp Patmos
 Mar. 24,25 Missions Conference with Roy and
 Grace Hendershot, Hopi Indians,
 Arizona
 24 - Potluck supper

TALLMADGE
 First
 Mar. 16 - David Henry, pastor
 Harmonica Band Concert
 COMING: Apr. 15-20 - Special meetings
 with Norm Sharbaugh

TOLEDO
 Bethel
 Mar. 6 - Rod Niner, pastor
 Hosted Area Pastors' meeting and
 luncheon
 Apr. 1 - Tom and Karin Benefiel, missionary
 appointees to Brazil
 COMING: May 7 - Mother/Daughter Banquet

EMMANUEL
 Emmanuel
 Feb. 19 - Ernest Pickering, pastor
 Ron Self, missionary to Argentina
 21 - Dorcas Fellowship
 Spk: Mrs. Chris Self
 Film: "Survival"
 Mar. 14 - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
 Apr. 1 - Lenny Seidel in concert

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COMING: Apr. 20 - Good Friday Service
 May 3-9 - Special meetings with
 Sketch Erickson

Grace
 Mar. 16,17 Robert Perry, pastor
 Ladies' Mini-Retreat, "The Radiant,
 Relevant Woman"
 Spk: Roth Trott, BBC
 Apr. 7-11 - Missionary Conference
 Dr. Hugh Hall, Cedarville College
 MAPers from Cedarville College
 Dave and Bev Toro, Australia
 James and Jeannine Smith, FBHM
 Loraine Cormier, Baptist Prison
 ministry
 15 - Master's Puppets from Cedarville
 College

VAN WERT
 Faith
 Mar. 25 - Fred Jensen, pastor
 Cedarville College Abundant Life
 Singers
 COMING: May 12 - Special Event for Ladies

WADSWORTH
 Fellowship
 Mar. 4 - Tim Wright, pastor
 4-7 - Family Sunday
 21 - Bible Conference with Dr. Hugh Hall
 Dave Toro, missionary to Australia

WARREN
 Bethel
 Mar. 24-28 Robert DeBoer, pastor
 "Will Seminar and Bible Conference"
 with Dr. Robert Dyer
 Champion
 Feb. 5 - Thomas Hughes, pastor
 Rev. Evan Gough, BMM Field
 Administrator
 12 - Bill Griner, missionary to Brazil
 Mar. 4 - Special "Joash" offering for building

WELLINGTON
 First
 Feb. 26 - David Birch, pastor
 Rev. James Hostetler, FBHM
 First Baptist Christian School Choir
 with Mr. Clair Miller


WESTERVILLE
 Grace
 Mar. 17 - Murray Ingerham, pastor
 18-25 Hosted West Moriah Youth Rally
 Missions Conference
 Dr. and Mrs. Philip McDonald,
 appointees
 Bruce and Marnee Brandenburg,
 W. Germany
 21 - Family potluck supper
 22 - Surprise shower for missionary
 Marnee Brandenburg
 COMING: May 10 - Ladies'/Girls' Banquet

WESTLAKE
 Grace
 Mar. 22 - Ralph Burns, pastor
 Symphonic Band from Faith Baptist
 Bible College
 Film: "Brother Emery"
 COMING: Apr. 14-16 - Missionary Conference
 with Terry and Carole Tufts, ABWE
 to Brazil
 May 11 - Mother/Daughter Banquet

WHEELERSBURG
 Wheelersburg
 Apr. 8 - Max McCullough, pastor
 Anniversary Sunday
 Rev. Ron Bishop
 Musical concert by Dr. Lyle Anderson
 Family

WILLOWICK
 First
 Mar. 13 - Donald Leitch, pastor
 Jolly Jubilee's Social
 Barb Buhrow, missionary
 COMING: Apr. 22 - Easter Sunrise Service
 27 - AWANA Banquet

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Cedarville College

Cedarville, Ohio 45314

NEW MAJORS ADDED AT CEDARVILLE

Cedarville College now offers 28 majors and 13 special programs, including two additional majors that will appear in the college catalog: Computer Information Systems and Church Music.

Although the Computer Information Systems (CIS) major is new, students can graduate from this program in 1985. This reflects the fact that most of the courses for this program have been "on line" for some time. This high-growth, high-demand area of computer education is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level applications programmer/analyst positions in commercial data processing environments.

The addition of CIS along with the college's new Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) VAX 11/750 computer places Cedarville in the forefront of computer education offered at Christian colleges in America.

The new church music major is a four-year program leading to a BSM (Bachelor of Sacred Music). This program provides training for those who are sensitive to the call of God to pursue a full-time music ministry in the local fundamental church. A corollary purpose is to equip graduates for part-time service as music director, choir director, song leader, instrumentalist, and accompanist.

Dr. David Matson, music department chairman, believes Cedarville is well suited to offer a church music program. "Our faculty represents 75 years of church music ministry," he says. In addition to their classroom responsibilities, "three of our music faculty are currently serving as ministers of music in local churches. Additionally, our program will include a one quarter internship to be served by each student in a local church."

Dr. Matson also notes that a distinctive series of seminars will be offered, designed to address pressing needs in churches. These include areas such as visual aids, graphics, handbells, and instrumental ensembles in the local church.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS EXPAND OFFERINGS AT CEDARVILLE

Cedarville College's new catalog will list 28 majors. This will certainly be attractive to many college bound students. But, what if a student wants to become a veterinarian, a secretary, a lawyer, an osteopath, an engineer, a chiropractor, or even a mortician?

David Ormsbee, who is director of admissions at Cedarville states, "We offer numerous special programs that encompass a wide diversity of educational fields."

Cedarville offers course work that can put a student well on his or her way toward earning a degree in agriculture, chiropractic, dentistry, engineering, law, medical technology, medicine, military science, mortuary science, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, urban studies, and veterinary medicine.

Here is how it works. A student can take at least two years at Cedarville in pursuit of any of the above mentioned areas. Students benefit from all of the advantages of attending a Christian college: daily chapel, Christian faculty, friends, Christian service, and the integration of biblical principles in course work. After completion of their studies,

credits are transferrable to other colleges and universities that grant degrees in these special areas.

So, can a student interested in becoming a mortician, veterinarian, physician, etc. find happiness at an accredited Christian liberal arts college like Cedarville? To quote Dr. Clifford Johnson, Academic Vice-President, "Absolutely!"

NEW MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cedarville College Music Department will offer 12-15 new music scholarships starting fall quarter of 1984 reports department chairman Dr. David Matson. Each grant will be between \$500 and \$1000 and will be offered to entering students, that is, freshmen or transfers.

What qualifies a student for this aid? Dr. Matson notes that rather than being based solely upon a student's financial need, these grants will be awarded on the basis of student auditions evaluated by the college's music faculty.

"Our music curriculum at Cedarville is a rigorous one," says Dr. Matson, "and we have designed this scholarship so that it will aid the student who in our judgment can successfully complete our four-year programs."

Recent studies indicate that finances are increasingly becoming a large factor in deciding which college to attend. Cedarville College costs are among the lowest for accredited Christian colleges nationwide, \$5600 for the 1983-84 school year. "Yet, it costs me only \$800 per year to attend Cedarville College in the late 1950's," notes Dr. Matson. He continues, "I believe that this new music scholarship program will help worthy students to be able to attend Cedarville and benefit from being at a school or our reputation."

For entering freshmen from Ohio, Dr. Matson adds that the \$500 Student Choice Grant is available. To be eligible for this grant in 1984-85 a student must be an Ohio resident. He must enroll as a full-time, first-time student (12 credit hours or more) at an eligible Ohio private college or university after July 1, 1984. Cedarville College is an eligible institution. The student's program must lead to a bachelor's degree. Students enrolling in a course of study in preparation for a religious profession are encouraged to check with the Financial Aid Office at the college for special eligibility considerations. No application is necessary except to complete a residency verification form after matriculating in the fall.

Also, the receipt of a Student Choice Grant will not affect a student's eligibility for other types of publicly supported tuition assistance, including Cedarville's new music scholarship, the Ohio Instructional Grant, Ohio Academic Scholarship, War Orphans Scholarship, National Guard Scholarship, or Teacher Training Assistance.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

This summer Cedarville College will host four conferences, four sports camps, and the annual Cedarville Baptist Open golf tournament.

July 4-7 will be the Summer Enrichment Conference for alumni and friends. Rev. James Grier, Dean of Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, will be the featured speaker. The theme will be "Little Becomes Much."

The annual Salute to Summer conference for teens will be July 12-14. About 800 youth are expected to attend this gathering which includes Bible teaching and a trip to Kings Island.

"Let the Church Grow" is the theme of the annual Pastors' Conference September 10-13. Two pastors with great experience in church growth are the speakers: Dr. Dan Gelatt of First Baptist Church in Elkhart, Indiana, and Dr. Don Tyler of Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Concurrent with the Pastors' Conference will be the "Church Music Celebration, 1984." This new music conference, sponsored by the college music department, will feature special guest clinician Don Krueger who is the minister of music at Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana.

The four Yellow Jacket Sports Camps are: Boys' Soccer, July 9-14; Girls' Volleyball, July 16-21; Boys' Basketball, July 23-28; Girls' Basketball, July 30-August 4.

The annual Cedarville Baptist Open is September 13, 14 and draws over 300 golfers competing for trophies in 10 flights.

YELLOW JACKET SPORTS CAMPS

Summer school will not be all the action taking place at Cedarville College this summer. Four sports camps will be offered which could bring to Cedarville 300 young people interested in learning the finer points of their game.

The first camp is Boys Soccer, July 9-14. Coach John McGillivray is looking for about 40 youth to kick and head the ball around.

Following this is the Girls Volleyball camp, July 16-21. Coach Elaine Brown expects 40-50 setters and spikers to participate using Cedarville's spacious Athletic Center.

Boys Basketball, the largest camp, is slated for July 23-28. In its first year about 40 fellows registered. Last year this tripled to about 120. This year's expectation? Well, it could go up to 150 says a spokesman for coach Dr. Don Callan.

The last camp is Girls Basketball running July 30-August 4. Dr. Karol Hunt is offering this camp for the first time.

High in priority during each camp is the sharing of spiritual principles that are applied to athletics. A message from the Bible will be given daily during a 30-minute chapel session which all campers must attend. Throughout the day participants will be instructed by a

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Christian coaching staff that will encourage a godly attitude as well as athletic aptitude. Last year a girls volleyball camper received Christ as her Saviour. Later, each evening, coaches spend additional time with campers in devotional meetings in the dorms.

The cost to register for any of the camps is \$160 if the camper is in residence at the college. This reduces to \$110 if the camper commutes.

Is a sports camp a leisure holiday playing at a little soccer, volleyball, or basketball? "No way," states one of the participating coaches. "Our schedule runs from 'get-up' to 'get-in-bed.' It includes chapel, meals, devotions, films, intense instruction, and competition. Each camper will receive a personal evaluation of his or her abilities along with a Cedarville College T-shirt and certificate. There will even be some trophies to earn."

Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary

1001 East Beltline Ave. N.E.
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49505

SEMINARY OFFERS SUMMER CLASSES

The Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary will again offer four sessions of summer classes. Pastors, missionaries, C.E. directors, and Christian school administrators who wish to pursue their graduate studies may take advantage of a 32-hour in-service Master of Religious Education degree which may be earned in three summers of work or less if combined with extension courses. Check the class list below and contact the Seminary office, (616) 994-5300, ext. 278, for more information.

May 21-June 8 (no classes Memorial Day)

Systematic Theology III
Perspectives of the Church's Mission*
Old Testament Studies III - Prophets
Leadership Development in the Third World*
Methods of Hebrew Exegesis
*these classes end June 1

June 11-22

Church History II
Counseling I
Ecumenism
Counseling II
Exegesis of Ephesians

June 25-July 6 (no classes July 4)

Principles of Leadership & Administration
Old Testament Survey
Total Curriculum Planning
Doctrine I**
Christian World & Life View
**continuing education students only

July 9-20

School Development & Finance
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Public Relations

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's not too late to sign up for the exciting summer programs at the Grand Rapids Baptist College! Your family won't want to miss the opportunities presented by the Ladies Retreats, June 4-6 and June 11-13; by the Vocation Planning Seminar for young adults, June 11-13; and by the Music Camp for high schoolers, June 18-30.

For the sports minded, the College offers five Comet sports camps. Girls Basketball Camp opens this summer June 17-22 for girls who have finished grades six through eleven. High school boys, grades 8-11, have Basketball Camp June 24-29. Boys who have completed grades 3-7 can attend Basketball Camp July 8-13 or 15-20. Coach Roger Haun will direct the Basketball Camps. Finally, soccer players in grades 3-11 will look forward to Soccer Camp August 12-17 with Coach John Bratcher.

The men's event of the summer, the annual Golf Retreat, is scheduled for

August 10 and 11 to wrap up the summer schedule. Dr. Wagner speaks this year and Rev. Tom Dolph again directs activity on the green.

For information on any of these programs, write "Summer Events," Grand Rapids Baptist College, 1001 E. Beltline, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, or call (616) 949-5300.

Faith Baptist Bible College

1900 n.w. Fourth St., Ankeny, IA. 50021

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

On May 4, 1984, the Faith Baptist Bible College and area musicians will present a patriotic, multimedia concert entitled "God and Country" at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Building. Portions of our American heritage will be portrayed through music, drama and slides. Free passes for limited seating are available. For more information write: Patriotic Concert, c/o FBBC 1900 NW Fourth Street, Ankeny, IA 50021 Phone: (515)964-0601.

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT & COMMENCEMENT



Rev. David Graham

The Commencement Concert is scheduled for May 17, and Commencement for May 18, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Building. The Commencement address will be brought by Rev. David P. Graham, pastor of Cedar Heights Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Seventy-two graduates will join the over 4,000 alumni serving the Lord around the world.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The first term of summer school will run from May 21 through June 15, and the second term will run June 18-29. Matthew, Apologetics, Western Civilization Before and After the Reformation, Acts, Baptist History, O.T. Law, History and Poetry, and Cults are the classes scheduled for the first session and Romans for the second session. All classes are tentative pending a sufficient enrollment. For more information, contact the Registrar's Office, FBBC, 1900 NW Fourth, Ankeny, IA 50021 or call (515) 964-0601.

OWE NO MORE IN '84

A total of 1,941 commitments or \$194,000 have been pledged, of which \$189,283.46 has been received. Over 700 individuals and nine churches have given their support to this project to erase the FBBC bond indebtedness. We praise God for their support and appreciate the prayers offered in behalf of the College.

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THE BUTTON FAMILY FOR KIDS

by PATRICIA CONANT

Willing To Die

Mommy Button closed the window in the front hall. It was a beautiful spring evening, but it was getting cool. She glanced at the clock in the hall. It was 6:20 P.M. She wondered where Daddy could be.

Every year, on the Friday before Easter, the Buttons had a very special dinner. After dinner, Daddy always read the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Suzy and Bobby eyed the beautiful dinner table. The pretty daffodils and tulips in the center made the food look even better.

"When's Daddy coming home?" demanded Bobby. "I'm hungry!" "Me too!" added Suzy.

"I don't know what's keeping your father, Mommy answered, "but it won't hurt any of us to wait a little longer for him. I'm sure he'll be home soon."

The hall clock finally chimed seven times, and Daddy still was not home. Mommy called Bobby and Suzy to her. "Children," she said quietly, "I think we should pray that Daddy will come home safely and soon."

When Mommy got ready to pray, the telephone rang. Bobby and Suzy watched as Mommy lifted the receiver.

"Hello, Button residence," she answered. "Yes," Mommy said. Bobby went to stand beside her when he saw tears come into her eyes.

Mommy stood listening to the person on the phone for a long time. At last, she said "Thank you," and hung up. She sat down and pulled Bobby and Suzy close to her.

"Daddy is fine," she began. "That was Officer Daily on the phone. Your father was on his way home from work this evening, and a man tried to rob him in the parking lot. Mr. Simmons, from Daddy's office, tried to help him and was shot." Suzy began to cry.

"It's all right, Suzy," Mommy comforted. "The police came in time to catch the man who tried to hurt Daddy and Mr. Simmons. Officer Daily said that Mr. Simmons will be fine."

The three Buttons prayed and thanked the Lord for keeping Daddy safe. When they had finished, they saw Daddy standing in the living room. He had a big smile and a long hug for all of them.

Daddy sat in his big chair and took Bobby and Suzy on his lap. Bobby didn't even complain that he was too old for that. Mommy sat close too.

"When Mr. Simmons saw that I was in trouble, he ran to help me," Daddy said. "He knew the man had a gun, but he was willing to risk his life to save me."

"That's like Jesus!" declared Bobby. "He was willing to die to save us."

"That's right," said Daddy, "but Jesus did die to save us from sin. All of mankind was in trouble because of sin. Jesus, who had never sinned, came to save even those who wanted to kill Him."

"Now, because of what He did for us, if we accept Him as our Savior, we have eternal life with Him."

"I'm so happy that Mr. Simmons cared enough to help you, Daddy!" cried Suzy.

"Yes, Mr. Simmons has helped all of us remember how important Jesus' sacrifice is to us," said Mommy. "This is going to be a special Easter for the Button family."

The Bible says:

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I Timothy 1:15B

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Serving Him Thru Hymns

It's 6:00 a.m., the clock radio signals it's time to get up with whatever music the disk jockey selects. As soon as you're up and dressed, the TV goes on and is tuned to the cable weather channel where music is playing. You go out and get into your car to go to work and as soon as the key is turned on, so is the radio. More and more industries and places of business have music playing over the intercom. In homes where the TV is on most of the day and night, music accompanies most programs and commercials. Almost everywhere we turn Christians are confronted with music, most of which is not pleasing to the Lord.

What music is right for the Christian? It's easier to determine what music is wrong for the Christian. "Music that does not construct a worshipful frame of mind or elicits an anti-Christian emotion or appeals to the flesh instead of the spirit is WRONG for the Christian."

Music is big business in America. Drivers have to have music to drive with. Workers must have music to work with. Students have to have music to get ready for school and to study with. Diners have to have music to dine with. Shoppers have to have music to shop with. Doctors and dentists have to have music to practice with. Hospitals have TV's complete with music to be sick with, and funeral homes even have music to die with.

The entertainment industry supplies all these demands with records, tapes, and videos which are used on TV, radio and live concerts all over the country and around the world.

How does a Christian escape from this secular music influence?

Can a Christian live among these influences and be unaffected?

Does a few minutes of gospel music on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday night, plus a few hours a year of other special services, counter-balance the daily secular music influence?

You say there are gospel records, tapes, concerts as well as Christian TV programs and radio stations? Yes, but are Christians using and supporting them? Especially the younger generation?

How much of the gospel music that is available is pleasing to the Lord?

How often is music sung or played by an individual or a group that appears to be more for their glory than for the glory of the Lord?

What is the answer to this problem and these questions?

The Hymnknowledge Revival Foundation believes that the solution is in the devotional life of each individual Christian, young and old. We believe that our Christian churches, schools and homes need revival. But, revivals start in the hearts and minds of individual Christians.

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The Hymnknowledge Revival Foundation realizes the problem every Christian has with their personal relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Satan does not want a Christian to have a personal close relationship with Christ.

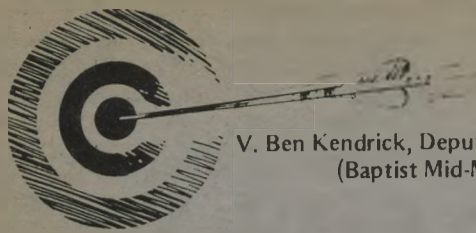
God gave man a mind and the freedom to choose. Satan uses the battleground of the mind to distract the Christian from "Living For Jesus" and he uses music to constantly inundate and infiltrate non-Christian ideas.

If we don't realize the problem and choose to do something about it, Satan's job will get easier and easier.

Can we just sit back and ignore the situation? Maybe you can, but I can't. I know it won't do much good to speak out against the kind of music Christians are listening to, because nobody wants to be told. However, we know that the Holy Spirit can through the Word of God. So, we are compiling a devotional aid, a 366-day devotional book called "Hymn Inspirations." Each of the articles in the months to come are a one-day excerpt from the book. Dr. Woodrow W. Kroll, President of Practical Bible Training School in Johnson City, New York, is editing the book and providing the devotionals to go along with the familiar hymn and its background. We trust that it will be a help for the reader, which the Holy Spirit can use to lead them into the Word where ideas and attitudes can be changed through obedience to the Word of God.

If you can see we have a problem, and if you would like to become a part of this crusade or if you would like more information about the Hymnknowledge Revival Foundation and "Hymn Inspirations," please contact us at the address below:

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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

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

MAKING MISSIONS COME ALIVE! As I read this caption in the February, 1984, issue of the BAPTIST BULLETIN, I knew that I just had to read on. Believe me, I was not at all disappointed in the article and pictures that filled page fourteen. In fact, what I read made such an impression on me that I want to share some of it with you.

"Missions activities in Regular Baptist churches continue to show faith, dedication and creativity. For instance . . .

"Highview Avenue Baptist in Akron, Ohio, had their own 'Highview Informissions.' It began with a challenging EVANGELICAL BAPTIST MISSION film for the whole congregation. Then the people were divided into five equal groups. Four of these represented parts of the world in which missionaries supported by the church are serving: Africa, South America (Mexico was also included in this one), the Orient and the U.S.A. Then one additional room represented the mission agencies. The rooms were decorated to take on the atmosphere of the particular missionary endeavor in that place, with artifacts, pictures, maps, authentic costumes worn by people in each room and even appropriate ethnic music. In each one, those in the 'touring' groups were given information, recent missionary-compiled prayer sheets, prayer cards, pamphlets and mementos. And as the groups visited the various rooms, they had a time of prayer for missionaries represented.

"After the groups had visited all the rooms, they gathered in the church fellowship hall for ethnic refreshments.

"Said a church official, 'We feel the evenings served to draw the entire church family closer together in our burden for missions.'"

BAPTIST BULLETIN, February, 1984

Speaking of a burden for missions, did you know there are more than 22 million Hispanics in the United States? The ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM has sent me some interesting data on this subject. By 1985, the Hispanic population will be the largest ethnic group in America. In view of this expanding mission field, ABWE's Church Planting - USA program is reaching out to this fast-growing group of people.

Rev. and Mrs. William Large, former ABWE missionaries to Peru, South America, are working with Cubans, Puerto Ricans and Costa Ricans in Central Florida. Rev. and Mrs. Terry Armstrong, former missionaries in Peru and Colombia, are laboring in South Jersey to reach the 45,000 Spanish-speaking people in the Vineland area.

Both the Larges and the Armstrongs are conducting Bible studies in the homes of Spanish-speaking folk. The Armstrongs' goal is to be working with sixty people in ten Bible studies by October 1, 1984. In the Newfield Baptist Church in New Jersey, Terry Armstrong teaches a Spanish Sunday school class. They anticipate a morning service in Spanish in the near future.

The Larges report twenty-nine in attendance at a recent Sunday service. Their love for the Latins is evident in their diligent labors to bring them to Christ.

ABWE is looking for prospective missionaries to minister to Hispanics and other ethnic groups in the United States. Pray as this new area of ministry is developed in our Church Planting - USA program.

The news is out. BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS has announced the starting of a Medical-Evangelistic ministry in Bangladesh. One of the first major building projects is the ALLAN E. LEWIS CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL. Spearheaded by missionary Frank Patterson, the many meetings with government officials finally resulted in an official approval to establish a work. The Bangladesh government directed Frank to locate the hospital in the northwest section of the country - the exact area where Frank and others had felt to be the Lord's choice. With some 100 million people living in a land area no larger than the state of Wisconsin, you can easily understand why Dr. Allan E. Lewis wrote to the churches here in America, "We are giving you the opportunity to reach five million Bengalis with the Gospel through medical evangelism."

More than once, it looked like the end had come for any further negotiations. Even the Bangladesh attorney at one point said, "I am concerned that we will never make it." Make it they did! Landowners were paid for their part of the land where the future mission work would operate. Eight and one-half acres of land were marked out and paid for by the missionaries.

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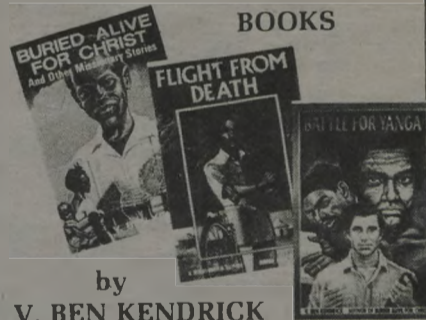
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Our Obligation To Assemble

by Pastor John Morrow, Faith Baptist, Oxford

We live in a day when most believers are very busy with many legitimate and worthwhile activities which make up the total composite of Christian responsibility. Organizations to which we belong seem to have in common the characteristic of demanding more and more of our time. There is no limit to the extent of involvement to which we may go if we yield to the pressures of need and loyalty. The local churches to which we belong are no exception in this matter. Often our spirituality seems to be measured by our activity in the church. Greater and greater involvement becomes the important focus of our so-called "growth in Christ." Many demands are made for participation in important, worthwhile and often necessary programs of one kind or another as well as our attendance at the regular services. Add to these demands the pressures of family and employment responsibilities and we have the makings of the potentially explosive tension that produces nervous, irritable, guilty, depressed and emotionally weary saints.

We cannot say "No" to family responsibilities and we dare not say "No" to most of our employment responsibilities. It is likewise extremely difficult to say "No" to church activities and responsibilities that are put upon us by peer pressure, leadership disfavor and our basic desire to be faithful in service to our Lord, while not being a discouragement to others. We must find a balance. We have to be able to sort out necessary responsibilities from unnecessary responsibilities. We must be able to determine mandatory involvement and optional involvement. What is obligatory and what is voluntary? These decisions are involved with our commitments in every walk of life and they have a definite bearing upon our obligation to assemble with the local church. What that obligation is becomes of paramount importance when we are seeking to preserve the balance that is necessary in the important areas of life. We must avoid shirking any clear and well-defined duty to our churches. At the same time, we must avoid over-extension in our churches that causes us to shirk other important duties. This can be done! There is a scriptural basis for making the discerning choices we have to make.

Hebrews 10:24-25 is an often quoted passage. At first glance, it would seem to add to our dilemma by lending force to those who demand total commitment to everything the leadership of the church seeks to do. Unfortunately, this passage has been abusively misused in this way. As a closer look is taken, it can be seen that the passage actually does not lend itself to the kind of demanding application that has been made but, instead, gives a good guideline for achieving the kind of balance we need. This text reads:

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Verses 24 and 25 go together because verse 24 gives the exhortation ("let us - -") and verse 25 gives a participial phrase which is instrumental in fulfilling that exhortation ("not forsaking - -"). We are enjoined by this passage to not abandon the assembling of ourselves together with our local churches in such a way that we develop a habit of doing so. This is obvious. But what is not so obvious is the extent to which this exhortation applies.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews, under the inspiring direction of the Holy Spirit chose a particular Greek word in referring to the type of assembly of which he speaks. This word transliterated into English is "epi-sun-ag-o." It is the word "sunago" that has a prepositional prefix (epi) which expands its meaning. The word "sunago" is used to refer to an assembly in a general way. It can be used to describe a small assembly, a large one, a partial assembly, or a total assembly. It normally refers to an assembly without regard to size or character. When we review the usages of "epi-sunago" in the New Testament, however, we see a more specific meaning. In Matthew 23:37 the word is used to describe the gathering of all of the people of Jerusalem together. A complete and very large gathering is in view. In Matthew 24:31 the word is used to refer to the gathering of the total number of the elect together. In Mark 1:33 we find the word referring to the gathering of the total population of a city together to watch Christ perform healing miracles. In Luke 12:1 the use of the word is in reference to an "innumerable multitude," thereby again picturing an extremely large number of people. In II Thess. 2:1 it is used to describe the gathering of the totality of the body of Christ to the Lord Jesus. It appears that epi-sunago has an expanded meaning which conveys the idea of largeness and completeness. It refers to more than just an assembly in general. It refers to an assembly with a particular characteristic, that characteristic being that the assembly represents the totality of a body or group of people.

The usage of epi-sunago in Heb. 10:24-25 is referring to the local church assembled in its entirety. This is the extent to which the exhortation of Heb. 10:24-25 applies. The writer is saying that it would be wrong for us to abandon those assemblies of our local church which are for the purpose of ministry to the entire congregation. All other assemblies are optional. Commitment to attend them is voluntary. The optional assemblies include auxiliary ministries of the local church which are not decided upon by the congregation as being for the entire church. Attendance at meetings of the church such as ladies' groups, men's prayer meetings, Bible studies, rest home ministries, church fellowships, youth rallies, visitation, etc. are voluntary to the individual members of a church. Such activities are wholesome and good and have a beneficial purpose but attendance is not obligatory. Attendance can be encouraged, it can even be expected, but it cannot be demanded. There is no scriptural authority for doing so as long as the congregation has not decided that they are for everyone in the entire church.

There is a two-sided responsibility in applying this principle in a local church. First, the church has a responsibility to its members to not become intrusive into their personal lives by having too many meetings that require the attendance of the entire congregation. The church also must diligently seek to hold those meetings which are for the entire assembly at such times as best fit the convenience of the majority of its members. The leadership of a church must allow the congregation to exercise its right of choice in determining which of the various activities on its program are, indeed, to be regarded as for the entire body. These also must be periodically reviewed on a regular basis. The "stated meetings" should be clearly registered in the constitution of a church for all prospective members to see so they can decide if they agree before becoming a part of that church.

The other side of the responsibility for applying this principle in the local church rests upon the members of a church. We who are part of a church must be fully prepared to fulfill the scriptural obligation to be present when the whole body of the church is to be assembled. We should be willing to do this to the very best of our ability unless providentially hindered by sickness, family emergency, employment, another divinely ordained, unbreakable commitment, or some condition which makes attendance hazardous, im-

practical, or impossible. We must choose to properly arrange our priorities so that we can fulfill our scripturally mandated commitments to our churches. We should investigate thoroughly beforehand what those commitments will involve and then do our very best to fulfill them once we have decided to take them upon ourselves by becoming part of a church. We should avoid allowing commitment to other activities to negate our responsibility to assemble with our congregations. Where we have a choice, we should regularly exercise that choice to be with our church when the entire congregation meets together.

This does not mean that a person may not on occasion choose not to come to a meeting of the congregation. What the scripture warns against in Heb. 10:24-25 is developing the habit of forsaking any or all of those meetings designed for the entire congregation. "Forsaking" comes from a word which means "to abandon." To abandon something is to break a close relationship in a way which results in desertion. It has to do with leaving one thing because of a deeper interest in something else. To occasionally miss something is not to abandon it. What we need to avoid is the development of a habit of missing. A habit is developed through an act which at first is willfully chosen, but then is followed so regularly that it becomes a practice done almost unconsciously and with little or no premeditation. It is not wrong to occasionally miss. It is wrong to habitually miss one or more of the meetings, without a legitimate reason, which have been agreed upon by the congregation to be for the entire church.

We find a useful Scriptural guideline in Heb. 10:24-25. It gives us the means by which to discern between necessary and unnecessary activities, between mandatory and optional responsibilities, between obligatory and voluntary involvement in the local church. After fulfilling the minimum requirement of participation in those functions which are for the entire church assembled together, we can then determine how much further into involvement we can go without becoming overextended to the point of neglecting clearly defined duties in the other important areas of life. A proper balance can be achieved. The undue pressure can be relieved. We can exercise our sanctified common sense and not feel guilty for doing so.

May God grant us the desire and ability to appropriate the whole counsel of God in this matter and to give others the same right as we live to His honor and glory.

Mid-Bethel Pastors' Fellowship

Beginning Saturday, March 10th the Pastors' Fellowship began a 15-minute radio broadcast at 9:45 a.m. on W.Y.A.N. in Upper Sandusky. The program is called "Fellowship of Bethel." Each pastor in the Fellowship will tape a message for the program and also tape the station's morning devotions that are used at the beginning of the day. This station was recently purchased by State Representative Charles Earl who attends Calvary Baptist, Findlay.

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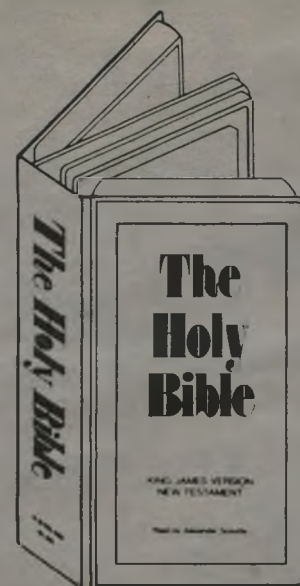
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GRACE - Toledo

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RILEY CREEK - Bluffton

"Sunday, February 12 was 'Love Sunday.' Wedding pictures were brought in and put on display. Widows were recognized in the morning service and presented with a corsage to show our love. Gene Snare, songleader; Dorothy Snare, organist; Carole Siekerman, pianist; and Jean Jeffery, Jr., church leader were also honored. The Sunday school presented everyone with a Valentine lollipop as they left the morning service."

FELLOWSHIP - Lorain

Fellowship has scheduled Sketch Erickson for April 27-May 2. He will be dealing with the Mass Media Assault on the Christian Home. Those in the area are invited to come. Mr. Erickson has been in great demand since he began his ministry on mind pollution.

On March 9, a Music Appreciation Banquet was held. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Roger Kilian of Emmanuel,

Toledo, who spoke on the Importance of Music in the Church.

FIRST - Brunswick

March 11 was the day Pastor Steve Lantz and Mr. Dave Short presented a gospel concert. Over 200 attended this evening service.

Rev. and Mrs. Gary Weaver, Continental Baptist Missions, ministered on March 18th.

A camp bank has begun for young people to save money to attend Camp Patmos this year.

FIRST - Tallmadge

Sunday school has embarked on "The Breakaway." The goal is to see the Sunday school climb to 150. An extra incentive is the providing of breakfast snack from 9:30 to 9:55 A.M. each Sunday morning during the contest.

CALVARY - Massillon

Special meetings were held February 19-26 with Evangelist Eldon Stevens and family. The spiritual stimulus these services brought to the church was exciting.

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There are very few options available for college level training in Special Education from the Biblical perspective, especially during the summer, thus our writing to you is twofold:

1. To let you know about the summer course offerings here on our campus. Within your church, there may be some of your leadership who could take the courses with the intent of either personal fulfillment or future outreach to the church.
2. You may have contact with college-age students interested in Special Education with an emphasis on mental retardation.

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All interested students should contact:

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Report On Pastor David Lee

Most of you should have received word that Pastor David Lee received a kidney transplant on March 8. He is in Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Last report received was that the kidney began working immediately and has continued without problem. As we pray, we should ask that there will be no rejection or infection.

He will be in the hospital at least until April 8th. A card or letter would be an encouragement.

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