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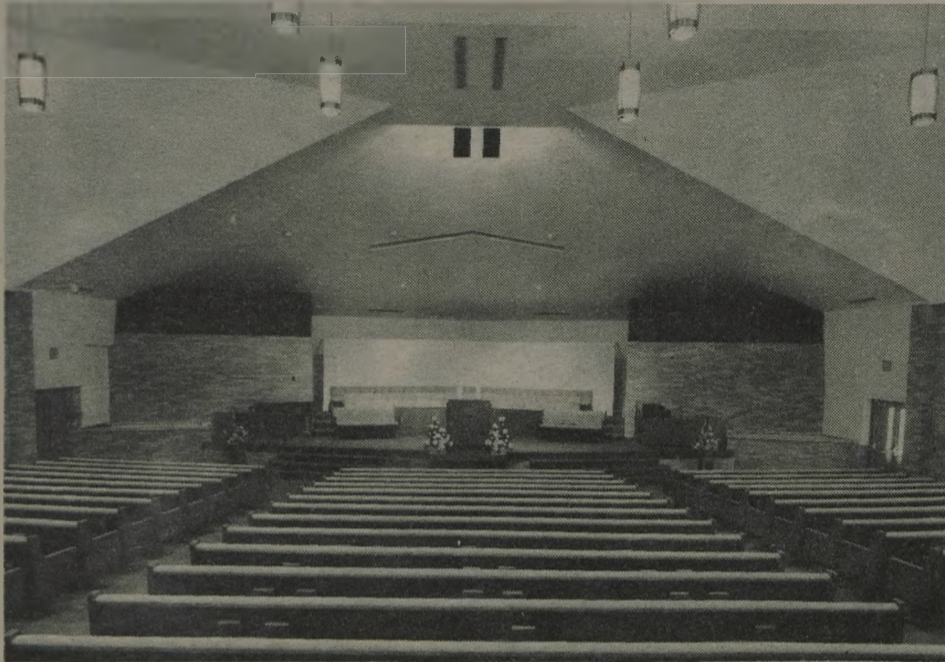
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It Was A Great Day!



Lovely New Northfield Church Auditorium

June 4th, 1978 was a great day at Northfield Baptist Church as they dedicated their new sanctuary and office complex. The building dedication service was held at 10:30 a.m. with 543 in attendance. Dr. James T. Jeremiah was the guest speaker for the morning and afternoon services that day. Greetings were extended to the congregation from: Rev. Earl Umbaugh, our State Missionary; Mr. Edward S. Crider, the Architect; Mr. William Buhrow, President of the financial institution that gave the loan; and Rev. Don Matheny, Chairman of the Hebron Association. The church choir presented special music at both of the aforementioned services, in addition to other special musical selections from members of the church.

The building committee members conducted guided tours of the building after each of the services, concluding with refreshments in the fellowship hall after the morning and afternoon services.

The 7:00 p.m. service had a strong missionary emphasis with the choir presenting the cantata, "THE GREATEST STORY YET UNTOLD" by Eugene Clark. The guest speaker in the evening service was Dr. David Seymour, on leave from Chad, Africa. A number of the missionaries that "NBC" helps to support joined with them for the day and were present for this climactic service.

The church praises the Lord for the lovely facility that He has provided for them, and for the good response on Dedication Day. They were particularly thankful for the two professions of faith made in the morning service.

Westlake Church
Hosts F.B.H.M.
Field Council Meeting



Council Members
During "Coffee Break"

The Grace Baptist Church of Westlake, Ohio, was the host church to the Midwest Field Council of the F.B.H.M. missionaries. David Muck and others from the home office in Elyria, took part in the various sessions which were interspersed with coffee breaks and fellowship. Missionaries and their families came from as far west as Iowa and Wisconsin as well as a number of the states in between. Host, Pastor Ralph Burns, who is also treasurer of the Mission, helped to make the time an enjoyable one for the missionaries.



The Beautiful Westlake Church

Take Note
No August Issue

We wish to remind our readers that the next issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST will not be off the press and in the mail until September 1st or thereabouts.

During the summer months, it is our custom, primarily for financial reasons, to combine the months of June and July in one issue and the months of August and September into one issue as well. The remainder of the year the O.I.B. goes forth on a monthly basis. In other words, we publish but ten issues each year.

"R and R"
Fund

Stewardship means management. A steward is one who is a manager; he does not own the property. The owner has entrusted his possessions to the steward to supervise and manage, and has the right to demand an accounting from the steward at any time.

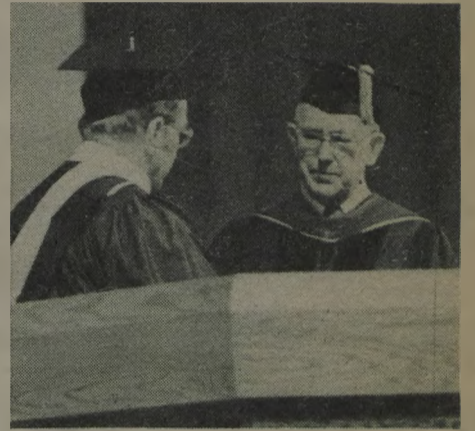
God is the Owner of this world and all that is in it. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Ps. 24:1). He owns us because He created us -- in His own image. He made man a little lower than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5). But man fell from this high estate. He fell into sin, and became the victim of Satan. Now all of us are by nature sinful; for we are born in sin and are unable to free ourselves from our sinful nature. There is only one way of freedom -- and that way has been provided by God. He sent His Son to earth to pay the price and purchase us from sin and death. When we accept Christ as Saviour, then we are redeemed by His Precious blood. (I Peter 1:18, 19). In I Cor. 6:20, we read, "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. God is our Owner, because He created us and redeemed us; and now we are His stewards. Whatever we may possess comes directly from God. He has entrusted to us certain possessions and, as Owner, He has the right to call us to give an account of that which we have received. He does not ask, "What have you?" But He asks, "What are you doing with what you have?"

Our Lord taught stewardship. In Bible times, stewardship represented a position of honor, trust, and great responsibility. As we look at the parables of Christ, we find that nearly half of them have to do with stewardship and the right use of property. The doctrine of stewardship was taught and practiced in the early New Testament churches. (Acts 2:44,45). Paul often wrote concerning stewardship in his epistles. He taught that everything we do as stewards must be done in love. (I Cor. 13:3); that we must, first of all, give ourselves to God (Rom. 12:1; II Cor. 8:1-5); and that in our giving we must be faithful, cheerful, regular, and give in proportion to that which God has given to us. (I Cor. 4:2; II Cor. 9:7; I Cor. 16:2).

After we have given our very selves to God, then we must be faithful stewards of those things entrusted to us -- our time, our talents, and our treasure.

One of the best ways we can use our treasure is to support the OARBC "R and R" Fund. Our State fellowship of Churches has been richly blessed in past years through the dedicated ministries of our brother Earl Umbaugh and Don Moffat. We should never forget the exhortation of I Cor. 9:14. God will continue to bless our precious fellowship and strengthen our churches through the lives of these servants, Brother Earl Umbaugh and Don Moffat.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah
Honored At Cedarville's
Commencement



Chairman of Trustees, Mr. J. Dale Murphy and Dr. James T. Jeremiah - Chancellor.

During commencement exercises at Cedarville College on June 3rd, many exciting activities took place as the 223 seniors of the last class to graduate under President Dr. James T. Jeremiah received their awards, honors, and degrees.

Many moments of recognition took place for President Jeremiah who after 25 years of faithful service moves into the role of Chancellor as he turns the presidency over to President-elect Rev. Paul Dixon.

During the commencement exercises, the Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. J. Dale Murphy, took the occasion to announce the naming of the college chapel as The James T. Jeremiah Chapel.

Dr. Jeremiah plans to continue to serve the Lord as Chancellor for many more years at Cedarville College.

Total giving to
R & R
to date
\$5,233.86

Churches giving in May-June, 1978

- Abbe Road - Elyria
- Calvary - Coshocton
- Fallsburg - Frazeyberg
- First - Findlay
- Grace - Canton
- Grace - London
- Immanuel - Columbus
- Lakeview - Dundee
- Memorial - Columbus

But soon they will retire. Then their material needs must be provided by these whom they have faithfully served. May God help our churches to give to the "R and R" Fund so their needs will be adequately met in our challenge and prayer.

Albert Tassell
OARBC Council of 12

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The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

A Word From Your Editor.....

April and May found us in meetings in Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota, Wyoming and back here in Ohio. These were two very, very busy months and, in grace, the Lord blessed!

We were unable to make the trip to Florida in June and attend the national GARBC conference. We had to cancel our two weeks of special meetings (Miami and Melbourne). Lois' dad was very weak. We realized he could slip away to be with the Lord any moment and we felt we should stay up north somewhat nearer to Chicago. Should the Lord take him, we would go immediately to be with mother Ketcham to be of help to her.

In grace, the Lord is keeping us busy this summer doing Sunday supply preaching. Our schedule for July and August is as follows:

- July 2 - Bucyrus, Ohio (Lighthouse Baptist Church)
- July 3 - 7 Skyview Ranch (Family Wk.)
- July 9 - Orange Village, Ohio (Bethlehem Baptist Church)
- July 16 - Cedarville, Ohio (Grace Baptist Church)
- July 23 - Chicago, Illinois (Maranatha Baptist Church)
- July 30 - Findlay, Ohio (First Baptist Church)
- Aug. 6 - Pataskala, Ohio (Bethel Baptist Church)
- Aug. 13 - Pataskala, Ohio (Bethel Baptist Church)
- Aug. 18 - 20 Tiffin, Ohio (Calvary Baptist Church)
- Aug. 27 - THIS IS AN OPEN DATE

We begin our FALL SCHEDULE of evangelistic meetings in September. For that month our schedule reads as follows:

- Sept. 3 - 8 Troy, Illinois (First Baptist Church)
- Sept. 10 - 15 Springfield, Illinois (Berean Baptist Church)
- Sept. 17 - 22 Verona, Wisconsin (Memorial Baptist Church)
- Sept. 24 - 28 Sharon, Pennsylvania (Charleston Baptist Church)

Thanks to all who pray for us! Lois' records are selling - slowly. Why not order yours today!

Men's Retreat 1978

On a wet and cloudy May 18th they came from as near as Millersburg and as far as Toledo, Jamestown and Sharon, Pa. for the annual OARBC Men's Retreat. When we numbered the host, 187 men were accounted for and among them they brought 19 pastors. The fellowship was outstanding as the brethren gathered around the Word and around the table.

Austin Plew, president of FBHM, led us into the book of Ephesians for some very practical and foundational truths. His messages were timely and heart warming. Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, missionary to Assam, India under Baptist Mid-Missions, taught a missions seminar class and showed a visual on India and the world's need. The men responded with an offering of \$294.16.

On the fun and practical side of the retreat, the following men took home trophies: Pastor - 1st place, Pastor Tom Fillinger of Jamestown; 2nd place - Pastor Merlyn Jones of Defiance; Rifle shoot - Greg Murphy, Defiance; Trap shoot - 1st place, Jack Mitchell, Fellowship of Lorain; 2nd place Larry Bauer, Defiance; Golf - nearest to the pin, Phil Vine, Fellowship of Lorain.

The men took a special offering for Skyview Baptist Ranch to help install three new doors and eight porch roofs on the cabins. It amounted to \$225 toward the project cost of \$580.

Next year the Men's Retreat will begin Thursday noon, May 17, 1979 and conclude on Saturday, May 19. Make your plans NOW for one of the greatest times of Christian fellowship, the Men's Retreat of the OARBC at Skyview Baptist Ranch.



My Jesus, I Love Thee

A hymn is nearly a century old before the author is known.

Three quarters of a century ago New England's renowned Baptist minister, A.J. Gordon sat in his Boston study and thumbed through an English hymnbook. Thy hymnal had been published in 1864 and bore the title, "The London Hymn Book." The words to a number under the title, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," so impressed Dr. Gordon that, in his opinion, the music fell short of doing the lyric justice. There was no way of knowing who the author was as the publisher simply put "Anonymous" over the verses. But Dr. Gordon determined to give the unknown author his just due with a tune worthy of the inspiring words.

Andoniram Judson Gordon, D.D. (named for the pioneer Baptist missionary) was one of the last century's most able editors of religious materials. He wrote several successful books, edited two hymnals, composed music and, before he died in 1895, held some of the

largest pulpits in Massachusetts, among them being famous Tremont Temple.

Doctor Gordon composed his tune for "My Jesus, I Love Thee and the hymn has been a favorite ever since. It is found in select collections along with the stately works of Watts, Wesley, Newton and Cowper. And it has withstood the finecomb criticism of scholarly editors for the most exacting hymnals of many denominations.

It would have been interesting had Dr. Gordon known who the anonymous author was. In very recent years the name of the writer has come to light. His name was William Ralph Featherstone and he wrote his hymn just after his conversion in Toronto in 1858. Featherstone died 20 years later, at the age of 36. He was born in 1842, and that is the point that would have been really interesting. "My Jesus, I Love Thee" was written by a Canadian boy just 16 years old.

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I love Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;

And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright,
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



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A New Pastor At Berea Church



Rev. Derwin G. Hauser

The Rev. Derwin G. Hauser has accepted a call from the Berea Baptist Church of Berea, Ohio to become their new pastor. Our brother began his duties there on or about July 1st.

Pastor Hauser comes to Berea from Vestal, New York where he had a most fruitful and blessed ministry serving as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. Pastorates, prior to his ministry in Vestal, were at Breesport and Holmesville, New York.

Active in church-related associations, Mr. Hauser served on the Council of Ten for the Empire State Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches, Past Chairman of the Board of the Independent Baptist Camping Association (LAMOKA BAPTIST CAMP), and Chairman of CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP of Broome County, New York.

Rev. Hauser was born in Linden, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Practical Training School of Johnson City, New York and has completed courses of study at the Baptist Bible Seminary (formerly of), Johnson City, New York.

Mrs. Hauser is the former Rosemarie Beckley of Hagerstown, Maryland. "The Hausers" have four children - Melody (now Mrs. John McCann), Margene, Michelle and Marc.

We welcome "the Hausers" to our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. We are confident their ministry will be one of blessing to the folk at the Berea church and to our OARBC program.

Scioto Hills Reservation Update

We want to say a big . . .

THANK YOU!

for your financial gifts during the Special Offering Sunday for the Steed-McKeever Memorial Chapel. God is greatly blessing in this very vital project. We now have \$6,300 given for the chapel construction.

We still have openings in the following camp weeks:

Jr. High - July 10 - 15

Sr. High - July 17 - 22

Junior - July 24 - 29

Junior/Jr. High - July 31 - August 5

TWO IMPORTANT RETREATS -

Ladies' Retreat - September 7 - 9

Men's Retreat - September 29 - 30

ABWE Missionaries Visit Communist China

Editor's Note: The following is the APRIL form letter of "the Ambachers". This news is nothing short of a miracle! How long has it been since YOU prayed that God would open the door to that dark land? There are believers there that stand in need of your prayers!

Dear Praying Friends:

On March 11, 1978, our family became the first ABWE personnel in 28 years to make a trip into Communist China. Lyn and I, accompanied by Kristi, Lori and Brent, left Hong Kong on Saturday morning by train. We crossed the border and passed through the immigration and customs formalities. Then, after lunch on the Chinese side of the border at Shum Chun, we boarded the express train for the two hour, 90 mile trip to Canton.

There, we were taken to the Dongfang Hotel, a large, new, fairly modern building. A short time later we left on our first tour of the city. We went to a museum where many pictures, signs and slogans talked about how westerners, and especially missionaries, had been imperialists. The guides seemed upset that I could read the captions. After supper we went to a dreary Chinese "cultural park" with halls of pictures of several Communist heroes.

On March 12, we went to several department stores. As soon as we spoke in Cantonese we quickly attracted a crowd. We were also able to leave the tour and walk down to the Pearl River, spotting many places where Robert Morrison, first Protestant missionary to China in 1807, had lived and worked. We next went to the Canton Zoo, Asia's largest, with everything from panda bears to a house cat. In the afternoon we drove to a ceramics factory in Fushan City, 25 miles to the southwest. Talking on the street here, we quickly attracted a crowd of 100 or more, friendly, and peppering us with questions. That night, we watched an acrobatics performance in the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, attended by more than 5,000.

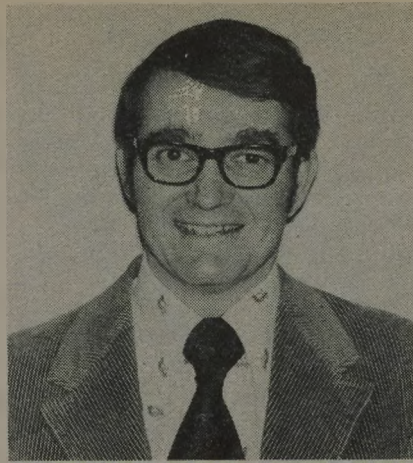
On Monday, we spent most of the day at a commune in Huahsien County, about 25 miles north of Canton. We went first to the commune's hospital, which was very primitive. Equipment seemed to be from the 1930s. Again, we were able to talk with many people away from the guides, and we got the chance to enter several homes. Life on the commune, with a population of 68,000, was spartan. On Monday night, we went to a farewell feast at the North Garden Restaurant, Canton's best. The food was unique, but not as good as Hong Kong!

Canton is certainly drab. Everyone wears dark clothing, and streets, homes and other buildings are very dimly lit. There are very few private cars, but quite a few busses, and thousands of bicycles.

Our guides insisted that no one in China today believes in religion, which the Communists call superstition. But he seemed unsatisfied by his own answers. We felt that our time in China gave us a thrilling new vision for these 900 millions, and we left with the unshaken conviction that God has not forgotten this great land. It will be exciting to see what His plan includes for China!

Sincerely in Christ,
(signed) - "The Ambachers"

Next Year . . . Israel



Dr. Robert Gromacki

In the homes of many Jewish families during Passover, the statement is made: "Next year in Jerusalem." They want to return to the city of David to enjoy the blessings of the restoration and the possible establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

The eyes of regenerate Bible believers are also focused on the tiny state of Israel. They view the beginning of the modern state of Israel (1948) and the capture of Jerusalem (1967) as events of prophetic significance.

Some Christians have had the privilege and joy of visiting Israel. They have seen the archaeological sites of ancient cities such as Jericho, Megiddo, Hazor, and Caesarea. They have wet their fingers with the waters of the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, and the Jordan River. They have touched the wailing wall and the Dome of the Rock. They have driven by blooming deserts.

Many who have gone once want to return. Others who have never gone have thought about the trip. Here is a new opportunity to go.

At the end of this year, Dr. Robert Gromacki, chairman of the Bible Department at Cedarville College, will lead a tour. He is known in GARBC churches as a conference speaker and as an author of six major books. He has taught for 18 years at the college.

The dates for the tour are December 25, 1978 - January 3, 1979. The tour will leave New York City at about 7 p.m. on Christmas night. This will give individuals and families time to open their gifts that morning and fly to New York that afternoon. For many, there is a let down after the Christmas preparations, but this trip can provide an exciting climax.

The weather is mild in Israel at this time of the year; thus the tour will also provide a break from the winter weather here in the States.

The tour price is \$1079. For couples and families, a discount will be available. This trip could be a wonderful Christmas gift for the pastor and his wife provided by the church.

For more information and tour brochures, please write to:

Dr. Robert Gromacki
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In Appreciation For Dedicated Service



L. to R. - Rev. Charles Pausley, Dr. and Mrs. Muck, Mrs. and Rev. Austin Plew.

In March the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions joined the office family at a banquet during which Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Muck were presented with a plaque in honor of their ministry with the Mission. Inscribed on it was, "Presented to Dr. Kenneth A. Muck, President Emeritus in acknowledgment of inspired and dedicated service, 1959 - 1977. Awarded by the F.B.H.M. National Council, 1978."

Dr. Muck has not terminated his service for the Lord since retirement, but is continuing to hold Bible and missionary conferences in churches across the country.

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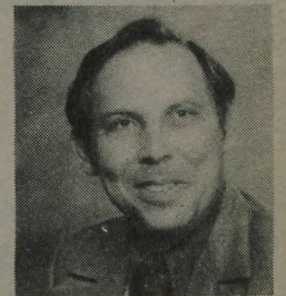
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Introducing Our Missions' Leader



Dr. Allen E. Lewis

by V. Ben Kendrick

To acquaint our readers with the men whom God has raised up to direct the G.A.R.B.C. approved missions agencies, we plan to carry a resume of one of the leaders each month. We believe this information will be of interest to you in this special series on missions (Editor's Note)

Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland, Ohio, is the son of missionary parents and was born in a mud hut in the jungles of Angola, Africa. He later became an ice hockey star with the offer to turn professional with the Cleveland Barons, but gave up plans for an athletic career to follow his father into the ministry. His early days were spent in Kitchener, Ontario, where his father pastored the Benton Street Baptist Church. Dr. Lewis's own experience in the pastorate covers a period of sixteen years.

Rev. Lewis is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Northern Baptist Seminary, both in Chicago. He received his doctorate degree from Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been President of Baptist Mid-Missions since 1959.

In his role as President, Dr. Lewis has had the privilege of visiting a number of major mission fields of the world. Having grown up in missions, he is well versed in that particular field.

Baptist Mid-Missions is the world's largest independent Baptist mission agency. It was founded in 1920 and is composed of 1150 personnel in 35 countries around the world.

Because You Prayed

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Esson in Hilonos, Leyte, Philippines are involved in a medical ministry at Leyte Baptist Clinic. They write, "We can tell you have not forgotten to pray for us and the work here. Here are a few evidences: Our excellent staff of dedicated, soul-winning Filipino co-workers, and the joyful spirit of Christian unity God has given. The increasing openness to the gospel among our patients. In January, out of 1004 attending our pre-clinic gospel services, 84 professed salvation in Christ. The follow-up program is working. We have attended three baptisms recently where several being baptized were first contacted at our clinic. Churches are

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Special Exhibit At Ohio State Fair

Baptist Mid-Missions will once again be setting up a large exhibit at the Ohio State Fair. This will run from August 15 through 27. This makes nine consecutive years that Baptist Mid-Missions has had an exhibit at the Fair.

Last year, the Jewish workers were not available to set up the exhibit. They asked Missionary John Baughman to be in charge in order to hold their space. The Lord used the exhibit to reach many with the gospel of Christ.

For 1978 the Jewish missionaries will be setting up their exhibit with the theme - "Roots in Israel". Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries having a part in this year's exhibit include: Leeland Crotts, Mary Crotts, Carolyn Renner, Bessie Byers, Gene Bryant, Mildred Bryant, Norma Nulph, and Harold Dundy.

Churches and/or individuals interested in offering financial help for this very important project should send their gifts to Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio - 44103. All gifts should be designated - "for the Ohio State Fair Exhibit".

Accepts Position With University Of Dayton



Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah

Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah, Associate Professor in Health and Physical Education, recently announced that she was resigning from Cedarville College to go to the University of Dayton where she will be women's head basketball coach.

A graduate of Cedarville College and Central State University, Dr. Jeremiah completed her M.A. in 1967 and obtained her Ph.D. in 1973 from the Ohio State University.

Coach Jeremiah will inherit a strong team that won the Small College Regionals and finished ninth in the nation.

being planted. Just now the clinic is involved in the planting of six churches in the area, two of which are so distant that contact would not have been made except for the drawing power of the medical help we offer."

. . . taken from ABWE "Newspatch"

Cedarville College News

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

Three hundred students attended Cedarville's Junior-Senior Banquet held on Friday evening, May 12. The Fawcett Center for Tomorrow at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio was chosen as the location. The event was sponsored by the Junior Class, with the Seniors as their guests.

The evening began at 7:30 with a dinner of roast sirloin of beef with accompanying vegetables, salad, dessert, and beverages. Following the meal, entertainment was provided by Johnny Hall, a top gospel recording soloist. Special acknowledgements were given to Dr. James T. Jeremiah, president of the college, and opportunity was provided for couples to have photographs taken.

The evening was an enjoyable and memorable event for all who attended, especially for the seniors, for whom the banquet was the last formal affair they participated in before graduation.

BEACH EVANGELISM TEAM

Bonnie Vesilko, a Cedarville College freshman from Amentown, Ohio, traveled with one of the Beach Evangelism Teams to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, during spring break, March 17-26. Here in her own words is the story of the Lord's blessing on the ministry and in the lives of individual team members.

Our team ministered in two host churches and in the homes of the church members. But the main purpose of the team centered around the sharing of the gospel to the multitude of college students on the beach.

We, as a team, certainly realized the Scriptural teaching of sowing, watering, and reaping throughout the week, especially when two team members shared with Bill Reed, a graduate of Ohio State in physical education. Two weeks prior to our initial contact with Bill, he had happened to attend the film, "The Great Planet Earth." God worked in his life even before he arrived in the beach. The seed had been planted. Bill eagerly inquired about the end times and told us about his search for real purpose. After the

Honored

Mr. John D. Mellinger of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio recently received the Cleveland area Award of the English Speaking Union of the United States. This is a special award given to students studying in England during 1978-79.

Brother Mellinger also received one of the Phi Beta Kappa prizes given to college sophomores with outstanding scholarship. We congratulate Mr. Mellinger on his noteworthy achievements.

. . . Earl C. Helfrick
for the Publicity Committee

team members shared the gospel with him, he openly and humbly prayed to have faith to trust in Christ. Bill became a new creature in Christ that day.

Throughout the remainder of the week God sovereignly worked in Bill's life. The day after he accepted the Lord, all his personal belongings and money were stolen. He also lost contact with his ride to Athens, Ohio where he is continuing his education at Ohio University. Our leader, Pastor Green, offered Bill a ride with the team as far as Cedarville. During the twenty-eight hour ride the whole team had further opportunity to share with Bill about his new found faith in God.

After his conversion, Bill demonstrated an insight for Biblical principles and a real hunger for the Word of God. He also related to us his burden for the students at O.U. Bill was previously a varsity hockey player and he showed a sincere desire to use his athletics as a testimony for the Lord.

Our entire team received a blessing from the week on the beach. Each of us especially rejoiced in the opportunity to be used of God in Bill's life. We are confident that many others will come to know the Lord because we had the chance to witness on the Ft. Lauderdale beach.



EDUCATION AT CEDARVILLE

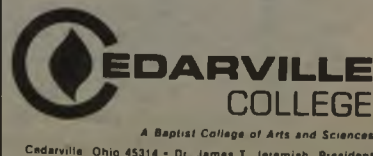
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Baptist College Of Clarks Summit Honors Dr. Ruth C. Haycock



Dr. Ruth C. Haycock

Dr. Ruth C. Haycock, Chairman of the Department of Christian School Education, at Baptist Bible College, completed her thirty-sixth year of continuous teaching in this institution. She has officially retired from the College and was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus by the Board of Trustees during the forty-sixth annual commencement program, May 12.

Dr. Haycock first came to the College as a student when it was known as Baptist Bible Seminary and when it met in the First Baptist Church, Johnson City, N.Y. It was through the influence and counsel of Editor Don Moffat that she enrolled in BBS as a freshman in the fall of 1939. She was a public school teacher in a little town in Minnesota, Granite Falls, when Mr. Moffat spoke in a weekend missionary conference in First Baptist Church there and subsequently told her about the Johnson City Bible school. At that time the Moffats were with Baptist Mid-Missions and had returned from missionary service in Brazil.

Although she had majored in science and math at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Haycock taught English Composition and some Christian education courses her senior year in Seminary. After graduation in 1942 she became a part of the full-time faculty, which at that time numbered five. During the almost four decades of teaching here she has watched the school grow from its infancy with some 150 students to almost 1000. She has seen the Lord provide acreage and facilities from the first \$25,000 property in 1945, to the present multi-million dollar complex. In those years she has initiated several new programs and filled teaching needs in psychology, science, English, Christian education, Bible and other areas. At one point she even directed an orchestra! She served eight years as librarian and six years as Director of the Instructional Materials Center, which she established in 1968.

While her ministry at the College has kept her busy, she has been greatly involved in the local church ministry as well, serving on committees, teaching and counselling. Summers were sometimes devoted to directing daily vacation Bible schools and three summers were spent directing a camp for black girls in the Philadelphia area as well as other camp work.

While carrying a full teaching load in the fifties she was commuting to Syracuse University where she earned her master's degree in developmental psychology and later her Doctor of Education degree in audio-visual education. For several years she served as Chairman of the Division of Christian Education, Practical Theology, and Church Music. In 1967 she initiated the Christian Day School Program and has gone on to become a nationally recognized authority in the field of Christian schools. Her ministry continues to widen in

Christian school association conferences, several of which are national organizations. She has taught each summer since 1973 on the faculty of the National Institute for Christian School Administration held at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana.



Dr. Mark Jackson presenting Professor Emeritus to Dr. Ruth Haycock - May 12, 1978

Dr. Haycock is a contributing author to books published by Moody Press, An Introduction to Evangelical Christian Education, 1964; Adult Education in The Church, 1970; and Childhood Education in the Church, 1974. She is currently preparing the manuscript for the first of a series of books in the integration of Bible in school subjects to be published by the Association of Christian Schools International. She has also written a leaflet, "What's the Difference?" and a booklet, A School In Your Church? which have had wide distribution as churches have become burdened for the need for Christian schools and have sought help in getting them started.

In addition to a number of academic accomplishments, including membership in Phi Beta Kappa, a distinguished service citation from Baptist Bible College, a listing in Outstanding Educators in America and the BBC Alumnus of the Year Award for 1975, Dr. Haycock's influence has literally reached to the four corners of the globe as her former students put into practice the things learned in her classes.

Although she is officially retiring from full-time faculty status at BBC, Dr. Haycock doesn't plan to use a rocking chair yet. She expects to move to Winston-Salem, N. C., about August 1st, where she will work on a parttime basis in the Piedmont Bible College Christian School Program, continue her consultant/conference ministry and devote a good share of time to writing.

'A Church Is....'

Editor's Note: The following appeared in the church paper of the Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, Ohio. It was the pastor's message to his people. The pastor of this fine church is Rev. Ralph G. Burns.

Often you have heard me say how important the local church is; it is important to God too, and it looms large on the pages of our New Testament.

Membership in, and support of, and faithfulness to, a local church is scriptural. Most of the New Testament was written to or about local churches. Here are some truths regarding Grace Baptist Church, which in some respects is: **LIKE A BANK** - Worshippers receive uncountable riches from the Bible, and they can make deposits here as they lay up treasures in heaven.

LIKE A BEAUTY PARLOR - Wrecked and twisted lives, and lives ruined and warped by sin, may be made beautiful again by grace by the One who is altogether lovely.

Baptist Bible College Of Clarks Summit News

FORTY-SIXTH COMMENCEMENT

Baptist Bible College and School of Theology, Clarks Summit, Pa., graduated 261 from the following programs: 14 from the One-Year Certificate; 113 from the Associate in Arts; 12 from the Three-Year Bible; 8 from the Bachelor of Sacred Music; 101 from the Bachelor of Religious Education with 39 of those in the Christian School Education program; 18 in the Local Church Education; 7 in Missions; 13 in the Pre-Seminary and 24 in the Pastoral Program; two from the Bachelor of Theology and 11 from BBST's Master of Divinity Program.

BOOKSTORE DEDICATED

Added to the normal commencement activities at BBC was the dedication of the Harold A Dahlquist Memorial Bookstore in the late afternoon of Commencement Day. Through the generosity of the family of Mr. Dahlquist, a former BBC trustee, a new modern and greatly needed, bookstore has been erected at the northeast entrance to the campus. This facility, like a number of other recent buildings on campus, was erected by our BBC construction crew at about half the cost. The new bookstore gives 5000 square feet of space for offices, warehouse, and display area. Mrs. Dahlquist and David, one of her sons, were on campus for the dedication and the unveiling of the portrait of Mr. Dahlquist, which is to hang in the bookstore.

TRUSTEES INSTALLED

Two new trustees were installed at the Commencement Program on May 12. The men are both pastors: Rev. Roger Mills, Calvary Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Rev. Joseph Stowell, III, Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Dr. G. Arthur Woolsey, former president of BBC from 1960-70, was awarded the honor of being named Alumnus of the Year. A plaque of citation and a set of Bookends were given Dr. Woolsey by Dr. David Moore, Cleveland, Alumni President of BBC/BBST. The presentation was made as part of the Commencement program.

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as a maternity ward where babies are born again in the family of God. Spiritual broken bones are set and repaired by the Great Physician so that the body functions well again.

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LIKE A CLOTHING STORE - Our old clothes of self-righteousness can be exchanged for a robe of His righteousness which is acceptable to God.

Yes, Grace Baptist Church is important and members ought to be present morning and evening on Sunday, and Wednesday evening, to avail themselves of the above benefits.

Faithfully yours,
PASTOR BURNS

Blessings Gained Through Meetings



Evangelist Ken Lynch

Blessings were realized through the ministry of Evangelist Ken Lynch of Chester, Pennsylvania when he held special meetings at the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in East Liverpool. According to Pastor Clyde R. Albertson there were those who were challenged and vital decisions were made both regarding salvation and dedication of heart and life. Brother Lynch has a very pleasant and unique ministry both in music and the spoken word. He is most talented. He plays the violin, vibra harp, thermin and musical glasses. Brother Albertson feels that Brother Lynch should be recommended to the men of our OARBC fellowship. He may be contacted by writing - Ken Lynch, 1810 Edgmont Ave., Chester, Penna. - 19103.

Rewarding For Winning



The Winners!

The Quiz Team of Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio was treated to a steak supper for winning the First Place Trophy in the Hebron Association Quiz finals. Needless to say - the steak supper - was greatly enjoyed!

Pictured below are: Front row (l to r) - Pam Cotton, Joy Williams, Dave Hedrick, Laura Dimacchia and Coach Mrs. Warren Johnson. Back row (l to r) - Tim Hedrick, Jeff Johnson, Sylvia Williams and Nancy Newman.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Our Children's Spiritual Welfare

The mothers and grandmothers who read this page have great concern for the spiritual welfare of their offspring. This is good and right. Job 1:5(R.V.) "Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and renounced God in their hearts." What a beautiful example is furnished by Job to Christian parents! He offered up prayer and sacrifice for them. When your girls are going among strangers, and your boys into the great ways of the world, and you are unable to impose your will upon them, as in the days of childhood, you can yet pray for them, casting over them the shield of intercession with strong cryings and tears. They are beyond your reach; but by faith you can move the arm of God on their behalf.

"It is necessary for some of us to move in society, and to attend festive gatherings. As the Lord went to the wedding feast, and accepted Simon's invitation, so must we. The sphere of our life lies necessarily in the world. But when we are entering scenes of recreation and pleasure we should be more than ever careful to put on our armour, and by previous meditation and prayer prepare ourselves for the inevitable temptation; and when it is all over, and the lights are down we should quietly review our behaviour under the light that streams from the Word of God. If we then are made aware of frivolous or uncharitable words, of jealousy because others have outshone us, or of pride at the splendour of our dress or the brilliance of our talk, we must confess it, and obtain forgiveness and restoration."

"Times of festivity are always full of temptation. The loins are relaxed, the girdle of the soul is loosed. Amid the general hilarity and the passing of the merry joke, words are said and thoughts permitted which are not always consistent with the character of God and his glorious kingdom and service. Job was not wrong, therefore, in supposing that his children might have contracted some defiling stain" (Meyer)

If we as parents, and grandparents have learned to make this kind of preparation and retrospect of a days activities and have taught our children the need of setting things straight with self and the Lord at the end of the day. We have gone a long way in preparing them for a life of sweet communion with the Lord. I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Then we have "fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7

A 'Runner' For Jesus



"Runner" Martha Franks

Your editor recently received a letter from Pastor Clifford Boessell of the Bethel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. He had the following to say concerning one of his members - Martha Franks - "A Runner For Jesus"!

Martha Franks is one of our charter members. From the very beginning of this work - some 13 years - she has served the Lord faithfully. She has indeed been our staunchest supporter during all of these years. Her husband has been deceased for quite a few years so she has devoted her time to the work of the Lord. Every church needs a "runner". Martha Franks has been our "runner" in visitation, shopping, going on errands, etc. Her car belongs to the Lord and she has sacrificially given her time, miles and strength - all for His cause.

On the 11th of May, the church had the privilege of surprising her on her 80th birthday. We had a "Re-tirement" party for the folk gave her a new set of tires to keep her on the go for God. She is just as spry as she looks in this picture. Martha intends to wear out for God and not rust out!

Isn't it good to know that there are "Senior Saints" who are still going - all out for God!

Ladies -- Here Are Some Special Words From Your Editor

Note No. 1 — Let me apologize! Not a single one of the pictures we took at our Spring Rally came out. There was a leak in the magazine holding the negative film.

Note No. 2 — Mrs. Lois Russell, our Treasurer, informs us that a total of \$3,690.74 came in for our project - a van for the Cedarville College Swordbearers. This was just \$309.26 short of what we were aiming for - \$4,000.

Note No. 3 — Mary Leitch, Chairman of the November 9 - 10 Retreat at Mohican Lodge, asks that if your church plans to send a group, will you please mail to Norma Nulph, 1521 Wilmar Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio - 44121 the approximate number. We are reserving the complete Lodge for our Retreat so we need to have some idea as to reservations. Also-DEFINITE RESERVATIONS must be in by October 21 with the full fee of \$22.00. In the event of a cancellation please arrange for a substitute to use your reservation. The theme for the Retreat this year is taken from II Timothy 2:13 - "FAITHFUL IS HE". The speaker is Mrs. Don (Doris) Jennings and the missionary will be Florence Hagan.

Note No. 4 —Mrs. Aldene Graham, our President, reports that Rev. Don Worch rented a U Haul Trailer and loaded it with over 1000 pounds of groceries which you ladies supplied for the Children's Home. He estimated the value to be about \$600. Thank you ladies. . .very. very much!

Note No. 5 — Don't forget our 50th Anniversary coming up on Tuesday, October 17th at the ANNUAL OARBC CONFERENCE which is to be held at the Northfield Baptist Church in Northfield, Ohio. Our session will be held at

State OARBC

Women's Missionary Spring Rally

April 18 began as a beautiful sunny day but it ended in a downpour! However, this did not trouble the women of THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OHIO who are a part of our OARBC fellowship.

The Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches Women's Missionary Union met on April 18 at Graham Road Baptist Church in Cuyahoga Falls. The theme for the day was - "Laborers Together With God". A welcome was given by Mrs. Maria Smith, the wife of the pastor of the church - Rev. Laurence Smith. Mrs. Joyce Ramsey, the wife of Pastor Harry Ramsey of the First Baptist Church in La Grange, Ohio was the song leader for the day. She was assisted by Mrs. Cheryl Jenkins at the organ and Mrs. Mary Gordon at the piano.

Missionaries were introduced and each one answered the question - "What do missionary groups mean to me?". Missionaries present included: Mildred East, Norma Nulph, Betty Myers, Myrna Alexander, Elaine Banning, Phyllis Bancroft, Judy Jenkins, Grace Hendershot, Janice Wills, Geneva Fox Heller, Shirley DeFelice, and Olive Britton.

Mrs. Judy Barth from the Poland Village Baptist Church, Poland, Ohio was the soloist for the day. Newly elected officers for the coming year are: President - Mrs. Aldene Graham; Vice President - Mrs. Maria Smith; Secretary - Mrs. Ethlyn Lucht and Treasurer - Mrs. Lois Russell. (Editor's note - a listing of these officers showing their mailing address and phone numbers is listed elsewhere on this page. Note box headed - "OARBC WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OFFICERS".)

Rev. Donald Worch from Baptist Children's Home and Ministries, Valparaiso, Indiana was guest speaker for both morning and evening sessions. He was most interesting. He stated that the greatest mission field of the world is the family. God created man to be the head of the home. Man ought to be a loving leader, lover and headship. The wife is to be in subjection to her husband and the children to obey the parents. (I Peter 3:1-7).

New pastor's wives to the state were introduced. These were: Susan Robertson of Twinsburg, Ruth Lantz of Louisville, Mrs. Max Deffenbaugh of Medina, Sandy White of Brownsville, and Mrs. Paul Bowser of Warren.

The retreats for fall and spring were emphasized. Mrs. Lois Russell, Treasurer, presented a check to Pastor Harold Green of Cedarville College for the vehicle for the Swordbearers which was our project

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1:30 p.m. Also, send me your remarks concerning these fifty (50) years. Surely you must have some comments! Perhaps you can share with us concerning things that happened in the early years of our fellowship! Do let me hear from you.

...Sergie Umbaugh
Women's Editor
2150 Marhofer Ave.
Stow, Ohio - 44224

for this year. The new project was presented. It is the "R. and R. Fund". (Reserve and Retirement for our State Missionary - Rev. Earl Umbaugh and our Editor - Rev. Don Moffat.)

Our Fall Meeting will be held at Northfield Baptist Church on October 17 in Northfield, Ohio. The next Spring Meeting (1979) will be celebrating our 50th anniversary of our OARBC State Women's Missionary Union. This will be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio on April 17, 1979.

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Women's Retreats OARBC

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November 9 - 10, 1978

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West Moriah Fellowship

Back in late April, we held our annual meeting of the West Moriah Fellowship. This was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio. Rev. B. C. Jennings was the host pastor.

At the afternoon session there was the election of officers. Dr. James T. Jeremiah of Cedarville College spoke on the subject - "Archaeology and the Bible" - which he illustrated with a slide presentation.

At 5:30 p.m. a time of fellowship was had at one of the nearby restaurants. We returned to the church at 7:00 p.m. There our brother, Mike Coyle played and sang to the glory of the Lord. Dr. Jeremiah then spoke on the subject - "Past and Present to the Future Capitol of the World - the City of Jerusalem".

It was a wonderful time of blessing, instruction and fellowship.

Canton Area Fellowship

This Area Fellowship met on April 25 at the Grace Baptist Church, Canton, Ohio with over one hundred and twenty present. Their theme, "New Life In Christ" was followed throughout the day. Rev. Richard Brosseau, Souel, Korea was their speaker. His wife spoke on tape as slides accompanied her talk. **QUARTERS FOR CHRIST** fell a bit short of the goal of \$900 for office supplies for the Venzuela, S. A. Field. Officers were elected as follows:

- President - Norma Brown, First Baptist, Louisville, Ohio
- Vice President - Betty Baker, Lakeview Baptist, Dundee, Ohio
- Secretary - Lucy King, Lakeview Baptist, Dundee, Ohio
- Treasurer - Edna Muckley, Grace Baptist, Canton, Ohio.

South Bethel Fellowship

The South Bethel Women's Fellowship met March 28th at The Grace Baptist Church of Troy, Ohio. One hundred thirty-nine women and children were present. The project for the past year was equipment and medical supplies for Elaine Schulte, an appointee to the Ivory Coast with Baptist Mid-Missions. \$427.78 was given for this project. The morning speaker was Grace Trimble Kintner who brought thoughts on the theme for the day, "Under His Wings Shalt Thou Trust." During the afternoon meeting her husband, Rev. David Kintner, presented their work in the interior of Brazil and the need for an airplane. The project for the coming year will be a gift toward the purchase of the plane.

Special Recipe

The following recipe was requested by a number of ladies who attended our OARBC W.M.U. Spring Rally Luncheon.

HOT CHICKEN SALAD

by Mrs. V. Wetzel
Graham Road Church

Serves 10

- 7 Cups Cooked Chicken Diced
- 4 Cups Celery Diced
- 2 Cups Water Chestnuts (sliced thin or Slivered Almonds)
- 2½ Cups Real Mayonnaise
- 1 Small Onion Grated
- Juice of 1 Lemon
- Salt and pepper

Mix together - Put in large greased flat baking dish. Let stand at room temperature 2 or 3 hrs. before baking. If made the day ahead and refrigerated. Remove early or add to baking time. Before baking cover with 3 Cups crated mild cheese (like Swiss) then cover with 3 Cups crushed potato chips. Bake 425 degrees for 30 minutes

Informissions '78



Rev. Don Trott, II

Editor's Note: Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of Baptist Mid-Missions' Youth Programs, received the following correspondence of the missions' youth news bulletin, VISION. The letter was written by Rev. Don Trott, Executive Secretary of INFORMISSIONS and who is presently Assistant to the President of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Penna. Brother Kendrick thought that it would be valuable to share this letter with other young people since the VISION has a limited outreach.

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Dear Baptist
Mid-Missions V.I.P. Family,

Because of your vital interest in missions, as evidenced by your contact with Baptist Mid-Missions, we are sending you this special notice!

The third annual Informissions conference will be held from December 27 through December 31, 1978, on the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will expect hundreds of college-age adults, pastors and sponsors of church college groups from across the United States to participate.

The Informissions conference program will be packed with personnel well versed on missions today! From the very opening session until the closing Watchnight session, you will sense the urgency and the lateness of the hour for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel. Missionaries from the fields of Europe, Latin America, Africa, Southeast Asia and the United States will compose this great conference program. Over 70 outstanding people, being used of God NOW, will challenge you to a deeper commitment to world missions!

There will be excitement and enthusiasm aplenty! The sessions will certainly be missions oriented. Subject matter will deal with the honest, down-to-earth problems that face the missionary-

minded young person, the missionary candidate, the missionary board, the missionary on the field and the missionary's family. The local church and its responsibilities concerning missionaries, mission boards and the Lord's Great Commission will be explored afresh.

The theme of this year's conference is "Jesus Christ is Lord!" We will deal with the Lordship of Christ in reference to the world, the Church, and the Believer.

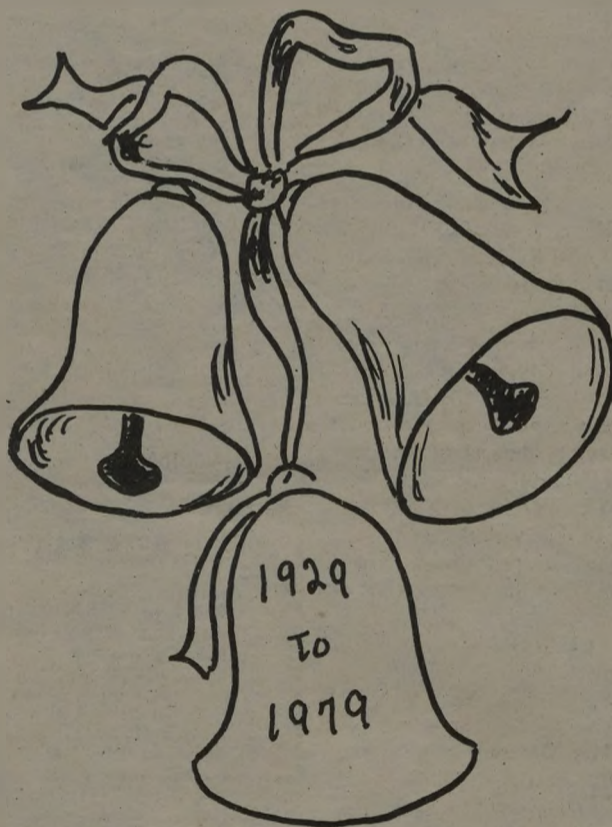
We are going to treat missionary work not in a dreamy, gushy, maudlin way, but in the terms of throbbing reality as it exists in America and foreign lands today. That is the purpose of this great conference - information on missions - and it is fully oriented to the local church, Biblical separation and Baptist distinctives, and firmly established on Biblical principles.

We deeply appreciate your interest and covet your prayers, your support, and your attendance. May we suggest that you come with a well-filled, quick moving, long lasting pen; extra note paper and a spongelike mind to soak up all the valuable information to be presented throughout these five nights and four days! God has already blessed in the planning of this great missions conference! With YOU meeting with us in Grand Rapids it will be a complete success!

In His Wonderful Service,

(Signed) Donald E. Trott, II
Executive Secretary

**PREPARE FOR THE
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Will YOU, dear readers, reflect upon a past W. M. U. Meeting, a special project, some activity sponsored, some outstanding speaker or person who was a special blessing in your Christian Life. Reflect upon anything related to our Women's Missionary Union that you feel should be shared with the readers of the Heart to Heart page of the O.I.B. We will welcome a letter, a card or a verbal comment that we can print here. Let us hear from you. Mrs. Earl Willets is preparing a history for the Anniversary meeting.

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ACROSS THE STATE

AKRON, HIGHVIEW AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We are rejoicing in that the Lord has sent Rev. Joseph C. Chapman to be our new pastor. The church held a special reception for "the Chapmans." We are looking to the Lord to richly bless his ministry here. We have asked Miss Diana Chapman to serve as part-time church secretary and are happy to announce she has accepted this position.

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
Missionary Eric Elmer (BMM-Central African Empire) spoke here in late April. Our Senior High young people made a special trip to Niagara Falls. This was in honor of our "graduating" members. On behalf of missions, we voted recently to give \$2,000 to "the Elmers" and \$1,000 to Dave Drozek (Chad trip). Also, we increased our giving to "the Elmers" \$50 per month and to "the Webers" \$50 per month. Our plan is to add three new missionaries by the end of '78.

ARCANUM, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Baptist Bible College Brass Quintet ministered here on May 21st. The ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet. Mrs. Myrtle Thompson was the guest speaker. We held our Vacation Bible School June 12 through 21.

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held in May. June 19 through 23 were the dates of our Daily Vacation Bible School.

AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—
Mrs. Elmer, missionary to Central African Empire under Baptist Mid-Missions, was guest speaker for our Mother/Daughter banquet which was held on May 13.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
The theme for our Mother/Daughter banquet was "THE MAIN INGREDIENT." Mrs. David Gibbs was guest speaker. We were led in special evangelistic services by Evangelist Larry Svendsen. This was May 21-28. "The Northern Lights" singing group from Northland Baptist Bible College were with us June 2nd. Attorney David Gibbs spoke here on June 11. Also, missionaries Kay Lamb and Larry Fogle ministered here.

BELLEFONTAINE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
Pastor Earl Decker was in Lowell, Michigan to deliver the ordination message for Missionary Rich Visser - appointee to France. The theme for our Mother/Daughter banquet was - "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—
We experienced blessing through our Missionary Conference April 16 through 19. We have called Rev. Derwin G. Hauser of Vestal, New York to be our pastor. He and his family are now in Berea and have begun their work here. We anticipate blessing under his leadership.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recent speakers in the absence of our pastor include: Dr. H. O. Van Gilder, Rev. Ken Evans, Brother Dave Carroll and Dr. Jack Riggs.

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
The dates for our Vacation Bible School are July 10 through 14. On July 16 and 17 we will be privileged to have Newland and Verda Pfaff (missionaries to Japan) minister to us.

BROOK PARK, MID-BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were blessed through the preaching of Brother Leeland Crofts. While here he brought a young Israeli with him. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was May 12th. Special speaker was Miss Ruth Hege - veteran missionary to the Congo and Venezuela. She is the author of the book - "We Two Alone."

BUCYRUS, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Lord poured out blessing through the ministry of our Vacation Bible School which was held June 12 through 18.

BUCYRUS, LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat ministered here the first Sunday in July. In grace, the Lord blessed.

CALDWELL, NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had a surprise fellowship affair honoring one of our members - Mr. Jack Vaughn. He has faithfully served the Lord here in our church for some 25 years. Dr. Martin Clark, Director of Counseling at Cedarville College, ministered here in late April. Also, we were privileged to have Rev. Donald Parvin, Asst. Professor in Bible at Cedarville College.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—
We recently viewed the film - "He Restoreth My Soul." We were led in special evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Lee Spivey and his group - "The Singing Emmanuels." We will be holding our Daily Vacation Bible School July 17-21.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH—
Dr. Hugh T. Hall of Cedarville, Ohio conducted a Christian Life Conference here in late April. Hearts were blessed and vital decisions were made.

CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
The ministry of Dr. David Nettleton of Faith Baptist Bible College proved a blessing to our people. We held our Vacation Bible School June 19-23. Our pastor, Rev. Paul Jackson, held special meetings in Clendenin, West Virginia. Recent guest speakers include: Rev. Lee Turner, Rev. Bruce McDonald, Miss Jeannie Lockerbie, and Miss Kay Lamb. We held a Jr./Sr. banquet for our young people May 6th.

CLEVELAND, BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated the testimony and challenge presented by Miss Joy Spieth - missionary to Brazil. "The Living Hope Trio" from Cedarville College ministered here in May. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 20.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH—
"Sweet Fragrance One to Another" was the theme of our annual Mother/Daughter banquet which was held May 5th. Miss Florence Hagen of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission was our guest speaker.

COLUMBUS, CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were greatly blessed through our Missionary Conference - May 21 through 24. We held our annual graduation banquet on May 16 honoring all of our graduates. A short but challenging message was delivered by Mr. Paul Dixon, President-Elect of Cedarville College.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Vacation Bible School was held June 19-23 Pastor Abernathy taught a course entitled - "Our Infallible Bible." We viewed the film - "Like A Mighty Army." "The Bennetts", missionaries to Australia under ABWE, ministered here on June 18. Also we were privileged to hear Evangelist Barry McCoy and the "Daily News" evangelistic team. Missionary Roy Jones (ABWE-Spain) spoke at our June 28th prayer meeting service.

COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH—
Dr. Donald Winters, Evangelist and former pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio spoke here Sunday evening, April 30. In the morning of that same day, Dr. Charles Reed, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio presented the Word.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—
Mr. Tom Jude, a student at Grace Brethren College is serving with us here at the church during the summer months. A group of our young people helped conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School in Wisconsin. On June 25, Rev. David C. Bennett of the ABWE spoke here. We are looking forward to having Dr. Bryce B. Augsburg of the Baptist Bible College in Denver, Colorado with us on July 12.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in special services by Brother Norman Sharbaugh. The meetings were held May 14 through 17. We are anticipating blessing through our Vacation Bible School. This will be July 10 through 21.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Recent speakers include: Mr. Clarence Fisher (ABWE-Australia), Rev. James E. Rosner and Mr. Perry Temple, Executive Secretary of Bible Literature International. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 13.

DAYTON, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in special meetings by Rev. Everett Bramblett of Tacoma, Washington. The ministry of the Cedarville College Choral group proved a blessing. We are looking forward to hearing our missionary Heath Bobbett from the Niger Republic when he will be with us on July 23rd. We voted as a church to include "the Richard Springers" in our Home Missions Budget for \$200 per month. They are ministering at the Bethel Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Vacation Bible School which was held June 12 through 16 proved a great blessing. We were privileged to have the Emmanuel Baptist High School Choir present a concert here on May 10. The singing was excellent!

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—
Our Mother/Daughter banquet proved a blessing. We appreciated the special meetings we had with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife Lois. We held a special "teen-activity" day on May 27. It was fun. Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 31 through August 4. The ministry of Norman and Evelyn Nicklas (ABWE Brazil) was most challenging. We praise the Lord for His blessing on our work here.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had a good attendance at our Daily Vacation Bible School-June 19 through 23. Our young people were in charge of the Sunday evening service of May 10. Rev. Robert Banning, veteran missionary under ABWE to the Philippines, spoke here recently. Guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet was Mrs. Carlita Plew. The theme for the banquet this year was-"Dolls from Around the World." Our young people held their Senior banquet on May 26.

FINDLAY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
The ladies of our church held their Mother/Daughter Tea on May 12th. Brother Frank Hamrick, National Director of Pro Teens, spoke here on June 4. This was our Youth Emphasis Week. On June 9, 10 and 11, our young people in grades 10-12 were privileged to take part on our 1978 Graduation Trip. They visited Niagara Falls, Canada.

GALLIPOLIS, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—
In late April we were ministered to by a Puppet Team from the Appalachian Bible Institute. Missionary Larry Fogle (BMM-Central African Empire) spoke here May 28th. We had a good time on our Sunday School picnic. The 48-voice choir from the Grace Gospel Church in Huntington, West Virginia presented a concert here in June. Vacation Bible School will be held August 7-11.

HINCKLEY, HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had a great time with the young folk from Cedarville College. They presented the gospel by using puppets. "The Liberty Baptist College Singers" were with us on May 4. We held our Vacation Bible School June 19-23.

JOHNSTOWN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Wm. Russell of Skyview Ranch ministered here in late April. Our choir provided special music at the Rocky Fork Baptist Church in Gahanna during their revival. On April 23 we had a "March to Sunday School Parade" with each class having a float. We were escorted by the Mayor and two police cruisers. Hundreds of tracts were passed out during the march. Mrs. Helen Hancock was guest speaker and singer at our Mother/Daughter banquet. Recently we viewed the film-"The Power of Prayer." "The Master's Messengers" from Denver Baptist Bible College ministered here the evening of June 23.

KENT, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
At Easter, an excellent musical program was presented by our choir. Recently, we began the 15th year of our ministry and witness here in Kent. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Griffith of Cedarville College were here to tell us of their ministry in Bangladesh. May 12th was the date of our Mother/Daughter banquet. Katie Williams was guest speaker for this occasion. "The Sounds Alive" singing group ministered here on May 14.

LANCASTER, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—
Evangelist Carl Johnson of Beckley, West Virginia was with us for special services April 30 through May 7. "Reflections" was the theme for our Mother/Daughter banquet. Featured speaker for this affair was Mrs. Earl Umbaugh.

LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—
The Bethany Youth Rally was held at our church in April. We viewed a film entitled - "Evolution vs Creation." We held a Graduation Banquet on May 5th. Our annual Mother/Daughter banquet was held on May 12. Karen Kessler, Tri-county Bible Missionary, was the guest speaker. Sue Hahn, missionary to Japan under ABWE, was with us February 26.

LONDON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Dave and Darlene Fidler (ABWE-Bangladesh) were with us in April. We viewed the Camp Patmos filmstrip. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 12 and Mrs. Fisher, missionary to the Ivory Coast, was our guest speaker. May 21st was our "Senior Citizen Day" at which time we honored our senior citizens!

LORAIN, EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—
The ministry of Evangelist/Bible Teacher Eldon W. Weaver from Altoona, Iowa proved a blessing to our people. He was with us May 14 through 19.

LORAIN, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—
Mrs. Leeland Crofts was guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 23rd. We enjoyed the 5th Annual Spring Choir Concert presented by our church choir. Recent missionary speakers include Joy Spieth (Brazil), Vickie Burry and "the Terry Elliots." Our Juniors and Seniors in high school made a trip to Chicago and visited the Pacific Garden Mission and other places of interest.

LORAIN, WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH—
Rev. Tom Wright ministered here recently. His ministry was one of blessing. Miss Joy Spieth was guest speaker for our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 2. Also, in May, we were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Mezner from Brazil speak to us. They serve under the Cleveland Hebrew Mission.

MCDONALD, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
It was a blessing to have "the Loongs" (BMM-Hong Kong) with us on May 21st. Other missionary speakers of late include Bob and Lois Forsyth. They are appointees to the Jewish people in Australia under BMM and Miss Kay Lamb who is with Campus Bible Fellowship serving in Iowa. Mrs. Tom Wright of Twinsburg spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet.

MEDINA, CHIPPEWA LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We had wonderful meetings with Evangelist Eldon Stevens. He preached a series of sermons on "The Greatest Things in the Bible." The Lord blessed. He is truly a Biblical Evangelist. We recommend him to other pastors in our fellowship.

MEDINA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
We are rejoicing over the goodness of our God. He has provided 20 acres on Route 18 East to build our new church house! "The Sounds Alive" singing group from Fort Wayne, Indiana were with us for our GROUNDBREAKING on May 18th. We held a Graduation banquet for our young people on June 9. Vacation Bible School was held June 19-23.

MINFORD, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were led in our Spring Bible Conference by Dr. Wm. A. Brock of the Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. His ministry was one of instruction and blessing. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 11. Our pastor's mother - Mrs. Thomas Wright, Sr. was guest speaker. "The Master's Men quartet from Denver Baptist Bible College sang here on June 24. Vacation Bible School this year was June 26 through July 1.

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—
Vacation Bible School this year was held June 12-16. We're looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship at our Sunday School picnic on July 22.

NORTH MADISON, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—
It was good having Brother Earl Umbaugh with us recently. We viewed the film - "He Restoreth My Soul." Easter saw our largest attendance since we began using our new building! We have 20 enrolled in our Teacher Training Class. We were led in evangelistic meetings by Rev. Robert Shelton of Greenville, South Carolina.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—
We were blessed through our Missionary Conference - April 29 through May 4. Recent guest speakers include Brother Pete Miller and Brother Roger Loomis. We held our Vacation Bible School June 19-23.

NORTH ROYALTON BAPTIST CHURCH—
We appreciated having Brother Dennis Washer speak here. Mrs. Roy Hendershot spoke at our Ladies Missionary meeting on May 18. Evangelist Carlo Peitrapaula and his associates ministered here during June. Mrs. Richard Parelli was guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet this year.

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NORWALK, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Robert Dyer was with us May 14. He told of the work of our Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pa. using a multi-visual presentation method. Our Mother/Daughter banquet, held on May 18th, had for its theme - "Harmony With Christ." Mrs. Eric Elmer was guest speaker.

OBERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH — The month of April was our MISSION MONTH. Guest missionary speakers included - Rev. Ivan Augsburg, Rev. Albert Spieth, Gary Hilliker, Janet Wolfe, Fred and Rachael Patton, Mike and Sharon Williams and Ken Starett. Guest speaker at our Father/Son banquet was Coach Don Callan of Cedarville College.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH — Recent guest speakers include - Charles Zimmerman (Japan), Rev. Gough of FBHM, Rev. Bruce Holmes of BMM and Rev. James Grier of Cedarville College. We viewed "The Christian Home" and "The Twig Is Bent." We had a Father/Son Retreat June 16 and 17. Vacation Bible School was held June 26-30. The ministry of the Shepherds Gospel Team proved a blessing. As a church we voted to increase our giving to missions by 10% across the board. We praise Him for all blessings!

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Mrs. Ellen Hornbrook (BMM-Mexico) spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet. We viewed the film - "Thief in the Night" at our Youth Graduation picnic. Rev. Ben Jennings of Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio spoke at our Father/Son banquet. Summer Bible School was held June 18-22. Campus Bible Fellowship was presented to our people by Rev. Gary W. Holtz on Sunday, May 21st.

PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH — Conference speakers for our Family Life Conference were Dr. L. W. Nichols and Brother Paul Martin. Miss Sue Hahn, a missionary candidate to Japan, was our guest in March. We had a delightful time at our Spring Missionary Banquet.

SALEM, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — We were privileged to have "the David Gerhards" with us in March. Also, Vickie Burry, missionary appointee to Niger, spoke here in April. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 5. Mrs. Mary Leitch was the guest speaker. Dr. James T. Jeremiah was with us May 13 and 14. He brought with him a group of ten students from Cedarville College who presented the special music.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH — A Mother/Daughter Luncheon was held at the Apple Tree restaurant in Xenia, Ohio on May 13. Recent guest speakers at our church include Dr. Francis Logsdon and Rev. Donald Parvin. Our Adult Choir presented a special program on June 4th. Vacation Bible School will be held July 10 through 21.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Gene Solberg ministered here on May 7. Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet which was held on May 8. Mrs. Tom Wills was guest speaker.

SUNBURY, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Missionary Bruce Holmes told us of their missionary work in Australia. They are seeking to raise further support. They are serving under Baptist Mid-Missions. Pastor Frank Euler of Casper, Wyoming ministered here on May 21. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife Lois both ministered to our ladies at their Mother/Daughter banquet. The men served and they did a good job!

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — The Bethel Choir presented the cantata - "Greater Is He." Missionary Paul Margraff spoke here on May 10. Evangelist John Canine led us in special meetings. Hearts were stirred. Also, Terry Elliott from FBHM in Houston, Texas was here to tell of the challenge for the gospel in that fast-growing city.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Dr. James T. Jeremiah was with us for our Anniversary Sunday on May 7. This was the 80th

anniversary of our church. On May 10, Missionary Dr. Phillip Young (Philippines) told of the need of that great land. We held a Jr./Sr. banquet for our youth. Both Rev. Albert Ostrander (missionary to Liberia) and Rev. Frank Hamrick (Pro-Teens) ministered here on Sunday, June 4. A quartet from Denver Baptist Bible College was here June 18 and an ensemble from Tennessee Temple Schools on June 25. Our Father/Son outing was held June 24.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — The singing of Mr. and Mrs. Jemon Alparaque (Pearls from the Orient) was greatly appreciated by our people. They were here on May 21st. We held our Senior banquet on June 24.

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH — We were led in our New Life Crusade by Dr. Fred Hussey. Our Father/Son banquet was held June 6 and Missionary Bruce McDonald was guest speaker. He also spoke at our church on June 11. Our Senior banquet was held June 23.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — May 12th was the date of our Mother/Daughter banquet. We are anticipating a time of fun and fellowship at our Sunday School picnic on July 15. Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, Tennessee will be holding a two-day Bible conference here on July 31 and August 1.

WARREN, CHAMPION BAPTIST CHURCH — We held a Bus Month recently. We purchased a new bus. Also, Steve and Julie Nunnemaker and "the Schumaker Family" ministered here. Rev. Mark L. Mitchell was special guest speaker for our special anniversary services. This covered four days in May. Our Vacation Bible School had Shepherds Home as their missionary project this year.

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — In April, guest speakers included Rev. David Dunkin, of FBHM, Rev. James Geurink from the Baptist Children's Home and "the Allan Picks." These folk are on their way to Italy as missionaries under BMM. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet May 12. Rev. Mel Pittman, veteran missionary to Niger, Africa, was guest

speaker at our Annual Missionary Conference. June 26-30 Rev. and Mrs. Fishburn worked with us in promoting our Vacation Bible School program. We recently viewed the film - "The Power of Prayer."

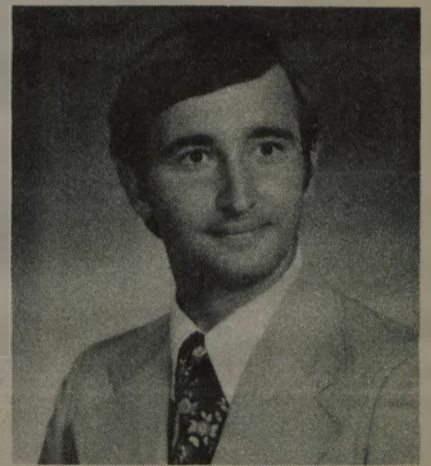
WEST MANCHESTER, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH — The Lord is blessing our work here. We are a new work. On May 7, "the Larry Allens" (missionary appointees to Bangladesh under ABWE) ministered to us. We are presently working to formulate a missions policy. We stand in financial aid. We still need about \$125 per month to stay "in the black." PRAY!

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH — May 16 was the date of our Mother/Daughter banquet. Missionary Paul Fields told us of his call to Paraguay. They are serving under the ABWE. Missionary Eric Elmer (Africa) ministered here on May 21.

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH — Brother Steve Boalt presented a Sacred Concert here on April 20. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet May 8. Special recognition was given to our graduates on Sunday evening, June 11th. Also, following the evening service we had a special farewell to "the Doug Thompson" family. These folk have served the Lord well in our church. They are moving to Covington, Kentucky. We will miss having them around.

YOUNGSTOWN, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH — Our pastor recently ministered at the Evansville Baptist Church. Rev. Roy Challacombe (Brazil-BMM) spoke here in late April. Also, we appreciated the ministry of Missionary Joy Spieth (Brazil-BMM) and Missionary Frank Morse (Houston-FBHM).

Begins Ministry At Smithville



Stephen P. Olsen

Brother Stephen P. Olsen has just begun his ministry as pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Smithville, Ohio. Our brother and his wife, Mary Jane, and their son, Benjamin, began this ministry in Smithville on May 29th.

Stephen Olsen and his wife are both from Elyria, Ohio. He graduated from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit in 1974. He then continued his education and graduated from Baptist Bible School of Theology in 1978.

For the past five years, he has been active at Mehoopany Baptist Church in a youth and music ministry. Knowing that the Lord has prepared and called them into the pastorate, they are now rejoicing in the ministry to which the Lord has led them. Brother Stephen Olsen is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Olsen of Spurgeon Baptist Bible College in Mulberry, Florida.

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James E. Hatfield
Class of '75

I am writing to express my appreciation for the education I received at Baptist Bible College. I am thankful for those things I learned in the classroom and in practical areas. . . . I can see how important it was to learn certain disciplines. I can remember my freshman year, how I was made to study at least four hours a night or fail. That has helped me now in determining to get things done. Although I did not anticipate being in this kind of ministry while I was at BBC, God prepared me for it through the atmosphere and the courses I took. . . . The most important things I learned were Biblical principles and doctrines which developed my attitudes and philosophies. I am now realizing the importance of good Bible training.

I thank God for my experiences at BBC and often wish I could return again. Every experience, whether good or bad, has helped in maturing and shaping me for the Lord. I will be eternally grateful to BBC for being an instrument God used in my life.

(Mr. Hatfield is Director of Home Ministries for Colorado Baptist Family Services, Colorado Springs, Colorado.)

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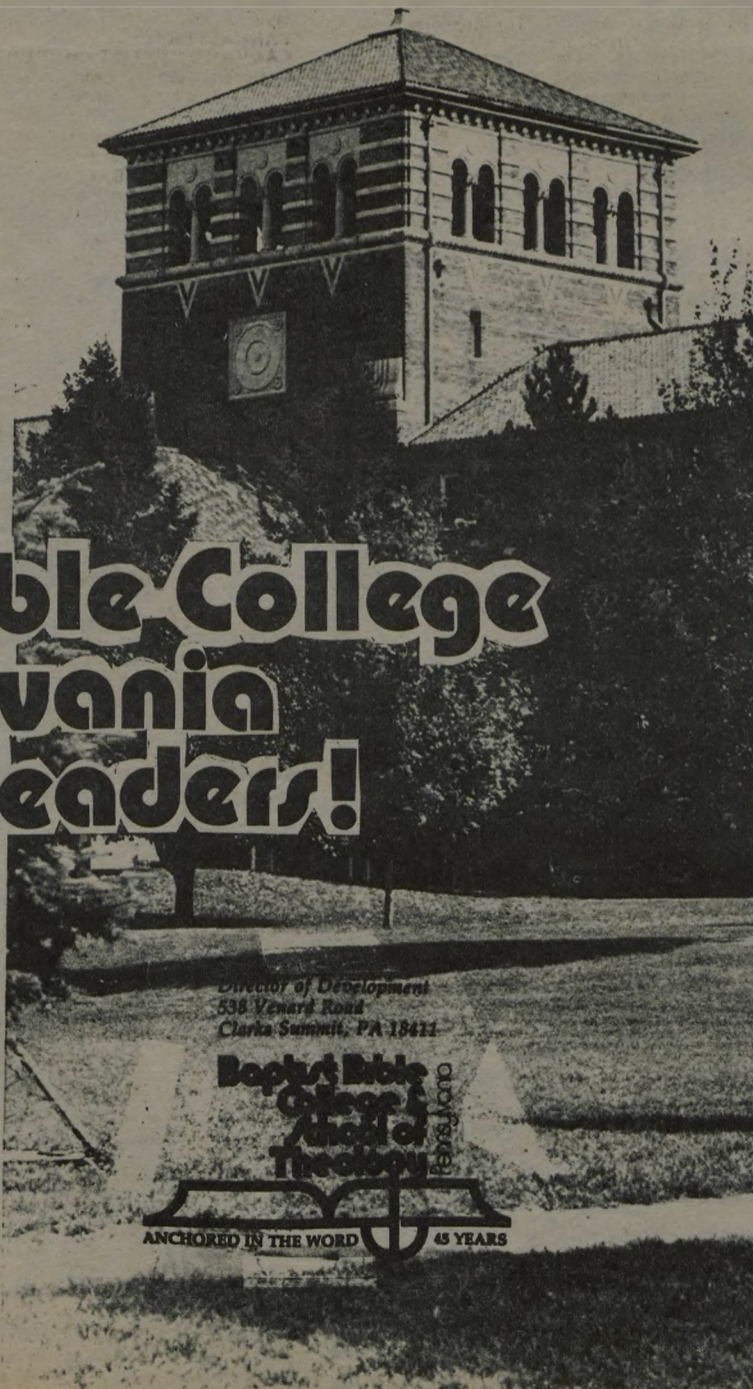


V. Ben Kendrick
Class of '49

I appreciate Baptist Bible College for the impact it has had in my life, for its thorough Biblical training flavored with a strong missions emphasis. I'm thankful, too,

for a dedicated staff which takes a personal interest in each student. It's a blessed privilege to be part of a worldwide family laboring together for the cause of Christ. Without reservation, it is a joy to direct young people to my alma mater for Christian training.

(Mr. Kendrick is Deputation Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland, Ohio.)



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A Letter We Would Like To Share With Our Readers



James A. McKee

Editor's Note: Each month we are running an ad in the pages of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST for Brother James A. McKee. Our brother is a member of the First Baptist Church in Willowick, Ohio. He is a dear brother and is sincerely interested in helping Christians during their time of sorrow when loved ones have been taken from them to be with the Lord. He has already been used in helping some during their time of need. His ministry has been greatly appreciated. He stands ready to help any and all. He wants his ministry to be one that honors the Lord. We asked him to write us concerning himself, his family and the work to which the Lord has called him. His service is one that pastors should look into. His letter reads as follows.

Dear Brother in Christ,

It was good to hear from you yesterday, Don, I am sorry that you did not receive my last letter which was sent in April, however, these things do happen at times as you know. It is so good to see this warm weather, we have waited quite awhile for it. Elke and I have been doing a lot of planting in the garden this year and if the Lord tarries we hope to have a good harvest.

Well, I hope that the following information might be of some help to you regarding a possible editorial. I have been in the funeral business as of June 5 twenty-eight years starting when I was just thirteen years old. After being honorably discharged from the United States Navy I went to New York City and graduated from the McAllister College of Mortuary Science I remained in N. Y. for fourteen years. This is where I met my beloved wife, Elke (she was from Germany); we have been blessed with two daughters, Erika (15 years) and Monika (3 years).

On October 20, 1976 I met my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as did my wife and daughter Erika, praise the Lord! Since this time I have been active with my church, First Baptist Church of Willowick. Rev. Bernard Flanagan, Pastor.

The Lord has put a burden on my heart regarding the funeral ministry and I can for the very first time see the need of a Christian funeral service. Although I have not my own funeral home I do not need one, for I can use the facilities of most funeral homes anywhere. I now can see the Lord's working in this matter also. If I had a funeral home at this time I would have quite a responsibility to the banks and could not be in a position to help those that might call on my services.

Well dear friend, I pray that this info will be of some help to you, should you need more information please feel free to call me at any time (collect). I also would be available to meet and speak to any church regarding my service and my

Heart Stirring Youth Rally

On May 20, nearly 1000 young people from all over Ohio turned out for the State Youth Rally.

Hearts and lives of the young people were touched by the ministry of the Alparaques in their tremendous music which was honoring to the Lord. Bill Fusco's messages, which were geared to our theme: "Teens Mission Impossible?", was straight to the heart of our teens. A number of teens made decisions for Christ as a result of the ministry of the Word of God being preached.

Dave Truit, Pastor of the Millersburg Baptist Church, in Millersburg, did a superb job of M.C.-ing the Rally, as did Don Krueger, Minister of Music at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, with the song leading. Also Don Krueger did an excellent job on the back-drop for our theme. Our State Talents for Christ winners were presented to the youth and awarded for their categories. We also heard four of our winners sing and play for our Rally who will be participating in our National Talents for Christ at Lakeland, Fla. in June. Over-all our young people enjoyed a fine Youth Rally.

The Alparaques, who are Filipinos and who were saved under the ministry of our A.B.W.E. Missionaries, have tremendous testimonies for Christ. It was thrilling to see the results of our Missionary work in the Philippines, as they ministered to us through word and song the wonderfulness of our Lord and Saviour.

Western Representative of Baptist Mid-Missions, Bill Fusco gave two tremendous messages on the problems which confront young people in reaching the teens as seen from the book of Zachariah and the people which teens ought to be in reaching other teens as seen from the book of Exodus in the call of Moses.

We rejoice in the good rally God gave to us and are looking forward to next year's rally in May of 1979.

Grand Rapids, Ohio Pastor Ordained

Raymond E. Dunning, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Ohio was ordained Sunday evening, June 4, by his church. Pastor Richard Snavely of Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio was the main speaker with Dr. Ray Hein, also of Findlay, acting as moderator.

Pastor Dunning had been examined on June 2 by an ordination council composed of 12 messengers from seven different area churches. After four hours of examination the council unanimously recommended the church proceed with his ordination while commenting on the way God has been working in his life.

Rev. Dunning will be celebrating the completion of his fourth year at Bethany Baptist in August. During his ministry the church has grown from an average attendance of 45 to an average of 200. Under his leadership the church also built a new building housing an auditorium, Sunday School rooms, and a fellowship hall.

Rev. Dunning is a graduate of Tennessee Temple Schools located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He also studied two years at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. He held two positions as assistant pastor before coming to Bethany Baptist Church.

testimony. Thanks again for your friendship, our very best to you and Lois and with this letter is as always our prayers to you and to your ministries.

Love in Christ,
Jim

Faith Baptist Bible College News

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

Ministers of music, choir directors, pianists, choir members, Christian school music teachers and soloists should begin planning NOW to attend the 4th Annual Church Music Workshop at Faith Baptist Bible College on September 15 and 16.

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The cost is \$15.00, which includes workshop notes and a large music packet. Pre-registration deadline is September 1 with \$5.00. Send to Faith Baptist Bible College, 1900 N. W. Fourth Street, Ankeny, Iowa - 50021.

SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE

If you are planning on attending the FBBC week of Family Week at Clear Lake, Iowa - July 12 through 16, you should register NOW!

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Dr. David Nettleton is in charge of the evening services with a series of messages entitled - "Scenes by the Sea".

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MUSIC GROUPS TRAVEL

Two music groups are traveling for the College this summer. The MESSENGERS OF PRAISE, a mixed quintet, is traveling to 24 churches in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin from June 25 - July 31. Their tour in-

cludes a week at Camp Fairwood at Westfield, Wisconsin. They will be involved in a large youth rally at Kings Island Amusement Park in Ohio.

The SOUNDS OF PROMISE, a combined male quartet and trumpet trio, is traveling from July 8 - August 20 to ten churches and four camps in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois.

Make plans to hear the group if they are in your area.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement was held May 5 with Pastor Joseph Hayes of Saylorville Baptist in Des Moines as speaker. One hundred nine seniors graduated. Of that number 52 received B.S. degrees; 35 received B.A. degrees; 17 received the Standard Bible Diploma; five received Th.B. degrees, and eight received B.A. and Th.B. degrees.

Students nominated to the honor society, Delta Epsilon Chi, has at least a B+ average on a 4-year program and had approved Christian character. They were: Gary Barber, Ankeny, Iowa; Joel DeSousa, Hiawatha, Iowa; Janet Durham, Kansas City, Kansas; Craig Johnson, Waverly, Iowa; Sharon Laird, Ankeny, Iowa; Stanley Lightfoot, Marine City, Michigan; and Donald Mills, Ankeny, Iowa.

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Sand In The Road

(Based on a true incident)

Someone lived there? Frank Hayburn could not be sure if he'd seen a human form or if the African sun was playing light and shade games with his eyes. The solitary hut partially destroyed and almost completely hidden in the tall grass, wasn't a fit home for a self-respecting lizard.

"What's that over there?" He stopped on the path so he could turn to the village chief who was walking close behind him. Frank was thankful for the sympathetic attitude of this muscular man on whom authority seemed to rest easily. His whim could have turned them away to spend the night in the forest. Because of his welcome, the villagers crowded along behind them, eager to be on hand for the next event.

"It's nothing. Just an old rotting building." The chief would not even look in the direction Frank pointed. His eyes looked marble-hard. "The stream is right ahead."

As they continued down the path, Frank glanced over his shoulder hoping for a better look at the strange structure hidden away in the grass. He recognized the familiar itch - or was it a still small voice? It started somewhere at the base of his brain and wouldn't quit til he'd taken action. For now, he'd let it rest. This was a stroll to stretch his legs before climbing into the truck for the long trip north.

"Here's the stream where we get our water supply" The chief waved his hand toward the small flow of water.

The "stream" proved to be more of a "trickle" that meandered along the flat clearing and had been dammed up by the villagers for their use. Frank was momentarily a bystander as the children became ensnared in a water fight and the adults were listening to Stephen Mba, who was earnestly explaining something to the chief.

Steven was a valuable friend, Frank thought, watching his glowing face. Frank's mind quickly flashed back to the events of the night before when his small diesel pick-up became bogged down in the sand. The village of Tara was not even on his schedule as he wanted to reach further north on his trip and then visit Tara at a later date.

Frank thought of his unscheduled stop and how God uses inconveniences to halt man's headlong activities where God's business awaits. He could see the Lord's hand in it all. Never had he seen a truck get stuck so easily. Before they realized it, they had sunk in to the back axle. How thankful he was to the Lord that he felt constrained to bring his large hydraulic jack for it was that which raised the wheels high enough to get the branches underneath for the necessary traction. Once out of the sand, he knew it was too late to go beyond Tara and decided to stay there overnight with his men.

"Hey Mister, would you please teach me that song you promised us this morning?" Frank was awakened from his thoughts by a young girl who left the water fight and made her way to his side.

"Oh, so you were one of the kids who came to my hut to greet me?"

The young girl's large brown eyes twinkled as a sweet smile spread across her face. Frank remembered the promise he'd made to them that morning. A number of them got up early and made their way to his hut so they could greet him when he came out.

"I'll teach you a song before I leave," he said as he walked among them, patting their black woolly heads.

"What's your name?"

"My name is Matabissi, but everyone calls me Mata for short. You may call me Mata."

"OK, Mata, let's sit down on that log over there and I'll teach you a song."

Frank and the young girl, unnoticed by the others, went over near the edge of the forest and sat down. The young missionary began by singing a few words at a time as she repeated after him. Before long, other children joined in and Frank soon had them singing, "Jesus Loves Me," like they had sung it for years.

"Hey, it's time to get back to the truck, kids," laughed Frank as he jumped to his feet to join the adults.

On the way back to the village, Frank could not help but notice the old, dilapidated hut.

"Chief, if you don't mind, I'd like to go over and look at that hut."

"That's off limits to my people as well as to strangers in my village." The chief's face was motionless and his eyes showed anger.

"But Chief, I thought I saw someone in the doorway when we came down. I'm serious about going over to have a look."

"You did see someone and she's evil. She put a curse on our water supply. You saw how it is vanishing. That's why it's that narrow ribbon of water that used to be a river."

"But she's one of your people," Frank said, and he could see the chief hesitate. That was a sensitive point. He nodded his head and led the way through the shoulder-high grass.

As they approached the hut, Frank looked up to see an old woman standing in the doorway. He could hardly believe his eyes. Her shriveled, bony body hung from her waist. Her wrinkled face showed much suffering and loneliness and her eyes seemed like pools of desolation.

"Hello, Mama," called Frank, smiling as he reached out to shake her hand.

"Go away! Go away! I don't want to be bothered by any of you."

Frank was a bit taken back by what he heard. "I'm a missionary, Mama. God sent me. I have some good words to give to you."

The old woman looked somewhat interested but still seemed quite irritated that anyone would dare to approach her property. Frank noticed that the chief and his men kept their distance from this strange little woman.

She stepped up to Frank and knelt down at his feet. Lifting her face, she reached up to shake his hand. "My name is Voundou, which means sorrow. Thank you for coming, my son."

Frank knew then that he was accepted by the woman and would be able to talk with her. Immediately he told her about Jesus and His death on the cross for her. Voundou looked up at Frank with that lonely expression on her face.

Frank thought to himself, "How could anyone ever live in such poverty?"

"Voundou," Frank went on, "Jesus wants to come into your heart and be your Savior."

The missionary's heart was touched as

he looked down into the eyes of the old woman, for they were quickly filling with tears.

"Do you mean to tell me that Someone does love me and there is Someone who cares? Up until today I didn't think anyone cared for me."

The villagers, thinking that she had an evil spirit in her, cast her out of the village. They had even talked about driving her away from her present location because they said she brought sickness and death to them through the supposed curse she made on their water supply.

"Yes, Voundou, Jesus does care for you and He does love you. He wants to become your Savior today, if you will ask Him to come into your heart."

It was the first time the woman had ever heard the gospel. Frank could see that even in her elderly, weakened condition, she was alert to her spiritual need. What a thrill it was to Frank to hear her ask God to forgive her of her sins and to save her.

An immediate change took place. The men could actually see it in her outward expression. When Frank told her that he and his men came by truck, she asked if she could walk with him to the main road to see it.

The chief led the way as the young missionary and the old woman, surrounded by a number of the villagers, made their way back to the village. The villagers stood in amazement as they saw the two chatting together as though they had known each other for years. Old village friends could hardly believe their eyes, and a number of them called out their greetings to her. The village seemed to take on a different atmosphere.

The truck was packed and ready to leave when Mata timidly approached Frank. "Sir, can we sing that song again? We'll all sing it this time."

"You sure can, Mata," answered Frank as he turned to the chief and asked him to call all the children together for the song.

Standing in their midst, Frank sang with them line by line, "Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so." Before long, the entire village, including Voundou, joined the children. Their voices penetrated the surrounding forest: "Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so."

Frank felt led to give an invitation and was thrilled to see eight adults and ten children, including Mata, accept Christ.

Climbing into the cab, Frank's heart was touched to see little Mata standing beside Voundou, holding her hand. Romans 8:28 flashed into his mind as he thought of their visit to Tara and what God had done in their short visit.

The young missionary smiled as he looked across the front seat at his African

companion. "We'll have to come back here, Stephen."

"Yes, Sir."

"And next time the Lord won't have to lay a sand trap to get us to stop. Right?"

"That's right, Sir. Voundou's sure glad for that sand in the road."

"So am I, Stephen. So am I."

Director Of Promotion At Regular Baptist Children's Agency

Mr. David Jensen is now serving as Director of Promotion at the Regular Baptist Children's Agency, St. Louis, Michigan. Our brother has been serving in this capacity since March 13 of this year. He and his wife, Vicki, previously lived in Columbus, Ohio. They both are graduates of Cedarville College. He also has a graduate degree from Ohio State University. His background is in the field of Radio, T.V., Communications, Insurance Sales and Estate Planning. All of this makes him highly qualified for his new work.

Presently, he is busy presenting the program and needs of the Agency on a national basis and is available for meetings in our OARBC churches. You may reach him by writing - Mr. David Jensen, Regular Baptist Children's Agency, St. Louis, Michigan - 48880 or phoning (517) 681-2171. (Editor's note: If you have him in your church, encourage him to bring his wife with him and have her sing. The Lord has blessed her with a lovely voice!) Individual appointments to discuss Wills and Trusts for help with Estate Planning can also be arranged.

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Do You Love Him?

The world is filled with people having love problems. Married couples, teens, and parent-children love problems exist all over. There is a real love problem within the churches, too. Our text is John 14:15 - "If ye love me, keep my commandments." - and was given by our Lord to prepare His own for His return to the Father.

First, we ought to love Him because of who He is and for what He has done. Consider these texts: I John 4:19 - "We love Him, because He first loved us." - Romans 5:8 - "But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - Romans 8:38, 39 - "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." It is not natural to love Him, because we are born self-centered (which is the opposite of love). Look at Paul's words in II Timothy 3:2 and 4 - "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, . . . Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." and also Romans 1:30 - "Backbiters, haters of God, (insolent), proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents". It is only possible for a believer to love Him -- John 5:42 - "But I know you that ye have not the love of God in you;" and Galatians 5:22 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith". Salvation brings one to Christ in a personal, love relationship. Have you been saved?

Second, love and obedience go together. Note these verses - I John 5:3 - "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome." - II John verse 6 - "And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, that, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it." - Romans 13:8, 10 - "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." "Love worketh no ill to its neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Remember that the TEN Commandments can be reduced to TWO: love God supremely, and love all others as oneself; for if I love God supremely I will not worship any foreign gods, not worship images, not profane His name, not break His day (the first four commandments) and if I love all others as myself, I will honor others, not murder others, not commit adultery toward others, not steal from others, not lie to others, not covet what others have (the last six commandments). The motive for our obedience to Christ should be love for Him (and remember that He alone is worthy of our complete love).

Third, love involves keeping His commandments. They are HIS commands, not His suggestions! There are many things He told us to do, as recorded in Scripture. To enumerate some is to omit others, and could possibly involve making some seem more important than others (anything He said we should do is important!) But, just consider four of His commandments:

- 1) assemble. . . to fellowship with His people, to stand with Him and with them, to grow right (people must be with people or proper growth is impaired). . . If I love Him, I will want to be with Him. . . If I do not assemble, He will miss me. Consider Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" and Hebrews 10:25 - "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".
- 2) remember Him in His death . . . as He faced His death, He asked that His own remember His sufferings through the Lord's Supper. . . if I love Him, I'll remember His dying request!
- 3) search the Scriptures. . . note John 5:39 - "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." . . . to know Him and His plan for me. . . He took time to communicate with me, so I am to listen to His Word. . . if I love Him, I'll listen!
- 4) pray. . . repeatedly in the Word He asks me to pray. . . this is to talk to Him, acknowledge Him, depend upon Him for my daily needs and guidance. . . if I love Him, I will talk with Him!

Consider also I John 2:3-4 - "And by this we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." John 14:21 - "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him". Finally - Matthew 7:21 - "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my Father, who is in heaven." Mr daily life tells whether or not I love Him. DO YOU LOVE HIM?

. . . taken from a message delivered by Pastor Loren H. Schenck

How To Pray

A missionary himself recently made a list of suggestions as to how he would like his friends to pray for him.

1. Pray for essentials. It is not so essential that you ask God to give us good health. The important thing is that He give us only the measure of health that will best glorify Him. Who knows but what it may be to His glory that we should be sick, and thereby demonstrate to those about us that we have a God Who can keep us in perfect peace and joy, even in the midst of pain and trial.

2. We do not want you to pray that God will give us an easy path

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Does It Pay To Be A Missionary?

by V. Ben Kendrick

My heart was touched as I read the following letter from Roy and Kimiko Oshiro, Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries to Okinawa, Japan. It was my privilege to meet Grandpa a few years ago but at that time he was still unsaved. Even then, the kind elderly gentleman, dressed in his Japanese kimona, made a deep impression on me. Now Grandpa Oshiro is in the presence of the Lord but there is an interesting story to be told which he shared with Brother and Sister Roy Oshiro after his conversion.

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The bible tells me so.*

We could "hear" Grandpa's shaky but vibrant voice even as we sat by his tabernacle and realized that God had called him home. Grandpa fell unconscious on December 6 and was rushed to the hospital by ambulance but regained consciousness and except for extreme acute anemia, doctors could find nothing wrong. He was to return home as soon as his blood pressure was back to normal, so we had not notified anyone about his hospitalization. But his tired heart stopped when he tried to raise himself in bed on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. Grandpa's task on earth was done.

on the mission field, but rather that He might give us grace sufficient to be overcomers for Him.

3. Do not pray so much that God will answer our prayers, as that God will keep us from being too busy to pray. Haven't you thought of the fact that it is just as easy for us missionaries to be too busy to pray as it is for you in the homeland to be too busy to take time with God?

4. We're not so anxious that you pray that God will remove the obstacles as that He might give us an unconquerable determination to go all the way with Him.

5. It is not so important that you pray that God should bless our activities as that God should censor our activities, for how easy it is for a missionary's time and energy to be spent on second best things!

6. Please do not pray for us as though we were saints, living up on a high level, because we are missionaries. We who go as missionaries are subjected to temp-

The group from the village of Uken (Grandpa's home town) had prepared a feast for him consisting of "goodies" remembered from childhood, but Grandpa was to feast that night in the presence of God. Grandpa was now standing in awe before his Saviour about whom he had first heard when he was 15 years old. Was he repeating the same words to his Saviour that he so oft repeated to us?

"75 years ago when I was 15 years old, I first heard about Jesus from a blonde, goat-eyed (the Okinawan expression to describe green eyes) missionary lady in the city of Naha. We were warned not to go near her but curiosity got the best of us and when the kindly lady invited us, we went to hear her. She taught us:

*Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong."*

This event had been kept a secret until Grandpa was saved two years ago in Oak Park, Michigan. After his salvation, he could not wait for us to sing his favorite hymn, the one he had learned in Okinawa many years ago. Grandpa wanted to find out who this missionary lady was - the one who tried to introduce him to the Saviour, but now he could meet her face to face and thank you for coming out to primitive Okinawa with a gospel message. Does it pay to be a missionary?

Many relatives have been touched by Grandpa's life and by his death. Please pray for the salvation of these dear ones.

Yours in the Gospel
Roy and Kimiko Oshiro & Janice

tations. Satan will determine in one way or another to hinder our testimony, to rob our lives of power or make our witness futile. We need your prayer that God will give us grace and strength to resist temptation.

7. Won't you remember please that missionaries can become lonely; we can become discouraged; we can become irritable, sharp and impatient with other missionaries. Above all, we want to tell you we can do a great deal of missionary work without being on fire for Christ. It's easy for us missionaries to be busy about everything without really being on fire for Christ. So we covet your prayers that we may ever live with our hearts aflame with a passion for the lost, and aflame with the love of Christ.

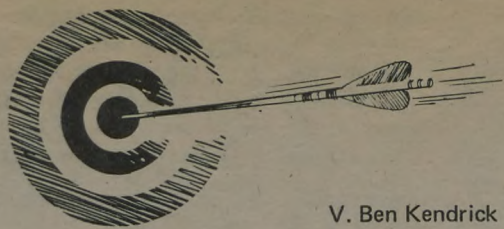
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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick

One of the most cherished possessions that your writer has is a book in his home library titled, "They Called Me Mama". Inside the cover are written the following words: "Dearly beloved co-workers in the Lord and deeply appreciated for your precious fellowship. . ." The signature is that of Margaret Laird, veteran missionary nurse with over fifty years of service for the Lord in the Central African Empire. Dr. Laird's book gives some very interesting accounts of her ministry in the heart of Africa. It is published by Moody Press. She graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1919 and took her nurses' training at the City and County Hospital (now Denver General Hospital) and was accepted by BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS in 1922. This outstanding missionary has received a number of honors. In 1953, she received the French Legion of Honor, the highest honor given by the French government. Then in 1960 she was presented the African Legion of Merit. In 1962, she received the Distinguished Alumna of Colorado Women's College. Again in 1962 she was given the first Eleanor Roosevelt Award of Hadassah, as the Woman of Valor of the year. In 1977, she was honored with the Doctor of Humanities Degree by Denver Baptist Bible College. Yes, it is a blessing to see honor paid to this faithful servant whose love won over both hostile tribes and sceptical officials in the heart of Africa. I share with you a passage from Dr. Laird's book, They Call Me Mama.

"My fellow missionaries.
I've learned from them. I've prayed for them.
I've marveled at them. I've nursed them.
And I've even disagreed with them.
But always, I've worked with them and have loved them."

The Student Missionary Program has been instituted by the FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS. Rev. David C. Dunkin, Promotional Director, explains it like this:

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Wherever possible, ABWE missionaries attend an organized language school. But so much of language learning depends upon the initiative of the individual missionary. This is where your prayers can lend assistance.

HIWATHA BAPTIST MISSIONS shares with us the progress of a work in Gainesville, Florida, a university city of 65,000. The pace has been unusual for such a ministry. Five months of labor has seen the work chartered after its beginning on October 2, 1977; all the work has been completed for the State and I.R.S.; and the final organization was completed on March 2.

Souls have been saved and plans have been made for the second baptismal service. There is well over \$1,100 in the building fund. A college-age Bible-study class is being conducted, and five of their own people have had the privilege of leading others to Christ. Average attendance is running in the high 50's.

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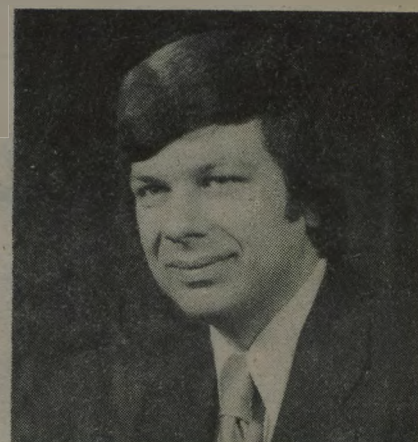
Rev. Austin D. Plew, President of F.B.H.M., recently made presentations to Miss Decker, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Jewell of plaques (inset) in appreciation of their faithful volunteer work in the home office. Periodically throughout the year they take care of the folding, stapling, packaging, etc., when there are large mailings to go out to the churches.

These Men Now Serving At Oberlin



Calvin D. Searles

The new Pastor and Assistant Pastor at the Camden Baptist Church, located in Camden, R. D. 2, Oberlin, Ohio, are Calvin D. Searles, and Jonathan D. Dobney. They began their full time ministry there in February 1978. Pastor Searles had been serving as Interim Pastor since September 1977. He grew up in the Camden Church, being saved and baptized there and was active in church activities. He graduated from Cedarville College in June, 1977, after which he went to the Philippines for six weeks under the Missionary Internship Program of the College.



Jonathan Dobney

Jonathan Dobney, Assistant Pastor, graduated from Bluffton College in June, 1977. He helped with the various programs of the church during the Interim Term. He has been an active member of the Camden Church for several years, but was saved and baptized in the Grace Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio. He now teaches the Junior High, and is busy with the Awana and Youth groups and office duties.

Both young men felt the call of God into full time Christian service and God is blessing their ministry at Camden. There has been a good solid growth just in these few short months, as these young Pastors seek to reach their community. Let us remember them - Pastors, and people.

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Honorary Degree Awarded



Dr. Albert G. Crawford

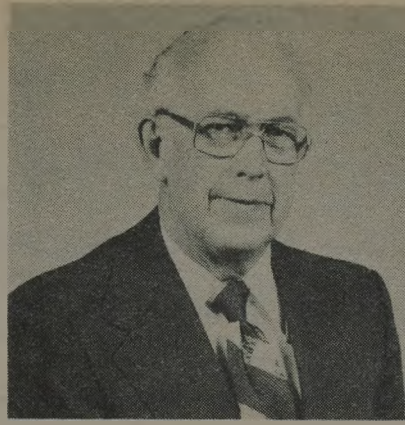
GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE & SEMINARY is pleased to announce that Professor Albert G. Crawford was awarded an honorary degree as Doctor of Sacred Theology (STD) at the 1978 Commencement exercises on May 12, 1978. Dr. Crawford's schooling includes a B.R.E. from Baptist Bible College, a B.D. from the Baptist Seminary, and an M.A. from Western Michigan University.

He has pastored several churches and has been on the faculty of both the Baptist College and Seminary since 1957.

It is his work in the study and in the classroom which the Executive Board of the College and Seminary wishes to recognize in granting this degree. From the first student evaluations administered when he was teaching assistant as a student, it was evident that he had the gift of teaching. Through the years he has thoroughly researched and ably taught in the fields of English Bible, Church History, and Systematic Theology. His careful studies in Historical Theology with emphases upon Medieval Reformation, and Anabaptist studies have given him a mastery of his field which students and colleagues deeply appreciate. He has done far more scholarly work in these areas than is required of men who gain a doctor's degree by training in a school. He was also seen to fit the requirement of having "adorned the Gospel of God's grace in a holy life."

Doctorates are not awarded often at the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary—one was last given three years ago. Past honorees include David Allen, Allen Lewis, and John Balyo.

New And Different



Dr. James T. Jeremiah

A new and different emphasis came to our campus this year. Three missionary spokesmen from Baptist Mid-Missions spent three days on the Cedarville College campus and made an impact for missions that some of us will remember for a long time. The Campus Spotlight on Missions team of Leigh Adams, Joel Kettenring and Ben Kendrick spoke in classes, conducted many personal interviews, some of them rather extended in nature; they spoke in three chapel services and took part in three missions prayer groups. I believe this united emphasis has produced and will continue to produce a great results for the cause of world missions.

In my opinion, Baptist Mid-Missions is following an excellent plan in bringing the challenge of missions where it ought to be given. If we are going to send missionaries to the far corners of the earth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, we must reach the prospective missionaries while they are in the process of making lifetime decisions. This trio of dedicated men who have seen action on the mission field helped answer many of their questions and directed many of them into channels of opportunity and service.

When our Christian colleges open their doors to the ministry of qualified mission personnel such as Joel, Leigh and Ben, who know and have experienced what this ministry is all about, then we shall see more recruits for missions than ever before.

It is far better for our mission agencies to be burdened with an abundance of applications for missionary service than to be without enough recruits to meet the vital personnel needs of the fields. At Cedarville College there is a year-round attempt not only for our students to be concerned for lost people across the ocean, but for lost people across the street as well. Adams, Kendrick and Kettenring have helped us emphasize this burden to our students.

by James T. Jeremiah

A Wise Investment

by: A Man With a Burden for Young People

If there is anything more important than investing in a young life for the glory of the Lord, I don't know what it is. The past 15 years has seen a merciless attack on our young people by Satan. This has been done in many ways through such means as the public schools, television, exposure to drugs and just the general trend of destroying the family unit.

Any Christian parent should be thrilled with the opportunity to send their children to a Christian camp where they are face-to-face with the challenge of God's Word by dedicated men and women. Camp provides an atmosphere when many times it is far easier to make decisions for the Lord than back home. I personally have seen young men and women make a spiritual turn-about at camp. I recall one time praying with a young man off in the pines. I can still hear him cry out to the Lord, "Oh, God, I'm sick of sin and sinning. Here's my life. Take it and use it for your glory."

Such moments are precious. They are worth more than all the riches of this world put together. A life surrendered to the Lord in those early years means an entire life of service for God.

As I write this, I'm sure there are parents who would give almost anything to have their son or daughter make such a decision. My advice to you dear friends, is to encourage your children to go to summer camp. If you don't have teenage children, then prayerfully consider

providing the funds to send one or more of the young people in your church. This is an investment which only eternity will show the final results. To do this, you will have made a wise investment.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have three excellent Regular Baptist Camps in Ohio. You may register your young people by writing to the following:

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2. Skyview Baptist Ranch, R. 6, Box 115, Millersburg, O. 44654.
3. Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp, Scioto Furnace, O. 45677

A Pipeline Is Flowing

by Sallie McElwain

Around the headquarters of Baptist Mid Missions it is not unusual to hear the terminology, 'in the pipeline.' When speaking of the pipeline, there is no thought of oil or even of gas. Instead the reference is made to lives. Precious lives who are dedicated to the cause of missions.

Actually the pipeline begins with the junior high and high school students and then extends up into the college and seminary levels. Baptist Mid-Missions is privileged to have well over 1000 young people in its youth programs. This summer there will be approximately 300 high school and college students serving the Lord with Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries throughout the world. The Sr-Hi Teens' Apprentice Missionary Program (S.T.A.M.P.) is a specially prepared program to give high school students

the opportunity to actually work with missionaries here in North America. The Missionary Apprenticeship Program (M.A.P.) is a similar program but gives opportunity for college students to serve on both home and foreign fields. The Valuable Information Program (V.I.P.) is a special mailing program which provides a constant source of missionary information. This is done through a bimonthly bulletin called VISION as well as through other information pieces.

The mission family of Baptist Mid-Missions has a heart for young people. It is for that reason an all out effort is being made to expose them to missions by giving them an opportunity to serve on the mission field.

Yes, the pipeline is filled and flowing, producing precious candidates for the tremendous personnel needs in the worldwide ministry of missions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss McElwain is a secretary at Baptist Mid-Missions. She works in the department which handles the youth programs and, therefore, feels the pulse of the mission's youth outreach.

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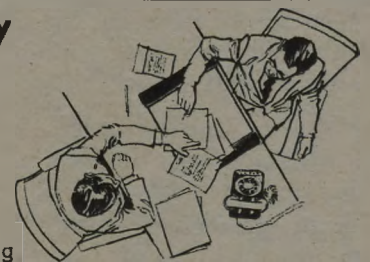
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A Word Concerning The Divine Committal To Gospel Preachers

Today the servants of God must be keenly aware of the need to conduct themselves and to serve in a manner worthy of their calling. To them has been committed a deposit unlike any other, of greater importance and with higher significance and more rigid demands than anything else in the world. The call from God and the message of God must stand first and foremost in the life and experience of the Lord's servant. Nothing must be allowed to interfere with his discharge of duty and responsibility toward this great Gospel deposit which has been placed in his charge and care. It is an absolute pre-requisite laid upon him by the eternal God, and the servant of the Lord is a messenger under orders

by divine decree. He must never forget that he lives and serves by royal command. I Timothy 1:18-19 is a reiteration and reminder of the divine charge made to Timothy in his day, and beyond him to other servants of God. Note carefully several things which characterize this committal.

1. It is the committing to God's servants of a sacred trust to be guarded well and to be taught faithfully to others. v. 18.

The first line reads: "This charge I commit unto thee. . . ." Paul addressing Timothy who is in Ephesus. The words "This charge" (*tautēn tēn paraggelion*) remind us of our call from God and of the responsibility attendant upon this high calling. The charge refers not alone to our duty to expose false teachers (which we must do) but to the total fulfillment of the high calling of a Gospel servant. One function of this high calling is, of course, to oppose false teaching, expose those who engage in it, and check such teaching wherever and whenever we can. The word "commit" will not allow us to be unaware of the nature of this great sacred trust deposited into our care. The word is *paratithēmai*, "place beside, lay down alongside another for his guardianship." God has placed this sacred trust down alongside His servants so that they are constantly and continually reminded of its consignment to their fidelity. They must always be aware of its placement and presence in their own personal custody. As Moses laid before the faces of the elders all the words that the Lord commanded him (Exodus 19:7, LXX *parethēken*), in similar fashion God has set down alongside us this great, sacred trust of the administration of His Word. For without any doubt, this trust has to do with "the Gospel of the glory of the blessed God" (I Tim. 1:11), and the teaching of sound doctrine in the churches (4:6-7, 13-16; 6:20-21). For this, God's servants are totally responsible.

2. It is a committal which is set forth in terms of a warfare, v. 18b.

Paul is led by the Holy Spirit to use the military figure of all-out war in reminding God's servants of their duty in the Gospel Cause. They are responsible for waging total war. The verb *strateuō* is derived from *strateuō* which means: "to be engaged in active military service, to wage war." The sense is that of an entire campaign, not an isolated battle or two. The noun form *strateian* carries the same thought. True Gospel preachers are engaged in a campaign that involves far more than an occasional battle or skirmish with the enemy. We are engaged in total war: battle after battle, conflict after conflict, engagement upon engagement. Those arrayed against us are many, greatly outnumbering us, and bent upon our defeat and destruction. We wage war against Satan and his mighty host of principalities, powers, rulers of this world-age's darkness, and spiritual wickedness in high places. We fight against the demons and their deadly powers, and against the devil's personal agents. And in the flesh, there are false teachers, deceitful workers, religious apostates, all the forces and forms of liberal theology, and the ecumenical powers and pressures, as well as the cults and other pseudo-Christian groups and movements. The war will increase and expand, the battle-grounds will grow larger, and fighting will become fiercer and more intensive and violent, and the pressures upon the servants of the Lord more savage and intense. But our duty is to stand fast in the faith and fight, quitting ourselves like men (I Cor. 16:13).

The present tense of the verb (*strateuō*) denotes the constant, continued progress of the campaign. It goes on and on throughout the duration of this age and the life-time of God's servants. The military language continues. Gospel preachers are soldiers, enlisted for the duration of the war, the length of their lives. They are engaged in a continuous,

all-out war in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the great Gospel Cause. Moreover, this warfare most vitally concerns those who are engaged in it. The verb occurs in the middle voice, which throws the stress back upon the subject of the verb. God's servants comprise the subject, and are thus vitally concerned in the waging of this all-out warfare, both as being presently engaged in the action and as participating in the results. A day is coming when the servants of the Lord will appear in the presence of the Lord of glory and make a full accounting of what they have done with the great Gospel deposit entrusted into their charge and care. We shall have to report on the manner in which we have conducted our campaign, and account for the kind of warfare we have waged: i.e. what we have done and how we have done it, how we have administered the Word of God. The results will be reckoned up by our supreme Commander. It should be noticed carefully that the servant of the Lord is admonished that he must wage "the good warfare." This point is stressed by Paul under inspiration. Here, it is "war the good warfare." In 2 Tim. 2:3, it is "be a good soldier." Mere warring, and just being soldiers are not enough. We must war the good warfare, and be good soldiers.

3. It is a committal which requires personal integrity, v. 19.

Personal integrity is vital to the successful waging of good warfare. It is indispensable for the servant of God. If the Gospel minister cannot place his life down in support of his teaching and preaching, he would do well to examine his call. Example is requisite absolute for God's servants. It is evidenced in two ways, as set forth in v. 19.

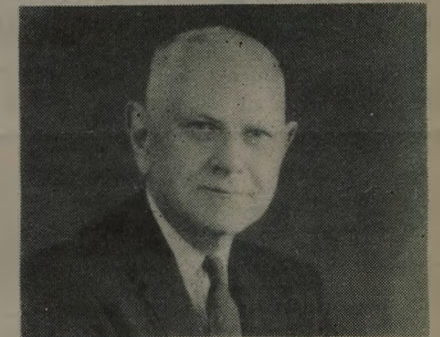
In the first place, the servants of God must keep holding faith. The Greek text reads simply, "holding faith" (*echōn pistin*). Faith appropriately comes first because it is faith which provides the Christian combatant with his only standing-ground for the deadly conflict, and supplies him with the proper weapons and armor which enable him to repel the vicious attacks of the great adversary and his hosts. This faith is the individual trust of the servant of Christ, as the noun "faith" without the definite article indicates. It consists in his convictions and beliefs, his doctrine and his own personal fidelity in his call to the Gospel Cause. The present tense of the participle *echōn* denotes the continuing adherence to all that constitutes one's faith. Character and constancy are both involved. The character of God's servants manifests itself in their constancy and consistency of life.

In the second place, therefore, there is the matter of conscience. God's servants must keep holding a good conscience. As Fairbairn remarks: "A good conscience is faith's necessary handmaid. . . ." The warfare in which we are engaged is strictly a moral and spiritual one, and thrusting aside one's conscience

is virtually a defeat and abandonment of the campaign. Faith has been likened to a most precious liquid, and conscience to the clean, pure glass that holds it. The two go together as inseparable companions and to push away the one is to make shipwreck of the other. The servants of the Lord must ever keep holding to a good conscience and not thrust it aside. Many a downfall has resulted from wilful, heedless walking in repudiation of the good conscience. Ministers of the Gospel are required to stand with Paul and be able to say: "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (Acts 23:1). And as the great Apostle testified before King Agrippa, "To have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and men" (Acts 24:16).

The servants of God who do battle for the truth of the eternal God must be responsible in their inmost soul to the claims of divine truth upon themselves - upon their own personal, individual lives. The effects of keeping the two apart, viz. personal faith from the good conscience, are disastrous. The daily life and habits of the servant of God must always be pure and exemplary, in obedience to the Word of God, and concurrent with his faith. The good conscience - the internal pointer for the moral life - can no more be dispensed with than the living faith. All depends upon the wholesome, harmonious action of the two for the results attained in the performance of duty in the Christian warfare.

Happy Birthday



Dr. Robert T. Ketcham

Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, the Lord willing, will be celebrating his 89th birthday on July 22nd. All across this country are the many who have in one way or another been blessed through his ministry. Why not encourage the heart of this dear warrior by telling him the blessing he was to you? Drom him a card TODAY! Dr. R. T. Ketcham, 2646 Winneton, Chicago, Illinois - 60625.

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Amazing At Grace

Editor's note: This article first appeared in the TOLEDO BLADE. It was written by the BLADE Religion Editor and appeared in their April 8th issue. When things like this are happening in our churches, we like to share it with our readers.

AWANA

Program Strong For Young, Old

Fun, Games, Bible Study
At Grace Baptist Church



Robert Pycraft, AWANA commander

It's amazing what the AWANA Club program is doing for Grace Baptist Church.

Because of AWANA, more than 150 boys and girls from kindergarten through high school come out for Wednesday evening fun, games, Bible study, and worship. At the same time about 100 parents and adult leaders spend part of the two-hour period (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.) in Bible study under the pastor, the Rev. Larry Engle.

AWANA - an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed - is an adaptation of a text from II Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth." (Good News for Modern Man)

The AWANA program, an international project of the Awana Youth Association of Rolling Meadows, Ill., was introduced to the Toledo area three years ago by Robert Pycraft, youth pastor at Grace Baptist, 5612 West Bancroft St. The 25-year-old licensed minister, (who is not ordained, however,) grew up with an AWANA program in his home community at Avon Lake, O. A 1974 graduate of Cedarville, Ohio, College, he was called to Grace in December of that year.

Program 'Kind of Propels Itself'

"The AWANA program is so exciting, it kind of propels itself. Church mem-

bers volunteer to be leaders," Mr. Pycraft said, adding, "I'm called to work with young people."

Mr. Pycraft, who carries 180 pounds on a five-foot-nine frame, and worked his way through college doing construction, played football in high school and did quite a bit of wrestling. He knows how important it is to give young people outlets for their physical energy.

This past Wednesday, and it was a typical one, the AWANA commander, wearing an adult uniform, gray cotton shirt trimmed in red, plus several extra medals, including one marked "shareholder" because he made a special contribution to the national building program, stood in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m. before several dozen Sparks. These are the kindergarten through second graders, who wear red vests, trimmed in gray.

Sang In High-Pitched Voices

The little Sparks shrieked and sang in high-pitched voices, "Joy, joy down in my heart," while Shirley Self, the church pianist and secretary, played piano accompaniment. Adult and teen-age volunteer leaders, interspersed in some of the pews, helped to maintain some level of order as the kiddies bobbed up and down joyfully.

In another part of the West Bancroft Street church complex, boys' and girls' groups were in progress. The Pals (third to fifth grade boys) and Pioneers (sixth to eighth grade boys) were in the gymnasium participating in group games - three-legged race, tug of war, relays. Girls' groups - Chums (third to fifth grade) and Guards (sixth to eighth grade) - were in Bible study, memorizing verses.

The classes traded places, and the girls then occupied the gym for a period until all reassembled for a brief devotional period before the 8:30 p.m. dismissal.

Adults, mainly parents, were in the sanctuary for a Bible lesson and prayer meeting led by Pastor Engle.

Unit 22nd In Achievement

Of 8,000 AWANA clubs, Mr. Pycraft says, the Grace Baptist unit was 22nd in achievement last year, because of its high level of participation and results achieved. At the first AWANA club program three years ago, only 39 showed up.

Attendance has grown from an average of 50 each week to the current 150 average, the youth pastor continued.

The high school youth, known as the Shipmates, meet Sunday nights for Bible study and on Friday and Saturday have games and athletics. Dancing is not permitted at Grace, a member of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, which adheres to fundamentalist doctrine.

The distinctive uniforms and the concentrated program of interclub athletic competitions, plus handicrafts and Bible memory contests, a c c o u n t for the AWANA club success, Mr. Pycraft believes.

Today he is taking a group of AWANA club members from grades 3 to 8 to an Ohio AWANA Olympics program in Copley, O., near Akron. About 60 children, representing four teams, will ride the church bus to Copley for the Northern Ohio division contests. State finals will be in Mansfield on April 22.

Doing Well In Bible Memory

"The kids are eager to get here and play games, and our kids are doing very well in Bible memory, which consists of about 100 verses in a handbook," Mr Pycraft said.

The young minister, whose wife, Bette, is girls' director, conducts the Sunday and Wednesday night programs, and teaches high school Sunday school classes. Their two-year-old daughter is not quite ready for the Sparks program. Mrs. Pycraft's father is the Rev. Walter Warfield, Missions Director of the Association in Rolling Meadows.

The AWANA club program runs through the school year, September through June. Summers, Mr. Pycraft says, organized activity is at a minimum. But he plans to lead church camp at Kelley's Island for the various age groups. And he plans a one-week church-in planned, so young people can live in the building, and do odd jobs about the building, mainly maintenance and yard work. In addition, there will be personal development courses, a charm program for the girls, and personal hygiene for the boys.

The AWANA club program costs very little, perhaps 25 cents a week to the

youth, but in terms of dividends, the return is great, not only in interest but also in participation of the entire congregation, Mr. Pycraft says.

Grace Baptist, organized in 1962, dedicated its new building six years ago. Plans are being drawn up to add a large auditorium to expand church facilities.

Announcing Christian Education Conference

The Southwest Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches announces a Christian Education Conference to be held on Friday evening and Saturday, November 10, 11, 1978 at the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

The keynote speaker this year is Rev. Virgil Stoneking, formerly Registrar and Chairman of Local Church Education at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa., and presently pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Cherry Hill, N. J.

This is a cooperative effort of the SW Ohio Association, but is being made available also to churches outside of the SW area. The committee consists of Mr. Jim Neely, chairman, Rev. Lloyd Learned, and Rev. David Morris, Secretary.

Rev. Stoneking will be bringing three messages at the general sessions and also leading some of the workshops. The committee has endeavored to set up workshops that are relevant to the needs of the local church Christian Education Departments. A list will be printed in a later issue of the O.I.B.

We ask that you mark off these dates on your calendars and look for more information in the near future.



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Cindy was with us for 17 months. When she came to us she had great difficulty separating the real world from the fantasy world into which she had retired to escape from an environment which she could not accept. We provided her with intensive treatment, loving surroundings and consistent spiritual training which allowed Cindy to emerge again into the world of reality. Her behavior improved, she began doing well in school, she even got involved in the school band. She accepted Christ and was considering Baptism.

Cindy had been placed with us privately by her mother. Her mother had been able to provide only a small amount toward the cost of her care. A number of you who make up our constituency helped to pay for Cindy's care through the "SPONSOR A CHILD" program.

Against the advice of our staff, Cindy's mother decided to remove Cindy from our care and moved with her and her other children to a more distant city. The results of this move have been tragic for Cindy. She not only regressed to the fantasies and behaviour which characterized her condition prior to her admission to the Regular Baptist Children's Agency but has grown much worse. Her mother realizes now that taking Cindy out of the Agency too soon was a serious mistake and she is persistently urging us to take Cindy back. The problem is that the "SPONSOR A CHILD" funds which we have been using to provide Cindy's care have now been transferred to other children who needed help.

All of us feel ver strongly that God wants us to continue our efforts to help this very lovely and very troubled girl. I have decided to take her back even without any funds designated for her support. I am sharing this story with you trusting that you will "HELP SPONSOR" this girl or someone equally in need of your help.

This kind of care and treatment is very expensive. It take \$175 per week (\$700 per month) to meet these costs for one child. That is 35 individuals or classes or churches giving \$20 per month.

CINDY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

(Fill in below and send to the address above.)

I will HELP SPONSOR A CHILD at the Regular Baptist Children's Agency. I will give the following monthly donation \$

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