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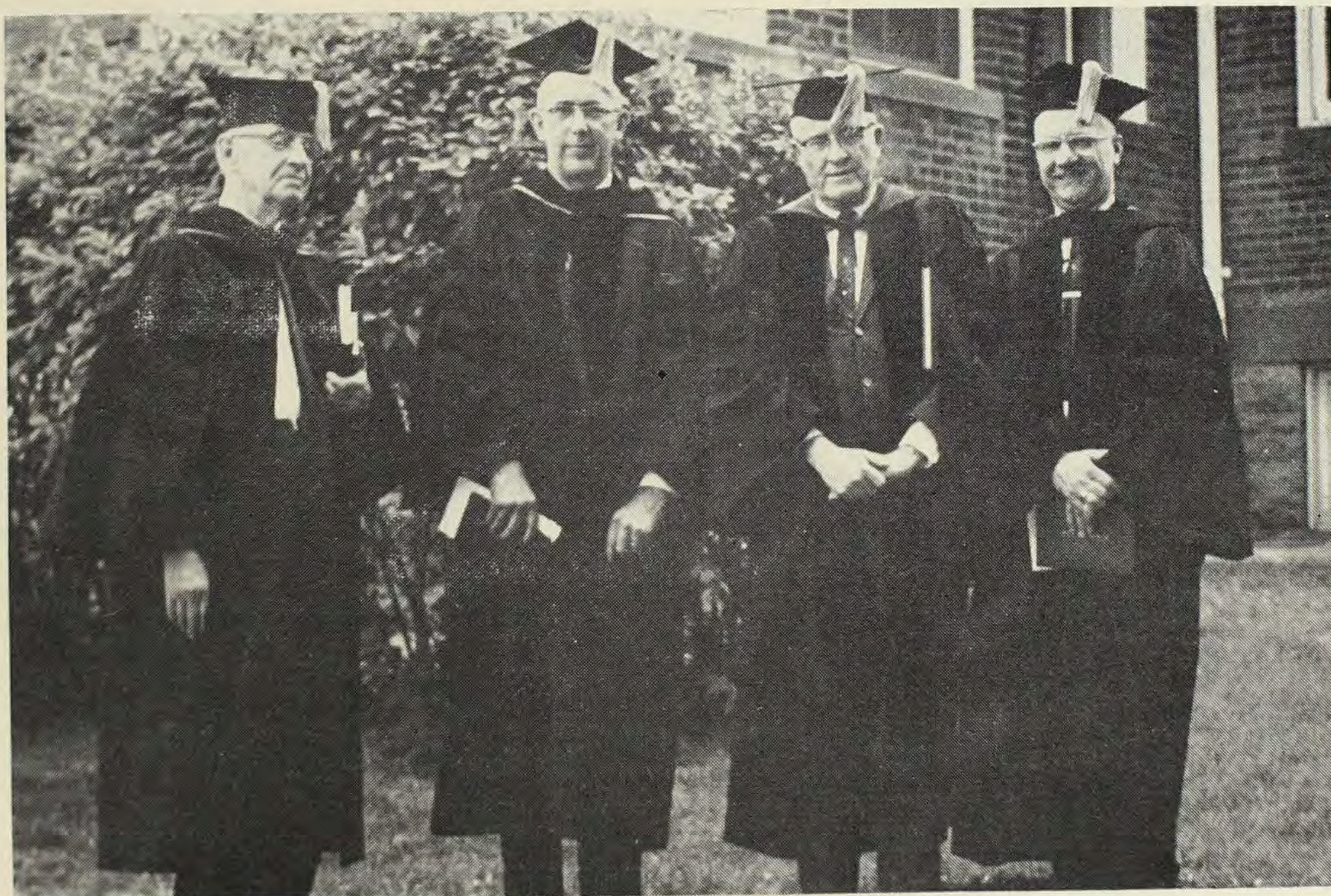
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Special Features . . .

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- ☆ After seven years - a new building

The Chairman's Corner

By Rev. T. Fred Hussey
Chairman, Council of Ten

When you travel on a journey it is good to be certain that you are on the right road. When you place your money in the bank it is good to be certain that it is in safe keeping. When you fly in an airplane it is good to be certain that you are in the hands of a competent pilot. But it is infinitely better and far more important that in spiritual transactions you make the right choice.

Many a person has asked the following question in the realm of religion: "How can I be sure?" There are so many churches — so many ideas — so many religions and they all claim to be right.

Let me suggest to my readers a text which provides a simple pathway which will lead to unshakeable assurance. "And we know that the Son of God is coming, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his son

Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." John 5:20.

The two words "we know" indicate absolute certainty. How did these people arrive at such an assurance? The verse quoted contains three strands of certainty. First, the historic appearance of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Second; the importance of illumination through the power of the Holy Spirit to dispel the ignorance inherent in the natural man. Third, the fact of the indwelling relationship. "That we may know Him that is true". We can only really know a person by unreservedly giving ourselves to him.

A threefold cord is not easily broken. (Eccl. 4: 12) All who read this article can be sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that they have eternal life by trusting Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord! He is the only safe depository for the welfare of our never dying soul.

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Dr. James T. Jeremiah presided over the services in which 82 seniors graduated from Cedarville College, May 23, the largest class to date. Dr. Earle G. Griffith, vice president of Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, N. C., was commencement speaker. Dr. Kenneth Masteller, pastor of Haddon Heights Baptist Church, Haddon Heights, N. J., was baccalaureate speaker. Dr. Clifford Maddox, dean of the college, was awarded a citation of honor for his service and given the title Dean Emeritus. A Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon Dr. Masteller in recognition of the years of service and outstanding contributions in the pastorate, Bible teaching ministry and world missions. (Left to right, Dr. Griffith, Dr. Jeremiah, Dr. Maddox and Dr. Masteller.)

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Your State Missionary

Why not more rapidly?

By EARL D. UмбаUGH

A few times the question has been asked, "Why are we not moving ahead more rapidly in the Program of Propagation?" Back of this question is the earnest desire to see a greater expansion of our evangelistic perimeter through a branch church ministry. The need in Ohio is so great. There are over 10,000,000 people in our State. There are many residential sections of ten, 15 and 20,000 people without a sound gospel testimony. Our population growth is 100,000 people a year. Every soul-winning Regular Baptist pastor and many of our laymen long for the kind of expansion that will reach these people through a sound Regular Baptist testimony.

There are some reasons why the growth is not more rapid. One reason is that a thriving church may fear the competition of another Regular Baptist Church started close to them. This is an understandable fear. Too many people fishing in the same pond may bring meager results but in most cases the pond is not that small. Few of our churches are large enough to effectively evangelize a community of more than five to 10,000 people and there are some advantages to having other Regular Baptist Churches close to your church. A successful church will spur other churches to greater evangelistic effort. Another church preaching the same message and having the same standards as your church will lend weight to what you have to say in the community. The people of the first church will not be so likely to feel that they are standing alone for the truth.

Another reason why a church does not engage in a branch ministry is the fear of what giving up some families to the starting of a new church will do to their organizational

and financial structure. Most of our churches have had a small beginning. They have struggled through the problems of being able to pay a pastor, the purchase of a building site, the putting up of adequate facilities and the adoption of a good missionary program. The starting of a new church may seem to threaten the stability and growth of the testimony they have worked so hard to establish but this is not necessarily so. More Christians will be trained to serve the Lord in the local church either by replacing active families who go to the new church or by themselves going to the new church to serve as deacons, trustees, Sunday School teachers and choir members. Many inactive Christians have been given the opportunity to develop into active useful Christians under such a program. They leave the ranks of the "Pew Warmers Association" to join the ranks of the Soul Winners Association in the battle for the souls of men. They change from the role of the spectator, who sits on the side line, enjoying the efforts of others, to become a participant in the game of life that offers an incorruptible crown. The sponsoring church may suffer some temporary financial loss but, in my experience, this has rarely ever been so. God will honor the willingness of a church to sacrifice, even as He honors that of an individual Christian. They that sow sparingly will reap sparingly and they that sow bountifully will reap bountifully. The new life generated in a church by an adequate branch church program often offsets, many times over, any loss that may be sustained at the outset of such a program.

Another reason why some churches hesitate to start a new church is the fear of having a failure. If the first venture fails, it may be years before



Rev. Earl D. Umbaugh

the church would ever be willing to try again. We must face the possibility of failure but it is better to have tried and failed than to have failed by not trying. Against the possibility of failure, we have the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation, the endowment with power from the Holy Spirit, the wisdom of God which is first of all pure gentle and easy to be entreated, the interest of Christ who loved the church and gave Himself for it and the earnest prayers of those who have an investment in this new church.

Another reason for hesitancy is the question of timing. There is a right time to begin a church and only the pastor and the sponsoring church will know when that right time is. The matter of administration rests with the pastor of the church and those who faithfully work with him. This can not be committed to any individual or organization outside of the local church. However, there ought to be a word of caution here. Circumstances will never seem to be exactly right for the starting of a branch church. Solomon warned against undue hesitancy when he said in Eccl. 11:4, "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Some farmers do not put forth the effort to have an abundant crop because they are too concerned about timing. It is either too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, too windy

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God cannot do it

By Rev. Robert L. Sumner

"Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation; and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

"Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (I Chron. 29:10-13).

One time a group of Negroes were discussing the almighty power and sovereignty of Jehovah. They talked about His power in creation, His power in sustaining the universe, His power in redemption, His daily care and provision, His power over Satan and His power in the preservation of the saints. As they waxed warmer and warmer on the subject of the Lord's power and program, one of them intending to put the climax upon the whole discussion, enthusiastically shouted: "Is there anything that God cannot do?"

Then, to the profound amazement of all the rest, one of the brethren replied, "Yes, there is something that even God cannot do!" Shocked to the very depths of their souls over his apparent blasphemy, they replied almost in unison, "What do you mean? What is there that God cannot do?"

And with the serene smile of Heaven upon his old black face, that dear colored brother truthfully and scripturally responded, "God cannot see my sins when they are under the blood of Jesus Christ!"

He was right!

That is something that even God, as powerful as He is, cannot do. First John 1:7 states: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Isaiah 43:25 tells us, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." And God says of believers in Hebrews 10:17, "their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." However, it remained for David to reveal, in Psalm

103:11, 12: "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

No, God cannot see the sins of the individual who has received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. As the hymn writer, N. B. Vandall, has written:

*"They are underneath the blood, on the cross of Calvary,
As far removed as darkness is from dawn;*

*In the sea of God's forgetfulness,
that's good enough for me,
Praise God, my sins are gone."*

However, being unable to see sin that is under the blood is not God's only limitation. Contrary to public opinion, there are several things impossible with God even though, as our text tells us, He has greatness, power, glory, victory and majesty, and in His "hand is power and might."

What He cannot do is summed up in the little chorus that our young people from coast to coast were singing a few years ago:

*"God can do anything, anything,
anything,*

God can do anything but fail.

*He can save, He can keep, He can
cleanse, and He will.*

God can do anything but fail.

*He's the Alpha and Omega, the
beginning and the end,*

*He's the fairest of ten thousand to my
soul,*

*God can do anything, anything,
anything,*



Rev. R. L. Sumner

God can do anything but fail."

But to be specific, for one thing,

I. It Is Impossible For God To Sin!

What is sin? The American Indians called it "missing the mark." When one of them would shoot his arrow at some small animal and miss, he would cry out, "I have sinned!" He meant that he had missed the mark. This is an excellent definition of sin — missing the mark — but God never misses the mark: *He never sins!*

What is sin? First John 3:4 says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law." Sin is any transgression of the law; it is any lawlessness. But is never guilty of lawlessness in any form.

What is sin? James 4:17 tells us, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth not, to him it is sin." Sin, then, is rebellion. But God never rebels against right; He never fails to do what He knows to be good.

What is sin? First John 5:17 reveals that "all unrighteousness is sin." In other words, anything and everything which cannot be labeled "righteousness" is sin. You may call them anything you desire — mistakes, shortcomings, failures, errors, etc. — but if they are not righteousness, *they are sin!* But God never falls short; He never makes a mistake; He is never guilty of an error; He never manifests any shortcomings or failure whatsoever. God knows no unrighteousness: He is sinless.

God cannot sin! Habakkuk 1:13 states of the Lord: "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity." He is much too pure to bless evil; He is too holy, too righteous to look with favor upon iniquity. So James 1:13 tells us, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." God cannot even be tempted with evil!

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First John 3:9 gives us an insight into the nature of God, saying: "Whatsoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Here we are reminded that the "seed" of God is a sinless nature, one incapable of sinning or doing wrong.

Perhaps it will help us if we remember that Jesus Christ was God. John 1:1, speaking of Him, says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And He Himself boldly stated in John 10:30 "I and my Father are one." When Jesus Christ walked around this old earth some nineteen hundred years ago, it was as God manifest in the flesh (I Tim. 3:16).

He did not sin! Not one time in the 30 odd years of His earthly sojourn did He do wrong. Hebrews 4:15, speaking of "Jesus the Son of God," as He is described in the preceding verse, dogmatically declares: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Satan gave Him everything he had — he tried every trick, every argument, every appeal — but was defeated in each encounter with the Son of God. He sought His downfall through the lust of the flesh, but Jesus answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

The devil tried to force His ruin through the pride of life, but the sinless Son of God replied, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Matt. 4:7).

Satan sought to constrain Him to sin through the lust of the eyes, but once again the holy Lord Jesus answered, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:10).

Hebrews 7:26 reminds us that He is "holy, harmless, undefiled" and "made higher than the heavens." Jesus said to Philip in John 14:9, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?"

Jesus Christ on earth was an exact manifestation of God the Father and Jesus Christ was sinless. By examining the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ we know that, concerning sin: *God*

cannot do it! It is impossible for God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit to sin.

Going on,

II. It Is Impossible For God To Break His Word!

When God says something, *He means it!* Any time you read something He has said in the Bible, you can be sure it is so. God cannot break His word; it is impossible for Him to go back on any promise He has made!

We are told in Hebrews 6:16-20: "For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Wither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

God's word to us is based upon two immutable things: His promise and His oath! In the promise we look at the words and see what they say. In the oath we look at *who* has made the promise and *what* he represents.

When God speaks the matter is settled! One old Puritan preacher remarked that he was concerned with just two things: First, has God Spoken? And, second, what does God say? If God has spoken about *any matter* we need to know exactly what He has said because His word settles *that* subject for ever! As we are told in the majestic 119th Psalm: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (vs. 89). In Matthew 24:35 Jesus guaranteed, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." And Titus 1:2 describes God as one who "cannot lie."

For one thing, God cannot lie about salvation. The Son of God promised in John 5:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." Because of this promise, all who hear His Word and put their faith and trust in Him: (1) receive eternal life immediately; (2) they never can enter into a state of condemnation; and (3) they already are

passed from death unto life.

When, in answer to the sinner's earnest entreaty, "What must I do to be saved?", the Word of God guarantees, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:30, 31) then *He must* save all who believe! He cannot break His word.

How sweet is the assurance which Christ gave in John 6:37 when He said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." *How sure is that statement!*

Again, God cannot break His word about judgment. All that the Bible reveals regarding the torments of Hell, the endlessness of the punishment, the exceeding wrath to be poured out upon sinners because of their unbelief and rebellion, will be fulfilled in every detail. *God could no more lie about Hell than He could about Heaven!* Oh, how imperative it is that every sinner hasten to Christ and make sure of an eternal home in Heaven! God must keep His Word about both salvation and judgment.

As a matter of fact, God cannot break any of His exceeding great and precious promises" (II Pet. 1:4). Promises relative to provision, such as Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Promises about His presence, such as Hebrews 13:5: "Be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Promises about preservation, such as John 10:27-29: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." Promises guaranteeing that the Christians will not have to cross Jordan alone, such as Psalms 23:4: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of

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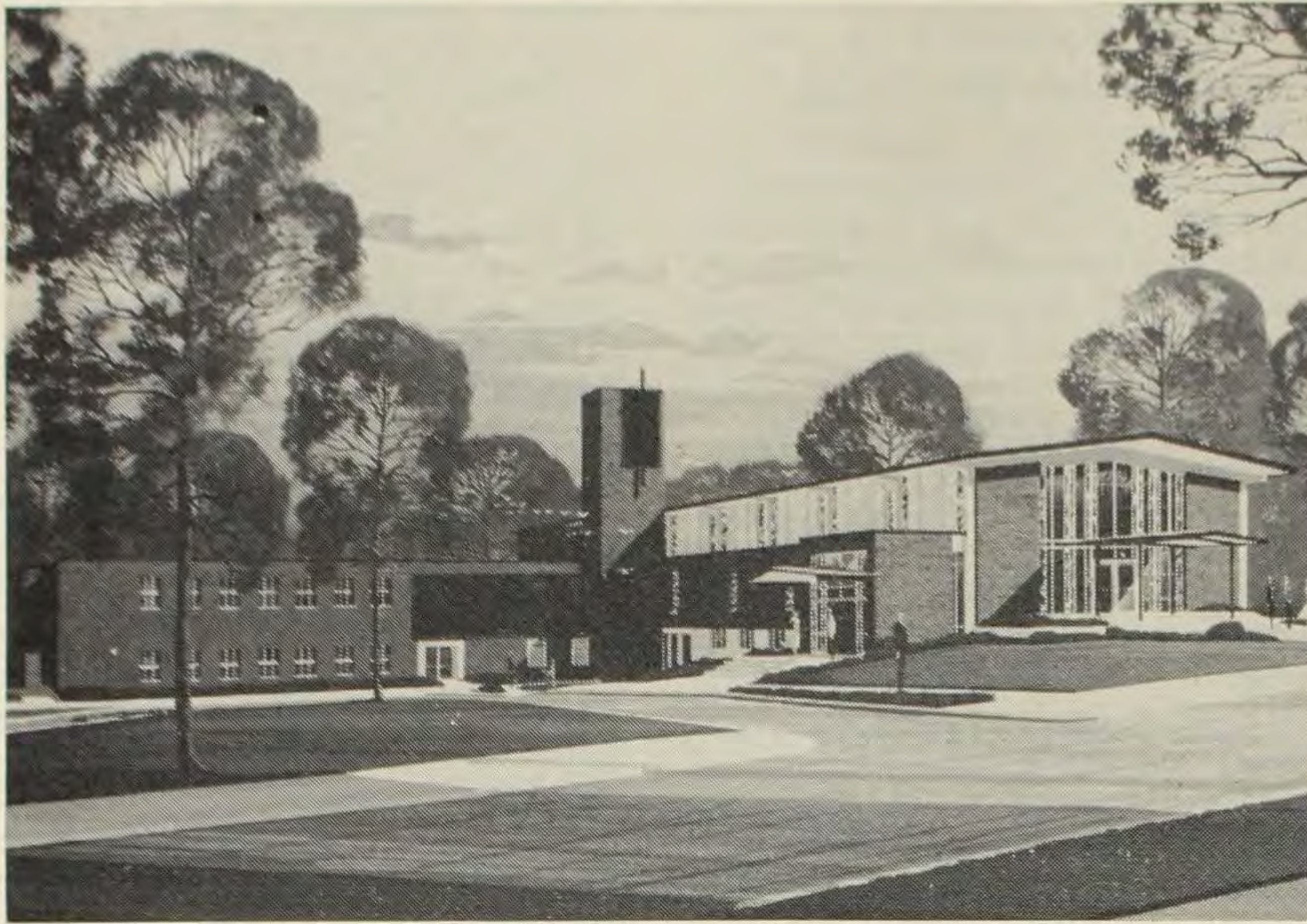
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Blessed Hope Church plans expansion



New 132x58 foot wing is planned by Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, to seat 750 with provisions for 120 more. Estimated cost is \$250,000.

On April 30 the congregation of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church held their annual church business meeting. The total receipts amounted to \$49,868.97. This was an increase of \$8,000. over last years receipts. Of this amount \$16,495.41 was designated for missions. The church also adopted a \$60,000 budget for the new year. Numerical and spiritual growth was experienced in all the departments of the church. The Sunday School average was 335.

The Building Committee brought the proposed new church auditorium to the congregation, and after much discussion, they voted unanimously to adopt the plans. Schreiber-Little and Associates are the architects. Mr.

Schreiber was present at the meeting to answer any questions the members had. The new 132'x58' building will be attached to the present educational unit and will have 17,500 square feet of floor space. The sanctuary will seat 750 with provision for a balcony to be added later which will care for 120 additional persons. The pastor's office, assistant pastor's office, secretaries office, work room and counselling room is located on the ground floor. Sunday School rooms, a large assembly hall and kitchen facilities are also located on the ground level. The estimated cost of the building is \$250,000.00. The financial committee is now pursuing the possibility of financing the new building.

Berlin Heights calls pastor

Reverend Ernest G. Riley, from Vaughnsville, Ohio, was called to be pastor of the Berlin Heights Regular Baptist Church on May 3.

Starting his program, the church held two weeks of revival meetings starting May 10. Three souls came forward for salvation and one for dedication.

The church is planning to have another revival in September.

J. E. Wheeling resigns

J. E. Wheeling resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Rittman, Ohio May 31. His ministry will terminate on Sunday July 26.

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It is always best to leave the pen out of the hand when anger is in the heart.

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One does not have to be in a key position to open the door of opportunity.

Parma church sold; new building planned

The First Baptist Church of Parma has sold their building on Ridge Road to another church group. Arrangements have been made by the First Baptist to hold Sunday Services, both morning and evening, at Royal Ridge Elementary School, 7333 Ridge Road beginning on or about July 5th. They will meet in the school until such time as their new church has been built on their lot on State Road between Pleasant Valley and Sprague Roads.

Plans for the building have been approved and the church is now seeking the necessary financing. Mid-week prayer meetings will be held in various homes of the members.

Rev. Samuel Elliott is Pastor of the First Baptist of Parma.

Recommended for ordination

Minutes of Ordination Council Called by Cedarhill Baptist Church to Consider the Propriety of Setting Apart to the Gospel Ministry, Richard O'Neil, June 8, 1964.

Pastor Dean Henry of Brown Street Church of Akron, Ohio was selected to serve as moderator. Pastor Earl V. Villets of Berea Baptist Church was chosen clerk. The roll call indicated that 11 ministers and 15 lay messengers were present. Several observers also sat in the council. Mr. O'Neil was examined regarding his salvation, calling to the ministry, and doctrinal beliefs. After he gave a creditable account of his Christian experience and views on scriptural doctrine, the council voted unanimously to recommend to the church that they proceed with his ordination. — Earl V. Willets.

Findlay church reports

Calvary Baptist Church, Findlay, O., has been greatly blessed of the Lord during the last 2½ years. Many souls have been saved, and the membership of the church has increased. For the past three months the Sunday school has averaged 287, morning 310.

"Because of the attendance more than doubling, it has been necessary to rent classroom space in the near by Central Junior High School since March," Richard L. Snively, pastor, said.

The Lord has blessed financially, enabling them to buy and pay for a parsonage site. Final payments were made this month. "Surely the Lord has been good to us for which we give Him all the praise," Pastor Snively said.



After seven years – a new building!

Washington Heights Baptist dedicates new building

Imagine the joy of having your own building after seven years! This has been experienced by the members of Washington Heights Baptist church (formerly Grace Baptist Fellowship) of Dayton, Ohio, as they dedicated the first unit of their new building May 17th. We rejoiced to have Rev. Clyde Jones one of our own members, Rev. Don Moffat pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio, Dr. Clifford Johnson, Dean of Cedarville College, Rev. Ben Dirks of Flint, Michigan, Mr. Theo. Niebuhr, Chairman of our Building Committee and Pastor Robert D. McCarthy, participate in the services.

The Dedication sermon was delivered by Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois and a long time friend of Pastor McCarthy. The message was very appropriate for the occasion as Dr. Edman so effectively emphasized the "vertical" and "horizontal" measurements of a Christ centered church. He spoke of the two most important tools in construction of a material building, a "plumb line" and the "level" and used them as illustrations of the vertical part of the cross, God reaching down to lost man providing a Saviour and of the horizontal arm of the cross as the reaching out of the church to the lost with the Gospel.

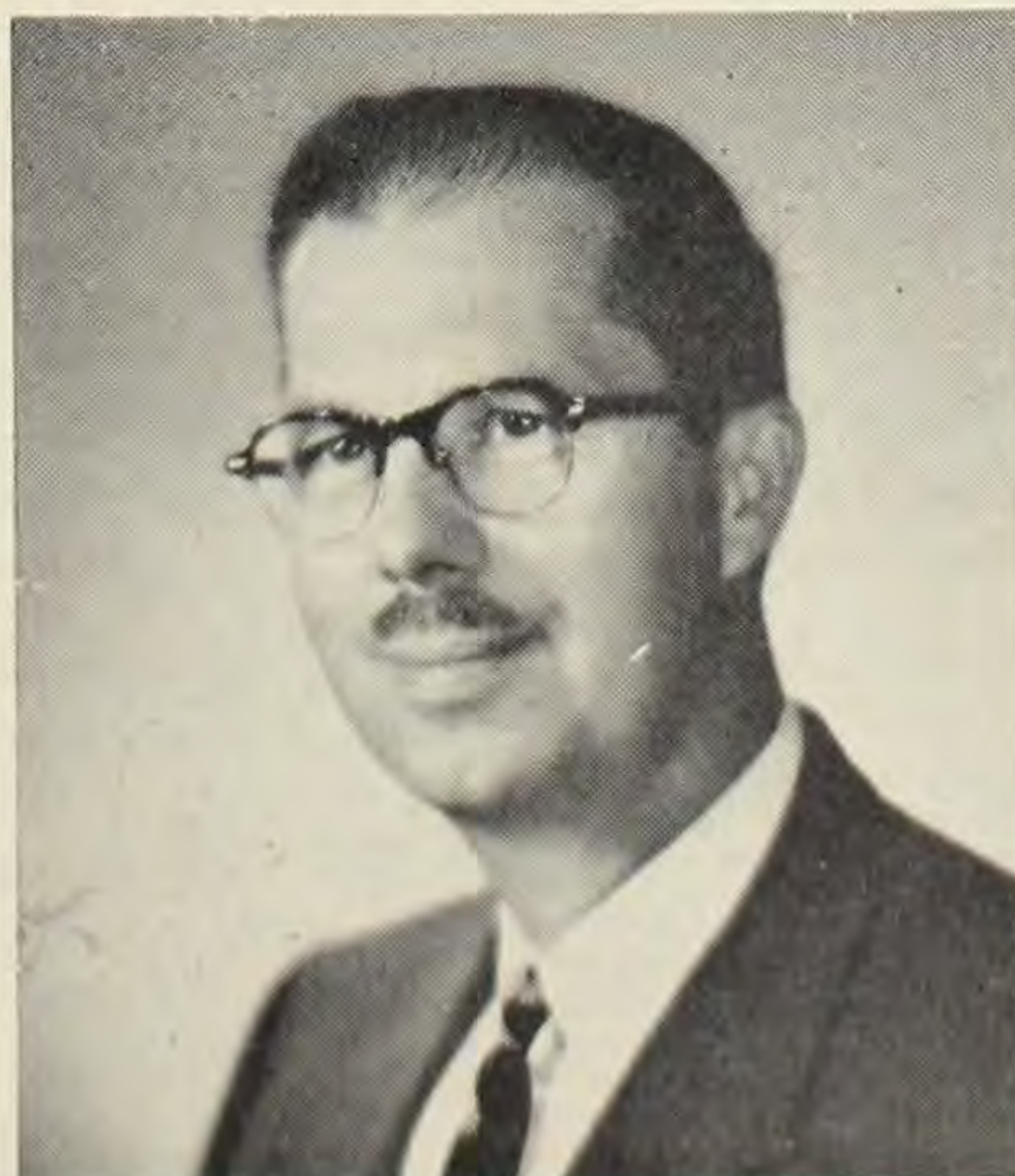
This leads us to mention that during our seven years of waiting for a building, four of our own young people have bent sent forth, to Alaska, to the Far East and Dr. and Mrs.

Rhodes to the Ippy Hospital in Central Africa. Others are in training for Christian service.

A Brief History

On Sunday, Jan. 13, 1957, approximately eight families gathered for worship in a downtown building, thus marking the beginning of the Washington Heights Baptist Church. The original group was organized as the Grace Baptist Fellowship in Feb., 1957. Rev. Robert D. McCarthy has served as pastor since Sept. 29, 1957. In 1958 the church voted to fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

From the very inception of the work, missions have been emphasized. A little more than a year after the first meeting, support for the first missionary to be sent out was approved in June, 1958. Now four of our own members have been accepted for foreign missionary service.



REV. R. D. MCCARTHY

Truly this is a local church with a world wide vision.

In October, 1961 the Lord led in the purchase of a five acre tract on Far Hills Avenue in the center of a growing residential community. After being led in a bond program by Rev. Herb Hoover during which \$135,000 in bonds were placed, the contract for our first unit was approved. On June 30, 1963 ground was broken and on April 15, 1964, the first Prayer service was held in the new building.

"As we came to this glorious day of Dedication on May 17, 1964, our hearts were filled with gratitude and joy," pastor MsCarthy said, We look forward with confidence in His faithfulness to enlarge our ministry at home and abroad and a bright future of unlimited Christian service for Christ."

About 290 people were in attendance at the Dedication service in the afternoon. The new Bulletin Board held a number of congratulations from friends who were unable to attend. The letters from Dr. Paul Jackson, GARBC Representative, Dr. Robert T. Ketcham and others all brought encouragement. Wires were received from Dr. Earle G. Griffith of Piedmont College and Gladys Bardouche and Violet Eaton, missionaries who worked with the Pastor and Mrs. McCarthy in Kentucky many years ago.

A Hebrew Christian was the first candidate to be baptized of the nine that testified of their faith in Christ in the first Baptismal service during the evening meeting. This deeply blessed our hearts and impressed us with the value of the first line in our church newspaper advertising which reads, "Shalom Jews Lovingly Invited to Attend". This attracted our Hebrew Christian brother and his lovely family to attend our church.

We wish to express our appreciation to the many friends who have prayerfully helped us thus far. The Ohio Independent Baptist has been a real encouragement too, as we shared in His blessing upon the sister churches of our Ohio Association.

MEN'S RETREAT

Camp Patmos

SEPT. 10-12

Men of the hour:

Dr. George Hess, past president of American Assoc. of Physicians and Surgeons from Bunker Hill, Ill.

James Dalton, supt. of manufacturing production of Standard Oil of Ohio, from Euclid-Nottingham Church

Brazil missionaries have reunion



Standing are the Moffats (Don and Lois) and the Warfields (Wally and Milly). Seated are Miss Lois Martenson and the Trimbles (Garnet and Fern).

The will of the Lord is a wonderful thing! Recently a special service held in the Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio where the group shown above gave testimony of God's leading in their lives. Their being together was a time of precious reunion.

These folk were some of those who helped begin Baptist Mid-Missions' work in interior Brazil. The Trimbles, Moffats and Warfields at one time (1937-1938) all lived together in the same house in Manaus, Brazil. In those days, it was in the heart of each one to live his entire life among the Brazilian people. God's will, however, was quite different . . . at least, first, for the Moffats and then later for the Warfields. After only 11 months, due to Mrs. Moffat's severe illness the Moffats found it necessary to return to this land. The Warfields were privileged to remain for 15 years, but eventually they too, for health reasons, were forced to leave. Only the Trimbles have been allowed to continue! For 26 years, they have worked in the cities, river towns and the jungle of that vast country. The Moffats and the Warfields have been used of the Lord to forward His work here in the States. Miss Lois Martenson went to Brazil in 1940. She was the very first missionary called into service under the ministry of Brother Moffat. She too, has served the Lord there in Brazil these many years.

This reunion afforded a time of sweet fellowship. The united testimony of these servants of Christ is that . . . "the Lord is good!" "He is faithful!" It is indeed wise to yield one's life to Him . . . for He doeth all things well!

The Trimbles and Miss Martenson plan on returning to Brazil in the near future. It might be well to state here that the Trimbles stand in need of further financial help before going back. These veterans are greatly needed in Brazil. If you or your church are interested in helping them, send your gift to Baptist Mid-Missions and designate it . . . "For the Trimbles."

Good turnout shown at First Sunday in Champion

A Regular Baptist Church has now been organized in Champion, Ohio. Meetings are held each Sunday in the Kiser School building; prayer meetings are each Thursday in homes.

The opening Sunday's attendance was 70 in Sunday School and 76 in church. Prior to the first Sunday service, Rev. R. R. Fitch spoke at a week of evangelistic meetings. The

church is now considering the purchase of a six-acre plot of land as a future building site.

Rev. Kenneth T. Romig and Rev. Earl D. Umbaugh, state missionary, met with interested Champion families to organize the new church.

Rev. W. D. Smith is pastor of the Champion Baptist Church. He and his wife, the former Joyce West, have two daughters, Lynette and Beth. The Smiths are formerly missionaries to Central America.

Dr. Robert L. Sumner resigns Portsmouth church to return to evangelism

On the Sunday which would have launched his third year as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio, Dr. Robert L. Sumner read his resignation to the church congregation and announced his plans for returning full-time to the field of evangelism where he previously labored for more than a decade in one-church and city-wide crusades. His resignation is effective Sept. 7.

The Temple Baptist Church has shown continued and remarkable growth under his leadership. The year preceding his ministry the Bible School attendance averaged 439 per Sunday. Thus far this current year, the Bible average has been slightly over 600 per Sunday, an increase during the two years of nearly 40 per cent. Contributions have shown similar gains and the offerings the first five months in 1964, a total of \$33,923.78, are 40 per cent above the same period the year before he arrived on the field.

In the spiritual realm, during Sumner's ministry in Portsmouth there have been approximately 300 public professions of faith in Jesus Christ at the church, plus scores of others in homes, in hospitals, in the church's county fair ministry and other places. During the two years there have been nearly 300 additions to the church with about 200 of them by believer's baptism.

Plans as to where Evangelist Sumner will make his headquarters are still indefinite, but pastors interested in contacting him for meetings may reach him, through Sept. 7, at the Temple Baptist Church, Gallia & Waller Streets, Portsmouth, Ohio.



A few of the people in attendance at Champion church on first Sunday.

Public schools available for new churches to use

By James R. Johnson

Not long ago one of our new churches established in Ohio experienced difficulty in obtaining a place in which to hold Sunday School and church services. If only a meeting place could be obtained, they reasoned, more people in the community would be attending their services.

There is one place in every community that could be used, and in many areas is being used, as a place for worship services. This is the public school.

Some may have the mistaken idea that schools cannot be used for this purpose. But the laws of the State of Ohio are explicit on this subject and clearly state that "all school grounds and schoolhouses" shall be available for religious exercises. There are, of course, certain requirements, and necessary ones, in order to obtain and use these public facilities.

Lawfully permitted

In Baldwins Blue Book, the Revised Code of Ohio, 1958 we have stated in section 3313.75 — Constitutional:

"Board of education may lawfully permit the use of the school building or rooms in school buildings under their control, when the same are not in actual use for public school purposes, to be used and occupied by an organization or organizations for the purpose of giving religious instruction to school pupils and others, under proper rules and regulations with respect to such occupancy as may be promulgated by such board 1941 OAG 3580.

"When, in the judgment of a board of education, it will be for the advantage of the school children residing in any school district to permit the use of the school building therein for the holding of religious exercises, when such use does not interfere with the use of the building for strictly school purposes, such permission may lawfully be granted even though such religious exercises are conducted under the auspices of some particular religious society."

Moreover, when seven citizens make application for use of the school building the law stipulates that these buildings are to be opened for use. If a group of believers in an area desire to establish a church they have

the right to ask for use of the buildings for their services.

In section 3313.76. Schoolhouses available for educational and recreational purposes, it states:

"Upon application of any responsible organization, or of a group of at least seven citizens, all school grounds and schoolhouses, as well as all other buildings under the supervision and control of the state, shall be available for use as social centers for the entertainment and education of the people, including the adult and youthful population, and for the discussion of all topics tending to the development of personal character and of civic welfare, and for religious exercises. Such occupation should not seriously infringe upon the original and necessary uses of such properties. The public officials in charge of such buildings shall prescribe such rules and regulations for their occupancy and use as will secure a fair, reasonable, and impartial use of the same." And in section 3313.75. Use of schoolhouses generally:

"The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district may authorize the opening of schoolhouses for any lawful purposes. This section does not authorize a board to rent or lease a schoolhouse when such rental or lease interferes with the public schools in such district, or for any purpose other than is authorized by law."

The law then spells out the proper use of the public school buildings. These buildings are available for use

in the "Program of Propagation" we have established in Ohio. However, some precautions are necessary. Janitor services must be very good so that the schools are kept in excellent condition so as not to infringe upon this right. Sunday School children must be taught to treat this privilege properly so as not to damage or destroy the buildings. And above all, the testimony of the new church must be kept above approach in the community. Proper use of these school buildings, which belong to the whole community, can establish a strong witness to the local people.

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Kent church recognized

A recognition service for the Grace Baptist Church of Kent, Ohio was held on June 1, 1964 at the Graham Road Baptist Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Chairman was Rev. Earl Umbaugh, and Clerk was Rev. Lynn Herman. Council members were from Brown Street Baptist Church — Akron; Emmanuel Baptist Church — Akron; Norton Center Baptist Church — Norton; Graham Road Baptist Church — Cuyahoga Falls; Troy Baptist Church — Garrettsville; First Baptist Church — Medina; Northfield Baptist Church — Northfield; First Baptist Church — Rittman; First Baptist Church — Twinsburg; Faith Baptist Church — Novelty; Bible Baptist Church — Streetsboro.

After a lengthy reading and discussion of the Grace Baptist Church Constitution it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Council recognize the Grace Baptist Church of Kent, Ohio as a duly constituted and properly organized Regular Baptist Church.

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Seek the clasp of Christ's hand before every bit of work, every hard task, every battle, every good deed. Bend your head in the dewy freshness of every morning, ere you go forth to meet the day's duties and perils, and wait for the benediction of Christ, as He lays His hands upon you. They are hands of blessing. Their touch will inspire you for courage and strength and all beautiful and noble living. — J. R. Miller.

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"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you . . . let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." — John 14:27.

Dark hours come to all of us; and if we have no clue to a peace that can pass unbroken through their murky gloom, we shall be in a state of continual dread. Any stone flung by a chance passerby may break the crystal clearness of the Lake of Peace and send disturbing ripples across it, unless you have learned to trust in the perpetual presence of Him who can make and keep a "great calm" within the soul. Only let nothing come to you which you shall not instantly hand over to Him — all petty worries, all crushing difficulties, all inability to believe. — F. B. Meyer.

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"As thy days, so shall thy strength be." — Deut. 33:25.

No day without its duty; no duty without strength to perform it. — Selected.

The above devotional passages and commentary has been taken from "Thoughts for the Quiet Hour," edited by D. L. Moody.

Fellowship Report

West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship held their Spring Rally, May 12, in the Bible Mission Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg.

Mrs. Harry Cole directed the song service, with Mrs. Max Harvey at the piano. Invocation was given by president Mrs. Erwin Towle; Mrs. L. Thompson, pastor's wife of the host church extended a cordial welcome. The visiting missionaries, pastor's wives in the West Moriah Fellowship were specially recognized.

The ladies trio from Grace Baptist Church, Sunbury, sang a special number, after which Miss Ruth Hege, evacuated missionary from Kwilu Province, Congo, with Baptist Mid-Missions spoke, using Psalm 124, in relating her experiences during the recent attack upon her life, and the martyring of her companion Miss Irene Ferrel. Mrs. Towle closed the morning session with prayer following this stirring message.

After an enjoyable time of fellowship and delicious lunch, the afternoon meeting began with a business session. A constitution was accepted,

the following new officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. L. Thompson, 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. C. Guthrie, 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. E. Guthrie, sec'y. Mrs. C. Spaulding, Treas. Mrs. O. Gammill.

A special number in music was presented by ladies of the First Baptist Church, Lancaster, after which Miss Edna Mae Peebles led in devotions. Time was given for the ladies to visit the display of White Cross work and Missionary Curios.

Miss Patsy King on furlough from Central Africa Republic with Bap. Mid-Missions, was the afternoon speaker, using Romans 10-13-14 and Neh. 4:19 for a spiritual challenge. Our out-going president Mrs. Towle closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was attended by well over 100 ladies and children, the offering for the day was \$53.29.

—Reported by Mrs. Clark Spaulding.

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Faith's greatest triumphs are achieved through greatest trials.

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A groundless rumor often covers a lot of ground.

Lest We Forget — A Reminder

July 20 through Aug. 1 — *Baptist Mid-Missions Seminar*, Cedarville College, Cedarville. Societies and individuals should send your contributions directly to Baptist Mid-Missions, 1740 E. 12th St., Cleveland 44114.

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Sept. 15, Tuesday 10-3 p.m. — *Berean Women's Fellowship*, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland.

Sept. 15, Tuesday 10-3 p.m. — *South Bethel Fellowship*, Immanuel Baptist Church, Arcanum.

Oct. 19-22 — Ohio Ass'n. Annual Meeting, also *Women's Missionary Union Fall Rally*, Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth.

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—From Western Voice.

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"It is better to be offended for doing that which is right, then to be punished for doing that which is wrong." "Remember God does not settle all accounts THIS month, however He has promised to do so in due time. He will not fail, for HE IS GOD."

AT HILLTOP HOUSE

By Elton C. Hukill, Supt.

May has been a month of many activities at the Home. The lawn has been cleaned of last year's leaves and trash, and the grass is beautifully green. A 27 cu. ft. freezer has been purchased for the Home, paid for by W. M. U. of the Ohio Ass'n.

Several groups from our contributing churches have visited us and brought joy to our people. A missionary group from the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church of Lorain presented a devotional program Sunday afternoon, May 3rd. Thursday evening, May 14, a Sunday School Class from the Graham Rd. Baptist Church entertained the group and served refreshments. Thursday, May 21, six ladies from the Berea Baptist Church visited and served cake to our residents and gave a present to each. On Thursday, May 28, the Ladies Missionary Society from the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford served luncheon to our group and enjoyed a good social time together.

It was our privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. Jay Wheeling and daughter

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Nancy of the First Baptist Church of Rittman conduct our Tuesday evening Bible Study May 26. Pastor Wheeling and his daughter sang a number, and Nancy played a violin solo. Pastor Wheeling spoke from John II.

Supt. and Mrs. Hukill had the joy of ministering in the Central Baptist Church of Columbus, Rev. Wm. McKeever, pastor, and the First Christian Baptist Church of Coshocton, Rev. Harry Cole, Pastor Mr. Hukill brought Bible messages in the morning services and presented the ministry of the Home in the evening. Mr. Hukill spoke briefly concerning the Home in the First Baptist Church of Rittman and the Calvary Baptist church of Massillon. We are thankful for these opportunities. Any pastor or Church desiring pulpit supply or news of the Home may contact Mr. Hukill at 303 E. Tuscarawas Ave., Barberton, or by tel. Barberton 745-8475.

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or too still to go the field to either plant or harvest. While they hesitate, others make the best of circumstances and come up with at least some kind of crop and sometimes with an abundant crop. Dr. Harry Ironside observed on one occasion that it is easier to guide a moving vehicle than one that is standing still.

It takes a little bit of faith to start a branch church. It takes a little bit of faith to believe that another close to you will be a help rather than a hindrance, that the loss sustained by the giving up of a few members, with their service and money, will be made up to you many times over, that the Lord can bring success rather than failure even though every circumstance does not seem to indicate that this is the best possible time to start that branch church that you have been considering over an extended period of time.

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the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Second Timothy 2:13 sums it up, saying "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: *he cannot deny himself.*"

Thank God, "the scriptures cannot be broken" (John 10:35)!

III. It is Impossible For God To Do The Wrong Thing!

God never makes a mistake; He always does right! He always knows exactly what He is doing and, as Romans 8:28 guarantees, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Is your body wracked with pain? *It is for your good!* Have you suffered financial reverses, have you lost a child or some other loved one, has some friend failed you, or has some other tragic experience lately been your lot? *God is still on the throne!* He will work it out for your good and for your spiritual advantage.

Remember Joseph and all the grief he suffered at the hands of his brethren, then the mistreatment and false slander he received in Egypt. How filled with sorrow must have been his aching heart as he wasted his days in prison — an innocent man! Yet when it was all over his brethren begged his forgiveness, he was able to give the triumphant testimony: "As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Gen. 50:

20). *Yes, God meant it unto good!* Sometimes, as Charles Tindley wrote,
*"Trials dark on ev'ry hand,
And we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us
To that Blessed Promise Land,
But He guides us with His eye,
And we'll follow till we die,
For we'll understand it better ...
by and by."*

If we had our choice in the matter we would often choose a different road than the one down which God leads us. But remember Isaiah 55:8, 9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Our Lord knows what He is doing! He knows the end from the beginning and all His decisions and acts are based upon that truth. Thank God, He knows how everything is going to turn out in the end and it is *impossible* for Him to do the wrong thing!

Again,

IV. It Is Impossible For God To Eternally Condemn Any Who Have Received The Lord Jesus Christ As Personal Savior!

How many precious promises guarantee this fact! For example, the Word of God assures us: "He that believeth on him is not condemned . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation . . . Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (John 3:18; 5:24; 8:11; Rom. 8:1).

The poet expressed it:
*"The wrath of God that was our due,
Upon the Lamb was laid;
And by the shedding of His blood,
Our debt was fully paid."*

Do you remember how it was with Lot? Although entirely out of fellowship with God in Sodom, he was a saved man and Peter describes him as a righteous man whose righteous soul was vexed from day to day with the unlawful deeds of the Sodomites. When God determined to bring judgment upon that city, destroying it with fire and brimstone, He could do nothing until Lot had left. The divine record tells us, "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do

any thing till thou be come thither" (Gen. 19:22).

Where do you stand today? Do you have God's pledge that He will never condemn you, or are you still in your sin?

*"Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood,
pow'r in the blood."*

First John 1:7 assures you, "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." If you will take the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior, then you will have God's guarantee of John 10:27-30: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."

Before we close this message it is important that we consider one other thing which God cannot do.

V. It Is Impossible For God To Grant Mercy To A Christ-Rejecting Sinner!

God *must* be just in everything He does! As already noted in II Timothy 2:13, "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: *he cannot deny himself.*"

If He were to let just one unsaved sinner into Heaven it would make Him a partner in that sinner's sin. He would be an "unjust judge." Can you visualize a judge on one of our nation's benches excusing every prisoner brought before him, no matter how clear the proof of guilt? Suppose such a judge turned each and every criminal loose again to ply his trade on unsuspecting citizens. Shocking? Unbelievable? Yet that would be no different than God letting sinners into Heaven without any settling of sin.

This is the reason Jesus died on the cross! Romans 3:24-26 tells us: "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

*"'Tis in the Cross of Christ we see,
How God can save, yet righteous be!"*

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Behavior is a mirror in which we reflect our true character.

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Contentment come not so much from great wealth as from few wants.

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The truth doesn't hurt anybody unless it ought to.

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Every test provides an opportunity for triumph.

God is not looking for our ability but for our submission.

Youth with a purpose



By Edna M. Johnson

When some of the girls of her Sunday School class, at Faith Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, came to Mrs. Emily Ring with their problem about free time on Saturdays, with no place to go and nothing to do, things began to happen; They knew teacher had a sympathetic ear and was always ready to listen to their woes, great or small. Couldn't they have a club and have meetings like the older girls did? Well, it would certainly be better than having these little girls roaming the streets and looking at the posters in front of the neighborhood theater!

After prayerful consideration and consultation, Mrs. Ring asked the girls if they would be interested in a real, working missionary group. Every one was agreed and enthused about it.

After the meetings started in April, 1963, the ages were from 9 to 12, but as older, and younger sisters wanted to attend, the ages ranged from 7 to 15 years. Then, because a Junior choir was to rehearse on alternate Saturdays, we began meeting on the opposite Saturdays, and it all worked out fine.

The older girls wanted to learn to knit, so yarns and needles were supplied for them. The girls have become quite adept at rolling bandages, too.

A carton of bandages has been sent to the Spieth's with another carton ready to be sent, and a third one almost full. There are several pairs of little knit booties ready.

The meetings are informal with easy discussions and exchange of ideas about things missionary. After Scripture reading and comments, a missionary story or two are read, and Teacher or an older girl questions about the story. It is amazing the amount of knowledge the girls absorb from hearing just once.

The offering is not forgotten, and the girls are so pleased when we have use for money they have brought. They are learning, early, the joy of giving to the Lord's work. Fifteen books, suitable for Junior girls and boys, were bought from the Back to the Bible folks, and placed in the Sunday School Library. Five dollars went to Cedarville College, two dollars to Evangelist Dusty Rhoades for his tract ministry, and five dollars to one of our girls at Faith Baptist Church, who attends Bible College, and who is to work among the Mormons in Utah this summer. Another project the girls enjoy, is corresponding with missionary children whose names were chosen.

Mrs. Ring often reminds and encourages the girls to study a foreign language as soon as the opportunity presents itself, pointing out what a valuable thing it is, when one is called into missionary work.

Recently, the whole group and Teacher went to the Ohio State University Museum, which was a great experience for them. A few weeks ago, the girls planned and put on a party for Mrs. Ring, with cake and ice cream, Kool-ade and potato chips, serving it all by themselves, beautifully. Teacher was so surprised and very pleased. Every one had a lovely time.

Although Mrs. Ring lives more than 25 miles from church, she has willingly made the trips back and forth as she feels it a blessing and a privilege to work with children in the formative years. Only eternity will reveal the results. May God abundantly bless every effort and sacrifice made in His Name, and for His Glory.



"Word of Life Class"

By Harold W. Carpenter

Material compiled by Pastor Harold W. Carpenter. This material as set forth, is especially compiled to help young Christians, and others seeking greater spiritual maturity.

SALVATION

The thought for consideration, "The Christian's One'ness."

I. The eighth step in Christianity:

1. Passing from "DEATH" unto "LIFE." (John 5:24). a) The eighth letter in the word, "SALVATION," is the letter "O". Let us allow this letter to stand for the word, "ONE-NESS." This word can be highly evaluated for its singleness in purpose, and its identifying relationship between the Christian and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Singleness in mind and in purpose for permanent individual or general good, can come only when the source out of which these processes flow is permanently purposed for good. Let us see how this works:

We have a very good example given in the life of Isaiah. We know very little of the personal history of Isaiah, but we learn through his ministry that he denounced sin at every opportunity. He exposed the emptiness of religious formality. It was this dead formality that Isaiah denounced when he said, "Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination to me." (1:13).

Isaiah knew the continual importance of being in the spirit of "ONE-NESS" with God. He knew the real value of having singleness (one'ness) in mind. He knew the real beneficial effect of having his mind filled with the perfect peace of God. Take note of how he expresses this fact in (Isa. 26:3-4). "Thou wilt keep him in (Isaiah, every born again person) perfect peace, whose mind is stayed (anchored) on thee: because he (the Christian) trusteth in thee. Trust ye (the Christian) in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is (an) everlasting strength (rock)." You see, Isaiah practiced what he preached, and separated himself from the things he denounced. We too must do likewise if we expect the Divine favor of the Lord!

Jesus Himself believed wholly in "one'ness" with God when He said,

"I and my Father are one." (John 10:30). He stated this fact in word and proved it by deed when He said, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the work: that ye may know, and believe (understand) that the Father is in me, and I in Him." (John 10:37-38). Thus by word and deed we see the singleness (one'ness) in mind of Christ to fulfill the will of His heavenly Father. (John 4:34). Thus in these two examples (Isiah and Jesus), we have seen the exercise of the will and the mind of each.

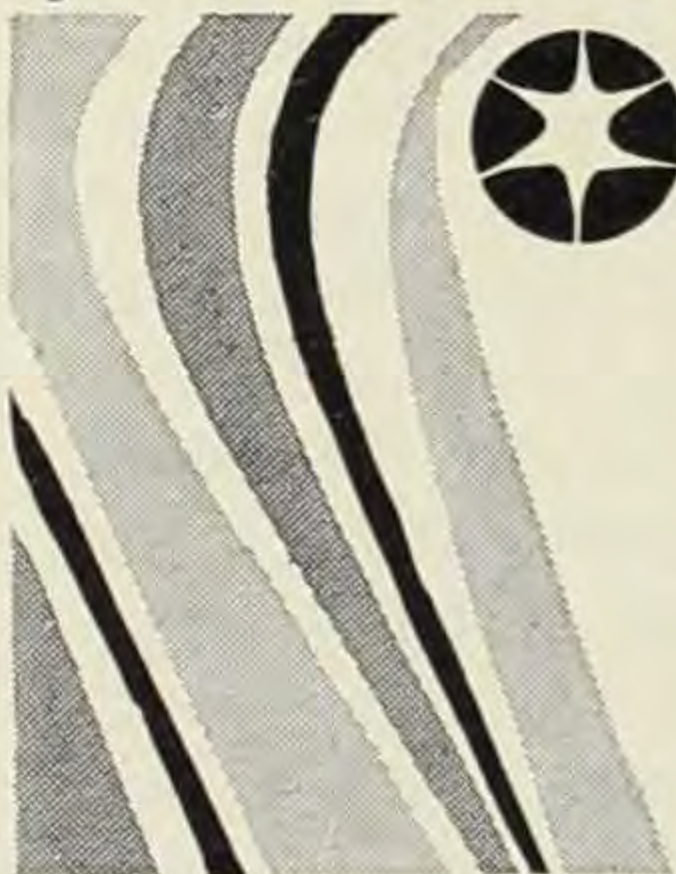
Not only is there to be singleness (oneness) in mind, but there is to be associated with it singleness (oneness) of purpose. A very good example of purposeful godly living is to be found in the life of Daniel. Here was a very young man who was taken captive at a very early age, yet his "Oneness" in spirit and purpose to serve God gained national recognition when he went contrary to chal-

dean customs in remaining true to his God (Dan. 1:8). Here is definite proof that there can be singleness (oneness) in purpose as we serve the Lord (II Co. 6:17-18). Daniel's constant testimony in purpose also gained for him prominent recognition among people with whom he came in contact. The (Daniel) purpose in his heart to be true to God: High positions did not contaminate (defile) his singleness (oneness) in purpose to serve God. (Dan. 6:3) tells us why Daniel succeeded, even in the midst of his enemies. Daniel dared to execute God's purpose in his life (Daniel 6:4-28).

We too, as Christians, must live our life with singleness (oneness) of mind and purpose. As Christians we have the mind of Christ and must allow His mind to operate within us (Phil. 2:5; John 13:15; I Peter 2:21; I John 2:6).

As Christians, we must execute His purpose in our life. Our own way is not sufficient to glorify God in our body (I Cor. 6:19-20; Prov. 14:12). Only the purpose of heart can be confirmed when the fruits of the purpose are seen (Acts 11:1-30). Great purpose is the determining factor of great results (II Cor. 9:6-15). The eternal purpose of God must be carried on by the true Church of God (Eph. 3:10-12, 16-21; 4:1-3, 7).

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Rev. Lee Turner appointed by Cedarville College

Rev. Lee Turner has been appointed to the newly created office, Director of Public Relations for Cedarville College.

Among Mr. Turner's duties will be supervision of church relations, alumni relations, community relations, publications, advertising and publicity.

Prior to being called to the ministry, Rev. Turner was an executive trainee with Sears Roebuck and Company specializing in sales promotion.

He received his training at Indiana Business College where he received a diploma. He received a B. A. degree from Grace College, Winona Lake and then a B. D. from Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake. He has been pastor at Tri Lake Baptist Church, Columbia City, Indiana, for the past five years.

He will reside at Xenia, Ohio, with his wife, Virginia, and two boys, Kregg Lee and Doug Lee.



Lee Turner

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down Christ, there is nothing left. On the other hand, if you turn that God can do for you. As He Himself has said in a classic passage: "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:26-31).

Conclusion

As we have noted, there are several specific things which God cannot do. Many other things could be enumerated if we had the time and space. All summed up, *God cannot make wrong equal right!*

Do you not think it important to be on God's side? If you have never been saved, why not trust the Lord Jesus Christ and get this matter settled today? There is such a thing, you know, as waiting until it is too late.

If you progressed in your education as far as high school, you have undoubtedly read some of the works of O. Henry. He was a masterful short story writer, majoring in surprise endings. The chances are that you read "Cabbages and Kings," "The Four Million," or "Strictly Business," sometime during your school days.

O. Henry was born William Sydney Porter in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1862, spent his early years in the South and Southwest. He principally followed a journalistic career and at one time was editor of a newspaper in Houston, Texas. But it was while working as a teller in an Austin, Texas, bank that he was arrested for "an unaccounted cash shortage" and sent to prison. Less than 25 years of age at the time, he began writing in earnest in prison, using the pen name of O. Henry. He died in 1910.

However, during Dwight David Eisenhower's second term, the White House was petitioned by the Texas Heritage Foundation to grant Porter a posthumous pardon from the embezzlement indictment. The request was refused and David W. Kendall, President Eisenhower's special counsel, replied: "The President received your telegram requesting a pardon for William Sidney Porter, better known as O. Henry. He is in wholehearted sympathy with your suggestion but is legally prevented from acting. This is because, regretfully, the President is without power to issue posthumous pardons. Your interest and your telegram are appreciated."

Dear friend, *not even God has power to issue posthumous pardons!* The Word of God warns: "When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth" (Prov. 11:7). The individual who dies without Christ cannot even hope for forgiveness! As Isaiah 38:18 expresses it, "they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth."

If you plan to be saved, *it better be now!* As II Corinthians 6:2 explains: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Do not expect to spend etern-

ity in Heaven if you die without Christ. There is absolutely no possibility whatsoever of God granting forgiveness beyond the grave.

God cannot do it!

Youth For Truth has graduation banquet

"Youth for Truth", the youth fellowship of the North East Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, held its first annual Graduation Banquet at the Hotel Parmly, Painesville, on Friday, May 22nd from 7:30-12:00 p.m. Fifty-four young people, pastors and wives, and youth leaders, were present for this semi-formal occasion planned for the senior high and college age young people of these churches.

Master of Ceremonies was Pastor Marvin Werbeach, New Lyme with Pastor Robert Whitney of North Jackson as the speaker.

Pastor Roland Globig, North Madison, led the recognition of the 11 graduates being honored and Pastor John Strong, Painesville, led the group in "fun time" about the tables. Group singing and special music was interspersed during the evening in addition to the showing of the film "City of the Bees." The speaker closed the evening's program with a very challenging message on "Bible Mathematics."

Churches represented included Painesville, North Madison, Huntsburg, New Lyme, Novelty, Garrettsville, and Northfield.

"Youth for Truth" holds a monthly youth rally in one of the association churches on the second Saturday of each month. The June rally was held at the Troy Baptist Church, Garrettsville, with Rev. Donald Woodby, pastor of the Hayden Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, as speaker. Submitted by Pastor Roland P. Globig.

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