

# THE Restitution Herald

& Progress Journal

## From the CAO...

By Tim Jones

**G**reetings to you all! I am writing to you from Gatlinburg, Tennessee, as we enjoy Christian Workers Seminar this year. We are enjoying the week, and I wish even more of you could have been here to enjoy the time with us. We will have a report on CWS in the next edition of the RH/PJ.

By this time you should have received some of the letters and information from Michael Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, concerning the future development of the ABC campus and the creation of a new satellite campus. The letter is reprinted in this issue as well. The Board had authorized the College to proceed with the selling of the existing campus in the Atlanta suburb of Morrow, Georgia. The current site is located in Clayton County. The current campus consists of 12.5 acres of land, the Administration and Classroom Building, and the Student Resident

Apartment Building. There is also a house that is rented and a small garage and workshop building.

The planned goal of the move will be to create two satellite locations. One location will be on the south side of the city, probably in Henry County, located to the south of the current location. If you continue along south on Interstate Highway 75, the most likely locations would be approximately 10-16 miles farther south. The other location will be located on the northeast side of the Atlanta metro area, in the areas near the cities of Suwannee and Dacula. These locations would both be approximately the same distance from the outskirts of Atlanta's rapidly growing perimeter. Atlanta has grown by more than 1 million people in the last 5 to 6 years. The location to the northeast will be particularly important to the students of the rapidly growing ABC Korean Extension. The majority of the existing students must travel more than 40 miles between their homes near Suwannee to the current campus. This location will also give residents from the north side of Atlanta more access to our classes.

The initial stages of planning for this exciting development are underway. Some of the basic assumptions are:

1. We are seeking to locate the College near our existing church, Cornerstone Bible Church, in the south, and plan to have the northeast campus near the planned new Korean church in that area.

2. We do not plan to abandon or not relocate the library and General Conference Archives that are located at the current location.

3. Residence facilities will be part of the new campuses.

4. The current staff and faculty will serve both campuses, although expansion of the current faculty is an important goal regardless of the decision to expand.

Although it is difficult to estimate a target date so soon in the planning, we hope to be able to open the new locations by the Fall Semester, 2009.

Please take the opportunity to read Chairman Hoffman's letter, or visit our website any time you want to see the most current information on the campus development. We also welcome any opportunity to speak with you about our plans. I believe that God is at work in the decisions of the Board concerning this matter. I look forward with great excitement to the opportunities the Lord will provide. Please join all of us at the College and the Board in praying that God will continue to lead as He would have us go. ■

In His Service,  
Tim

### 2007 General Conference

**Thursday, August 2  
and  
Friday, August 3**

**@ Cornerstone Bible Church,  
McDonough, Georgia**

**More details soon!!**

## From the Chairman of the Board...

March 1, 2007

To: Church of God General  
Conference Membership

From: Pastor Michael Hoffman  
Chairman, Board of  
Directors

**S**everal months ago I wrote to inform you of what the Board of Directors has discussed in their long range planning sessions. I am excited to share with you now the decisions made by the Board in our most recent meetings.

The Board of Directors is guided by the Vision Statement for Atlanta Bible College and the Ministry Services Network. Our desire is to move in a direction that will continually meet this vision. We have been evaluating

our current campus and location. The most important reasons for this evaluation are:

1. We have exceeded the capacity of the College buildings.
2. There are increasing safety concerns in our present location.

Although our current College ministry is flourishing, as we look to the future, we feel the current location will become less desirable. We have discussed many opportunities that new campus development would grant us. After prayerfully considering numerous factors, the Board has decided to take appropriate steps to sell the current location and develop two new campuses for Atlanta Bible College. One campus will be developed to the south of the current location and will be the headquarters for Atlanta Bible College and the Ministry

Services Network. An additional campus will be developed on the northeast side of Atlanta to be used primarily, but not exclusively, by the ABC Korean Extension. Pastor Steve An is excited about the potential for a new campus much closer to the Korean communities in Atlanta. We believe there will be significant increases in enrollment in the Korean Extension with this new location. It will also give us the opportunity to recruit English speaking students from the northern suburbs of the Atlanta area. We currently have 94 students in the Korean Extension and 56 other students at Atlanta Bible College, for a total enrollment of 150 students. The new locations will be chosen to give us the greatest possible benefits for ministry without abandoning the existing students.

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THE RESTITUTION HERALD ADVOCATES:

- THE ONENESS OF GOD (1 COR. 8:6);
- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S POWER (ACTS 1:8);
- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (MATT. 16:16), AND IS OUR MEDIATOR (1 TIM. 2:5);
- THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD (2 TIM. 3:16);
- THE MORTALITY OF MAN (JOB 4:17; PSA. 146:4);
- THE NEAR RETURN OF CHRIST (ACTS 1:11), AND LIFE ONLY THROUGH HIM (COL. 3:3);
- THE LITERAL RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (JOHN 5:28);
- THE IMMORTALIZATION OF THOSE IN CHRIST (1 COR. 15:53, 54);
- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED (REV. 21:8);
- THE FINAL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL AS THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNDER THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST (LUKE 1:32);
- THE CHURCH TO BE JOINT HEIRS WITH HIM (ROM. 8:17), AND ISRAEL TO BE MADE HEAD OVER GENTILE NATIONS (ISA. 60:1-3);
- THE "RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS WHICH GOD HATH SPOKEN BY THE MOUTH OF ALL HIS HOLY PROPHETS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN" (ACTS 3:21).
- IT ALSO FIRMLY ADVOCATES REPENTANCE AND IMMERSION IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS (ACTS 2:38), AND A CONSECRATED LIFE AS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION.

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Very few current students will be farther away from one of the College locations than they are currently when this project is completed.

It is an understatement to say this is a complex undertaking. We have to negotiate the sale of the present campus, and yet retain use of it until new facilities are ready to occupy. Although it is very early in the project, we have a tentative goal of having new facilities ready for the **Fall Semester in August/September of 2009**. We must research sites for our planned building projects, both north and south. As of this writing, neither location has been definitely determined. Site plans, facility design work, and all the preliminary permits and permissions must be secured. Then the construction process will begin in earnest. While all that is occurring, we will continue to offer a high-quality education at ABC and effective services through the Ministry Services Network. As this process begins, we are not able to share a lot of specific details with you because of a very simple reason—we do not have the details yet! The opportunities and challenges will be quite fluid as negotiations and research continues. I will keep you informed as best I can. I will strive to communicate with you often in several different forms, keeping you up-to-date on our progress. I covet your prayers for the Board and the Staff as together we implement this major decision. Many of you


will be asked to help in this effort.

This decision has caused me to reflect a great deal on the decisions, beginning almost twenty years ago, to move the College from Oregon, Illinois to Atlanta, Georgia. This was a time of great uncertainty and change. Many people were unsure what this move would do to the College and our ministries. Yet God has been good to us. Many of the benefits and goals we hoped for as we committed to this move have been achieved. Several new churches have been planted. In the last seven years the number of students has increased eightfold, and the diversity of the student body has never been greater. We are moving because our current location is unable to accommodate all the blessings God has provided! I believe with all my heart that God has even greater blessings in store for the General Conference as we submit to His will and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I know you may have a considerable list of questions about this effort. I welcome the opportunity, as does the entire Board, to discuss this with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any other Board member with your questions. We see God at work in wonderful ways in the timing of this decision. I believe it is going to be amazing and exciting to watch how God works this all out for His glory. I cannot help but think of Ephesians 3:20-21 in this context. I leave you with this

thought: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

With joy in Christ,



Pastor Michael Hoffman  
Chairman, General Conference  
Board of Directors

#### **Atlanta Bible College Vision**

**Atlanta Bible College provides excellent Biblical education and continued spiritual formation for a growing and diverse student body.**

- Commit to practicing spiritual disciplines and pursuing excellence in academic affairs.
- Attract and retain a highly qualified staff committed to personal and student spiritual formation.
- Implement a Biblical financial model to fund current operations and future goals.
- Increase our curriculum choices in areas of specialized ministry focus.
- Continue educational programs for diverse cultures, races, and generations.
- Provide a physical and virtual campus appropriate to our curriculum and goals.
- Commit to explore and implement effective avenues of communication in each ministry effort. ■

# 2005 AND 2006 MEMORIALS

We are very thankful for all who helped support the work of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference during the past two years by giving gifts in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE

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# ABC-I United 2007



**T**hey are called, they are unique, and they are set apart. They are the potential students who attended ABC-I 2007. Over 50 guests stayed at Atlanta Bible College at the beginning of March to visit the campus, experience class atmosphere, attend worship services, visit the city, and participate in a service project.

Over the weekend students were able to join in a class of their choice—New Testament Survey I or Personal Finance. It was wonderful to see so many young people so excited to study the Bible. They were a great addition to our classes.

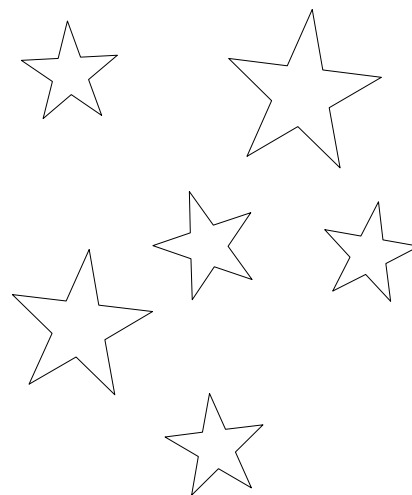
The students and staff had a time to interact by playing a great game of musical chairs, with questions involved, to get to know each other. The students also had a one-on-one staff interview.

Over the weekend there were services inside the chapel that included a message and a time of worship. All of the speakers spoke about how we are united. We are called to be united with Christ, united in love, and united as one body of believers.

Saturday's service project was intense for many of us. It was a great experience that everyone will remember. We loaded the vans and headed downtown to SafeHouse Outreach, a place that provides a, "hand-up not just a hand-out." Participants worked all day, and got a great deal accomplished! They did spring cleaning inside the SafeHouse building including: re-organizing closets, cleaning out the outside storage, and cleaning all the guest rooms and mattresses. Students then made sandwiches and headed to Woodruff Park in downtown Atlanta. It was an amazing experience for all of us—to spend time and show love to the homeless individuals. The students were able to meet these people and hear their stories. Some were even able to pray with them. I saw one student give his new Turning Point Youth Ministries sweatshirt to a younger man because he was cold. Within minutes of us arriving

there was both a soccer game and a football game going on between the ABC-I participants and the homeless. When we left the park, we each left with a new understanding of compassion.

The weekend was nothing short of amazing, although it went by fast. We continue to pray for those who attended and look forward to seeing them in the future!! If you or anyone you know is interested in Atlanta Bible College, March 6-8, 2008 will be a chance to join us for Atlanta Bible College Invitational. ■



## 2007 Theological Conference

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**A**t the opening of the 2007 Theological Conference, Anthony Buzzard reminded us of the theme that emerged during last year's conference: "Publish!" And we have. These are a few of the encouraging efforts undertaken in the last year to publish God's truth to the world:

*Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God*, a book for children (and parents) by Angela Moore ([angelahaysmoore.com](http://angelahaysmoore.com))

*Divine Truth or Human Tradition?*, a study of the Trinity by Patrick Navas (available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [authorhouse.com](http://authorhouse.com))

"The Human Jesus," a documentary by Mark Dockery, was viewed for the first time at the conference. (see [thehumanjesus.com](http://thehumanjesus.com))

*The Travesty of the Trinity*, a forthcoming book by Priscilla Jervy who told her "faith story" at the conference.

On Friday morning, Dan Gill of Tennessee began with his intriguing title: "The Next Thing Buddha Will Hear." He encouraged us to reject the popular idea that all paths lead to God. The next thing Buddha will hear is the voice of Jesus calling him to judgment. Chuck Jones of California challenged us with insights related to the book *The Myth of a Christian Nation* by Gregory Boyd. Al Spangler of Texas recounted

his "Pilgrim's Journey from Legalism to Freedom" in the New Covenant.

Dr. Joe Martin rousingly reminded us that the Gospel of the Kingdom is God's GOOD news, to restore the earth to the state when God said it was "good, good, good . . . very good." Later Sean Finnegan of New York presented the other side—the Bible's warnings of the coming judgment as motivation to repent. Dustin Smith of Louisiana spoke about "Apocalyptic Dualism"—the Bible's worldview of this



present evil age and the age to come—and its implications for Christian ethics today.

James Engelbert of New York spoke on "Lessons from the House of Hezekiah: Extreme Makeover—The Spiritual Edition." Robert Hach of Florida presented a paper on "The Faith of Jesus" in which he said that to believe in Jesus is to believe what Jesus believed: the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Alex Hall from England, having undertaken an in-depth study of Adolf von Harnack's 19<sup>th</sup>-

century *The History of Dogma*, summarized for us Harnack's explanation of how Christianity has undergone a "Radical Deformation."

In "No Contented Cripples in the Kingdom," Robin Todd of Washington spoke movingly about the healing, restoring power of the message about the age to come. Robin also sang for us during the weekend, including the song he wrote called "His Kingdom Is Coming." Anthony Buzzard presented an examination of the 70 "sevens" prophecy of Daniel 9. On Sunday morning Sean Finnegan exhorted us to remain tender when dealing with opponents, and to boldly "use our words" to speak the Gospel of the Kingdom.

We enjoyed the new location for the conference—Simpsonwood retreat center in a beautiful wooded setting on the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Staying there all together gave us even more opportunities for the fellowship that is always one of the highlights of the conference. We were blessed to have guests all the way from New Zealand, England, and many states in the US.

DVDs and papers from the conference are available from Atlanta Bible College. We hope to see you next year in Georgia! ■

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- B221DL – Pentateuch (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs/E-mail
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- B224DL – History and Minor Prophets (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Videos/Internet/E-mail
  
- B242DL – Gospel of John (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – Videos/Internet/E-mail
- B342DL – Acts (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Reading/Writing Assignments
- B461DL – Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Roller) – DVDs
- B470DL – Evangelical Theology (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs/E-mail
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- M281DL – Mission Perspectives (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Reading/Workbook
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- M372DL – Church Leadership (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Riley) – DVDs
- M384DL – Small Group Ministry (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Workbooks/Readings
- M443DL – Church Planting (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Tapes/Workbook
- M473DL – Pastoral/Church Leadership and Administration (Martin) (2 Sem. Hrs.) – DVDs
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### CORNERSTONE

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Chapel Hill Church of God is searching for a pastor to work with our dedicated members. Our church is in a country setting but has access to Community Colleges. Please contact Shirley Wood, 16093 Maple Ave., Belle Center, Ohio 43310; Telephone 937-842-2803; E-Mail: [sandwood@bright.net](mailto:sandwood@bright.net)

### BLANCHARD

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# Verses to Live By

By Jim Mattison

## 1 Corinthians 10:13

**“No temptation (testing) has overtaken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.”**

This word “temptation” is also translated “try.” So we might say, God will not allow any temptation to sin, or any trial of life to overcome His people without Him helping them with it.

It does not say God will take the temptation or trial away. It says that simultaneously with the temptation or trial, He will “make” a way for us to escape from it so we can bear it.

“God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations,” wrote Peter by inspiration (2 Pet. 2:9).

Our friend David said, “The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.”

He also said two verses later, “The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles” (Psa. 34:15, 17).

This is a wonderful promise on which to base our faith. God will not allow anything to come against His people that is too strong

for Him and them together to overcome. He will help us.

My personal experience with this verse came in 1980 after I fell from the top of a two-story house (12/12 pitch) and was in intense pain for 35 days in the hospital. (I was at the point of death for five days.) This pain increased in intensity. It went higher and higher. I really became aware of it. I thought I knew what pain was, but I was learning it could become more than a human could bear. BUT, when it became so bad that I couldn't stand it anymore, IT CAME DOWN A LITTLE!!! It seemed like a light bulb was turned on in my brain. I said, “Why that's 1 Corinthians 10:13”!!! This pain came back many, many times, but every time, when I thought I could endure no more, it came down a little. Finally, as that pain would climb up and up, I found I could laugh in the midst of it, for I knew GOD was with me and He would help me bear it. I found out I could LAUGH in the midst of intense pain, because God was by my side. What a joy it was to discover the great truth contained in this verse. I told several people I would be willing to go through it all again for that spiritual encounter with God. I also had the opportunity to witness my faith to two doctors and several nurses. One cleaning lady and I talked about the things of God for an hour in my hospital room! I am sure she was not supposed to be in that room that long.

The testing that God allows us to have is experienced by all mortals. It is common to man, Paul says.

But he also says God is faithful. He will not allow any temptation or test to overcome His people. He WILL make a way out, so we can bear it, if we are true Christians. And it may result in new strength and a greater closeness to God than we had before. What a comfort it is to know God will deliver us when we need delivering! This is a true word from God we can depend on. ■

It is normal to hear Christians say something like “I’m not perfect, just forgiven” or “I’m just a sinner” or “my righteous deeds are as filthy rags” or “there is none who is good, no not one.” Yet, as I was thinking about this rhetoric, which sounds very pious and humble, I struggled to harmonize it with the concepts of holiness, sanctification, and craving for righteousness presented in Scripture as present realities. I was struck by the contradiction of these two terminologies. On the one hand, we say, “I’m just a sinner” but at the same time we claim that we have been given a new life in Christ, that we died with him (in baptism) and that we are the children of God. In fact, the real question I had was, “Do the Scriptures speak of someone as a sinner after they have repented?”

**Luke 5:32**

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

In Jesus’ mind there were two categories, “the righteous” and “the sinners.” Jesus spent his time with sinners challenging them to repent in light of the coming Kingdom. Throughout the Scriptures we are presented with two contrasted groups without any gray area between. In the parable of the tares and the wheat, Jesus calls the two groups: the sons of the Kingdom and the sons of the evil one. There are those who serve Jesus and those who serve the evil one.

**Luke 15:10**

“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

God’s purpose for sinners is that they would repent so God may rejoice with the angels. This brings me back to my chief question, should one continue being a sinner if he has repented? What value can be attached to the word, “repent,” if before this action one is a sinner and after it he is still a sinner?

**Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

It was while we were sinners that Christ died for us. He made the first move, not us. No amount of good works could ever overcome or delete the sins we had committed. This undeserving act of God (through Christ) is the basis for our forgiveness and subsequent righteous living.

**Romans 5:19**

For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Due to rebellion of our primordial parents sin entered the cosmos. This tendency towards rebellion against what God says is right has continued down the generations like a dominant mutated gene. Now that Christ has

come, we need to no longer stay sinners, instead by a sheer work of God, we can be made righteous through the cleansing of Christ’s sacrificial death.

**Hebrews 10:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

This text clearly states that continuance in sin (i.e. being a sinner) after having been made righteous, is deadly. Many other places reinforce this simple, theologically uncomplicated fact (1 Cor 6:9-10; Rom 6:16; Gal 5:20-21; Eph 5:5; Rev 21:8).

No where in the Bible are the repentant called “sinners”—not EVER. Rather the Bible repeatedly calls the believers “saints” (Acts 9:13, 32, 41; 26:10; Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:2; Eph 1:1; etc). A saint is a holy one, one who has been separated unto God’s use. In the same way as the lamps used in the Solomon’s temple were sanctified, (separated unto God’s use) so are we. This is not by an act of our righteousness initially. We don’t make ourselves saints, rather we accept the cleansing of God. But, once we are cleansed we need to walk out as holy ones, saints. The New Testament regularly calls the Christians “saints.” If we start seeing ourselves as saints, perhaps we will start living

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## ABC Update

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**T**he spring semester began on January 8 with block classes taught by Dr. Alva Huffer and Sean Finnegan. The regular semester classes began on January 16. We have had another record setting attendance with 150 students enrolled. We gained several new international students this semester from Korea, Kenya, and Tanzania.

Plans are being made for our 64th graduation service on May

18. Seven students will receive the Bachelor of Theology degree; 7 will receive Associates degrees; and 7 will receive Foundation certificates.

Anthony Buzzard taught a new class following Theological Conference: "The Destiny of the Righteous." Several Theological Conference attendees took the course along with ABC students.

Dr. Alva Huffer will be teaching a Bible Archaeology class on Saturday, June 9th and Saturday, July 7. The course

will be taught at the Bible World Museum which is located at the Guthrie Grove Church of God in Pelzer, SC. The classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in taking this one semester hour course is welcome to enroll. The cost is \$69.50 for non credit and \$139 for ABC credit. Please contact Registrar, David Krogh, if you wish to enroll. ■

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## Sinners or Saints? *continued...*

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more holy whereas if we continue to think of ourselves as sinners we will continue to sin.

The whole idea, that we are worthless, deprived, incapable of doing anything right, etc. was a Lutheran doctrine reacting against the Catholic practice of his day which implied that one could earn (or even pay for) salvation. However, reactionary theology almost always ends in extremism. Let us swing back the pendulum towards the Biblical model. We do not save ourselves, but there is power in the blood to cleanse. After God has forgiven and cleanses us, our righteous deeds are not filthy rags; they are a holy sacrifice to God (Rom 12:1-2). The reason that Israel's deeds of righteousness were called "filthy rags" was because they were hypocrites; they would tithe the right amount but then they would commit adultery or steal

from the poor!

### **1 John 1:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we repent and confess our sins then we become cleansed from ALL unrighteousness. If all our unrighteousness is gone, then what is left? On the other hand, if we are unrepentant sinners then we need to pay heed to the Scripture addressed to sinners:

### **James 4:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourn-

ing and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

But if we are saints, then it is our task to help sinners to turn away from sin and towards God. This is one of our primary purposes for preaching the gospel—to confront people with repentance in light of the coming Kingdom (Matt. 4:17; Mark 1:14-15) so that men would change and so be forgiven in order to have entrance into the Kingdom when the Messiah comes.

### **James 5:20**

Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. ■

The work in Lima, Peru was originally started through a contact with Anthony Buzzard by Mario Olcese in the mid 1980s. Mario had studied himself into the Bible truths taught by the Church of God. Mario began a radio ministry and formed a group of people who met together regularly. One of those who came to the group was Beder Ucanay who is the current pastor of our church in Lima. Over the years, a number of individuals including: Anthony Buzzard, Bill and Mardy Lawrence, OBC students, Judy Myers, Alice Badillo, Bill Wachtel, and David

facilities until Church Builders Appeal #94 in the spring of 2005 raised nearly \$24,000 to purchase a building for the congregation. The building cost \$16,000 and \$8,000 was spent to remodel the building to make it suitable for a church.

A large room was remodeled as the sanctuary. The rest of the building has classrooms, a kitchen, and an office for Pastor Beder.

On Sunday we participated in services in the morning and evening. A number of those attending are long time attenders

Pastor Beder has a serious eye problem which has resulted in the loss of sight in his right eye. We ask our members to pray for this health concern.

We are thankful for the faithful work that Pastor Beder and others are doing in Lima. There is a large field that needs to be cultivated and many seeds to be planted. Peru has a population of 28 million and 25% live in Lima. The population of Peru has tripled over the past 50 years. Though Catholicism has been the predominate religion in the past, most people are very open to hearing what the Bible teaches.



▲Table and chairs for the children's classes funded by individuals and groups in the United States.



▲Pastor Beder's family: wife Maria, daughters Maria Mercedes and Rebekah; and sons Joel, Joshua, and David



▲A permanent baptistery was constructed in the church building in Lima.

Krogh have visited Lima to teach, preach, and encourage the work there.

On December 1, John and Rachel Carr met me in Miami and we flew on to Lima. Pastor Beder and his family met us at the airport. The next day we spent time discussing the work with Pastor Beder and some of the church leaders.

We also had a tour of the new church facilities. The congregation met in rented

and some are recent additions. Some who were baptized the last time we were in Lima are still active in the church.

We took funds from some of our churches and individuals in the United States to help construct a permanent baptistery in the building. We also took funds to purchase tables and chairs for the children and also to purchase some Bibles. We also took some Sunday School supplies.

Peru has a per capita annual income of \$1,869.56, comparing with \$33,070 in the United States. None of the members of our church have automobiles and most live in very small homes that have no heating or air conditioning. The climate is quite moderate year around with temperatures ranging between 59 and 80.

Please continue to pray for this mission field. ■

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**D**id you ever need a word and have trouble finding the right one? Sometimes it happens because you are tired or unable to think clearly. It could happen because you just don't know enough words. It could also happen because the word you need has not been made up yet.

Something that I liked about Mike Yaconelli was his lexicon. When writing, if he needed a word and it did not yet exist, he made one up. Take this quote from *Messy Spirituality*, for instance: "Spirituality is not about being fixed; it is about God's being present in the mess of our unfixeness."<sup>1</sup> Type a word like "unfixeness" into your word processor, and it does not go unchallenged.

Yaconelli wrote about realizing that God is seeking a relationship with us right now, starting with who we are in our broken, flawed lives. When I read David's writing, I do it with the realization that this was not a perfected man. His psalms show a man who is deeply in touch with God, in love with God, but his history also shows messiness in his life. God was present in all of that. After realizing his sin in the Bathsheba fiasco he wrote, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."<sup>2</sup> David knew he needed to be reformed, to be renovated.

When I read the writings of

Paul, I see another godly-but-unfinished man. Sure, when his life was over he was able to say "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith,"<sup>3</sup> but the experiences of his life were not all as beautiful as that statement. He had gone through hardships and beatings, as well as having experience as a prominent leader in the anti-Christian work, all before he came to see Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Can you imagine the nightmares that could have been caused after becoming a believer? To hear the stories of the believers that he helped to kill? To learn what kind of Christ-followers these people had been?

We could convince ourselves that once he saw the light, (I tried saying that another way, but he *is* the reason that the phrase exists) God took all those things away and eased that struggle, but who is to say? Has God removed all memory of your sinful past? Has he erased every memory of hard times, of depressing events, of anything that might hurt? No, I didn't think so. Why not?

Did God erase all memories of David's sin? No. How did that affect him as he moved forward? Did it have an effect on his behavior, his decisions, his worship?

Our experiences help to shape and form us, for better or for worse. Whatever it is that has happened in our lives, it affects who we are as individuals, as believers, as ministers of the

Gospel. The good news is that God can use the broken pieces of our lives to create something beautiful, just like a mosaic can be made of broken glass or tiles. He does that as we come into relationship with Him, as we grow in faith and connection to Him. Maybe that is part of what Paul was saying when he said, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us?" That glory will be revealed *in* us, he said. We are aware of the glory that will be revealed *to* us, namely the Kingdom of God, but maybe we are less cognizant of the glory that God is creating in us and through us.

When the Youth Advisory Committee worked on themes for our upcoming events, renovation and mosaic were on my mind. Thinking of renovation and mosaic sent me searching for a word that covered both, a word that would describe the beauty that can come from our brokenness and pain. Not finding one, we made one up: rensaic (**ren-oh-zey-ik**)—the process of bringing beauty and renewal from brokenness.

With Rensaic chosen as the theme for FUEL 2007, we went on the lookout for resources that might help us develop that topic into something that will change hearts and lives. One book I picked with that in mind was *Pieces of Glass* by Sarah Kay. Sarah tells her own story of pain, lostness, being

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powerless, and eventually brokenness. As she draws conclusion to the book, she has this to say:

“For now it is enough that God sustains me each day. As I write, I see how profoundly my faith has changed. I don’t have a plan for my writing, and at times I feel foolish. But a strange sense of peace has filled me and sustains me as I pour out my heart. I have no idea what will come of my scribbling. In my audacious moments I give that responsibility to God. But if I am able to share my journey, the lessons that guided me through doubts, the God who comforted me when I felt so alone, it seems a

sacred heritage to pass on. I dare to hope that my words will go places I can’t go, that his truth will bring healing to others lost in the valley.”<sup>4</sup>

Sarah wraps up this narrative of an intensely difficult chain of events with the realization that God has brought her comfort through her pain, and her story could help others find their comfort in Him. Have you been hiding from your pain? Have you been hiding pain that could benefit someone? Has God shown you the beauty that can come when you latch on to Him with your entire being, no matter what happens in your life? If He is creating a Renosaic in your life, shouldn’t you be seeking to share the life-changing love of God with others who hurt?

God isn’t creating new beauty in you just so you could hide it in storage. ■

FUEL 2007 (Renosaic) is scheduled for July 15-20 on the campus of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. See [www.tpym.com](http://www.tpym.com) for information.

<sup>1</sup> Yaconelli, Michael. (2002). *Messy Spirituality*. (p. 13). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan.

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 51:10, New International Version. ©1973, 1978, 1984 by [International Bible Society](http://www.internationalbible.org).

<sup>3</sup> 2 Timothy 4:7, New International Version. ©1973, 1978, 1984 by [International Bible Society](http://www.internationalbible.org).

<sup>4</sup> Kay, Sarah. (©2006). *Pieces of Glass* (p. 151). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan.



## Amazon Wish list

When everyone pools their resources amazing things can happen! A wish list has been created on Amazon.com. The wish list contains books that cover topics and issues that are crucial to youth ministry and leadership. These books will be made available to our students and staff at Atlanta Bible College to enrich their education. This list can be seen by going to [www.tpym.com](http://www.tpym.com) and clicking on the Amazon Wish List button. Book

donations do not need to be brand new or directly purchased from Amazon. We appreciate your contributions.

## Income Report for March 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>This Month Variance</u>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
General Contributions	312,308	224,700	-87,608
Building Our Future Campaign	0	5,145	5,145
[Gen Contrib & BOF combined]	0	229,845	
G.C. - Devises & Bequests	3,750	26,876	23,126
ABC Boosters	12,000	7,033	-4,967
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>328,058</b>	<b>263,754</b>	<b>-64,304</b>
<b>SALES:</b>			
Christian Education Materials	19,050	16,678	-2,372
Books	24,750	20,712	-4,038
Restitution Herald	0	0	0
Age to Come Media Products	0	0	0
Theological Journal	0	954	954
Sale of Assets	0	304	304
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>43,800</b>	<b>38,648</b>	<b>-5,152</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Tuition	104,500	105,133	633
Korean Extension Tuition	230,000	301,600	71,600
Lodging	49,500	49,048	-452
Washers/Dryers	675	999	324
Rentals - ABC Plant	7,500	5,090	-2,410
Late Fees/Rent	6,750	8,004	1,254
Fees	6,417	14,540	8,123
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>405,342</b>	<b>484,414</b>	<b>79,072</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCOME:</b>			
Conferences & Workshops	3,750	13,438	9,688
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>13,438</b>	<b>9,688</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	825	0	-825
Transferred In	16,500	15,485	-1,015
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,325</b>	<b>15,485</b>	<b>-1,840</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>798,275</b>	<b>815,739</b>	<b>17,464</b>

### BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Total contributions since inception (2003): **277,911**

- These statements report College/Conference income and expense for July, 2006 through June, 2007.
- The "Budget" column in each report shows the year-to-date portion of the annual budget for each line item.
- The "Variance" column in each report shows the difference between the amount budgeted and the amount actually received (income) or spent (expense). A positive number in this column means the income or expense is better than budgeted. A negative number in this column means the income or expense is worse than budgeted.



## Expense Report for March 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>This Month Variance</u>
<b>STAFF:</b>			
Salaries & Wages	368,684	366,076	2,608
F.I.C.A. Tax	6,000	5,922	78
Employee Benefits	63,022	76,280	-13,258
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>437,705</b>	<b>448,278</b>	<b>-10,573</b>
<b>SERVICES:</b>			
Assistance to Churches	9,000	6,100	2,900
Ministerial Association	7,200	11,568	-4,368
Youth Program	11,000	11,000	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>27,200</b>	<b>28,668</b>	<b>-1,468</b>
<b>SALES EXPENSE:</b>			
Printing & Binding	21,750	29,412	-7,662
Postage & Shipping	11,250	8,539	2,711
Media Production Expenses	0	0	0
Book Store	16,500	13,757	2,743
Royalties	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>51,708</b>	<b>-2,208</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Clayton Rebate	0	0	0
Advertising--Recruitment	3,000	2,583	417
ABC Korean Extension Support	16,500	12,964	3,536
Library Periodicals	1,200	1,058	142
Library Books	750	0	750
Staff Periodicals, Books, Dues	563	1,383	-821
Staff Training	750	2,989	-2,29
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,763</b>	<b>20,977</b>	<b>1,786</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
Travel	24,750	43,932	-19,182
Motor Vehicles	0	127	-127
Office Supplies & Expense	10,500	8,733	1,767
Professional Services	6,000	11,478	-5,478
Telephone	16,500	17,190	-690
Insurance - Non Plant	225	127	98
Supplies & Expense	4,125	4,287	-162
Repairs/Maintenance - Non Plant	18,750	13,732	5,018
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>80,850</b>	<b>99,606</b>	<b>-18,756</b>
<b>PLANT EXPENSES:</b>			
Utilities	27,750	24,895	2,855
Insurance - Property	12,000	12,479	-479
Repairs/Maintenance - Plant	12,750	7,507	5,243
Furniture & Equipment	10,500	12,635	-2,135
Supplies/Expenses Plant	4,500	2,255	2,245
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>59,771</b>	<b>7,729</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	20,475	18,441	2,034
Other	5,850	4,928	922
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>26,325</b>	<b>23,369</b>	<b>2,956</b>
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>711,843</b>	<b>732,377</b>	<b>-20,534</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)</b>	<b>86,432</b>	<b>83,362</b>	<b>-3,070</b>

# Church News

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## Baptisms

### Canada

*Fonthill, Ontario* – Corina Sylvester (12/3/06) by Pastor Michael Brown

*Welland, Ontario* – Aaron Paura, Sara Urquia and Willena Urquia (4/15/07) by Pastor Stephen Bolhous

### California

*Simi Valley* – Ryan Cleophil (9/24/06) by Pastor Warren Sorenson

### Indiana

*Hedrick* – Andrew and Zachary Cheatwood (10/1/06), Kenan Cheatwood (4/8/07) by Pastors Joe Astolfi and David Cheatwood.

*Plymouth* – Chad Baker (4/8/07) by Joshua Railton

### Michigan

*Blanchard* – Jana Swanson (12/31/06) by Pastor Michael Cisler at North Kent Bible Church

### Ohio

*North Hills* – Brett Blackburn and Emily Wilson (12/31/06) by Pastor Seth Ross

*Lawrenceville* – Megan Nicewaner and Jennifer Jordan (9/10/06), Traci Patton, Kim Bevan (rebaptism), Scott Pendleton and Casey Hupman (12/24/06) by Pastor Alan Cain

### South Carolina

*Bethel* – Parker Monroe (12/17/06), Lee and Christy Sisk (12/31/06), Kyle Willis and Tyler Moore (3/4/07) by Pastor Jeff Fletcher

### Virginia

*Cool Spring* – Bobby Funk (12/3/03) by Pastor Dale Ramsey

## Deaths

### Arkansas

*Little Rock* – Lucille Turner, 89 (12/18/06). Service by Pastor Mark Evans and Joe White; Hazel Shaw, 94 (1/22/07), widow of C. J. Shaw, long time member. Service by Pastor Dale Ramsey and Joe White

*Russellville* – Pauline Whorton (1/30/07), daughter of early Church of God Pastor, H. Scott Smith

### California

*Church of the Open Bible* – Eunice Otto, 102 (11/23/06), member, widow of Art Otto; Betty Hummel, 97 (12/19/06), long time member. Services by Pastor Chuck Jones; Bernedene Jones (1/3/07), loving wife of Pastor Delbert Jones who preceded her in death. Service by Pastor Warren Sorenson

### Illinois

*Flagg Center* – Grace “Peggy” Huntley, 90 (11/7/06), long time member. Service by Pastors Sandra Graber and Gordon Landry

*Macomb* – Ramona Derry, 83 (12/17/06). Service by Pastor Brian Froehlich

*Oregon* – Lois Ewald (1/21/07). Service by Pastor Michael Hoffman; Pastor Francis Burnett, 89 (3/15/07), faithful servant to God and to the Church of God General Conference churches for over 60 years. Service by Pastors Dale Swartz, David Krogh, and Michael Hoffman

### Indiana

*Country Chapel* – Betty Good (11/5/06), long time faithful member. Service by Pastor Ken Howe

*South Bend* – Rosa Darr, 65 (11/29/06); Russell Gruhn, 78 (12/3/06); Dorothy Cork, 101 (3/10/07), long time member. Services by Pastor John Railton

### Louisiana

*Albany* – Iris Wolfe (12/20/06)

### Michigan

*North Kent* – Ken Heaton (1/2/07). Service by Pastor Michael Cisler

### Minnesota

*Eden Valley* – Jeannine Hamilton, 71 (2/23/07), long time member; Karen Wendroth, 66 (4/10/07), long time member. Services by Pastor Daniel Smead

### Missouri

*Doniphan* – Chloa Mae Emmons, 97 (4/2/07), long time member. Service by Pastor Jon Welch

### Nebraska

Betty Ryan, (1/12/07), long time former member of the Hector, MN Church of God, mother of former Pastor Mark Ryan

### Ohio

*Bedford* – Earlene Polzer, 85 (1/2/07), long time faithful member; David E. Onderdonk, 95 (4/1/07), long time member. Services by Pastor Rex Cain

*Lawrenceville* – Bud Hedges (12/15/06). Service by Pastor Alan Cain

### South Carolina

*Bethel* – Addie Guthrie (12/8/06). Service by Pastor Jeff Fletcher; Annie Ruth Vaughn (3/26/07). Service by Pastor Jeff Fletcher and Bill Vaughan

### Virginia

*Cool Spring* – Paul Berry, 29 (1/28/07), member and trustee, leaving a young family; Maralyne Kidwell, 75 (3/27/07). Services by Pastor Dale Ramsey

# Prayer & Praise

May 2007

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- 1 **Pray for the editors of our Conference publications.**
  - 2 Pray for Pastor Ray and Susan Hall and the Garden Park, Michigan Church of God.
  - 3 **Pray for Pastor Charles and Carol Jones and the Pomona, California Church.**
  - 4 Pray for the ministry of Pastor Ken and Eva Howe and the Country Chapel, Indiana Church of God.
  - 5 **Pray for the missionary work in Mexico.**
  - 6 Praise God for students who are preparing for service at Atlanta Bible College.
  - 7 **Pray for ABC students as they complete their Bachelor's Degrees.**
  - 8 Pray for the ministry of Pastor Michael and Linda Hoffman and the Oregon, Illinois Church of God.
  - 9 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Jill Taylor and the work at the Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, Arizona.**
  - 10 Pray for Pastor Jeff and Karen Fletcher and the Bethel Church in Pelzer, SC.
  - 11 **Pray for believers who are in nursing homes and hospitals.**
  - 12 Praise God for the strength He provides each day.
  - 13 **Praise God for your mother and her influence.**
  - 14 Pray for the congregation at Omaha, Nebraska, and Pastor Scott and Gayle Ross.
  - 15 **Pray for Pastor Johnathan Wincapaw and the Blood River, Louisiana Church of God.**
  - 16 Praise God for new attenders at your local church.
  - 17 **Pray for God to raise up workers for our churches.**
  - 18 Pray for those who are responding to the Focus on the Kingdom radio program.
  - 19 **Praise God for the faithful work of retired Pastor Leon and Delores Driskill over many years.**
  - 20 Pray for healing for someone you know who is in need.
  - 21 **Praise God for the faithful years of work from retired Pastor David and Wanda Cheatwood.**
  - 22 Pray for your family and friends.
  - 23 **Pray for the ministry of Pastor Scott and Theresa Deane and the church at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.**
  - 24 Pray for those who are preparing for Christian service.
  - 25 **Pray for the work of Pastor Don and Joyce Ward and the Countryside Bible Church in Missouri.**
  - 26 Pray for the International students at ABC.
  - 27 **Pray for Elder Jim Davis and his wife Betty and the New Family Bible Church in Pueblo West, Colorado.**
  - 28 Pray for Church of God members throughout the world as they minister to others.
  - 29 **Pray for the brethren in India.**
  - 30 Pray for Pastor Jon and Rene Welch and the Fredericktown, MO Church.
  - 31 **Praise God for all that He has done and is doing in your life.**
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June 2007

- 1 **Pray for Atlanta Bible College students as they make decisions for the future.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor John Nelson and the Open Bible Church, Bolivar, MO.
- 3 **Pray for the Midwest Family Camp at Camp Mack this summer.**
- 4 Praise God for the beauty of His creation.
- 5 **Pray that God will speak deeply into your heart today.**
- 6 Pray for boldness to share your faith.
- 7 **Pray for Pastor Dan and Charlotte Fyfe and their work at Anderson Chapel, Hendersonville, NC.**
- 8 Praise God for His power and knowledge.
- 9 **Pray for the ministry of your local church.**
- 10 Praise God for those who regularly remember our Conference and College with their prayers and contributions.
- 11 **Praise God for your pastor and his family and their dedication to ministry.**
- 12 Pray for Pastor James and Linda Hill and the work at Royal, AR.
- 13 **Praise God for your family and circle of friends.**
- 14 Pray for the summer General Conference in August.
- 15 **Pray for Pastor Gordon and Barbara Landry and the work at Flagg Center, IL.**
- 16 Pray for Pastor Rufus and Jerri Meyers and the Simple Teachings Bible Church, Morrow, GA.
- 17 **Praise God for your father.**
- 18 Pray for Pastor Christy Ross and her work at the Jaynes Street Church in Omaha, NE.
- 19 **Pray for those who are listening to the Focus on the Kingdom Radio Program.**
- 20 Praise God for the beauty of His creation.
- 21 **Pray for Pastor Beder Ucanay and the believers in Lima, Peru.**
- 22 Pray for believers in the Philippine Islands.
- 23 **Praise God for those who write lessons for our Adult Sunday School curriculum.**
- 24 Pray for pastors who are changing pastorates this year.
- 25 **Pray for God's direction in future mission efforts.**
- 26 Pray for God's direction in the preparation for FUEL (Youth Program) next month.
- 27 **Praise God for your church family.**
- 28 Pray for Bible Schools being held at many churches this summer.
- 29 **Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead the College/Conference.**
- 30 Praise God for the dedication of the College/Conference staff.

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## **SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

### **CONSIDER JOINING US!!!**

We are still looking for individuals to serve on the teams that will go to Africa and Mexico this summer. Team members will be selected in the next couple of weeks in order to give them time to raise funds. Applications are available on the General Conference website: [www.abc-coggc.org](http://www.abc-coggc.org) or you can contact Judy Myers at [jmlhi@aol.com](mailto:jmlhi@aol.com). The Africa trip is scheduled for July 10-26. Projected cost of the trip is \$4,000 per person. The Mexico trip is July 23 to August 6. The cost of this trip is \$500 per person.

# THE Restitution Herald

## From the CAO...

& Progress Journal

By Tim Jones

If we go by the hot, dry temperatures rather than the date on the calendar, summer has arrived in Atlanta! The 2006-2007 school year ended with Graduation on May 18<sup>th</sup>. You will see the pictures included in this issue. The end of the school year is always bitter-sweet. Staff and students alike are glad to wrap up the classes, assignments, tests, and papers, and look forward to some time off and out of the classroom. However, we know we'll miss these students that have come to feel almost as if they're part of our family. We'll miss those that are just away for the summer—we'll really miss those that are departing via graduation or to follow new paths that the Lord is preparing for them. Best wishes for God's blessing to all those students we have partnered with during the 2006-2007 school year.

Summer is very busy at the Conference and College even though classes are mostly not in session. We must say mostly because of the additions to our class offerings of multiple summer classes. Whether at the Atlanta campus or perhaps at another location, these classes give students and eager non-credit learners the opportunity to take courses from the College. Summer is also busy because of the number of camps, conferences, mission trips, and staff vacation that are crammed into an increasingly shorter period of time.

The Georgia school year in the recent past has been lengthened considerably. As a result, children in this state get out of school the first week of June and go back to school in the first week of August. Churches, mission team coordinators, and state conferences, as well as our families, are hard-pressed to get everything in to this 8 week period! And as of this writing, in 8 weeks the new ABC school year will begin!

We are proceeding with our planning and early steps towards the development of new campuses for the College. The Staff and Board Members have met several times with representatives from Clayton State University about their intention to purchase the current campus. As a part of this process, ABC is having the necessary appraisals done to determine the value of the current location. Even though we are only in the earliest stages of this process, we are excited about all the possibilities God has in store as we seek to follow Him.

Our College has been very blessed in recent years. The student body for the year that just ended was 150 students, and we expect a larger total in the Fall 2007 semester. Two goals are of primary concern to the Board and Staff for this growing number of students. They are:

1. The quality of the education students receive.
2. The safety, richness, and

diversity of the student/staff's environment.

Both of these areas will be better addressed by our plans to relocate. Please make the College and our future opportunity a part of your regular prayer efforts. We will take every opportunity to keep you informed as to the status of our planning effort.

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One of the most important tasks the Conference's Ministry Support Network has is to keep in touch with pastors, churches, and lay leaders as they seek to lead our people forward. Gary Burnham has been filling this role for some time, but retained a large amount of the workload necessary for business support and financial management. To better allocate the workload and make more time available for ministry support, we have

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## Process for Board Elections and Qualifications for Nominees

**A**t General Conference we will be electing three (3) directors for the Board of Directors. The terms of Michael Hoffman and Joe James expire this year. Additionally, one year is left on the term of Dale Bliss per his resignation at the time he became a staff member last Fall (see Section 2 below). Currently we have five (5) nominees. Article IV of the constitution directs the process for nominating and electing directors.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers of the Conference

**Section 1.** Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of the College/Conference. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a

chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members. The term of office of a director shall begin at the close of the Conference in which said director is elected.

**Section 2.** No elected director shall be a paid employee of the College/Conference for a period longer than two months in any one year.

**Section 3.** The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other Scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. A director may be either male or female.

**Section 4.** Nominations for the Board of Directors of the College/Conference may be submitted by: State or District Conference Boards of the Church of God; Churches that are members of the General Conference; Ministerial Association of the Church of God General Conference. Name(s) of nominees and resumes will be submitted to the

Chief Administrative Officer of Atlanta Bible College/General Conference by May 1 and will be printed in the General Conference issue of *Progress Journal*.

**Section 5.** Nominations printed in the *Progress Journal* will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than one more nomination than the number of directorships.

**Section 6.** Nominations shall be made from the floor; but voting shall be done by ballot, and no nominee shall be elected unless he receives a majority of the votes cast. The total list of all nominees shall be submitted to the delegates for election. If no majority is reached in the first balloting, the list of nominees shall be reduced to the three receiving the highest number of

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THE RESTITUTION HERALD ADVOCATES:

- THE ONENESS OF GOD (1 COR. 8:6);
- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S POWER (ACTS 1:8);
- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (MATT. 16:16), AND IS OUR MEDIATOR (1 TIM. 2:5);
- THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD (2 TIM. 3:16);
- THE MORTALITY OF MAN (JOB 4:17; PSA. 146:4);
- THE NEAR RETURN OF CHRIST (ACTS 1:11), AND LIFE ONLY THROUGH HIM (COL. 3:3);
- THE LITERAL RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (JOHN 5:28);
- THE IMMORTALIZATION OF THOSE IN CHRIST (1 COR. 15:53, 54);
- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED (REV. 21:8);
- THE FINAL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL AS THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNDER THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST (LUKE 1:32);
- THE CHURCH TO BE JOINT HEIRS WITH HIM (ROM. 8:17), AND ISRAEL TO BE MADE HEAD OVER GENTILE NATIONS (ISA. 60:1-3);
- THE "RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS WHICH GOD HATH SPOKEN BY THE MOUTH OF ALL HIS HOLY PROPHETS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN" (ACTS 3:21).
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votes. When no majority is reached with the list of three nominees, the one receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the list. Of the two remaining nominees, the one receiving the majority of votes is elected. If other directors are to be elected, all names, except the one(s) previously elected, shall be resubmitted, and the same election process repeated until all positions are filled.

**Section 7.** The term of office for all College/Conference directors shall be for four years. No director shall succeed himself for a second term.

**Section 8.** Any director who may become inactive through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death, shall be replaced for the unexpired term by election at the next annual conference. Temporary appointment of such directors may be made by the Board of Directors.

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**LARRY BOLHOUS**

The Oregon Church of God is pleased to nominate Larry Bolhous for a position on the Board of Directors. Larry wrote the following: I am interested in serving on the General Conference Board of Directors. I have been married to my wife Virginia for 35 years. We have two sons, a daughter and five grandsons. As I write this, we are expecting our first granddaughter to be born in June. I am 56 years old. I have been in the grocery business for 30 years, owning my own business for over 25 years. I attended Oregon Bible College for two years back in 1968 and 1969. I served in the U.S. Army for 2 years. I

have been a member of the Oregon Church of God since leaving the military in 1972. I have held many ministry positions over the years, including: Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Budget Chairman, Board Chairman, and Elder. In my community, I have served on many school committees—was a member of the village board, zone committee for the village, and presently the township. I have worked with the Winnebago county on growth and planning. I have been a Lions Club member since moving to Winnebago in 1979. I have served as Secretary and President. I have been President of the Winnebago Chamber of Commerce for 2 years and was Chairman of the group that established the organization. I am presently serving on the Ministerial Recognition Board, which is the licensing board for our pastors. I appreciate being on this board and want to see our pastors held in the highest esteem.

I would like to serve on the General Conference Board of Directors because I feel more can be accomplished for God if many work together. Exciting things are going on and I would like to be a part of it. Over the past few years serving my church on the national level has been on my heart. God has trained me through the things I have mentioned above and it is time to give God some return on His investment in me. I appreciate the privilege of being considered for this position.

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**GREG DEMMITT**

I accept the nomination from Lakeshore Bible Church and am

willing to serve the General Conference as a member of the Board of Directors. With the current changes facing the conference I can appreciate the need to have experienced leadership in these times.

One need that I hope we can effectively address as we make the transition to a new campus is to create a good pathway into pastoral ministry for career-changing adults. During my five years on the Ministerial Recognition Board, we've had as many applicants for license from adults already in careers as from graduates from Atlanta Bible College following the traditional student path. These adults bring the emotional and spiritual maturity we need to make it possible for them to develop the necessary skills in preaching, church administration, counseling and Bible Study to be effective pastors in today's world.

This needs to happen without jeopardizing the great gains that have been made at ABC with the Korean Extension and the community students. I still stand amazed at these developments and am thankful for leadership that responded well to these opportunities.

I hope to spend at least 20 more years in ministry serving our churches as they advance the Kingdom in their communities. I've invested in training to be able to more effectively coach churches and Pastors and to teach the Biblical skills and understandings necessary in moving forward when we face conflict. I see much opportunity

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for continued ministry, especially as mature Christians are challenged into greater opportunities for service.

**Experience**

Church service: Interim Pastor, Timberland, South Bend, IN, 2007; Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, AZ, 1992-2006; Happywoods Church of God, Hammond, LA, 1986-1992; Country Chapel, Michigantown, IN, 1980-86; Associate Pastor, Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ, 1979-1980; Intern, Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ.

Church of God General Conference service: Youth camp staff, 1975-present; Quiz Director; 1982-87, 1998-2000; Adult Quarterly writer, 1980-present; Adult Quarterly editor 1988-1990; General Conference Board of Directors 1999-2003; Ministerial Recognition Board, 2003-present (currently chairman, term expires in 2008).

Other professional experience: Corporate Recruiter, Competent Search, 2003-present; Project Coordinator, Thompson Newspapers, 1997-1999; various journalist positions, 1984-present.

Education and Certifications: Certified coach with Coachnet, April 2007. Certified in Natural Church Development, October 2000. Graduated Oregon Bible College, 1978.

Personal: Born Nov. 23, 1955 in Wilmington, Ohio to Dwaine and Joyce Demmitt. Baptized July, 1969. Married Karen Circle, August 18, 1979. Three children,

Daniel, 24. Allison Valenzuela, 22, and Michael, 15.

**STEVEN KNAPP**

Steven is nominated by the Michigan State Conference. Steven is 56 years old, and has been married to the former Norma Davis for 35 years in August. He has three children and three grandchildren. He grew up in the Pennellwood Church of God, and is presently an Elder, Chairman of the Executive Board, and Sunday School Teacher at the Garden Park Church of God. He has an Associates Degree in Business Administration with a minor in computer programming, and is employed as a Senior Computer Operations Analyst for Spartan Stores, a multi-billion dollar food retailer/wholesaler. He is currently the President of the Michigan State Conference. His goals as a Director are expressed in the following statement:

“While I have always been a supporter of the General Conference and Bible College in prayer and finances, have served on a past GC planning committee and been involved with and promoted many programs of the conference and college on various levels, I believe that I need to do more to support and direct the future of the Church of God in the time remaining before the Lord’s return. In a time of increasing neglect for the truths of God’s word by people around the world, I believe we have the commission to continue our proclamation of those truths in every way that we can. The current situation of overcrowding at Atlanta Bible College

facilities, while a good thing in one sense, must be dealt with in such a way that we encourage continued growth of the student body’s knowledge, spirituality, and numbers. The future of the Churches of God in this country and abroad, and increasing His Kingdom, are dependent upon the educational opportunities that must be provided and expanded soon, or we may lose the “moment” for dramatic growth in reaching the lost throughout the world. While an increased staff at the college may be a good thing to look for in a growth plan, leveraging the use of the current and future staff we have through well-planned technological advances could dramatically improve the current and future programs offered by the college to those both near and far away from the actual college site. God has blessed us in great and amazing ways already. I would like to do my part to help continue and direct the momentum of His work through the Church of God General Conference and Atlanta Bible College as a member of the Board of Directors.”

**ROBERT E. MORRISON, JR.**

Robert is nominated by the Indiana State Conference. He was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana. He was baptized into the Church of God in 1973. Bob attended Oregon Bible College in 1977/78 and was married the following year to Marilyn K. Taylor. Bob and Marilyn have raised two children, Annie (Wagganer) and Joshua, and in the past three years they have been blessed with three

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grandchildren (Hannah, R.J., and Blake) with a fourth due to be born in September.

Bob has worked for Caterpillar for the past 25 years in various positions in Quality. He has held positions in Inspection, Planning, Supervision, was a Supplier Quality Engineer for 4 years, and most recently has a position of 6 Sigma Black Belt as a project manager.

Bob has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Master's in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. Bob's MSM thesis work was on servant leadership style of management. He is keenly aware of the need for continuing education and sees a great need in the church for programs for adult full-time workers. Bob also taught several business classes for I.W.U. after graduation and plans on pursuing a career in ministry and teaching after retirement.

Bob has served the churches he has attended in various roles over the years. He served as Youth Leader and Deacon at Faith Chapel in Lafayette, was an Elder at Country Chapel for 4 years and at New Hope in Lafayette for 9 years, and has filled the pulpit in several churches as needed for the past 30 years. He currently is serving as worship leader and teacher at New Covenant Bible Church in Indianapolis.

Bob believes strongly in the COG's Kingdom message and sees it as essential to proclaim to a lost world. He envisions a time

when the college is located across the world in several locations using satellite campuses staffed by the church leaders in those areas. Bob sees a need to engage local congregations in the process of raising up leaders from their own regional locations using ABC and the conference as the resource to accomplish its objectives. While a physical campus is necessary to maintain the COG's college identity, Bob feels the days of the church membership sending only its youth to a single campus in order to train its members for ministry, may not totally meet the needs of the church of the future. To meet a changing demographic, the college and conference may need to explore new methods of training its future leaders to include adult leaders who are called to serve where they are. Bob would like to see the Board of Directors begin pursuing non-traditional means of providing education by expanding the traditional college campus to many locations and provide more training via the Internet as many other Christian colleges are beginning to do. Bob senses a desire from many church members to gain education through practical experiences provided by their local church while being supported by ABC—education that may not be feasible for many by means of traditional college classes. To summarize Bob's focus if elected: he has a strong desire to explore new ways of training future leaders in order to be able to effectively get the truth of the Kingdom of God to a world in desperate need of this message.

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**CHRISTY ROSS**

Christy has been nominated by the Ministerial Association for a position on the Board of Directors. Christy is a 1993 graduate of Atlanta Bible College. She also holds a BA from Gustavus Adolphus College and an MSW from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Christy is the Associate Pastor of the Jaynes Street Church in Omaha, Nebraska. She is married to Jeff Wibel and they have two children (Maret age 10 and Eli age 7). In addition to working at Jaynes Street, Christy has taught freshmen level courses at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and worked there in academic advising and personal counseling. Areas of special interest for Christy include worship, women's ministry, youth ministry and the emerging church. Christy supports a strong academic program for Atlanta Bible College as well as adequate opportunity for service and experiential learning. She is a strong advocate for Pastors and churches and sees the General Conference as an excellent resource and support system for both. Due to a family commitment made prior to being nominated by the Ministerial Association for this position, Christy regrets that she is unable to attend General Conference this summer. However, she looks forward to the opportunity to serve the General Conference, Atlanta Bible College, and the churches as a member of the board should she be elected. ■

I've been working with students for the past 18 years. I've been a Senior Pastor for the past 11 years. That makes me sound old. In fact, I am getting older. To students, I'm no longer the hip, young, 20-something. Now, I'm more like their uncle.

We like to think of ourselves as forever young, but the fact is that with each passing year, I'm more and more the middle-aged pastor. At some point I'll stop thinking about how long I've been a pastor, and I'll start thinking about how long I have left to pastor. So what happens to my church then? Do they start from scratch? Or is there anything I can do now to ensure a smooth pastoral transition then?

It was thoughts like those that got me thinking about the succession of leadership. I've heard it said that success in ministry is about succession in ministry. So I started thinking about succession, passing the baton, setting my church up for years of ministry beyond me. I know, I'm only in my 30's, but it's never too early to start thinking ahead. It's important to replace yourself.

So through my interaction with students each year, I've been keeping my eyes open for students who have a heart for ministry, solid character, and a passion for Christ. There are many, but one student with whom I have good chemistry is Graysen Pack from the Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer, SC. In fact, when I first met Graysen he was probably in middle school, but we crossed paths again through Fuel each summer. I'd like to think that there

was some master plan of ministry, but it was more of a slowly developing picture.

Graysen and I had talked in the past over what God was doing in his life and his sense of calling to ministry. Through various conversations, he asked if he could spend a few weeks in Ohio. He thought he was interested in ministry, but what exactly did full-time ministry look like? At that point, he was just interested in shadowing me to find out what full-time ministry was like. So we arranged for him to spend about two weeks with us at North Hills.

Since that time, our conversations



North Hills' summer intern Graysen Pack.

have continued, and he still feels called to ministry. And it seems that God is pointing our church and Graysen in the same direction for this season of life. One of the valuable things about having a summer-intern is that it gives the student a short-term ministry experience before he has to choose a career path. And it gives the church a chance to have an extended interview with a potential future employee.

Graysen really connected well with our church last summer, so we've made the decision to invest

in his ministry growth over time. We invited him back this summer, not just for two weeks, but for 13 weeks . . . an entire summer. We've given him some specific areas of responsibility: worship, high school students, young adults, and technology. As he works in those areas, I oversee, and together we shape what happens. Each week we meet to talk about the "next step" for him and the church. I guess you could call it a staff meeting.

As his pastor, my goal is to pour into him spiritually and professionally. Graysen is not only learning and growing, but pouring into our church as well. Everyone seems to benefit—and it's a great learning experience for our church as well . . . They are learning what it means to support multiple staff members, without having to commit to hiring someone full-time right away. A sort of step-up program.

Graysen is still in the midst of his college education, so he'll head back to school this fall, but our intention is to bring him back the summer after that as well (2008). Then he'll be graduating in Spring 2009, and we'll hopefully be in a position to extend a full-time position to Graysen at that time. Maybe the Lord will have Graysen pointed in a new direction, but in the meantime, we'll continue to invest in each other. Our church had to take a step of faith, but we've grown in the process, too. No matter where Graysen ends up in ministry, the investment is well worth it. God's Kingdom benefits, our church benefits, and Graysen benefits. It's a win-win situation. ■

## CWS '07

### Enjoying a week away in the Tennessee mountains!

As Spring was breaking out in April, 131 of us thoroughly enjoyed our week away together in Gatlinburg, Tennessee! Under the theme, "Sharpening the Axe," we learned how to be better prepared as God's instruments in ministry. Through early morning devotions, several classes and evening messages, we received practical teaching to help us both grow spiritually and build our ministry skills. During meals and plenty of free time we were able to renew old friendships and explore new ones. With additional opportunities for sightseeing, shopping, hiking, etc., we took full advantage of our time away from the "hustle and bustle" of a typical week at home. We wish all of you could have been there with us!

Please join us next year for CWS '08. See the brief details below and begin making your plans now for a week away next Spring!



Gary Turner -  
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one (1) to a room - \$539/person

## An Interview with Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God Author and Illustrator Angela Moore & Casey Kiel

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**RH/PJ: How did the concept for “Maggie” originate?** (Angela)

I had actually been praying about it quite awhile before I sat down to write the story. For the last year before I wrote Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God, I had been studying the Kingdom and wondering what God was going to have me do with it. I had always thought I might get the opportunity to pursue a career in writing when my last two little ones started school, and that God would give me the topics to write about when the season was right for our family. However, when I began to study the Kingdom with a passion that I had never experienced before, I had a suspicion that God was working on my heart and mind with a purpose. I remember praying, “not *doctrine*, God!” I wasn’t entirely enthusiastic at first! I enjoyed studying the Kingdom and I believed it with all my heart. But to step out and write something on it, when I obviously wasn’t a Bible scholar, really was stepping out of my comfort zone, to say the least!

**RH/PJ: Why did you write “Maggie”?** (Angela)

I really wanted a resource to teach my own children the truth about the Kingdom of God—one that was Scripturally accurate, easy to understand, and one that covered all the basics that I was already verbally teaching them. I also wanted something that I could give to my friends’ children, knowing my friends would read along with their kids and possibly be touched, also. I am an evangelist at heart, so this story would serve as my window to approach people, with a tool that was non-offensive and innocent! When I originally wrote the story down, I really wasn’t

thinking about actually having the book published. I was just handing out the manuscript to friends to facilitate discussions with them.

**RH/PJ: How did you and Casey meet and begin your collaboration on this book?**

(Angela) Tony and I had just visited Ohio where the Brush Creek COG pastor told me about the new church plant holding their first worship service in Indianapolis, which is about an hour’s drive from where we live. Tony and I decided to go! After the service, I began talking to Kay Kizer, who also had



grown up in my home church, the Macomb, Illinois, Church of God. She mentioned seeing Tim Jones recently at Timberland. I said, “speaking of Tim Jones, I gave him a manuscript for a children’s book about the Kingdom of God.” I’ll never forget the moment when Kay looked me in the eye and said, “I just got goose bumps! Casey, my daughter, just graduated and wants to illustrate children’s books.” Kay then made the introductions and that very afternoon, I e-mailed Casey my manuscript and she e-mailed me examples of her artwork

that evening. Her style was perfect, exactly what I had been looking for. Things moved quickly after that!

**RH/PJ: What did you think when you met Angela for the first time and she proposed her children’s book idea to you?** (Casey)

To be entirely truthful, I didn’t have an “Oh-my-goodness-this-is-God-speaking-to-me!” moment when Angela first proposed the idea of collaborating. We had just been introduced and were standing in the lobby when she pitched her concept to me. She was an unarguably passionate and Godly woman, one whom I could tell instantly I would certainly enjoy befriending and working with. But I had talked before with numerous other talented COG members about illustrating material for our denomination, but nothing had ever come of it. For one reason or another, the potential projects just never came to fruition. So, given my past experiences, when this random woman asked if I’d be interested, I thought to myself, “sure . . . we’ll see.” She asked if she could e-mail me her manuscript and, of course, I was looking forward to reading it, if she did happen to actually send it. That afternoon I was shocked to discover in my inbox a long letter from Angela Moore, complete with an attached manuscript. I thought to myself, “Wow, she’s really serious!” In the following months I came to discover what an understatement that was! We began an intense correspondence, and one short week after meeting I found myself leaning over my drawing board sketching pictures I had taken of her daughter. All the

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# **Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God!**©



Written by Angela Moore; Illustrated by Casey Kiel

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while, I felt so thankful that God had brought us together in this way and given me this awesome opportunity.

**RH/PJ: How would you describe your experience working with Casey?** (Angela) Just a few days later after meeting Casey for the first time, she and her children were at my house to discuss the book and take photographs she would later use for her illustrations. I believe it was a match made in heaven, literally! I felt like I had always known her, and by the end of the day, we were sitting at the piano singing worship songs! She became, not only the illustrator, but a friend. Casey has a bubbly and friendly personality that really made working on the book fun. We did most of our work and correspondence through e-mails, so late at night, I would wait for the next illustration to download on my computer from

hers in Indianapolis. (We were both night owls.) It was a thrilling experience. Seeing Casey's illustrations brought my vision of "Maggie" to life.

**RH/PJ: Why did you agree to illustrate "Maggie?"** (Casey) Actually, I had been praying for quite some time that God would offer this opportunity to serve Him in this way. I had already written and illustrated a Christian children's book of my own and even though it was a lot of work, I truly felt that this was how God wanted me to honor Him. I have particularly longed, especially since the birth of my son, to have a children's book specific to our unique doctrine. It's so exciting that there is one now! And it's icing on the cake that I got the privilege of being involved in making it happen.

**RH/PJ: Did you have any problems or concerns that you**

**and Angela had to address with creating the illustrations?** (Casey) I think we both felt passionate about remaining as Scripturally accurate as we could be. So it was a blessing and a help that we were united in vision. Now, translating that exact vision on to paper was sometimes the challenging part! Fortunately, Angela was willing to risk confrontation in order to preserve the quality of the final book. And I think we came out with a better product because of it. We also struggled to interpret the Scripture in a way that would illuminate and not alienate. We know everyone has a different vision of the Kingdom, even when utilizing the same text as a reference. So it was sometimes a challenge to decide what details to include and what to leave to the reader's imagination. Ultimately, we pretty much adapted a less-is-more attitude, but still question what other details we

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## An Interview with Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God Author and Illustrator Angela Moore & Casey Kiel *continued...*

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could have successfully added.

**RH/PJ: How long did the process take, from concept to book form?** (Angela) I wrote the story in March, 2006. I think it was in June, when I first sent my manuscript to Pastor Rex Cain. Rex had been my pastor at Macomb COG when I was growing up, baptizing me when I was almost 14, and performing the marriage ceremony for Tony and I at Pleasant Hill COG with Pastor Scott Deane. Rex proofread "Maggie" for me and made sure all my doctrine and Scriptures were stated correctly. At the time, I thought if he gave me a positive response, and didn't laugh me out of the park, I might take it to the next step of getting it published. (If he laughed, I never knew it!) So, in late July, I provided the manuscript to Tim Jones, and met Casey and began the illustrations by October. Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God was released in March, 2007, exactly one year after I sat on our front porch swing and wrote it.

**RJ/PJ: Did you have any idea how God might use this children's book to reach out to others?** (Casey) Oh, yes. I keep telling this story, but back when I was in High School, I had a friend who was completely foreign to the Bible or any type of religion. I gave her a Bible once and even took the time to point out verses and stories. Months later, she was over at my house and discovered an illustrated Bible in a comic book format. She poured over it all evening. She told me later how she had felt too overwhelmed by the Bible I had given her and had

never opened it after she'd went home. But after reading through the picture Bible she felt up to tackling the actual Bible again. She had never even heard the full story of Adam and Eve. I knew then the power an illustrated book could have on people of all ages. After the first time I read Maggie Seeks the Kingdom of God to my four year old, he added "and please bring the Kingdom down here now" in his prayers. There is no telling the long term effects a simple children's story can bring.

**RJ/PJ: What has been the most exciting thing that has happened so far, because of "Maggie?"** (Angela) I think the most exciting thing was when Casey and I were invited into my children's PUBLIC elementary school to give a speaking presentation about the book. We were allowed to sell the book and we also distributed the "Maggie" bookmarks, which are almost as great as a tract! To touch the hearts of the children in my own community, friends and neighbors, has been such a dear blessing that God has given me. I am truly grateful.

**RJ/PJ: What have you witnessed God doing in your life because of "Maggie?"** (Casey) Spiritually, it has reawakened a passion in me for outreach. I think the weight of finishing school, folding clothes, and changing diapers, had begun to put a damper on my evangelical spirit. This project has reminded me that it isn't just my privilege to use the gifts God's given me. It is my obligation. Professionally, "Maggie" has led me to begin more seriously pursuing this as a career. I have recently established myself on the Internet, at

www.CaseyKiel.com, and I have just begun work on another Christian children's book, due to be released in October, 2007.

**RJ/PJ: How do you envision the Church of God being able to fully utilize a resource like "Maggie?"** (Angela) It would be an awesome thing if people's passions were renewed for the Kingdom of God and to see it as our individual responsibility to share this great news with the people whom God has placed in our lives. It would be incredible to think that a sweet and simple little children's book just might be the avenue that people can use to approach that person next door with the Gospel of the Kingdom message!

**RJ/PJ: What would you wish everyone could know about "Maggie?"** (Casey) I wish everyone, including me, could know God like Maggie knows God: passionately, innocently, and with an insatiable curiosity.

**RJ/PJ: If you could share something with the Church of God church family, what would it be?** (Angela) I think I am still in the learning process of how to effectively, but gently, humbly, and non-defensively, share my faith with others. I want to be more confident in Christ and more bold in opening my mouth to speak God's truths to others in love. I hope that Casey and I are bringing Glory to His Name, the one and only living God. Hopefully, through this experience, we will stir others in the COG to take their stand to do the same. Praise His Holy Name! ■

## ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

- B111DL – Old Testament Survey I (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs  
 B112DL – Old Testament Survey II (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs  
 B113DL – New Testament Survey I (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – DVDs  
 B114DL – New Testament Survey II (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – DVDs  
 B161DL – Basic Bible Doctrine (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – Video/Internet/E-mail  
 B221DL – Pentateuch (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs/E-mail  
 B222DL – History and Major Prophets (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Videos/Internet/E-mail  
 B224DL – History and Minor Prophets (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Videos/Internet/E-mail
- B242DL – Gospel of John (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – Videos/Internet/E-mail  
 B342DL – Acts (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Reading/Writing Assignments  
 B461DL – Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Roller) – DVDs  
 B470DL – Evangelical Theology (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs/E-mail  
 M112DL – Introduction to Ministry/Leadership (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Cheatwood) – DVDs  
 M121DL – Christian Education Principles/Practice (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Rebekah Martin) – DVDs  
 M141DL – Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism and Discipling (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh)  
 Videos/Workbook
- M/B230DL – Why I Believe (Apologetics) (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Finnegan) – DVDs/E-mail  
 M242DL – Evangelism and Missions (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Internet/E-mail  
 M281DL – Mission Perspectives (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Reading/Workbook  
 M362DL – New Testament Preaching (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs  
 M372DL – Church Leadership (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Riley) – DVDs  
 M384DL – Small Group Ministry (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Workbooks/Readings  
 M443DL – Church Planting (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Tapes/Workbook  
 M473DL – Pastoral/Church Leadership and Administration (Martin) (2 Sem. Hrs.) – DVDs  
 G181DL – Personal Finance (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Workbook/Internet/E-mail  
 G261DL – Greek I (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – DVDs  
 G271DL – Church History I (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Graham) – DVDs

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redistributed the responsibilities for work among the staff. Robin Taylor has been a member of the staff for two years and is assuming the role of Accounting Manager. Gary will be spending a much larger portion of his time on building and maintaining relationships with our constituency and less time in supporting our business operations. I have a great deal of trust that both of these staff members will flourish

in these re-defined roles. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to use their talents for the Lord's work.

One of the College's big assets is the library and associated General Conference archives. Jan Stilson has been providing invaluable assistance in updating the library and making sure we have the necessary tools to maintain it. Jan and her husband Eugene are here

for a week-long working visit at this time, and I want to personally thank her for the dedication she has shown in helping us protect this valuable resource.

May each one of you be blessed during this summer season. Thank you for all the prayers and financial support you provide to support the ministries of the General Conference. ■

## CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS . . .

### GUTHRIE GROVE

Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, Pelzer, SC, is beginning its search for an Associate Pastor. Located in a rural setting, but near growing cities of the Upstate, Guthrie Grove is seeking an individual with a love for the Truth and for the lost to work with the pastor and congregation in ministering to those in our church family and community. For more information please contact Mike Montgomery at (864) 947-7660 (405 Guthrie Grove Ch. Rd., Pelzer, 29669; [mymimont@charter.net](mailto:mymimont@charter.net)).



### CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone Bible Church, McDonough, GA is looking for a Pastor. If you have an interest in being considered for this position, please contact David Krogh: [dkrogh@abc-coggc.org](mailto:dkrogh@abc-coggc.org) or by phone at 404-362-0052. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill Church of God is searching for a Pastor to work with our dedicated members. Our church is in a country setting but has access to Community Colleges. Please contact Shirley Wood, 16093 Maple Ave., Belle Center, Ohio 43310; Telephone 937-842-2803; e-mail: [sandwood@bright.net](mailto:sandwood@bright.net).

### BLANCHARD

The Blanchard Church of God in Blanchard, Michigan is currently seeking a growth-oriented pastor. We are an established church with approximately 40 dedicated people with great growth potential in the surrounding area. Interested pastors may call Elder/Chairman of the Board, Terry Kunst, at 989-560-1268 or e-mail him at: [terry@mtpleasantagency.com](mailto:terry@mtpleasantagency.com).

### HAPPYWOODS CHURCH

The congregation of the Happywoods Church is seeking a full-time Pastor. We are a relatively small congregation and are located in the community of Hammond, LA. This area is in the southeast tip of Louisiana and currently has a population of approximately 100,000 people within relatively easy driving distance of the church. Our area is located in the center of the I-12 corridor, which is predicted to grow to over 2.5 million people within the next 30 or so years. We have a new and newly renovated facility of 12,000 sq. ft. of space that needs lots of people to serve.

Our congregation has been involved with our community in the past and looks forward to growing in the community and in faith. If you are interested in pastoring in an environment, which is both challenging and invigorating, where you and the church can grow both numerically and spiritually through outreach, please think of us.

For more information, please contact Elder Charles Bottolfs at 985-542-1555 or via e-mail at [cgbottolfs@bellsouth.net](mailto:cgbottolfs@bellsouth.net). Or you may contact Elder John Fauntleroy at 985-345-7134. Both phones take messages and you will be contacted. You may also write to us at the following address: C. G Bottolfs, 43137 Happywoods Road, Hammond, LA 70403

**CONGER STREET CHURCH OF GOD** is in need of a Pastor. We are looking for a part-time Pastor to work with our small group of dedicated members. Please contact: Danny McGowan - [dantheman5169@aol.com](mailto:dantheman5169@aol.com) - 2672 Logan Ave.



# Verses to Live By

By Jim Mattison

## 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**“In everything give thanks: for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

We owe everything to God. He made us, He sustains us, He loves us, and He offers us eternal life in great happiness in His coming Kingdom. The only things He wants back from us in return are our thanks and our love. It is His will that we be thankful for every blessing, temporal and spiritual, knowing in our hearts that no matter what the affliction, we have much greater cause for thankfulness than complaint. Jesus bought joy for us as well as righteousness. “It is the design of the gospel, that being saved from guilt, we should be happy in the love of Christ” (Benson, 1841).

There is another verse that gives the same idea. “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). Rejoicing and giving thanks is the Christian spirit. How can we go around with a long and sorrowful face when we remember what our God and our Lord Jesus has done for us? Christians have every reason to rejoice! The hymn, “Count Your Blessings” was written to emphasize this very theme.

The two verses that precede our above verse are: “Rejoice always,” and “Pray without ceasing.”

Then follows: “In everything give thanks.” These three—rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks, are connected. When we think of the

goodness of God to us, our hearts overflow with joy—we are so thankful, and we offer our heartfelt prayer to God. Whenever He does something good for us we say, “Thank You, Lord.”

This is, first, a private relationship between us and our God and our Lord. Secondly, it is a Christian attitude toward other people. It is the desire of God that we thank other people for the good we receive from them. And this we are glad to do. “Thank you. Thank you.” Thankfulness is a warm communication between individuals.

It is not for the problem, or sickness, or affliction that we give thanks. We give thanks because all things work for good for those who love God, and because we know God will not allow too great a problem to overcome us as we trust in Him. He will make a way out of it. It is because of God’s precious promises that we give thanks.

It is part of the godly makeup that we really want to thank God for everything He does for us. The whole creation rejoices at the goodness of God, said David. This reminds me of the Luke 19:37-40 passage. As Jesus was approaching, the disciples began to praise God for the miracles Christ was performing that brought such relief and happiness to so many sufferers. “Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord!” Some of the Pharisees objected to this. Jesus replied, “If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Thinking of God’s kindness and Jesus’ offering His life for ours, all we can say is,

“Thank God! Thank God! Thank God!” ■

**Record Breaking Attendance**

The spring semester at ABC and ABCKE set another record with a total of 150 students taking courses for academic credit and 9 additional students who stayed over after the Theological Conference in April to take a class on the “Destiny of the Righteous” as a continuing education class with Anthony Buzzard.

**Graduation**

The semester came to a great conclusion with the 64<sup>th</sup> graduation service on May 18. **Twenty-one** students received diplomas:



Seven students received Foundation Certificates: Lillian Ayieko (Kenya), Andre Bean (Bermuda), Shawn Cooper (Arkansas), Josh Deane (Ohio), Ann Harris (Georgia), Hope Kirkpatrick (Minnesota), and Cyprian Maturu (Kenya).

Degree in Civil Engineering, just graduated from ABC with a Bachelor of Theology Degree. Dr. James Sennett from Peachtree City, GA will be teaching World Religions, a class in which he will review the



Several staff members took part in the program in addition to Pastor Lawrence Lockett, the father of graduate Rachel Lockett, and Pastor Alan Cain, brother of graduate, Dan Cain. Alan presented the message entitled “Simple Shepherds.” Over 100 family and friends of the graduates attended the ceremony. Refreshments were provided after the program.



“top ten religions” of the world. Dr. Sennett has his PhD from the University of Nebraska and his Master of Divinity from Lincoln Christina Seminary. He has written extensively in the field of Philosophy of Religion and Science and Religion. He is a friend of Greg Demmitt, one of our pastors.

Seven students received Bachelors Degrees: Sammy Chacha (Kenya), Dan Cain (Ohio), Rachel Lockett (Georgia), Anne Mbeke (Kenya), Kim Musch (Illinois-Georgia), Job Wainaina (Kenya), and Brian Wright (Georgia).

**Next Semester**

Many new students have already enrolled for the next semester which will start with a block class on August 13-17 and the regular classes that will begin on August 20.

**Distance Learning**

Each semester we continue to add additional Distance Learning courses. We will soon have nearly all of the courses available for our Associates Degree in Theology and Ministry. ■

Seven students received Associates Degrees: Kyle Casey (Ohio), Jennifer Deane (Ohio), Lacey Dunn (Missouri), J.J. Fletcher (South Carolina), Deborah Garritson (Georgia), Geneva Jordan (Georgia), and Annette Williams (Georgia).



Two new instructors will be teaching this semester: Brian Wright, who attends our Restoration Church of God in Fayetteville, GA, will be teaching our Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics) course. Brian who had previously earned a Bachelor’s

# Honor Roll

**Congratulations** to the following students for their academic accomplishments during the past semester:

## **Honor Roll – 3.0 to 3.49 grade point average**

Bun Soon An  
In Wu Chea  
Sung Woong Cho  
Hyo Sun Chung  
Jung Hwa Hong  
Jong Hyun Hwang  
Ju Li Hwang  
Kyong Ok Hyon  
Hoon Kim  
In Kyoung Kim  
Hope Kirkpatrick  
Young Hwan Kong  
Chang Ho Lee  
Hak Leun Lee

Joo Chan Lee  
Mi Sook Lee  
Cyprian Maturu  
Jae Song Moon  
Mi Ok Moon  
Jae Yeong Kim  
Mi Na Park  
Seong Hee Kim  
Jae Il Park  
Ju Young Park  
Song Dok Park  
You Sun Shin  
Dong Ho Sin

## **High Honor Roll – 3.5 grade point average and above**

Miranda Baldwin  
Andre Bean  
Dan Cain  
Kyle Casey  
Ok Hyeon Choi

Shawn Cooper  
Ki Young Jang  
Jung Sim Ji  
Hee Sun Jun  
Dong Hyun Kang  
Bong Sung Kim  
Ho Boon Kim  
Yeong Beom Kim  
Ji Won Lee  
Jong Jae Lee  
Myung Joo Lyu  
Anne Mbeke  
Han Jin Oh  
Ok Oh  
Hyun Sook Park  
Jeong Ho Park  
Jin Sook Park  
Bok Soon Sung  
Jung Sook Won  
Brian Wright  
Hyo Jin Yoo

## ★ For Sale ★

**Collection of records and album sets in excellent condition. From Atlanta Bible College Library. 78s and LPs spanning 1930s to 1970s. Classical, Pop, Country, some Rock N Roll, Jazz and Blues. All records are in their original sleeves. Asking \$1/album, \$2 per multi-record sets; plus shipping charges. About 1,000 albums in total collection. Call Gary Burnham, 1-800-347-4261 for additional information.**



## **Amazon Wish List**

When everyone pools their resources amazing things can happen! A wish list has been created on Amazon.com. The wish list contains books that cover topics and issues that are crucial to youth ministry and leadership. These books will be made available to our students and staff at Atlanta Bible College to enrich their education. This list can be seen by going to [www.tpym.com](http://www.tpym.com) and clicking on the Amazon Wish List button. Book donations do not need to be brand new or directly purchased from Amazon. We appreciate your contributions.

The Korean Extension had another great semester this Spring with 94 students and 9 staff members. The students are very happy for what they learn and how they are cared for and respected. By the way, all of them are very excited about the plan of having a new campus facility near to their home town. Some students even said, "thanks!" as soon as they heard the news. We positively expect that

Korea). We presented the background of the Conference and the College including the Abrahamic Faith and the school system, which is much different than that of Korea. We also presented video taped material of classes, facility, staff members, and other student activities such as, having authentic Korean food for lunch, etc.



Seoul, capital city of Korea.

The number of participants were

expect. Many families of the existing students came and had the opportunity to know about the school where their sons and daughters have been studying. It is approximately 7,500 sky miles between Korea and ABC. Many questions were asked and answered. Young received many complementary words from the mothers of the existing students for providing authentic Korean food to their children.



Seminar for Pastors in Korea.

most of the students will return for the Fall Semester.

Right after the final exam, May 8th, Steve and Young An traveled to Korea. This year we had the first ABCKEI (Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension Invitational) on May 12 in Seoul (capital city of Korea) and on May 19 in Cheong Joo (known as an educational city in

less than we expected because of the Virginia Tech incident. Three churches did not come to the Invitational, but each of them invited us to their churches on Wednesdays and Sundays and we could do the same program we did at the invitational.

One good thing happened in the invitational which we did not

Presently, our prayer is to have 120 students for the Fall Semester and we are actually preparing to accommodate that number of students. Please, don't forget to include the Korean Extension ministry in your prayer list. Thank you very much and God bless you and your ministry. ■



Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension students and faculty.

## Finance—Explanation of Accounts in the Budget

The budgets proposed include both a revision of the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 adopted by the delegates at the 2006 Summer Conference and a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

### Income

1. **General Contributions** – non-specific giving by individuals, churches, and conferences
2. **G. C. – Devises & Bequests** – the College/Conference is the recipient of annuity payments on a contract of a deceased member
3. **ABC Boosters** – an annual giving program that raises funds for the College
4. **Christian Education Materials** – includes all sales of Quarterlies & Kingdom Quest materials
5. **Books** – cost of books purchased for resale
6. **“Age to Come” Media Products** – video products and study aides being produced by the Conference
7. **Theological Journals** – *A Journal From the Radical Reformation* is currently \$24/year
8. **Sale of Assets** – non-recurring sales of property or assets
9. **Tuition** – income is based upon growth in enrollment and increased tuition rate
10. **Korean Extension Tuition** – income is based upon growth in enrollment and increased tuition rate
11. **ABCDF Transfer In** – transfer of investment income from the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation. *This transfer was suspended from FY 2004-2005 forward because of declines in the stocks, bonds, and other assets that make up the Foundation. Some funds will be transferred in the next FY since the asset value has recovered to the \$1,000,000 level*
12. **Lodging** – rent received from residential properties of the College
13. **Washers/Dryers** – income from laundry facilities in apartment building
14. **Rentals** – **ABC Plant** – rent received from use of the administration building
15. **Late Fees/Rent** – interest income, registration and other fees from students
16. **Fees** – charges for specific programs for college students, such as seminars or educational events
17. **Interest** – money earned on checking account through the year

18. **Conferences & Workshops** – miscellaneous income and revenues from seminars or training events
19. **Transferred In** – amounts transferred in from Restricted Funds for Missions Support & income from the Church Builders Appeal designated for Atlanta Bible College

### Expenses

1. **Salaries and Wages** – compensation for all full-time and part-time staff, student employees, paid committee staff, and some writers/editors for publications. Full-time staff in the Atlanta area are co-employed by ADP, an employment service that provides tax compliance, legal compliance assistance, employment services, and benefit provisions
2. **FICA Tax** – required payment of employer taxes on all employees not covered by ADP.
3. **Employee Benefits** – tax coverage, health insurance premiums, Workers Compensation, and other charges for co-employed ADP employees, as well as conference premiums for Ministers’ Voluntary Retirement Association for some employees
4. **Assistance to Churches** – funds provided to churches granted Church Development Aid
5. **Ministerial Association** – support for programs and expenses of the Ministerial Association
6. **Youth Program** – funding to subsidize the cost of Turning Point Youth Ministries and the summer FUEL event
7. **Printing and Binding** – includes all materials printed by the College/Conference, such as Kingdom Quest, and the binding of permanent materials for the Library
8. **Postage and Shipping** – shipping charges for *The Restitution Herald & Progress Journal*, *A Journal from the Radical Reformation*, tracts, books, and all correspondence
9. **Book Store** – textbooks and other materials, which are purchased for resale
10. **Clayton Rebates** – during the first three semesters of education, ABC students who attend Clayton College and State University are eligible for a rebate to help offset the out of state tuition until they can establish residency
11. **Advertising – Recruitment** – includes newspaper, television, radio advertising (telephone calls, travel, printing, and postage are included under other line items)

12. **ABC Korean Extension Support** – expenses associated with the providing for the expense budget of the ABC Korean Extension
13. **Library Periodicals** – journals and other magazines for the Library collection
14. **Library Books** – newly published books are acquired to keep the Library collection up to date
15. **Staff Periodicals, Books & Dues** – a small allowance is provided to staff to purchase resource material for classes and to participate in professional organizations
16. **Staff Training** – staff members are provided opportunities to enhance their skills in areas associated with their responsibilities
17. **Travel** – includes travel for Board members, advisory committees, special boards and committees, student groups, and staff
18. **Motor Vehicles** – license plates, insurance, and maintenance for vehicles
19. **Office Supplies & Expense** – paper, printer cartridges, stationery, envelopes, etc., and supplies for Kingdom Quest and other products
20. **Professional Services** – costs of annual audit, as required by the Constitution and annual fees to accrediting association
21. **Telephone** – basic and long distance service, including the cost of all “800” number calls which are provided toll free to the caller; also includes internet data lines
22. **Insurance – Non-Plant** – liability insurance for employees and directors
23. **Supplies & Expense** – printing supplies, paper products, and other operational expenses
24. **Repairs & Maintenance – non-plant** – maintenance agreements and repairs for office and library equipment
25. **Utilities** – costs of electricity, water, etc.
26. **Insurance – Property** – costs of insurance for facilities
27. **Repairs/Maint – Plant** – costs for plant support and maintenance
28. **Furniture and Equipment** – includes all furniture, software, computers, and office machines
29. **Supplies/Exp – Plant** – cleaning supplies, restroom supplies, etc.
30. **Interest** – interest paid on funds borrowed from Restricted Funds
31. **Other** – miscellaneous charges. ■

## Proposed Income Budget for 2007 - 2008 and 2008 - 2009

Income Budget	Previously Adopted Budget	Amended Budget Request	Proposed Budget
	FY 2007-2008	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008 - 2009
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
General Contributions		\$400,600	\$480,600
Building Our Future Campaign		\$3,000	\$0
<i>Subtotal of Contributions</i>	<u>\$437,232</u>	<u>\$403,600</u>	<u>\$480,600</u>
G.C. - Devises & Bequests	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
ABC Boosters	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$18,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$459,232</b>	<b>\$425,600</b>	<b>\$503,600</b>
<b>SALES:</b>			
Christian Education Materials	\$27,940	\$21,000	\$21,000
Books	\$29,000	\$24,000	\$26,000
Restitution Herald	\$0	\$0	\$0
Age to Come Media Products	\$0	\$0	\$0
Theological Journal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$56,940</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Tuition	\$125,400	\$120,000	\$132,000
Korean Extension Tuition	\$253,000	\$323,633	\$355,997
ABC Development Foundation Support		\$25,125	\$50,000
Lodging	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$53,000
Washers/Dryers	\$900	\$900	\$900
Rentals - ABC Plant	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Late Fees/Rent	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Fees	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$455,800</b>	<b>\$547,158</b>	<b>\$617,397</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCOME:</b>			
Conferences & Workshops	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,200
Transferred In	\$30,000	\$23,250	\$18,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$31,100</b>	<b>\$24,450</b>	<b>\$19,200</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$1,006,072</b>	<b>\$1,045,208</b>	<b>\$1,191,197</b>

## Proposed Expense Budget for 2007 - 2008 and 2008 - 2009

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Expense Budget	Previously Adopted Budget	Amended Budget Request	Proposed Budget
STAFF:	FY 2007-2008	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
Salaries & Wages	\$517,306	\$554,183	\$594,808
F.I.C.A. Tax	\$8,400	\$8,200	\$8,610
Employee Benefits	<u>\$96,633</u>	<u>\$115,104</u>	<u>\$138,125</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$622,339</b>	<b>\$677,487</b>	<b>\$741,543</b>
<b>SERVICES:</b>			
Assistance to Churches	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ministerial Association	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600
Youth Program	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$33,600</b>	<b>\$31,600</b>	<b>\$32,600</b>
<b>SALES EXPENSE:</b>			
Printing & Binding	\$30,000	\$32,000	\$34,000
Postage & Shipping	\$17,000	\$14,000	\$15,000
Media Production Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Book Store	\$19,000	\$17,000	\$18,000
Royalties	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$66,000</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>	<b>\$67,000</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Clayton Rebate	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising--Recruitment	\$5,000	\$4,800	\$5,000
ABC Korean Extension Support	\$24,000	\$20,000	\$23,000
Library Periodicals	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,300
Library Books	\$1,500	\$800	\$1,200
Staff Periodicals, Books, Dues	\$800	\$1,800	\$2,100
Staff Training	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$34,800</b>	<b>\$32,400</b>	<b>\$37,600</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
Travel	\$34,000	\$49,000	\$56,000
Motor Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies & Expense	\$15,500	\$13,000	\$16,000
Professional Services	\$8,000	\$11,000	\$15,000
Telephone	\$24,000	\$25,000	\$26,000
Insurance - Non Plant	\$400	\$500	\$600
Supplies & Expense	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$7,000
Repairs/Maintenance - Non Plant	<u>\$26,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$113,900</b>	<b>\$124,500</b>	<b>\$132,600</b>
<b>PLANT EXPENSES:</b>			
Utilities	\$39,000	\$38,000	\$40,000
Insurance - Property	\$16,500	\$16,000	\$7,000
Repairs/Maintenance - Plant	\$18,000	\$11,000	\$6,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$19,000
Supplies/Expenses Plant	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$95,500</b>	<b>\$86,000</b>	<b>\$79,000</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	\$28,000	\$7,000	\$0
Other	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$1,002,139</b>	<b>\$1,029,987</b>	<b>\$1,102,343</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS (Income less Expense)</b>	<b>\$3,933</b>	<b>\$15,222</b>	<b>\$88,854</b>

## Income Report for May 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>This Month Variance</u>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
General Contributions	381,710	271,876	-109,834
Building Our Future Campaign	0	6,291	6,291
[Gen Contrib & BOF combined]		278,167	
G.C. - Devises & Bequests	4,583	27,690	23,107
ABC Boosters	14,667	7,143	-7,524
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>400,960</b>	<b>313,000</b>	<b>-87,960</b>
<b>SALES:</b>			
Christian Education Materials	23,283	22,332	-951
Books	24,750	25,681	931
Restitution Herald	0	0	0
Age to Come Media Products	0	36	36
Theological Journal	0	942	942
Sale of Assets	0	304	304
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>48,033</b>	<b>49,295</b>	<b>1,262</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Tuition	114,000	120,391	6,391
Korean Extension Tuition	230,000	305,200	75,200
Lodging	49,500	52,634	3,134
Washers/Dryers	825	1,667	842
Rentals - ABC Plant	9,167	5,890	-3,277
Late Fees/Rent	8,250	10,130	1,880
Fees	6,417	16,914	10,497
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>418,158</b>	<b>512,826</b>	<b>94,668</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCOME:</b>			
Conferences & Workshops	4,583	406	-4,177
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,583</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>-4,177</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	1,008	1,232	224
Transferred In	20,167	20,353	186
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>21,175</b>	<b>21,585</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>892,910</b>	<b>897,112</b>	<b>4,202</b>

### BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Total contributions since inception (2003): **279,057**

- These statements report College/Conference income and expense for July, 2006 through June, 2007.
- The "Budget" column in each report shows the year-to-date portion of the annual budget for each line item.
- The "Variance" column in each report shows the difference between the amount budgeted and the amount actually received (income) or spent (expense). A positive number in this column means the income or expense is better than budgeted. A negative number in this column means the income or expense is worse than budgeted.



## Expense Report for May 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>This Month Variance</u>
<b>STAFF:</b>			
Salaries & Wages	450,613	449,313	1,300
F.I.C.A. Tax	7,333	7,471	-138
Employee Benefits	77,027	92,397	-15,370
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>534,973</b>	<b>549,181</b>	<b>-14,208</b>
<b>SERVICES:</b>			
Assistance to Churches	11,000	6,900	4,100
Ministerial Association	8,800	13,168	-4,368
Youth Program	11,000	11,000	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30,800</b>	<b>31,068</b>	<b>-268</b>
<b>SALES EXPENSE:</b>			
Printing & Binding	26,583	32,422	-5,839
Postage & Shipping	13,750	9,685	4,065
Media Production Expenses	0	0	0
Book Store	16,500	15,270	1,230
Royalties	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>56,833</b>	<b>57,377</b>	<b>-544</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Clayton Rebate	0	0	0
Advertising--Recruitment	3,667	2,928	739
ABC Korean Extension Support	20,167	16,756	3,411
Library Periodicals	1,467	1,058	409
Library Books	917	384	533
Staff Periodicals, Books, Dues	688	1,400	-713
Staff Training	917	2,989	-2,072
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>27,821</b>	<b>25,515</b>	<b>2,306</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
Travel	30,250	51,133	-20,883
Motor Vehicles	0	127	-127
Office Supplies & Expense	12,833	11,201	1,632
Professional Services	7,333	11,777	-4,444
Telephone	20,167	19,021	1,146
Insurance - Non Plant	275	127	148
Supplies & Expense	5,042	6,731	-1,689
Repairs/Maintenance - Non Plant	22,917	15,664	7,253
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>98,817</b>	<b>115,781</b>	<b>-16,964</b>
<b>PLANT EXPENSES:</b>			
Utilities	33,917	30,710	3,207
Insurance - Property	16,000	15,981	19
Repairs/Maintenance - Plant	15,583	9,193	6,390
Furniture & Equipment	12,833	14,638	-1,805
Supplies/Expenses Plant	5,500	2,708	2,792
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>73,230</b>	<b>10,603</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	25,025	25,621	-596
Other	7,150	6,794	356
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32,175</b>	<b>32,415</b>	<b>-240</b>
Expense Total	865,252	884,567	-19,315
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)</b>	<b>27,658</b>	<b>12,545</b>	<b>-15,113</b>

# Church News

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## Baptisms

Missouri

*Fredericktown* – Nancy and Melissa Halbrook (4/18/07) by Pastor Jon T. Welch

North Carolina

*Hendersonville* – Stephanie Fyfe, David Jackson, and Lois Lyda (6/10/07) by Pastor Daniel Fyfe

South Carolina

*Bethel* – Jeff Pryor (5/13/07), Kathryn Elizabeth Fletcher (6/10/07) by Pastor Jeff Fletcher

*Guthrie Grove* – Jason Farr (4/1/07), Mike Wilson (5/27/07) by Pastor Mike Montgomery

## Marriages

Illinois

*Flagg Center* – Joshua Foster and Sare Alfano (5/25/07) by Pastor Gordon Landry

Missouri

*Fredericktown* – Art Brooks and Beth Stein (6/6/07) by Pastor Jon T. Welch

South Carolina

*Guthrie Grove* – Jason Farr and Shannon Hatchell (4/21/07) by Pastor Mike Montgomery

## Deaths

Colorado

*Arvada* – Daniel E. Graham, 57 (5/12/07), son of Pastor Ernest E., and the late Lois J. Graham

Minnesota

*Eden Valley* – Shirley Edwards, 80 (5/7/07). Service by Pastor Daniel Smead

South Carolina

*Guthrie Grove* – Ansel Guthrie (4/6/07). Service by Pastor Mike Montgomery; Robert Stephen “Steve” Young (4/13/07). Service by Pastors Mike Montgomery and Wally Winner; Watson Craft (4/19/07). Service by Pastors Mike Montgomery and Edward Bender

Virginia

*Front Royal* – Iva Mae Holt, 92 (6/17/07), long time faithful member. Service by Pastor Alva Huffer

*Warrenton* – Carolyn Morrison Chapman, 68 (5/8/07), long time faithful member. Service by Pastor Gary Burnham

Wisconsin

*Graytown* – Russell Hillman, 90 (6/5/07). Service by Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick

## CHECKING THE CALENDAR

July 10 - 26 - Africa Mission Trip

July 15 - 20 - FUEL - Youth event at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana

July 23 - Aug. 6 - Mexico Mission Trip

August 2 - 3 - 87th Annual General Conference in McDonough, Georgia

August 13-17 - Atlanta Bible College Block Class

August 20 - First day of regular Atlanta Bible College classes

April 6 - 11, 2008 - Christian Workers' Seminar in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

# Prayer & Praise

July 2007

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- 1 **Pray for Dustin Smith and his ministry at Timberland Bible Church.**
  - 2 Pray for Pastor James and Rebecca Ritch and the work at Lenoir, NC.
  - 3 **Pray that God might move the Church of God forward in new areas of ministry.**
  - 4 Pray for God's blessing on our country.
  - 5 **Pray that many will hear God's call into full-time Christian service.**
  - 6 Pray for the soon return of Jesus.
  - 7 **Praise God for the leadership of your church family.**
  - 8 Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ.
  - 9 **Praise God for efforts being made to plant new churches.**
  - 10 Pray for the Mission Team leaving for Africa today.
  - 11 **Pray for Pastor Jamie Engelbert at King's Corner Church in New York.**
  - 12 Pray for students considering enrollment at Atlanta Bible College.
  - 13 **Pray for Jon Cheatwood and the Youth Advisory Committee.**
  - 14 Praise God for the continuing opportunities to present the Gospel of the Kingdom over the radio, shortwave, and the Internet.
  - 15 **Pray for students arriving at FUEL today.**
  - 16 Pray for God to bless the FUEL program at Taylor University (Upland, Indiana) this week.
  - 17 **Pray for a great hunger and thirst for righteousness in your church.**
  - 18 Pray for the staff of FUEL and the influence they are having on the young people.
  - 19 **Praise God for the many people in our churches who have been baptized recently.**
  - 20 Pray for safety for those traveling home from FUEL today.
  - 21 **Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's message tomorrow.**
  - 22 Pray for the Mission Team leaving for Mexico today.
  - 23 **Pray that God will lead many of our young people into ministry at home and abroad.**
  - 24 Pray for those who are studying the Systematic Bible Study Course over the Internet.
  - 25 **Pray for the Africa Mission team as they travel home today.**
  - 26 Pray for Pastor Dan and Amy Kennedy and their work at Winnebago New Life Church in Illinois.
  - 27 **Pray for the brethren in India.**
  - 28 Pray for the Badillo family and the work in Mexico.
  - 29 **Pray for Freedom in Christ Ministries, Welland, Ontario and Pastor Stephen and Joyce Bolhaus.**
  - 30 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
  - 31 **Praise God for His great love shown to us by the sacrifice of His Son.**
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## August 2007

- 1 Pray for the Mexico mission team in Labor Vieja.
- 2 **Pray for the Summer General Conference that begins today in McDonough, GA.**
- 3 Pray for God's blessing and direction on the delegates during General Conference business sessions.
- 4 **Pray for the mission team and their return from Mexico.**
- 5 Pray for new students as they prepare to attend Atlanta Bible College later this month.
- 6 **Praise God for the beauty of His creation.**
- 7 Pray for Pastor Connie Scott and her ministry at Pine Grove, Minnesota.
- 8 **Pray for Mark and Terri Tschann and the Indianapolis church planting.**
- 9 Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead the ministries of the College/Conference.
- 10 **Pray for your pastor and his family today.**
- 11 Praise God for the faithful ministry of the ABC/General Conference staff.
- 12 **Pray for ABC instructors as they prepare to teach classes at Atlanta Bible College.**
- 13 Pray for the Focus on the Kingdom radio ministry.
- 14 **Pray for Jon Cheatwood in his work as Youth Coordinator for ABC and the General Conference.**
- 15 Praise God for the faith of the brethren in the Philippines.
- 16 **Praise God for the challenges He sends your way.**
- 17 Pray for God to raise up more pastors.
- 18 **Praise God for His love and faithfulness.**
- 19 Pray for the ministry of the Blanchard Church of God in Blanchard, Michigan.
- 20 **Pray for Atlanta Bible College students as classes begin today.**
- 21 Pray for individuals who feel led by God to pursue mission careers.
- 22 **Praise God for His love and faithfulness.**
- 23 Pray for the leadership of your local church.
- 24 **Praise God that He is sufficient to meet every need.**
- 25 Pray for spiritual renewal for yourself and your church.
- 26 **Pray that the financial needs of the Conference and College will be met.**
- 27 Praise God for your heritage of faith.
- 28 **Pray that God might speak through you to someone who is hurting.**
- 29 Pray for someone you know who needs to make Christ Lord.
- 30 **Pray for an opportunity to share your faith this week.**
- 31 Pray for Pastor Sydney and Dee Kirkpatrick and their ministry at Pine Grove, Minnesota.

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## Prayer & Praise

### September 2007

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- 1 **Pray for the youth of your local church and the General Conference.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor John and Gayle Guthrie and their work at East Oregon, Illinois.
- 3 **Praise God for the growth of the Maple Grove congregation in Kokomo, Indiana.**
- 4 Pray that God might be praised through your worship today.
- 5 **Pray for Pastor Dale and Cheryl Swartz and the congregation at Litchfield, Minnesota.**
- 6 Praise God for the faithful ministry of your local church pastor.
- 7 **Pray for healing for someone you know who is in need.**
- 8 Pray that God would continue to financially bless the work of the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College.
- 9 **Praise God for the gift of His Son.**
- 10 Praise God for His daily mercies.
- 11 **Pray for the outreach of Beder Ucanay in Lima, Peru.**
- 12 Praise God for the beauty of each season.
- 13 **Pray for retired pastors and their spouses.**
- 14 Pray for spiritual renewal and growth for students preparing for ministry.
- 15 **Praise God for the prayer partners and financial supporters of the General Conference.**
- 16 Pray for your church family and for spiritual growth.
- 17 **Praise God for Tracy Savage Zhykhovich and her ministry in Russia.**
- 18 Pray for your own personal desire to love God more.
- 19 **Pray for mission work in the Philippine Islands.**
- 20 Pray for your family and your friends.
- 21 **Pray for ABC students as they prepare for ministry.**
- 22 Pray for all the faithful pastors and workers in Malawi.
- 23 **Pray for those who are seeking God's will for their lives.**
- 24 Pray for church workers in India.
- 25 **Pray for Pastor Dale and Connie Ramsey and the Cool Spring Church in Virginia.**
- 26 Praise God for His Word which provides guidance for your life.
- 27 **Pray that you will let your light shine for Christ.**
- 28 Praise God for new believers in your church family.
- 29 **Pray for the faith to stand firm when temptation comes.**
- 30 Pray for the soon return of Christ and that you will remain faithful.

# THE Restitution Herald

& Progress Journal

## From the CAO...

By Tim Jones

**G**reetings from Atlanta, as we near the end of a long and very hot summer this year. The full classrooms and busy activity here at ABC indicate that the Fall Semester is underway. We set some all-time high temperature records this year in Georgia, and we continue to deal with a once-in-a-generation drought situation. The last week has brought some blessed relief, and we hope for continued nice weather and welcome rainfall as we move into the later portions of 2007.

The new semester began on August 20, 2007. As always, the week prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester was busy with Block Classes, orientations, and the preparation for the resumption of regular classes. We have begun the semester with approximately 140 students. The number is inexact because students can continue to sign-up for classes and some that register in advance may be unable to actually begin to attend. Spring 2007 left a big hole in enrollment with 21 students completing the Bachelors, Associates, or One Year certificate. Seven (7) students completed their studies at the College by receiving their Bachelor of Theology Degrees. Although it is difficult to replace so many graduates through new recruiting in only one year, we are thrilled to see this number of people

graduating and moving on into ministry positions.

One phenomenon that we continue to experience is a growing desire on the part of students or potential students to complete large portions of their academic program via Distance Learning. This option, using videotaped lectures and other media, is increasingly attractive to students. They are able to take classes while continuing to live or work in other locations. This convenience is appealing to many people. It comes at a price, however, as there is no substitute for the power of learning by being face-to-face with instructors and fellow students. I believe Distance Learning is an extremely important initiative in the future of the Bible College. We must be continually looking for ways to enhance the Distance Learning experience and to expand the number of classes offered through this format. One very interesting option is a blending of the Distance Learning and on-site formats. Students in the future may be asked to complete the majority of the reading and study via the lectures and textbooks, and then gather at a common location to meet with the instructor and the other students for a concentrated opportunity to review and reinforce what they have learned. As the College continues to look for ways to be more effective, we will keep you apprised of our initiatives.

The Campus Development effort continues to move forward. As of this writing, ABC and Clayton State University have jointly agreed to a Letter of Intent to have the University purchase the current campus of the Bible College. The Board of Directors has authorized the creation of a group to be called the Campus Development Committee (CDC) to coordinate the overall progress of this important project. This group is chaired by the former Board Chair Michael Hoffman, and also includes: Tim Jones, Chris Ramsey, Dave Kizer, and Director of Development, Dale Bliss. I applaud the wisdom of the Board in the creation of this group. Moving to multiple campuses is certainly a major initiative in the plans of the General Conference. However, it must not be allowed to overwhelm all the other activities that the Board oversees. The CDC will work in tandem with staff and the Board of Directors to ensure that all parties, especially you as our membership, are kept apprised of new developments and opportunities.

The CDC met for the first time the day prior to General Conference. The group looked at some of the potential locations for campuses—both in Henry County to the south of the current location (adjacent to Cornerstone Bible College) and also in Gwinnett County on the northeast

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side of the Atlanta metropolitan area. The distance between the two locations is approximately 75-85 miles. The two hour drive we experienced in heavy rush-hour traffic emphasized to the CDC and Board members the difficulties our students to the northeast face in trying to reach the Morrow area. The group was blessed to have Dave Kizer and Chris Ramsey agree to become members of the group. Their experience and expertise in land development and facility construction helped the group coordinate the meeting into a short but effective planning period. We will continue to keep you informed on future plans and developments. In particular, we will try to provide information on the Website and via e-mail to make information as current as possible.

It was indeed a pleasure to have General Conference hosted in Atlanta August 2-3, 2007.

Cornerstone Bible Church provided an excellent partner to the General Conference for this year's meeting. Pictures from the Conference are included in this issue.

An apology is in order to the attendees of this year's General Conference, and we do so apologize! The issue of the "Restitution Herald/Progress Journal" with the information and schedules for the upcoming General Conference meeting in August was sent to the printer for production and mailing on July 2nd. However, delays in mailing after the issue left our offices and the printer meant that the "Progress Journal" was not received by most members until after General Conference. The most egregious delay of which we are aware was delivery in the Washington D.C. area on August 29! This is 3 weeks later than when the "Progress Journal" was delivered in the Morrow, Georgia area. Our local delivery

of bulk mail in Morrow is usually one of the slowest in the country, leading to the ironic situation of the College/Conference staff being the last people in the nation to receive our mailings at our homes!

The reasons for this year's unacceptable delay were many. However, we will make sure that in future years we do not allow this to happen again. For example, we now know that bulk mailings, such the "Journal," may be held by local post offices based on volume of other mail. As a result, our mailings could languish in your local post office for weeks before being delivered. Next year, we will utilize the Website, e-mail, and first class mailings much more liberally to make sure delegates and churches receive the information on Conference plans in a timely fashion.

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THE RESTITUTION HERALD ADVOCATES:

- THE ONENESS OF GOD (1 COR. 8:6);
- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S POWER (ACTS 1:8);
- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (MATT. 16:16), AND IS OUR MEDIATOR (1 TIM. 2:5);
- THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD (2 TIM. 3:16);
- THE MORTALITY OF MAN (JOB 4:17; PSA. 146:4);
- THE NEAR RETURN OF CHRIST (ACTS 1:11), AND LIFE ONLY THROUGH HIM (COL. 3:3);
- THE LITERAL RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (JOHN 5:28);
- THE IMMORTALIZATION OF THOSE IN CHRIST (1 COR. 15:53, 54);
- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED (REV. 21:8);
- THE FINAL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL AS THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNDER THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST (LUKE 1:32);
- THE CHURCH TO BE JOINT HEIRS WITH HIM (ROM. 8:17), AND ISRAEL TO BE MADE HEAD OVER GENTILE NATIONS (ISA. 60:1-3);
- THE "RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS WHICH GOD HATH SPOKEN BY THE MOUTH OF ALL HIS HOLY PROPHETS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN" (ACTS 3:21).
- IT ALSO FIRMLY ADVOCATES REPENTANCE AND IMMERSION IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS (ACTS 2:38), AND A CONSECRATED LIFE AS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION.

## Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> General Conference Delegate Business Meetings

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 1:33 P.M. by Chairman Michael Hoffman. Pastor James Mattison offered prayer remembering the 21 Korean missionaries in Afghanistan.

Chairman Hoffman reminded the delegates to make sure they had their delegate cards in order to vote on issues. Greg Demmitt was asked to serve as parliamentarian.

Offering taken at the conference will be set aside for the Sweet Waters Retreat Center.

Chairman Hoffman read a letter of thanks and praise to God from Pastor Dale Swartz concerning his bout with cancer and his recovery.

Chairman Hoffman asked if there were any first time delegates. Five new delegates were recognized by the Conference delegates and were given a round of applause.

Chairman Hoffman read his farewell letter as serving on the Conference Board as a Board member and as Chairman. He touched on several things that he felt were positive accomplishments by the various Board members during the various terms which he has served. He also touched upon the present move of the Conference

and Atlanta Bible College. He was given a round of applause for his service on the board.

The following names were placed in nominations for a Board member for three positions: Larry Bolhous, Greg Demmitt, Steve Knapp, Bob Morrison, and Christy Ross. A one-year position and two four-year positions are open.

Keith Williams moved. Gerald Brewer seconded to close



Board of Directors meeting.

nominations. Motion passed.

Tim Jones reported on the progress of the budget concerning the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College, the five (5) year vision, the excellence in education, and spiritual needs for the students and staff. He also explained the use of the income to pay the expenses of the College and General Conference. He also explained the decision of the Board as to why it is looking at the relocation of the College and Conference headquarters, the present climate for selling of the property, and the benefits of

moving to a different area.

Tim Jones presented the amended budget for 2007-2008 and the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

Nominations were opened for the Youth Advisory Board. Seth Ross was nominated by Greg Demmitt and seconded by Charles Bottolfs. Charles Bottolfs moved nominations be closed, seconded by Carolyn Smead. Motion passed.

Joe Martin reported on the student numbers and classes at Atlanta Bible College this past year.

94 Korean students attended ABC this past year. Steve An reported on the classes that will be taught next semester.

Rebekah Martin reported on the African trip. All things are going well there. Several African people came forward to be baptized while her group was visiting Africa.

Gary Burnham reported on Ministry Services. He works with pastors so he can know how the Conference can best serve them.

David Krogh commented on the items up for bid at the table at the rear of the auditorium for the LHI.

Jon Cheatwood reported on FUEL and commented on the OASIS concept. He also commented on the need for prayer for the young people that attended and their

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need for healing of hurts that they have.

Dale Bliss, the Development Department Chairman, explained his department is to use the resources, which are available to God's people, effectively and to help develop new avenues of finance. He stated that, "we cannot continue to think on the same level in which a problem was created as we do to fix a problem. The same is true when we think of ways to finance the needs to spread the news of God's Word. We need to think of new ways; we need to be creative."

New Business:

Tim Jones reported on accreditation in relation to Bible Colleges. He and Dr. Joe Martin are looking into the possibility of working with a new accrediting organization they have become aware of recently.

Chairman Hoffman reported on the Campus Development Committee (CDC) and the members and the progress to date. Tim Jones showed a slide



General Conference worship.

presentation on the financial

aspects of moving the campus.

After a question was asked by one of the delegates, it was pointed out that Clayton State is very interested in purchasing our property.

Numerous other questions were asked about the move and answered.

It was moved by Roger Crocker to adjourn, seconded by Wilma Brewer. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

**Friday, August 3, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hoffman at 9:10 A.M.

Joe opened the meeting with prayer.

50 delegates were in attendance.

Chairman Hoffman explained the procedures of the election of the candidates to the Board of Directors.

After four separate votes, Bob Morrison was elected to a four-year term.

After numerous separate votes, Christy Ross was elected to a four-year term.

After three separate votes, Larry Bolhous was elected for a one-year term.

Seth Ross was elected to the Youth Advisory Council.



Prayer for pastors who have completed their first three years as licensed—Rebekah Martin, Rob Bernheisel, Daniel Smead, and Johnathan Wincapaw

Then Rob Helenberg moved and Charles Bottolfs seconded the acceptance of the Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as amended. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe James, seconded by Charles Bottolfs that the amended and proposed 2007-2008 budget be accepted. Motion carried.

New Business:

Better communications of the upcoming General Conference Delegate meetings was requested in the future.

Minutes of the Conference were approved as corrected for August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007.

It was moved by Carolyn Smead and seconded by Wally Winner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoffman closed the meeting with prayer at 10:30 A.M. ■

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob See, Secretary



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## CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS...

### GUTHRIE GROVE

Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, Pelzer, SC, is beginning its search for an Associate Pastor. Located in a rural setting, but near growing cities of the Upstate, Guthrie Grove is seeking an individual with a love for the Truth and for the lost to work with the pastor and congregation in ministering to those in our church family and community. For more information please contact Mike Montgomery at (864) 947-7660 (405 Guthrie Grove Ch. Rd., Pelzer, 29669; [mymimont@charter.net](mailto:mymimont@charter.net)).



### BLANCHARD

The Blanchard Church of God in Blanchard, Michigan is currently seeking a growth-oriented pastor. We are an established church with approximately 40 dedicated people with great growth potential in the surrounding area. Interested pastors may call Elder/Chairman of the Board, Terry Kunst, at 989-560-1268 or e-mail him at: [terry@mtpleasantagency.com](mailto:terry@mtpleasantagency.com).

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The Conger Street Church of God is in need of a pastor. We are looking for a part-time pastor to work with our small group of dedicated members. Please contact: Danny McGowan at: [dantheman5169@aol.com](mailto:dantheman5169@aol.com)—2672 Logan Ave.

## Africa Trip 2007

**J**amie Engelbert, James Mattison, Erica Fitzsimmons, Kaitlyn Walters, and Joe and Rebekah Martin went on a mission trip to Africa July 10-29. We were in Malawi most of the time, but also spent 3 days in Mozambique. It was an exhausting, but edifying trip.

The people were very happy to see us, and there was good attendance everywhere we went. I think we preached 12 different places, and had prayer at a couple of prayer houses. Several people came forward to be baptized, and I was thrilled to see a Muslim woman make the commitment to follow Jesus!

Linda Limbe, Maxwell Chintengo, and Daud Chiwaya translated for us wherever we went. They were not all present all the time, but we always had one or two of them, which was really a blessing. They

are all wonderful, dedicated believers.

One evening we went to comfort a friend of Linda's whose husband died, and another time we spoke at the funeral of a young elder of one of our churches in Thyolo. It was very sad. At a funeral in Malawi, the coffin is placed outside, on the



Jim Mattison (middle)

person's reed sleeping mat. The whole village attends, sitting around in the adjacent fields, on the ground, on rocks, etc. This man's widow lay down beside the coffin during the whole service.



Rebekah Martin (left)

Both of these women are 25-30 years old, and have 3 children each. Please keep them in your prayers. When we arrived at the funeral in the village, the coffin wasn't finished being made, so we waited an hour or two while it was finished.

The van we rented broke down several times, which was frustrating, but that was the worst problem we had.

Several churches are being built, both in Malawi and in Mozambique. We bought plastic to help several other churches keep rain out when the monsoons come.



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They put straw/grass/thatch on top of the plastic.

We bought \$1,500 worth of Bibles, and gave them out everywhere we went; half in Malawi and half in Mozambique.



Erica Fitzsimmons (middle) and Kaitlyn Walters (right)

There is a great need for more Bibles over there. Our goal is for each person who can read to own a Bible. Jim Ring has continued to generously provide durable, Ziploc bags to place the Bibles in to protect them from the environment. The Africans greatly appreciate this.

Linda Limbe, our co-worker over there, is going to the villages teaching the women to read and write. This will enable them to read the Bible themselves, then teach it to others. She is also teaching them other skills such as

knitting and crocheting, to help with family income when they sell the things they make.

We bought blankets and gave money for food for orphans. Before we got to Malawi, we asked Linda to buy warm clothes for them, which she had, and had already given them out. There are a couple of women in one of our churches in Thyolo that keep these children in the church, and they are educating them. So, another need they have is for school supplies. They are kept clean, and look well fed and happy. They were still playing with the soccer ball Jim Cramer and Ben Collier left them last year, and are thoroughly enjoying it!

Kaitlyn is a very talented, creative person, and she was a big hit over there! She would sit and quickly draw someone around her, and



Joe Martin (left)



Jamie Engelbert (left)

was VERY GOOD at it! One of the pastors gave her a picture of his wife to draw, which she did overnight. It was incredible! She's also a great photographer, and singer.

Erica is an excellent teacher! She has a heart for the Lord which is evident in all she does. We didn't know her before this trip, but she came highly recommended by the Finnegans, and we see why. I feel like I've known her all my life; we became close friends very quickly.

It goes without saying that Jamie, Jim, and Joe had great teachings and the Word of God was spread everywhere we went. We are thankful for the opportunity to minister to the people in Africa. Thank you all for your prayers and financial support to make this happen. ■

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We would also like to solicit your assistance in improving our mail service. This issue of the "Progress Journal" should be printed and in the mail to you by September 14, 2007. We would like to hear from you about the date in which you actually receive the "Progress Journal." You may send us an e-

mail or give us a brief phone call at the (800) 347-4261 toll-free number to let us know when you receive the magazine and where you live. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated, and the feedback will help us ensure better, more timely communication. Thanks for your help in advance!

The rest of this year promises to be an exciting time of change and blessings for the Conference and its member churches and individuals. May God bless you all as you work to serve Him! ■

Tim Jones

## Ministry Services Network Report

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**D**uring the past year I have had the opportunity to begin working with many of our pastors and churches. I have thoroughly enjoyed the e-mail and phone contacts with pastors, and the several on site visits I have been privileged to make with pastors and churches.

As was announced at General Conference this summer, we are making additional alterations in my work load for the College/Conference to allow me to spend an even greater portion of my time contacting and supporting pastors and churches. I am looking forward to this growing opportunity.

I care very deeply about how our pastors and churches are doing, and about how each church is impacting its

community. Because of my experience pastoring in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. for 13 years before moving to Atlanta, I know both the struggles and the joys of pastoral and church ministry. I want to make a genuinely helpful impact in the lives of our pastors and churches.

I want to better understand how I and the college/conference can provide meaningful support and encouragement to your pastor and your church's ministry. I will be increasing the level of my contact through phone calls, e-mails, letters, and on site visits. Please know I will be glad to hear from you at any time. I want to know about you, your church, your pastor and your ministry. I want to know how I/we can assist you. I want to hear input from you about how I/we can

best serve all of our pastors and churches.

Don't hesitate to ask me to come visit with you and your church family. I will look forward to meeting with you!

You will always find communication (conversations, letters, e-mails, etc.) with me to be safe and confidential. I will pray for you and with you. I look forward to working with you and to learning from you.

Please keep in touch with me, and please pray for my ministry to our pastors and churches. I want to know and experience God's greatest blessings in my ministry with you! ■

Gary Burnham  
Ministry Services Network  
(MSN) Director

## Korean Extension Report

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**T**he Korean Extension had another exciting kick-off for the 2007 Fall Semester beginning on August 20th. We began with 95 students, and 8 instructors teaching 15 classes.

We look forward to an invigorating semester of sharing and discovering the truths of the Bible!

Thank you for your support.

Steve An and the rest of the Korean Extension Staff.



## Atlanta Bible College Report—A Phenomenal Year, A New Beginning

**T**he 2006-2007 school year was a great year for Atlanta Bible College. We reached a record student enrollment of 150 students. Graduation was an interesting 7-7-7: seven students receiving their Bachelor's degree, seven students receiving their Associate's degree, and seven students receiving their Foundation, one year certificate.



The beginning of the Fall Semester of the 2007-2008 school year is proving also to be a blessing. At this point, we don't have the final enrollment numbers but we have a fantastic, diverse student body. We have many new international students from both Korea and Africa. We also have new students from different areas in the U.S. Three are from New York state.



We also have three new adjunct professors serving this semester. Brian Wright will be teaching B252 Hermeneutics. Tom Fischhaber will be teaching B332 Hebrews. Dr. James Sennett will be teaching G370, a class on World Religions. James is a friend of Greg Demmitt and lives in the Atlanta area. ■

### CHECKING THE CALENDAR

November 9th-11th—Quizzing Retreat in Tennessee

January 18th-20th, 2008—Re:FUEL in Indiana

Date to be announced—Refuge in Indiana

March 6th-8th, 2008—Atlanta Bible College Invitational (ABC-I)

April 6th-11th, 2008—Christian Workers' Seminar in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

April 27th-30th, 2008—Theological Conference in Atlanta, Georgia

July 13th-18th, 2008—FUEL—Youth event at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana

July 31st-August 1st, 2008—88th Annual General Conference—Ohio location to be announced

## Turning Point Youth Ministries Report

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“ . . .the purpose of youth ministry isn't just to help young people learn morality, as important as that is; it's to help young people enter into the alternative way of life that Jesus offers.”

Mark Yaconelli, *Contemplative Youth Ministry*

**A**s we show students the example of Jesus, we help them find the counter-cultural path toward God. No, I'm not talking about cliched counter-culturalism; I'm talking about a way of life that confuses and confounds the wise of this world. The kind that says to be truly great, you must be a servant. The kind that says one who loses his life for the sake of Jesus' name will find it. The kind that says we must love our enemies.

In Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV), Jesus says this: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” It is like a lost highway, and we are responsible both for finding it ourselves and helping others find it.

In 2008, FUEL will focus on “The Lost Highway.” How do you find it? How do you travel on it? Where does it lead? Our understanding is that it is a difficult road, but a necessary one. It is the process, the life of growing into Christ, growing into the people God wants us to be. It's all a part of the journey.

In 2006-7, the Youth Advisory Committee worked out some updates for the programs that we share with the Indiana State Youth. For Midwinter Retreat, we determined that we wanted the program to reinforce and carry forward the teaching of FUEL, and we renamed it re:FUEL in recognition of that goal. For instance, FUEL 2007 had the theme of Renosaic (which we defined as the beauty and renewal that can come from brokenness); re:FUEL 2008 is Mosavate, another created word, this time meaning to revive and bring life from our broken pieces. We hope to carry on the teaching of Renosaic, as well as offer some more challenge.

For the Young Adult Retreat, we sought to better understand what young adults hope for in the event. We came to name it Refuge as we saw a need for a rest space, for a chance to be taught, to be heard, and to grow. For Refuge 2008, we have chosen the theme of Oasis, focusing on Psalm 84, which says (in verse 2) this: “My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”

While Oasis is the theme for Refuge 2008, it is also the name of the new retreat for pastors that was held at FUEL this year. There are a few pastors that have brought groups to FUEL in years past that do not take part in FUEL. With that in mind, we thought it might be nice to offer a mini-retreat during FUEL that would give them

something useful and refreshing to do while in the area. We also hope to attract other pastors to come specifically for Oasis. This event is a spiritual retreat, a rest in the LORD, that would allow them to return to their congregations with a great connection to God and a renewed commitment to the work of the Church.

Turning Point and Atlanta Bible College have been partnering to present the ABC Invitational (ABC-I) for 5 years now. The partnership has helped transform the event into a retreat that gives students a look at ABC while continuing to challenge them to be in ministry in ANY vocation that they take on. For ABC-I 2008, we have chosen the theme Originate. We will challenge participants to start something by allowing God to create ministry, relationships, and good works through us.

We appreciate the support that TPYM receives from the Churches of God. Please pray for us as we attempt to minister to young people.

Jon Cheatwood ■

## ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

- B111DL – Old Testament Survey I (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs  
B112DL – Old Testament Survey II (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs  
B113DL – New Testament Survey I (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – DVDs  
B114DL – New Testament Survey II (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – DVDs  
B161DL – Basic Bible Doctrine (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – Video/Internet/E-mail  
B221DL – Pentateuch (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs/E-mail  
B222DL – History and Major Prophets (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Videos/Internet/E-mail  
B224DL – History and Minor Prophets (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Videos/Internet/E-mail
- B242DL – Gospel of John (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – Videos/Internet/E-mail  
B342DL – Acts (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Reading/Writing Assignments  
B461DL – Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Roller) – DVDs  
B470DL – Evangelical Theology (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs/E-mail  
M112DL – Introduction to Ministry/Leadership (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Cheatwood) – DVDs  
M121DL – Christian Education Principles/Practice (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Rebekah Martin) – DVDs  
M141DL – Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism and Discipling (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh)  
Videos/Workbook
- M/B230DL – Why I Believe (Apologetics) (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Finnegan) – DVDs/E-mail  
M242DL – Evangelism and Missions (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Internet/E-mail  
M281DL – Mission Perspectives (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – Reading/Workbook  
M362DL – New Testament Preaching (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Martin) – DVDs  
M372DL – Church Leadership (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Riley) – DVDs  
M384DL – Small Group Ministry (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Workbooks/Readings  
M443DL – Church Planting (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Tapes/Workbook  
M473DL – Pastoral/Church Leadership and Administration (Martin) (2 Sem. Hrs.) – DVDs  
G181DL – Personal Finance (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Krogh) – Videos/Workbook/Internet/E-mail  
G261DL – Greek I (2 Sem. Hrs.) (Buzzard) – DVDs  
G271DL – Church History I (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Graham) – DVDs

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# Mexico Missions Trip Report

July 23-August 6, 2007

We had a very successful trip to Mexico again this summer. The team was great and it was a true joy to serve together in ministry. Team members were: Randy and Rhonda Barton, Rachel Carr, Amanda Homewood, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Dean Moore, Judy Myers, Merry Peterson, Aric Rager, and Gail Tuttle. Sis Mack who had been accepted as a team member had to drop out at the last minute due to health issues.



Lupe smiling after being presented with a gift from the Ministry Team.

Our Bible School was the largest in several years. We had been told to prepare for 50, prepared for 60 and had an average of 63+ each day with a total attendance on the last day of 77. These figures do not include Lupe or the team. In addition to the daily Bible School sessions, we did some painting and cleaning of Lupe's home and had two evening services. We accomplished the goals of encouraging, doing a Bible School, and assisting Lupe with tasks she could not do for herself.

They have been having rain this year so hopefully they will have crops. We had an experience of having to wait for 2 hours one day to get into the village as there had been a heavy rain the night before and there was a deep and rushing stream of water across the roadway. When we finally made it, the children were still waiting for us to come. The top of my EZ-up was torn from the rain coming down so hard.

Lupe is doing okay though she continues to be very lonely without Roberto. She is trying to carry on with teaching the children though she has been discouraged by having so few attend. Sunday School materials were taken to her for this next year. Many individuals and

groups provided items and/or money for us to take to Lupe or to use as gifts for the children attending Bible School. Lupe asked that we express her thanks to all for their generosity, but most importantly to express her heartfelt appreciation for the many prayers offered for her and the work. She stated that even though she feels a great deal of loneliness and sometimes feels that she is all alone, she knows that there is "family" lifting her up and that has given her the strength to keep on.

Those who traveled from Illinois to Mexico in the van wish to express appreciation to the Countryside Bible Church in Missouri, the Gatesville Church in Texas and the group in Little Rock, Arkansas for their hospitality to us. It is always a blessing for us to visit our brothers and sisters in Christ along the way. ■

Judy Myers



The Mexico Ministry Team.



# Verses to Live By

By Jim Mattison

**“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ, also has forgiven you.”**

## **Ephesians 4:32**

**T**he first three devotion verses: Romans 8:28, 1 Corinthians 10:13, and 1 Thessalonians 5:18 expressed our relationship to God. These last ones speak of our relationship with other people.

This verse, Ephesians 4:32, expresses in a nutshell what our attitude should be to other humans and why.

Kindness is a tenderness, a compassion for another. Pharaoh's daughter had this feeling for baby Moses in the basket in the river when she saw him, and raised him as her own son. Rahab was kind to the two spies and hid them from her people to save them from death. Elishah was kind to the poor widow by providing her with a constant supply of oil and meal. Joseph was a kind man and was not willing to make Mary a public example. Many of the Jews came to comfort Mary and Martha when Lazarus died. John took care of Mary after Jesus died. Felix allowed Paul to have liberty. All these were acts of kindness or goodwill toward another.

Tenderheartedness is expressed when one is easily moved to love and pity by someone else's plight. We feel a compassion, a tenderness in our hearts for those in sorrow, as at a visitation. Our hearts “go out” to those in need, especially to widows and orphans. God Himself has a special kindness for widows, the Bible says, and we can see why.

Kindness, compassion, and tenderheartedness are the noble qualities our God and our Lord have and want us to have toward other people. Hardheartedness is the opposite of this. It is being unsympathetic, unfeeling, cruel, callous, and pitiless. Many have been the examples of this attitude through the ages. Hitler had this attitude toward the Jews. The Pharisees had this feeling toward Jesus. Such an ungodly attitude makes “our blood boil.” But kindness, tenderness, and compassion awake in our hearts a warmth, a love, a pity for another. This is how God wants us to feel, and act upon.

Brotherly kindness is one of the virtues Peter told us to add to our faith (2 Pet. 1:7), along with moral goodness, godly knowledge, control of oneself, perseverance, godliness, and love. If we have these qualities we are not far from the Kingdom of God. People who lack these qualities are blind and shortsighted and do not understand the real qualities that real Christians are to develop.

Forgiveness is vital to our own salvation and it is a quality we must have in order to qualify for salvation. Jesus stated plainly that if we forgive men, God will forgive us, but if we do not forgive them, God will not forgive us (Matt. 6:14, 15). See how Jesus forgave those who were killing him.

It may be, because of that, some who said, “Crucify him, Crucify him!” on the day of Pentecost repented and were baptized. Remember how they were cut to the heart when Peter told them they had killed the Savior God sent to them? If Jesus had condemned those who killed him, they would have had no opportunity for salvation. Likewise, we, when we forgive another, give him an opportunity to repent of his evil deed. American captives in Vietnam prayed for their captors.

Why forgive someone? Because God, in Christ, has forgiven us.

Being kind, having a tender heart, forgiving—these are the marks of a true Christian. ■

**L**et me start by saying that I do believe that the Bible is true, divinely inspired, and authoritative. However, I would like to examine the phrase “Word of God” in order to understand its biblical definition. To my knowledge, the Bible never calls itself “the Word of God.” Instead, the terms, “it is written,” “Scripture,” and “the law and prophets” are used. Nevertheless, the Scriptures certainly do contain much of what God has said (i.e. God’s words). Also, the “Word of God” is used many times (especially in the Old Testament) as a message from God (i.e. prophetic word for a king or nation). The Psalmist sees “the word” as a synonym for a law, statute, command, or precept of God. This usage of “word of God” as “God’s command” is present in the New Testament as well (Mark 7:13; John 10:35). Even so, as I have looked at the various places that “the word” is used in the New Testament, I have become increasingly aware of its meaning as **the Gospel of the Kingdom**.

*Matthew 13:18-23*

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> “When anyone hears **the word of the Kingdom** and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside

the road. <sup>20</sup> “The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears **the word** and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of **the word**, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> “And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears **the word**, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke **the word**, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> “And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears **the word** and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.” (also see Mark 4 and Luke 8.)

This parable of the seed and the sower is the foundational parable in understanding anything (Mark 4:13). According to Mark 4:14 the sower’s seed is “the word.” In Matthew 13:19 the term is expanded to be “word of the Kingdom.” Throughout the parable “the word” is the primary message that is understood, accepted, held fast to, and produces fruit in the believer. It is important to note that Jesus delivered this parable

to Jews in Palestine who already believed and read (or at least heard) the Scriptures each Sabbath. Jesus is not asking them to accept the Bible (they had already done that). Instead he is asking them to accept “the word of the Kingdom,” his gospel, which in other places is summarized by the catch-phrase “Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand” (Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15).

*Acts 4:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard **the message** believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Peter had preached the gospel to the crowd which gathered after the healing of the lame man. Many of these people who hear “the word” (translated as message in the NASB) believed. Going back to his word/message yields a strong call to repentance in light of Jesus being the messiah, the coming restoration of all things, and the forgiveness available through Christ (i.e. the gospel).

*Acts 8:4-5, 12, 14, 25*

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching **the word**. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming **Christ** to

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them . . . <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip preaching **the good news about the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ**, they were being baptized, men and women alike . . . <sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received **the word of God**, they sent them Peter and John, . . . <sup>25</sup> So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken **the word of the Lord**, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching **the gospel** to many villages of the Samaritans.

I believe that all of the above bolded words are synonymous. “the word” = “Christ” = “gospel about the Kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ” = “the word of God” = “the word of the Lord” = “the gospel.” To come up with a different definition for each of these phrases would cut the record of Philip preaching in Samaria into a myriad of confusing pieces. Luke is not going to use the same word each time. This is just the same today, one time I may say “America” and another “The U.S.” or “The United States” but everyone knows that these are interchangeable.

*Acts 17:10-13*  
<sup>10</sup> The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into

the synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup> Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received **the word** with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily *to see* whether these things were so. <sup>12</sup> Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men. <sup>13</sup> But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that **the word of God** had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there as well, agitating and stirring up

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the crowds.

Paul’s mission was to preach **the gospel of the Kingdom** from city to city (Acts 19:8; 20:24-25; 28:23, 30-31). When he arrived in Berea, they received his gospel message (i.e. “the word”) and checked it against the Scriptures to see if the message was correct. Thus, the word is not one to one equivalent with the Scriptures (although the Bible certainly does contain the word/message).

*1 Peter 1:23-25*  
<sup>23</sup> for you have been born again not of seed which

is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring **word of God**. <sup>24</sup> For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, <sup>25</sup> **BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.**” And **this is the word which was preached** to you.

The Word (gospel) is what must be believed in order to be born again (remember the seed from the parable of the sower?). This is the word that was preached. The word for preach in this verse is *evangelizo* and it is the verbal form of the word *evangelion* (the gospel). Although this fact is lost in English the point is that to preach is really to preach the gospel. It is like saying that I am going out to gospel to my friend (i.e. preach = verbal form of gospel). Here in this verse it says “this is the word which was ‘gospelled’ (or preached) to you.” Thus the word (at least in this verse) is definitely 1-to-1 equivalent with the gospel.

I know that it is common to refer to the Bible as “the Word” but if the Bible never does this then we are unwittingly changing the definition of “the Word.” Certainly this is something we need to consider. After all, we are the people of the Book, the ones who base our theology on the Scriptures rather than on received tradition. ■

## Income Report for August 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>This Month Variance</u>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
General Contributions	66,767	32,220	-34,547
Building Our Future Campaign	500	50	-450
[Gen Contrib & BOF combined]	0	32,270	
G.C. - Devises & Bequests	833	3,407	2,574
ABC Boosters	2,833	10	-2,823
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70,933</b>	<b>35,687</b>	<b>-35,246</b>
<b>SALES:</b>			
Christian Education Materials	5,250	6,188	938
Books	8,000	8,009	9
Restitution Herald	0	0	0
Age to Come Media Products	0	0	0
Theological Journal	0	96	96
Sale of Assets	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>14,293</b>	<b>1,043</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Tuition	40,000	43,246	3,246
Korean Extension Tuition	107,878	103,500	-4,378
<b>** ABCDF Support **</b>	6,000	6,000	0
Lodging	21,667	16,445	-5,222
Washers/Dryers	150	269	119
Rentals - ABC Plant	833	400	-433
Late Fees/Rent	1,417	2,131	714
Fees	3,000	3,395	395
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>180,944</b>	<b>175,386</b>	<b>-5,558</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCOME:</b>			
Conferences & Workshops	500	47,460	46,960
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>47,460</b>	<b>46,960</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	200	203	3
Transferred In	3,875	4,023	148
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,075</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>269,703</b>	<b>277,052</b>	<b>7,349</b>

### BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Total contributions since inception (2003): **279,132**

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- These statements report College/Conference income and expense for July, 2007 through June, 2008.
- The "Budget" column in each report shows the year-to-date portion of the annual budget for each line item.
- The "Variance" column in each report shows the difference between the amount budgeted and the amount actually received (income) or spent (expense). A positive number in this column means the income or expense is better than budgeted. A negative number in this column means the income or expense is worse than budgeted.

## Expense Report for August 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>This Month Variance</u>
<b>STAFF:</b>			
Salaries & Wages	92,364	87,901	4,463
F.I.C.A. Tax	1,367	1,311	56
Employee Benefits	19,184	18,980	204
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>112,915</b>	<b>108,192</b>	<b>4,723</b>
<b>SERVICES:</b>			
Assistance to Churches	1,667	800	867
Ministerial Association	1,600	1,600	0
Youth Program	12,000	12,000	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15,267</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>867</b>
<b>SALES EXPENSE:</b>			
Printing & Binding	5,333	5,595	-262
Postage & Shipping	2,333	1,273	1,060
Media Production Expenses	0	0	0
Book Store	2,833	1,527	1,306
Royalties	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>8,395</b>	<b>2,105</b>
<b>ABC:</b>			
Clayton Rebate	0	0	0
Advertising--Recruitment	800	1,738	-938
ABC Korean Extension Support	3,333	1,842	1,491
Library Periodicals	333	128	205
Library Books	133	1,030	-897
Staff Periodicals, Books, Dues	300	18	282
Staff Training	500	797	-297
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>-153</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
Travel	8,167	10,426	-2,259
Motor Vehicles	0	0	0
Office Supplies & Expense	2,167	1,044	1,123
Professional Services	1,833	3,951	-2,118
Telephone	4,167	3,780	387
Insurance - Non Plant	83	0	83
Supplies & Expense	1,000	1,580	-580
Repairs/Maintenance - Non Plant	3,333	1,128	2,205
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>20,750</b>	<b>21,909</b>	<b>-1,159</b>
<b>PLANT EXPENSES:</b>			
Utilities	6,333	7,537	-1,204
Insurance - Property	4,000	4,598	-598
Repairs/Maintenance - Plant	1,833	1,538	295
Furniture & Equipment	2,667	636	2,031
Supplies/Expenses Plant	833	386	447
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15,667</b>	<b>14,695</b>	<b>972</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Interest	1,167	4,538	-3,371
Other	1,333	683	650
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>-2,721</b>
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>182,998</b>	<b>178,365</b>	<b>4,633</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)</b>	<b>86,705</b>	<b>98,687</b>	<b>11,982</b>

# Church News

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## Baptisms

Georgia

*Cornerstone* – Kyle Jenkins, Sr. and Kyle Jenkins, Jr. (5/13/07), Brent and Mitchell Williams (8/12/07) by Pastor David Krogh

Illinois

*Blessed Hope* – Brian Harrison (6/18/07), Kevin Lewis (7/15/07) by Pastor Neal Bryant

Indiana

*Timberland* – Gina Byrnes (6/24/07) by Glen Wolke and Pastor John Railton

Minnesota

*Hutchinson* – Kaylee Forcier, Kyle Messner and daughter, Maddison Messner, Mitchell Moore, Micayla Moore, Tyler Schwarz, Dillyn Schwarz (7/1/07) by Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick

Missouri

*Morse Mill* – Zachary Gerullis (7/7/07) by Fred Gerullis; Savannah Gerullis (7/7/07) by Pastor Wade Tierney

Ontario, Canada

*Glad Tidings* – Patsy MacDougall (5/6/07) by Pastor Michael Brown

South Carolina

*Guthrie Grove* – J.T. Currens (6/10/07), Joshua Smith (8/5/07) by Pastor Mike Montgomery

## Deaths

Minnesota

*Litchfield* – Margie Wood (7/31/07), founding member of the Litchfield Church of God. Service by Pastor Dale Swartz and nephews Pastor Kent Ross and Pastor Scott Ross

Ontario, Canada

*Glad Tidings* – Ella Rose (5/20/07), long time member. Service by Pastor Michael Brown; Robert W. “Bob” Goit (7/22/07), beloved son of Pastor Edward H. and Viola Goit. Service by Pastor Michael Brown

South Carolina

*Bethel* – Mack Gregory (8/5/07). Service by Pastor Jeff Fletcher, Pastor Alan Cain and Bill Vaughan; Tillman Gentry (8/16/07). Service by Pastor Jeff Fletcher,

Pastor Alan Cain and Bill Vaughan

*Guthrie Grove* – Wallace Stone (6/25/07). Service by Pastors Wally Winner and Mike Montgomery

## A special Tribute to Pastor Francis Burnett

Pastor Francis Burnett, 89, died on March 15, 2007. He grew up in the Riley, IL Church and enrolled in Oregon Bible College in the fall of 1940. He married Iris Hall in 1942 and graduated from the college in 1943. They had four daughters, Martha, Mary, Miriam, and Michal.

Francis had an extremely fruitful ministry over more than 60 years. He served as:

- National Evangelist for the General Conference working in Missouri, Arkansas, and Illinois;
- State Evangelist for the State of Missouri and pastor at Cross Timbers, MO;
- Pastor of the Brush Creek, OH Church
- Pastor of the Garden Park Church in Kentwood, MI;
- Interim pastor at the church in Digby, Nova Scotia;
- Member of the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College;
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference during which time the Men’s Dormitory was built;
- Instructor at Oregon Bible College;
- National Youth Director for the General Conference;
- Sunday School Director for the General Conference;
- Pastor at Koszta, Iowa for 23 years during which time he also served as President of the Iowa Conference for 16 years.

# Prayer & Praise

October 2007

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- 1 **Praise God for your pastor during October's Clergy Appreciation Month.**
  - 2 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth in His coming Kingdom.
  - 3 **Pray for a personal hunger to know God and Jesus better.**
  - 4 Pray for the Restitution Church in Eldorado, Illinois.
  - 5 **Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.**
  - 6 Pray for Pastor John Nelson as he pastors in Missouri.
  - 7 **Pray for a church planting vision for Church of God members.**
  - 8 Pray for Atlanta Bible College students as they reach the half-way point of this Fall Semester.
  - 9 **Praise God for retired Pastor Billie Kennedy and his wife Irene.**
  - 10 Pray for Community Bible Fellowship in Culver, Indiana.
  - 11 **Pray for Tim Jones, College/Conference CAO.**
  - 12 Pray for Pastor Daniel and Carolyn Smead and the Eden Valley, Minnesota congregation.
  - 13 **Pray for the financial needs of the Church of God General Conference.**
  - 14 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking the truth around the world.
  - 15 **Pray for Pastor Beder Ucanay as he works in Lima, Peru.**
  - 16 Pray for Pastor Chris and Jennifer Seiders and the Fort Valley, Virginia Church.
  - 17 **Pray for the work that is being done in India to proclaim God's truth.**
  - 18 Pray for retired Pastor Jim Mattison and his vision for Africa mission work.
  - 19 **Pray for all of the College/Conference Staff as they serve us each day.**
  - 20 Pray for John Wincapaw and his pastoral role at Blood River, Louisiana.
  - 21 **Praise God for those who are preparing for ministry.**
  - 22 Ask God to help you love Him and His Son more.
  - 23 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Jill Taylor and the Lakeshore Bible Church in Arizona.**
  - 24 Pray for retired Pastor Linford Moore.
  - 25 **Pray for God's direction for the Board of Directors as they meet today and tomorrow.**
  - 26 Pray for Pastor Dennis and Rachel Baldwin and the Grace Fellowship Church in Front Royal, Virginia.
  - 27 **Pray for the youth of your local church.**
  - 28 Pray for Pastor Tim and Shelly Spickler and their work with Winnebago New Life youth.
  - 29 **Pray for the Hedrick, Indiana Church, and Pastor Joe and Karla Astolfi.**
  - 30 Praise God for His constant care.
  - 31 **Pray for God to send workers into the fields that are ready for harvest.**
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November 2007

- 1 **Pray for Pastor Jeff and Terri Moore and the St. Cloud, MN Church.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor Kirby and Bonnie Davis and Pastor Merry Peterson and the Wenatchee, WA Church.
- 3 **Pray for God to provide you with "thankful" eyes this month.**
- 4 Praise God for a record number of students studying at Atlanta Bible College and Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension.
- 5 **Pray for Lupe Badillo as she continues to minister in Labor Vieja, Mexico.**
- 6 Pray for Ruth Finnegan in her duties as Publishing Specialist for the General Conference.
- 7 **Pray that God will raise up workers to serve in mission fields in other lands.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Andy Cisneros and his Associate Pastor ministry at Maple Grove Bible Church in Kokomo, IN.
- 9 **Praise God for His holiness and truthfulness.**
- 10 Pray for Judy Myers and the work of the Lord's Harvest International Mission Board.
- 11 **Pray for a spirit of unity throughout the Church of God.**
- 12 Pray for Pastor Gary and Glenda Turner and New Life Bible Church in Winnebago, IL.
- 13 **Pray for Pastor Wade and Kim Tierney and the Morse Mill, MO Church.**
- 14 Pray for the Ministerial Recognition Board as they encourage our pastors.
- 15 **Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.**
- 16 Pray for the Burr Oak, IN Church.
- 17 **Pray for Pastor Travis and Kristen Ramsey and the work of the Gatesville, TX Church of God.**
- 18 Pray for the boldness you need to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 19 **Pray for Jon Cheatwood, Youth Coordinator for the College/Conference.**
- 20 Pray for the outreach efforts of your local congregation.
- 21 **Praise God for His daily blessings of shelter, food, family, and friends.**
- 22 Praise God on this Thanksgiving day for His goodness in your life.
- 23 **Pray for an individual you know who does not have hope of eternal life.**
- 24 Pray for Pastor Jon and Rene Welch and the Fredericktown, MO Church.
- 25 **Pray for the ministry of Ralph Childs in OH.**
- 26 Pray for the churches within your state or regional conference.
- 27 **Thank God for His goodness to you.**
- 28 Praise God for baptisms in our churches this fall.
- 29 **Praise God for the leadership of your local congregation.**
- 30 Pray for new contacts through the distribution of literature and our website.

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## Prayer & Praise

### December 2007

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- 1 **Pray for Pastor Jason and Marcee Turner and Beloit New Life, WI.**
- 2 Pray for Pastor Seth and Stacey Ross and the North Hills, OH church.
- 3 **Praise God for your pastor as he shares God's Word today.**
- 4 Pray for Pastor Dale and Connie Ramsey and the Cool Spring Church in Browntown, Virginia.
- 5 **Pray for Pastor Paul Moore and the Oaklawn Church of God in Koszta, IA.**
- 6 Pray for contacts around the world produced by literature.
- 7 **Praise God for the dedicated service of the staff for our College and Conference.**
- 8 Praise God for the promise that Jesus will come a second time.
- 9 **Pray for Pastor Richard and Jan Alcumbrack and the Southlawn Church in Wyoming, MI.**
- 10 Pray for Pastor Bruce Reye and the Chapel Hill congregation in Urbana, OH.
- 11 **Praise God for the ministries of your local church.**
- 12 Pray that God would lead you in the way of righteousness.
- 13 **Pray for those who are leading the work in the Philippine Islands.**
- 14 Praise God for the beauty of creation.
- 15 **Pray for Dick and Carol Eldred and Tim and Cindy Eldred and the New Beginnings Church in Michigan.**
- 16 Praise God for His word.
- 17 **Pray for Pastor Rob and Annete Bernheisel as they serve the church in Macomb, IL.**
- 18 Pray for retired pastors Jack Hearp and Stan Lawrence.
- 19 **Pray for the Focus on the Kingdom radio broadcasts that are presenting God's truth.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor Steve and Young An and the Korean Church that meets in the ABC chapel.
- 21 **Pray for an individual you know who has not accepted Christ.**
- 22 Pray for Stepan and Tracy Zhykhovich as they work in Russia.
- 23 **Pray for ABC instructor and Academic Dean, Dr. Joe Martin.**
- 24 Pray for encouragement for those who are separated from family and friends at this Christmas season.
- 25 **Praise God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.**
- 26 Pray for preparations for the new semester at ABC that will begin after the first of the year.
- 27 **Pray for Pastor Darrell and Tara Cardwell and the North Salem, IN Church.**
- 28 Pray for the work of native workers in Malawi and Mozambique.
- 29 **Pray for understanding for those around the world who are taking the Systematic Bible Study Course in print and on-line**
- 30 Pray for revival throughout the Church of God in the coming year.
- 31 **Praise God for the way He has blessed you in 2007.**