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Why the Minister Quit

By Gordon Smith, Clarence, Iowa

IT IS a recognized fact that few pastorates end on a pleasant note. Nine times out of ten a minister closes his work in one community and seeks another church because a small segment, and sometimes a large element, of the church is against him. This may vary from a mild dislike to an outbreak of bitter feeling on the part of the minister or by members of the church. There are many reasons for these unhappy situations, but they can be summed up in two categories. Sometimes the church is to blame, sometimes the minister.

Let us look at the first of these categories. It is strange that a doctor, banker, or attorney may stay a lifetime in a community and be honored for his service therein, but a minister may stay but a few years in comparison to these other professional men and then must move on. It is due to the fact that the personality of the minister enters vitally into his success or failure. No matter how many years he has been before the public in a city or community, he is always on trial. One significant misstep, one discernible error in judgment, and he is done. His conduct at all times should be exemplary.

Yet the minister is not always at fault if he leaves. "Where there is no vision the people perish." That is just as true as when the writer of Proverbs put it down. Some churches have no vision or interest in expansion or greater usefulness. They are satisfied to have a smaller group. Sometimes they resent "outsiders" coming in and do not make them welcome. "Me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us' four, O Lord, and no more," is the attitude sometimes

spoken, often implied. Sometimes, no matter how hard a man may try to bring a vision of better things, he is not able to change that attitude of exclusiveness, so he has to move on.

Sometimes pastor and congregation get to taking themselves for granted. The romance of new acquaintance is soon over and the church sees the minister, or thinks it does, for what he is, with his strong points and his limitations. In that realization people get restless. They want another personality who does not have these limitations, whatever they may be; a better mixer, a better worker with the young people—or the old—a good singer, a money-raiser, or relief from the "promoter," a pulpit orator, or an aggressive soul-winner. Invariably, a church settles for something less. A minister is like a school superintendent, he is gifted in various ways. One man may be able to do various things; another may go at the problem with a different approach and get just as good results.

Again, a minister may leave because of a "church boss." The church boss may not have much money to contribute to enforce his demands or threats, but the would-be-dictator has a well-developed desire for power just the same. Woe be to the minister who does not do just what the would-be-dictator, male or female, wishes, whether on settled policy or fickle whims of the moment.

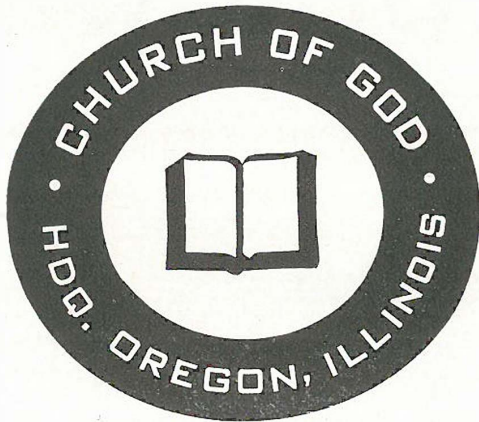
Again, a man may labor diligently and tactfully over a period of years to change the settled viewpoint of a group. Then all at once he wakes up to the reality that he has not changed that viewpoint; old and young have closed their ears to his presentation of

truth. When that is evident, even though his heart is breaking, the minister must move on. Jesus experienced this in his ministry on earth, so he said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Let us look at the other side of the picture when the pastor is at fault for closing his work. Sometimes it is an obvious fault or weakness, even immorality, that brings about dissatisfaction. In such cases, the sooner the better. Remember Paul's advice to be an example to the believers "in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. . . . Take heed to yourself" (1 Tim. 4:12, 16, R.S.V.). A minister's lack of financial sense may get him so deeply in debt he is always embarrassed by it. The lack of tact and patience, irritability, or display of temper, instantly limit his work. The writer knew a man who greatly desired a new house of worship for his congregation. He was asked to dismiss the business meeting when the proposed building was turned down. In his disappointment he prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." This one sentence put an end to his influence in that community. Plain indolence or slothfulness is self-defeating. The writer remembers a minister, who, while in his undershirt and barefooted, met a woman at the door who came to make funeral arrangements for her mother. He did not bother to put on a dress shirt or shoes. Is it any wonder he moved every two or three years? Then there was the minister who greatly influenced the writer in his youth as to dispensational and prophetic matters. But his was a sensational, flam-

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General Conference Progress



The above is the emblem that has been adopted as the official emblem of the Churches of God that are affiliated with the General Conference with headquarters in Oregon, Ill. This can be reduced to a size suitable for letterheads, tracts, or any printed materials. It can also be enlarged to any desired size, and would be suitable for road signs, outside bulletin boards, or any advertising purpose. When used on a local level it immediately identifies that church with the General Conference at Oregon. The name of the local church would be placed below or beside the emblem.

A study is being made of various ways that this emblem can be reproduced for general distribution, for road signs and bulletin board use. Churches that are interested in using the emblem should contact the Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will be held at Oregon, Ill., November 15 and 16. Many matters of policy and direction will be decided at this, and other meetings of the Board. We covet your prayers for God's blessing upon these meetings.

MEETINGS OF OTHER BOARDS

Several departmental and special boards have held important meetings during October. On October 5 the General Conference Sunday School Board held a meeting in Oregon, and plans and projects for the coming year were outlined and developed.

The Mission Board of the General Conference met on

October 8 and discussed the work being carried on in the various fields, and formulated some policies for future administration and development of the Mission work.

The Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association held its first regular meeting of the newly organized group on October 15. The Board set February 15, 1969, as the deadline for initial enrollment in this retirement program. Ministers and churches who are not in the program may contact S. O. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer, at Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, for further information. The program went into effect on October first, and first dues will be payable after January 1, 1969.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCES

The new fiscal year of the Church of God General Conference began on October 1. The Goals for Giving in the amount of \$83,000.00 is the largest in the history of the Conference. It appears that the giving for October will fall short of the goal.

When the final figures for the past fiscal year were in, the giving for the year was \$1,500.00 short of the needs. The delegates at the annual sessions of the General Conference approve the plans and projects for the coming year. It becomes most difficult for the staff and Board of Directors to carry out these projects in each department of the work when the goals fall short. A loan of \$3,000.00 was made to carry out the commitments for October.

These commitments include support or partial support to twenty-three missionaries and their families, pastoral aid to nine churches, staff salaries, and the usual monthly expenses.

We know that the membership of the Church of God will make this a matter of concern and will meet the needs that God's work might go forward to his glory.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for October	\$ 6,916.00
Given in October	\$ 5,163.00
To be given by September 30	\$77,837.00

Goal for November, \$7,076.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



INDIA

The Church of God in Bangalore, India, observed the first anniversary of its church building with special services on August 11, 1968. The congregation met outside the building and after prayer they all marched around the building once, in memory of one year of service, singing "The Church's One Foundation" and "Praise Him! Praise Him!" as they marched.

The service lasted two and one-quarter hours, yet most of those in attendance, which numbered nearly five hundred, remained still longer to sing, meditate, and pray for all the great blessings they have received.

Bro. S. S. Manoah is now teaching a pre-baptism class to at least ten persons. Bro. Manoah again expresses his thanks to the General Conference membership for their prayers and support.

Mrs. David Lawrence, wife of one of Bro. Manoah's close workers, has been extremely ill, and he asks for your prayers for her.

A number of individuals have contributed funds for a sewing machine for Sr. S. S. Manoah and the ladies of the Bangalore church. This gift was much appreciated.

EL-CHIBBAK, LEBANON

Bro. Jamal Sunna'a reports that he recently assisted a young lady in putting on Christ in baptism and that two more have asked to be baptized soon.

Bro. Sunna'a is now translating the Systematic Bible Study Course into Lebanese and is using it as a Bible correspondence course among the membership and contacts.

Sister Sunna'a is in the hospital, having suffered a fall which caused her to give birth to a child prematurely. He requests that we remember her in prayer.

PHILIPPINES

The Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College has agreed to support the radio ministry in the Philippines. This is a half-hour program each Sunday noon over one of the large stations. We praise the fellowship for this effort, as well as for the several other projects that they carry on in the interest of missions.

Pastors and members of the churches at Minagbag and Gattaran are being persecuted and threatened by a member who has become disgruntled over some trivial matter. Pray for the safety of these brethren.

NOVA SCOTIA

A successful Bible school and conference has been completed at Lighthouse Mission Church of God in Digby. One hundred twenty-three were enrolled in the Bible school and the high attendance was one hundred eight. Many new contacts have been made.

It appears that a new work will be started in the village of Centerville, about twelve miles from Digby. A Bible school will be held there and then it is hoped that a Sunday school will develop. Pray for this new project.

NIGERIA

At last report from Bro. A. A. Obot, he had high hopes that the civil war would end shortly. Many members have lost their lives at the hands of the enemy and by starvation. It is reported that CARE packages are now getting into the strife area, however Bro. Obot has not as yet reported receiving any.

Bro. Obot says, "Continue to pray for us. Our work is progressing and we still hope to open our school in January, 1969."

MEXICO

Bro. Dean Moore returned to Mexico for a week of services in September, and Sisters Rachel Krogh and Alice Aldrich continue to reside in Saltillo and are working with Bro. Francisco Martinez in carrying on regular services in Saltillo and Bisnaga as well as special services in other villages at times.

ALASKA

Sr. Sara Jane Peters, a registered nurse, who graduated from Oregon Bible College last June, is now working in a government hospital in Tanana, Alaska. This is a small village outside of Fairbanks. Sr. Peters is using her talents to witness in this area. She has a large supply of tracts and materials for distribution and we hope that a Church of God work will begin there.

PRAYER LIST FOR NOVEMBER

1. Pray for each missionary and his family during November, Mission Month.
 2. Pray for Sr. Sara Jane Peters and her efforts in Alaska.
 3. Pray for the Mission Board as it plans and directs the the work of missions.
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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education fulfills a vital function in the higher education program of the Church of God. This Board acts in an advisory and promotional capacity for Oregon Bible College, and makes specific recommendations regarding its operation to the Board of Directors of the General Conference. Alva G. Huffer, President of the College, is chairman of the Board of Education, and the four other members of this Board are appointed, each for a term of two years, by the Board of Directors. This Board meets during General Conference each August, during the January ministers' meeting, and at other times.

Current appointed members of the Board are: Ruth Halls, Cleveland, Ohio; Dallas Demmitt, Phoenix, Ariz.; Don Overmyer, LaPorte, Ind.; and Charles Pryor, DeKalb, Ill.

General Conference delegates, in August, adopted the following motion: "We recommend that the Board of Education study the possibility of establishing an internship program for Oregon Bible College whereby graduating students may have practical pastoral experience before they enter the ministry." Members of the Board of Education have given much study to such a program.

FALL SEMESTER 1968-69

There are forty-eight students enrolled at Oregon Bible College for the fall semester of the 1968-69 school year.

Eighteen of the student body are freshmen. They are: Larry Bolhous, Oregon, Ill.; Norma Davis, Havana, Ill.; Alice Dochstader, Wyoming, Mich.; Mary Gaskill, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Daniel Graham, Dixon, Ill.; Wayne Johnson, Hector, Minn.; Ricky Landry, Baton Rouge, La.; Ronald Macy, Oregon, Ill.; Betsy Mattison, Maurertown, Va.; Paul Moore, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Richard Nock, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Debra Peters, Minneapolis, Minn.; Robert Schrienk, Columbus, Ohio; Daniel Scholtes, Pomona, Calif.; Kenneth Smith, Pelzer, S.C.; Valeria Smith, West Milton, Ohio; Lonny Ward, Kokomo, Ind.; Waldon Winner, Jr., Mt. Sterling, Ill.

FOREIGN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

by David Hall

The Foreign Mission Fellowship, as its name implies, concerns itself with projects connected with our mission work outside the United States. We meet the first Wednesday of every month to discuss and make plans for these projects. Tentative plans for this year include sup-

plying literature for our different missionary fields and providing funds for a radio work in the Philippines. We also plan to help in any other foreign missionary need that might arise.

The largest single project of the year will be planning and conducting the Church of God's second annual missionary conference to promote interest and zeal in our mission fields.

The Foreign Mission Fellowship also sponsors the Missionary Prayer Band. The members of this group agree to pray daily for the foreign mission work. We of the Fellowship provide them with daily petitions or praises regarding the mission work and also a current commentary on one of the mission fields or missionaries through a monthly newsletter. If you would like to become a member of this Prayer Band group, just send a card with your name and address to Missionary Prayer Band, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

HOME MISSION FELLOWSHIP

by David Cheatwood

The Home Mission Fellowship consists of a group of college students who would like to ACTIVATE themselves in regard to service to God and his Son Jesus Christ.

Some of the activities of the Home Mission Fellowship consist of conducting services at local parks and homes for the aged. We try to think of new and better ways of spreading the gospel. We then pass these ideas on to local congregations. Pray for the Home Mission Fellowship.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

by Steve Bolhous

The Student Council is a body whose purpose is to handle student problems, oversee the various college organizations, and work with the faculty by suggesting policy changes when such need arises. The Council further works with the faculty and with the student body in an effort to see that the college functions properly.

The Council meets twice each month to conduct its business. This body is composed of two representatives from each class, the chairmen of the different college organizations, the Council president, and the faculty advisor.

As we go into this college year we pray that God's guidance and blessing may rest upon the Council as it strives to do his will in handling the business affairs of Oregon Bible College.



YOUTH GIVING TOPPED \$9,000

Contributions toward the Youth Department giving goal by young people and Berean groups totaled \$9,297.19 by September 30, 1968, which was the end of the fiscal year. While overall giving toward the General Conference Goal for Giving fell short by about \$1,500.00, it is encouraging that the young people surpassed their \$8,500.00 goal by \$797.19. This goal had been set by the youth delegates at the 1967 International Berean Youth Conference. The previous year's goal had been \$4,250.00. The goal set this past summer for the *current* fiscal year is \$10,000.00.

ANOTHER CARAVAN PLANNED

Another youth caravan is being planned for this summer; tentatively planned as a 16-day trip to Virginia, Washington, D.C., and the Carolinas. The eight-member gospel team will be chosen from among those young people (entering eleventh grade and older) who apply to go on the trip.

STATE YOUTH DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD

Six conferences were represented at the meeting of state youth directors held October 25, 26, 1968, in Oregon, Ill. Present were: Mr. & Mrs. James Jannereth, representing Michigan; Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Cooper, representing Missouri; Oral Miller, representing Illinois; Kent Ross, representing the Northeast Conference; Jim Mickey, representing the contest program of the Youth Department, and informally representing Minnesota; and Paul Shaw, representing the Youth Department of the General Conference, and informally representing Arkansas.

Some of the topics presented at the meeting were: "Organizing a New State Youth Program," "How to Publish a State Youth Newsletter," "Developing Leadership Through the Youth Program," "The Berean Contest Program for 1969," and "Planning Better Youth Meetings."

MISSION DOLLAR CLUB REACHES 230

The Mission Dollar Club membership stands at an all-time high of 230, thanks to an enthusiastic response of the young people at the Berean Youth Conference last summer and other young people and youth groups which have joined since then. This club is a league of young people, or groups, who agree to give an average of \$1.00 per month from September, 1968, through August, 1969. Certificates will be awarded at the Awards Banquet held at the Berean Youth Conference to all those who complete their commitment.

E. M. Hall, editor

By action of the General Conference, June 7, 1962, the Sunday School Department Board of Directors came into being. At present, this Board is composed of: Willis Turner, Chairman; E. Milon Hall, Secretary; Robert Petry; Bernard Hightower. The purpose of this Board is to act in an advisory capacity to the Executive Secretary in the following areas:

- a) To furnish copy for *PROGRESS JOURNAL* and *The Restitution Herald* on Sunday school work.
- b) Review and make recommendations concerning the Sunday school publications.
- c) Advise on ways to improve and promote the sale of Church of God Sunday school publications.
- d) Advise on that portion of the General Conference budget devoted to this department.
- e) Develop plans on ways and means to organize new Sunday schools and home study classes.
- f) Develop new ideas for the improvement of teaching methods, standards and qualifications of teachers and officers, and training of teachers.
- g) Provide ideas for the improvement of Sunday school programs and organization.
- h) Plan that portion of the General Conference program having to do with Sunday school activities.
- i) Suggest ways and means of making the Sunday school more evangelistic in nature and also better able to prepare pupils for meaningful church membership.

The Sunday School Board is anxious to hear from those who have definite thoughts and ideas about how the Sunday school can become more effective in reaching and teaching for Christ. Please send your ideas to The Sunday School Board, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

Plans are under way to hold a Sunday School Superintendent's Seminar June 6, 7, 1969, in Oregon, Ill. Keep this in mind and on your schedule, superintendents!

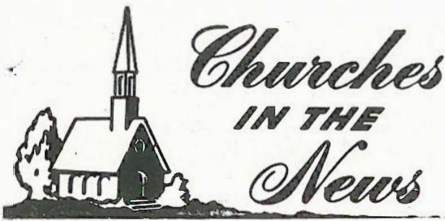
Certain elements are necessary before a Sunday school can *expect* to grow. Go over this check-list with your Sunday school in mind and, if there is some element missing, waste no more work, effort or time bringing it into focus in your Sunday school.

A) A Spirit-filled leader; the pastor and Sunday school superintendent praying regularly and working cooperatively.

B) A praying, cooperating congregation, with at least 30 percent of the active membership at each weekly prayer meeting.

C) A sound, practical program; standards, goals, and continuous teacher training.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 4-10—Evangelistic services at Blood River, La., E. Milon Hall, guest speaker.
- November 10—Dedication of Bible Church of God, Phoenix, Ariz., Percy Bilton, guest speaker.
- Nov. 11-17—Special meetings, Ripley, Ill., Clarence McQuinn, guest speaker.
- November 17—Dedication at Morse Mill. Mo., 2:00 p.m., Roy Graham, guest speaker.
- Nov. 17-22—Dedication service and Special Meetings, Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill, Ont., Clyde Randall, guest speaker.
- Nov. 22-24—Southwest Conference at Tempe, Ariz.
- Nov. 26-Dec. 1—Special meetings at Eden Valley, Minn., Z. B. Duncan, guest speaker.
- Jan. 20-24—Midwinter Ministers' Conference, Oregon, Ill.
- July 27-Aug. 1, 1969—General Conference.
- Aug. 1-7, 1969—Berean Youth Conference.

CHURCH OF GOD DIRECTORY

The annual Church of God Directory will appear in the December issue of Progress Journal. Church and conference secretaries, and pastors, should send in corrections and changes for the directory.

PHOENIX CHURCH DEDICATION

The Bible Church of God, 1710 W. Highland Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., will be dedicated, November 10, 1968. Mr. Percy Bilton of London, England, will give the dedicatory message at 11:00 a.m. and the act of dedication will be at 3:00 p.m.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

MORSE MILL DEDICATION

Our new church at Morse Mill, Mo., will be dedicated at 2:00 p.m., November 17, 1968, with Bro. Roy Graham as guest speaker. A basket dinner will be held at noon. Our brethren and friends everywhere are invited to come and share in this joyous occasion.

Harry Lee.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The week of January 20-24 has been set for the annual Midwinter Ministers' Conference at Oregon, Ill.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

We extend congratulations to the following persons who have successfully completed the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course: Miss Kristine Opel, Lloyd L. Writesel, Carl Richard Roth, Tim Davis, Mrs. Ida Noske, Miss Joyce Ann Daniels, Mrs. Howard Hamilton, Mrs. Marie Kelso, Mrs. W. J. Halls, Mrs. Harold Hamilton.

HERALD RACKS

Our supply of racks for The Restitution Herald is exhausted, so we are unable to fill requests at this time. We know there are racks among our churches that are not being used. We will pay postage if you will return these.

ETERNAL HOPE CHURCH OF GOD

The Eternal Hope Church, Herndon, Va., recently held its annual meeting to select officers for this year's work for the Lord. They are as follows: Elder, Given W. Cleek; deacon, Kenneth Milligan; deaconess, Eunice Costello; treasurer, Fay Carroll; secretary, Given W. Cleek; trustees, Arthur D. Fletcher, Helen M. Thompson, Given W. Cleek; Sunday school superintendent, Karen Young; corresponding secy., Carolyn P. Kohn; social secy., Shirley Fletcher.

Many members of our congregation have spent much time repairing and painting the church building. Further work is planned, especially on the altar area. It is a pleasure to be in a building where we can work and fellowship together. We pray that our work will be a glory and honor to God and that he will help us lead others to his service.

Carolyn P. Kohn, cor. secy.

BAPTISM AT LOMBARD, ILLINOIS

Sunday, August 18, 1968, Mrs. Evelyn Bruce came forward accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The following Sunday evening, August 25, 1968, this writer immersed Mrs. Bruce in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. The Lord's Supper was observed with our new sister in Christ following the baptism. We welcome her into the household of faith and pray God's richest blessings upon her as she walks in newness of life with our Lord.

The Lombard congregation is inspired by the power of God's Word and spirit which led to Evelyn's conversion because she is the first one to come into the faith from a non-Church of God family in our new location.

Lee McQuinn, pastor.

BAPTISM AT SOUTHLAWN

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Following the Sunday morning worship service on August 18, 1968, Cynthia Maddock made known her desire to accept Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. She was immersed into his saving name on August 25. The family of Cynthia is all the more joyful of this occasion since it now unites the Maddock family in the Lord. We pray the Lord will guide and direct Cynthia in her new way of life. May she be kept close until the Lord comes to call out his own.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

BAPTISM AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Gloria Barnes was baptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ on the day of our first service in our new church, October 20, 1968. May God bless her as she lives for him.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

BAPTISM AT DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA

Mrs. Roselyn Bent was baptized by the writer at Digby on September 29, 1968. Her address is: Rt. 3, Mount Pleasant, Digby, Nova Scotia.

Raymond Brown, pastor.

BAPTISM AT RIPLEY, ILLINOIS

We are pleased to welcome Karen Sharp, Mt. Sterling, Ill., into the body of Christ and the Ripley Church of God. She was baptized by the writer in the La Moine river on Sunday, September 1, 1968. Karen responded to the gospel invitation at Youth Camp this summer. We rejoice with her as she begins this new walk of life and ask the Lord's richest blessing to be upon her.

John Hearp, pastor.

BAPTISM AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS

On September 22, 1968, Lynn Gorham came forward following the morning service and made public confession that she wanted to have Jesus Christ as her Saviour. On October 13, she was immersed in the waters of baptism before many witnesses. Lynn is beginning the new life in Christ and our prayers are with her, knowing that she can overcome sin and live a life victorious through her Saviour.

Louis Kump, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

The Church of God at San Jose, Cal., successfully conducted a series of evangelistic meetings October 2-6, 1968. The speaker, Pastor Don Hightower, keyed his messages to the prophetic note. Pastor Jesse Humphreys of Royal, Ark., gave the message on October 4. By the end of the meetings five people had responded to the gospel call. Ed Smith, Lorraine Moeller, Elaine Verdi, Barbara Kinsey, and Jim Ham were baptized at the local church on the afternoon of October 6. A few others are also considering this important step. We praise God for his glorious leading in this area.

Don Hightower, pastor.

BAPTISM AT HARLINGEN, TEXAS

We were made to rejoice when Jerry Williams came forward after the morning service on September 8, 1968, and requested baptism. He was baptized the same day into the saving name of Jesus. We pray the blessing and guidance of God upon him in the days ahead.

Harry Gockler, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT OREGON, ILLINOIS

Charlene Graham was baptized on September 22, 1968, after having confessed the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, and her acceptance of fundamental Bible truths as believed and taught by the Church of God.

Miss Susan Kay Andrew came forward at the close of the service on Sunday morning, November 20, 1968. Confessing her faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and her personal Saviour, she was immersed that same evening.

At the beginning of the worship service on Sunday morning, November 3, 1968, an invitation was given, to which Pfc. Charles William Black and John Alvey responded. They were immersed in the name of Christ for remission of sins that evening. Bill left immediately for Germany, where he will continue in military service.

We pray God's blessings and protection upon these who have been baptized that they may "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

**BAPTISMS AT HILLISBURG,
INDIANA**

Sue Corwin, Chris Meyers, and Diane Gallagher were baptized into Christ on September 15, 1968. We invite God's blessing on their life of service for him.
E. Richard Smith, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

On the first day of services in our new church at 1710 W. Highland Ave., October 20, 1968, we had 98 for Sunday school and 25 came in for church. The Lord continues to be good to us. Hollis Partlow, pastor.

BARNWELL-ELWELL

The Guthrie Grove Church of God, near Pelzer, S.C., was the scene of the wedding of Miss Denise Barnwell and Mister Ronald Elwell, on October 6, 1968.

Denise and Ronnie are members of the Guthrie Grove Church and have attended Berean Youth Conference on several occasions. Ronnie also attended Oregon Bible College last year. They will make their home at Greenville, S.C., where Ronnie is in Alternate Service at Greenville Memorial Hospital. May God bless their home.
T. M. Ferrell, officiant.

MARGARET SPRUCE

Margaret Kipsoden was born in Assinins, Mich., on October 10, 1904. She was married to Samuel L. Spruce on August 23, 1924. He preceded her in death in 1966. She died suddenly on October 5, 1968.

She is survived by four daughters and five sons, one sister, 28 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at L'Anse, conducted by Pastor Darrell Maddock of the Southlawn Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. She was laid to rest in Pinery Cemetery, Zeba, awaiting the resurrection.
Mary L. Vadnais, pastor.

NORA LILLIAN JOHNSON

Nora Johnson was born in Nebraska on January 27, 1891. She died at San Jose, Cal., on September 3, 1968, at the age of 77. The writer officiated at the funeral on September 6. Mrs. Johnson was laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery at Oakland, Cal. She was the mother of Inez Van Gorkom and Jennie Ferman. She was the sister of Forrest Long, Clyde Long, Hazel Gwartney, and Inez Gordon.

Although the family is saddened by the death, they rejoice in the hope of the soon coming resurrection day.

Don Hightower, pastor.

ORVILLE K. THOMPSON

Mr. Orville K. Thompson, age 49, died suddenly on July 23, 1968, in Fairfax, Va. He was born at Pisek, N.D.

He is survived by his wife, Helen McInturff Thompson; his daughter Debra; a son, Gregory; his mother, Mrs. Josephine Thompson; and a brother, Joseph A., both of Herrid, S.D. Burial was at Woodstock, Va.

We pray that the Lord will be with his family, to strengthen and comfort in the days ahead.
Carolyn P. Kohn, reporter.

FLOYD J. NEDROW

Funeral services were held from the Oregon Church of God on Wednesday, September 28, 1968 for Bro. Nedrow who had succumbed to an illness of long standing. We were happy that Sr. Nedrow was able to attend the service. (Her address: Mrs. Floyd Nedrow, c/o Lisa Tubel, 29 W 261 St., Batavia Rd., Warrenville, Ill. 60555.) Continue to pray for Sr. Nedrow and her family.
C. F. Pryor, pastor.

HERMAN LANING

Herman Laning fell asleep in death September 14, 1968, in Lawrence, Kan., after a lengthy illness. He was born October 16, 1888, near Ripley, Ill. Surviving are his wife Susie; two daughters, Marguerite Jones of Alexandria, Va., and Erma Morgan of Lawrence, Kan. A son, Maurice, preceded him in death. There are also five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Upon retiring, the Lanings moved to California, remaining there until August of this year when they moved to Lawrence, Kan., where his wife now resides.

The great truths of Scripture concerning God's abiding presence and the blessed hope of the Lord's return, so dear to Bro. Laning, were the basis of the writer's words of assurance. He was assisted by Bro. Warren Sorenson.

Bro. Laning was laid to rest September 17, in the Ripley Cemetery to await the resurrection call on that blessed morn.

John Hearp, pastor.

BERTHA V. HAUPT

Bertha V. Haupt, age 84, died September 19, 1968, at Natchitoches, La. She was the eldest child of the late Bro. and Sr. J. G. Haupt; he was a writer for The Restitution Herald for many years. She was born at Durant, Iowa, but moved with her parents to Lake Charles, La., while young. She was educated in Louisiana schools, and taught 38 years at Louisiana State Normal. She maintained her membership with the Church of God, but attended the Presbyterian church, from which she was buried. She is survived by one sister, Miss Hope Haupt of Natchitoches.

Submitted by Hope Haupt.

DAN NEWTON

Dan Newton fell asleep in death on September 27, 1968.

After words of comfort were presented by Pastors Willard Grant and Richard Smith, he was laid to rest to await the call of his Master.

Our sympathy goes to Marge Finney, and other relatives and friends.

E. Richard Smith, pastor.

JOSEPH B. GASPAR

Joseph B. Gaspar was born at Loretto, Minn., October 1, 1891, and died in Minneapolis on October 10, 1968.

He was the son of W. Frank Gaspar and Emily Kalin Gaspar, pioneer Eden Valley residents. He was married to Mary Jane Hamon on May 16, 1916. He is survived by his three children; Elmo J. of Eden Valley, Lorraine of Minneapolis, and James of Houghton, Mich.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters; and three brothers. His wife preceded him in death on July 26, 1967. He was a member of the Church of God.

C. E. Lapp, pastor.

INFANT TAYLOR

Graveside services were held at the Farnam, Neb., cemetery on the afternoon of September 14, 1968, for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor. The baby was stillborn on September 13. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Moorefield Church of God; the former Coleen Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cross of Moorefield. Mr. Taylor was in Vietnam, but was able to return home the following week for a 15-day leave. Our prayers and sympathies are with these young people as they continue their lives with faith in the Lord.
James Rencontre, pastor.

BESSIE LAWRENCE

Bessie Lawrence, daughter of Lewis and Cora Titchenal, was born September 15, 1888, near Waterville, Wash., and died October 10, 1968. She spent most of her life near Cashmere, Wash. During her last illness she stayed with a son near Seattle. She was a member of the Church of God (Faith of Abraham).

Survivors include: two sons, Gordon of Renton and Burton of Seattle; two daughters, Lois Jacobson of Seattle and Donna Hill of Oak Harbor, Wash.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted October 15, by the writer, wherein were presented to those present, truths from God's Word concerning his purpose for the earth and promises to mankind for obedience to him.

Elder Lyle Rankin.

**L'ANSE CHURCH OF GOD
L'Anse, Michigan**



NEW MISSION BUILDERS

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- 1118. Guthrie Grove Ladies Circle No. 2
- 1119. John Railton

The L'Anse congregation has been meeting for several years in rented halls in the Baraga area of the upper peninsula. The membership is twenty, and Sr. Mary Vadnais serves this group as pastor.

This building has become available from a congregation moving into a larger building. The purchase price is \$8,000.00, including furnishings. Mission Builders appeal number twenty-one has gone out to all members to help this small congregation of God's people purchase this building.

If you are not now a Mission Builder and would like to assist in this program, use the coupon to enroll in this league of people who give five dollars or more twice each year to help in erecting or buying buildings for Church of God congregations.

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WHY THE MINISTER QUIT

(Continued from front page)

boyant personality, and he delighted in denouncing the college and professors in the city where he served. On being taken to task for it, he publicly denounced the criticism, saying he would preach what he pleased; if people did not like it, they could stay away. His extreme utterances provoked such antagonism, inside and out of the church, that in a couple of years he left for another city and gradually sank into obscurity.

Then there is the preacher who soon "runs out of gas." In two or three years he has used up his store of ideas—he may not have had any to begin with, except some slogans or epigrams. He does not replenish his mind by reading, study, or thought, and so begins to repeat or go in circles. He may be a man of good in-

tentions but has little to offer, so moves on.

In this category should be included the minister who has but "one string on the fiddle." It may be prophecy, or baptism, or conditional immortality, or denunciation of the errors of other churches. If one constantly harps on these themes, needed as they may be, people tire of it. They may not be able to define it or definitely sense it, but people need Christ and the good life held up to them.

A good minister is hard to define. There are so many combinations of qualities in personalities, and all ministers have their deficiencies and limitations. The pulpit orator may lack administrative or promotional ability, and the man who has administrative ability may lack the force of the pulpit orator. A man should not be condemned for what he does not have

innately. Many men who "cannot preach for sour apples," have pleasant, attractive personalities and good judgment. To borrow the sentiment in the frontier dance hall, "Don't shoot the pianist, he is doing the best he can."

DIAGLOTT OUT OF PRINT

We have been informed by the publishers that The Emphatic Diaglott by Benjamin Wilson is out of print. We trust that this will be a temporary condition, but ask that no orders for the Diaglott be sent in, until notified that it is available again.

CHRISTMAS TRACTS

We have on hand two Christmas tracts. "What Christmas Means to Me," and "Peace—Good Will." These are two-color tracts, especially made for insertion with Christmas cards. They may be ordered for 35 cents per doz., \$2.00 per hundred, postage-paid when payment accompanies order, from: The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

CONTRIBUTORS IN SEPTEMBER

The following persons through their contributions in September have helped make possible the work of the Church of God General Conference in missions, Oregon Bible College, publishing, the Berean Youth Fellowship, and other essential services of the Conference.

Blessed Hope Church	\$20.00	Felida Church	2.70	Josephine Kennedy	10.00	Grace Marsh	25.00
Earle & Marge Mogle	10.00	Blanchard Church	88.51	Bedford DVBS	52.35	Fremont Church	27.00
Esta & Harold Starbuck	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. David Hall	8.00	East Oregon Chapel S. S.	12.00	Ellen Riesener	100.00
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Ch. of Open Bible, Bedford	16.79	Northeast Conference	500.00	Dan Dovenbarger	20.00	Anonymous	100.00
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Elizabeth Ordnung	10.00	Mabel Andrew	5.00	Connie Ross	2.10	Mr. & Mrs. D. Hightower	28.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Strickland	50.00	Blanchard Miss. Soc.	30.00	Maurertown Dorcas	10.00	David Krogh	10.00
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Hope Chapel Miss. Soc.	65.00	Everett S. Rogers	15.00	Tempe Dorcas Society	10.00	Burr Oak Church	170.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Kugler	20.00	Brush Creek Miss. Soc.	60.00	Richard Gaaney	12.00	Doug Feece	10.00
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The Braden Manuels	20.00	Western sister	25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter	20.00	Peoria Church	20.00
Becky Barnhill	10.00	Benjamin Peck	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. E. Routson	20.00	Mr. & Mrs. O. Miller	10.00
Mrs. James Powell	25.00	Fort Valley Bereans	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. M. McLeod	25.00	Mrs. D. L. Holt	10.00
(in Memory of Letitia Waller)		Macomb Miss. Soc.	20.00	Willing Workers Aid,		Anonymous	75.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. E. McChesney	25.00	Fremont	9.00	Oregon S. S.	5.19
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Cecil Smead	30.00	A Member	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Smith	25.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00
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Mildred Mathews	5.00	Fonthill S. S.	9.27	Mr. & Mrs. W. Schmidlapp	20.00	New Hope DVBS	15.65
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Fonthill Church	70.33	Lighthouse Mission	14.50	Mr. & Mrs. C. Patrick	200.00	Dorothy Siple	30.00
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Motives for Christian Service

By the Editor

OFTEN, when a student does not do well in school, or an employee does not do well on his job, we say he is not properly motivated. One who is motivated has a motive for what he is doing. Webster defines "motive" as, "Something (as a need or desire) that causes a person to act . . . any emotion or desire operating on one's will and driving it to action." When someone says or does something, we often say, "What's his motive?"

In order for a person to be a true servant of God he must have a motive. There are different motives to Christian service—some better or more perfect than others.

The least perfect motive for Christian service is *fear*. Some people serve and worship God out of fear of judgment and destruction. The days of the "hell fire and damnation" evangelists are pretty much a thing of the past. Recent surveys show that few people believe in the old-fashioned burning hell. People need to have a little more healthy fear of the God who will indeed judge man and destroy those who do not accept him and believe his gospel. (2 Thess. 1:8, 9.)

But, like a person who obeys traffic laws only out of fear of arrest, or the child who obeys his parents only out of fear of punishment, the Christian who serves God only out of fear has an imperfect motive. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18). Hebrews 11:7 says, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, *moved with fear*, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Faith in God was the *primary* motive that caused Noah to obey and serve God.

A *better* motive is service to God for *reward*. The reward system has its merits; it is the basis of almost all animal training. Many businesses and industries have an incentive plan, whereby an employee receives a little extra in his pay envelope for working a little harder.

Our faith in God acknowledges that "he is a *rewarder* of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). Hope of reward caused some of the saints of old to allow themselves to be "tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection" (Heb. 11:35b). We admit that becoming an heir of the Abrahamic promises is an incentive to being baptized into Christ; actually there is no hope for reward outside of becoming heirs of Abraham through Christ. Too, our recognition of the fact that we are death-destined creatures, without life and without hope, causes us to "by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life" (Rom. 2:7). In the extreme, serving God out of a motive of reward is selfishness.

Without a doubt, the *highest motive* for Christian service is the *response* to God's love, mercy, and goodness! We love God because he first loved us and gave his Son to save us. (1 John 4:9, 10, 19.) We repent and make our decision to serve God, not wholly because he has commanded us to in light of coming judgment (Acts 17:31), but because "the goodness of God leadeth [us] to repentance" (Rom. 2:4), and his longsuffering gives us the time in which to repent (2 Pet. 3:9). Paul beseeches us to present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice, because of God's mercy. (Rom. 12:1, 2.)

Our motive for telling the good news to others is that somebody else told us. Paul said to Timothy, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). Too, our love for others will cause us to speak out for their good, and to witness to those going the wrong way.

What is *your* motive? Do you attend and work in the church because of mama and papa? habit? to be seen and admired of men? fear? or hope of reward? Better, that you love him and want to serve him! ●

General Conference Progress

STAFF TRAVELS

Members of the General Conference staff travel many miles each month to assist churches and conferences in special services and filling pulpits in the absence of pastors. The past few weeks have found Bro. S. O. Ross at L'Anse, Mich., Little Rock, Ark., and Oregon, Casey, and Lombard, Ill.; Bro. T. M. Ferrell at Rockford, Ill.; Bro. Francis Burnett at Dixon and Macomb, Ill., and Monroe Center, Wis.; Bro. John Lewis at Morning Star in South Bend, Ind.; and Bro. Eugene Stilson in Lafayette, Ind.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Ill., on November 15 and 16. A committee appointed to set up some guidelines on "How to Call a Pastor" reported to the Board and their report was accepted as a helpful set of guidelines for churches and ministers to follow. (See report on page 6.)

By action of the Board of Directors the Daily Vacation Bible School materials for 1969 will be published in five lessons. The cost of preparation of ten-lesson books was approximately \$1,500.00 more than sales, so they were subsidized from contributions in this amount. Since only five churches held two-week schools in 1968, the Board felt that the additional cost was not justified. Those churches which did have two-week schools last year should plan accordingly.

The Board approved the republication of the book, *Systematic Theology* by Alva G. Huffer, since the current supply is running low.

An internship program for graduates of Oregon Bible College on a voluntary basis was approved by the Board of Directors. Watch the College page for full particulars.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 1968 General Conference voted that a Director of Christian Education be hired, as funds and the person become available. Bro. Robert See of Whittier, California, has been appointed to this position without salary. Bro. See has a masters degree and part of this training has been in the area of curriculum. Bro. See, a schoolteacher, will work with the full committee of Warren Sorenson, Charles Pryor, Eugene Stilson, Barbara Harvey, and Enid Maddock.

BUDGET

The following budget items for the fiscal year, October 1, 1968 to September 30, 1969, were approved by the delegates at the General Conference in August:

ANTICIPATED Expenses:

Salaries	\$51,500.00
Utilities and Telephone	6,700.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Social Security Tax	2,700.00
Postage	2,500.00
Depreciation and Repairs	3,000.00
Supplies and Expense	4,000.00
Food	7,500.00
Travel and Auto	6,500.00
Youth Caravan	500.00
Library Supplies	500.00
Legal and Audit	700.00
Golden Rule Contracts	1,300.00
Advance Education OBC Prof.	700.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	600.00
Foreign Student Expense	1,000.00
Mission Budget	25,800.00
Total Anticipated Expenses	<u>\$117,000.00</u>
INCOME: Tuitions	\$ 34,000.00
Goal for Giving	\$ 83,000.00

Since this budget was prepared and approved last summer, several items such as postage, food, repair costs, supplies, and other miscellaneous items have already shown price increases. It appears that contributions beyond the established budget will be needed to fully carry out the proposed programs for the fiscal year. We know that the membership will make this a matter of concern in the months ahead so that the full program of the General Conference may go forward to completion.

Contributions for October and November have fallen \$2,245.00 short of the goal.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for November	\$ 7,076.00
Given in November	\$ 6,424.00
To be given by September 30	\$71,413.00

Goal for December, \$7,141.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



MISSIONS BUDGET

The delegates at the 1968 General Conference approved the following mission budget for the current fiscal year:

Nova Scotia	\$4,100.00
India	1,300.00
Mexico	5,400.00
Philippine Islands	6,000.00
Nigeria	1,800.00
Lebanon	1,200.00
Pastoral Aid. to churches	5,000.00
Literature	500.00
Board Expenses	500.00
Total	<u>\$25,800.00</u>

From this amount twenty-three missionaries and their families receive support. Nine smaller churches at home are receiving assistance in the support of their pastors. Much literature is needed in many areas of the world and it appears already that the need will far surpass the five hundred dollars allotted.

In addition to the above there are administrative costs including office expenses, staff salary, postage, social security payments for the American workers, and other miscellaneous items that are expenses of the Mission Department. November was Mission Month and most congregations heard sermons and emphasis on Missions so we trust that each member will make missions a matter of prayer, concern, and support in the months ahead.

PHILIPPINES

The weekly radio broadcast in the Philippines began on Sunday, November 17, over station DZMC in Cauyan, Isabela, one of the larger stations in northern Luzon. The air time cost is being provided by the Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College.

The Philippine Conference is now making arrangements to secure a portable engine generator to provide light and sound for Evangelistic Team services and for other special occasions.

MEXICO

Attendance at regular services in Saltillo averages twenty and in the village of Bisnaga about thirty. Special services were conducted in Bisnaga October 25-28, and attendance for these four services averaged well over fifty. There were Bible class lessons, special music, group singing using song cards, puppet shows, slide pictures, and

special preaching services by Pastor Martinez. A church building unused for several years has been made available to the Church of God in Bisnaga.

Bro. Dean Moore has now secured a full-time secular position in Edinburg, Texas, and is not able to make the regular monthly mission trips to Mexico at present.

NIGERIA

Following is a quote from the last letter received from Bro. A. A. Obot, "Greetings to you in Jesus' name. I am writing to tell you that the war in Eastern Nigeria has affected many of us. All the towns in the former Eastern Nigeria have been captured by the Federal troops, but only one town remains, that is Umuahia, and we do not yet know the position there. Please pray for us and for peace."

HAWAII

Sr. Elaine Lapp is located in Honolulu, Hawaii, as a schoolteacher. She is making fine contacts there through her music and witnessing. The Mission Department has supplied her with tracts and literature for her use and distribution. We are grateful for members of the Church of God who use their talents and abilities in a missions effort such as this.

LEBANON

Bro. Jamal Sunna'a writes that the Sunday school in October had an average of one hundred ninety children each Sunday. The services averaged above fifty adults per week, and midweek services had forty-nine average. Four have asked for baptism.

Bro. Sunna'a is a Jordanian by birth and he says, "I am going to Jordan this coming week and will baptize some of my relatives after much correspondence and much discussion on a previous visit there. Pray for these services and that God might lead us in all the things that he wants us to do."

INDIA

Bro. S. S. Manoah reports that he has traded his scooter for a small car, Austin 1948 model. He says, "I can now take my wife and the children for all the services and sometimes can drive old people in my car. Now I think I can do more work as a missionary even if it rains, or even if it is too hot."

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President

ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges held its annual meeting in Chicago, October 30-November 1. Those attending from the faculty were Bros. Francis Burnett and John Lewis. Much was gained from the inspirational messages and professional papers that were presented. The AABC is an association of Bible-based churches with a very fundamental Bible background.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

Bro. Eugene Stilson is conducting a study regarding the needs of our college library. Any individual wishing to make a contribution toward the purchase of new books should contact him.

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS WEEK

Pastor Warren Sorenson of the Macomb, Ill., Church of God was the College guest speaker for Christian Emphasis Week. His basic theme was "Growth in Christian Life," with different messages on this theme being presented each day of the week.

"Mr. Facing Both Ways" challenged the students to get established in the faith. "Love" was presented in three phases: God's love, the love of Christ, and the love of man. The "Reality of Faith" emphasized that faith has surer wheels than pride, and prayer will carry us where power must fall. "The Need of Christian Service" warned us of the time of the falling away of the church. "Personal Improvement," stressing that students began improving the world by starting with themselves, was the Friday message.

Bro. Sorenson also conducted a worship service on Thursday evening, with the message centered on "Stand Up and Be Counted."

ACT TEST

On October 19 the freshmen of OBC traveled to the Sauk Valley College to participate in the American College Testing program. This is a step forward in the college's pursuit of higher college standards.

PRAYER DAY

November 12 was Oregon Bible College's Annual Prayer Day. The student council appointed a committee, headed by Ray Hall as moderator, and consisting of other upperclass students to plan this program. The student body spent the day in song, meditation, devo-

tions, and prayer. Bro. T. M. Ferrell conducted the chapel service. The climax was a Communion service.

ATHLETIC AND SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee, headed by Joe Duncan, held a very well-attended Halloween party at Stronghold, a replica castle near Oregon.

GREAT BOOKS PROGRAM

Oregon Bible College has purchased a 54-volume set of the Great Books to add to its library.

COLLEGE POLICY

It is the policy of Oregon Bible College that no guests will be permitted to stay at the school dormitories. Only during Junior-Senior Weekend are such provisions made for interested students who visit the college.

GOSPEL TEAMS

Gospel teams have traveled to Macomb, Ill., Morning Star Church of God, South Bend, Ind., and the Indiana Youth Retreat at Lafayette.



One of the gospel team groups is known as, "The Brothers and the Sisters," pictured above. They combine instrumental and vocal numbers. Members of the group are: back row, Dan Graham, Russell Berry, David Graham, Joe Duncan; front row, Debra Peters, Betsy Mattison, Alice Dochstader, and Valeria Smith.

—John R. Lewis.

BYF NEWS



Paul Shaw, Editor

SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN ENDED

The Berean Subscription Campaign for *The Restitution Herald* held during November has been completed. A large number of church and Berean groups participated in the campaign. We will report in next month's issue the total number of subscriptions sold and the group which sold the greatest number, after complete reports have been received from the groups. A spot check of returned forms shows the highest number sold by any group to be thirty-eight.

CARAVAN TO THE SOUTHEAST

The youth caravan planned for next summer will be visiting churches in the eastern and southeastern part of the United States. Although the exact agenda is yet to be arranged, tentative plans call for holding services in Illinois, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The team will consist of two carloads of young people and adult sponsors and will travel for about two weeks. Young people entering eleventh grade and older may make application to be a part of the team on the application blanks to be printed in the January-February issue of *Challenge*.

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

The National Youth Advisory Council will meet for an all-day meeting in Oregon, Illinois, December 27, 1968. The Council will discuss the business of the Berean Youth Department, including plans for the youth caravan, International Berean Youth Conference, and recommendations for activities and projects during 1969-70. The members of the Council are: Telve Lippert, Eldena, Ill.; Betsy Mattison, Maurertown, Va.; Barbara Sheeley, Kansas City, Mo.; Jodi Lawrence, Phoenix, Ariz.; Lois Anthon (chairman), Hammond, La.; Dennis Clark, Waterloo, Ia.; Robert Jones, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Richard Gainey, Hammond, La.; Robert Laning, Mt. Sterling, Ill.

NEW FILMSTRIP KITS AVAILABLE

Two new filmstrip kits with narration on 33 rpm records have been purchased by the Youth Department for free loan to youth groups and churches. "Planning Better Youth Meetings" is a set of four filmstrips on the subjects of worship, study, projects, and recreation in youth meetings. "Christians Face the Drug Problem" consists of two filmstrips on the problems of marijuana, LSD, and similar drugs. When writing for viewing dates, specify a first and second choice of dates. ●

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. M. Hall, Editor

THE MINISTRY OF TEACHING

In Acts 4:13, we read, "As they observed the boldness of Peter and John, and noted that they were untrained laymen, they began to wonder, *then* they recognized them as former companions of Jesus" (N.E.B.).

Whether they were untrained laymen or trained workers, they all had the same job and were recognized for their efforts as having been with and were equipped for the work of Jesus.

We believe that we are living epistles known and read of all men. (1 Cor. 3:2.) If this is true, how important should our manner of living be? What about those we teach, and those who watch our every word and deed? Let each please his neighbor for *his* good, to edify him.

We have raised several questions about our own manner of life, our attitude toward others, our example and influence on others in what we are and do. It would then appear that we really have the "spotlight" thrown on us! Everybody is watching us and listening to us and following us! At first thought, we are inclined to say, "Why is everyone so concerned about my actions or attitudes? Why do they point to me as an example? Why can't I be left alone and live my own life?"

But, Teacher, you can't escape your responsibility to your Lord. "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." Since this is true, then you must diligently try to find out what is required of you by God. We are not talking about methods of teaching, but rather our effectiveness as witnesses for Christ.

James said, "I will shew you my faith by my works." Paul said, "With all these witnesses of faith around us as a cloud, we must throw off every encumbrance, every sin to which we cling, our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish" (Heb. 12:1, 2, N.E.B.). There are many reasons in God's Word for striving to live a godly life, set good examples, and strive for perfection in our lives and in the lives of those we teach.

A real burden for teaching must come upon each of us who would effectively lay before others the true principles set forth in Christ's teachings. We must REALLY "seek first the kingdom of God," not just for ourself but for everyone who sits in our class. On Monday, and on every day of the week, many of our teachers are so busy with their livelihoods, their professions, their businesses that they simply don't even think about lesson preparation until Saturday night! When Jesus said "first" he meant FIRST!

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HOW TO CALL A PASTOR

A Committee Report

REALIZING that problems often arise for both the church and the pastor relative to the calling of a pastor to serve a church, and recognizing that ethical considerations are often involved, a committee was appointed by the General Conference Board of Directors to study the subject and report back to the Board. The committee realizes that it is impossible to make hard and fast rules for choosing a minister, therefore, what follows should be considered as *guidelines* for securing a pastor. Diligent study and consideration must be given to the choosing of a pastor, including the needs of the congregation and of the pastor, but prayer as a factor must not be overlooked. If we commit our way to the Lord and trust in him, we believe he shall bring it to pass.

How to Call a Pastor

I Consider the Needs of the Church

For many and varied reasons the needs of any church change. First and foremost a congregation should weigh the needs of the moment. In so doing, the congregation must be perfectly honest with itself, as well as being honest with the needs of the community.

Here are a few of the items to be considered. At this moment, do we need:

- A. Spirituality
- B. Closer fellowship
- C. Better organization
- D. More involvement
- E. Increase in Sunday school attendance
Increase in worship service attendance
Increase in membership
Increase in financial responsibility
- F. Evangelism of present attendance
- G. Teacher training
- H. Community good will

II Consider the Needs of the Pastor and His Family

- A. Housing and utilities available
- B. Salary—a pastor will have a difficult task of being a spiritual leader if he has physical needs for himself and his family which are not being met. A pastor's salary should be on the average of the living standard of his congregation.
- C. Fringe benefits
- D. Schools
- E. Will pastor and his family be happy here?

III After Considering the Needs of the Church and the Pastor—Whom Shall We Call?

- A. Check with members of congregation to see if they have a particular pastor in mind.
- B. Check with General Conference to learn of any pastors who are considering making a change and to learn of recent graduates.
- C. Should we call a pastor who is already ministering a church? Yes, but it may not be wise if he has just begun a new pastorate.

D. Congregation must unanimously agree upon who should be called.

E. Congregation must be warned that choosing a pastor is a difficult job and it is the business of that church only.

IV How to Make the Call—Methods

- A. In person
- B. Letter
- C. Telephone
- D. Whichever of the above methods is used, we suggest that the authorized personnel of the church contact one person at a time and let him know that he is the unanimous choice of the congregation. Some may say that it takes too much time to contact the pastors one at a time, but you can find out by phone or letter if he is interested.
- E. Include the following information.
 - 1. Salary and housing facilities
 - 2. Amount of vacation
 - 3. State and national meetings he is expected to attend.
 - 4. Statement of exactly what is expected. Such as:
 - a) Number of services held each week and which ones he is responsible for.
 - b) Is he required to teach Sunday school, midweek Bible study, and Bible school classes?
 - c) Do you expect a printed bulletin weekly or monthly?
 - 5. Additional pastoral expenses paid by the church

V Agreements and Proposals

All agreements, proposals, and basic discussions, whether in person or over the telephone, must be backed up by a letter so both parties know exactly what is meant.

VI Recommendations

This committee would like to recommend and encourage longer pastorates. We feel that there is very little to gain in frequent changes. Many times the pastor has just become familiar with the people and the community so he can start to work effectively, and then he leaves.

We also recommend that churches abolish the practice of voting on the pastor every year or two. What pastor could feel needed if only hired for one year at a time? We feel there are many advantages to an indefinite time period. It provides for harmony between the pastor and the church when they are working for one purpose. Should we stop once a year and ask, "Are we going to hire him for another year?"

We would also like to suggest that the month of April be the time when inquiries of pastoral changes be made. Many times announced changes have been made as far ahead as a year to eighteen months. This is too far ahead of actual change.

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Saltillo Church
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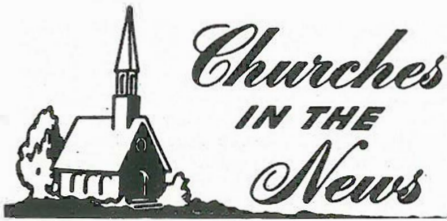
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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 20-24—Midwinter Ministers' Conference, Oregon, Ill.
- Mar. 22, 23—Illinois Spring Conference at Eldorado.
- Mar. 29—Second Annual Missionary Conference, Oregon, Ill.
- Jan. 18—Indiana Quarterly Conference at Kokomo.
- June 15-21—Indiana Conference and Family Camp, Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.
- July 27-Aug. 1, 1969—General Conference
- Aug. 1-7, 1969—Berean Youth Conference.

LOUISIANA STATE CONFERENCE

The annual Louisiana State Conference was held September 13-15, 1968, at the State Conference grounds. Bro. Gordon Landry, president, presided at the business meeting held on the closing day of the conference.

Various reports were received. The New Orleans brethren are still searching for a suitable property for a parsonage. By vote the state radio work was continued. When the proper procedure for selecting a state youth director has been determined, one will be chosen. A name for the state conference grounds was discussed, and a vote resulted in the name "Louisiana State Church of God Camp" being chosen.

It was resolved that the conference go on record to participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the Church of God General Conference, which is to be held during the year of 1969-1970. The conference also voted to take part in the Ministers Retirement Association. The spring conference will be held in May, 1969, and effort is to be made to secure an outside speaker.

Srs. Josephine Kennedy and Elois Dickerson gave reports of the General Conference meetings at Camp Mack, Ind., and thanked the conference for assisting them to attend.

Bro. Gordon Landry submitted his resignation as president of the conference. Bro. Charles G. Bottolfs was elected by acclamation. Bro. Landry was given a rising vote of thanks for his work as president for many years. Orine Robinson, sec.

THANK NOTE

I wish to thank all those who gave assistance to my mother while I was in military service, especially to the many churches throughout the nation that helped her financially. May the Lord bless you for the love that was so generously shown.

Daniell B. Watkins.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING FINANCING AND SERVICE PROJECTS

We, the present elders of the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., believe that God's Word teaches that the receiving of tithes and offerings, pledged and unpledged, constitutes the ideal and best means of financing the Lord's work and the entire church program.

Therefore, we conclude that the buying and selling of any product or article by groups within the church organization, or by the church organization itself, for the sole purpose of making a profit, even though that profit is to be used for the work of the church, is not in accord with Biblical principles and therefore with the principles of this church.

We also conclude that there are certain group service projects which afford opportunity for the development and witness of Christian character. Projects of this nature are those which are of benefit to the church, the community, or other people, whether or not a financial reward may be received.

One criterion of the acceptability of such a project is that the primary interest of the group in the project be that of the opportunity to be of service rather than that of receiving financial reward. "Freely ye have received, freely give," was spoken by Jesus in relation to good works.

It should also follow that, since the primary object is one of service, whatever financial reward may be forthcoming shall be used or applied toward some phase of the Lord's work rather than only for the enjoyment of the sponsoring group.

The following suggested projects (not a complete listing) may serve as a guide for activities which, when properly directed, may be a credit to our Lord and to this church as well as an aid in Christian development: securing Restitution Herald subscriptions—aid furthering of Gospel; handyman days—helping neighbors with leaves, windows, lawns, etc.; car wash days—do extra good work, second mile cleaning; rummage and garage sales—making items available to poorer folks; kitchen and dining service—relieving burden of family at wedding, etc.; paper pick-up—aid in keeping clean, prevent fire hazards; special event dinners — as Father and Son, Mother and Daughter banquets, Thanksgiving; etc.

Also the following is a suggested listing of use of any profits from projects: missionary fields; church building funds; church equipment; youth camps; national youth support; General Conference support; tract distribution; evangelistic meeting support; state conference aid; etc.

Various details will need to be worked out in good conscience as various projects are developed, but we trust those conclusions and observations will guide the planning in this area of our Christian service. Remember, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17).

We continue to emphasize that the time and energy of the Christian should be utilized in every way possible (working, teaching, calling, distributing) to fulfill

the purpose of the church, which is to present Christ and his teachings that the church may be built and strengthened and that many may come to know him and to have life.

Dated November 9, 1968. Elders: Clair Alcumbrack, James Cole, David Katering, Harold Simpson, and John Denchfield.

BEDFORD, OHIO, CHURCH NEWS

The Bedford church has been working for the goal of establishing itself as a fully organized church, having not only all services, but a full-time pastor as well. We feel once we have Bro. Rex Cain in full-time church service, we can then direct our attention to our building and its needs, improvements, and even relocation.

Bro. Cain, after three years of full-time secular work, is now employed outside of church work only two days a week. We hope soon to have him completely full-time as our pastor. (We greatly appreciate the help of the General Conference Pastoral aid, and the Northeast Conference aid in making these plans reality.)

We have an active and growing Sunday school under the able leadership of Sr. Mary Ellen Jones. Church services have been enriched with the addition of an organ. A choir organized in January brings additional praise and inspiration. A Men's Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 Monday mornings give the men fellowship and spiritual food to begin the week. An organized visitation program begun in recent months extends the influence of the church. The ladies "Agape" also meets regularly with many helpful projects. Bible study continues as a vital part of midweek, and our youth work is not being neglected, having chartered Junior and Senior Berean groups.

In short, we feel the Lord is blessing our church and its efforts, and we pray weekly at our prayer service for our other churches and our foreign mission work.

Doris Schuld, Sec.

SALEM CHURCH OF GOD

Marshall, Illinois

A "Solemn Prayer Service" is held regularly each Sunday thirty minutes prior to the evening worship at Salem. The purpose of such a service is for a time of devotion, meditation, and prayer. During this time the church body renders prayers to God in behalf of the brethren and all mankind, and special prayers of intercession. If there are any who would desire prayers in their behalf or for others, notification can be made by writing to Salem Church of God, P.O. Box 15, Martinsville, Ill.

D. B. Watkins.

COLLEGE DISHWASHER FUND

The fund to buy a dishwasher for the Oregon Bible College dining room now stands at \$137.75. This is up \$87.75 from our last report. Investigation of the prices of dishwashers indicates it will cost approximately \$1,000.00 to purchase and install the type of equipment needed. With the flu and colds season upon us, we shudder at our present unsanitary conditions. Perhaps the various ladies' and youth organizations could bolster this fund. Remember this fund with your extra-mile giving!

BAPTISMS AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS

November 3-15, 1968, was a time of revival for the brethren at Faith Chapel, Peoria. The first week was spent going from house to house in prayer bands. At the mid-week service, the invitation to accept Jesus as Saviour was given. Three persons responded to that invitation; namely, Robert Nullmeyer, Mrs. Shirley Nullmeyer, and Pamela Kump. Those present at this service went directly to a pond near the church where these were immersed in the waters of baptism. At the close of the revival services on November 15, the invitation was again given and three persons came forward. They were: Dennis Polston, Bobby Nullmeyer, and Mary Beth Miller. On November 17, after the morning worship service, these three were baptized.

The purpose for our revival was found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." With praise and with thanksgiving we rejoice at what God has done with us and for us. "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

Louis Kump, pastor.

**FOUR COUPLES BAPTIZED
Phoenix, Arizona**

Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Grimes, 3009 W. Marlette; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sawyer, 3640 E. Turney Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blanchard, 3738 E. Laurel Lane; and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Loeffler, 3323 W. Tuckey Lane, all of Phoenix, were recently baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. That God will continually keep these four fine couples under his everlasting arms is our prayer. They are all new families to the Church of God. We welcome them into the local church and to the Church of God at large.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT LOMBARD, ILLINOIS

On Sunday evening, November 3, 1968, Mary Lou Pellegrini, Marsha McQuinn, Mary Weyrauch, and William Lay were immersed into the body of Christ for the remission of sins by this writer.

We of the Lombard Church rejoice with these newborn sisters and brother in Christ for their conversion. May they always uphold the faith in word and deed as well as dedicate their lives to the high calling of God in his service.

Lee McQuinn, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT GARDEN PARK

Sunday, October 27, 1968, in response to the gospel invitation, Don Jones, Kim Verwys, and Jim Williams, came forward to accept Christ. They were baptized on November 3 at an afternoon service. The Lord will surely bless those who are obedient to his command. David Krogh, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT EDEN VALLEY, MINN.

Two girls were baptized here at Eden Valley on October 27, 1968. They are sisters: Anna and Catherine Vanderbeek of Paynesville, Minn. One is in business college and the other a junior in high school. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

BAPTISM AT ROYAL, ARKANSAS

On September 21, 1968, it was the writer's privilege to assist Earl Muncrief in putting on Christ by baptism. May God keep him as he walks life's pathway.

J. R. Humphreys, pastor.

BAPTISM AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Mary Bauerbach was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins November 3, 1968, making the second time that we have used the baptistry in the new church. We welcome her into the local congregation and to the Church of God at large. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA CHAPEL
Columbus, Ohio**

On October 5, 1968, Pastor Carl F. Roth baptized Berthal Lee Pack into the body of Christ.

Pastor Roth performed the wedding ceremony uniting Susannah M. Schmidt to Berthal Lee Pack in holy matrimony on October 19, 1968.

Cathy Schmidt, reporter.

BAPTISM AT BURR OAK, INDIANA

Mrs. Judy Carlisle was baptized September 22, 1968, at Lake Maxinkuckee of Culver. We rejoice for this young mother who made this wonderful choice to put on Christ by immersion. May God bless her in her new walk in life.

Pastor E. O. Routson.

BAPTISMS IN VIRGINIA

November 3, 1968, it was the writer's privilege to immerse Lynn Boyer, Seven Fountains, Va., and Johnny Mattison, Maurertown, Va., into the saving name of Jesus.

We all rejoice over their decision and pray they will continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

James Mattison, pastor.

HUDSON-CONNALLY

Linda Hudson, a member of the Bible Church of God in Phoenix and daughter of Bro. and Sr. Don Hudson of Dewey, Ariz., became the bride of Thomas Connally in a double ring ceremony in the Tempe Church, November 30, 1968. The writer officiated. After the honeymoon the couple will be at home at 1230 N. 3rd St., Phoenix.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT LAFAYETTE, IND.

On October 6, 1968, Wayne Ryan and his daughter Christine were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. May the Lord always be with them as they continue to grow in him.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

BAPTISM AT DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA

Wayne Abbott, Rt. 2, Digby, Nova Scotia, was baptized on October 27, 1968.

Raymond Brown, pastor.

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Oregon Bible College is offering two seminars at the start of the second semester that will be of interest to members of the church at large.

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GORDON-SIMPSON

On the night of October 24, 1968, Helen Gordon and Benjamin Simpson were married in the Harlingen Church of God, with the pastor officiating in the double ring ceremony. Helen is a member of the Harlingen Church of God. They are making their home in Harlingen. We pray God's blessing and guidance upon them in the years ahead. Harry Gockler, pastor.

LILLIE BELLE WOOD

Lillie Belle Wood, daughter of John and Sarah (Stevens) Neidigh, was born February 5, 1881, near Cleone, Ill., and died October 29, 1968.

She was united in marriage to John Wood on October 26, 1902. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by a daughter, Edna Claypool of Marshall, Ill., a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.

In 1915 she accepted Christ as her Saviour and was immersed in baptism, placing her membership in the Christian Church. In 1952 she transferred her membership to the Salem Church of God of the Abraham Faith. Her hope was that when the trumpet sounds and Jesus calls, she will rise from the grave with all the saints to be forever with her Lord and Saviour in the glorious earthly Kingdom.

Funeral services were held at Martinsville, Ill., by the writer. Interment was made at Clarksville Cemetery.

D. B. Watkins, pastor.

PHINEAS T. BENNETT

Phineas Thomas Bennett was fatally injured on September 28, 1968, when the truck he was driving went out of control on a highway near his home.

Mr. Bennett was born in Waterloo, Iowa, February 9, 1898. He married Ruth Bennett July 22, 1920, at Wheaton, Ill. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors are two sons and three daughters.

While he had been a member of the Christadelphian Church most of his life, he placed his membership in the Conger Street Church of God in 1962.

A memorial service was conducted on October 2, at the Conger Street Church of God in Waterloo by Pastor Harry Payne, who reminded us that while life is fleeting, the resurrection is sure. It is indeed a blessed hope. Blanche Harland, Sec.

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WATERLOO, IOWA

Bro. and Sr. Harry Payne, Linda and Arthur, arrived in Waterloo August 12, 1968, and moved into the parsonage at that time. We have been very happy to welcome them and they have already won a place in our hearts. Their address is 1054 Conger St. Waterloo, Iowa 50703.

On the closing day of the Iowa State Conference of the Church of God four of the Waterloo young people were immersed into the saving name of Jesus by Bro. Linford Moore: Donald Laurion, Stanley Schaefer, Annette Schaefer, and Donald Smith.

A fall conference of the Iowa State Conference of the Church of God was held at Waterloo on September 28, 29. Bro. Roger

Denchfield, pastor of the Koszta Church of God (known as the Oak Lawn Church) was the speaker on Saturday evening. Bro. Harry Payne gave the message on Sunday morning, and Bro. Louis Cronbaugh, President of the Iowa Conference, gave the closing sermon on Sunday afternoon.

There was a minister-layman conference of the Minnesota and Iowa churches at the Conger Street Church of God on November 1, 2. Minnesota pastors who attended were Bro. Harry Sheets of Hector, Bro. C. E. Lapp of Eden Valley, and Bro. Jim Mickey of Litchfield. Iowa pastors participating were Bro. Louis Cronbaugh, Bro. Roger Denchfield, Bro. J. Arthur Johnson, Bro. Harry Payne, and Bro. Linford Moore. The theme of the meeting, "The Generation

Gap," proved to be timely and interesting. Everyone in attendance was enthusiastic about the meetings and found the main speaker, Mrs. Elaine Train, Guidance Counselor in the Cedar Falls high school, very helpful. Bro. Wegner of the Litchfield church presided over the meeting and reluctantly accepted the draft of continuing as chairman of the group.

Blanche Harland, Sec.

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Victory in Missions

By Steve Moore, Oregon Bible College

JESUS chose helpers and teachers, as recorded in Mark 1:17. In his ministry he promised he would build a church. Today, he is still calling teachers, helpers, and missionaries to continue the church and its teachings. Each one of us has a responsibility to talk to others and to try to teach them the truth.

We find ourselves today with a great opportunity to teach others. In the United States there are millions of people who have not heard the gospel. Many of those who have heard so-called gospel preaching are not satisfied, and this gives us a great opportunity to be missionaries. Jesus is still calling individuals to accept him as their Saviour. When we accept him we automatically accept his teachings.

We should automatically become a missionary when we accept Christ. But, most people don't accept being a missionary when they are baptized, even though at this time they claim to accept his teachings. One of the main teachings he has given us is to tell others about the gospel.

During Christ's time on earth, he spent his whole life being a missionary and trying to teach others. As he taught, he gave to everyone the Great Commission, which is: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19). There are very few people who do as Jesus said. They are afraid of what others will say, or they think it takes too much time. Others think that mission fields are only in other countries. Very few of us would be Christians today if there had not been missionaries yesterday.

Christian parents are some of the best missionaries in the whole world. They teach their children the principles and doctrines of the Bible. They learned the Bible stories as children, and, as they grow into adulthood, they should search and study to become better Bible students and teach their own children. Most parents are missionaries, but the ones who are not must find help. This is where home missions begin.

All Christians must be sincere in their beliefs. They must be enthusiastic about their faith and be willing to talk freely about it. When strangers come to church to learn more about the gospel, everyone should greet them warmly; the minister or teacher must make them feel welcome. When people want to go to church, or talk about the Bible, they want to return home filled. It is as if they were sitting down at the table to eat—they want to be filled. Once, when Robert Burns was in a strange city he felt desperately lonely. Wanting companionship, he visited a church where no one spoke to him. Before he left the church, he wrote a short verse telling of his emptiness and unacceptance. This is the way many people feel as they leave some church services. They are still hungry, and feel unaccepted. Have you ever gone to a church where the people were unfriendly toward you and the sermon was presented in a boring fashion? These conditions are the cause of a greater need for missions in our own country.

When one decides he will become a missionary he automatically sets all else aside. We know if we humbly follow Christ's example in the matter

of crucifying our own desires, we can't go wrong. Little mistakes and failures may indicate an overshooting of the Lord's leading, but we must still venture on by faith. Fear and faith are not fellow travelers. Through faith we can do anything we decide to do. God will give us strength to overcome evil and we can do his will.

As we go out to teach others we must remember that we are living examples for Christ. Christian lives, and the life of a missionary himself, are always under observation, even in the privacy of our homes. Our lives will speak powerfully for or against Christ. As missionaries at home we must watch everything we do and say and make sure it will be for God's benefit. The things we say and teach for God must be from our heart. We must be sincere in our missionary work. No one can give what he does not have. This is where many missionaries fail. They realize that they are not giving their whole life to God; instead they are putting on a false front in trying to help others. They are kind to the people while they are around them, but when they get in the privacy of their home they complain. They begin to feel depressed and think that they shouldn't have to help these people who are not willing to accept God's Word. Men and women who decide to go into foreign missions must realize there are times of depressed feelings; and they will feel as if they are making no headway. This is when their faith should grow, and they should come closer to God. The first years in missionary work

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General Conference Progress

MINISTERS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT ASSOC.

The Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association is made up of ministers, churches, and conferences who unite to provide retirement benefits for ministers when they reach age sixty-five, or if disabled at age sixty-two. Each member church and minister pays one percent of gross income into the fund, with a minimum of thirty dollars per year for the minister and fifty dollars per year for the church or conference.

Forty-two ministers, forty-three churches, four state conferences, and the General Conference are enrolled in the program. Retirement benefits are presently set at fifty dollars per month and one fourth of that amount for a widow. The membership of this association has the right to improve these plans at any regular meeting of the association.

Many larger denominations began their retirement programs on a smaller scale than this. Churches and ministers who are not yet in the program are encouraged to make application to enroll. Each additional member will help to strengthen the group and make the plan better.

February 15, 1969, has been set as the deadline to enroll in the program as an initial member. An initial member does have certain benefits. For more information or a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Association contact Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

ANNUAL MIDWINTER MINISTERIAL MEETING

The ministers of the Church of God General Conference will be meeting in their annual winter session in Oregon, Ill., January 20 to 24, 1969. Papers are presented, doctrinal matters and pastoral procedures are discussed, messages presented in the evenings, and times of devotion and fellowship are enjoyed throughout the week. The students of Oregon Bible College attend the forenoon sessions of the conference as the first week of the second semester of college.

There is an expense pool which includes meals at the conference and travel expense. In this way each one attending pays a like amount whether living near or far from Oregon. Local churches should encourage their pastors to attend this conference, and most churches do pay the pool expense.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will hold their next meeting in Oregon, Ill., on January 24 and 25. Any matters of business to be discussed by the Board should be brought to the attention of one of the Board members or to the Executive Secretary, S. O. Ross.

The Board of Directors, staff members, and conference workers extend to each conference member best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year in the Lord's service in 1969.

CONFERENCE SLIDE SET

A new updated set of slides on the Church of God General Conference work is being prepared and should be ready for showing by mid-January. Any church group wishing to show these colored slides may make reservation for them by contacting the Executive Secretary, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061. A prepared script will accompany the set for description of the slides.

FINANCES

As this page is being written, it appears that the goal for giving for the month of December will be reached. We praise God for this and express thanks to the membership of the Church of God for their concern and dedication to the cause of the work of the Lord.

Contributions for the purchase of a dishwasher for the Oregon Bible College kitchen have reached a total of \$273.50. Commitments and contributions to the Women's dormitory building fund now total \$17,600.00.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for December	\$ 7,141.00
Given in December	\$ 6,906.00
To be given by September 30	\$64,507.00

Goal for January, \$7,167.00

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President

COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HOLY LAND TOUR

Three semester hours credit at Oregon Bible College can be acquired by persons, if they so desire, by going on the Holy Land and Europe Tour to be directed by President Alva G. Huffer next summer. The 21-day package tour will leave New York, Saturday, June 21, and return to New York, Saturday, July 19.

This year, President Huffer and his group will visit: Rome, Istanbul, Izmir (Smyrna), Ephesus, Athens, Corinth, Pergamum, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho, Dead Sea, Samaria, Sea of Galilee, Tiberius, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, Haifa, Caesarea, Tel Aviv, Florence, Paris, Versailles, London, and other places of interest.

This tour will be similar to the one directed by President Huffer and his wife Awa last summer. Some additional cities are included. For additional details, write: Alva G. Huffer, 1130 Laguna Dr., Tempe, Ariz. 85281.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The faculty sponsored a Christmas Fireside at the Ross residence on a recent Sunday afternoon. Refreshments were furnished by the faculty members for the students and their families. The social committee sponsored a caroling party followed by a taffy pull. The groups sang at the homes of some of the members in the city of Oregon.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

By Eugene Stilson

The heart of an academic institution is the faculty and the library. The staff of Oregon Bible College is committed to the task of systematic development of our library. To improve the services of our library we are preparing a budget showing yearly expenditures for supplies, magazines, and books. A professional librarian is getting our card catalogs and other records in order. The staff is studying the present books of the library to improve the use of them, and to determine sections that need to be improved. Each staff member will study the parts of the library related to his teaching area, and prepare lists of books to be purchased as funds permit. We have appreciated assistance given by Northern Illinois University in loaning us materials and advising us in library procedures.

ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY

We have purchased the *Great Books* by Britannica. This is a 54-volume set that includes a two-volume Syntopicon that indexes the great ideas that have been discussed

throughout the ages. *The Great Books* deal with the major works in philosophy, literature, history, and science. This reference set is useful in almost any research.

We have received gifts of about thirty books thus far. Each donor has written asking the titles of books that we need most. We commend this wonderful cooperation. It avoids unnecessary duplication of the same books, and insures that the books are vitally related to the courses of the college. If others desire to give gifts to the library they can either give money or request titles that we would like to add. Any library correspondence should be directed to Eugene Stilson, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

GOSPEL TEAM ACTIVITIES

There are many reasons for having gospel teams. They are a service to God; they give the students valuable experience; they keep the churches in close contact with the work of the college. The local churches see the college students daily, but gospel teams provide an opportunity for the students to become acquainted with the whole Church of God. During the Christmas vacation "The Brothers and the Sisters" visited churches in Virginia and Ohio, presenting programs of religious folk music. The Student Recruitment Committee has prepared a slide series that they hope to present in churches and youth rallies through the country. We envision a program of outreach with a Bible College program of some type sent to every state, youth rally, or conference, each year.

GOSPEL TEAM AND STUDENT RECRUITMENT FUNDS

The students have raised funds for their personal efforts to promote Oregon Bible College. I am sure they would welcome your gifts. As the College presents services, offerings received are placed in the Gospel Team Fund to pay travel expenses. The cost of a team to the fund is six cents a mile for travel, and fifty to seventy-five cents for meals during travel. We encourage your generous support of this fund to enable us to increase the outreach of the College. We suggest that churches at a great distance plan special crusades, so that when the College teams come you will be ready to receive a maximum blessing.

There must be much advance planning in regard to financing and arranging school and individual student schedules in preparation for all Gospel teams. The purpose is to plan so that the student receives maximum benefit both spiritually and educationally.

BYF NEWS



Paul Shaw, editor

SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN RESULTS

The young people of the church are to be complimented on the fine success of the Berean Subscription Campaign for *The Restitution Herald* held during November. A total of 226 new subscriptions were sold. The group which sold the most subscriptions was the Berean group of the San Jose Church of God of San Jose, Calif., with 38 subscriptions. Second were the Bereans of the Bible Church of God of Phoenix, Ariz., with 36 subscriptions.

YOUTH WEEK IS NEXT MONTH

Young people throughout the church will begin making plans this month for the observance of Youth Week next month, February 17-23. Ideas and suggested procedures for the observance are printed in the November-December *Challenge*. A competition will again be held among the participating groups, with the International Youth Week Award presented to the winning group. The award is in the form of a plaque on which the group's name is engraved, and which is passed on to the next year's winner. Report forms will be mailed to all groups prior to Youth Week.

SLIDE-SOUND SET AVAILABLE SOON

Get your request in now for a viewing date of the slide-sound set based on the 1968 International Berean Youth Conference. The set of colored slides synchronized with a taped sound track, which is currently in production, will be released for viewing dates on Youth Sunday (already taken) and thereafter. When writing, specify first and second choice of dates. This can help to avoid much correspondence.

YOUTH CONFERENCE PLANNING BEGUN

Work has been begun on planning the 1969 International Berean Youth Conference. As usual, we are attempting to make it the "best ever!" Those who have suggestions regarding the camp program or concerning possible camp counselors are encouraged to write the Youth Department soon.

CARAVAN APPLICATION IN CHALLENGE

Young people entering eleventh grade and older may make application to go on the Youth Caravan to be held this summer, June 17-July 1. The caravan will consist of a gospel team of two carloads of young people, with adult sponsors, who will tour churches in the eastern and south-eastern parts of the country.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, editor

Sunday schools don't grow, they are built up a piece at a time under the direct supervision of almighty God. We must work diligently to keep adding new pieces to our Sunday schools and simultaneously keep the old.

People attend Sunday school because they are searching for something. If we fail to supply it, we'll lose them.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING, as well as all of our teaching must be vibrant, alive, and meaningful. The opening must be supplemented with object lessons, new choruses, puppet shows, testimonies, and other pertinent activities. This, as well as every part of the Sunday school, must be used to plant the seed, hoe it regularly, and then constantly ask God to make it grow.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS can make or break a Sunday school. Consider the following suggestions:

a) Conduct Sunday school meetings regularly and stick with it.

b) Encourage teachers to speak up and feel free to bring problems to the board.

c) The Sunday school board should establish the "cadet system": or "on the job training" for assistant and new teachers.

d) Encourage teachers to explain their teaching techniques and why they work. Set up hypothetical classroom problems and have each teacher explain how he would cope with it.

e) The Sunday school board must educate itself by conducting teacher training classes.

f) The Sunday school board must constantly watch for and correct the four things which steal the pupil's attention:

- 1) Discomfort
- 2) Distraction
- 3) Disturbance
- 4) Disinterest

Remember, the very next thing you lose after your pupil's attention is his respect.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Is your Sunday school board using every evangelistic arm it could? A workable follow-up and visitation system must at all cost be established.

a) Each Sunday evening each teacher and the minister should receive a list of absentees of that Sunday morning.

b) The teacher can elect to: 1) Make a home visit; 2) make a phone call; 3) send a card. (Turn to page 7)

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 20-24—Midwinter Ministers' Conference, Oregon, Ill.
Mar. 22, 23—Illinois Spring Conference at Eldorado.
Mar. 29—Second Annual Missionary Conference, Oregon, Ill.
July 27-Aug. 1, 1969—General Conference
Aug. 1-7, 1969—Berean Youth Conference.
Aug. 9-17—Iowa Conference at Waterloo

COMPLETES BIBLE STUDY COURSE

We extend congratulations to Mrs. Betty Frazier, who successfully completed the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The week of January 20-24 has been set for the annual Midwinter Ministers' Conference at Oregon, Ill.

DIAGLOTT OUT OF PRINT

We have been informed by the publishers that The Emphatic Diaglott by Benjamin Wilson is out of print. We trust that this will be a temporary condition, but ask that no orders for the Diaglott be sent in, until notified that it is available again.

HERALD RACKS

Our supply of racks for The Restitution Herald is exhausted, so we are unable to fill requests at this time. We know there are racks among our churches that are not being used. We will pay postage if you will return these.

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WHY THE MINISTER QUIT

The article, "Why the Minister Quit," by Gordon Smith in the November Progress Journal was very frank and enlightening, as well as timely. I know it will bring back many memories, and provoke many discussions. As a member of the church here in Fonthill for over sixty years, we have served in many positions both in Sunday school and church; teaching many classes, now superintendent of the Sunday school, and adult teacher. We have served in positions from janitor to first elder; now on the trustee board and finance committee. We have served under all the pastors in this church, starting with F. L. Austin, and now under Emory Macy; ten pastors in all. F. L. Austin and C. E. Randall served 17 years each. Grover Gordon was here twice, and M. W. Lyon died while serving here.

Having had personal contact, and working with all of these pastors, I know why they all decided to change pulpits. Why they changed pulpits was of their own choice for different reasons. I know people say, "Why can a business man enjoy living in a community all his life, but a minister's usefulness is for just so long a term?"

A minister's life is different from any other profession. He is put on a pedestal, and has every move he makes watched; even the way he shakes your hand. I remember one minister that some of the members found fault with, just because his wife wore better stockings than they did. (They didn't know they were a gift from her sister, better off than she was.) Another thing, a preacher has to preach and minister to persons preschool, babes in Christ, as well as to those who sometimes know more about the Bible than he does. Then again, some people worship the minister, and cause others to become jealous. Again, each minister has a distinct personality, which draws or appeals to some persons, but repels or drives away other people. So, he is different from you and me. Then again, the congregation is also made up of different personalities, and what appeals to one does not appeal to another. Then, some want to run everything and everybody. Others are willing to "let George do it" all. There are some who are willing to give as well as to take, trying to work in cooperation and harmony. This kind of church is one that stands out and goes ahead.

If you have a dedicated minister, one who has the interests of the community and people at heart, and a congregation like-minded, then you have a pattern laid down by the Master himself, who said, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7:12). We should be ever ready to help those who need help. This is not the work of the pastor alone, but for all the congregation.

It was the vision, plans, cooperation, and sacrifice of the many members throughout their lifetime, that made it possible for the present board and members to cause our new sanctuary on Hillcrest Road to become a reality. We were greatly honored by having Bro. Randall here to dedicate the same, and to hold a five-day session of meetings. The wonderful response he received from all the people in

the district who had worked with him while he was pastor here twenty years ago, proved that whatsoever a person sows he will also reap. We hope this spirit of cooperation and harmony will continue, so that we will not only be a blessing to ourselves, but help serve and be a blessing to the district around us, to the glory of our heavenly Father.

Submitted in love, by Bro. J. H. Fletcher, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada.

ARKANSAS RALLY DAY ASSOCIATION

The Arkansas Rally Day Association held its quarterly meeting November 3, 1968, at the Twin Lakes Church of God, Little Rock, Ark. Churches represented were: Forest Hills, Cleveland, New Hope, McGintytown, and Twin Lakes.

The morning service consisted of a sing-spiration, special numbers given by local church groups, and a Rally address by Director Joe White.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon with the election of new officers as the primary business. The new officers are: Rally Director, Joe White; Asst. Rally Director, Paul Shaw; State Youth Director, John Cheek; Asst. State Youth Director, Steve Mathews; and Secretary-Treasurer, Margaret Holley.

Joe White and Paul Shaw gave short reports on the progress of Camp Bradford and its importance to the young people.

The Rally Day Association voted to begin tithing its income to the Church of God General Conference.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by those present. A wonderful day of fellowship and a spiritual blessing for having participated was received by all.

Margaret Holley, sec.

GOEKLER-WILLIAMS

On the evening of November 29, 1968, Sylvia Goekler and Buryl Layne Williams were united in marriage in the Church of God, Harlingen, Texas. The bride's father officiated in the double ring ceremony. Sylvia and Buryl Layne are active members of the Church of God in Harlingen. They are making their new home in Harlingen, where both are employed. May the blessing and guidance of God attend them in their new life together.

Harry Goekler, pastor.

DOROTHY SHERRILL

Funeral services were conducted October 15, 1968, in Cleveland, Ohio, for Sr. Dorothy Sherrill. Sr. Sherrill was the wife of Bro. Piner Sherrill.

After learning the truth and accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, Dorothy put her faith into service in the Lord's house. She served the Lord and the Golden Rule Church of God in many ways, some of them being as choir director, Sunday school teacher, and teacher for junior church.

She is survived by her husband; her son Allan; her daughter Edith Speed; and five grandchildren.

She now is at rest awaiting the fulfillment of her hope in the resurrection of the saints of God at Christ's coming.

Words of comfort and assurance were spoken by the writer, assisted by Pastor J. R. LeCrone. C. F. Pryor.

BAPTISM AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Richard M. Bauerbach was immersed in the saving name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins December 22, 1968. How thrilled we are that he and his wife Mary are now united in the "household of faith." Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**IMMERSIONS AT HOPE CHAPEL
South Bend, Indiana**

Charles Perry, young husband and father, was immersed into Jesus Christ on April 28, 1968. He is a loyal and industrious worker in Hope Chapel.

Don Nunemaker, a student, was immersed into Jesus Christ on November 17, 1968. He is now in college, preparing for service to our Lord.

Both these young men were able to take this important step only after deep self-examination, truth searching and commitment. May their lives be added to God's glory. Austin Railton, pastor.

WILLIAM C. FRITZ

William C. Fritz, Rt. 1, Plymouth, Ind., died at his home on December 17, 1968, following a two-year illness. He was born June 5, 1888, in Pulaski County to Charles and Laura Murphy Fritz. Mr. Fritz was married August 5, 1916, to Mary E. Gilvin, who survives. He was a member of the Church of God, having been baptized by the writer on September 30, 1956. Also surviving are five sons: Chester, Fawn, Dallas, Glen, and Donald; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Norma) Kizer, and Mrs. George (Bonnie) Kovatch; three brothers; one sister; 17 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Words of comfort were spoken to the grieving family by the writer. Our lesson theme was the resurrection of the righteous dead, and the change of the righteous living at the coming of Christ, from the corruptible and the mortal, to the incorruptible and the immortal. "Our friend . . . sleepeth," but Jesus said, "I go [come] that I may awake him." May that day soon come is our prayer.

A. Weldon McCoy, Sr.

MRS. BESSIE DURHAM

Mrs. Bessie Durham, 87, of Rt. 1, Piedmont, S.C., died at her home December 3, 1968. Sr. Durham was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God and was active in church work as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by her husband, G. W. Durham, three daughters, four sons, 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Guthrie Grove Church of God, with the writer officiating. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the resurrection. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

The Seventh Day Sabbath: Is It Still in Operation? A booklet containing a thorough study of the matter of the Sabbath day. (35 cents each.)

The Abrahamic and the Davidic Covenant, is a study booklet by Pastor James Mattison on these two important prophetic covenants. 25 cents each, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

Russia, Israel, Christ and You, by Percy Bilton, London industrialist, is a 42-page prophetic study of the nations and the part they are prophesied to play in last days' events. They are 25 cents each and may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

MRS. J. B. BROWNING

Mrs. Lillian Browning, 72, of Rt. 4, Providence Church Section, Hartwell, S.C., died November 17, 1968.

She was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God. Funeral services were held at the church by M. O. Williamson and Kenneth Milne. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery. She is survived by her husband, J. B. Browning, one brother, and three sisters. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

MRS. WILLIAM COULTER

Madge Mills was born January 30, 1902, to Sherman and Stella Mills at Eden Valley, Minn. She was married to William Coulter on October 7, 1920. She died at St. Cloud, Minn., December 15, 1968.

She is survived by her husband; her son Wilber; two daughters, Mrs. Jay (Margaret) Norman, and Mrs. Cliff (Marion) Manuel; and six grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Coulter and Mrs. Edith Eades; two brothers, Gerald and Scott; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Sr. Coulter was baptized in her early teens by James A. Patrick, and has lived a consistent Christian life.

She was laid to rest in the old Eden Lake Cemetery, near Eden Valley, there to await the call of Christ whom she loved and served. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

MERLE R. CULLEN

Merle R. Cullen died December 8, 1968, following a long illness.

He was born July 29, 1917, in Aurora, Ill., the son of Lee and Elsie Krause Cullen. He was married to Anna M. Smith, August 6, 1945.

He was a member of the Church of God at Oregon, Ill.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Stephen; a daughter, Constance; one grandchild; a sister; and three brothers.

Funeral services were held in the Oregon Church, with the writer officiating. Interment was at Dixon. May God comfort his family through his Word. C. F. Pryor, pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

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c) All members of the Sunday school board must acquire and develop (with God's help) the following personal characteristics:

- 1) You must be aggressive—tactfully.
- 2) You must be emphatic—pleasantly.
- 3) You must be positive—diplomatically.
- 4) You must be right—graciously.
- 5) You must be Christlike—continually.

—Robert G. Petry.

SEMINARS OFFERED

Oregon Bible College is offering two seminars at the start of the second semester that will be of interest to members of the church at large.

These seminars will be presented during the morning of the week of January 27-31, 1969. One seminar will be **ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART HISTORY IN BIBLE LANDS** taught by Alva Huffer, and the other will be **PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE** taught by Dallas Demmitt. (The classes will be held at separate hours, so a person could attend both seminars, if he so chooses.)

The tuition charge is sixteen dollars per class. Those attending may eat at the college cafeteria if they desire, but must arrange for their own housing. The deadline for registration is January 10, 1969. Five dollars should accompany the registration form. The balance will be due at the beginning of the seminar.

Any person interested in attending the seminars should send the registration form to: Registrar, Oregon Bible College, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

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Archaeology and Art

History in Bible Lands

Personal Understanding of Marriage

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L'Anse, Michigan**



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- 1118. Guthrie Grove Ladies Circle No. 2
- 1119. John Railton

The L'Anse congregation has been meeting for several years in rented halls in the Baraga area of the upper peninsula. The membership is twenty, and Sr. Mary Vadnais serves this group as pastor.

This building has become available from a congregation moving into a larger building. The purchase price is \$8,000.00, including furnishings. Mission Builders appeal number twenty-one has gone out to all members to help this small congregation of God's people purchase this building.

If you are not now a Mission Builder and would like to assist in this program, use the coupon to enroll in this league of people who give five dollars or more twice each year to help in erecting or buying buildings for Church of God congregations.

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VICTORY IN MISSIONS

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will be the hardest but the following years will bring many rewards if you are sincere in your work. (See *Mission to the Head Hunters*, by Frank and Marie Drown.)

In preparation to accept Christ and become a missionary, one must first make sure his beliefs and doctrines are the truth; the right teachings of God. Others' words must not be accepted. We should search the Scriptures for ourselves. This will help prepare us by learning where things are found in the Bible. Also, in this process we will be strengthened and realize that God and Christ are the only ones who can help us. They are the only hope. This will give us a purpose to be missionaries. Our main purpose should be not for personal praise, but to try to bring others to Christ so they can be propagators. In Luke 24:47 we find a need and reason for foreign missions, "Repentance and

remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations." Also, "The Lord . . . is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

A young couple who were great missionaries in Ecuador wrote a book on their missionary work. They wrote, "Our story differs little from the stories of many other missionary couples; the hardships and dangers described are no greater than those they have faced. Our lives should be regarded as a typical account of missionary work on the Christian front in any primitive part of the world. It should be clear that we view ourselves neither as heroes nor as martyrs, nor are we gifted with special strength or talent. We are just ordinary folks filled with joy, energy, and enthusiasm for carrying on the Lord's work. Ours has been, and still is, a rich and rewarding life, full of happiness in our family circle. We would have it no other way." [*Ibid.*]

The rewards for being a missionary

are much greater than the work.

The Great Commission to the church is still valid, and will be so until the Lord Jesus comes again. It was a challenge during the apostolic age when his spirit-filled disciples evangelized in the midst of an opposing pagan world. It was carried out during the Middle Ages when the fires of the Roman inquisition lit up the gospel's human witnesses. Down through the ages which followed, the Great Commission withstood the powerful onslaughts of its persecutors, up to our modern age, when dauntless men and women dared to break gospel trails into every part of the world in obedience to it. Today the Great Commission holds forth an even greater, more urgent and promising challenge than ever before, as if it were the last call to arms before the closing of this dispensation of grace. What are we doing about it? Who is helping to shoulder the divine responsibility for world missions? (See *World Missions* by Martha L. Moennich.)

CONTRIBUTORS IN DECEMBER

The following persons through their contributions in December have helped make possible the work of the Church of God General Conference in missions, Oregon Bible College, publishing, the Berean Youth Fellowship, and other essential services of the Conference.

Alice Bassett	\$ 8.00
Everett Rogers	15.00
Myrtle Flink	10.00
Co-Workers of Ripley	100.00
Macomb Miss. Soc.	20.00
Brush Creek Church	99.08
Rachel Krogh	3.75
Troy View Church	24.86
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Ashelford	50.00
Faith Community Church	5.00
Cleveland Contributor	1.00
Dixon Church	25.30
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Miss. Soc., S. Bend	65.00
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Anonymous	.75
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Landry	35.00
Dorothy Boyer	11.00
Raymore Church	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Domigan	50.00
Karen Smith	4.00
Digby Church	14.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. Dunbar	100.00
Lorraine Moeller	8.00
Brush Cr. Gospel Gleaners	5.00
Glad Tidings Miss. Soc.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones	30.00
Moorefield S. S.	19.21
Maurertown Church	23.53
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V. A. Cunningham's	25.00
Russel Parks	2.00
Golden Rule Ladies Guild	18.75
Illinois State Conf.	50.00

Ripley Bereans	45.00	Fonthill Miss. Soc.	63.33	Grace Blomquist	5.00
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Fremont S. S.	4.00	Mr. & Mrs. Z. B. Duncan	5.00	St. Louis Church	25.00
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Maurertown Dorcas	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Pryor	5.00	Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00
North Salem Church	7.69	Fremont Church	29.00	Thera Hammond	45.00
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Valley Bereans	3.00	Bedford Brethren	12.00	David & Dallas Zizert	3.10
Western Sister	25.00	Pomona Church	62.32	Anonymous	38.00
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New Hope Church	45.00	Blood River Jr. Bereans	1.00	Happy Woods Church	51.11
Josephine Kennedy	10.00	Blanchard Miss. Soc.	15.00	Lucille Ayres	10.00
Dan Dovenbarger	20.00	Southlawn Church	186.73	Virda Sitler	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis	25.00	Southlawn S. S.	15.95	Mr. & Mrs. Merle Davis	25.00
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Clara Broberg	5.00	Hope Chapel, So. Bend	33.13	Edith Eades	20.00
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Mr. & Mrs. John Kugler	20.00	Oregon Church	42.78	E. Alan Boyer	5.00
Northeast Conference	900.00	Orin Hoskins	17.00	Fort Valley S. S.	60.37
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Fairy Lyon	25.00	Brush Creek Miss. Soc.	60.00	Pennellwood Miss. Dept.	110.00
Eden Valley Church	537.55	Golden Rule Church	90.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Mickey	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. Cheatwood	8.00	Felida Church	2.70	Mildred Mathews	5.00
Mrs. W. E. Stewart	20.00	Sarah Jane Peters	55.00	Gerald & Wilma Osborn	200.00
Ohio Contributor	1.00	Colorado Springs Church	4.92	Mr. & Mrs. M. McLeod	20.00
Dorcas, Bible Church	5.00	Elizabeth Ordnung	5.00	Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. Bolhous	40.00	Tempe Church	126.40	Mrs. F. L. Austin	5.00
Macomb Church	166.48	Ripley Miss. Society	30.00	Duane Helweg	9.42
Mo. Sister	10.00	Peggy Demaree	4.00	Minn. St. Miss. Soc.	50.00
Sheila Sheeley	4.00				
E. Dorothy Magaw	12.00				
Kokomo Church	42.00				
Rockford Church	20.00				
Earle & Marge Mogle	10.00				
Harold & Esta Starbuck	10.00				
Fonthill Dorcas	5.00				
Cecil Smead	30.00				
Mr. & Mrs. William Hicks	20.00				
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The Church of God Can Grow!

By the Editor

EDWARD GIBBON, eighteenth century English historian, authored the famous book, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Most interesting to us is his chapter on "The Rise of Christianity," in which he lists the causes of the rapid growth of the early church. They are: 1) The inflexible zeal of the Christians; 2) the doctrine of a future life; 3) the miraculous powers of the primitive church; 4) the austere morals of the first Christians. We believe these principles could be applied profitably in our day, and the church would experience growth.

1) *Inflexible zeal*. The record in Acts is a testimony to the zeal of the early church. Having been in constant fellowship with the Master during his ministry, they knew the truth. Through God's power, all things Jesus had taught them were brought to their remembrance. (John 14:26.) Being witnesses to the things they had seen and heard came naturally. They had not invented Christianity; they were not attempting to lend credibility to fables. Jesus was alive from the dead—they had seen him! Could they be persuaded to say otherwise? They could not! When commanded by the Jewish council to cease preaching, they answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:28, 29). The truth was seething and boiling inside them—it had to come out.

In order for a person to have zeal today, he must have something inside. To have anything inside, it must be put there. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Conviction comes by study. Many of our people have no

zeal in witnessing to others the truth of God's Word, because they have not studied it personally enough to be convinced of its importance and saving power.

2) *The doctrine of a future life*. The disciples lived in a world of Greek culture and philosophy. The philosophers had the questions, but not the answers, to the problem of man's destiny. This offered scant hope to dying men. At best, the doctrine of the immortality of the soul offered a shady existence in the nether world. To others, this life was an end in itself.

The gospel of the Kingdom, as demonstrated and preached by Jesus and the apostles, brought the first real hope to men. Death is certain and real, but the Son of God will really return to this earth, and there will be a literal resurrection of the dead to life again. In Christ's reign all enemies will be destroyed, including death, and there will be peace, health, and righteousness in the literal worldwide government of God on earth. In the face of death at the hands of their persecutors, these Christian martyrs could be calm, because they knew eternal life awaited them if they endured.

Too, the knowledge of coming events added a *sense of urgency* to the message of the early church. Jesus is coming and this age is coming to an end; shouldn't we be ready? God will judge the world, and destroy those not acknowledging him; on which side are we? Our friends, neighbors, and family need this message!

3) *Miraculous powers*. The evident purpose in the spiritual gifts imparted to Jesus and his apostles was the confirmation of the Word of God. The

Gospel of John uses the Greek word for *sign* in every occurrence of the word "miracle" in the King James. The turning of water into wine, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead, all constituted signs of his Messiahship. The apostles repeated Jesus' words and acts of power, a witness that they were his followers. (Heb. 2:3, 4.) The Word has been recorded and confirmed, so the purpose for these miraculous powers has been fulfilled, and they have ceased.

This does not mean that God is no longer working. Through the power invested in his Word, we are still able to behold the miracle of changed lives, of love toward others. "The gospel of Christ . . . is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16), and God's Word "is a living and active force" (Heb. 4:12, Moff.). We are not miracle workers, but God can work a miracle in us through his Word.

4) *Austere morals*. The pagan world could not help but take note of the purity and openness of the Christian community. Their faith was evident by their virtue. This was a great contrast to the heathen religious practices, as well as to the hypocritical religion of many of the Jews. Our actions are a result of our faith. Our way of living may be the only "Bible" some people will read; we must be careful.

We are convinced that the Church of God can grow today, if these four principles present in primitive Christianity are put into practice. Our aim is not to *swell* the church roll, but to experience real *growth* spiritually as well as numerically. God blessed the early church, and we believe he will bless us as we submit to his will. ●

General Conference Progress

LAWRENCE TRIP

As this is being read Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence of Phoenix, Arizona, are on tour of several countries of the world. They will be making stops in Australia, Africa, Asia, and South America. The tour began on January 31 and they expect to arrive back in Phoenix on March 16.

Their trip will take them to India where they will view the mission field there and visit with Bro. and Sr. S. S. Manoah, supervisor of the India Mission work, and see the church building that was constructed in 1967. They will also view the new congregations in Wilson Gardens and Husor Village near Bangalore.

Bro. and Sr. Lawrence will also visit with Charles French and Alan Gunn in Australia. These men carry on the work of the Gospel Publicity League and distribute large quantities of literature all over the world, including many of our tracts and other publications. They will spend some time with the Bilton family and other contacts in South Africa.

We are grateful to Bro. and Sr. Lawrence for making these survey trips for the general Conference at their own expense. Bro. Lawrence is presently chairman of the General Conference Board of Directors and Sr. Lawrence is Secretary of the General Conference Mission Board, and they can glean much helpful information for future planning and programing regarding mission work of the General Conference.

VISITORS FROM AUSTRALIA

Ron and Muriel Bray of Mooroolbark, Australia, will visit the United States in March and will come to Oregon, Illinois, on March 14 to view the Conference headquarters and speak at a chapel service at Oregon Bible College. Mr. Bray, a pharmacist, is very interested in God's Word and very familiar with the teachings of the Church of God. They will spend some time at drug laboratories in Chicago, make a stop in Indianapolis, visit in Phoenix, Arizona, and speak at the Lombard Community Church of God at Lombard, Ill., on March 16. May the Lord bless in these contacts and associations.

STAFF TRAVELS

Bro. Eugene Stilson and The Brothers and Sisters, a singing group from Oregon Bible College, spent part of the holiday vacation traveling and holding services in the Virginia churches and at Columbia Station, Brush Creek, and Troy, Ohio. Bro. S. O. Ross has been the speaker at

Casey, Ill.; Eden Valley, Minn.; Indiana Conference at Kokomo, Indiana; and at special Ground-Breaking services at the Hope Chapel Church in South Bend, Indiana.

MINISTERS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT PLAN

The deadline for ministers to enter the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement program has been extended one month, to March 15, 1969. The Board of Trustees had set the earlier date at a meeting in October; however, since the letter and brochure to those ministers not in the program were mailed later than planned, the extension has been granted. Ministers not yet in the program should carefully check the brochure and the Rules and Regulations and give serious consideration to enrolling before the March 15 deadline and become an initial member in the association.

Forty-three churches and five conferences are in the program and those not in are urged to enroll to give additional strength to the association.

For additional information write to S. O. Ross, Box 231, Oregon, Ill., or to one of the other members of the Board of Trustees, C. E. Randall and Willard Naylor.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

Praise the Lord! The Goals for Giving for the month of January have been met and surpassed. We give thanks to the membership of the Church of God for meeting the needs that the programs in each department of the conference may progress on schedule. Surely God's goodness and blessing are upon his people. As we unite in the common effort to proclaim his Word to all the world and meet the needs to carry on these programs, God will continue to bless. Praise the Lord!

Contributions received toward a dishwasher for the Oregon Bible College kitchen have now reached \$453.50. The estimated cost, including installation, is about \$1,000.00.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for January	\$ 7,167.00
Given in January	\$ 8,962.00
To be given by September 30	\$55,545.00

Goal for February, \$6,943.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



MEXICO

Sr. Rachel Krogh underwent emergency surgery for appendicitis on January 6, 1969. From all reports she is recovering satisfactorily and will be about her usual activities shortly.

The Saturday school being conducted by Sisters Rachel Krogh and Alice Aldrich continues to grow. It is held in their home each week; sixty-eight are enrolled, and the high attendance has been fifty-six. We praise the Lord for this opportunity to teach these children each week.

Sr. Mardy Lawrence, a member of the General Conference Mission Board, visited in Mexico recently and attended services in Saltillo and Bisnaga, and visited with Srs. Krogh and Aldrich. She also visited with Bro. and Sr. Dean Moore and family in Edinburg, Texas.

NIGERIA

Bro. A. A. Obot reports, "All fifteen Churches of God in Nigeria are doing a wonderful work, and in sound progress. The Federal government of Nigeria is trying all their possible best to maintain peace with the Ibos and all attempts the Ibos reject and continue fighting." Nine of the fifteen churches are receiving pastoral support and the other six are making it on their own. All of those receiving pastoral support have licensed ministers.

As the last letter was written, they were still planning to open their school in late January. They are laying plans to have two students at Oregon Bible College in September, 1969.

Ninety-five were baptized into Christ and added to the church rolls in the past month. Bro. Obot again requests that we pray for peace for his country.

INDIA

The Bangalore, India, Church observed Christmas and New Year's with several special services. There were watch-night services on both Christmas and New Year's Eve, with other special services of carol singing, recreational activities, and distribution of gifts and eatables. The Wilson Gardens congregation joined in the special services at the Bangalore Church.

Bro. and Sr. S. S. Manoah and their congregations are looking forward to the visit of Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence to their country in February.

Bro. Manoah is conducting a special pre-baptismal class and expects that several will be asking for baptism soon.

The attendance at the Bangalore Church continues to average about two hundred each Sunday morning.

NOVA SCOTIA

The attendance at the Lighthouse Mission Church of God at Digby, Nova Scotia, continues to hold up well. Often as many as thirty-five are brought in by bus or car. The bus that was purchased last summer has been having some mechanical problems, so this has put a burden on the cars that are used.

The average attendance at the Centerville Sunday school was twenty-three during December. A few adults are now showing interest, so do pray for this new work.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Philippine Conference held a meeting in Uddiawan on December 28-31, 1968. The program featured Bible studies, Bible quizzes, singing and preaching contests, recreation, a Communion service, exchanging of gifts, and preaching services.

Recently four were baptized at the Cordon Church. Pray for Fermina Walat, Vicenta Estanero, Jessie Hernandez, and Florentine Sanglay, as they begin their Christian walk of life.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mission Builders Appeal number twenty-one for the L'Anse, Michigan, Church is in the mails, and those who have not yet contributed are urged to send their contribution shortly. A down payment will be required soon to complete the purchase, possession can be acquired later in the summer. The Michigan State Conference has joined in the appeal for purchase of the property.

The Bible Church of God at Phoenix, Arizona, which had nearly two years left on the Pastoral Aid Program, has requested that the aid to it be discontinued. We praise God for the growth and zeal of this congregation to now be able to carry on the full pastoral program on their own.

PRAYER LIST FOR FEBRUARY

1. Pray for the peace of Nigeria.
2. Pray for each of the twenty-three missionaries and their families.
3. Pray for God's blessings upon the literature that is going out to many corners of the world.
4. Pray for new doors of opportunity.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

President

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR O. B. C.

Need for additional specialized education for our young ministers has been recognized for many years by students, college staff, and the General Conference. Following graduation, many students have attempted to remove educational deficiencies at some other college, often in a haphazard manner. There have been repeated suggestions for a pastoral internship program for new ministers. The Board of Education has considered this need at many meetings in connection with making long-range plans for the College.

General Conference Action

Delegates at the August, 1968, meeting of the Church of God General Conference adopted the following motion: "We recommend that the Board of Education study the possibility of establishing an internship program for Oregon Bible College whereby graduating students may have practical pastoral experience before they enter the ministry."

The Board of Education, consisting of Alva Huffer, Ruth Halls, Dallas Demmitt, Don Overmyer, and Charles Pryor, has considered such a program in much detail. It has prepared a program whereby the motion adopted by the Conference can be implemented. This program was approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting, November 15, 1968. It will begin in September, 1969, at Tempe, Arizona.

Criteria for the Program

It seems that the internship program should be voluntary; not required. It should follow the student's completion of his four years of education. It would be open to ministers who have been in the field a few years also. It would last two semesters during the academic year. Persons in the program would have the status of students, not assistant pastors; this to avoid possible complications.

Selection of Location for the Program

The internship and graduate program should be conducted in an area where we have a strong local Church of God congregation, with a full schedule of services and a broad age range of members. If a large state university is in the area, the program could include selected courses from the university, and its facilities, such as library, could be utilized. Availability of Church of God professional persons would be helpful in that they could present special sessions for the students and serve as resource persons and part-time instructors.

Internship and Graduate Program to Begin at Tempe

It would be possible in the future to have the internship program in operation in more than one area of the country at the same time. It has been decided, however, that we begin the program in only one area and that Tempe, Arizona, would be an ideal place in which to inaugurate the program.

Two Church of God congregations are located in the area: Tempe Church and Phoenix Church. Arizona State University is located at Tempe, Arizona, only one block from the Tempe Church, with 23,000 students, a large modern library, and large campus. Arizona State University, moreover, recognizes Oregon Bible College credits. The writer is completing his doctoral program in college administration at this institution. Many professional persons are in the Phoenix and Tempe congregations.

Program of Studies and Experiences

Three broad general areas will be included in the program: pastoral, academic, and professional. Like university graduate programs, the precise schedule of studies and experiences would be flexible to a degree determined by the student's background, needs, and interests. Each program will include all three areas.

The President of O. B. C. will serve as administrator and coordinator of the program. He will work out the internship program with the individual student. Meetings will be held with all students in the program at regular intervals to coordinate the program, to provide a synthesis for their various experiences, and to evaluate progress. He will also conduct regular sessions in the area of research and theology.

Objectives of the *pastoral area* in the program will be: to gain understanding of the organization and function of the local church; to acquire insight into the position and work of the pastor; to have opportunity for practical experience in various areas of pastoral work.

The *academic area* of the program will have the following objectives: to provide opportunity for the student to have experiences in higher education through classes at the university and attendance at lectures, seminars, cultural events, and other university activities.

The *professional area* in the internship and graduate program will have as its objectives: to develop a professional self-image and to gain self-confidence as a minister; to be able to feel at ease in all situations; to have opportunities to gain understanding and a meaningful relation-

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BYF NEWS



Paul Shaw, Editor

YOUTH WEEK THIS MONTH

February 17-23, 1969, will be observed as Youth Week throughout the Church of God. A host of miscellaneous youth activities will be carried out among our churches during the week, climaxing in Youth Sunday on February 23, when in most churches the youth will be in charge of the services of the day. Reports will be mailed back by all youth leaders, and on the basis of these reports the International Youth Week Award will be awarded the group which carries out the best planned, most imaginative, and effective Youth Week observance. The award is in the form of a plaque.

COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the National Youth Advisory Council scheduled for December 27 was postponed until Easter vacation, due to the epidemic of influenza which was prevalent in most parts of the country at the time.

COIN CRUSADE BEGINS NEXT MONTH

The Coins-for-Christ Crusade, the two-month-stewardship-project carried out each year by the Bereans of the church to help raise funds for their general youth budget, will be held during March and April. The project was begun several years ago to help teach young people to give liberally to the Lord's work. Coins are taped to coin posters, and various work projects are carried out to raise funds for the project. Full details will be mailed to all youth leaders this month.

BIBLE QUIZZING, SPEECH CONTESTS

We encourage all Berean groups to participate in the Berean Bible Quiz Contest and the Christian Speech Contest. The Berean Contest Manuals, outlining procedures for both contests, have been mailed to all groups. Bro. Jim Mickey is administrator of the contests, which will climax in the finals of the contests at this summer's International Berean Youth Conference, August 1-7.

SLIDE SET DATES AVAILABLE

At this writing, all dates from March 2 on through the spring are available for viewing of the slide-sound set based on the 1968 International Berean Youth Conference. The set consists of colored 35mm slides synchronized to a taped narration. When writing the Youth Department for a viewing date, specify first, second, and third choices of dates. Two copies of the set are available, but heavy demand usually produces conflicts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

The first qualification of a good teacher is love. "Even though I speak in every human and angelic language and do not have love, I am as noisy brass or a loud-sounding cymbal. And although I have prophetic gift and see through every secret and through all that may be known, and have sufficient faith for the removal of mountains, but I have no love, I am useless" (1 Cor. 13:1, 2, Berkeley).

There are three main avenues of attention and expression of our love: God, Christ, and others.

1. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37).

a) With all thy heart—to fix the affections supremely on him more strongly than on anyone else and be willing to give up all that we hold dear.

b) With all thy soul—with all your life. To devote all of life to his service and be willing to die at his command.

c) With all thy mind—to love his law and gospel more than we do the decisions of our own minds.

2. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The only true attachment to Jesus Christ leads us to do *all* his will, to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow him through evil report and through good report. In the face of all ridicule and opposition, patiently to do his will. When we truly love him, his command of "Go and teach" is not a command but a blessed privilege; a blessed open door of showing how much he really means to us. Teaching will always be a real joy because we know he is with us, as he promised.

3. "All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Gal. 5:14). To fulfill the law is perfection!

For the teacher to present God's Word with this kind and degree of love is to have each pupil's present condition and future as heavily on his heart as is his own position before God, now and forever! A teacher thus dedicated will carry his teaching commission day by day, opportunity by opportunity, and not just for a few minutes Sunday morning. Calling in pupils' homes will be a personal joy.

Pray for the Holy Spirit [spiritual gifts, C.B.—Ed.] (Luke 11:13), because the first fruit of the Spirit is love. (Gal. 5:22.)

"The Lord make you grow in love and overflow with it for one another and for everybody" (1 Thess. 3:12, Beck).

Annual Financial Statement

October 1, 1967 - September 30, 1968

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES GENERAL FUNDS

Current Assets		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$	168.01
Petty Cash Fund		200.00
Student Deposits—Room & Key		145.00
Accounts Receivable		3,167.83
Notes Receivable (Within one year)		1,955.58
Inventory		11,563.00
Total Current Assets		\$ 17,199.42
Other Assets		
Note Receivable	\$	22,193.46
Less: Amount Classified as Current		1,805.58
Total Other Assets		20,387.88
Fixed Assets		
Construction in Progress—		
Womens Residence Hall	\$	1,410.00
Land		22,941.91
Buildings	\$248,603.55	
Allowance for Depreciation	26,094.93	222,508.62
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 54,698.21	
Allowance for Depreciation	25,475.32	29,222.89
Auto	\$ 3,480.20	
Allowance for Depreciation	367.86	3,112.34
Total Fixed Assets		279,195.76
Total Assets		<u>\$316,783.06</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	1,049.25
Withheld and Accrued Payroll Taxes		577.08
Withheld Hospitalization Insurance Premium		370.88
Deposits—Room & Key		145.00
Loans Payable		6,200.00
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 8,342.21
Deferred Income		
Gain on Sale of Equipment		3,246.24
Net Worth		
Surplus		305,194.61
Total Liabilities & Net Worth		<u>\$316,783.06</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Current Assets		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$	3,212.13
Cash in Bank—Savings		18,683.84*
Stocks & Bonds—At Cost		9,046.98
Notes Receivable		1,048.01
Total Current Assets		\$ 31,990.96
Other Assets		
Note Receivable—Anthon Property	\$	2,628.39
Less: Amount Classified as Current		118.66
Total Other Assets		2,509.73
Total Assets		<u>\$ 34,500.69</u>
Current Liabilities		
Notes Payable	\$	549.35
Net Worth		
Fund Balance		33,951.34
Total Liabilities & Net Worth		<u>\$ 34,500.69</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Current Assets		
Cash in Bank—Savings	\$	3,265.72
Note Receivable (Within one year)		2,462.56
Total Current Assets		\$ 5,728.28
Other Assets		
Note Receivable	\$	7,696.06
Less: Amount Classified as Current		2,462.56
Total Other Assets		5,233.50
Fixed Assets		
Land		39,075.00
Total Assets		<u>\$ 50,036.78</u>
Total Net Worth in All Funds		<u>\$389,182.73</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE

Operating Income	
Contributions—General	\$ 77,640.21
Contributions—Devises & Bequests	3,270.88
Contributions—Other	11,931.88
Tuition, Room & Board	28,933.46
Services	67.50
Interest & Dividends	179.84
Camp	15,259.41
Miscellaneous	3,279.40
Total	<u>\$140,562.58</u>
Gross Profit (Loss) on Sales	(7,636.33)
Total Operating Gross Profit	<u>\$132,926.25</u>
Operating Expenses	
Salaries	\$ 44,520.97
Light & Fuel	5,040.15
Telephone	1,029.93
Insurance	1,139.03
Postage	2,377.16
Office Supplies & Expense	2,104.89
Advertising	98.60
Repairs & Maintenance	2,024.60
Travel	6,840.23
Towel & Laundry	286.49
Camp	14,350.44
Printing	6,552.21
Editorials	1,671.24
Speakers	185.00
Assistance to Mission Points	18,355.20
Assistance to Churches	15,219.00
Literature & Visual Education	984.30
Food	6,306.10
Supplies & Expense	1,823.48
Social Security Tax	2,571.76
Legal & Audit	693.55
Auto Expense	543.09
Miscellaneous	3,755.72
Youth Caravan	814.33
Teacher Training	58.49
Total Operating Expense	<u>\$139,345.96</u>
Net Operating Loss	<u>\$ (6,419.71)</u>

STATEMENT—OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Net Operating Loss (Forwarded)	\$ (6,419.71)
Add: Other Receipts	
Contributions—Scholarship Funds	500.00
Contributions—Building Funds	10,465.40
Contributions—Ministerial Fund	432.26
Interest	3,403.13
Net Gain on Sale of Equipment	65.77
Total Other Receipts	<u>\$ 14,866.56</u>
Total Net Operating Income and Other Receipts	<u>\$ 8,446.85</u>
Deduct: Other Expenses	
Assistance to Ministers	\$ 1,250.00
Scholarships Granted	360.00
Annuity Benefits	2,938.61
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$ 4,548.61</u>
Net Cash Income	<u>\$ 3,898.24</u>

*Capital Expenditures made from Restricted Funds

General Administrative	
Remodeling first floor of Administration	
Building from Print Shop to College use	\$ 9,482.66
1968 Chevrolet Station Wagon (Difference)	1,893.08
Publishing Department	
Equipment	\$ 299.71
Oregon Bible College	
Classroom equipment, remodeled area	\$ 1,713.85
Office Equipment	65.00
Maintenance Equipment	241.30
Men's Residence Hall (chairs, speakers, etc.)	365.04
Library (Books and Shelving)	1,335.20
Missions	
Typewriter (for Mexico)	\$ 125.00
Berean Youth Fellowship	
Mimeograph Machine (½ ownership)	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,720.84</u>

The Annual Financial Statement above is a portion of the report of the firm of Ramsey, King and McBride, Warsaw, Indiana, accepted by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, January 24, 1969.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 22, 23—Illinois Spring Conference at Eldorado.
 Mar. 29—Second Annual Missionary Conference, Oregon, Ill.
 April 7-13—Special meetings at Ripley, Ill., C. Jesse Pestle, guest speaker.
 May 2-4—Northeast Conference at Troy View Church, Troy, Ohio.
 June 8—Dedication of Troy View addition, Troy, Ohio, John Lewis, guest speaker.
 June 15-21—Indiana Conference and Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.
 June 21-28—Southwest Youth Camp, Idylwild, Calif.
 July 27-Aug. 1, 1969—General Conference.
 Aug. 1-7, 1969—Berean Youth Conference.
 Aug. 9-17—Iowa Conference at Waterloo.
 Aug. 13-17—Central High Plains Conference at Holbrook, Neb., Richard Dick, guest speaker.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

- Valley Church, Van Nuys, Calif.
 Mrs. Ralph McCaslin, Sec, 19217 Lemay St. Reseda 91335
 Garden Park, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Dorothy L Siple, Sec, 922 Mayhew Wood SE, Grand Rapids 49507
 Guthrie Grove, Pelzer, S.C.
 Mrs. Claude Watson, Sec, R 4, Easley 29640
 Hope Chapel, Columbus, Ohio
 Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Sec, 1879 Spruce Dr, Lockbourne AFB 43217
 Leo Tawney, Supt, 264 Powell Circle, Apt A, Columbus 43204
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 No resident pastor
 Church of God Ministers
 Doan, Harold J, 12421 Rose Av, Los Angeles, CA 90066 Ph 213-397-2725 off 277-0255
 Payne, Harry S, 1054 Conger St, Waterloo, IA 50703 Ph 319-233-8573
 Fyfe, James, R 4, Bx 47A, Gatesville, TX 76528 Ph 817-865-6296
 Bender, Edward D, R 2, Douglas Av, Eldorado, IL 62390 Ph 618-273-9162

TO TOUR ISRAEL

Arnold Johns, pastor of the Fredericktown, Mo., Church of God of Abraham Faith, will leave on a tour of the nation of Israel, February 22, 1969, from New York.

Bro. Johns feels that this trip to the Holy Land is a gift and blessing from the Lord. He is one of fifteen ministers chosen from throughout the United States to make this tour free of charge.

His congregation is graciously providing his round trip fare to New York. Bon voyage!

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

We extend congratulations to the following persons who successfully completed the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course: Mrs. Lonnie Anderson, Mrs. William Andrew, Mrs. F. L. Austin, Frederick Claussen, and Earl Hagbom.

OMISSION

The name of Dan VerWys was omitted from the report of baptisms at Garden Park, Grand Rapids, Mich., in the December Journal. He was baptized on November 3, 1968.

BAPTISMS AT BEDFORD, OHIO

On Sunday, January 5, 1969, Ted and Rodger Schuld responded to the gospel invitation and confessed Christ as their Saviour. On January 12 they were immersed in the waters of baptism to seal this faith before men.

We rejoice that they accepted him as Master at this early age, for a lifetime of service is now dedicated to God.

Rex F. Cain, pastor.

BAPTISM AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Patricia Dunn, 2829 W. Roosevelt, Phoenix, Ariz., was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins January 19, 1969. She is a fine addition to the local church and to the body of Christ. We continue to praise God for "the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

LAWRENCEVILLE, OHIO, BAPTISMS

The Lawrenceville Church of God rejoices to announce the baptism of Paul Doughman, Peggy Drummon, and Marylon Williams in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. Mrs. Williams is from the new group at Tackery; a Bible study is held there each Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

We are glad for these and the hope they have in Christ Jesus their Lord.

Billie Kennedy, pastor.

BAPTISM AT FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI

On December 29, 1968, Gloria Emmons, wife of Everett Emmons, of near Doniphan, Mo., was baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of her sins.

We rejoice with this young couple on their becoming united in the faith as well as in marriage. We pray that our Lord will bless them as they continue in his service.

A. T. Johns, pastor.

HELEN OVERHOLSER

Sr. Helen Overholser fell asleep in Christ December 22, 1968. Sr. Overholser was a lifetime member of the Lawrenceville Church of God.

Funeral services were held from the Lawrenceville Church of God on December 24, with burial in the Lawrenceville Cemetery. Our deep-felt sympathy goes out to her husband, Bro. Paul, and her children in their loss.

Death does have its sting now, but we look forward to the return of Christ, and all those who have died in him will be resurrected, and the last enemy destroyed.

Billie Kennedy, pastor.

BAPTISM AT SOUTHLAWN Grand Rapids, Michigan

On December 15, 1968, Charles Tennant came forward, expressing his desire to accept Jesus as his Saviour. He was baptized December 22. As Charles begins his new way of life, we pray God's direction to be upon him. Charles will soon be going into the army.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

DIAGLOTT BACK IN PRINT

Notice has been received that The Emphatic Diaglott by Benjamin Wilson is again available, so orders will be accepted at this office at \$2.25 per copy; postage paid if remittance accompanies order.

OSBY DEKALB CLAYPOOL

Osby Dekalb Claypool, son of Sperry and Nora Belle Combs Claypool, was born November 20, 1905, and died December 16, 1968. He was united in marriage to Edna Hazel Wood in 1942. To this union one child was born, Donna Mae Clem, now residing in Yuma, Ariz. He leaves his wife and daughter; one brother; three grandchildren; and several other relatives.

Osby was a faithful saint of the Lord and was a member of the Salem congregation. He served for many years as First Deacon to the Salem brethren.

Funeral services were held by the writer at Martinsville, Ill., and interment was at Marshall, Ill.

It was his express desire to be a faithful servant of the Lord and to be raised at the last day to the resurrection of life.

D. B. Watkins.

BOOKLETS

Junior Daily Bible Readings is a small booklet of daily Bible readings especially designed for use by children and young people. It is attractively printed and encourages daily reading of the Word. It may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill., 61061, at 10 cents each, postpaid when payment accompanies order.

The Seventh Day Sabbath: Is It Still in Operation? A booklet containing a thorough study of the matter of the Sabbath day. (35 cents each.)

The Abrahamic and the Davidic Covenant, is a study booklet by Pastor James Mattison on these two important prophetic covenants. 25 cents each, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

Russia, Israel, Christ and You, by Percy Bilton, London industrialist, is a 42-page prophetic study of the nations and the part they are prophesied to play in last days' events. They are 25 cents each and may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

Concerning the Nations is an 18-page prophetic study setting forth some of the fulfillments of Bible prophecies in our times. It was printed in Australia and may be obtained from The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, at 15 cents each, postage paid when payment accompanies order.



PHOENIX CHURCH DEDICATED

In Phoenix, Arizona, on November 10, 1968, the dedication service of the newly completed Bible Church of God was enacted. Pastored by Hollis Partlowe, the newly constructed temple of God felt its first growing pains as its pews brimmed with a capacity crowd. Included among the Christian well-wishers were visitors and friends, as well as Mr. Percy Bilton of London, England, who delivered the dedicatory message. Held in the same structure just days before were the inspirational Bilton lectures.

"So built we the wall; and all the wall

was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). From the start of the building campaign, many "had a mind to work." We are thankful for these, and their keen sense of responsibility toward God's excellence was fittingly glorified by the pleasantness and beauty of the sanctuary and the service held there by people of like precious faith. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1). In the relentless energies of our pastor, and renewed vigor of members, and in accordance to God's will, many have been added to our number in baptism in the new baptistry.

Exhilarating to note are the new horizons of dedication in our new assignments, new environments, and new talents which are provided by more vigorous Christ-oriented lives. Our fondest hope is that this building can become a cornerstone in the revived spiritual growth of the Church of God. We are proud, but we know what has been accomplished here, in this structure, has been but an evidence of God's love, mercy, and grace upon us. "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

C. Gene Davis, M.D.,
Chairman of the board.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL IN TEXAS

A newly formed Sunday school is meeting in members' homes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas. Bro. James Fyfe comes from Gatesville as often as possible. We are interested in contacting members of the Church of God in this area. Bro. Joe Reeves, 714 Westbrook, Irving, Texas, 75060, is our superintendent. Interested parties should contact Bro. Reeves or myself, Bernice Bird, 2105 Woodhaven, Arlington, Texas 76010.

Bernice Leithliter Bird, Correspondent.

COLLEGE PROGRESS

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ship with persons in other professions: educators, psychologists, social workers, physicians, etc.; to acquire knowledge and skill in communication and counseling. Dallas Demmitt will teach a class on Family Counseling.

According to present plans, students would pay \$175.00 per semester, the same as at Oregon, Illinois. This amount would include tuition fees for required university courses. The Tempe Church has offered use of its facilities for this program. The Southwest Conference, as well as the Tempe and Phoenix Churches, has enthusiastically endorsed this internship and graduate program.

CONTRIBUTORS IN JANUARY

The following persons through their contributions in January have helped make possible the work of the Church of God General Conference in missions. Oregon Bible College, publishing, the Berean Youth Fellowship, and other essential services of the Conference.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Fisher	\$ 33.45
Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Karnett	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. H. Berry	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. Landry	35.00
Mrs. Maria E. Berry	2.00
Mrs. John Raitton	10.00
Theron Murphy	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. Anderson	50.00
La. State Conference	164.67
Golden Rule Church	10.00
Oregon Bereans	25.00
Litchfield S. S.	76.15
Bradon Manuel	50.00
Fremont Church	22.00
Mrs. F. E. Hall	10.00
Steve Moore	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Willis Turner	40.00
Garden Park BYF	2.00
Oregon Church of God	45.47
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Lewis	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Ward	80.00
Mrs. Edith McKinney	900.00
Paul & Ethel Johnson	20.00
Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Wetzel	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Don Swartz	100.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. Shepherd	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. Naylor	50.00
Southlawn Church	186.83
Followers of Jesus,	
Southlawn	19.10
Little Shepherds, Southlawn	3.56
C.A.T.S., Southlawn	9.10
Christian Soldiers,	
Southlawn	26.68
No Nothings, Southlawn	5.85
Busy Bees, Southlawn	11.52
The Mariners, Southlawn	8.87

Southlawn S. S.	15.03
Ruth Nichols	10.00
Mrs. C. R. Brackett	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Patrick	150.00
Alice Plantner	20.00
Lois Blakely	40.00
Marjorie Bolhaus	20.00
The Braden Manuel's	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Cain	20.00
Mildred C. Mathews	5.00
David Krogh	10.00
Michigan State Conference	74.61
Wally Heflin	1.00
Ripley Miss. Soc.	60.00
Mrs. C. C. Fuson	5.00
Holbrook Church	38.95
Mr. & Mrs. N. LaMunion	100.00
Becky Barnhill	17.00
New Hope Church	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. McChesney	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. Hightower	26.00
Claude E. Mills	30.00
Fort Valley Church	97.81
La. Contributors	80.00
Hope Chapel Church	38.71
Hope Chapel S. S.	16.59
Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Guiles	10.00
Truth Seeker's S. S.	9.35
Duane Helweg	8.32
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Birkey	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Wiltsey	100.00
Golden Rule S. S.	50.00
Lombard Church	145.00
Graytown Bereans	10.00
Pomona Church	60.46
Lawrenceville Church	131.97
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Ballentine	10.00
Virida Sitler	5.00
Raymore Church	5.00
East Oregon Chapel	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Kugler	20.00
Camp Bradford	20.00
Northern Sister	10.00
Madge Savage	10.00
Hope Chapel Miss.,	
S. Bend	65.00
Blessed Hope, Rockford	41.85
Esta & Harold Starbuck	10.00
Earle & Marge Mogle	10.00
E. Alan Boyer	7.50
Northeast Conference	150.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Waggoner	20.72
Tempe Church	141.25

Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Ferrell	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. O. Ross	20.00
Brush Creek Church	134.58
Everett S. Rogers	15.00
Dan Dovenbarger	20.00
Happy Woods Church	68.71
Norma Davis	10.00
Jodi Lawrence	5.00
Pat Lawrence	6.00
Tempe BYF	10.00
Pennellwood Miss. Dept.	110.00
Macomb Miss. Society	20.00
Minn. State Miss. Soc.	50.00
Litchfield Church	12.12
E. Dorothy Magaw	36.00
Lorraine Moeller	11.00
Indiana St. Conference	103.50
Columbia S. S.	25.03
Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00
Blanchard Miss. Soc.	15.00
May White	10.00
Cool Spring S. S.	7.40
Mr. & Mrs. James Mattison	12.00
Troy View Church	126.66
Fonthill S. S.	23.28
Fonthill Church of God	71.87
Fonthill Dorcas	5.00
Fonthill Miss. Soc.	37.18
Burr Oak Church	255.00
Ripley S. S.	40.00
Connie Ross	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. Cheatwood	8.00
Russell & Pearl Jewell	20.00
Alice Bassett	12.50
Jaynes St. Church	437.00
Eternal Hope Church	13.66
Glad Tidings Church	140.00
Western Sister	25.00
Mrs. George Siple	10.00
Oregon S. S.	5.88
Garden Park Church	43.50
Pennellwood Church	194.86
Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00
Thera Hammond	45.00
Ch. of Open Bible, Bedford	28.77

Mr. & Mrs. H. Cramer	12.00
M. A. Patrick	250.00
Macomb Church	81.22
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bender	50.25
Mr. & Mrs. F. Burnett	150.00
Grace & Esther Laning	10.00
Waterloo Jr. Bereans	1.50
Blood River Jr. Bereans	1.00
Blanchard Church	46.83
Dorothy L. Siple	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	10.00
Mrs. Phil Jeffries	2.06
Brush Creek Miss. Soc.	60.00
Eunice Orr	50.00
Lorene Orr	50.00
Fremont S. S.	5.25
Edith Eades	25.05
Elizabeth Ordnung	10.00
Johanna Cramer	1.00
Macomb S. S.	16.81
Kenneth Vancil	1,149.48
Effie K. Jones	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones	35.00
Felida Church	2.30
Minnesota Member	45.00
Brush Cr. Gospel Gleaners	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Richter	18.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Pestle	10.00
Missouri Sister	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Hicks	20.00
Cecil Smead	30.00
Illinois State Conference	50.00
Verne Learned	40.00
Stephen Ferrell	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee McQuinn	20.00
North Salem Church	8.73
St. Louis Church	25.00
Josephine Kennedy	10.00
Omaha S. S.	24.92
Sharon Roberson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Cupp	59.50
Mrs. Olaf Hammer	5.00
Vicki Coleman	2.00
Anonymous	20.00

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Urgency of Preaching the Gospel

By the Editor

WE OFTEN speak of "urgent" business, or an "urgent" message. By "urgent" we mean "pressing, calling for immediate attention; instantly important" (Webs.). While we may think *our* business is urgent, we would find on close examination it is not as urgent as God's business of preaching the gospel. The urgency of preaching the gospel is evident in the so-called Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

Why is the gospel message so urgent? The fact that it is God's message makes it instantly important. The fact that there is but one gospel is also important. It is designated "*the* gospel." The Apostle Paul recognized that other "versions" and "perversions" of the one gospel were extant in his day, but by inspiration of God he pronounced an anathema on any who believed any but the gospel he received and preached. (Gal. 1:6-9.) There is life only in *God's* message; man's message is devoid of life.

What is the content of God's gospel message that makes it urgent? A study of God's message throughout the Bible will reveal that it is a twofold message, encompassing "the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 8:12).

The Kingdom As Good News

The Kingdom message is the revelation of God's plan for blessing man—from the very beginning. In a preview of his coming reign, Jesus is heard to say to those on his right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the

kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world [*kosmos*]" (Matt. 25:34). The garden of Eden was the first manifestation of God's Kingdom on earth, but Adam and Eve rejected God's rulership, so were expelled. God then "preached . . . the gospel unto Abraham" (Gal. 3:8). God promised him land and seed, and it was good news to him. The message was further manifested to Israel, God's "kingdom of priests" (Ex. 19:6). The throne was overturned in the reign of King Zedekiah of Judah; the kingdom to be no more until Messiah should come. (Ezek. 21:27.) It was offered to Israel through Christ, but they rejected their King, and the Kingdom is held in abeyance until Christ's second coming.

The Kingdom is good news to us, because as members of the Church of God we are "fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel" (Eph. 3:6), and, having been baptized into Christ, we are "Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:27, 29).

The Kingdom *should* be good news to all mankind because of its nature. The love we know, the measure of health we have, the beauties of earth we see and enjoy, are but a sample of God's tomorrow. The joys of the Kingdom *can* be ours, IF we are properly related to God through his Son Jesus Christ; that is the other half of God's gospel.

Jesus Christ As Good News

To sin-cursed and death-destined mankind a Saviour has been provided. The Promised Seed was revealed to our progenitors, Adam and Eve. (Gen. 3:15.) He was destined to be born of

Abraham's family, Judah's house, and David's line. God declared Jesus to be that one. (Luke 1:31-33; 9:35.) His birth brought joy to those who looked for him. His death, burial, and resurrection are a source of joy and hope to the Christian.

What Jesus has done for us is good news—gospel. "Now I make known to you, brethren, the glad tidings which I evangelized to you, and which you received; in which also you have stood, and through which you are being saved, if you retain a certain Word I evangelized to you; unless, indeed, you believed inconsiderately. For I delivered to you *among the chief things*, what also I received, that Christ died on behalf of our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he was raised the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:1-4, Diaglott). Notice that the sacrifice of Christ is not the "first of all," nor the "only" gospel, but is "*among the chief things*" preached by Paul as gospel!

The message of the Kingdom would not be good news to us if there were no way of entering into it. At the same time, what Jesus has done cannot be good news to us, if he is not coming back to earth again to raise the dead and change the living saints; if he does not establish that righteous Kingdom of God on this earth! The gospel story is incomplete if either aspect of this twofold gospel message is neglected.

The Urgency of Preaching

Why is the preaching of this gospel so urgent? Because we can be saved only by believing this gospel and acting upon our faith. There is no other
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General Conference Progress



The official emblem of the Church of God, which is shown above, is now being manufactured into a road sign of aluminum material. It will be eighteen by twenty-four inches in size, and painted to stand the weather. It will have two holes for mounting on a post. The local church information sign can be placed either below or above this sign. By manufacturing in quantity these signs can be made available to the churches at \$6.50 each. Place your order now with Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, and shipment will be made as soon as they are available.

This sign will also be suitable for use on church buildings and bulletin boards of the local church. It will immediately identify the church as being a part of the organization with headquarters in Oregon, Illinois.

JUBILEE YEAR

The 1969-70 church year will be the Year of Jubilee for the Church of God General Conference. The 1970 General Conference sessions will be the fiftieth consecutive annual conference. The Jubilee committee, consisting of E. H. Goit, Chairman, J. Don Swartz, and Marge Overmyer, has already begun planning for the year of celebration which will climax at the 1970 General Conference. Many subcommittees will be asked to assist, and each local church and each department of the General Conference will be asked to cooperate in this Jubilee.

The present General Conference of the Churches of God was organized at Waterloo, Iowa, in 1921, and the late Bro. James A. Patrick was elected the first president.

YOUTH DIRECTOR CHANGE

Bro. Paul Shaw has resigned as Youth Director for the Church of God General Conference, effective September 1, 1969. Bro. Shaw has been director of General Conference youth activities on a part-time basis for the past several years, and has given outstanding leadership to the youth of the Church of God. His future work makes it impossible for him to continue in this capacity, and it is

with much regret that his resignation has been accepted.

The General Conference is fortunate to have an adequate replacement available in the person of Bro. Francis Burnett. Bro. Burnett will assume the duties of Youth Director on September 1, and will retain his position as Dean of Students at Oregon Bible College, and will continue to teach some courses at the college as well. Bro. Burnett has had much experience dealing with youth in the various pastorates that he has held, in his work as Dean of Oregon Bible College, as well as being active in several General Conference Youth camps. We pray the Lord's blessing on these changes and trust that God will direct and guide in the work of the youth, as well as in all departments of the General Conference work.

PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Statistics for the past fiscal year reveal that there are eighty-six churches affiliated with the Church of God General Conference. Seventy-nine of these contributed to the goals for giving. A full report will soon be mailed to all churches.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

It is pleasing to note that the goals for giving for the month of February have been reached. The amount of \$6,943.00 was needed to carry on the work in each of the departments of the Conference. These areas of need are Missions, both home and abroad; youth activities; publishing and distributing literature; Sunday school promotions; Oregon Bible College; and all of the general services of the Conference.

We are thankful to the membership for supplying these needs and grateful to God for his goodness to his people. Praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

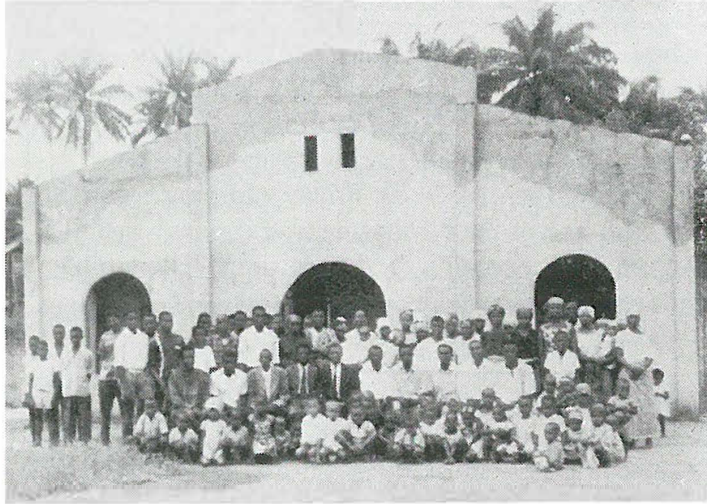
Goal for February	\$ 6,943.00
Given in February	\$ 7,121.55
To be given by September 30	\$48,424.00

Goal for March \$6,918.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



The picture above shows the church building and congregation of the Abak Village in Nigeria. This is one of the four churches in Nigeria that were destroyed during the civil war there. They are now in the process of trying to rebuild these buildings, since the worst fighting has passed beyond this area. Bro. A. A. Obot says, "Our work is still very progressive and we pray for more to be done through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Nigerian brethren are again making plans to send two of their young men to Oregon Bible College. Hopefully, they will arrive in time for the 1969-70 school year.

MEXICO

The Mission Board is pleased to report that arrangements have been made for Bro. Dean Moore to resume full-time mission work in Mexico. The family will continue to live in Texas, and Bro. Moore will commute to the field for extended stays. Many missions do operate this way and we trust that Bro. Moore will be able to carry on this work successfully and give the Mexico work the male leadership that it requires. This reappointment became effective February 1.

Sr. Rachel Krogh and Sr. Alice Aldrich are making fine progress in the Saturday school that they are conducting in their home. A total of ninety has enrolled and attended with an average attendance in January of forty-five.

Sr. Krogh says, "We appreciate very much the greetings we received at Christmas time and also I am thankful for the prayers and cards that I received at the time of my operation." Sr. Krogh is now fully recovered and again making the regular trips to the villages for services.

OKINAWA

Glenda Westbrook Turner has now arrived in Okinawa to be with her husband, Gary, who is in the United States Army there. Sr. Turner took with her a large supply of tracts, and Bro. and Sr. Turner plan to distribute tracts and witness for Christ during their stay there. Both Glenda and Gary are former students at Oregon Bible College.

LEBANON

Bro. Jamal Sunna'a reports that five have been recently baptized into Christ and become members of the Church of God at El-Chibbak. Bro. Sunna'a says, "We would like to thank all those who are really helping God's work in the Middle East. Praise the Lord that we are able to reach some with the true Word. We are looking for God to increase his blessings upon his work here that many would come out from the false teachings to the true teachings of the Bible. Pray for us, as we do pray for you all." Those baptized were Mr. & Mrs. Tanios Tarabaih, his mother, his mother-in-law, and an Armenian young man, Krikor Harmanian. Remember these in prayer as they begin their Christian walk of life.

NOVA SCOTIA

Sunday school attendance at the Lighthouse Mission Church of God at Digby averaged fifty-nine in January, and the morning worship average was fifty-seven. The new Sunday school at Centerville had an average attendance of nineteen. A new family has become interested and has opened their home for a midweek Bible study.

The bus used to transport children to Sunday school had a breakdown some time ago but has now been repaired and is back in service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

At the Philippine Conference held the last week of December six requested baptism and were immersed in the name of Jesus for remission of sin. Those who were baptized are: Joseph Pascual, formerly a pastor in another denomination, of the Mangandingay Church; Fernando Ordonia and Mrs. Emiliana Ordonia of the Uddiawan Church; Magdalena Ortiguero of the San Nicolas Church; Charito Hernandez of Cordon; and Claro Corpus of the Gattaran Church.

The conference came to a close on New Year's Eve.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President

JOHN LEWIS APPOINTED VICE-PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, January 25, 1969, appointed John Lewis as Vice-President of Oregon Bible College. He serves also as Registrar and Director of Admissions. When the President is absent, he is chairman of the meetings of the faculty and staff. Bro. Lewis teaches courses in homiletics, public speaking, history, and various Bible subjects.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Graduate and Internship Program for Oregon Bible College will begin in September, 1969, at Tempe, Ariz., utilizing facilities of the Tempe and Phoenix Churches of God, as well as Arizona State University at Tempe. The program will include three broad general areas: pastoral, academic, and professional.

This program is open to ministers and former graduates as well as to persons newly graduated from Oregon Bible College. Application for admission to the program may be made by writing to the President, Alva G. Huffer.

Scholarships for graduates of Oregon Bible College entering the Graduate and Internship Program would be very helpful for these students. Tuition per semester will be \$175.00. Write to the President, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, if you are interested in providing scholarships.

FIRST SEMESTER SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION

Following is a list of students who have achieved high scholastic achievement. High Honor, 3.50 grade average: Stephen Bolhous, Roger Cupp, Michael Hale, Paul Moore, Steve Moore. Honor 3.0 grade average: Wayne Johnson, Ron Macy, Waldon Winner, Dan Graham, David Hall.

NEW STUDENTS ENROLL

Several new students have enrolled for the second semester. They are: Bob Storts, Columbus, O.; Dale Harshman, Tipp City, O.; Lawrence Gaskill, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Patsy Holden, Lenoir, N.C.; Paul Weidensall, Cleveland, O.

SEMINARS COMPLETED

Following Ministerial Conference, two seminars were held; the instructors were Alva Huffer and Dallas Demmitt. Archaeology and Art History in Bible Lands was taught by Alva Huffer. Personal Understanding of Marriage was taught by Dallas Demmitt.

JUNIOR-SENIOR WEEKEND

Oregon Bible College faculty and students are making plans for another Junior-Senior Weekend. Youth leaders and pastors will be receiving information, enrollment blanks, and letters for high school principals soon.

There will be classes on Friday morning, counseling time with any of the faculty members, some recreation, a banquet in the evening, and a spiritual fellowship program in the evening. The date is April 24-26.

SECOND SEMESTER COURSES

The following courses are being offered the second semester. Stan Ross is the instructor for Church of God History and Missions. Francis Burnett teaches: Introduction to Doctrine, Bible Survey, Teaching II, Systematic Theology, and Daniel and Revelation. Eugene Stilson teaches: Christian Ethics, English II, Sociology, Evangelism, and World Religions. John Lewis is the instructor for Preaching, Public Speaking, New Testament II, and Ancient History. Ruth Lewis instructs a night class in Teaching Media.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, by David Hall

The Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College is buzzing with activity in preparation for the second annual Missionary Conference of the Church of God. It is to be held in the Oregon, Ill., Church March 29, 1969. Each of us is eagerly looking forward to a successful and productive day. The purpose of this conference is to better acquaint church members with our foreign missions work and to create enthusiasm and zeal for the support of the work.

We hope to reveal ways in which we at home may help those in the field. To aid in accomplishing this Bro. Raymond Brown, our missionary from Digby, Nova Scotia, will be the guest speaker. Also, Bro. S. O. Ross, Superintendent of Missions, will give a report on our different mission fields, including what is required to keep each one in operation and an idea of their present needs.

In order for the church to more successfully do its first work laymen and pastors alike must receive a firsthand knowledge of our mission fields. By receiving personal knowledge we can become personally involved. Through this personal involvement, more can be won.

We earnestly pray that many of you will find it possible to attend, because you will indeed receive a rich blessing.

BYF NEWS



Paul Shaw, Editor

COIN CRUSADE BEGINS THIS MONTH

The Coins-for-Christ Crusade, the annual stewardship project sponsored by the Berean Youth Department, will be carried on by the young people of the church during March and April. An all-time high goal of \$5,500.00 has been set for the Crusade this year. If the goal is surpassed, it will constitute a giant stride toward reaching this year's overall youth giving goal of \$10,000.00.

We ask that the adults of the church give the young people every encouragement as they enter enthusiastically into this project designed to teach liberal and zealous giving to the Lord's work.

NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR CHOSEN

We are happy to commend Bro. Francis Burnett to the church and to the young people as the new director of the Berean Youth Department of the Church of God General Conference, effective September 1, 1969. Subsequent to the writer's resignation from the position (see related article on page 2), the Board of Directors chose Bro. Burnett for the position, due to his outstanding ability and his singular interest in the past in our young people on all levels of the work.

The writer is currently living at 155 E. Florida, Apt. 306, Beaumont, Tex. 77705, having entered into the beginning phases of work with the Bell Telephone Co., but will continue to serve as youth director until September 1, 1969. We intend to continue to be of service in the Lord's work, as the Lord leads. The Youth Department address will continue to be Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061. Pertinent mail will continue to be forwarded to us. We pray every blessing on Bro. Burnett as he prepares to begin his work.

YOUTH WEEK IS HISTORY

From all indications the annual observance of Youth Week throughout our churches in February was again widespread and enthusiastic. We will report more completely in next month's *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, after the reports have been received from the churches.

NEED CARAVAN APPLICANTS

The young people of the church who are entering eleventh grade and older have an opportunity to have an experience of a lifetime by applying to be part of this summer's Southeast Youth Caravan, June 17 - July 1. Applications are in the current issue of *Challenge*, or will be mailed to those who send a request to the Youth Department address.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milton Hall, Editor

The following material is presented to inspire and spark the presentation of each teacher. No one method is the right method all the time. Variation adds to the interest and receptivity of the students of every age. We would encourage the teachers of even the adult class to seriously consider using most of the following methods.

The teaching techniques used in any situation depend upon:

- 1) The aim of the lesson.
- 2) The content to be taught.
- 3) The possibilities of the environment.
- 4) The time allotted for teaching.
- 5) The time the teacher is willing to give to preparation.

CHALKBOARD. The most effective means of reaching the mind is through the eye, as the Chinese discovered long ago. We retain most readily those things we see, especially when coupled with a spoken or written message—hence visual education.

STORYTELLING. The storyteller brings dramatic joy and establishes truth learned and practiced. Storytelling is very practical for every age level. This was the method our Master-Teacher used most. "He spake many things unto them in parables . . . and without a parable spake he not unto them" (Matt. 13:3, 34). Apparently, Jesus figured that his hearers would be most benefited by hearing the truth told in "fictitious narrative of common life conveying a moral" (Strong's Concordance).

MEMORIZATION. Memorized Scripture gives what is needed to continually refresh ourselves in the Lord and his power. It provides the motive for refusing the bad and doing the good that every age needs.

DISCUSSION. This method makes for wider participation and interaction on the part of each. Each becomes more clear in his thinking as he puts his own thoughts in words; learns more about how to express himself and to evaluate.

VISUAL AIDS. Jesus said, "Blessed are your eyes: for they see and your ears: for they hear." Five hundred of the most commonly used English words have 14,071 dictionary meanings, hence the need for "seeing" what is taught. Visual aids: 1) reduce verbalism; 2) add variety; 3) make learning more meaningful and permanent; and 4) stimulate self-activity on the part of the pupil.

Other methods to use are: Notebook, Testing, Assignment, and Buzz sessions.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 22, 23**—Illinois Spring Conference at Eldorado.
- Mar. 29**—Second Annual Missionary Conference, Oregon, Ill.
- April 9**—Indiana Quarterly Conference at North Salem Church.
- April 7-13**—Special meetings at Ripley, Ill., C. Jesse Pestle, guest speaker.
- April 14-20**—Special services at Macomb, Ill., church. E. Richard Smith, guest speaker.
- May 2-4**—Northeast Conference at Troy View Church, Troy, Ohio.
- May 23-25**—Annual May Meeting, Fontheil, Ont., E. Richard Smith, guest speaker.
- June 8**—Dedication of Troy View addition, Troy, Ohio, John Lewis, guest speaker.
- June 15-21**—Indiana Conference and Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.
- June 21-28**—Southwest Youth Camp, Idylwild, Calif.
- July 27-Aug. 1, 1969**—General Conference.
- Aug. 1-7, 1969**—Berean Youth Conference.
- Aug. 9-17**—Iowa Conference at Waterloo.
- Aug. 13-17**—Central High Plains Conference at Holbrook, Neb., Richard Dick, guest speaker.

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BAPTISMS AT COLUMBUS, OHIO Philadelphia Chapel

It was our pleasure to baptize Lester W. Robbins and his wife Bettie Louise, of 1119 Piedmont Rd., Columbus, Ohio, on February 9, 1969. May they walk with Christ be an enduring one, leading into his everlasting Kingdom. C. F. Roth, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT DAYTON, OHIO

On February 2, 1969, this writer was pleased to be able to assist two new converts to put on our Lord Jesus Christ. Miss Joan Harris and Mrs. Minnie Sorah have now entered on this new life, and we pray the Lord's richest blessing on them.

Kent Ross, pastor.

BIBLE CLASSES IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

There are now weekly Bible study classes meeting in the home of one of the members of the San Jose Church of God. These meetings are held every Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m. at the home of Lorraine Moeller, 342 Eureka St., San Francisco. Anyone living in this area and interested in the study of the Bible and how it applies to daily living is welcome to attend. We solicit your prayers in furthering God's work in this area.

Lorraine Moeller, correspondent.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

We congratulate the following persons on their successful completion of the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course: Betty Haynes, Miss Patti Hand-spiker, Judy Hersey, Mrs. Gloria Hand-spiker, John Handspiker, D. Moore (Australia), William Andrew, Howard Kugler, and Mrs. David Cheatwood.

MEMBERSHIP

On February 2, 1969, the Board of Elders met with Mr. Elmer Martin to examine him for membership in our fellowship. Mr. Martin has been known to us for many years and has attended this church and worked for this church on many occasions. Having requested membership here, the elders heard his confession of faith and agreed to accept his letter. Bro. Martin was immersed into Jesus Christ in 1913 while he was attending the Christian Church in Rushville, Ill.

Louis Kump, pastor.

SIX SENIORS TO GRADUATE FROM OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

Verne Berry, Stephen Bolhaus, Roger Cupp, James Graham, Michael Hale, and Ray Hall will graduate from Oregon Bible College in exercises to be held in Oregon on Thursday night, May 29, 1969.

Bro. Verne Berry and his family will be moving to Tiburon, Calif., shortly after graduation to take up the pastorate with the newly formed group there. It appears now that Michael Hale and Ray Hall will be going on to further education, and will be enrolled in the Oregon Bible College internship program at Tempe, Ariz.

The remaining graduates, Stephen Bolhaus, Roger Cupp, and James Graham, are available to accept a call to pastor a church. A letter of invitation to accept such a call may be sent directly to them at Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, or for further information contact the Senior Class advisor, S. O. Ross, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

BAPTISM AT PENNELLWOOD

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Our hearts rejoiced together as Collyn Richmond, her heart filled with love for her Saviour, expressed her desire to live for him. During the evening service of January 26, 1969, she was immersed in him.

We welcome her into this church family with the joy of Christian fellowship. Together may we show forth the glory of Christ in his church.

John Denchfield, pastor.

L'ANSE MISSION BUILDERS APPEAL

Mission Builders Appeal number 21 for the L'Anse, Mich., Church of God is nearing the end. Many have contributed to this worthy cause to help purchase a building from another denomination for the use of this body of believers on the Indian Reservation in Northern Michigan.

The Michigan State Conference has joined in this appeal and is assisting in the purchase arrangements of this fine building and contents.

If you are a Mission Builder and have not sent your contribution, please do so soon as the purchase will be finalized shortly. If you are not now a Mission Builder, you may send your contribution of \$5.00 or more to Mission Builders, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061 and the money will be used to help complete the purchase of the building.

Arrangements are being made by the L'Anse Church of God and the Michigan State Conference to supply the church there with a full-time pastor for next year.

BAPTISMS AT MACOMB, ILLINOIS

Mr. Wilfred Wright was immersed in the saving name of Jesus, November 30, 1968. Mr. Wright is a man in the senior years of life. His wife Grace has been a member of the Macomb Church of God for several years. We welcome him into the body of Christ.

Thomas D'Camp responded to the invitation of Jesus Christ for baptism, Sunday morning, January 19, 1969. He was immersed during the evening service on the same date. We are pleased to introduce this young man to the fellowship of the Church of God.

R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

SCHMID - JOHNSON

Miss Kathy Schmid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schmid, and Larry Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Johnson, were united in marriage at a candlelight service, February 15, 1969, in the Church of God, Hector, Minn.

After a short honeymoon, this young couple will be at home on their farm northeast of Hector.

We pray God's blessing upon them as they yield to the leading of his Spirit, and live fruitful lives in his service.

Harry Sheets, pastor.

PATTERSON-KENT

On December 28, 1968, Miss Betty Patterson became the bride of Mr. Michael Kent in a double ring ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Spring Bay, Ill. Betty has been a member of Christ for several years and has attended Faith Chapel Church of God. A happy marriage in the Lord is wished for Betty and Mike. The writer officiated at this solemn occasion.

Louis Kump, pastor.

ADA COX

Ada Cox, a member of the Church of God in Macomb, Ill., fell asleep in death December 14, 1968. Funeral services were conducted by the writer on December 17. She was buried near Plymouth, Ill., awaiting the return of Christ and the resurrection.

R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.



GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF GOD
Fonthill, Ontario

The cornerstone of the Fonthill Church of God was opened May 16, 1968. It contained the following historical information: The first meeting held around here announcing these views was by Elder Shipman, in the Bouk Schoolhouse near Centerville, in 1845. The theme of the first discourse announced that the restored earth would be the future home of God's people. Mr. Peter Bouk was the first to be baptized, believing in the Bible truth. He was baptized by immersion on February 2, 1846, at the age of 21 years.

The faithful ones met in the Bouk Schoolhouse until about 1858, when the brethren built a church building, one-and-one-half miles east of Fonthill, just off Canboro Road. No records are available regarding the activities of the church until 1891 when the brethren began meetings in Dalton's Hall in the village of Fonthill.

F. L. Austin of Argos, Ind., visited the church about the turn of the century, and accepted the call to become the first pastor of the congregation in April, 1904. Under Pastor Austin's leadership, the congregation designed and built the Fonthill Church

in the heart of the village. The cornerstone for the building was laid November 2, 1908, and dedication services were conducted in February, 1909, by L. E. Conner of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Fonthill Church of God has grown under the leadership of the following eight pastors: F. L. Austin, 1904-1921; G. E. Marsh, 1922-1928; G. J. Gordon, 1929-1930; also 1948-1953; C. E. Randall, 1931-1948; M. W. Lyon, 1953-1956; E. M. Hall, 1956-1961; E. H. Goit, Sr., 1961-1962; and E. L. Macy, 1962 to the present.

The present building is called the "Fonthill Glad Tidings Church of God." The groundbreaking ceremony was March 31, 1968, with the service theme, "We will build to the glory of God." Inclement weather delayed excavation for one week, then we kept a close watch on the progress of the building. Laying of the new cornerstone was on May 26, 1968, sixty years after the former building was erected.

We took occupancy of the new building the first Sunday in September, 1968, meeting for Sunday school and worship services in the basement, until the sanctuary was completed. Bro. C. E. Randall delivered the dedicatory service, Sunday, November 17, 1969, to an overflowing attendance, and presented services each evening through the following Friday.

The new church edifice is located outside the present Fonthill village limits on Hillcrest Road, a three-acre plot of ground that was purchased and dedicated in 1962.

Mrs. Emory Macy, reporter.

BAPTISMS AT GARDEN PARK
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Steven Aldrich and Steven Knapp were baptized for the remission of sins Sunday afternoon, February 2, 1969. We are happy to welcome these two young men into the body of Christ. David Krogh, pastor.

URGENCY OF PREACHING

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way! On Pentecost the Jews who already believed the Kingdom message, heard and believed in Christ and were baptized. The Samaritans heard Philip preach the Kingdom and Jesus, and believing were baptized. Paul preached the Kingdom and Jesus (Acts 20:20-27), and the Gentiles believed and were baptized. This is God's way!

It is urgent that we preach the gospel, because this is the only time we have! 'Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation' (2 Cor. 6:2). The end of this age is upon us, and the time of reward is near. Members of our families, neighbors, and friends, are dangerously near the fire of destruction. Jude said we should seek to save them, "pulling them out of the fire" (v. 23). If we knew a loved one was about to burn to death in the house, we would consider it urgent to get him out, wouldn't we? Our love for others compels us to preach, teach, and live the one gospel that is able to save. It is not love to sit idly by while others are going to damnation, having never heard, or by trusting in a man-made "gospel." God's business is urgent; let's be about it!

CLARA VENARD

Funeral services were conducted on December 20, 1968, for Clara VeNard. She fell asleep in death on December 17, after an extended illness. Sr. VeNard was a charter member of the Church of God in Macomb, Ill. Her faith in Christ was steadfast. Her hope in life was the coming of Christ. In death she awaits the fulfillment of this hope. R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

CHOSEN of GOD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"They that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."
Revelation 17:14.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TEACHER'S MANUAL

"Chosen of God" is the title of the 1969 Vacation Bible School lessons. The five lessons emphasize how and why God has chosen certain people throughout the ages. The importance of our choosing God's way that we might be among his chosen, is also stressed. Books One, Two, and Three, and the Teacher's Manual, offer a well-prepared course of study, handwork, and projects. Orders are now being accepted for these materials. Order by April 1 for sure delivery.

Please send the following Bible School materials:

- Order Form and sample (free)
- Teacher's Manuals at 45¢ each
- Book One (Pre-school through grade 1) @ 45¢
- Book Two (grades 2-4) at 45¢ each
- Book Three (grade 5 and up) at 45¢ each

Total amount enclosed \$.....

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City, State, & Zip

ALVA HUFFER IN HOSPITAL

Bro. Alva G. Huffer, pastor of the Church of God in Tempe, Ariz., and president of Oregon Bible College, is in Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. Bro. Huffer underwent surgery on February 19, 1969, at which time gallstones were removed, and it was then determined that he is suffering from a severe case of pancreatitis. His condition was diagnosed as critical for several days, and the family would appreciate your continued prayers for his recovery.

PASTORS WANTED

The Lombard Community Church of God at Lombard, Ill., is seeking a pastor for September 1, 1969. Any licensed minister interested in filling this vacancy may write to Robert Hall, Sec., 392 Howard St., Elmhurst, Ill. 60126.

The Hedrick, Ind., Church of God is seeking a pastor. The pulpit there is vacant now and they are anxious to find a pastor, at least for September, 1969. Anyone who is interested in this position may contact Verna McCorkle, Sec., West Point, Ind.

ISRAEL TOUR POSTPONED

In a note from Pastor Arnold Johns, we learn that his tour of Israel scheduled to begin February 22, has been postponed until May 3, but will last two weeks, instead of the originally planned one week.

SAVE FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Items to begin saving for vacation Bible school projects are: five-inch aluminum picnic pans, and round oatmeal box tops. Supplies needed for Bible school are listed in the teacher's manual.

CONTRIBUTORS IN FEBRUARY

The following persons through their contributions in February have helped make possible the work of the Church of God General Conference in missions, Oregon Bible College, publishing, the Berean Youth Fellowship, and other essential services of the Conference.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Rankin	\$12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hale	30.00
Ripley Church	123.20
Eddie Lee Howell	5.00
Raker Union S. S.	60.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Stadden	10.00
Indiana State Conference	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. Landry	35.00
Mary Krogh	10.00
Digby Bereans	25.00
Morning Star Church	76.90
Glad Tidings Miss. Soc.	5.00
Fort Valley BYF	100.00
Sharon Guiles	10.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Welsh	10.00
Margaret Duval	25.00
Happy Woods S. S.	37.26
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Alta Thrush	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Randall	5.00
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Southlawn Church	179.17
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Mrs. Harry Halley	10.00
M. A. Patrick	150.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00
Pennellwood Church	118.26
Dorcas Society, Tempe	5.00
Pomona Church	50.00
Pomona S. S.	11.63
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David Onderdonk	10.00
Luella Mielke	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. Schmidlapp	10.00
Dorcas Society, Hedrick	10.74
Pat Lawrence	5.00
Fremont Church	22.00

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Karnett	10.00
Oregon Church	41.54
Elsye Boyer	10.00
Faith Chapel, New Orleans	21.40
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Bonnie Alcumbrack	6.00
Ch. of Open Bible, Bedford	18.96
Rachel Krogh	10.00
Dale Harshman	12.00
Colorado Springs Church	25.24
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Peggy J. Anderson	4.00
Dennis Goekler	6.00
Christy Brandon	7.00
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H. & E. Starbuck	10.00
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Lombard Church	60.00
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Hazel Cripe	10.00
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Thera Hammond	45.00
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Indiana Contributor	2.00
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Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00
Edna Johnson	5.00
J. R. LeCrone	12.00
Glad Tidings Rebekah Soc.	25.00
SMS & Mrs. Lee Tidwell	10.00
May White	10.00
George McMurtrie	10.00
Garden Park Church	63.23
Ron Macy	6.00
David Krogh	32.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Cupp	14.00
Pennellwood Miss. Dept.	110.00
Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	5.00
Cheryl Fletcher	12.00
Northeast Conference	150.00

Hope Schwier	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. Appleby	20.00
Miss. Soc., Blanchard	15.00
Elizabeth Ordnung	5.00
Illinois State Conference	50.00
Everett Rogers	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Dwyer	12.00
Fort Valley S. S.	48.80
Brush Creek Miss. Soc.	60.00
California Member	100.00
John E. Price	30.00
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E. Alan Boyer	7.50
Blanchard Church	114.37
Steven Osborn	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Pennington	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Coulter	12.00
Leota Foster	50.00
Ruth Nichols	15.00
Becky Barnhill	6.00
Western Sister	30.00
Nell Reynolds	5.00
Tempe Church	102.95
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Alice Bassett	8.00
Graytown Bereans	7.00
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D. E. Onderdonk	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Kugler	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Turner	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Zeller	10.00
Eden Valley S. S.	20.00
Anonymous	212.00
Louise Hoffman	12.00
Freemont S. S.	5.65
Minnesota Miss. Soc.	50.00
Raymore Church	5.00
Hope Chapel	
Miss. Soc., S. Bend	65.00
Ronald Suzuki	50.00
Ilea Perry	5.00
Alice Dochstader	12.00
Marjorie Bolhous	10.00
Mary & Martha's, Oregon	25.00
Ellen Canfield	12.00
Verne Learned	50.00
Maurertown Church	45.36
W. E. Boyer	50.00
Fonthill Miss. Soc.	32.56
Fonthill Dorcas	5.00
Fonthill Church	12.73
Fonthill S. S.	13.27
Bernard Hightower	25.00
Silas Claypool (Memorial)	100.00
Burr Oak Church	85.00
Gethsemane Gardens Ch.	26.00
Macomb S. S.	12.66
Judy Blain	3.00

Sally Pestle	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	10.00
Leota Hanson	10.00
Jennie Townsend	20.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	14.50
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Wiltsey	55.00
Dan Dovenbarger	20.00
Dan Gallagher	3.00
Troy View Church	28.76
Ruby Railton	10.00
Linda Maddock	5.00
Clair Rice	10.00
Mike Brown	5.00
Connie Ross	3.00
Macomb Miss. Soc.	20.00
Myrtle Flink	10.00
Dorothy Magaw	10.00
Kokomo Miss. Dept.	41.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Overholser	50.00
Willing Workers Fremont	6.00
Hope Chapel S. S., Ark. City	10.00
Lynn Berry	12.00
Lorraine Moeller	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Thoms	10.00
Elaine Magaw	50.00
Maurertown Dorcas	30.00
Mansel I. Rogers	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wiggins	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Wetzell	20.00
Ben Woods	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Tierney	50.00
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Blood River	30.25
Nettie Nichols	5.00
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Mr. & Mrs. John Kugler	40.00
Zenas Murphy	5.00
Troy View BYF	8.00
Fredericktown Miss. Soc.	3.68
David Graham	5.00
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Christian Goal-Setting

By the Editor

WE ONCE worked for a large retail store; a member of a well-known national "chain." It seemed there was always a "sale" of some sort going on. The men at the top would review the results of the last sales event, and set goals. These goals were then passed on to the districts, the individual stores, the divisions and their heads, to the departments, and then to the individual salesperson. Each salesperson, according to his potential, was given a goal. All efforts were aimed at *surpassing* the goal! The growth and success of that firm was built on goal-setting.

Goal-setting is a Biblical principle; a Christian principle. The individual—the church, the conference—without a goal, will get nowhere; like a train, or a plane, or a boat without a destination.

Personal Goals

The Apostle Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14). The context indicates "those things which are behind," which Paul chose to forget, were his fleshly benefits, enumerated in verses 4-6; his birth as a Hebrew, his circumcision, his law-keeping, his being a Pharisee and a zealot against Christianity.

Now in Christ, Paul considered all of those things to be "vile refuse" that he may gain Christ. His goal now was that he might know Christ, and "the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means [he] might attain unto [the resurrection out of the dead ones]" (vv. 8-11). Paul's

personal goals involved the present and the future—likeness to Christ in character and destiny. He did set goals.

In setting personal goals we should consider our potential, as Christians, and aim to be like Jesus, our pattern; and grow up into him in all things. (Eph. 4:12-15.) Our ultimate goal should be like Paul's, to be made like Jesus in the resurrection at his coming. But, now, we should make ready for his return by working toward the goal of winning someone to Christ. Unless we are conscious of this goal it is doubtful if we will work toward it. Too, unless we have these meaningful individual goals, it is doubtful if we will aid much in reaching our *corporate goals*, as churches or conferences.

Church Goals

In the setting of church goals, we must first determine where we are now; what are our weaknesses, our strong points—our potential, or possibilities? As a starter, the church facilities might be surveyed. Are they adequate, attractive, well maintained? Next, look at the organization of the church. Is the essential work of the church being carried out smoothly? In the various departments of the church—Sunday school, Berean, ladies' group, midweek service—is there involvement and commitment? Is there a *program* of Christian education?

The acknowledgment of our needs will automatically suggest goals. Perhaps the goal of building new Sunday school rooms will emerge; or a teacher training course, or the division of a class into groups more conducive to effective teaching and learning. If your church has a part-time

minister, or part-time services, perhaps your main goal may be to increase to a full-time basis. Candid evaluation will leave a church group with no shortage of goals!

State Conference Goals

Some of our state or district conferences adopt goals, and carry out planned steps toward evangelistic outreach. These conferences have a function. Because of the usual geographical proximity, activities and meetings can be held more frequently than would be possible on a national scale. There also may be peculiar problems, or opportunities, that are best met on local ground. When the goals of the local churches are combined, the goals of the state conference emerge.

General Conference Goals

The General Conference "Decade of Development Program," from 1954 to 1964, provided the impetus for introspection and accomplishment on the local, state, and national level in the Church of God. Not that work has not been done since then, but we believe it is time to adopt another such program of goal-setting!

Perhaps it could be a "Decade of Evangelism Development," or Christian stewardship development? Aim and direction are needed NOW for our work!

To set a goal, and work toward it, though never quite attaining it, is better far than not making any effort at all. Calvin Coolidge once said, "We can't do *everything* at once, but we can do *something* at once." Let's be realistic. Let us evaluate our potential, and adopt meaningful goals as individuals, churches, and conferences, that we might more effectively work for God!

General Conference Progress

MINISTERS FUND

The Church of God General Conference over the years has maintained a Ministers Fund. Contributions have been made to the fund by churches and Sunday schools, some using their birthday offerings to make their contribution. These funds have been used in emergency situations for ministers and their widows. Three people are presently receiving a small amount of help from this fund each month.

Contributions have lagged the past few years. Some perhaps feeling that the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Fund would make this fund unnecessary. The balance is rather low at present and some contributions to the fund would be encouraged.

STAFF TRAVELS

The General Conference Staff members travel many miles each month conducting services, filling pulpits for pastors who are ill or away, speaking at special events, and attending special services.

Bro. Francis Burnett recently spoke at the Casey, Ill., church, and conducted a gospel team to the Michigan State Youth Rally at Garden Park, and held services in the three Grand Rapids churches on Sunday. Bro. S. O. Ross has spoken at Lombard and Casey, Ill., and Bro. T. M. Ferrell at the Oregon, Ill., church.

DISHWASHER FUND

Many churches and individuals have responded to the fund to acquire a dishwasher for Oregon Bible College and over nine hundred dollars has now been received. It appears that the washer is now in sight and will be installed, at least before the next school year begins. This will be a big step forward in the progress of Oregon Bible College, especially from a health standpoint.

GRADUATES AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATES

Four graduates of Oregon Bible College will be available for pastorates after graduation, which will be held on May 29, 1969. Stephen Bolhous, Verne Berry, Roger Cupp, and James Graham are seeking pastorates. Michael Hale and M. Raymond Hall are presently planning on further education. Bro. Berry had made arrangements to go to the new work at Tiburon, Calif., however, plans have changed. Any of these might be reached by writing to them at Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

ROAD SIGNS AVAILABLE SOON

The road signs, bearing the official emblem of the Church of God General Conference, will be available for delivery shortly. These signs are blue and gold, aluminum, size eighteen by twenty-four inches. The price is \$6.50 each. Place your order now by writing to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet at Oregon, Ill., on May 9 and 10. The reports, recommendations, and program for the annual summer conference will be one of the main items of business. Any items of business that should be brought before the Board should be presented to the Executive Secretary, or to one of the Board members, before that time.

The JUNE PROGRESS JOURNAL will again be the Conference issue and will carry the Conference agenda, the reports, recommendations, and all the annual conference items.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

After meeting the goals for giving the past two months it appears that we will be more than two thousand dollars short for the month of March. We know that the membership will make this a matter of prayer and concern, and that the deficit will be met. God has richly blessed his people, and we believe the funds will come in to carry on the full program of all the departments of the General Conference work.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for March	\$ 6,918.00
Given in March	\$ 4,662.00
To be given by September 30	\$43,762.00

Goal for April \$7,294.00

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Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



MISSION EXPENDITURES, 1967-68 FISCAL YEAR

Direct Support to Missionaries	\$18,455	60%
Home Missions (Pastoral Aid, etc.)	4,305	14%
Administration (Salaries, Postage, Telephone and Supplies)	3,239	10%
Travel (Staff, Board, and Missionaries to States)	1,950	6%
Literature	1,088	4%
Miscellaneous (India students, supplies to field, etc.)	1,872	6%
Total Mission Expenditures	\$30,909	100%

The figures reveal that seventy-four percent of all mission expenditures go to the foreign field, including missionary support, literature, some travel and miscellaneous items.

In the current fiscal year the percentage going directly to the support of missionaries in the field will increase sharply, since additions have been made in this area. Most denominations plan on fifteen percent or more for administration, so we are pleased with only ten percent here.

INDIA

Bro. S. S. Manoah, his family, and the brethren at Bangalore enjoyed the visit of Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence. Bro. and Sr. Lawrence arrived on February 11, 1969, and left Bangalore on February 17. They took active part in several services while there, including placing a foundation stone in the already completed building.

On February 16, 1969, ten were immersed into Christ Jesus for the remission of sin. They are: Prabhu Dass, Bro. Noel, Glory Dass, David Manoah, Bro. Thangaraj, Bro. Massillamani, Sr. Victoria, Sr. Mable, Sr. Kanta and Sr. Pushapam. May the Lord bless and guide these babes in Christ in the days ahead.

Bro. Manoah says, "The new work at Wilson Gardens is progressing well. I am giving them our truth and faith strictly. Please remember this work is your prayers. I am giving pastoral training to four youths and special training also for Sunday school teachers."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Philippine Conference has purchased a portable generator which produces enough power to operate a fan, refrigerator, light, and sound, all at the same time. This has been most helpful in the evangelistic work.

The radio program sponsored by the Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College is producing results. Bro. Ortiguero says, "We are very greatly inspired with

our radio work. Many letters of appreciation from people of different places were received by us. Also there are questions sent to us requesting us to answer them in our broadcasts. Praise the Lord! We hope the Lord will help us to convert many people through this method of preaching the gospel."

NOVA SCOTIA

The average attendance for church and Sunday school at the Lighthouse Mission Church of God for the month of February was the highest for any month since the work began, and an increase of fourteen over January. A twelve-unit apartment building is planned for a lot just back of the church, so the potential for growth is bright.

The youth of Digby church are raising funds to buy a bus. Several of them are planning to come to the International Youth Conference in August, and they would use this bus for the trip, and then make it available to transport Sunday school children.

Bro. Raymond Brown says, "We had a thrilling experience last week. From our kitchen window we saw two seals just a few feet offshore. On another occasion this winter we saw a whale in the basin."

MEXICO

Bro. Dean Moore reports his pleasure at being able to work full-time again in the Mexico mission work. He has rented a room in Mexico, and plans to spend at least one half of the month in the field. The balance of the time will be spent in Texas in study, correspondence, preparation for services, and miscellaneous work.

Roberto Badillo, a layman, is leading the services in the village of Labor Vieja. Sunday school attendance is about thirty-five. Bro. Moore or Bro. Francisco Martinez tape their messages and they are sent to Labor Vieja and played to the congregation there.

LEBANON

The brethren in Lebanon have need of blankets and warm clothing, especially coats for either male or female. They may be mailed to Pastor Jamal Sunna'a, Box 50124, Furn El-Chibbak, Lebanon.

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL

1. Pray for Bro. A. A. Obot, leader of the mission work in Nigeria, as he is presently ill.
2. Pray for each missionary and his family.
3. Pray for continuous blessings on the literature outreach.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President

MAY IS BOOSTER MONTH

By Ruth Halls

Booster month presents the members and friends of the Church of God with two opportunities. One is to direct our attention and prayers at a special aspect of God's work, and the other is to direct our material resources into this same area.

The booster funds will be used this year for the improvement of the college library. Under the direction of Eugene Stilson, and with the help of Miss Olive Stoffregen, library improvement is progressing under a definite plan of development. The booster funds will be a great aid in the realization of a much-improved library.

Each year more than a thousand people have become Oregon Bible College boosters. Each booster agrees to pray and pay to help meet the needs of the college. We are trusting in the Lord that this year, as in former years, the college will make much progress because of its "boosters."

PRAYER DAY

By Roger Cupp

On February 19, 1969, classes were dismissed for the second of three prayer days held each year at Oregon Bible College. The morning was spent in prayer and meditation, with the purpose in mind of drawing nearer to God and his will. The day began with fifteen minutes of silent personal meditation in the college chapel. This was followed by a time of prayer through song. Many hymns whose words actually constitute prayer were sung. Next, several students shared personal thoughts concerning prayer and its importance. Following a break, we enjoyed several special vocal numbers which were uplifting. After this, we, as a group, made many of our requests for prayer known and devoted some time to guided prayer for these requests. To end the day we enjoyed fellowship in the Lord's Supper with one another and with the Lord.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome two other students to the campus that were inadvertently left off the list of new students last month. They are David Burnett of Ripley, Ill., and Russell Conley of Monroe Center, Wis.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Several scholarships are awarded each year the second semester. Most of these scholarships are in the amount of \$175.00. The Ferrell Scholarship is for \$200.00. The following students received these scholarships.

The S. E. Magaw Scholarship was awarded to Waldon Winner, the Booster Scholarship to Steve Bolhous, the James A. Patrick Scholarship to Bob Schrienk, the Leila Mae Doeden Scholarship to Joe Martin, the Glen R. and Violet M. Booth Scholarship to Harold Wagganer, the Chester A. Ferrell Scholarship to Mike Hale, the Northeast Berean Scholarship to Jim Graham, and the Norman McLeod and S. J. Lindsay Scholarships to David Hall. The Berean Youth Fellowship Scholarship was awarded to Ron Macy last year at Youth Camp on the basis of a scholastic achievement test. The Otto E. Dick Scholarship is divided among the students from Indiana, John Railton, Lonny Ward, Larry Gaskill, Mary Gaskill, Joe Duncan, and Joe Astolfi, Jr.

The Brush Creek Sewing Circle has given scholarships to Betsy Mattison, Steve Moore, and Valeria Smith. The Lucian Murphy Scholarship was awarded to David Cheatwood. In addition to these scholarships, two grants in aid were given in the amount of \$50.00 each. These were awarded to Norma Davis and Debbie Peters.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Two chapel programs of special interest have been presented the second semester. Evelyn Austin presented a program in February concerning the significance and the practices of the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah.

Ronald Bray from Australia presented a message March 14. He has been in close correspondence with the General Conference. Mr. Bray, of Mooroolbark, Victoria, Australia, showed the relationship of the Atomic Age to the end of the age in Scripture.

ISRAEL-IN-PROPHECY WEEK

The week of March 17-21 was designated as "Israel-in-Prophecy Week" at Oregon Bible College. Editor Terry Ferrell's Monday presentation in chapel dealt with the importance of events transpiring in Israel from the June war until the end time. Using the Song of Moses as a basis, he showed the events concerning the "election of Israel," "Israel's apostasy," "Israel's discipline," "Israel's punishment," and "Israel's ultimate deliverance and restoration."

On Wednesday two films were presented. "Six Days in June," based on the six-day war against the Arab nations, and "And on the Seventh Day." The films were made available through the Israel Film Center in New York City.

Friday the faculty and Editor Ferrell presented a panel discussion on the current issues of Israel in the light of Bible prophecy.

By John Lewis, Vice President.



Paul Shaw, editor

COINS-FOR-CHRIST CRUSADE IN PROGRESS

Berean groups throughout the Church of God are currently participating in the Coins-for-Christ Crusade, the annual stewardship project of the Berean Youth Department. The project began March 1 and will continue through to the end of April. An all-time high goal of \$5,500.00 has been set for the project. Last year's Crusade raised slightly over \$5,000.00. We urge you to support our young people in this effort to provide enthusiastic and liberal support for the various ministries of our Youth Department among Church of God youth.

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

A meeting of the Youth Advisory Council will be held April 12, 1969, the Lord willing, in Oregon, Illinois. This council of nine young people oversees the work of the Youth Department and makes recommendations to the youth director, the General Conference Board of Directors, and youth conference delegates regarding the projects and activities of the work.

CARAVAN DEADLINE SOON

May 1, 1969, is the deadline for young people, from those entering eleventh grade through age twenty-one, to make application to be a part of this summer's Southeast Youth Caravan. The group will meet in Oregon, Illinois, on June 16 to begin the caravan and will arrive back in Oregon on July 1, 1969. The cost for each caravan member will be about \$40.00, which will cover only about a third of the total cost of the trip. All interested and eligible young people are encouraged to apply, using the application blanks published in the last two issues of *Challenge* magazine. Additional applications will be sent upon request to those who write the Youth Department. For an unforgettable Christian experience, join the caravaners as they travel east through Ohio to Washington, D.C., Virginia, and the Carolinas, visiting and serving in our churches, and sightseeing in these beautiful areas!

BEREAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Promotional materials concerning the 1969 International Berean Youth Conference will be mailed soon to all churches. Applications will also appear in the May-June issue of *Challenge*. It will be held August 1-7, 1969, the week following General Conference, at Camp Mack, Milford, Ind. The cost is \$30.00, and the age limits—entering ninth grade through age twenty-two. This year's youth conference again promises to be one of the biggest and best ever to be held.

E. Milon Hall, editor

BASIC RULES FOR BIBLE STUDY

1. Proper Mental Attitude

A) We must study with reverence for the Word of God. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

B) Search the Scriptures with a grateful heart, thankful to God for the riches of his Word. 1 Thess. 2:13.

C) Study with a sense of responsibility, knowing that God demands improvement in us. Jas. 1:22-25.

D) Let our *one desire* be to be taught of God, and cast in the pure mold of the gospel of Christ. 1 Pet. 2:2-5.

2. Rules for Interpretation

A) Put yourself, as it were, in the times, places, and circumstances of the sacred writers.

B) Seek the literal meaning before the spiritual. Luke 13:6-9.

C) Don't "read in" something that isn't there; many false doctrines arise because of this!

D) Carefully consider the *context* before you draw a final conclusion. *Scripture is its own best interpreter.*

E) Consider the character of the writer, the state and character of those to whom he wrote, the errors he opposed, and the truths he brought forth and established.

F) Admit no doctrine as part of the gospel which is not agreeable with the general tenor of the whole. Col. 2:8.

G) Interpret prophecy by history, not by speculation, conjecture, and fancy.

H) Scripture was primarily addressed to particular people, yet its truths are of universal extent and perpetual duration, thus applying to us today. 1 Cor. 10:11.

3. Practical Rules for Bible Study

A) Each time, as you open your Bible to study, ask God to open your mind and heart and fill it with the needed knowledge, love, and understanding.

B) Remember that *each* and *every* word in the Bible was placed there by the guiding hand of Almighty God. 2 Pet. 1:19-21.

C) Search the Scriptures patiently, not expecting to know in a day all they reveal, or to be in a day all they require. Jer. 29:13.

D) Study with constant self-interrogation and self-application. What have I learned of this truth? What does this promise hold in store for me? Do I fully understand this warning? Am I living this to the best of my ability?

E) Every time we study, let at least one fact be "burned in" our minds. If we must read the same sentence twenty times to properly understand and remember it, let us do so. Sometimes by writing down a fact on paper it becomes "locked in" our minds.

By Robert G. Petry.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 11-13**—Iowa Spring Youth Retreat at Camp Wahtaton.
- April 14-20**—Special meetings at Fort Valley Church, Va., Kenneth Milne, guest speaker.
- April 14-20**—Special services at Macomb, Ill., church. E. Richard Smith, guest speaker.
- April 18-20**—Southwest Conference at San Jose, Calif.
- April 19**—Indiana Quarterly Conference at North Salem Church.
- May 2-4**—Northeast Conference at Troy View Church, Troy, Ohio.
- May 23-25**—Annual May Meeting, Fontheil, Ont., E. Richard Smith, guest speaker.
- June 5-8**—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Clark's Chapel, between Magazine and Parris, Ark., off highway 109.
- June 8**—Dedication of Troy View addition, Troy, Ohio, John Lewis, guest speaker.
- June 15-21**—Indiana Conference and Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.
- June 20-22**—Annual Illinois Conference at Ripley.
- June 21-28**—Southwest Youth Camp, Idylwild, Calif.
- July 27-Aug. 1, 1969**—General Conference.
- Aug. 1-7, 1969**—Berean Youth Conference.
- Aug. 12-17**—Annual Iowa Conference at Waterloo.
- Aug. 13-17**—Central High Plains Conference at Holbrook, Neb., Richard Dick, guest speaker.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Bro. Kent H. Ross has resigned the pastorate at the Glad Tidings Church of God, Dayton, Ohio. He has accepted the pastorate at the Pennellwood Church of God at Grand Rapids, Mich., beginning September 1.

Bro. Rex Cain has resigned at the Bedford, Ohio, Church of God and will go to the Glad Tidings Church in Dayton on September 1.

Bro. Lee McQuinn has resigned at the Lombard Community Church of God at Lombard, Ill., and has accepted a call to the Church of God at Tempe, Ariz., Sept. 1. Stephen Bolhous, Roger Cupp, and James Graham will graduate from Oregon Bible College, and are available for a call.

Since the General Conference page (page 2) was written, Bro. Verne Berry accepted the pastorate at Lombard, Ill., as of September 1.

VBS MATERIAL FROM OTHER YEARS

We have for immediate delivery, Vacation Bible School materials left over from 1966 and 1968. We have a large supply of "A Boy and Girl in Bible Land"; a ten-lesson set from 1966. From last year's ten-lesson set entitled "The Laws of God," we have about 100 copies of books 1 and 2, and about 30 copies of book 3. These lessons are being closed out at 45¢ per copy, postpaid, and are useful at midweek services as well as for Bible school.

BROTHER ALVA HUFFER AT HOME

Bro. Alva Huffer is showing remarkable recovery from his recent illness, and was released from the hospital on March 11. He is recuperating at his home, 1130 Laguna Dr., Tempe, Ariz. 85281. Bro. Huffer is so improved that he was able to speak at the morning service on March 30. Continue to remember him with your prayers and cards.

PASTOR NEEDED

The congregation at Kokomo, Ind., regrets to inform that we are losing our pastor, Bro. Dale Ward. Any minister looking for a pastorate, please contact Mrs. Robert Snyder, 1026 S. Purdum St., Kokomo, Ind. 46901. Mrs. Robert Snyder, sec.

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BAPTISMS AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

It is with great pleasure that we announce the baptisms of Douglas and Olivia Stansbury into the saving name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. This young couple thus joined the body of Christ and became members of Faith Chapel Church of God in Lafayette, Ind., on February 23, 1969. May God's blessing be upon them as they serve the Master and his people in the Church of God. Russell Magaw, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT DAYTON, OHIO

Our hearts were thrilled when Miss Mary Sandoe, a young woman of the church, responded to the gospel invitation following the church service March 9, 1969. She was baptized into our Lord that same afternoon to begin her walk in the Lord.

We pray that the Lord will grant her his spirit in abundance as she seeks his will for her life. Kent Ross, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Thurston, 4210 W. Vogel Lane, and Mrs. H. A. Goodell, 3031 N. 21st Ave., all of Phoenix, were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins on March 2, 1969. We welcome them into the local church, and to the Church of God at large.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Thal, 6313 N. 13th Street, Phoenix, Ariz., were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins March 23, 1969. We continue to praise God who adds "to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

The Phoenix church had its first service the first Sunday in September, 1965. Forty-seven persons have been baptized into Christ since then (about 3½ years), and seventeen of them have been immersed since we entered our new building in October of last year. The success is contributed to the power of the gospel of Christ and to the laity who sow, water, and cultivate the good seed. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

MORSE MILL, MISSOURI

The congregation of the Church of God, Faith of Abraham, with Bro. Ted Armes as pastor, has extended the hand of fellowship and welcome to the following persons who have accepted the teachings of Christ through baptism at the Morse Mill, Mo., church: Janet Lynn Armes, July 2, 1968; Karen Lee Armes, October 18, 1968; Alvin Lee Bacus, July 18, 1965; Paul Homer Crader, February 23, 1969; Connie Beth Cypret, April 24, 1968; Peggy Jean Dillon, October 18, 1967; Russell and Joyce Dillon, May 5, 1968; Kristine Louise Fischer, July 2, 1967; Glenda Goodman, February 23, 1969; Sharon Kay Jones, July 18, 1965; Linda McMunn, September 22, 1963; and Hubert Vohswinkel, July 2, 1968.

While serving as visiting minister in churches that had no permanent pastor, or none at the time, as State Youth Director, or as speaker at various conferences, Bro. Armes performed the following baptisms: Janis and Joyce Wagganer, St. Louis, Mo.; Barbara and Sheila Sheeley, Kansas City, Mo.; Scotty Thiebault, Halfway, Mo.; Frances Thomas, Watson, Ill.; and David Rogers; Glenn Crader; Billy, Eldeen, and Mary Thompson; Judith, Nancy, and Phyllis Brooks; all of Doniphan, Mo. We are pleased to welcome all of these into the brotherhood of Christ.

The congregation's number at the Morse Mill church has undergone the expected fluctuations these past few years through marriages, transfers, and changes of decision, but we feel most deeply our losses through the death of the following: Sr. Nora Davis, July 11, 1966; Bro. Thomas Davis, March 31, 1968; Sr. Blanche G. Williams, February 7, 1968; Bro. Jesse Pounds, December 17, 1967, and Sr. Gertrude Pounds, January 20, 1969.

Please join our prayers that these servants of the faith will be among those chosen on the great day.

Wanda Gerullis, reporter.

VANDERBEEK-HILTNER

Anna VanderBeek and Jerome Hiltner were married in the Church of God, Eden Valley, Minn., January 11, 1969. Anna was baptized within the last few months, and she and her husband are employed in Paynesville, Minn., and attend church at Eden Valley. May our God bless and lead them until Jesus comes. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

BAPTISM AT CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA

The congregation of the Church of God at Campbell, Calif., was pleased on February 16, 1969, when Jack Rutland of Oakland came forward to accept Christ at the morning service. On March 2 he was baptized for the remission of sins. Jack has been fellowshiping with us for a few months, and has seen his need for a Saviour. Praise God for his decision!

Don Hightower, pastor.

WINTER EVANGELISTIC TRIP

We left Cashmere, Wash., December 21, 1968, and arrived at Lockwood, Mo., on December 24. Our stay there was till March 24, when we started our trip back to Cashmere. Side trips from Lockwood were to Jordan, Halfway, and Bosworth, Mo., also Oregon, Ill., and Batesville, Ark. At these places we visited, preached, attended the conference of the ministers, and sought to answer questions. Also we stopped at Ripley, Ill., and Bro. Jack Hearp had us give an evening discourse there.

In all, we gave 13 lessons and 37 sermons. Thanks to those who assisted by hospitality, encouragement, and giving of their means. Lyle Rankin.

LARINGTON - FISHER

Miss Linda K. Larington and Mr. Harold E. Fisher, both of McCook, Neb., were united in marriage in the Bible Church of God in Phoenix, Ariz., March 22, 1969, in a quiet double ring ceremony. Their's was the first wedding in the new church. The bride and groom left immediately to make their home in McCook. May God bless them richly. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

PAULINE KAUFFMAN

Pauline Kauffman, a member of the Brush Creek Church of God, fell asleep in death March 23, 1969.

Funeral services were conducted at the Brush Creek Church by the pastor on March 26, and she was laid to rest in the Curtis Cemetery to await the voice of the Son of God. Leon Driskill, pastor.

AN ADMONITION

Please, let us not be men pleasers, as we would only end up in confusion and have little or no time to be God pleasers. But, let us ever reverse this and we will have time to please God by striving to truly serve him, by all his means, thereby serving mankind; thus automatically pleasing people, especially God's people, as we are taught. Christ did, and was he not our great leader and a safe example? We need never lose our sense of direction this way.

Being confused is the greatest weapon our enemy uses to overcome us, or the good. This is what armies use most. The Bible says we can and must be confident. So, please, let's seek out God's direction alone, and follow it, and not lean to our own reasoning—which just might be the enemy's. So, brethren, we should always please God first in these days of confusion. Kindly yours in Christ, Edna Smith, West Milton, Ohio.

GASPAR-PETERSON

On the evening of February 23, 1969, at the Eden Valley Church of God, Cheryl Ann Gaspar and Robert H. Peterson exchanged vows before a church packed with about 250 friends and relatives. Cheryl was a student at Oregon Bible College several years ago, and is at present teaching in the St. Paul, Minn., public schools. Mr. Peterson is employed at General Mills.

We pray God will bless them and lead them as they go about establishing their new home. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

MILLS-JOHNSON

On the afternoon of September 14, 1968, Janice Kay Mills and John M. Johnson met with friends and relatives in the Eden Valley Church of God to exchange their vows of marriage. Janice was a long-time attendant at Sunday school, a member of this church, and is presently working in Minneapolis. Her husband is from Minneapolis. They will reside at 3940 Johnson St., Minneapolis, Minn.

May God direct and bless their journey through life. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

PAULINE WELSH

Mrs. Pauline Welsh, Rt. 1, Oregon, Ill., died March 5, 1969. She was born November 1, 1893, in Paynes Point, Ill., the daughter of William and Nellie Ashmore Eychaner.

She was married to Hugh Welsh on July 28, 1917. She was a member of the Oregon Church of God.

Mrs. Welsh is survived by her husband. Funeral services were conducted on March 8 by the writer.

May God comfort the bereaved, and remember her in the resurrection. C. F. Pryor, pastor.

FLOYD DIMMICK

Floyd Dimmick, a native of Kansas, died January 13, 1969, at Mountain View, Calif., at the age of 65. He was employed by the Southern Pacific Railway as a depot agent for 43 years, mostly in the San Francisco Bay area.

He is survived by his wife Lillian, of Sunnyvale, Calif.; his son Larry, of Chico, Calif.; three grandchildren; six sisters: Maxine Wagner, Maude Rife, Bernice Ballard, Velma Leonard, Meredith Eicker, and Clara Lamb; and four brothers: Almus, Clarence, Carl, and Ted.

Burial was Palo Alto, Calif. Bro. Dimmick often talked of the coming of Christ, and we know that Christ will call him forth from the grave at that day. Don Hightower, pastor.

ARTHUR OTTO

Arthur Otto died on November 6, 1968, following a lingering illness. He suffered with rheumatism, arthritis, and emphysema for over 20 years. In spite of all of the complications that he had as a result of his illness, he was not bitter, but had one desire—to better serve the Lord.

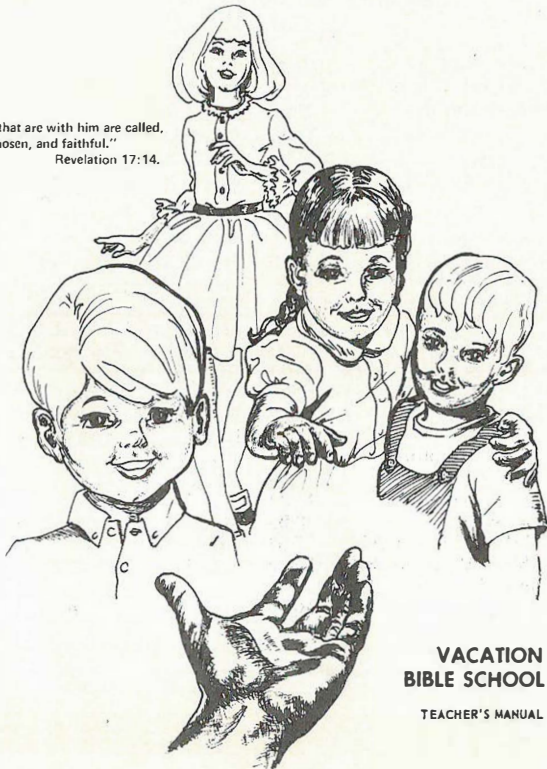
His life was invested in service to the church, to raising his family in the household of faith, and to helping others learn of the narrow way of salvation. He helped in the construction of the Minnesota campground buildings, in the construction of the Litchfield church, in building the Hector, Minn., parsonage, and in the planning of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona.

Art leaves his wife, Eunice, and a daughter, Mrs. Marion Stilson, both of Pomona, Cal., and a son, David, of Paynesville, Minn.

Art was laid to rest on November 9 in the Pomona cemetery to await the call of the Lord. D. A. Jones, pastor.

CHOSEN of GOD

"They that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Revelation 17:14.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Chosen of God" is the title of the 1969 Vacation Bible School lessons. The five lessons emphasize how and why God has chosen certain people throughout the ages. The importance of our choosing God's way that we might be among his chosen, is also stressed. Books One, Two, and Three, and the Teacher's Manual, offer a well-prepared course of study, handwork, and projects. Orders are now being accepted for these materials.

Please send the following Bible School materials:

- Order Form and sample (free)
- Teacher's Manuals at 45¢ each
- Book One (Pre-school through grade 1) @ 45¢
- Book Two (grades 2-4) at 45¢ each
- Book Three (grade 5 and up) at 45¢ each

Total amount enclosed \$.....

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LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD

Digby, Nova Scotia

On January 12, 1969, we held our annual business meeting. Officers elected to serve during the coming year are: honorary elder, Charles Cook; elder, Walter Cromwell; deacons, Herman Gray and John Handspiker; deaconesses, Leta Handspiker and Roselyn Bent; secretary, Pat Handspiker; treasurer, Doris Brown; Sunday school superintendent, Doris Brown; assistant superintendent, Roselyn Bent.

Last summer, during Maritime Conference, we started a prayer group. We meet in the tower room at 6:45 on Sunday evening. As many as 14 or 15 have gathered to pray for our work and for each other. We praise God for his goodness and love to us. Our church has grown in peace, unity, joy, and fellowship. We will continue to praise God for answered prayer.

Our schedule of services includes Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship at 11:00, Sunday evening evangelistic service at 7:00, Wednesday evening combined choir practice at 7:00, Bible study at 7:30 with prayer service following. The Bereans meet on Saturday evening at 7:30. In all of these services God's closeness is felt.

We ask our brothers and sisters in Christ to continue to pray for our work, as prayer is the answer to our growth. When you pray, remember our work; when you remember our work, pray.

Pat Handspiker, sec.

EDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA

As church activities proceeded into the new year, they were slowed somewhat by adverse weather, and several services were cancelled or postponed. However, the weather became more agreeable in February and the young people were able to carry out most of their planned activities during youth week.

The scheduled services in 1968 were carried out with the Junior and Senior camps at Long Lake the first two weeks in July, with Richard Dick and Jim Mickey as deans. A number of members attended General Conference and endeavored to bring back the information and inspiration to the local church. The annual Sunday school picnic became a pie and ice cream social in the evening at the campgrounds. Youth retreat in September was extremely successful with over-capacity attendance.

Fall conference was held in October with the local ministers in charge; the adult retreat was two weeks later. Bro. Z. B. Duncan conducted a week of services at Thanksgiving and a good many enjoyed his sermons. Bro. C. E. Lapp conducted the funeral services of Ted Snell in August. J. B. Gaspar in October, Pearl Snell and Mrs. Wm. Coulter in December.

Anna and Kathy VanderBeek were baptized in October, and on January 11, 1969, Anna became the bride of Jerome Hiltner. On July 22, 1968, Merry Gaspar married Keith Barry; Janice Mills became the

bride of John Johnson on September 17, 1968, and on February 23, 1969, Cheryl Gaspar was married to Robert Peterson.

We pray God's blessing and guidance on all his churches.

Mrs. Elmo Gaspar, reporter.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

We congratulate the following persons on their successful completion of the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course: Doris LeRoy, Larry Culver, Mrs. Larry Culver, Dave Roper, Adele Onderdonk, and Miss Sandra Brooks.

NEW GROUP IN BEAUMONT, TEXAS

On Sunday, March 9, 1969, eleven people gathered in our home for a church service and found a great blessing in worshipping the Lord together. Most of these individuals have been isolated members of the Church of God in Beaumont and the surrounding area. We are trusting God that this will be the first of many fruitful and inspirational meetings of the "church which is at Beaumont." We are all enthusiastic about the prospects for God to work in this area. We are expecting fifteen or more at next Sunday's service. If anyone knows of those living in this vicinity who would be prospects for this service, please refer them to us. Our telephone number is 833-4447, and our address is 155 F. Florida, Apt. 306, Beaumont, Texas 77705. Praise the Lord!

Paul Shaw.

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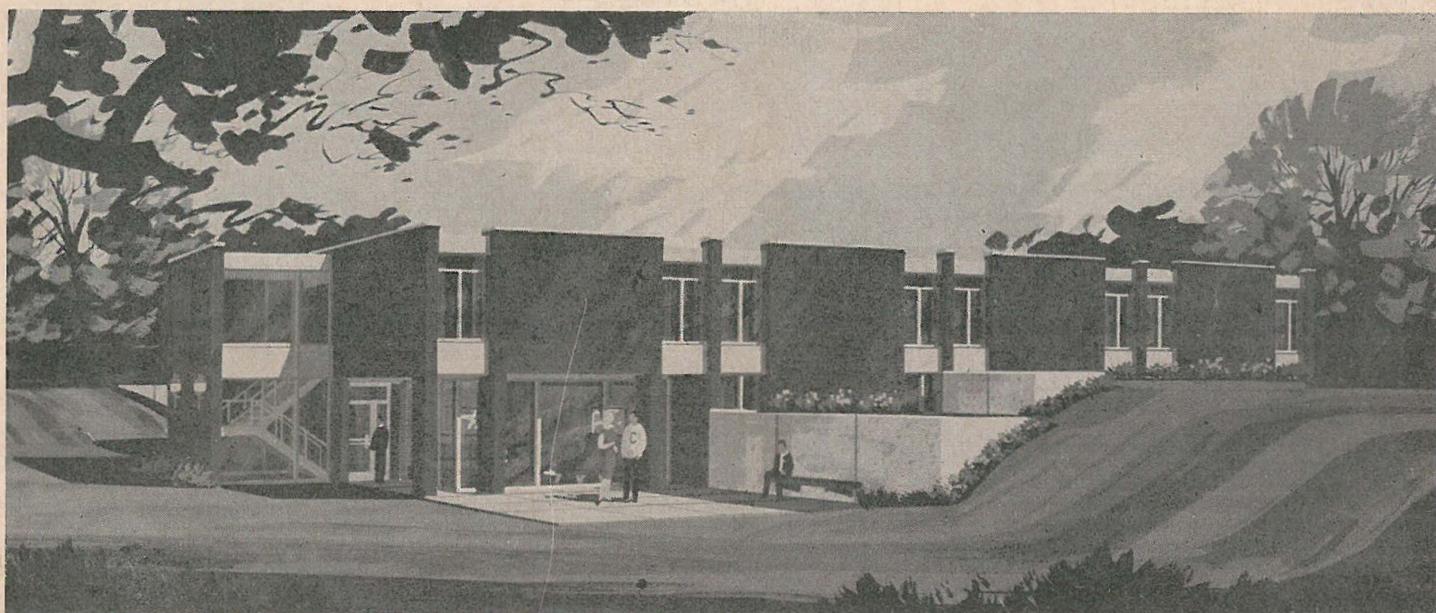
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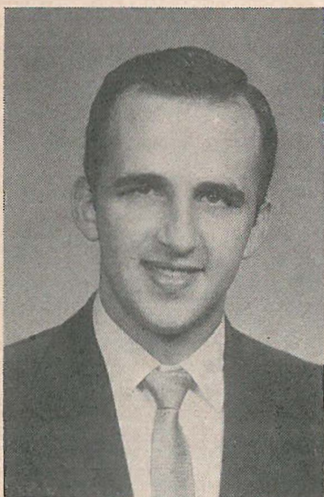
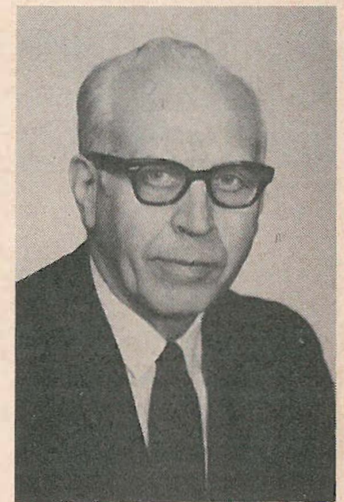
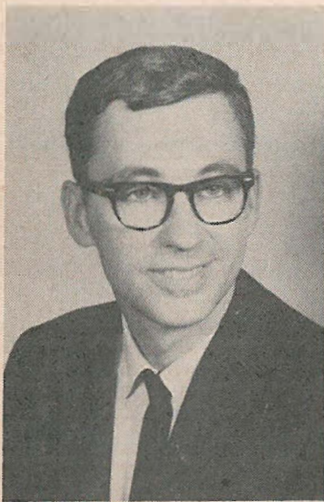
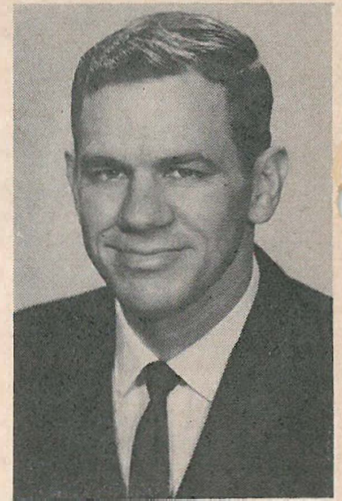


Pictured above is the proposed new women's residence for Oregon Bible College, which will be constructed as funds permit. The present one-hundred-eleven-year-old Golden Rule Dormitory houses our women students. Total cash and commitments now stand at \$18,000.00; far short of the goal. As the curriculum improves for the training of our women students, the need for this new residence becomes more imperative.



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SPECIAL SEMINARS

By Roger Cupp

THE WEEK following the Midwinter Ministerial Conference we were privileged to have with us at Oregon Bible College two guest instructors, Bro. Alva Huffer and Bro. Dallas Demmitt. Each of these men presented a week-long seminar which all the students were required to attend. Some faculty members and other interested people also took the courses.

The first seminar, held for two hours each morning, was Brother Huffer's on Biblical Archaeology. This study was intended to acquaint the students with this relatively new science. We learned of many famous men in this field of endeavor, became acquainted with some of the methods of research used by archaeologists, and learned of some of the major monuments and discoveries in the area of Biblical Archaeology.

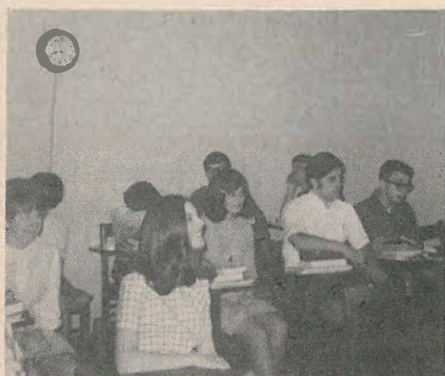
Archaeology can help us in the study of the Bible in several ways. It can confirm the Bible's records or accounts of events, shed light on some vague things mentioned in the Bible, and add missing pieces to the things needed in understanding the people and customs of ancient times. We were able to share in the firsthand experience of Bro. Huffer who had seen many of the things we studied and who had many excellent pictures of them for us to see. It is interesting to note that no archaeological discovery has ever disproved or disagreed with the Bible.

The second seminar, held each morning, was called Personal Understanding of Marriage. This course was aimed at discovering the proper attitudes toward marriage. Bro. Demmitt, who does marriage and family counseling for a living, had much to give us in this area. We spent time discussing the meaning of marriage, and what we as individuals expected from marriage. We all have attitudes about marriage and family life which we have gained from our own experience and background. Often these attitudes prohibit us from experiencing the fullest benefits from married life. Mates need to be understanding of the differences in their attitudes, and to learn to share and give during all of their married life.

We discussed some of the sweeping changes that are going on in family life. We tried to determine what our roles are in the family situation today; what is proper conduct for the husband and father, and also for the wife and mother. Aside from the classroom time, many students participated in individual or group discussions and counseling. We shared experiences and helped one another by telling of our own situation. The importance of learning to communicate and share was stressed very much. Much of the trouble in modern family and married life could be solved if only those involved would learn to communicate with one another. We concluded that marriage, to be successful, is "giving," giving in every way.

THREE AREAS OF GROWTH IN OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

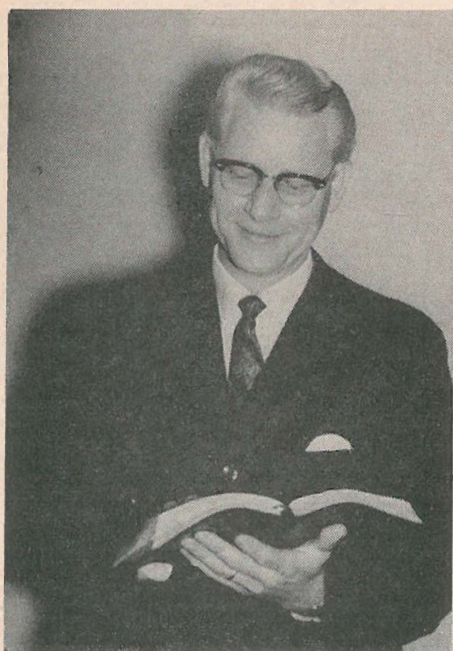
By Ron Sanders



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SPIRITUAL

OREGON Bible College is an institution established and supported by the Churches of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Its aim is to teach and commit the gospel to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (2 Tim. 2: 2.) Its motive is to raise up pastors, teachers, lay men and women, for the spreading of the teachings of Christ. It is not a college organized to offer any world recognition. It offers no secular degrees or doctorates. Its purpose is to train young men and women in the Bible, and teach them how to lead Christian lives.

Oregon Bible College life is classified into three areas: 1) academic, 2) social, and 3) spiritual. The academic deals with the work put forth by the students, and the learning of the subjects offered. The social deals with the many group activities held to relieve the care and rigors of much study by the students. The spiritual deals with moral, sacred, devotional, and church events. In these three areas incorporated into the college life, the student is directed to the purpose for which the college was founded; that is, to prepare men and women for Christian service.

Academic

The academic life at Oregon Bible College is carried on in the classroom where the subjects are taught, and outside the classroom in the library and the private studies. Here, one exercises his intellect on the courses. The primary textbook of the courses is the Book of Books — the Holy Bible. It is carried in every class. The student is taught its contents and the many subjects related to it; such as, geography, history, English, teaching, speech, missions, preaching, philosophy, world religions, psychology, and Christian ethics. The content of the Bible is taught book by book from Genesis to Revelation over a four-year period. The related subjects are also spread out over these four years.

Social

The social life at Oregon is carried on at the basketball court, the baseball field, in the local parks, the banquet halls, and in the homes of the faculty. Here, one exercises his emotions. Its purpose is to stimulate fellowship, sportsmanship, and relaxation. The students organize among themselves basketball and baseball teams to play against one another. We have fall and spring breakfasts in the local parks, and two banquets during the school year at local restaurants. Occasionally, the faculty members invite the college students into their homes for fun and games.

Spiritual

The spiritual life of Oregon Bible College is the most important aspect of the entire college, for upon this is the college founded. This is carried on in the chapel, the lounge, where we have devotions, and at church. In the chapel each Monday and Friday we call our attention to the worship of God in song, sermon, and prayer. At certain times we have a "Day of Prayer" in the chapel emphasizing prayer — its need, power, importance, and use. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at the dorms are set aside for devotions, Bible reading, testimonies, and prayer. Every Sunday and Wednesday the student body attends local churches for worship with the pastors and

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

By Ray Hall

Need for additional specialized education for our young ministers has been recognized for many years by students and staff of Oregon Bible College, and the General Conference. Following graduation from Oregon Bible College, many students have attempted to remove educational deficiencies at some college or university, often in a haphazard manner. There have been repeated suggestions for a pastoral internship program for new ministers. The Board of Education has considered this need at many, many meetings in connection with long-range plans for the College.

Finally, a way to provide further education has become a reality, as this fall graduating students will be given opportunity, if desired, to enroll in the internship program of Oregon Bible College with the facilities of Arizona State University.

The president of Oregon Bible College will serve as administrator and coordinator of the program. He will work out the internship program with the individual student.

The pastor of the church or churches cooperating in the program will present information concerning various areas of the pastor's work to students: organization and function of the local church—constitution, business meetings, church board, duties of offices; schedule of church services; baptisms, Communion, weddings, funerals; pastor's study; technology of pastoral work; church public relations; and evangelism and visitation. Opportunities for practical pastoral experience in one or two congregations will be provided as part of the program.

Students will also be required to take either three or six semester hours of classes each semester at Arizona State University.

Arrangements will be made for students to become well acquainted with persons of other professions. Opportunities will be provided for attendance at meetings of professional organizations. Special classes in communication and counseling will be scheduled as part of the program, using persons such as Dallas Demmitt, and others. ●

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

By Dale Swartz, Chairman

The Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College hosted the second annual Missionary Conference. It was held in Oregon, Ill., on March 29, 1969. We all were very pleased to have over 130 people registered for the conference. The program was full of many interesting activities during the day. Bro. Stanley Ross was the opening speaker. He spoke on the Church of God Missions in general and then each one individually. He explained how Missions Department money is used when it is sent in, and how much goes to each field. This was followed by a peri-



Mary and Raymond Vadnais, and Missionary Raymond Brown at the Missionary Conference

od of questions and answers. We dismissed for a break, and then six discussion groups were formed; one for each of our Missions: Mexico, India, Philippines, Nova Scotia, Lebanon, and Nigeria. We are hoping to send out a letter to everyone who attended the conference telling the results of all the discussion groups. Following the discussion groups, there was a thirty-minute period of songs and special music. Specials were sung by Eugene Stilson, David Burnett, Joe Martin, Raymond Brown, and a men's quartet. We enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Mary-Martha Missionary Society of the Oregon Church of God.

After the noon hour, we were privileged to have with us at the conference Mr. Peter Osebre from Ghana, a student at Elmhurst College. He spoke to us about his country, and it was especially interesting to us, since we have a mission field near that area. Peter was a delightful young man to talk to, and he thrilled the hearts of everyone there. After Peter finished talking, Bro. Lee McQuinn showed a few slides of Ghana that he took on his trip there in 1967. Following this, two movies were shown. One, entitled "Go Forth," was the story of a young man interested in becoming a medical missionary. The second was entitled "Children of the World," and showed the needs of children all over the world, and what is being done to try to alleviate the great poverty in the world. At the conclusion of the two movies, we had a period of prayer, and we specifically requested prayers for our missionary fields and missionaries themselves.

The final part of the program was by far not the least. We had Bro. Raymond Brown, missionary to Nova Scotia, with us, and he spoke about Nova Scotia and the marvelous work being carried on there. He also showed slides of his work. Then he gave an inspiring message on the power of prayer in missions. He explained to us how prayer had affected the Nova Scotia work and how much they were being blessed through prayer. He then challenged us to a better prayer life with the Lord. The spirit of God was truly felt in the midst of us that day, and we hope and pray that next year's conference can be bigger and better. ●



SENIORS

Left to right: Ray Hall, Oregon, Ill.; Jim Graham, Lawrenceville, Ohio; Mike Hale, Cleveland, Ohio; Joe Astolfi, Hillisburg, Ind.; Verne Berry, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Steve Bolhous, Oregon, Ill. Not shown: Roger Cupp, Dayton, Ohio.

Left to right: Yvonne Reigelsperger, Dayton, Ohio; Patsy Holden, Whitnel, N.C.; Dave Cheatwood, Lawrenceville, Ohio; Dale Swartz, Columbia, Ohio; John Railton, South Bend, Ind.; Dave Graham, Dixon, Ill.; Joe Duncan, South Bend, Ind.; Connie Hall, Rockford, Ill.; Dave Onderdonk, Cleveland, Ohio; Harold Wagganer, St. Louis, Mo. Not shown: Delbert Rankin, Peshastin, Wash.

SOPHOMORES





Left to right: Joe Martin, Blood River, La.; Vivian Kirkpatrick II, Oregon, Ill.; Ron Sanders, Elmer City, Wash.; David Hall, Oregon, Ill.; Paul Weidensall, Cleveland, Ohio.

JUNIORS

Boys left to right: Waldon Winner, Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Steve Moore, Tipp City, Ohio; Dan Scholtes, Pomona, Cal.; Dan Graham, Dixon, Ill.; Larry Gaskill, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Larry Bolhous, Oregon, Ill.; Richard Nock, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Wayne Johnson, Hector, Minn.; Dale Harshman, Tipp City, Ohio; Lonnie Ward, Kokomo, Ind.; Ricky Landry, Baton Rouge, La.; Ron Macy, Oregon, Ill.; Robert Storts, Columbus, Ohio; Robert Schrienk, Columbus, Ohio. Girls left to right: Betsy Mattison, Maurertown, Va.; Debbie Peters, Eden Valley, Minn.; Norma Davis, Havana, Ill.; Mary Gaskill, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Alice Dochstader, Wyoming, Mich.; Valeria Smith, West Milton, Ohio; Nola Hass, Rockford, Ill. Not shown: Russell Conley, Monroe Center, Wis.; Paul Moore, Cedar Falls, Ia.

FRESHMEN



CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

By Harold Waggener

The new staff at OBC has brought about a new and vigorous Christian Service Program. This program provides practical experience to the students through their work with nearby churches. From this work they gain experience in evangelism, teaching, and preaching; but more important, the students often find themselves having a meaningful relationship with Christ.

The Christian Service Program is set up so that the freshmen gain experience in evangelism. Once they become sophomores they are introduced to teaching; and later, as upperclassmen, they begin preaching the Word of God.

Many of the students are engaged in evangelistic work at the Rockford, Ill., Church which has shown the great work that can be done. Gospel teams have been traveling to many of our churches. These members often give up their vacation time in service to the Lord. One example of such a team is The Brothers and the Sisters who have given their message in song. Others are gaining knowledge through Bible study groups where many of the problems of Christian work are discussed.

The main goal of OBC is to teach the students the Bible and to train Christian workers. The Christian Service Program will give these Bible students a usable, working knowledge of spreading the gospel.

But what about the future of OBC? A college can't grow if its programs remain stagnant. A new and enlarged Gospel Team itinerary has been devised whereby fifteen states may be reached. This program will involve more of the upperclassmen than past programs. It will be set up so that work with the local churches will not be greatly affected.

Many students have felt the desire and urge to serve Christ for the glory of God and have felt personally involved with the Great Commission given in Matthew 28: 19. These workers are not going out alone, because in verse 20 Christ said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." It is this knowledge that Christ *is* with them that leads Christians to further service. ●

FOREIGN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

By David Hall, Chairman

The Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College is composed of a group of students who have a deep concern for the promotion and growth of foreign missions of the Church of God General Conference.

This year the Fellowship has carried out three projects. First, one hundred Bibles will shortly be sent to Bro. A. A. Obot and his fellow workers in Nigeria, to aid in their great work. These Bibles are printed in the

Efik language and are purchased through the American Bible Society.

The second project has been to support a weekly half-hour radio program in the Philippine Islands. Bro. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero produces this broadcast. The F.M.F. was encouraged in this endeavor when Bro. S. O. Ross received a letter from him. In his words, "We are greatly inspired with our radio work. Many letters of appreciation from people of different places were received by us. Also there are questions sent to us requesting us to answer them in our broadcast program. Praise the Lord!"

The third and major project of the year was the second annual Missionary Conference, held March 29, 1969, at the Oregon Church of God. This project is more of a blessing to the F.M.F. members because of their personal involvement rather than just monetary contributions.

The writer is grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Foreign Mission Fellowship this year. The following names are the officers and committeemen that made the position even more enjoyable. Steve Bolhous has served as vice-chairman, Mary Gaskill as secretary, Connie Hall as treasurer, Ray Hall as program chairman, Dale Swartz as Missionary Conference chairman, and Ron Sanders and Connie Hall as co-editors of the Missionary Prayer Band. ●



The combined Foreign and Home Mission Fellowships

HOME MISSION FELLOWSHIP

By David Cheatwood, Chairman

The Home Mission Fellowship is a student-faculty fellowship. Its purpose is to create areas of service for the members of the fellowship. This gives the members of the fellowship an opportunity to share their faith in Jesus Christ with their fellowmen.

Three projects took most of our time this year. Our program chairman, David Onderdonk, has organized all the worship services we have held at Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris, Ill., and at Monroe Center, Wis. Everyone in the fellowship has been asked to take part in these ser-

vices at one time or another. Besides these two projects we have organized the Student Recruitment Program into a better reaching program to all the conferences. David Graham is chairman of this hard-working group.

I would like at this time to thank my fellow-officers for their cooperation and help during this school year: Ron Sanders, vice-chairman; John Railton, secretary; Wayne Johnson, treasurer; David Onderdonk, program chairman; and David Graham, student recruitment chairman. Also Bro. Eugene Stilson for his help as the faculty advisor. I wish to thank the other members of the fellowship for their help in making the program a success.

Pinecrest Manor is a rest home, and we present them with a worship service the second Saturday of every month. We also try to visit with the residents of the home. They enjoy our visits and I am sure the students do as well.

Monroe Center, Wis., has been a blessing to many of us. This is a small group to whom we take the message of God the fourth Sunday of each month. These people are small in number and enjoy having a group of three to five students in their midst once a month. Through these meetings Russell Conley and his wife Laverne have come to Oregon Bible College. He is a truly dedicated servant of God.

All in all it has been a good year for all of us, and we invite you to come to O.B.C. to join with us. ●

STUDENT COUNCIL

By Steve Bolhous

In keeping with the Bible teaching of doing all things decently and in order, Oregon Bible College has established a Student Council composed of representatives from the different organizations and classes. The primary function of the Council is to represent the student body to the Administration and the Administration to the student body. This includes making constructive suggestions to the faculty to further the continued well-being of the college, serving as a forum where students may bring their problems, and reflecting student opinion.

Those serving on the Council this year are: Larry Bolhous and Wayne Johnson, freshmen; John Railton and Harold Wagganer, sophomores; Vivian Kirkpatrick II and Ron Sanders, juniors; Michael Hale (Council vice-president) and Jim Graham, seniors; David Hall, Foreign Mission Fellowship chairman (Council treasurer); David Cheatwood, Home Mission Fellowship chairman; Joe Duncan, Social Committee chairman (Council secretary); David Onderdonk, Student Voice editor; Ron Macy, Maranatha Yearbook editor; Steve Bolhous, Council president; and faculty advisor, Bro. John Lewis.

We believe that through the work of the Council and the blessings of the Lord a closer relationship and a better understanding have been reached between the students and the faculty. We pray that God will continue to bless the Student Council and Oregon Bible College as it carries on its task of preparing Christian workers. ●

THREE AREAS OF GROWTH

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laymen of the church. Gospel teams organize services and go to distant churches to promote what they have learned. In this area of life one exercises his will, makes decisions, judgments, and yields to the will of God.

We want to advance Oregon Bible College because of what it is doing for the Church of God. It is enabling the churches to have pastors, and mission fields to have missionaries and evangelists. It enables the Sunday schools to have teachers, and the churches to have active lay men and women. It invests men and women to present the message in song and music by developing their talents, whether vocal or instrumental.

For these things we can give Oregon Bible College much credit and recognition. Let the Church of God strive to support it and its growth—academic, social, and spiritual. The organization is always in need of prayers and support to keep it going. It will exist only if we take an active part in it! ●

MAY IS BOOSTER MONTH

BOOST OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

Oregon, Illinois

General Conference Progress

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES MEET

Many men and women of the Church of God General Conference give many hours of their time in serving on committees and boards in the operation of the General Conference work. These people give freely to this effort without pay. Much thanks and appreciation is due them.

The Sunday School Board held a meeting on April 12 at Oregon, Ill. This Board has met almost monthly this current year.

The National Youth Advisory Council met with Bro. Paul Shaw, Youth Director, on April 12, and made plans for next year's objectives.

The Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Fund met in Oregon, Ill., on April 14. This Board has much responsibility in getting this newly organized Retirement Plan in operation.

The Mission Board met on April 22, and plans and recommendations for mission work in the next fiscal year were proposed and discussed.

The Council of Christian Education met on Saturday, April 26. This Council, which was established at the 1967 General Conference, is giving study and survey as to how our Christian education materials can be improved, and what the needs are in the education area of the Church of God.

The General Conference Board of Directors will meet on May 9 and 10, at which time the reports to the General Conference delegates will be approved, and the recommendations to be acted upon by the delegates at the summer conference finalized. This Board meets three times during the year, in addition to several meetings during General Conference. Many important decisions need to be made at each of these meetings which usually take two full days, meeting both daytime and evening.

Nearly forty people make up the above boards and committees, so one can understand the many man-hours involved in their meeting and travel time, in addition to study, correspondence, and planning time between meetings. May the Lord bless each of them in this manner of service.

MINISTERS RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Forty-five ministers, forty-six churches, and six conferences are now enrolled in the Retirement program. It already appears that this will be a sound program, especially so, due to our relatively young ministry. Churches who are not yet in the program are urged to give further consideration and to enroll in the program, and perhaps

the benefits can be even improved in the years ahead.

The deadline has passed for initial enrollment by the present ministers. Some contributions have been received from individuals outside the enrolled membership and these have been greatly appreciated. For further information on this Retirement program contact Bro. S. O. Ross, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

O.B.C. GRADUATION

Graduation exercises for six Oregon Bible College students will be held in the Oregon Church of God on Thursday evening, May 29, 1969. Bro. J. Arlen Marsh of Cleveland, Ohio, will be the graduation speaker. Five of the graduates have already accepted pastorates and the sixth has received a call.

The graduates and their pastorates for next year are: Verne Berry, Lombard, Ill.; Stephen Bolhous, Bedford, Ohio; Roger Cupp, Kokomo, Ind.; James Graham, Hedrick, Ind.; Michael Hale, Waterloo, Iowa; and M. Ray Hall. We pray God's richest blessings upon these men and their families as they begin their new work in the Lord's service.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

Contributions to the Goals for Giving of the Church of God General Conference are four hundred dollars short for the month of April, and, coupled with the two thousand dollar shortage in March, the Goals for Giving for the rest of the year will be larger. The Conference budget is figured so closely that any shortage puts the staff in a bind to meet the current expenses. A loan had to be made to meet the costs of support to the missionaries, pastoral aid payments, salaries for the month, printing costs, and the other current needs. Our prayer is that this deficit will be met in May by the dedicated membership of the General Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for April	\$ 7,294.00
Given in April	6,874.00
To be given by September 30	\$36,888.00

Goal for May \$7,378.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



The above picture was taken when Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence recently visited the Bangalore, India, church. This is a common sight during any service, when six or eight instruments are used to accompany the singing.

Average attendance at the Bangalore Church of God for the month of March was about two hundred, and at the Wilson Gardens church was thirty-five. Bro. S. S. Manoaah writes, "On March 30 we observed Palm Sunday and the children, with palms in their hands, marched around the church singing Hosanna before the morning worship service."

NIGERIA

It appears that communication channels are now beginning to open up into Nigeria (the Biafran area). Our workers have not yet verified this; however, other organizations have gotten some mail through. We praise the Lord that our leaders and membership have remained firm throughout these troublesome months.

PHILIPPINES

Bro. Joseph Pascual, a former minister of another church group, who was converted to the truth some months ago, moved his family to the village of Zamora and has started a church work there, holding services in his home. He recently baptized his wife and son, and six others. Those baptized were: Mrs. Modesta Pascual, George Pascual, Mrs. Lucina Tepay, Alfonso Ancheta, Florentino Sinico, Teodicio Sinico, Maria Sinico, and Domingo Sinico.

The Zamora group realized the need for a meeting place and bought an old house for their church services. The

average attendance for the month of February was fifty-seven. Praise the Lord.

A severe drouth is gripping northern Luzon, where several of our churches are located. Bro. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero says, "It has not rained since September, 1968, and small rivers and brooks are dry, and even the larger streams are drying up. Shallow wells for drinking water are dry and many crops have died because of no water."

This condition has caused many families to move from the area, and it may be possible that the whole Villaros congregation may be forced to move to another place. These people depend entirely upon their little plot of rice to feed them and if this does not develop they are in serious trouble. Pray for rain for this area that the drouth might be broken.

MEXICO

The Saturday school is becoming more stabilized and the attendance is more regular, with an average of thirty-two for March. Three classes are held, with Sr. Martinez teaching the little ones, six and under; Sr. Rachel Krogh teaching the middle age; and Bro. Dean Moore teaching the older group on the Saturdays that he is in Mexico.

On March 1 Bro. Francisco Martinez and Srs. Krogh and Aldrich traveled to the village of Potosi for services, with over twenty children at a Sunday school service. This was followed by preaching service with fifty-one present, twenty-five of these being adults. Regular services are held each Sunday at Saltillo and Bisnaga. The average attendance for March was thirty-five at Bisnaga and fifteen at Saltillo.

Bible study and prayer service has been held each Wednesday evening at the home of Bro. Francisco Martinez.

LEBANON

Bro. Jamal Sunna'a is translating the Systematic Study Course lessons and two hundred have enrolled in the course in Lebanon and Jordan. One of the Jordan converts is now holding services in his home.

PRAYER LIST FOR MAY

1. Pray for the progress of the new work at Zamora, Philippine Islands.
2. Pray for each missionary and his family.
3. Pray for relief from the drouth in the Philippine Islands.
4. Pray for new doors of opportunity.

GOSPEL TEAM TO THE SOUTHEAST

By Francis Burnett

A six-member gospel team from Oregon Bible College spent spring vacation on a trip to North and South Carolina, and back through eastern Missouri. The team left Oregon, Ill., on Friday, April 4, 1969. The first stop for a service was at the Church of the Resurrection Hope, Whitnel, N. C., so an overnight stop had to be made on the way. Three musical numbers were given for the morning worship service, and a full service in the evening. A full hour's service was given at Hendersonville, N. C., Monday, April 7, and Tuesday and Wednesday at the Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, S. C.

Then the team started back, and an overnight stop was made in Nashville, Tenn. A Friday night service was held at Doniphan, Mo., and a Saturday night service at Fredericktown, Mo. Two services were given on Sunday, April 13—one at Morse Mill, Mo., in the morning, and one at the St. Louis church, Overland, Mo., in the afternoon. The team arrived back in Oregon the night of April 13.

All of the services were musical, with scriptures interspersed to explain the songs. Sermons were given at Guthrie Grove, Doniphan, and Morse Mill. The music consisted of solos, duets, trios, mixed quartets, and a men's quartet. The members of the team were: Norma Davis, Patsy Holden, Dale Swartz, Joe Martin, Ron Sanders, and the sponsor, Francis Burnett.

IOWA-MINNESOTA RETREAT

By Nola Hass

The Iowa-Minnesota Youth Retreat was held at Camp Wahtaton near Waterloo, Iowa, April 11-13, 1969. The camp started on a Friday night, but most of the campers arrived Saturday morning.

The day's activities consisted of two panel discussions and recreation. A gospel team from Oregon Bible College presented the evening service. After the service a slide presentation on Life at O.B.C. was shown as part of the Student Promotion Plan. Then everyone enjoyed a taffy pull held between the service and the campfire.

Sunday, everyone journeyed to Waterloo for the morning service and a delicious potluck dinner. After a short farewell service, we all departed for our homes inspired with God's Word in our hearts.

MAY IS BOOSTER MONTH

May is annually set aside to boost Oregon Bible College. The funds will be used this year to improve the library—the heart of the institution. Boost Oregon Bible College!

E. Milon Hall, Editor

"Every day they went steadily on with their teaching in the temple and in private houses, telling the good news of Jesus the Messiah" (Acts 5:42, N.E.B.).

Personal calling by the Sunday school teacher is HALF of his work! Personal calling can make a teacher-pupil relationship of eternal value, but the teacher *has* to go to the pupil. A teacher can use all the methods of teaching in the book and still fail to show Jesus to his pupils—but when he calls in the pupil's home, he is showing Christ's love in action.

Most of Jesus' ministry was done by going to the people. Though he did often teach in the temple, yet he was constantly on the go to reach people on their home ground to show them his love. The apostles went about establishing churches, and their method was "from house to house." (Acts 20:20; 2:46.) Unless the Sunday school teacher goes into the homes of pupils and prospects, he is saying, "You, as students, do not have to obey Jesus' command to go and teach what I teach you."

As the teacher goes calling, there are several points worth remembering and utilizing. These are:

1) Rely on God's direction in prayer before you go out, and on his blessing as you speak. (1 Thess. 1:5; 1 Cor. 2:4.)

2) As you go, believe that God IS with you. Expect to have people confess their need of Jesus and salvation through him. Expect to have your pupil's entire family respond favorably to your invitation to attend Sunday school next Sunday. (Phil. 1:20.)

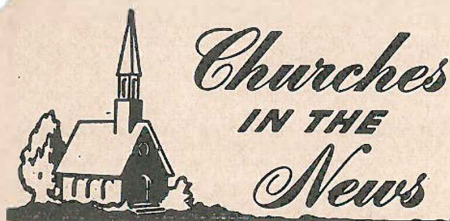
3) Be courteous and kind. Be pleasant in conversation; showing your love for them. Be honestly complimentary about something in their home early in your call, but as you state the reason for your call—keep on that subject. Do not let yourself be led too far or too long from the subject of their need of Jesus, his saving blood, and their need of church fellowship.

4) Have a definite time to go calling. We set and adjust our time for the important things we want to do. There is no more important thing we can do than to reach others for Christ! Time is the one thing God has given us to see how wisely we would use it. Ask for wisdom therein.

5) Be clean and neat, with sweet breath. It is not a Biblical quote, but a wise saying, that "Cleanliness is next to godliness." We are all careful about our personal hygiene so as not to offend our loved ones—let us use the same respect to show the greatest love man can know.

Tell the good news in EACH HALF of your teaching.●

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 18-23—Lectures on prophecy at Morning Star Church of God, South Bend, Ind., by T. M. Ferrell.
- May 23-25—Annual May Meeting, Fonhill, Ont., E. Richard Smith, guest speaker.
- June 5-8—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Clark's Chapel, between Magazine and Paris, Ark., off highway 109.
- June 8—Dedication of Troy View addition, Troy, Ohio, John Lewis, guest speaker.
- June 12-15—Minnesota Conference on Long Lake, John R. Lewis, guest speaker.
- June 15-21—Indiana Conference and Family Camp at Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.
- June 20-22—Annual Illinois Conference at Ripley.
- June 21-28—Southwest Youth Camp, Idylwild, Calif.
- June 28, 29—Missouri Summer Conference at Fredericktown.
- July 7-12—Minnesota Junior Camp on Long Lake, Don Needham, dean.
- July 14-19—Minnesota Senior Camp on Long Lake, Jim Mickey, dean.
- July 22-27—Annual Missouri Conference at St. Louis, Jack Hearp, guest speaker.
- July 27-Aug. 1—General Conference.
- Aug. 1-7—Berean Youth Conference.
- Aug. 12-17—Annual Iowa Conference at Waterloo.
- Aug. 13-17—Central High Plains Conference at Holbrook, Neb., Richard Dick, guest speaker.
- Sept. 12-14—Minnesota Berean Youth Retreat on Long Lake.
- Sept. 26-28—Minnesota Fall Conference on Long Lake.
- October 10, 11—Adult Retreat on Long Lake, Eden Valley, Minn.
- Oct. 25, 26—Missouri Fall Conference at Jordan.

BAPTISM AT HECTOR, MINNESOTA

At a special service on Sunday night, April 13, 1969, Kathy Johnson, recent bride of Bro. Larry Johnson, was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. She was received into membership in the family of God and partook of her first Communion at the climax of the service.

Kathy became dissatisfied with the church in which she was reared. She became interested, and started to read her Bible and to study. In due time she indicated her desire to unite with the Church of God through baptism. It was on the basis of her declared intentions that we were willing to unite her in marriage to Larry Johnson, February 15, 1969.

This new family is now united in one common faith and already is busy in the Lord's work. We pray for them as members of the household of God.

Harry Sheets, pastor.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Bro. Harry Payne has resigned as pastor at Waterloo, Ia., effective July 31.

Bro. Michael Hale has resigned as pastor at New Lenox, Ill., effective June 1, and has accepted the pastorate at Waterloo, Ia., effective August 1.

Bro. Steve Bolhous has accepted the pastorate at Bedford, Ohio, as of September 1.

Bro. Jim Graham has accepted the pastorate at Hedrick, Ind., as of September 1.

Bro. Roger Cupp has accepted the pastorate at Kokomo, Ind., effective September 1.

Bro. Ray Hall has decided to take a pastorate this fall, and may be contacted at Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

We congratulate the following persons on their successful completion of the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course: Mrs. Charlotte Baldwin and Mrs. Joy Sutfin.

BAPTISM AT DIXON, ILLINOIS

We are pleased to welcome Kirk Kraft into the fellowship of the Dixon church. He was assisted in putting on Christ in baptism by the writer on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1969. The service was held in the Oregon church. The right hand of fellowship was given to him during the evening service.

Ernest E. Graham, pastor.

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ISRAEL ISSUE STILL AVAILABLE

Copies of the special Israel issue of The Restitution Herald for March, 1969, with the colored covers, are available from this office at 25¢ per copy, postage paid when payment accompanies the order.



Mission Builders Appeal Number 22 Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, California

The Pomona Church of the Open Bible was organized in 1890, and built its first meeting place on Williams Street in 1915.

Having outgrown its facilities, it moved to purchase 2½ acres of ground, and started construction of Sunday school wings in February, 1966. The present building was dedicated on June 4, 1967. The membership now totals 115.

Mission Builder appeal number 22 is in the mail to all members of the League.

If you are not now a Mission Builder, and will agree to send at least \$5.00 for each new church designated for assistance by the League, we urge you to enroll now.

NEW MISSION BUILDERS

1120. Daniell Watkins
1121. Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Brown
1122. Lorraine M. Moeller
1123. Mr. and Mrs. George Scott
1124. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mattus
1125. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Coulter
1126. Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Smith

1127. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pippel
1128. Bible Crusaders Class, Rockford
1129. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mattison
1130. John Pickerl
1131. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell
1132. Mrs. Beulah Slater
1133. Sharon R. Roberson
1134. Lombard Dorcas Society
1135. Southeast Conference
1136. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hale
1137. Mrs. John H. Evans, Jr.
1138. Elaine Verdi

Please enroll me in the Mission Builders League.

Name

Address

City, State, & Zip

(Mail to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.)

BAPTISMS AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Mrs. Genita A. (Sue) Cormaci, 7507 Redice Ave., Omaha, and Mr. & Mrs. Dale Sperry, 13375 North 72nd, Omaha, were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins on April 13, 1969. These baptisms were followed by participation in the service of Communion.

The following Sunday, April 20, these three "babes in Christ" were accepted into the membership of the Jaynes Street Community Church of God at 7534 Jaynes St., Omaha, Neb.

We rejoice with them and pray God's blessing upon them as they begin their new life in Christ. Richard S. Dick, pastor.

BAPTISM AT BLANCHARD, MICHIGAN

Larry Shaw, a young man who has attended church for some time, came forward to request baptism into Christ on Easter Sunday morning. He was baptized that afternoon, April 6, 1969, in Pine River near Blanchard, with many friends present. We rejoice in his joining his wife as a Christian, and in his great interest in the coming Kingdom. Since rising to new life from baptism on the celebrated day that Jesus rose from the dead, he now has the resurrection as his own personal hope.

Michael Mattison, pastor.

**BAPTISM AT COLUMBUS, OHIO
Philadelphian Chapel**

On Sunday, April 6, 1969, Junita Louise Kern of 239 Mithoff St., came forward during the call to receive Christ. Bro. Raymond Byas washed her in the waters of baptism unto newness of life. May her walk with the Lord be an enduring one, leading into his everlasting Kingdom.

Pastor C. F. Roth.

**BAPTISM AT SOUTHLAWN
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

On April 6, 1969, Deborah Wensink expressed her desire to accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour. She was immersed in the waters of baptism during the morning worship service. We thank the Lord that Debbie has felt her need for the Saviour. We all know that these are hard days for the teenager, so we would pray God's special blessing to be upon Debbie as she begins and continues in her new way of life. May her crowning hope be in the coming of our Lord and King to this earth again.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

DVBS AT FONTHILL, ONTARIO
The Fonthill Glad Tidings Church of God 1969 Daily Vacation Bible School was a huge success. The last call for teachers gave us an overflow of qualified workers. Three church board members and the pastor served every morning as drivers and had carloads of children on time at our out-of-the-village new church on Hillcrest Road. Many village mothers brought their children, too.

The theme, "In Training for Missions," included the last five lessons of the ten-lesson series issued in 1967 by the Church of God General Conference.

Total enrollment was 131—110 students and 21 staff; 77 of the enrollment had perfect attendance. Certificates of attendance were presented to all, and trophy ribbons were presented as perfect attendance awards. Average attendance was 102.

Every morning, a part of the opening exercises included memorizing the names of the books of the Bible with Elaine Shute. Mrs. Emily Eggleton and her puppets helped clarify the lesson story. The memory work and the flannelgraph Bible story time were presented by Sr. Macy.

The Friday evening program was pre-

sent to a full house, and families represented every church in the village. We cannot begin to number all who helped make our 1969 Bible school a huge success, but thank each one. Mrs. Emory Macy, director.

**HAS YOUR MINISTER'S PAY
SUDDENLY BEEN REDUCED?**

April 15, 1968, will best be remembered by laymen as the deadline for income tax payments. Yet on that date, unnoticed by most of us, a Social Security change went into effect that vitally affects a great many ministers.

From that day on the option of being under Social Security has been taken away. Now all ministers (except those whose conscience forbids it) will pay Social Security tax. And those who were already covered had their payments increased—with a "tax bite" that goes much deeper than it does for employed laymen. That's because Social Security regulations designate ministers as "self-employed" persons. As such, they are required to pay two thirds of the total tax. "Employees," on the other hand, pay only one half of the tax, with their employers picking up the other half.

Let's take a minister earning \$7,500 a year. The 1968 tax rate was 6.4 percent of his salary or \$480. A \$7,500 corporation employee, for example, would pay only 4.4 percent or \$330. Starting in 1969, the tax rate for ministers goes up to 6.9 percent.

This becomes a drastic pay reduction for some ministers and an increasingly severe drop even for those who have long been on the Social Security program—coming at a time when living costs are climbing.

If you feel that your minister should be earning more, not less, than he did last year, it would be perfectly correct to express your concern to a member of the church board.—Ministers Life and Casualty Union.

CHOSEN of GOD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"They that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."
Revelation 17:14.



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**FONTHILL, ONTARIO,
CHURCH NEWS**

The Fonthill Glad Tidings Church group has been busily engaged in serving as host to the community in many activities in the new church building. March 2, 1969, the church hosted the community service for Education Week. Pastor Macy planned the complete service for boys and girls, and the local grade six choir of the A. K. Wigg School presented special musical numbers. A flannelgraph story, a chalk talk, and a science presentation of the Burning Bush, were part of this children's service. March 14, 1969, the L.O.T. (Lovers of Truth) Sunday school class hosted an Evening of Music by some thirty members of the Dominion Life Choir of Waterloo, Ont. The freewill offering netted the Sunday school class a sizable amount to help purchase a floor covering for their classroom.

Our Sunday school attendance brushes the 100-mark nearly every week. The Easter sunrise service brought out a good 50 percent attendance. The sunrise breakfast was prepared by the women, served by the Bereans, and the dishes were washed and tables cleared by the menfolk. One hundred forty-eight attended the morning worship service.

On Easter Sunday morning two new

members were baptized into the all-saving name of Jesus Christ and given the right hand of fellowship. Miss Elizabeth Call, Hamlin, N. Y., and Frederick Ferbrache, Vineland Station, Ont., walked into the waters of baptism, assisted by Pastor Emory Macy. Mrs. Emory Macy, reporter.

B.Y.F. TRIP TO INDIANA

Representing the Berean Youth Department, the undersigned was a guest speaker at the quarterly conference of the Churches of God in Indiana. The meeting was held on Saturday, April 19, 1969, at North Salem.

The theme was, "What are you willing to do?" It was a conference directed toward the work and needs of young people.

The message concerned the way in which the B.Y.F. has helped Church of God young people, and the way that each and all can make the B.Y.F. more effective in the future. Francis Burnett, reporter.

MARJORIE KELLY STATZER

Funeral services were conducted March 14, 1969, for Marjorie Kelly Statzer. She was baptized into Christ December 5, 1920, at the Brush Creek Church of God. She awaits the resurrection from Memorial Park Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. Leon Driskill, pastor.

ROBERT LARINGTON

Funeral services were held for Robert Larington at McCook, Neb., on April 11, 1969, conducted by the writer. Mr. Larington was born in Kansas on January 15, 1880, and died at Cambridge, Neb., on April 9, 1969.

He was a member of the Church of God, having been baptized by Bro. Almus Adams.

He is survived by his wife Lillie; six children: Cecile Beebe, Devere, and Faye, all of McCook; Dorothy Newell of Oshkosh, Neb.; and Dean of Grand Junction, Colo.; three sisters; one brother; twenty-six grandchildren; sixty-eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. James Rencontre, pastor.

DOROTHY FRAZIER

Sr. Dorothy Frazier was born April 21, 1903, and died April 10, 1969. During the prime of her life, she was an active member of Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio. She is survived by two sons.

Funeral services were held at Cleveland on April 14. She was laid to rest in the Knollwood Cemetery, where she awaits the call of her returning Saviour.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, of the Golden Rule Church. J. R. LeCrone, pastor.

CONTRIBUTORS IN APRIL

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ISSUE

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 27

2:00 Registration Begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship, special service of song and praise, Darrell and Enid Maddock, and Hildreth Worley
 8:45 Chairman's Reception
 10:30 Lights out

Monday, July 28, Sunday School Day

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Opal New; Ministers: C. F. Pryor; Youth: Vicki Miller; Priscillas: Helen Pryor)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: E. Milton Hall, "Verily, Verily, Communicate"
 Youth Class: Ed Graham, "Relating Myself to the Bible"
 Sunday School Supt. Class: E. Richard Smith, "Communicate and Inspire"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Eugene Stilson, "Christian Doctrine for Now"
 10:00 First Business Session
 Welcome by the Chairman
 Seating of the Delegates
 Introduction of new delegates and delegations
 Communications
 Chairman's Message to the delegates
 Question period on written reports of Committees and Boards
 Report on Activities of the Board of Directors
 Treasurer's Report
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Bernard Hightower
 2:10 Christian Service Sharing Sessions:
 1) S. S. Superintendent's Class, "Administrate," Bob Petry and Richard Smith
 2) Your Ministry Beyond the Classroom, Joyce Knapp
 3) The Dynamics of Visual Aids, Ruth Lewis

4) How Teachers Turn On Youth in the Lord, Jim Mickey
 3:05 Above sessions repeated (Gives opportunity to visit two sessions)
 3:45 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir Practice
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Kent Ross, Song Leader; Billie Kennedy, Speaker
 10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, July 29

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Ellen Ramsey; Ministers: Austin Railton; Youth: Dan Graham; Priscillas: Doris Brown)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Ed Goit, "The Vine and the Branches"
 Youth Class, Jim Mickey, "Relating Myself to the Church"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, David Krogh, "Christian Action for Now"
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Monday minutes
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship business
 Sunday School Department business
 Election of two Sunday School Directors
 Publishing Department business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Emory Macy, "A Man Approved of God"
 2:15 Christian Sharing Sessions
 1) How to Better Use Our Publications, T. M. Ferrell
 2) Inspiring the Local Congregation in Missions, Mardy Lawrence
 3) Materials in Hand When Calling, Warren Sorenson
 4) A Layman's Preparation for Teaching, Charles Pryor
 5) The Cradle Roll Ministry of the S. S., Joyce Demmitt
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir Practice
 7:30 Evening Service, Stephen Bolhous, Song Leader; Hollis Partlowe, Speaker, "That They May Be One"
 9:00 Slides of Mission Trip, Bro. & Sr. William Lawrence
 10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Cecil Patrick; Ministers: Roy Humphreys; Youth: Mike Huddleston; Priscillas: Verle Duncan)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, C. E. Lapp, "One Body in Christ"
 Youth Class, Scott Ross, "Relating Myself to Society"
 Children's Class
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: Francis Burnett, "Christian Living for Now"

10:00 Business Session
 Reading of the Tuesday minutes
 Nomination for two directors
 Consideration of Mission business
 Election of a Mission Board Director
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, V. E. Kirkpatrick, "They Continued Steadfastly"
 2:15 Christian Sharing Sessions
 1) How to Best Use Vacation Bible School Material, Iris Burnett
 2) Inspiring the Local Congregation in Missions, Mardy Lawrence
 3) How to Emphasize Missions in the Local Church, Warren Sorenson
 4) A Layman's Preparation for Preaching, Delbert A. Jones
 5) Group Dynamics in the Sunday School Class, Eugene Stilson
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir Practice
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, C. Jesse Pestle, Song Leader; E. Richard Smith, Speaker, "That the World May Know"
 9:00 Ministers Voluntary Retirement Program meeting
 10:30 Lights out

Thursday, July 31

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Bernard Hightower; Ministers: Richard Dick; Youth: Philip Simpson; Priscillas: Cecil Railton)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, J. R. LeCronc, "Christian Excellence"
 Youth Class, Leon Driskill, "Relating Myself to Other Christians"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Dale Ward, "Christian Worship for Now"
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of the Minutes
 Election of Directors
 Oregon Bible College business
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Cecil Smead, "Continuing Daily With One Accord"
 2:15 Continuation of Business Sessions
 General Business
 Adoption of a Goal for Giving
 3:30 Adjournment
 5:30 Supper
 7:00 Evening Service, Lee McQuinn, Song Leader; Harry Sheets and C. E. Randall, Communion; Installation of the New Directors; John Lewis, Speaker, "That the Love . . . be in Them"
 10:30 Lights out

Friday, August 1

7:00 United Prayer Service
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated except for those staying for Youth Conference

Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

This report of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference was approved at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in Oregon, Illinois, May 9, 1969. The report is presented in this form so that delegates to the 1969 General Conference business sessions (July 27-August 1, 1969, Camp Alexander Mack) will have opportunity to study it and form opinions and seek suggestions from the groups whom they will represent.

This report covers only the first eight months of the current fiscal year. Those activities which occur between now and General Conference will be reported orally at Conference. The activities and accomplishments of the several departments of the General Conference are reported herein and some comments and observations of the work as a whole are also included.

We feel that much progress has been made in most areas of the Conference work and we praise God for his blessings. We trust that further progress will be made in the remaining months of this year and that the next church year will be one of growth and revival in every local church to the glory of God.

Youth Department

The Director of the Berean Youth Department is Bro. Paul Shaw. Bro. Shaw has tendered his resignation as of September 1, 1969, and Bro. Francis Burnett of Oregon, Ill., has been named by the Board of Directors to succeed Bro. Shaw as the National Youth Director.

During the year, *Challenge* magazine and the *Youth Workers' Memo* have been published regularly. Bro. Kent Ross, of Dayton, Ohio, was named as the new editor of *Challenge* and has been doing an excellent job of publishing the magazine since January 1, 1969. Berean lesson manuals continue to be mailed to youth leaders, pastors, and all those who request them. The editors for the junior manuals are Bro. and Sr. Russell Magaw, and the editor of the senior manuals is Bro. Eugene Stilson.

Contact continues to be maintained with state and district youth directors in an effort to improve the total youth program.

The fourth annual meeting of state and conference youth directors was held in Oregon, Ill., in the fall of 1968.

A slide-sound set was made based on the 1968 International Berean Youth Conference. The set has been viewed by many churches and youth groups since its release in January.

A program of Berean contests under the direction of Bro. Jim Mickey experienced another successful year, with more churches and conferences than ever before participating in the Berean Bible Quiz Contest. The Christian Speech Contest was also very successful.

The annual Berean Scholarship to Oregon Bible College was awarded to Ron Macy on the basis of testing which was held at the 1968 Berean Youth Conference.

Enthusiasm and participation in Youth Week services were at an all-time high. The third annual International Youth Week plaque for excellence in carrying out the observance of Youth Week was again awarded to the Bereans

of Faith Chapel Church of God at Peoria, Ill. Because of the overwhelming response to Youth Week by so many churches, it was decided to have second, third, and fourth place winners. Second place went to Digby, Nova Scotia; third place to Dayton, Ohio; and fourth place to Blood River, La.

A gospel team is scheduled to tour churches and youth camps in the midwestern and southeastern states during June. Bro. and Sr. Rex Cain will be the sponsors of the Caravan. The theme of the "Challenge: Southeast" Caravan will be "Up With Christians."

A two-month subscription campaign for *The Restitution Herald* was held in which 226 new subscriptions were sold.

Once again the young people of the Church of God raised their giving standards during the delegate sessions of the 1968 Berean Youth Conference, having reached their all-time high giving goal for 1967-68 of \$8,500. They decided to raise their giving goal for the 1968-69 fiscal year and set it at \$10,000. The young people are to be commended as they take on more responsibility each year in the financial support of the youth work. The youth budget and giving goal are maintained within the framework of the budget and goal for giving of the General Conference. Two stewardship projects were carried on to aid in the raising of these funds as well as to teach good stewardship. The Coins-for-Christ Crusade was held for the sixth consecutive year with a large number of Berean groups participating. In addition to the regular Coins-for-Christ Crusade this year, a \$100 Club was formed, and those churches giving at least \$100 will become members of the Club. The Mission Dollar Club has a membership of over 200. These Bereans agree to contribute \$1 per month for the year.

The 1968 International Berean Youth Conference, with a theme of "Power Through Prayer," was a source of great inspiration to those who attended. Plans for the 1969 Youth Conference include an attendance campaign, with an all-out effort to have the highest number of campers in the history of the Berean Youth Conference. The theme for the 1969 Youth Conference will be, "Now Is the Time!"

The young people of the Church of God are to be highly commended for their enthusiastic participation in the local, state, and international youth program of the church. There is ample evidence that our young people are responding to the work set before them with maturity, good judgment, and enthusiasm, and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

Sunday School Department

The first meeting of this Board was August 6, 1968, at Camp Mack. Willis Turner was elected Chairman and Milton Hall was elected Secretary. The other members are Robert Petry and Bernard Hightower. Terry Ferrell is the liaison between the Sunday School Board and the General Conference Board.

The Sunday School Board asked and obtained permission to have Monday of General Conference designated as Sunday School Day.

They asked and were given a half page in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* to promote Sunday school work.



Church of God General Conference Board of Directors: Merle Patrick; Delbert A. Jones, secretary; Vernis D. Wolfe; Kenneth Vancil, vice-chairman; William D. Lawrence, chairman; Dean Urish; Dwaine Demmitt, treasurer.

Considerable time has been spent by the Board obtaining, studying, and evaluating material published in the interest of Sunday school work; and in making plans for General Conference Sunday School Day and subsequent Sharing Sessions.

The Sunday school of each church is the greatest evangelistic arm of that church! We ask for your prayers for greater vision, faith, and blessing for the promotion of each Sunday school and the establishment of new ones.

Publishing Department

The Publishing Department is responsible for the publication of *The Restitution Herald*, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *Challenge*, *Truth Seeker's Quarterlies*, *Songs of Truth*, *Systematic Theology*, Vacation Bible School materials, tracts, booklets, and other literature.

About 2,400 copies of *The Restitution Herald* are printed each month. The Berean campaign of last November netted 226 subscriptions. Favorable comments continue to be received on the full-color covers, and general content of the magazine. *Herald* rack users report that the racks are soon emptied, where there formerly were copies left over. Changing to a monthly magazine would have some effect. To solve the problem of having the rack empty most of the time we would suggest two things: 1) order more copies, and 2) put out only part of the copies at a time. The special March issue on Israel was well received. The Consulate General of Israel in Chicago alone used 1,100 copies of the issue, and almost every Jewish agency here and abroad received a copy. At least half of all Church of God families do not receive *The Herald*, including many of our ministers. Faith and spirituality must begin at home; if we do not appreciate the printed truth, how can we expect the world to do so?

About 3,850 copies of *PROGRESS JOURNAL* are mailed each month to Church of God families. About 1,400 copies of *Challenge* are sent to the youth of the Church of God every two months. These are sent without charge as a service of the General Conference and Youth Department.

About 8,200 *Truth Seeker's Quarterlies* are printed each quarter, and nearly every Church of God Sunday school uses some of these materials. One editorial change took place during the year, when Sr. Louise Lapp resigned as

editor of the junior quarterly, after fourteen years of dedicated service. Sr. Ruth Lewis is the current editor. The editors and writers of the quarterlies deserve our appreciation.

The Vacation Bible School material was reduced to five days, in order to reduce the large annual deficit; very few schools were using the full ten lessons. This material was edited by Francis and Iris Burnett. They, and their staff are to be thanked. This year's lessons were the last in a ten-year cycle.

Interest in the free Systematic Bible Study Course appears to be lagging. As of April 15, more than 1,500 persons had enrolled in the course, and 412 had completed it; including 333 in this country, and 79 abroad. The course is a valuable tool, and its use should be promoted widely. Mats and camera-ready advertising copy are still available.

The Church of God remains in an unfortunate position in publishing because of the low volume of sales, necessitating the subsidizing of most of our publications. We believe this position can be improved as our churches and church families use our materials, and subscribe to our magazine, but, especially, as we learn to utilize our publications for their worth in *evangelism*. "These glad tidings of the kingdom will be *published* in the whole habitable, for a testimony to all the nations; and then will the end come" (Matt. 24:14, Diag.).

Mission Department

The Mission Board of the Church of God General Conference is made up of five members. The Superintendent of Missions, S. O. Ross, is Chairman of the Board. Elected Board members are Warren Sorenson, Lee McQuinn, Edith Eades, and Mardy Lawrence who is the Secretary of the Board this year. The Board has met three times during the year, plus several meetings during General Conference.

The Mission work of the General Conference has shown steady progress. Information and promotion of the various avenues of the work have been brought to the membership by bulletin insert sheets, a Mission Newsletter twice during the year, and the regular monthly mission page in *PROGRESS JOURNAL*.

The Foreign Mission Fellowship of Oregon Bible College held the second annual Missionary Conference in March. The Mission Board was pleased to cooperate with this effort, and we feel that the conference was a splendid success. The Bible College students who belong to this Fellowship are sponsoring the radio program in the Philippines each Sunday noon. This program has been a blessing to the work there. A new church has been started in the Village of Zamora. Bro. Joseph Pascual is pastor of the new congregation and several have come to Christ through the preaching and teaching in this village.

The mission work in Mexico has been blessed in having Bro. Dean Moore return to the work on a full-time basis. The Moore family continues to live in Texas, and Bro. Moore commutes to the work in Mexico, giving to it the male leadership and supervision needed. Bro. Francisco Martinez is pastor of the Saltillo church and Srs. Rachel Krogh and Alice Aldrich carry on the Saturday school in their home, as well as teaching in services at the various villages. They translate and prepare Sunday school and other teaching materials.

In India, Bro. S. S. Manoah has begun a second church in Wilson Gardens, a suburb of Bangalore. Attendance

continues to grow in the original church and the work has been richly blessed of God. Bro. Manoah is giving special training to four young men in preparation for becoming pastors.

The Lighthouse Mission Church in Digby, Nova Scotia, is progressing well under the leadership of Bro. and Sr. Raymond Brown. The Sunday school attendance has been hitting new highs, and a new work has been started at Centerville, a small community about fifteen miles from Digby. A second Maritime Conference and Bible School will be held in August, 1969.

Nine pastors continue to receive partial support in Nigeria, and there have been many baptisms during the year. A school has been opened and progress made despite the severe strife due to the civil war that is raging in Nigeria. Several of the churches have received much damage, and many people have died from starvation and the ravages of war. CARE packages and other relief shipments are now reaching into this war-torn area.

Lebanon, the newest supported work of the General Conference, is showing signs of growth and strength. Several have been baptized and the congregation at El-Chibbak has secured a new and larger hall to rent for their services. The Sunday school attendance holds at about two hundred average, and the adult attendance at the Sunday morning worship, the Sunday evening service, and at midweek service all average over fifty. Several have been baptized in Jordan also, due to the preaching and teaching of Bro. Jamal Sunna'a as he returns to his homeland on occasions. One of his converts is beginning to hold services in Jordan.

Bro. Sunna'a has translated and republished the Systematic Bible Study Course lessons and about two hundred are enrolled in the course. Translation and distribution of literature continues to be an important part of proclaiming the gospel message. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached [published, Diag.] in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Two churches, L'Anse, Mich., and Pomona, Cal., have received Mission Builders assistance this fiscal year. The former, which provided a church building for the congregation in the Indian reservation of Northern Michigan, was one of the more productive appeals to date.

Nine churches have received Pastoral Aid during the year. This program has done much to help many small struggling congregations secure a full-time pastor, and to build the church and assist in its growth.

We are thankful for the many letters received, most of them come in response to some piece of literature. It gives an opportunity to witness of the truths that we hold and to proclaim the gospel message. Praise the Lord for the many doors of opportunity provided to the Church of God. May we ever be able to go through these doors and reach the lost and bring them to salvation.

Oregon Bible College

Oregon Bible College is completing its thirtieth year as an institution of higher education for the Church of God General Conference. It is dedicated to the task of educating young men and women for the high calling of Christian service. Prayers and faithful support by its many friends enable the College to accomplish its purpose and to experience continued growth in future years.

The 1968-69 school year began last September with an enrollment of forty-five students. Forty-two of these were

full-time students; three were part-time students. Fifty-five students enrolled for the second semester. Of these, ten were part-time students. Six seniors were graduated, Thursday, May 29, 1969: Verne Berry, Stephen Bolhous, Roger Cupp, James Graham, Michael Hale, and Ray Hall.

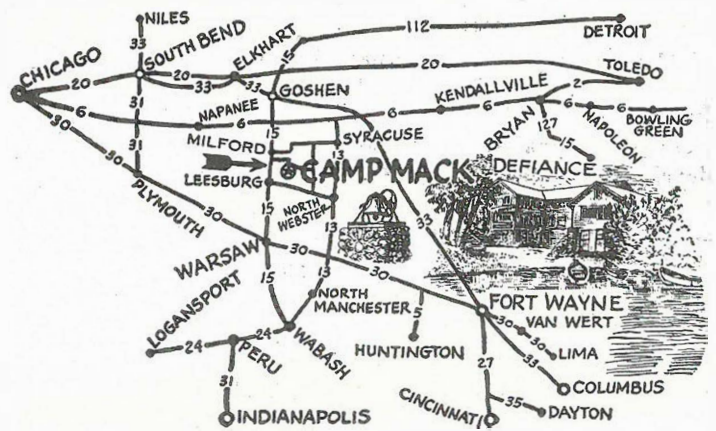
Administration and faculty during the past year included: Alva G. Huffer, President, instructor, and Chairman of the Board of Education; John R. Lewis, Vice President, Registrar, Director of Admissions, and instructor; Eugene E. Stilson, Director of Christian Service, Library Advisor, and instructor; Francis E. Burnett, Dean of Students and instructor; Stanley O. Ross, Director of Business Affairs and instructor in missions. During the second semester, Ruth Lewis was instructor for a weekly night class in Teaching Media.

During the week following Ministerial Conference in January, two seminars were held for all students and visitors who enrolled for the classes. Dallas R. Demmitt, Family Counselor from Phoenix, Ariz., taught classes two hours each morning on Personal Understanding of Marriage. He held numerous sessions with individuals and groups during the afternoons and evenings. Alva Huffer taught a seminar course the first half of each morning on Archaeology and Art History in Bible Lands.

The staff included also: Edith Eades, men's housemother; Elna Ross, women's housemother; Nora Anderson, Helen Pryor, Orpha Ferrell, Roslyn Berry, and others, who served in the cafeteria. Edith Eades and Elna Ross served also in the library. Olive Stoffregen was employed to process books and periodicals for the library.

A new edition of the *Student Handbook* was prepared last August under the direction of Francis Burnett, Dean of Students. The College staff approved the revised edition which incorporates many suggestions made by the Student Council from the previous year and by members of the Board of Education. The administration, faculty, and staff of Oregon Bible College seek to create the proper academic, spiritual, and social environment in our college so that each student can realize his greatest potential in Christian life and service.

Last October, the freshmen traveled to the Sauk Valley College in Illinois to take the ACT test in the American College Testing program. Each year, freshmen at Oregon Bible College will be required to have taken this test. Students planning to enroll are urged to take this test during their senior year of high school. The ACT test is given annually in high schools, or at colleges, in most communities. Oregon Bible College has a special code number. It is 1110. When students take this test, they should put this



number on their test. Results of the test then will be sent to John R. Lewis, our Registrar. This program is a step forward in our college's pursuit of higher standards and will provide a basis for counseling students.

The heart of any institution of higher education is its library. It is one of the seven major areas in a college evaluated by an accrediting agency. During the past year, special attention has been given to the development of our library. Eugene Stilson, Library Advisor, has conducted a thorough study of our library and its needs. He has consulted with specialists at nearby universities and colleges concerning library development in relation to curriculum. He has contacted many professional persons in the Church of God as resource people. Friends of our college continue to contribute funds to purchase needed books. The Board of Education, through this year's Booster campaign, has given special emphasis to using these Booster contributions for the purchase of books for our library.

Pastor Warren Sorenson, Macomb, Ill., was guest speaker for the Christian Emphasis Week in October. His theme was "Growth in Christian Life." The Foreign Mission Fellowship of the College sponsored its second annual Missionary Conference of the Church of God at Oregon, Ill., March 29, 1969. Guest speaker was Bro. Raymond Brown, our missionary from Digby, Nova Scotia. The annual Junior-Senior Weekend was held April 25, 26, at the College. This was the fifth year for this event. Special Prayer Days also were held during the year.

Three semester hours credit at Oregon Bible College could be acquired by persons, if they so desired, by going on President Alva Huffer's annual Holy Land and Europe Tour, arranged through Western World Tour and Travel. The twenty-one-day tour, June 21-July 12, 1968, included: Rome, Istanbul, Izmir, Ephesus, Pergamum, Athens, Corinth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Tiberius, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, Haifa, Caesarea, Tel Aviv, Florence, Paris, London, and other places of Biblical and historical interest.

Faculty members are furthering their education and working on additional academic degrees. Eugene Stilson is working on his Master's Degree at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. He completed two courses during the fall semester, one course during the spring semester, and is taking courses this summer. John Lewis is working on his Master's Degree at the same university and is enrolled in courses this summer. Francis Burnett plans to enroll in two courses at Arizona State University in Tempe during the first summer session. Alva Huffer hopes to complete his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Arizona State University during the next year.

An Internship and Graduate Program for Oregon Bible College will begin in September at Tempe, Ariz., utilizing facilities of the Tempe and Phoenix Churches of God, as well as Arizona State University. This program has been developed by the Board of Education and was approved by the Board of Directors last November. It implements action taken by delegates at the August, 1968, meeting of the General Conference. This program is open to ministers and former graduates as well as to persons newly graduated from the College.

Three broad general areas will be included in the internship program: pastoral, academic, and professional. The precise schedule of studies and experiences will be flexible

and determined to a degree by the student's background, needs, and interests. Objectives of the *academic* area of the program will be: to provide opportunity for experiences in higher education through classes at the university and attendance at special lectures, seminars, cultural events, and other university activities; to acquire experience in research methods and use of library materials. Objective of the *professional* area will be: to develop a professional self-image and to gain self-confidence as a minister; to be able to feel at ease in all situations; to have opportunities to gain understanding and a meaningful relationship with persons of other professions: educators, psychologists, social workers, physicians, etc.; to acquire knowledge and skill in communication and counseling. Church of God professional persons will serve as resource people and part-time instructors.

Oregon Bible College Alumni Association continues to be an important source of encouragement, spiritual enrichment, and blessing for the College. An alumnus is anyone who has been graduated from the College, been granted an honorary degree, or satisfied requirements of the Bible Training School (predecessor of Oregon Bible College), or has received fifteen or more hours of credit from Oregon Bible College. In the last instance, one is considered an alumnus only when his class has been graduated. The Alumni Association meets twice each year, during the General Conference and during the Ministerial Conference. Current officers are: Darrell Maddock, president; Rex Cain, secretary; and Kent Ross, treasurer.

As Oregon Bible College completes its thirtieth year as a theological college for the Church of God General Conference, our thoughts are summarized in three words: gratitude, appreciation, and optimism. We have *gratitude* for God's wonderful blessings on the College during the past three decades. We have *appreciation* for the prayers and loyal support of God's people. We have sincere *optimism* as we look forward to the future. We believe that Oregon Bible College is a college with a future! Administration, faculty, and students seek to join together in the pursuit of academic excellence, centered in the Lord Jesus Christ, and founded squarely on the Word of God.

General Services

In addition to the departmental activities covered in the preceding reports the Church of God General Conference staff performs many services for churches and conferences. Speakers are provided for special services when pastors are away or ill, and many public relations appearances are made within the church membership and at civic functions.

Much information is given through correspondence and questionnaires for governmental, civic, and religious agencies. Much correspondence and counseling are required and many opportunities provided for witnessing for Christ. Many of these taken separately may seem insignificant yet they do take time and are an important part of the overall functioning of the General Conference programs.

General Conference Finances

While the contributions to the Goals for Giving have fallen slightly behind at the midyear point, we feel confident that the needs will be met by the close of the fiscal year. Costs of all services are increasing, printing costs are rising, expenses in the operation of Oregon Bible College are rising steadily, and our mission work is expanding.

The General Conference Board of Directors and the staff members appreciate the sacrificial giving of many of the membership and we pray God's blessings upon each of them and upon all the work of the Church of God General Conference during the balance of this year, and may it even grow stronger and more fruitful in the years ahead.

Recommendations for 1969

1) We recommend that a Youth Caravan be held in the summer of 1970, provided it is deemed advisable by the youth delegates at the 1969 International Berean Youth Conference, and providing sufficient funds are appropriated in the 1969-70 youth budget.

2) We recommend that, for the purpose of promoting home missions and involving the total membership in a revival effort, the year 1969-70 be known throughout the Churches of God of the Abrahamic Faith as "Jubilee Witnessing Crusade," and that the crusade culminate in the Jubilee conference of 1970.

3) We recommend that each local church of the Church of God General Conference enter into a positive evangelistic program for Jubilee Year, and that effort be made to increase both attendance and membership by at least 10 percent. (Explanation: See recommended procedures for implementing this home mission effort on page 8 of this issue.)

SPECIAL REPORTS

Board of Education Report

The Board of Education fulfills a vital function in the higher education program of the Church of God. This Board acts in an advisory and promotional capacity for Oregon Bible College and makes specific recommendations regarding its operation to the Board of Directors of the General Conference.

Alva G. Huffer, President of the College, is chairman of the Board of Education, and the four other members of this Board are appointed, each for a term of two years, by the Board of Directors. This Board meets during General Conference each August, during the annual ministers' meeting, and at other times of the year.

Current appointed members of the Board are: Ruth Halls, Cleveland, Ohio; Dallas Demmitt, Phoenix, Ariz.; Don Overmyer, La Porte, Ind.; and Charles Pryor, DeKalb, Ill.

Meetings of this Board are given over to study and discussion of the needs of Oregon Bible College, proposed improvements in curriculum and procedures, and specific recommendations to the Board of Directors. This Board worked out details for the Internship and Graduate Program for Oregon Bible College which will begin at Tempe, Ariz., in September.

The Board of Education sponsors the Booster Campaign each year during May. Sr. Ruth Halls planned the campaign for this year. Funds received through this campaign are used for special projects for the College. Major portion of funds received will be used to purchase needed books for our library.

The Board is currently considering long-range plans for the College. It is seeking to determine the best manner in which our future ministers can acquire the best possible education to prepare them to serve the Lord in an adequate way.

Alva G. Huffer, chairman.

Board of Arbitration and Counseling

This is a standby committee ready to assist churches and conferences when called upon to help solve problems that frustrate the progress of the work. It is also available to ministers for assistance in meeting difficult situations in which they feel help is needed. During the past year the

committee's services have not been needed, for which we are grateful. However, we want the members of the General Conference to know that our services are available whenever we can be of assistance. Clyde E. Randall, chairman.

Ministers Retirement Association

During the last General Conference, the Ministers Retirement Fund was officially set in operation with the adoption of Rules and Regulations for the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association by the member conferences, churches, and ministers. The target date for payment of pensions has been set for January 1, 1970. It was necessary that there be a time lapse between the start of premiums and the payment of pensions in order that a fund be built up sufficient to carry the pension payments.

There are presently forty-five ministers, forty-seven churches, and six conferences enrolled in the Plan. There is still time for conferences and churches to become members without penalty.

This is the first time in the history of the Church of God that a Retirement Plan has been available for the ministers and their wives. It is necessary that a modest Plan be set up for awhile in keeping with the size of our church group. It is hoped that reserves will soon be built up through premiums, special gifts, wills, and legacies making it possible to increase the amount of pension payments.

There will be a reporting session for the Association at the forthcoming General Conference.

Board of Trustees: Willard Naylor,
Stanley Ross, Clyde E. Randall.

License and Ordination Committee Report

Since the report given a year ago, eight ministers have been granted licenses from the General Conference for the first time. They are Bros. Scott Ross, Michael Mattison, David Krogh, Jim Mickey, Rex Shaw, Don Hightower, James David Rich, and Dennis Baldwin, Jr.

No applications for ordination have been received since the 1967 General Conference session.

As this report is being written, several graduating students of Oregon Bible College are scheduled to be interviewed by the Committee on License and Ordination, with

a view to granting licenses to those who qualify. We also have one other application for license that has not yet been acted upon.

At present, we have 106 licensed ministers, 36 of whom have been ordained. Of the 106 licensed ministers, nine would be considered as inactive, having reported that they preached fewer than twenty sermons during the year.

Because of confusion resulting from various interpretations of the motion passed at the 1967 General Conference, the Board of Directors of the General Conference passed the following motion: "We the General Conference Board of Directors, based on the action of the 1967 General Conference Delegates in upholding open Communion, direct the License and Ordination Committee to continue with this resolution: 'Be it resolved that the Church of God General Conference believes in and practices open Communion and will not license or ordain anyone who advocates, teaches, or otherwise promotes Communion contrary to this principle.'"

According to established practice, applications for Annual Ministerial Recognition will be sent out prior to July 1 to ministers now holding a Certificate of License. These applications should be returned before July 15, in order to allow time for licenses to be prepared for distribution at the 1969 session of General Conference delegates. Those which cannot be handed out at that time will be mailed to those eligible ministers who return the applications.

J. R. LeCrone, chairman.

Military Personnel Committee

This committee was formed at the General Conference Board Meeting in January, 1968. A brief report was made at the General Conference last August. A form letter was

sent to each member of the Armed Forces, whose name had been sent to the committee. A total of 49 letters have been mailed. A self-addressed envelope was enclosed with each letter, requesting that an answer be given to: 1) an interest in receiving *The Restitution Herald*; 2) an interest in receiving the *Challenge*; 3) an interest in receiving letters from other young people.

A total of 14 responses were received and 5 letters were returned with address "unknown." A Christmas card was mailed to each of the names sent to us. A result of this study is that seven subscriptions are being sent (*Restitution Herald* and *Challenge*) to the members of the Armed Forces, free of charge.

The General Commission of Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel was contacted following the recommendations given by Bro. Orville Westlund. Correspondence with this commission has not resulted in any final commitment.

A request still is in effect for the names of military personnel and their addresses, to be sent the committee.

Charles Jones, chairman
Joe Duncan, Cecil Patrick.

Ministers Fund Report

During the past year \$25.00 per month has been paid to a retired minister and to two widows of Church of God ministers. Two outright gifts were granted by the committee, one of \$50.00 and one of \$300.00, both in cases of illness in the family. Two ministers have made small loans for moving expenses and these are being paid off monthly.

At the last annual report the fund balance was \$1,618.66. Since contributions have been much less than past years, the present balance is \$818.60. We trust that some will remember this fund in their giving so that the help may be continued to those in need.

S. O. Ross.

Recommended Procedure for Greater Home Mission Effort

General Conference

- 1) Emphasize home missions in Conference publications.
- 2) Give more emphasis to evangelism in Oregon Bible College.
- 3) Staff members and members of the General Conference Board of Directors speak at special services and state conferences.
- 4) Provide literature when needed.
- 5) Pastoral Aid and Mission Builders are available for churches that qualify.
- 6) General Conference office can assist in securing pastors and leaders.
- 7) Give assistance in providing brochures and guidelines, and in organizing calling campaigns.
- 8) Staff members available for counseling and advice on procedures for evangelism and home missions.

State Conference

- 1) Cooperate with the local churches in their efforts to evangelize.

- 2) Give assistance to the smaller congregations in your conference.

Local Church

- 1) Adopt Recommendation number 3 in your local church.
- 2) Study and make use of *Mission Work and Emphasis for the Local Church* found on page 9 of the June, 1969, PROGRESS JOURNAL.
- 3) Use the set of lessons prepared by the Mission Department entitled *Missions and the Church of God*.
- 4) Use General Conference staff members and General Conference Board members in special services.
- 5) Make good use of brochures, bulletin inserts, film strips, slides, and other promotional materials available from the General Conference.
- 6) Establish a Department of Evangelism with appointment of a Lay Director.
- 7) Establish a Mission Department in the local church.
- 8) Publicize the local church by newspaper advertising, radio spot announcements, special mailings, etc.

Mission Work and Emphasis for the Local Church

By the Mission Board, Church of God General Conference

The foreign mission work of the Church of God has been expanding each year at an amazing rate. In recent years we have been challenged with new opportunities in the field of foreign missions. We understand the commission of God to the church relative to the world. We are thrilled at each new opportunity to enlarge the scope of the Church of God in presenting Jesus Christ and the gospel of truth. The Mission Board of the Church of God General Conference realizes that we are at the point where it is imperative that the local church be strengthened before we expand further in foreign mission work.

During this year, the Mission Board is concentrating its planning and emphasis on the strengthening of the local church. The local church must be a strong home mission base from which foreign mission work is carried on. This fact was stated in a paper presented to the delegates for study at General Conference in 1965.

It is generally recognized in the Church of God today that the primary need of the church is for enlargement of home missions.

I. The Need for Individual Persuasion

A) *The need*: Each individual member of the Church of God must be persuaded that he is a missionary and that he must be a witness for the Lord and bring others into the influence of the church. There is an apathy and indifference on the part of all of us in this regard. We must each become soul winners, dedicated to preaching and teaching the truth of the gospel to the lost. It now takes about twenty-five of us on the average to win one person per year to the Lord.

B) *How to Meet This Need in the Local Church*

1) There must be continual emphasis from the pulpit on the necessity to reach others.

2) Sunday school classes and Bible classes should include emphasis on inviting others to church, and ways to witness to others.

3) There must be unceasing prayer for the lost; for opportunity to witness; for spiritual conditions in the church that will promote growth.

4) There should be teaching and preaching emphasis on the urgency of the need for salvation; the condition of lost sinners; the soon coming of the Lord; the certainty of judgment; the destiny of the wicked.

5) There must be greater emphasis on perseverance; upon getting a commitment, and not being satisfied with less than a commitment.

6) There must be more definite and emphatic promotion of the principle and importance of "Each One Reach (at least) One."

II. Suggested Programs for Mission Enlargement in the Local Church

A) *Aims To strengthen the local church by*: developing mission giving, developing mission vision, and developing mission action.

B) *Programs to Strengthen the Local Church*

1) A Spiritual growth program.

a) An emphasis from the pulpit relative to specific needs of spiritual growth (plan a series covering spiritual growth).

b) An emphasis of spiritual experience opportunities: individual participation in devotional Bible reading; a devotional reading guide prepared by the pastor and distributed each week; the Bible reading guide to emphasize areas of spiritual growth.

c) Individual participation in a prayer program: daily prayer for personal spiritual growth; daily prayer for persons in need of spiritual growth, the inactive, indifferent, the unconverted; daily prayer for the total work of the church program; emphasize one part of the church program for daily prayer each week; a prayer emphasis guide presented to the congregation each week (could be included in reading guide).

d) An emphasis on the importance of attendance of midweek service: use the prayer time as a spiritual growth time; use laymen to teach a Bible lesson for the study time.

2) Increase layman participation in the total work of the church.

a) Review membership list and involve more people.

b) Use laymen to teach in midweek service.

c) Use laymen to conduct a Layman Service periodically on Sunday evening (or other service according to situation of the local church).

d) Use laymen in conducting home Bible study classes.

e) Use laymen as much as possible in the work of the church.

3) A program of outreach and visitation.

a) Share the church that persons will come to the acceptance of Christ; get persons to attend the services of the church; get them active in the fellowship of the church; lead persons to be baptized into the body of Christ.

b) Organize a prospect finder program.

c) Organize a program of visitation.

d) Set a goal of number of contacts to be made.

e) A report and a record kept of all contacts.

f) Put the following evangelistic approaches into action: select a prospect as a personal responsibility; general visitation of several prospects.

4) Develop mission giving.

a) Keep people informed about the needs.

b) Continual education of personal responsibilities (the responsibility of the local church to the conference work).

c) Talk about the results of *unified cooperation*.

d) Set goals for mission giving.

5) Develop mission vision.

a) Use the lesson series on missions in a planned program of training relative to mission work and opportunity.

b) Keep people informed of the programs of national mission work and the home mission program.

c) Educate persons as to the opportunities of working in the total program of the Church of God mission work.

d) Plan and conduct a local missionary conference.

e) Encourage attendance of other missionary conferences.

- 6) Develop mission action.
- a) *Organize a total church missionary department or committee.*
- b) Support the National Mission projects. We suggest that one of the mission fields or projects be emphasized each month: Mission Builders, Pastoral Aid, India, Mexico, etc.

- c) Encourage laymen to participate in home mission programs.
- d) Challenge persons to consecrate their lives to missions. (Bro. Warren Sorenson, member of the Mission Board, will present a sharing session on the foregoing material at General Conference.)

Additional Conference Information

CAMP COSTS: Camp Mack is owned by the Church of the Brethren. They graciously make their facilities available to us for the same charge as is made to Brethren camps. Higher costs of services have forced an increase in rates and this year the Church of God General Conference will pay \$3.35 per day per person for each person who attends the General Conference meetings. Children under twelve are charged half that price. This includes lodging, three meals, and insurance. We are charged 25 cents per day for "short-term campers" who are on the grounds only for portions of the day and who do not eat at the camp.

In addition to the actual charges made by the camp, there are other conference costs for promotion, travel, folders, printing, displays, supplies, etc. It is the belief of the Board of Directors that every effort should be made to at least *break even* in the Conference costs.

Collections are received each evening at the services and funds received are used to cover these various charges. Those who wish a receipt for their payments may pay at the desk and receive a receipt. Each person who attends should come prepared to bear his share of the actual costs. Offerings over and above will go directly into the Lord's work through the General Conference operating funds.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Teen-agers who attend General Conference, some planning to stay over for the General Youth Conference, will have a special program of classes and activities during General Conference and they are expected to attend these activities. These young people are expected to contribute their costs of lodging, meals, etc., while at the Conference as the General Conference is charged for each person attending. These rules apply during Conference:

1) Young people will be required to attend all activities that are planned for them by the Conference, unless they obtain permission from the Youth Director.

2) Those driving automobiles will be required to leave them parked in the area provided for them, unless they have good reason to leave, then, only by being accompanied by parents or adult. We will attempt to be as fair as possible in governing this rule. It is for your health and safety as well as others.

3) Cabins, beds, and wearing apparel should be kept in a neat and orderly fashion.

4) At mealtimes and class times we request that girls wear dresses or skirts and blouses, and boys wear slacks and sport shirts (rather than recreation clothing).

5) Each cabin will have a counselor and will appoint one of the group to lead in evening devotions.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER. During the week the Stone Chapel will be used as a special prayer room in hours when

classes are not conducted there. People are encouraged to go there at any free time for meditation and prayer, especially prayer for others. A book will be in the chapel in which anyone may write his prayer requests and bring them before the throne of grace in prayer.

LODGING: Lodging is provided in separate cabins and lodges for men and women. Parents with small children are housed in Sarah Major Lodge as much as possible. Young people attending General Conference are housed in separate cabins, with counselors in charge of each cabin.

DELEGATE POOL EXPENSE: Each year delegates from the various churches and conferences have opportunity to pool their expenses and thus equalize the costs of travel for those from far away and those nearby. Delegate pool expense forms have been mailed to each church and conference secretary. Each church and conference is encouraged to enter into the pool to make attendance at Conference possible for all churches. This is a fair means of assuring general delegate representation.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: There are morning and afternoon classes for children of all ages, in addition to the adult and teen-age activities. Parents are requested to call for their children immediately after classes morning and afternoon. Sr. Mary Vadnais will be director of the children's classes.

TENTS AND TRAILERS: It is the policy of the board which governs Camp Mack that tents are not allowed on the campgrounds. Trailers and campers are allowed in the designated parking area, but there are no hookups for water or electricity. The owners of the camp have established these policies to protect the resident nature of the camp. These policies apply to all the groups which use Camp Mack facilities.

There are public and private camping facilities available in the vicinity of Camp Mack, and these are shown in the books listing camping facilities.

The Chambers of Commerce of Syracuse, North Webster, Nappanee, or Warsaw, Indiana, can also furnish listings of camp sites, motels, and other facilities, in their vicinities.

NURSERY: Nursery facilities will not be planned this year. Mothers are encouraged to share baby sitting chores.

NOTE TO TEACHERS AND LEADERS: Teachers of General Conference adult and youth classes, and leaders of the Christian Sharing Sessions, are reminded to prepare mimeographed copies of their lessons or outlines. Enough copies should be prepared that those not able to attend their sessions will be able to secure copies.

General Conference Progress

NEW STAFF MEMBER

The administration of the Church of God General Conference is pleased to announce the appointment of Sr. Rachel Krogh to the staff. Sr. Krogh will begin her duties on August 15, 1969, as superintendent of Missions and part-time instructor at Oregon Bible College. Sr. Krogh has spent three and one half years in the Mexico mission field. She has given much study to mission administration and will be most helpful in the furtherance of the Mission work of the General Conference. Arrangements are being made to continue all the projects now being carried on in the Mexico field. Sr. Krogh will teach Spanish, Music Appreciation, and lead the choir at Oregon Bible College.

The appointment of Sr. Krogh will relieve Bro. S. O. Ross of the duties of Superintendent of Missions. He will continue on as Executive Secretary of the General Conference, as business administrator and missions instructor of Oregon Bible College, and will direct the Home Missions projects of the General Conference, which will be given special emphasis in the year ahead.

The hours that Sr. Krogh will teach at Oregon Bible College will release Bro. Francis Burnett from part of his teaching load that he might use that time in carrying out his duties as National Youth Director.

CONFERENCE ISSUE

This issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL has the annual reports, and the proposals for the next conference year. Each member should read these thoroughly, and the delegates should be instructed regarding action on recommendations.

The church and state conference secretaries have received the credentials forms, statistical forms, and the delegate pool form. Each church is encouraged to complete these forms and return them promptly. We trust that each church which sends a delegate will join in the travel expense pool so that the expense of sending delegates will be equalized, whether near or far from Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Ind., where the conference will be held. Dates of the conference are July 27 to August 1, 1969.

ROAD SIGNS

The Church of God emblem road signs are now in stock and available at \$6.50 each, postpaid when payment accompanies order. These blue and gold eighteen-by-twenty-four-inch aluminum signs are very attractive and eye catching. The sign is readable on one side, holes

punched for mounting on a single post, and the local church information can be mounted above or below the emblem. Send your order to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

CONFERENCE CAMP COSTS

During the Annual General Conference Camp Alexander Mack charges the General Conference \$3.35 per person per day, (Breakfast-60¢, Lunch-90¢, Supper-90¢, Lodging-85¢, and Insurance-10¢) with children under twelve years one half price.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

Contributions to the Goals for Giving of the Church of God General Conference have surpassed the goal by sixteen hundred dollars. This is due in great part to the Coins-for-Christ youth giving of the past two months. We are grateful to the youth of the conference for this extra effort in giving. The total results of the crusade will be published in the next *Challenge*. Five hundred dollars of the contributions from the Coins-for-Christ Crusade are set aside to finance the Youth Caravan, which this year will be traveling to the southeast, June 16 to July 1. Bro. and Sr. Rex Cain will be the sponsors and counselors for this caravan.

Many large firms and corporations have a matching-fund donations plan. If you are an employee of such a firm, the company will match dollar for dollar your contributions to a religious institution. It is suggested that you check with your employer to determine if he has such a plan. This can be one way of doubling your contribution at no additional cost to you.

We are grateful to the membership of the Church of God for its dedication, concern, and fruitful stewardship in providing for the needs of the Conference work.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for May	\$ 7,378.00
Given in May	8,986.00
To be given by September 30	\$27,902.00

Goal for June \$6,976.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



The above picture shows Shafik Haddad on the left and Bro. Jamal Sunna'a on the right, of Beirut, Lebanon, the city that appears in the background. Bro. Haddad and Bro. Mechil Nino were baptized into Christ on May 5, 1969, assisted by Bro. Sunna'a, Church of God missionary in Lebanon. These two converts are Jordanians attending Beirut University, and both will graduate in 1970. Bro. Sunna'a is giving them special training, and it is their hope to go into the Lord's work upon graduation from the university.

Bro. Sunna'a says, "We are praying for you all and for the activities of the Church of God General Conference as you all cooperate for reaching the many to the saving knowledge of the truth. People are perishing with lack of knowledge. We want you to pray for our ministry here. Many troubles have arose against us, even from so-called Christians. By the grace of God we are going to press forward preaching the truth whatever will be the price."

Nova Scotia

A severe blizzard hit Nova Scotia on Palm Sunday, holding attendance down. The other Sundays, however, showed an average of seventy-eight at the Digby church, with a high of eighty-nine on one occasion. The Centreville services average about twenty-one. The second Maritime Conference and Bible School will be held in August with Bro. and Sr. E. Richard Smith as guest speaker and teacher.

India

Bro. S. S. Manoah has been doing some investigating into the possibility of holding services in Hosur village, a

town about twenty-three miles from his home. There is a church building there that is not presently being used.

Bro. Manoah is training several young men for the ministry, and when they are more able to give him assistance he plans to begin work in several areas around the city of Bangalore.

The Manoah family is moving to a different house. They formerly lived in an apartment behind a commercial building.

Philippine Islands

The evangelistic team has recently held services in San Nicolas and the new work at Zamora. A rather sharp increase in attendance has come about since the meetings.

Five were baptized into Christ at Cordon when Amorfin Galvez, Villa Galvez, Pepito Galvez, Benito Walat and Lolita dela Cruz came forward and gave their lives to him.

At the Zamora church Pastor Joseph Pascual assisted a husband and wife in putting on Christ when Francisco and Cresencia Natividad were immersed in the waters of baptism. Remember to pray for these babes in Christ as they begin their Christian walk of life.

Mexico

Bro. Dean Moore spent time in April holding services in Saltillo, Bisnaga, Sierra Hermosa, and Labor Vieja. Bro. Roberto Badillo, a layman, leads the Sunday school in Labor Vieja each Sunday, and sermons by Bro. Moore or Bro. Francisco Martinez are presented on tape several times a month.

Midweek prayer service is held each week and special Bible study classes are held in homes from time to time in Saltillo. On April 24 Bro. Moore showed slides of his Holy Land tour which were well received by those in attendance.

Srs. Rachel Krogh and Alice Aldrich are on leave; Sr. Krogh to go on the Huffer Tour to the Middle East and Sr. Aldrich to have what appears to be minor surgery on her back.

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE

1. Pray for the new converts in Lebanon and the Philippines.
2. Pray for each missionary and his family.
3. Pray for God's blessing on the written Word that is being distributed throughout the world.
4. Pray for new doors of opportunity.

BYF NEWS



Paul Shaw, Editor

Caravan Members Announced

On June 16, 1969, eight teen-agers met in Oregon, Ill., to begin practice and orientation for the Southeast Caravan which is sponsored by the Berean Youth Department.

We received many excellent applications, from which the following young people were chosen: Shilah Richmond, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Shelly Gaspar, Eden Valley, Minn.; Paula Bolhous, Oregon, Ill.; Suellen Corwin, Hillisburg, Ind.; Ron Macy, Oregon Bible College; Dennis Driskill, Brush Creek, Ohio; Benny Mattison, Maurertown, Va.; and Tim New, Lafayette, Ind. Sponsors for the trip will be Bro. and Sr. Rex Cain of Bedford, Ohio.

The team will be visiting churches in Illinois, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. They will be presenting programs of music and personal testimony.

Coins-for-Christ Crusade

Our Coins-for-Christ Crusade which has been held annually for the past several years is once again history. The total amount given was \$2,545.49. We thank all of those who worked hard promoting this important stewardship project of the Berean Youth Department. We also urge our young people to remember our all-time high giving goal for the 1968-69 fiscal year of \$10,000.

Berean Youth Conference

Plans are in high gear for our upcoming 1969 International Berean Youth Conference to be held at Camp Alexander Mack in Indiana, August 1-7. The theme for the camp will be "Now Is the Time." The cost for attending the camp is \$30.00, and the age limits—entering ninth grade through age twenty-two. Applications for the Berean Youth Conference are in the current issue of *Challenge*. Additional applications will be mailed to all the churches.

Come-to-Camp Contest

This year the Bereans are sponsoring a Come-to-Camp contest to see which church and state or conference can bring the most new campers to Youth Conference. New campers are defined as those who were not at camp last year. The winning group and conference will be announced at the Berean Awards Banquet.

Speech Contest Theme Announced

The topic for this year's speech contest will be "The Urgency of the Gospel Call." Bro. Jim Mickey, Berean Contest Director, is expecting a goodly number of entries. If you have a good public speaker in your church, get behind him, or her, and see if you can promote a winner!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

The Use of Special Days

God planned and prophesied from the beginning of time for *one special day*: the day of the Lord. He is preparing the bride of Christ for the *one special day*. The spirit of God is given to condition us for that *one day*, and Jesus talked continually of "that day."

Every scope of life has its special day. Many of these are promoted and fostered by the business world to create interest and increase profits. The church can well make use of special days.

Special days in the church can contribute greatly to the success of reaching more people for the Lord.

Of What Worth Is a Special Day?

The chief concern in the selection of the day to be observed is the aptness with which it can be used to advance the pupils' Christian education and maturity and at the same time attract and hold the prospect.

The *teaching value* should be the primary aim and not just the gathering of a crowd.

Those *already enrolled* in the Sunday school can have their *interest aroused*, and their willing participation in the entire program can be increased.

Potential leadership will be brought to the forefront. It has been said, "Every Christian has a right to one job before any have a right to two major jobs."

How Can We Have a Special Day?

To make special days more effective, plan continually ahead of time. We suggest one special day every month.

Promotion and publicity must not be slighted. Get notices and write-ups in the local papers, in the church bulletin at least three weeks in advance, and use a phoning committee to contact all prospects.

Plan a program for the opening or closing and include as many people as possible. Remember, programs should supplement the teaching period and not rob it.

Be sure to register all visitors and follow up new contacts with personal calls.

Keep a scrapbook of your special-days features for reference, and a file of ideas for the future.

Here are some suggestions for special days: Anniversary, Appreciation, Children's, Christmas, Contest Kick-off, Contest Final, Cradle Roll, Decision, Easter, Family, Father's, Flag, Grandmother's, Graduation, Homecoming, Independence, Installation (of teacher or pastor), Kid's, Labor, Library, Memorial, Missions, Mother's, Pal, Palm, Promotion, Rally, Stewardship, Teacher's, Thanksgiving, Bible, Valentine, Vacation Bible School, Youth.

JAMES J. CAPPS

James J. Capps of Pelzer, S.C., died on May 1, 1969. He was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God.

He is survived by his wife Ethel (Pack) Capps; one daughter, Mrs. Horace (Elaine) Siegler; one son, Jimmy, both of Pelzer; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on May 2 by the writer at the Guthrie Grove Church, and burial was made in the church cemetery. The deacons and elders of the church formed the escort of honor.

We know the Lord will comfort the family in this time of sorrow. We will miss James, and thank the Lord for the fine example he lived as a Christian.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Concerning the Nations is an 18-page prophetic study setting forth some of the fulfillments of Bible prophecies in our times. It was printed in Australia and may be obtained from The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, at 15 cents each, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

MRS. MAUDIE WILLIAMS

Mrs. Maudie Williams was born in Conway County, Ark., in Lords School Community, December 1, 1891, and died April 14, 1969, in Harlingen, Tex.

She was married to Walter L. Williams in 1910, who preceded her in death in 1940. There were six children born to them, two of whom preceded her in death. Those still living are three sons, Marvin, Leonard, and Buryl, of Harlingen, Tex., and one daughter, Mrs. Eulaine Foster, also of Harlingen. Other surviving relatives include one brother, Robert L. Gordon, Little Rock, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Williams, New Madrid, Mo., and one half-brother, Elbert Williams, of Lords School community; ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She was buried beside her husband in Old Salem cemetery, of Lords School community, near Morrillton, Ark.

She was a faithful member of the Harlingen, Tex., Church of God. Now she sleeps in death to await the morn of the resurrection.

Harry Goekler, pastor.

CLIFFORD C. CRONBAUGH

Clifford C. Cronbaugh died April 4, 1969, in Belle Plaine, Iowa. He was born July 3, 1884, to C. C. "Tip" and Mary Norton Cronbaugh. He was a member of the Oaklawn Church of God in Christ Jesus, Koszta, Iowa.

On February 17, 1910, he was married to Margery Hay, who preceded him in death on January 16, 1962.

Surviving are two sons: Cecil of Marengo, and Merle of Ladora; six daughters: Mrs. Harold (Norma) Slaymaker, Victor; Mrs. Frank (Doris) Danskin, Mrs. Arthur (Evelyn) Schmidt, and Mrs. Herbert (Marilyn) Miller, Marengo; Mrs. Harlan (Lois) Hamann, Keystone; and Mrs. John (Esther) Fitzgibbon, Broadwell, Ill.; thirty grandchildren; and twenty great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Lanie Kiger. Four infant sons preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer on April 7, and he was laid to rest in the Koszta Cemetery to await the call of his Master to eternal life.

Roger J. Denchfield, pastor.

CONTRIBUTORS IN MAY

We appreciate the gifts of the following persons and groups who have participated in the work of Oregon Bible College, publishing, missions, Berean Youth Fellowship, Sunday school development, and other services with their contributions.

Golden Rule S. S.	\$ 50.00	Raymore Church	10.00	Jesus Little Lambs, Oregon	.52	Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Holt	10.00
Silas Claypool	50.00	Hope Chapel,		Marjorie Bolhous	10.00	Mr. & Mrs.	
Hillisburg Church	63.83	Arkansas City	30.00	Rachel Pumphrey	10.00	Harold Wagganer	16.00
E. W. Ritenour	1,000.00	Macomb Church	63.46	Burr Oak BYF	26.00	M. A. Patrick	250.00
Minnesota Member	35.00	Wally Heflin	1.00	Blood River Sr. Bereans	161.10	Gatesville BYF	7.05
Fremont Church	32.00	Peoria Bereans	7.85	Felida Church	4.90	Mauertown Bereans	6.37
Blood River		Dixie Huffer	15.00	Fonthill S. S.	16.06	Southlawn BYF	220.00
Ladies Miss. Soc.	23.92	Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Pestle	10.00	Fonthill BYF	25.00	Mo. Sister	5.00
Bible Church, Phoenix	232.25	Rochelle Bereans	13.40	Everett S. Rogers	20.00	Becky Barnhill	12.00
Glenn & Rose Dolph	10.00	Donna Weidensall	4.00	Camp Bradford	57.00	Sharon Guiles	15.00
Dora Warren	5.00	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Milne	14.00	Blanchard Church	97.56	Jaynes St. Bereans	46.00
Dorothy E. Boyer	15.00	Thera Hammond	45.00	Mildred C. Mathews	5.00	Mrs. F. L. Austin	5.00
David Krogh	10.00	Mrs. Walter Kennedy	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Kugler	10.00	Brush Creek Miss. Society	60.00
Mary Krogh	5.00	Northeast Conference	150.00	Evelyn Pennington	5.00	Minneapolis BYF	150.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Rice	20.00	Virdua Sittler	5.00	Dan Dovenbarger	20.00	Mauertown Church	35.00
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Ruby Raitlon	10.00	Oregon Bereans	20.10	Mary & Martha's, Oregon	62.50	Pomona Bereans	7.45
Howard Mowrer	20.00	Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Guiles	10.00	Illinois State Conference	50.00	Happy Woods Church	55.92
Michigan State Conf.	79.65	Fort Valley BYF	40.00	Mr. & Mrs.		Blanchard Miss. Society	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hoskins	25.00	The Braden Manuels	25.00	Lonnie Anderson	25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Cupp	6.00
Midweek Bible Class,		Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Ashelford	50.00	Cool Spring S. S.	14.87	Restitution S. S.,	
Cleveland	7.85	Dennis Goekler	3.00	Mr. & Mrs.		Baton Rouge	5.00
Oregon S. S.	5.62	Ruth Nichols	15.00	Elmo J. Gaspar	50.00	Sp/4 & Mrs. Gary Turner	10.00
Oregon Church	39.41	Tempe Bereans	114.00	Alice Bassett	5.00	Fonthill Church	75.48
Dana Weidensall	4.00	Blanchard Bereans	100.00	Lawrenceville Church	100.35	Columbia BYF	306.23
Blessed Hope Miss. Soc.,		Colorado Springs Church	29.14	Mr. & Mrs. Morris Zeller	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. David Hall	15.07
Rockford	10.00	Mr. & Mrs.		May White	10.00	Connie Ross	3.50
Blessed Hope, Rockford	41.03	V. A. Cunningham	400.00	Mrs. C. C. Fuson	5.00	East Oregon S. S.	10.00
Burr Oak Church	255.00	Pennellwood Miss. Dept.	185.00	Koszta Church	41.75	Hope Chapel, S. Bend	30.26
Bill Chamberlin	12.00	Mr. & Mrs. S. O. Ross	30.00	Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00	Tempe Dorcas	10.00
Raker BYF	41.85	Mr. & Mrs. D. A. Jones	12.00	Dixon BYF	68.25	Gospel Gleaners,	
Church of Open Bible,		Linda Jones	12.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter	20.00	Brush Creek	5.00
Pomona	65.20	La. Contributors	60.00	Valley Bereans	56.50	Ripley Bereans	30.50
Fredericktown Jr. Bereans	5.00	Fremont S. S.	6.60	Hope Chapel Miss. Soc.,		Mr. & Mrs.	
Dorothy Siple	25.00	Bedford Bereans	50.00	S. Bend	65.00	Conrad Wetzel	70.00
Robert & Mildred Laning	24.00	San Jose Bereans	62.00	Brooke Richmond	5.00	Minnesota State Miss. Soc.	50.00
Illinois State Bereans	50.00	Lombard Church	45.00	Hope Chapel BYF, S. Bend	21.00	Waterloo Bereans	5.75
Bedford Brethren	12.00	Mr. & Mrs. Rollin C. Ayres	10.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00	Clair Rice	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Sheeley	5.00	Holbrook Church	33.60	Guthrie Grove Bereans	215.00	Eternal Hope Church	77.46
Northeast Bereans	25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hale	30.00	Morning Star Church	9.98	Eternal Hope Bereans	15.00
Whitnel Bereans	45.35	E. Alan Boyer	10.00	Litchfield Bereans	10.65	Faith Chapel, Peoria	45.00
Bedford Church	21.60	Edith Eades	10.00	Tempe Church	95.05	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Doan	25.00
Pennellwood Church	145.71	Macomb S.S.	15.87	Mr. & Mrs.		Russell & Pearl Jewell	20.00
Southlawn Church	160.89	Macomb Miss. Society	20.00	Harold Starbuck	60.00	Fonthill Dorcas	5.00
Oak Grove Church	3.00	Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Randall	10.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Fonthill Missionary Soc.	30.31
New Hope Church	20.00	Brush Creek Church	109.95	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Hicks	25.00	Gayle Hatcher	8.00
		Faith Chapel BYF,		Leota Hanson	5.00	Mr. & Mrs. D. Overholser	5.00
		Lafayette	5.90	Jennie Townsend	10.00	North Salem Church	9.37
		Garden Park BYF	22.00	Troy View Church	31.00	Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Pestle	45.00
		Garden Park Church	55.71	Hillisburg Bereans	18.73	Don Overmeyer	12.00
		Brush Creek BYF	234.10	Ripley Miss. Society	30.00	Lombard BYF	46.40
		Dayton BYF	10.75				
		Lawrenceville BYF	10.75				
		Faith Chapel, Lafayette	47.00				
		Litchfield Church	18.35				
		Pennellwood BYF	5.20				

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Missions and the Local Church

By Harold Wagganer, Oregon Bible College

WE FEEL that the Church of God needs more local churches that are missionary minded. It is the duty of Christians to introduce Christ to the world, but many churches rely on the General Conference to do their missionary work. If we compare our General Conference to an army, we find that, like an army, the General Conference is only as strong as the smaller units. If an army consists of many weak and untrained companies of troops, the outlook for winning any battles is very dim.

The work of the General Conference in the missionary field is very wonderful, but it is because more local churches have begun to become more missionary minded. Whenever we think of the word "missionary" we automatically think of some underdeveloped nation with lots of hungry kids. But is this the only mission of the church? Paul said, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14). Christ did not command his followers to go to the poorer nations; he told them to go to *all* nations. (Matt. 28:19.) As we study the Book of Acts we see that churches began through evangelism in Jerusalem. The apostles did considerable work in the area before branching out into other nations.

From these facts we see a great need for more missionary minded local churches, which, in turn, would increase the strength of the General Conference missionary work. Holding missionary conferences is one way to make a congregation more missionary minded. In fact, many of our churches have done this, but many others have not. For the last two years Oregon Bible College has had

missionary conferences. Their success was brought about by the intensified work of several students. Much planning and work are prerequisites to a successful conference.

Introducing church members to the problems involved in home and foreign missions is often a vital need. Pictures, drawings, and models are all important, but there is a need for something that is more real in the missionary conference. This is where the guest speaker comes in. Most missionaries are very dedicated and, in fact, you can almost feel the power of God working in their lives—often this rubs off and others begin to let God take over their lives.

The absolute requirement to any Christian's life or activity is prayer. In August, 1960, the General Conference saw the need of greater missionary work, and special prayers were given that the church might enlarge its program for the service of Christ. In December of 1960, a letter of inquiry was received from Eleodoro S. Ortiguero, and thus began our missionary work in the Philippines. This is just one example of the power of prayer. Individuals who dedicate their lives to prayer and Christian living often find themselves becoming home missionaries.

In Sunday school classes, midweek prayer meetings, and home Bible study groups there is a good opportunity to discuss the problems of evangelism at home and abroad with others who are having similar problems. Christian sharing sessions have proven very important.

In the Blessed Hope Church of God in Rockford, Ill., we often take a few minutes in our Sunday school class to

tell of our experiences, and the testimonies we have given through the week. We soon learn that Christians were not meant to hide in the corner with their mouths shut.

Introducing missions and evangelism to the various local church auxiliaries is also very important. Such groups as the ladies' organizations, the men's organizations, and the youth groups are all good places to introduce missions. Getting youngsters interested in missions will almost assure us that they will be concerned when they grow up and become leaders in the church. Ladies' Bible study groups are good places to invite our nonchurchgoing friends, too.

The gospel is very precious but, unlike an expensive diamond, it loses its value when it is kept locked up. We cannot keep the gospel locked within ourselves and expect to grow in grace and favor of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some will say, "I have told many people about Christ, but no one would listen." If, through prayer and love, each member of the Church of God would bring just one individual to Christ in a year's time, then in that year the Church of God could double its membership—providing we hold those we now have.

The whole New Testament speaks of the duties of the churches and individuals within these churches. If there were greater determination by more individuals to speak the Word of God, then local churches would soon become more missionary minded. Greater zeal in the local churches would lead to greater missionary work by the General Conference, and a greater service to God would result. ●

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: One in Christ

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Camp Director: Francis Burnett
 Worship Program Directors: D. Urish and V. Wolfe
 Youth Director: Ralph Brown
 Recreation Director: Mike Gallagher
 Children's Class Director: Mary Vadnais
 Head Usher: Charles Jones
 Music Directors: Eugene and Janet Stilson
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Halls
 Host and Hostess: Don and Marj Overmyer
 Housing and Grounds: Charles Graham
 Room Assignments: Virginia Cook
 Assistant: Shirley Reye
 Decorations: Mary Hatten
 Ministers' Meetings: John Hearp
 Priscillas' Meetings: Louise Lapp
 Desk Clerks: Barbara Harvey, Hazel Gallagher, Mary Krogh, Hilda Partlowe
 Bedding Clerk: Beth Vancil
 Business Office: Mary Jo Brewer

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 27

2:00 Registration Begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship, special service of song and praise, Darrell and Enid Maddock, and Hildreth Worley
 8:45 Chairman's Reception
 10:30 Lights out

Monday, July 28, Sunday School Day

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Opal New; Ministers: C. F. Pryor; Youth: Vicki Miller; Priscillas: Helen Pryor)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: E. Milton Hall, "Verily, Verily, Communicate"
 Youth Class: Ed Graham, "Relating Myself to the Bible"
 Sunday School Supt. Class: E. Richard Smith, "Communicate and Inspire"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Eugene Stilson, "Christian Doctrine for Now"
 10:00 First Business Session
 Welcome by the Chairman
 Seating of the Delegates
 Introduction of new delegates and delegations
 Communications
 Chairman's Message to the delegates
 Question period on written reports of Committees and Boards
 Report on Activities of the Board of Directors
 Treasurer's Report
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Bernard Hightower
 2:10 Christian Service Sharing Sessions:
 1) S. S. Superintendent's Class, "Administrate," Bob Petry and Richard Smith
 2) Your Ministry Beyond the Classroom, Joyce Knapp
 3) The Dynamics of Visual Aids, Ruth Lewis

4) How Teachers Turn On Youth in the Lord, Jim Mickey
 3:05 Above sessions repeated (Gives opportunity to visit two sessions)
 3:45 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir Practice
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Kent Ross, Song Leader; Billie Kennedy, Speaker
 10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, July 29

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Ellen Ramsey; Ministers: Austin Railton; Youth: Dan Graham; Priscillas: Doris Brown)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Ed Goit, "The Vine and the Branches"
 Youth Class, Jim Mickey, "Relating Myself to the Church"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, David Krogh, "Christian Action for Now"
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Monday minutes
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship business
 Sunday School Department business
 Election of two Sunday School Directors
 Publishing Department business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Emory Macy, "A Man Approved of God"
 2:15 Christian Sharing Sessions
 1) How to Better Use Our Publications, T. M. Ferrell
 2) Inspiring the Local Congregation in Missions, Mardy Lawrence
 3) Materials in Hand When Calling, Warren Sorenson
 4) A Layman's Preparation for Teaching, Charles Pryor
 5) The Cradle Roll Ministry of the S. S., Joyce Demmitt
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir Practice
 7:30 Evening Service, Stephen Bolhous, Song Leader; Hollis Partlowe, Speaker, "That They May Be One"
 9:00 Slides of Mission Trip, Bro. & Sr. William Lawrence
 10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Cecil Patrick; Ministers: Roy Humphreys; Youth: Mike Huddlestun; Priscillas: Verle Duncan)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, C. E. Lapp, "One Body in Christ"
 Youth Class, Scott Ross, "Relating Myself to Society"
 Children's Class
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: Francis Burnett, "Christian Living for Now"

10:00 Business Session
 Reading of the Tuesday minutes
 Nomination for two directors
 Consideration of Mission business
 Election of a Mission Board Director
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, V. E. Kirkpatrick, "They Continued Steadfastly"
 2:15 Christian Sharing Sessions
 1) How to Best Use Vacation Bible School Material, Iris Burnett
 2) Inspiring the Local Congregation in Missions, Mardy Lawrence
 3) How to Emphasize Missions in the Local Church, Warren Sorenson
 4) A Layman's Preparation for Preaching, Delbert A. Jones
 5) Group Dynamics in the Sunday School Class, Eugene Stilson
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir Practice
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, C. Jesse Pestle, Song Leader; E. Richard Smith, Speaker, "That the World May Know"
 9:00 Ministers Voluntary Retirement Program meeting
 10:30 Lights out

Thursday, July 31

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Bernard Hightower; Ministers: Richard Dick; Youth: Philip Simpson; Priscillas: Cecil Railton)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, J. R. LeCron, "Christian Excellence"
 Youth Class, Leon Driskill, "Relating Myself to Other Christians"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Dale Ward, "Christian Worship for Now"
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of the Minutes
 Election of Directors
 Oregon Bible College business
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Cecil Smead, "Continuing Daily With One Accord"
 2:15 Continuation of Business Sessions
 General Business
 Adoption of a Goal for Giving
 3:30 Adjournment
 5:30 Supper
 7:00 Evening Service, Lee McQuinn, Song Leader; Harry Sheets and C. E. Randall, Communion; Installation of the New Directors; John Lewis, Speaker, "That the Love . . . be in Them"
 10:30 Lights out

Friday, August 1

7:00 United Prayer Service
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated except for those staying for Youth Conference

General Conference Progress

ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE TIME

The forty-ninth annual Church of God General Conference will convene at Camp Alexander Mack, near Milford, Ind., July 27 to August 1. This is a time of prayer, teaching, preaching, sharing, fellowship, and conducting the Lord's business. Plan now to attend all or part of this conference. If you cannot go, do remember to pray for the success of the conference.

Delegate forms and statistical reports have been mailed to all church and conference secretaries. Those who have not completed and returned these forms are urged to do so at once so their church will be properly represented when conference convenes. All churches sending delegates are urged to enter the Delegate Pool so that travel expense is shared equally by all, whatever the distance from the conference site.

The theme of this year's Conference is, "One in Christ," giving emphasis to unity in the Lord's work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Bro. T. M. Ferrell was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School Department of the Church of God General Conference by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting in May. The Sunday School Board had requested that a Superintendent be appointed, preferably on a full-time basis.

Bro. Ferrell will work with the present Sunday School Board made up of Willis Turner, E. Milon Hall, Bernard Hightower, and Robert Petry. This will be in addition to his duties as editor of Church of God publications and supervisor of the sales department.

The Sunday School Board has been rather inactive in the past two or three years, partly as a result of the formation of the Council of Christian Education. There was some question about the relationship between the Sunday School Department and the Council. After considerable study, the Sunday School Board has decided that there is still a need for a Sunday School Department in the General Conference. It is its purpose to promote Sunday school work as the important educational arm of the church, hence the need of a superintendent.

STAFF TRAVELS

Members of the General Conference staff assist churches and state conferences in special services on many occasions. In recent weeks Bro. T. M. Ferrell spoke at New Lenox, Ill., Graytown, Wis., Oregon, Ill., and held a week of meetings at the Morning Star church in South Bend, Ind. Bro. John Lewis was the guest speaker at the Minnesota State Conference and at the dedication of the

addition to the Troy View church at Troy, Ohio. Bro. S. O. Ross has held services at Lombard and Casey, Ill., and was sponsor of an Oregon Bible College Gospel Team to Litchfield, Eden Valley, and Minneapolis, Minn.

CONFERENCE SLIDE SET

The Church of God General Conference slide set is available for showing. This is a set of thirty-five colored slides with script, and makes a fine program for a Sunday night or midweek service. Write to Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061 for reservation.

UPKEEP AND REPAIR

The Conference budget has received an additional strain in needed repair on the roof of the Conference building and women's dormitory. The vacant lot being held for future building needed to be cleared and leveled so it can be mowed. The brush that had grown there was causing a hideout for vandals and undesirables and needed to be cleaned up. The usual summer maintenance and redecorating costs, plus the above unexpected items, have added at least two thousand dollars to the financial needs.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

The contributions for the month of June have fallen about eight hundred dollars short of the goal. We are confident that the membership of the Church of God General Conference will make these needs a matter of concern and prayer and that the shortage will be made up in the next month.

College tuitions and fees stop during the summer months, but the general overhead continues. Unexpected expenses occur and as the continual rising costs mount it all totals up to a need for even more sacrificial giving to meet the needs. The General Conference Board of Directors and staff members believe that the membership will meet this need.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for June	\$ 6,976.00
Given in June	6,137.77
To be given by September 30	\$21,764.00

Goal for July-August \$14,510.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

S. O. Ross



Nova Scotia

Attendance at the Lighthouse Mission Church of God in Digby, Nova Scotia, continues to increase. May showed an average of eighty in Sunday school and seventy-five at the morning worship service. Bro. Raymond Brown will be driving a load of Nova Scotia youth to General Conference and Youth Camp in the van that was recently purchased.

The second annual Maritime Conference will be held at the Digby Church August 18 to September 1. Bro. and Sr. E. Richard Smith of the Hillisburg, Ind., Church of God will be guest speaker and teacher at the conference.

The Sunday afternoon services at Centerville had an average of twenty-five at each service, with thirteen at midweek Bible study. Five special prayer services were held during the month and many calls have been made. There is a church building in the village that had not been used for sometime, however, the church group that owns it is trying to revive its congregation, and has been causing some difficulties to the work of the Church of God. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the efforts at Centerville.

Philippine Islands

We are happy to announce the marriage on June 23 of Bro. Bonifacio Gabanes and Carmelita Angangan. The bride is a graduate of the university, and Bro. Ortiguero describes her as a beautiful young lady. Bro. Gabanes has made his home with his parents and his sister, Rizalina Aguinaldo, and her two children. He is pastor of the Uddiawan Church of God.

Bro. Saturnino Jornadal of the Uddiawan church died after suffering for seven months with a stomach disorder. He is survived by his wife and seven small children. May God comfort and strengthen his family.

India

Bro. S. S. Manoah holds two services each Sunday at the greater Bangalore Church and one service for the Wilson Gardens congregation. In addition, he goes to another village some distance away almost every Sunday. This place is Hosur Village and this local group has requested these services and will pay his traveling expenses there. He is using the young men who are being trained to assist in many of the services, but Bro. Manoah does deliver most of the sermons.

Bro. Manoah says, "Self, Sr. Manoah, and all our con-

gregation members are sending our Christian love, greetings, and regards to you and to all the brothers and sisters of our noble mission. Give our love to all and pray for our work here in India."

Lebanon

Bro. Jamal Sunna'a reports that there are now nearly seven hundred enrolled in the Systematic Bible Study Course. Bro. Sunna'a writes, "I would like to ask you all to pray for the needs of the mission work in Lebanon and the Arab world. We will not be satisfied with what we have. We need to spread out with literature, Bible correspondence courses, and letters, especially when you know that we are the only true mission work in the Middle East."

Bro. and Sr. Sunna'a are expecting a baby the end of July, and Sr. Sunna'a has not been well; he asks that we pray for her well being. He also says, "The schools will close soon and we are planning to start a Christian camp from July 15 to continue through August. Pray for God to bless our efforts for his glory."

Mexico

Sr. Rachel Krogh has taken a month's leave of absence, and is touring the Holy Land and other points in the Middle East with the tour sponsored by Bro. Alva Huffer. Sr. Krogh will move to Oregon, Ill., after General Conference and begin her duties as Superintendent of Missions, and begin preparing for teaching some classes at Oregon Bible College.

Bro. and Sr. Dean Moore and their two daughters plan to move into the home in Saltillo that was being used by Sr. Krogh and Sr. Aldrich. They will plan to live there most of the summer and save commuting costs.

Mission Builders

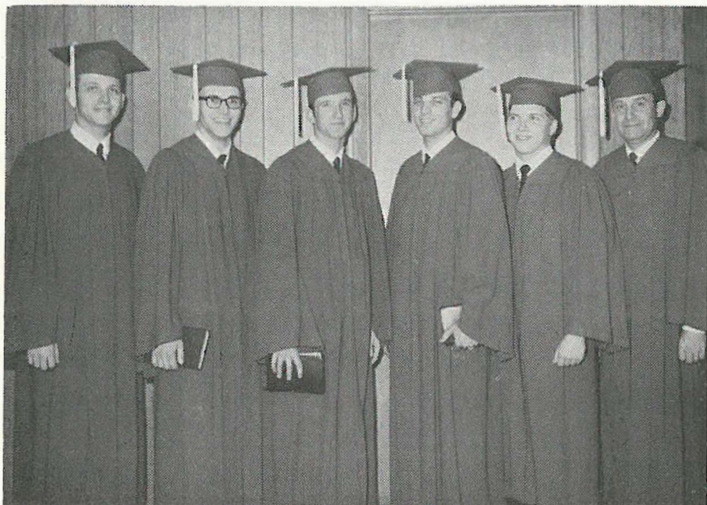
The Mission Builders Appeal for the L'Anse, Mich., Church of God was recently completed, and brought a net of about forty-four hundred dollars; one of the highest ever.

The present appeal, number twenty-two, is for the Pomona, Calif., Church of God.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Mission Builders League may send his name and address to Mission Builders, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061. In joining the League one agrees to pay five dollars or more for each appeal approved by the General Conference Board of Directors, with a limit of two per year.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President



OBC 1969 graduates, from left to right: Michael Hale, Stephen Bolhous, James Graham, Ray Hall, Roger Cupp, and Verne Berry.

Commencement, 1969

The twenty-sixth annual Oregon Bible College Commencement was held May 29, 1969, at the Oregon Church of God. There were six graduates—Verne Berry, Stephen Bolhous, Roger Cupp, James Graham, Michael Hale, and Ray Hall. All have accepted pastorates for the coming year, with the exception of Ray Hall.

In the program, the writer gave the invocation, the Scripture text was read by Ruth Lewis, the College choir was directed by Eugene Stilson, Stanley Ross presented the diplomas, Michael Hale gave the response for the senior class, and Francis Burnett gave the benediction. Lois Cline was the organist, Stephen Bolhous was the choir accompanist, and flowers were arranged by Iris Burnett and Janet Stilson.

J. Arlen Marsh delivered the commencement address. Mr. Marsh is a layman in the Cleveland, Ohio, Church of God, and editor of *School Product News*. The title of his message was "There's a Future in the Past."

Mr. Marsh pointed out that from the past, lessons can be learned for the future. Young men going into the Christian ministry will not have to face problems that have not been faced before. What they have done up to this or any point in time is to prepare them for the difficulties of the future. The Apostle Paul was a prime example of those who used the lessons of the past to cope with the present and the future.

A major problem facing those today who work with others is the problem of communications. The Christian worker must have great skill in public speaking. He must have the skill to express himself plainly in language that

people can understand. Self-discipline is required in public speaking because people are capable of absorbing only so much at a time.

The Christian worker must be skillful in the use of words and language and capable of writing in a form that is suitable for publication. But in all of the problems that the young minister will face he must take comfort that the difficulties he will face have already been faced by Christ, Paul, and others.

John Lewis.

Winter Semester Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who attained high scholastic achievement for the Winter Semester 1968-'69. High honor: Michael Hale 3.73, Steve Bolhous 3.72, Alice Dochstader 3.60, Paul Moore 3.50. Honor: David Cheatwood 3.46, Robert Storts 3.44, Norma Davis 3.40, Waldon Winner 3.33, Ron Macy 3.29, Verne Berry 3.22, David Hall 3.20, Patsy Holden 3.12, Wayne Johnson 3.00, Debbie Peters 3.00.

New Student Council President

On May 16, 1969, the student body of Oregon Bible College gathered in the chapel to elect a new Student Council president for the coming school year. The Student Council constitution stipulates that the president of the Council must be a member of the senior class, and so prior to this time the outgoing president had ascertained which members of the present junior class would be desirous of running. From these individuals the seniors on the Council, the faculty advisor, and the Council president selected two persons—Vivian Kirkpatrick and Joe Martin—to run for the office. In their campaign speeches each candidate evinced a desire to upgrade Oregon Bible College by maintaining high spiritual and academic standards. In the election which followed Joe Martin was elected to the office of Student Council president.

We pray God's blessing upon Oregon Bible College.

Stephen Bolhous, President.

Foreign Mission Fellowship

The F.M.F. held its last meeting of the 1968-'69 school year on May 7. It has become tradition to have the last meeting in the men's dorm centered around a coffee fellowship. After finishing the year-end business, we got to the main point of business, which was to elect next year's Fellowship chairman. The outcome of the election found Dale Swartz chairman for the 1969-'70 school year. Dale has been very active in this year's Fellowship and we are has been very active in this year's Fellowship.

David Hall, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

If we have not personally searched the Scriptures and studied the great truths contained therein, we have no reason for believing them. Furthermore, if we cannot locate the important texts on these great truths to show and tell to others, we are failing in our work as Christians.

Our objectives should be: to learn to *appreciate* the Bible as God's own Word; to grow in our *need* of personal Bible study; to gain pointers on *how* to study the Bible; to become acquainted with all the means or *tools* possible to help study the Bible; and to grow in *experience* in personal Bible study.

The Bible Is:

- 1) The inspired Word of God. (2 Pet. 1:20, 21.)
- 2) A living Word. (1 Pet. 1:23; Heb. 4:12.)
- 3) The only revelation of the way to life and godliness. (2 Tim. 3:14-17.)
- 4) The source of truth. (John 17:17; Rom. 3:4.)
- 5) The basis of true faith. (Rom. 10:17.)
- 6) The standard for judgment. (John 12:48.)

How to Study the Bible

The Bible MUST be STUDIED. There is little or nothing

to be gained from casual or surface reading. We must study God's Word *and* words!

A. Prepare your mind for study:

- 1) Love the truth. (2 Thess. 2:10.)
- 2) Pray for wisdom from above. (Jas. 1:5)
- 3) Be willing to change your mind if the Bible does not support your beliefs (it's profitable for correction). (2 Tim. 3:16.)
- 4) Have a spiritual mind, i.e., tuned to hear the message of God. (Rom. 8:5-7; 1 Cor. 2:12-16.)

B. Recognize the two main types of Bible study:

- 1) The study of subjects is the most profitable.
- 2) Textual studies are also profitable.

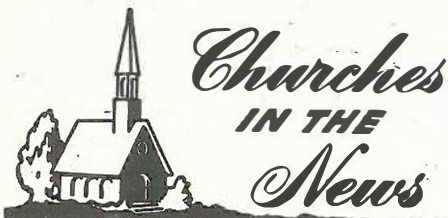
C. In studying, try to determine: *who* is speaking; to *whom* it is spoken; *why* it was spoken; and for what *time*.

D. Always consider a word or a text in its *context*—where it is found, what goes before and after it.

E. The language of the Bible is one of the following:

- 1) Literal language. All essential doctrines are literal.
- 2) Figurative language: a) Parables, fictitious story to illustrate a principle. b) Allegory, to speak one thing when something different is meant. c) Type, a figure of something to come.

F. Word Studies. God's Word—thought, plan, will—is conveyed by words. We must understand the words before we can understand his thoughts. T. M. Ferrell.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 22-27—Annual Missouri Conference at St. Louis, Jack Hearp, guest speaker.
- July 27-Aug. 1—General Conference.
- Aug. 1-7—Berean Youth Conference.
- August 3—Dedication of addition, Hope Chapel, South Bend, Ind.
- August 10-17—August Meeting, Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, S.C., J. R. LeCrone, speaker.
- Aug. 12-17—Annual Iowa Conference at Waterloo.
- Aug. 13-17—Central High Plains Conference at Holbrook, Neb., Richard Dick, guest speaker.
- August 18-Sept. 1—Maritime Conference, Digby, Nova Scotia, Bro. & Sr. E. Richard Smith, guest speaker and teachers.
- August 22-24—Annual Northeast Conference at Lawrenceville, Ohio.
- Sept. 12-14—Minnesota Berean Youth Retreat on Long Lake.
- Sept. 26-28—Minnesota Fall Conference on Long Lake.
- October 10, 11—Adult Retreat on Long Lake, Eden Valley, Minn.
- Oct. 25, 26—Missouri Fall Conference at Jordan.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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Hearp, John, R 3, Mt Sterling, IL 62353
Ph 217-322-6161 or 733-2600

KOKOMO, INDIANA, BAPTISMS

During the revival services in April, we rejoiced in the Lord that six persons came forward to be baptized at the Kokomo Church of God. They are: Russell Fewell, 737 S. Locke St.; Miss Natalie Cardwell, 2802 N. Locke; Miss Carol Brunner, 1018 N. Morrison St.; Miss Carol Blake, 1129 E. Markland; and Misses Margaret and Sharon Wilson, 1129½ E. Markland Ave. May God be with them as they walk in the new life. Janet Snyder, secretary.

BAPTISMS AT COLUMBIA STATION, OHIO

Four persons were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins at the Columbia Church of God on June 15, 1969. Sandra Viergutz, Phyllis Prussak, Cindy Walkem, and Mrs. William Flury were welcomed into the fellowship of the church on the following Sunday. We are glad for the decisions to follow Christ, and we pray God's blessing upon these as they serve their new Master.

Pastor C. Jesse Pestle.

L'ANSE CHURCH DEDICATION

The L'Anse Church of God will dedicate its church on Sunday, August 10, 1969, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Bro. Stanley Ross will be the dedication speaker. Any Church of God family visiting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan at this time is invited to worship with us that day. Sunday school is to begin at 10:00, worship at 11:00, with Bro. Raymond Brown, Digby, Nova Scotia, bringing the message, and a basket dinner at noon.

We express our thanks to the brethren who, through the Mission Builders, enabled us to purchase this church. We also thank the Michigan Conference for its help in purchasing the church, buying a parsonage, and securing Bro. Dale Ward as our full-time minister. May the Lord bless all of you! L'Anse Church of God
Mary L. Vadnais, pastor.

Greek-English New Testament by Benjamin Wilson. \$2.25 per copy, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

MACOMB, ILLINOIS

The following have been united in marriage by Bro. Warren Sorenson: May 25, 1969, Donna Cozart and Claude D'Camp; June 6, 1969, Janice Linhart and Larry Weaver; June 14, 1969, Sandy Hollenback and Kenny Coghill. May the Lord bless and keep each couple in his care.

June 9-13 was the date of our vacation Bible school. Sr. Mary Pestle was director. The theme was "The Laws of God." The average daily attendance was 103. On Sunday evening following Bible school a program was held. Bette Potts, reporter.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

NO BYF TRANSPORTATION POOL

Bro. Paul Shaw, National Youth Director, informs us that, because of poor response in previous years, there will be no delegate transportation expense pool for the Berean Youth Conference this year.

BAPTISMS AT COLUMBUS, OHIO Philadelphian Chapel

It was our pleasure to assist Elder Raymond Byas as he led two souls into the waters of baptism. Dawne David Johnson, 894 S. 18th St., Columbus, Ohio, came forward when the invitation was given; he was then baptized into the saving name of Christ. Bertha Cloe McCann, 7242 Renick Rd., Derby, Ohio, confessed Christ, coming forward. She was baptized in the cleansing waters June 1, 1969. May both of these children of the Lord grow in faith, striving to reflect Christ in their spiritual walk, thereby inheriting God's glorious Kingdom to come.
C. F. Roth, pastor.

BAPTISM AT DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA

On Sunday, June 8, 1969, Mrs. Harold Small of Digby was baptized in the all-saving name of Christ, and received into the fellowship of the church. Sr. Small is among those who have recently completed the Systematic Bible Study Course.
Raymond Brown, pastor.

FEW HERALD RACKS AVAILABLE

We now have available a very limited number of racks for The Restitution Herald. These are provided free with an order of ten copies of The Herald per month, at a cost of \$7.20 per quarter. Write to Box 231, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

MILLS-ADAMS

On the evening of June 7, 1969, at the Guthrie Grove Church of God, near Pelzer, S.C., Sandra Joan Mills and Norman Lee Adams were united in marriage by the writer. A reception followed the service.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Alvin Mills of Piedmont, S.C. She is a member of the Guthrie Grove Church.

After a short wedding trip the couple will reside at Greenville, S.C.

We pray God's blessing to rest upon this young couple as they establish their new home.
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

FREMONT, NEBRASKA

A special service was held at the True Gospel Church of God in Fremont, Neb., May 25, 1969, at 2:00 p.m.

Bro. C. E. Randall gave a most inspiring sermon, and Bro. and Sr. Richard Dick brought several vocal selections.

After the service Bro. Randall dedicated our new Communion furniture and pulpit for use in the Lord's work. These were purchased in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters in the faith who carried on the work before us and were so steadfast in our faith.

We of Fremont extend our heartfelt thanks to the Omaha brethren for giving of their time and talent to make this service one that will be remembered by all. We pray that our faith will be strengthened, and that we will be able to carry on the Lord's work as he would have us to do.
Lessie Appleby, sec.

HARLINGEN, TEXAS, BAPTISMS

At the close of the Sunday morning service on May 18, 1969, Mrs. Wanda Eckerson and Austin Cox responded to the invitation, and came forward, expressing a desire for baptism. Baptismal services were held following the service. We welcome them into the household of faith, and pray God's blessing and guidance upon them in their new walk of service.
Harry Goekler, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT WATERLOO, IOWA

Cecilia Moore, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Linford Moore of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was baptized in the Cedar River following the morning service on May 18, 1969. We rejoice with her in the step she has taken, and pray God's blessing on her as she begins her new walk of life in Christ.
Harry Payne, pastor.

BAPTISM AT FOREST HILLS CHURCH

Royal, Arkansas

At the close of the morning service on May 25, 1969, Miss Carolyn Simpson came forward requesting baptism. We went immediately to the creek, where it was our pleasure to assist her in putting on Christ. May God protect and bless her as she tries to do his will. Pastor John R. Humphreys.

DIXON, ILLINOIS, BAPTISMS

Greg Kraft and Nola Haas were baptized on Sunday evening, May 11, 1969, and Dudley Lippert after the morning service on Sunday, May 25, 1969. Our desire and prayer for them is that they might excel in faith, hope, and love, and be always abounding in the work of the Lord, to the end that they might be saved at the coming of Christ.
Ernest Graham, pastor.



Mission Builders Appeal Number 22

Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, California

The Pomona Church of the Open Bible was organized in 1890, and built its first meeting place on Williams Street in 1915.

Having outgrown its facilities, it moved to purchase 2½ acres of ground, and started construction of Sunday school wings in February, 1966. The present building was dedicated on June 4, 1967. The membership now totals 115.

Mission Builder appeal number 22 is in the mail to all members of the League.

If you are not now a Mission Builder, and will agree to send at least \$5.00 for each new church designated for assistance by the League, we urge you to enroll now.

NEW MISSION BUILDERS

- 1120. Daniell Watkins
- 1121. Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Brown
- 1122. Lorraine M. Moeller
- 1123. Mr. and Mrs. George Scott
- 1124. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mattus
- 1125. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Coulter
- 1126. Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Smith

- 1127. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pippel
- 1128. Bible Crusaders Class, Rockford¹
- 1129. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mattison
- 1130. John Pickerl
- 1131. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell
- 1132. Mrs. Beulah Slater
- 1133. Sharon R. Roberson
- 1134. Lombard Dorcas Society
- 1135. Southeast Conference
- 1136. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hale
- 1137. Mrs. John H. Evans, Jr.
- 1138. Elaine Verdi

Please enroll me in the Mission Builders League.

Name

Address

City, State, & Zip

(Mail to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061.)

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Our congratulations to the following persons who have successfully completed the twenty-nine-lesson Systematic Bible Study Course: Ruby Stuckey, Joyce Elizabeth King, Mrs. Robert J. Daniels, Gerald Graham, Mrs. Gerald Graham, Mrs. Douglas Harris, Mrs. Frank Ross, and Karen Scott.

MRS. FLOYD NEDROW

Sr. Mary Mae Nedrow, 77, died at Aurora, Ill., May 9, 1969, after an extended illness.

She was married to Floyd Nedrow on May 15, 1915; he preceded her in death in September, 1968. She lived in Oregon, Ill., for 45 years, moving to Aurora in 1960.

She was a member of the Oregon Church of God, and was instrumental in founding East Oregon Chapel. Her poetry was well known to Church of God readers.

She is survived by four sons: William, Larry, Robert, and James; one daughter, Mrs. Nicholas (Dorothy) Cook; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Oregon Church, with burial in Daysville Cemetery.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

ROSCOE F. DUNBAR

Word has been received that Bro. Roscoe F. Dunbar of Delta, Ohio, died June 11, 1969, of cancer of the lymph glands. Funeral services were held on June 14.

MRS. H. SCOTT (EVA) SMITH

Mrs. Eva L. Smith died on June 1, 1969, in Russellville, Ark. She was born October 19, 1896, in Pope County, Ark., to the late Labe and Addie Evants. Sr. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, H. Scott Smith, a minister of the Church of God, and one daughter, Virginia McLain.

She leaves to mourn her death three daughters: Mrs. Pauline Whorton, Russellville, Ark.; Mrs. Walcie Rhea Kirkpatrick, Oregon, Ill.; and Mrs. Lila McQuiston, Lawton, Okla.; two brothers, one sister, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Sr. Smith had been a member of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith for many years. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Russellville, and she was laid to rest in the Booher Cemetery near her former home to await the call on that great resurrection morning.

S. O. Ross.

OLAF T. HAMMER

Olaf T. Hammer was born in Oslo, Norway, September 17, 1890. He came to this country at the age of seventeen, and resided at Chicago. He later moved to Bird Island, Minn., where he died May 17, 1969.

He was married to Sophie L. Lilleveg, who survives. He is survived by five sons: Virgil and Richard of Bird Island; James of Brooklyn Center, Minn.; Neil of Buffalo, Minn.; and Lloyd of Akron, Penn.; one

daughter, Betty Ryan of Circle Pines, Minn.; twelve grandchildren; and one sister in Norway.

Bro. Hammer was baptized by Almus Adams about 1930, and remained a faithful member until death.

Injured and partially crippled in a tractor accident, and as a result of several strokes, he had been unable to work for several years. Most of the last year was spent in the hospital or in bed. His mind was alert to the end.

Services were held from the Hector Church of God on May 20, with burial in the local cemetery. Harry Sheets, pastor.

MRS. HIRAM SCHIER

Sr. Gertrude H. Schier, 77, died May 18, 1969, at Oregon, Ill., after a long illness.

She was married to Hiram Schier on November 27, 1913, and had lived in this area all her life. She was a member of the Oregon Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son. She is survived by four sons: Harold of Mt. Morris, Ill.; Russell of Oregon; Hiram, Jr., of Libertyville, Ill.; and Clarence of El Paso, Tex.; a daughter, Mrs. Glenn (Grace) Canfield of Chana, Ill.; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister; and three brothers.

Funeral services were held in the Oregon Church on May 21, with the writer officiating. Burial was in Lighthouse Cemetery. C. F. Pryor, pastor.

CONTRIBUTORS IN JUNE

Following are the people who contributed to the work of the Church of God General Conference in June, and thus helped make possible the programs of missions, Oregon Bible College, Berean Youth Fellowship, publishing, and other Conference efforts.

Dr. & Mrs. Wm. D. Lawrence	500.00
Minnesota Member	25.00
Denise Pearson	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. Cheatwood	23.00
Sharonlee Gallagher	5.00
Dan Gallagher	6.00
John Kugler	20.00
Raker Union S. S.	61.00
Rachel Krogh	9.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. Bender	70.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sheets	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones	35.00
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Eden Valley Bereans	150.00
Morning Star Miss. Dept.	100.00
Lova Hodges	3.00
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Garden Park Church	33.64
Shilah Richmond	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Kugler	10.00
Oregon Church	40.55
Guthrie Grove Primary Cl.	5.00
Ruth Kennedy	10.00
Gayla Walkington	12.00
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Miss. Dept., Rockford	10.00
Rockford Church	56.80
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Oregon S. S.	16.34
Bedford Church	43.98
Bedford Brethren	12.00

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Pomona Church	59.50
Pennellwood Church	115.27
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Wiltsey	120.00
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Blood River Miss. Soc.	8.76
Lila Guiles	10.00
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Mrs. George Jones	10.00
Glenn Birkey	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Braden Manuel	25.00
Gertrude Bennett	5.00
Edith Eades	17.73
St. Louis BYF	10.00
Ohio Friend	25.00
Raymore Church	25.00
S. P. Dismukes	20.00
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Macomb S. S.	15.32
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Indiana State Conference	50.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Jones	20.00
Margaret Duval	25.00
Fredericktown Miss. Soc.	4.25
Litchfield Church	10.00
Brush Cr. Gospel Gleaners	5.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hicks	25.00
Mrs. Elliott Marshall	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. David Hall	26.00
Hope Chapel, S. Bend	34.76
Maurertown Church	25.00
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Ruby Railton	10.00

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Burr Oak Church	85.00
North Salem Church	5.68
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Landry	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Zeller	10.00
Minn. State Miss. Soc.	50.00
Dan Dovenbarger	20.00
Mildred C. Mathews	5.00
Fort Valley S. S.	87.09
Missouri Sister	5.00
Harlingen Church	11.44
Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00
Holbrook Church	30.56
Madge Savage	20.00
Southlawn Church	179.84
Southlawn S. S.	14.47
Digby Church	48.00
Azalia Winfrey	100.00
Pennellwood Miss. Dept.	110.00
Blanchard Miss. Society	15.00
Tempe Church	122.67
Eternal Hope Church	23.21
E. Alan Boyer	10.00
E. Dorothy Magaw	36.00
E. Ealey	10.00
Cool Spring S. S.	4.60
Macomb Church	55.39
Hope Chapel Miss. Soc.	65.00
Happy Woods Church	81.15
Thera Hammond	45.00
Lawrenceville Church	92.22
Michigan State Conf.	50.24
Lucille Wulff	5.00
Robert Klindt	25.00
Illinois Conference	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Stadden	10.00
Vida Sittler	5.00
Paul Overholser	50.00
Fonthill S. S.	14.78
Ripley Miss. Soc.	30.00
Faith Chapel, Peoria	43.00
Lombard Church	45.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Wagganer	12.40

Mr. & Mrs. Rollin Ayres	5.00
La. Contributors	50.00
Anderson Chapel BYF	54.03
Dorothy Boyer	15.00
Golden Rule Bereans	141.15
Brush Creek Church	96.45
Philip Jones	12.00
Kosztz BYF	20.00
Blanchard Church	74.6
Garnett Caudle	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	20.00
Clair Rice	20.00
Becky Barnhill	11.00
Ripley Church BYF	7.50
Everett S. Rogers	20.00
Fremont Church	32.80
Mary Jo Brewer	19.10
Dixon BYF	100.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	10.00
Jennie Townsend	10.00
Leota Hanson	5.00
David Krogh	20.00
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4th Grade, Oregon	6.90
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Anna Mae Poland	18.00
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La. State Conference	269.25
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Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis	50.00
Brush Creek DVBS	64.08
Hope Chapel, Ark. City	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. Ballentine	40.00
Pennellwood Church	42.00
Anonymous	10.00
Fonthill Dorcas	5.00
Fonthill Miss. Society	30.03
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Doan	20.00
Troy View Church	38.46
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Chairman's Message to the Delegates

By William D. Lawrence, M.D.

GOD has been patient with us for a long time, and "Now Is the Time" for us to wake up and "move out." We are limiting the power of God when we don't think big as we plan our outreach program. God thinks big, for he has provided the means whereby *all* the world could be saved.

We obviously need to depend on God, for without him our efforts are to no avail. The time has come for us to call on him to exercise his power through us. This is not with the attitude of testing him; it is simply taking him up on his offer. History proves that the Bible is correct in that if we think abundantly with our Christian activities, and call on him for guidance and power he will bless abundantly.

Positive thinking is working in secular life, and we are sure this principle can be applied to the Christian life. Kenneth Lomott, in his book *The Moneymakers*, records and expounds on interviews with many millionaires. He states that a goodly number of them regretted that Horatio Alger no longer inspires young men as they were once inspired. One of these men, W. Clemet Stone, when questioned on how one becomes rich, said that it was "by having a positive mental attitude." "Think rich and become rich" is one of his tenets. This is not all there is to becoming rich, but it is certainly a major factor. I would like to encourage you to think big in your personal life also, for success breeds more success.

An example of thinking big can be learned from our National Bereans. In 1966-67 their budget was \$4,250. In 1967-68 it was doubled to \$8,500, and in 1968-69 it is \$10,000. They *have* thought big and made it and they still are thinking

big. The pilgrims in 1620 thought big when they set out for the American colonies in order to have freedom of religion. The U.S. government recently thought big in their program to put a man on the moon by 1970. Common to all these accomplishments is the fact that people said, "It can't be done." In our church activities it is necessary to think big and prepare for many. We need to build larger, better churches, order extra quarterlies for anticipated increase in Sunday school attendance, and step out in all aspects of our Christian endeavors. Abundant faith will be necessary for us to accomplish what the Lord wants and requires of us.

It is necessary to update our methods of evangelism. We can no longer concentrate on working with old worn-out tools, such as fallen-away members and ineffective methods. I am not suggesting that we abandon or forget them, but we must quit wasting our energy grieving. Our concentration should be directed at new, bright, sharp tools; i.e., new prospects and new methods. We must work with efficient tools. Learning from the success of others can be very profitable. We can learn from the experiences of an isolated missionary in some far off corner of the world, from the administrators of other Bible colleges, from ministers of successful denominations, from effective independent evangelists, and from successful evangelistic organizations.

The sales manager of one of the country's most successful real estate firms gathers his salesmen together every morning in order to analyze their *successes*. They don't waste time talking about the mistakes they made the day before, but they talk about what they did right and

how it came they made the sale, and then try to do the right things again. It is important for us to analyze our successes, not our failures.

A winsome attitude is very important, for if the attitude is right a greater number can be won from a small crowd than from a large crowd where the attitude is not right. We need to remember to be proud of what we have—actually, it is what God has.

Dwaine Demmitt says that the sales profession quotes that one in fifteen contacts will buy. These odds do not discourage salesmen. With the right attitude and with God behind us, and the prospect, we should do better than only one in fifteen of our contacts accepting the gospel of Christ, but even with this number those odds aren't too bad. An evidence of what the Lord can do was also reported to me by Dwaine Demmitt when he recalled that a whole clan of people—actually about seventeen—came to a knowledge of the Lord through the gospel invitation being given to one person.

I would like to present to you a new concept that was recently brought to Mardy's and my attention. It is applicable to every phase of life. It has given direction and plans to many individuals by providing day-by-day guidance to those without definite goals. We know that its application has brought great financial success to those corporations that have adopted it. We feel as though it is really an exciting concept. The principle is to set a goal you would like to reach in five years. Make it nearly unbelievably ambitious. To set the goals, we should really think big. In order to arrive at these goals at the end of five years decide where we

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Minutes of the 1969 General Conference

Delbert A. Jones, Secretary

Monday, July 28, 1969

Monday morning, July 28, marked the opening of the forty-ninth annual conference of the Church of God. Chairman William Lawrence presided at the meeting, calling upon Bro. Harry Sheets for prayer. Delegates were seated according to the procedure explained by Sr. Ruth Halls, chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Hope Chapel, Columbus, Ohio, was recognized as a new church, along with its delegate, Fred Pensyl. Other persons who were acting as delegates for the first time were asked to stand and introduce themselves. New minister delegates recognized included Bros. Steve Bolhous, Bedford, Ohio; James Graham, Hedrick, Ind.; Don Hightower, San Jose, Cal.; and Mike Mattison, Blanchard, Mich.

There were no special communications to be read by the secretary. Chairman Lawrence then presented his message to the delegates. (See page one.) He stressed that we need to emphasize our successes, not our failures. Think big! Delegates were then asked to refer to the special reports as published in the June issue of the Progress Journal, specifically the Board of Education, Board of Arbitration and Counseling, Ministers Retirement Association, License and Ordination, Military Personnel Committee, and the Ministers Fund reports. A motion to accept these reports was made by Bro. Milon Hall, seconded by Bro. Ed Goit, and carried.

Secretary Delbert Jones was called upon to read the report of the Board of Christian Education, as submitted by the chairman, Robert See, which was not included with the published reports.

A report of the business activities of the General Conference Board was given by Bro. Kenneth Vancil, board member. Bro. Stanley Ross was asked to give the treasurer's report, and some time was spent with questions and answers. Bro. Willis Turner moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Bro. Don Swartz, and carried.

Chairman Lawrence asked for further discussion regarding the report of the

Board of Christian Education. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Bro. Milon Hall to recess until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday. This motion carried after being seconded by Bro. Joe Fletcher, and Bro. Clarence Lapp gave the closing prayer.

Credentials Committee reported for Monday: officers in attendance, 8; ministers, 40; and delegates, 82; for a total of 130.

Tuesday, July 29, 1969

Bro. Milon Hall was called upon for prayer, which opened the business session. After the secretary's report was read and approved, Ruth Halls gave the credentials committee report. Additional new delegates were recognized at this time.

In the absence of retiring youth director Paul Shaw, Francis Burnett, who will be assuming this position in September, was asked to answer any questions which might be asked concerning their program. A motion was made by Kent Ross, seconded by Lee McQuinn, that the following be adopted: "We recommend that a youth caravan be held in the summer of 1970, provided it is deemed advisable by the youth delegates at the 1969 International Bercan Youth Conference, and providing sufficient funds are appropriated in the 1969-70 youth budget." The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Lawrence introduced Milon Hall, secretary of the Sunday School Department, who spoke briefly on the importance of the Sunday school program. Willis Turner and Robert Petry, members of the department whose terms will be expiring this year, also talked on the vital work of the Sunday schools.

Nominations for two new department members were then received, with Milon Hall nominating Joyce Knapp, and Mary Pack nominating Iva Mae Holt for the first director. Bernard Hightower nominated Richard Dick for the second director to be elected, while Leon Driskill nominated the retiring chairman, Willis Turner. The election was subsequently held, with Joyce Knapp and Willis Turner being elected.

Kenneth Vancil displayed one of the new church signs which feature the General Conference emblem. These are now available, and he urged members to take some home with them, saving postage charges.

Terry Ferrell spoke for a short time on publishing and related topics. Time was allowed for discussion of these subjects.

Although the consideration of mission business was scheduled for Wednesday morning, the business session was moving along so rapidly that Chairman Lawrence asked that they begin their presentation on Tuesday morning before lunch. Chairman Lawrence introduced Rachel Krogh as the new Director of Missions.

Stanley Ross, Executive Secretary of the General Conference, was called upon to report on the work in Africa. He stated that although \$150.00 a month had been set aside for the support of the nine men working there, no funds had been sent since January. The regular monthly report was not received in January and no word was received from then until just prior to conference time, although approximately eight letters had been sent to them. The correspondence just received, which was sent by registered mail, informed the General Conference that they had written letters and about seven or eight of their men had been dispatched to Lagos to mail them, since they had no service in their area because of the civil war. The men disappeared and never returned, and Pastor Obot was among the men who have not been heard from since.

Bro. Ross continued that in their recent letter they requested that no funds be sent to them until the mails were once more reliable. He further stated that the General Conference has been working with the Advent Christian group, cooperatively, in regards to getting information. The churches with whom we are still working are liberated and in the country of Nigeria.

Lee McQuinn added to the report on the African work, after which Rachel Krogh took the opportunity to thank the conference for its support of the Mexican missions. She also expressed the hope

that someone might be interested in joining Alice Aldrich in the Mexican work.

Chairman Lawrence urged the people to be considering nominations of willing individuals who have agreed to serve as members of the Board of Directors. At this time a motion to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday was made by Kenneth Vancil, seconded by Emory Macy, and David Krogh was called upon to offer the closing prayer, asking, as had been requested, for special prayers for particular individuals in need, as well as for the Nigerian brethren.

The Credentials Committee reported 8 officers in attendance, 47 ministers, and 94 delegates, for a total of 149.

Wednesday, July 30, 1969

The session was opened with prayer by Vivian Kirkpatrick, after which the secretary's minutes were read and approved. Lee McQuinn illustrated on the blackboard the area changes in Africa where our churches are located.

Nominations were then in order for two new directors to fill the posts formerly held by Merle Patrick and Kenneth Vancil. For director number one Jesse Pestle was nominated by Cecil Patrick, and Russell Magaw was nominated by Willard Naylor. It was moved by Richard Worley and seconded by Don Swartz that nominations be closed for director number one. The motion was passed.

Don Overmyer was nominated by Warren Sorenson for director number two, while C. F. Pryor was nominated by Mary Pack, and Wayne Laning was nominated by Jack Hearp. Jerry Cooper then moved that nominations be closed and the motion carried, after being seconded by Roland Stilson. The candidates were asked to stand and be presented.

The chairman then read a statement on the interpretation of the resolution which was passed two years ago on Communion, the original recommendation reading: "Be it resolved that the Church of God General Conference believes in and practices Open Communion and will not license or ordain anyone who advocates, teaches, or otherwise promotes Communion contrary to this principle. The table of the Lord is not a place of discipline. Each professed Christian may exercise his privilege to partake or not partake of the supper (1 Cor. 11:28, 29). Be it further resolved that this resolution will be in force for the coming year, pending a further study of Communion by the ministers."

The chairman continued, "Being a conglomerate organization, coming from many different backgrounds, it becomes

impossible to legislate all matters, but it is necessary to have some rules to work within. The License and Ordination Committee found it hard to work with the resolution which was passed two years ago. Also, it was reported to us that the language of the resolution was offensive to some. Consequently the General Conference Board, the License and Ordination Committee, the Editor of *The Restitution Herald*, the Executive Secretary, and several other interested and involved persons, formulated a statement which we thought best explains what you delegates thought two years ago and think now. The interpretation is: 'Open membership Communion, without discipline.' This is what we think the vast majority of the delegates had in mind when the resolution was passed two years ago, an interpretation which all who have heard feel is practical. The License and Ordination Committee feels that it can act intelligently and fairly within the framework of this interpretation."

Since the Mission Department business was not concluded the day before, at this time the chairman called upon Executive Secretary Stanley Ross, who is also Director of Home Missions, to speak regarding that phase of the work. Bro. Ross stressed that it would be the responsibility of each individual member of the church to witness to others. He asked for consideration of the recommendation which reads: "We recommend that, for the purpose of promoting home missions and involving the total membership in a revival effort, the year 1969-70 be known throughout the Churches of God of the Abrahamic Faith as 'Jubilee Witnessing Crusade,' and that the crusade culminate in the Jubilee conference of 1970."

Edward Goit moved that this recommendation be adopted and the motion was seconded by Don Swartz. The chairman asked if there was any discussion regarding the motion. He suggested that we should have one or two fiery speeches for the motion from some fired-up witnesses. Elaine Verdi spoke in favor of the motion.

Clyde E. Randall moved to amend the recommendation by striking out the words "of the Abrahamic Faith," and substituting the words "with headquarters in Oregon, Ill.," to correspond with the signs which are being promoted. The amendment was seconded by Harold Routson. After some further discussion, both pro and con, the amendment was voted upon and lost by a vote of 68-54.

Roy Humphreys then moved that the original recommendation be amended with the addition of the words, "with

headquarters at Oregon, Illinois." This was seconded by Darrell Maddock. After some discussion, the amendment was voted upon and passed.

The amended recommendation was read, as follows: "We recommend that, for the purpose of promoting home missions and involving the total membership in a revival effort, the year 1969-70 be known throughout the Churches of God of the Abrahamic Faith, with headquarters at Oregon, Ill., as 'Jubilee Witnessing Crusade,' and that the crusade culminate in the Jubilee conference of 1970." It was passed unanimously.

Cecil Smead then moved and Darrell Maddock seconded the motion that recommendation number three be adopted. It reads: "We recommend that each local church of the Church of God General Conference enter into a positive evangelistic program for Jubilee Year, and that effort be made to increase both attendance and membership by at least ten percent."

There was considerable discussion with regards to the term "Jubilee Year," some questioning of the use of the word "jubilee," and the chairman read a resolution as adopted two years ago establishing this. It reads: "Resolved: If the Lord Jesus tarries, the year of our Lord 1970 will be known as 'Golden Jubilee' throughout the Church of God General Conference. Be it further resolved that our Conference chairman appoint a committee sometime this year to work with the Executive Secretary to develop a suitable Jubilee Year program and conference agenda." Harold Routson then called for the motion which was voted upon and carried.

Nominations were then made for a new member of the Mission Board, to fill a four-year term just being concluded by Edith Eades, Merle Patrick was nominated by Jesse Pestle, Doris Richmond was nominated by John Denchfield, and Darrell Maddock was nominated by Dean Urish. It was moved by Cecil Patrick and seconded by Charles Jones that nominations be closed. The election was concluded, with Merle Patrick being elected.

The motion to adjourn was made by Harold Routson, seconded by Mardy Lawrence, and the closing prayer was offered by Steve Bolhaus.

Credentials committee report: Attendance for the day included 8 officers; 48 ministers; and 93 delegates for a total of 149.

Thursday, July 31, 1969

Chairman Lawrence called the business session to order, and prayer was offered



Church of God General Conference Board of Directors: (left to right) Dean Urish, vice-chairman; Vernis D. Wolfe; C. Jesse Pestle, secretary; Wayne Laning; William D. Lawrence, chairman; Dwaine Demmitt, treasurer; and Delbert A. Jones.

by Kent Ross. The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

The first item of business was the election of new officers of the Board. While the ballots were being tabulated, Rachel Krogh, Director of Missions, extended an invitation to all to attend the Maritime conference which is to be held in Nova Scotia in August. Following her invitation, Clarence Lapp informed the delegates of an adult retreat to be held in Minnesota in October.

Terry Ferrell reported that the delegate pool expense averages \$47.29 per participant. Kent Ross took the opportunity to issue an invitation to all to attend the second annual missionary conference, which is being planned for September 20, and to be held at the Dayton, Ohio, church.

The chairman stated that people have frequently inquired as to what transpires in the many board meetings. He went on to explain that since next year will be the Jubilee year that perhaps many more persons will be attending conference and that this could present a problem, so the Board was looking into the possibilities of a larger camp. He added that this was one of the many things which require so much time in discussions. He then asked for a show of hands and took an informal poll as to which times of the summer would be best for holding conference, explaining that most of the camps available naturally save the prime time for their own groups.

At this time the tellers announced that the votes had been counted for director number 1, and that Jesse Pestle had been elected.

Don Overmyer was called upon to tell of plans being made for a men's retreat to be held this fall. This is being planned as a laymen's retreat for study, inspiration, and a time for assessing how the laymen can become involved in the Jubilee year

to further the work of the church. Tentative plans call for the one-day meeting to be held at a camp now under consideration as a future conference site.

Vernis Wolfe described the progress being made in the construction of the new Happy Woods, La., church and expressed the thanks of the people there for the help of the conference with its program.

The tellers then announced that the votes had been tallied for director number 2, and that Wayne Laning had been elected. Clyde E. Randall moved that a rising vote of thanks be given the retiring officers. The motion was seconded by the standing of the delegates.

President of Oregon Bible College, Alva Huffer, introduced members of the Board of Education, told of the program of the college, and offered to answer any questions which might be asked. Quite a number of questions were asked on all phases of the college program from curriculum, tuition, future plans, and the internship program. Bro. Huffer stated that 225 students have attended OBC during the years.

Jerry Cooper stated that both the Tempe and Phoenix, Ariz., churches were wholeheartedly behind the internship program. He then thanked the entire membership for their prayers on behalf of Alva Huffer when he was near death, and reminded the people that it isn't necessary to have an emergency to call upon God in prayer.

Lucille Ratering moved that we adjourn until the afternoon session, George Reye seconded the motion, and Francis Burnett gave the closing prayer.

Credentials report: Present: 8 officers, 47 ministers, 93 delegates, total 148.

Thursday Afternoon, July 31

The afternoon business session was called to order by Chairman Lawrence.

Roger Denchfield offered prayer. The chairman announced that the newly elected board members met with the old, and the board was reorganized with William Lawrence being re-elected chairman; Dean Urish, vice-chairman; Jesse Pestle, secretary; and Dwaine Demmitt, treasurer.

Lorraine Moeller informed the delegates that the Salem Church at Marshall, Ill., burned down, and added that what affects one affects us all. We express our sympathy to the Marshall Church brethren and pray that God will direct them concerning their decision on relocating or rebuilding.

Lee McQuinn moved that the delegates, alternates, and friends present, offer a rising vote of thanks to William and Mardy Lawrence in gratitude to them for their tireless, unselfish, and sacrificial contribution in the area of mission promotion during their recent world mission trip and good will tour in behalf of the General Conference and our Lord Jesus Christ. Emory Macy seconded the motion as the group was rising to its feet.

Jack Hearp moved that the conference accept and implement the "Ministers Information Form" and the "Church Information Form," giving consideration to the suggestions of the delegates and ministers. The motion was seconded by Milon Hall. After numerous comments on the motion, it was passed unanimously.

The chairman announced that Milon Hall has been secured as National Sunday School Superintendent on a limited, part-time basis.

Warren Sorenson was asked to report on the work of the Christian Education Committee. Commenting that the complete committee had not met, he explained that the work was very great, and they were studying not only the content of the Sunday school quarterlies but all of the other literature. He added that the committee encourages Robert See to continue his education in the field of Christian education curriculum planning.

John Denchfield spoke extensively on the need for evangelism, reminding us that too often we talk of evangelism yet do very little. He further declared that we have to have motivation behind our talk.

Elaine Verdi moved that two evangelists, namely, John Denchfield and Richard Smith, be appointed for the coming year. The motion died for lack of a second. Dallas Demmitt concurred with the previous thoughts and elaborated by enlarging upon the importance and need of personal witnessing.

Don Overmyer spoke in reference to the proposed budget, stating that he sees

no allowance for an increase in salary, adding that our top men are making supreme sacrifices in order to work for us.

Harry Sheets moved, and Don Swartz seconded, that the proposed budget, calling for contributions of \$99,000.00, be adopted. Further discussion on the subject of the budget then took place. The motion carried and the budget was adopted.

Roger Denchfield then presented the following motion, which was seconded by Joyce Knapp: "I move that the Church of God General Conference, in view of the Jubilee Year, hire and make full use of an evangelist. This evangelist would speak at special services and state conferences; in-

struct in use of brochures and in organizing calling campaigns; and counsel and give advice on procedures for evangelism and home missions. The purpose being that we might effectively reach all possible in view of the 'signs of times.'"

After a considerable amount of time had been spent in discussing this motion, Jack Hearp moved that the motion be tabled, and the motion to table was seconded by Harry Sheets. Motion carried.

At this time the minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read by the secretary. Don Swartz moved that the minutes be accepted and a vote of thanks be given to the secretary and his assistant. This was seconded by Ed Goit and

passed.

Ruth Halls then presented the report of the Credentials Committee, stating that the largest attendance for the 1969 conference was 149 as compared to 154 last year. The smallest attendance was 130 at the afternoon session (compared with 140 in 1968), and the average attendance for the year was 141. Darrell Maddock moved that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted, and it passed after being seconded by Herbert Stadden.

Jerry Cooper made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Harold Routson, carried, and Delbert A. Jones offered the closing prayer.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 20—Dayton Missionary Conference, Glad Tidings Church, Dayton, Ohio
- Sept. 26-28—Minnesota Fall Conference on Long Lake
- October 10, 11—Adult Retreat on Long Lake, Eden Valley, Minn.
- Oct. 18—Indiana Quarterly Conference at Morning Star Church, South Bend
- Oct. 25, 26—Illinois Fall Conference at East Peoria
- Oct. 25, 26—Missouri Fall Conference at Jordan
- November 15—Lay Men's Retreat, North Webster, Ind.
- Nov. 30—Southeast Conference at Guthrie Grove Church, near Pelzer, S.C.

DIRECTORY ISSUE IN NOVEMBER

The annual Church of God Directory will appear in the November issue of Progress Journal. Church and conference secretaries, and pastors, should send in corrections or changes by October 15.

NOVEMBER IS MISSIONS MONTH

Each year November is observed as Missions Month. Each church is asked to set aside one Sunday of the month to especially emphasize missions. The first Sunday of November, which is November 2 this year, is generally considered to be Missions Sunday throughout the Churches of God. Pray for the progress of missions, and for an inspiring Missions Sunday in each church.

BAPTISM AT MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA

Leonard Funk of Winchester, Va., was baptized June 28, 1969, near Maurertown. He is in his seventies, and has been in poor health. May God bless him in his Christian walk.

James Mattison, pastor.

BAPTISM AT SOUTHLAWN Grand Rapids, Michigan

On July 22, 1969, Scott VanFleet came forward and expressed his desire to accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. On July 29, Scott was immersed into the saving name of Jesus. We pray God's blessing upon Scott and ask your prayers for this new one in Christ Jesus.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

BAPTISM AT OAKLAWN CHURCH Koszta, Iowa

Jo-anne Esther Cronbaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cronbaugh, upon the profession of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, was baptized in his name on July 21, 1969. We would seek the Lord's blessing upon her that she may walk according to his will in all things.

Roger J. Denchfield, pastor.

IMMERSION AT HOPE CHAPEL South Bend, Indiana

Our concluding act of worship on Sunday evening, April 20, 1969, was with Mrs. Adrienne J. DeBoe, as she was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. We praise our heavenly Father for the growth in faith experienced by this mother and wife. Mrs. DeBoe lives at 1349 E. Calvert, South Bend, Ind. 46613.

Austin Railton, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Pam Davis, Lisa Evans, Larry Billar, and Mike Cunningham, all of Phoenix, were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins on July 6, 1969.

Craig Wright of Seattle, Wash., was buried with Christ in Christian baptism July 13, 1969. All five of these young people accepted Christ as their Saviour at the Southwest Youth Camp. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

BAPTISM AT FORT VALLEY, VIRGINIA

Upon his confession of faith, Chris Ramsey, Waterlick, Va., was baptized July 6, 1969. We pray God's blessing on Chris as he begins his covenant with God through Christ.

James Mattison, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT BURR OAK, INDIANA

Mary Croy and Connie Kelly were baptized August 17, 1969, by the writer, with Elder Burton Feece assisting. We pray God's blessing upon these young ladies as they have chosen to walk with Christ as their Saviour.

E. O. Routson, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT MORSE MILL, MISSOURI

We are happy to welcome three new sisters to the service of our Lord. They are: Janice Tierney, Ellen Tierney, and Lorene Armes. All were baptized July 13, 1969, by Pastor Ted Armes at the Church of God, Morse Mill, Mo. May their faith meet every challenge, that they may be found worthy on the day of judgment.

Submitted by Wanda Gerullis.

BAPTISM AT ELDORADO, ILLINOIS

We are pleased to welcome Alice Bird, Arlington, Tex., into the body of Christ and the fellowship of the Restitution Church of God at Eldorado. She was baptized by the writer on August 8, 1969. Alice first came forward while at Berean Youth Conference. We pray God's richest blessings will abide on Alice and her decision for Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Edward Bender, pastor.

MACOMB, ILLINOIS, NEWS

Janice Weaver came forward June 15, 1969, in response to the invitation. She was immersed by Bro. Warren Sorenson. May the Lord bless her as she strives to serve him.

Funeral services were conducted for Sr. Hattie Parks on June 19, 1969, by Bro. Warren Sorenson. She awaits the resurrection call of the Master.

Bette Potts, reporter.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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must be at the end of four years, then figure out where we must be at the end of three years, and down to what we need to accomplish this year, this month, this week, and, finally, today. This successful method is no longer a theory, for it has been proven to work. It has been proven to bring greater success to corporations. We would like to see each member of the Church of God apply this principle in his personal life as well as his Christian witness.

William Carey, the man who went from a shoemaker to a great missionary, said, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

General Conference Progress

Forty-Ninth General Conference

The forty-ninth annual Church of God General Conference is history. The theme of the conference was "One in Christ," and most felt that it was truly a time of unity and oneness in Christ. The staff and Board of Directors of the General Conference want to express thanks and appreciation to each one who had any part whatever in making the conference a success. Many people are involved in program planning; committee assignments before and during conference; speakers, teachers, and sharing session leaders; and many other duties too numerous to list. To each of these our sincere THANK YOU.

General Conference Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference spends many hours in board meetings during conference week. Much study is given to each department of the conference, and many decisions need to be made.

Bros. Ken Vancil of Bushnell, Ill., and M. A. Patrick of Ashland, Ohio, leave the Conference Board, since their three-year terms expired at conference time. Much appreciation is due these men for their tireless efforts during their years of service on the board. Bros. C. Jesse Pestle of Columbia Station, Ohio, and Wayne Laning of Ripley, Ill., are the newly elected board members.

The Board of Directors elects its own officers, and for the next year they are: William D. Lawrence, chairman; Dean Urish, vice-chairman; C. Jesse Pestle, secretary; Dwaine Demmitt, treasurer; Delbert A. Jones, Vernis Wolfe, and Wayne Laning, directors.

Conference Board Appointments

Bro. Dallas Demmitt of Phoenix, Ariz., and Sr. Ruth Halls of Cleveland, Ohio, were reappointed to two-year terms on the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College.

Bro. E. Milon Hall, pastor of the Rockford, Ill., Church of God, was appointed director of the Sunday School Department of the Church of God General Conference on a part-time basis. Bro. Hall will spend one or two days per week in this capacity while continuing to pastor the church in Rockford. Bro. T. M. Ferrell had served as Sunday School Director for the past few months on a temporary basis, along with his other duties as Editor and Sales Department Supervisor.

Superintendent of Missions

Sr. Rachel Krogh has begun her duties as Superintendent of Missions and Oregon Bible College instructor,

and will be writing the Missions Page in future issues of the Progress Journal. We welcome Sr. Krogh to the staff of the Church of God General Conference and look forward to her service in these capacities.

Jubilee Witnessing Crusade

The 1970 General Conference will be the fiftieth annual conference, therefore the next church year will be a year of Jubilee. The delegates to the past conference voted to make the year 1969-70 a year of special witness, and each member of the Church of God is asked to accept the responsibility to witness of Christ and the great plan of salvation. Each church is asked to make special effort to increase both attendance and membership by at least ten percent next year.

This is a very modest goal and can easily be reached if every member of the Church of God will make a united effort. The slogan for the year will be, "Plan, Pray, and Proceed." Everyone knows someone who needs Christ. Plan who YOU will try to reach. Pray for yourself and for this person, and then proceed to bring this person to conversion.

Mission bulletin inserts will be provided to each church each month, and these will carry tools and suggestions on how to get the job done. The June, 1969, Progress Journal carried procedures that are helpful. Begin now to help fulfill the goal for Home Mission growth.

Conference Finances

We are pleased to note that the Goals for July-August were reached. We praise God for this response and concern by the membership. It is our hope and prayer that the September goal will be surpassed also to meet the needs of rising costs and unexpected expenditures so that the fiscal year may be completed without a deficit.

Each church is asked to keep complete records of new members and attendance as the statistical reports next year will include this information so that the percentage of growth can be measured.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1968—September 30, 1969

\$83,000.00

Goal for July-August	\$14,510.00
Given in July-August	\$15,302.00
To be given by September 30	\$ 6,462.00

Goal for September \$6,462.00

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TEXAS CONFERENCE REPORT

The Texas Conference of the Church of God was held at Gatesville, June 12-15, 1969.

Bro. Richard Worley was guest speaker and gave the evening sermons, which were largely prophetic in nature.

Classes for all ages were held each day. Attendance and interest were good.

The fall conference is being held at Buchanan Dam, if the place is available. Everyone is urged to plan to attend. Bros. Harry Goekler and John Hayse are in charge of arranging the program.

Thanks and appreciation were extended to all, but especially to the people of Gatesville, for the success of the conference.

The officers: John Hayse, first vice-pres.; Alvin Wolfe, second vice-pres.; and Opal Hayse, sec., were reelected.

Mrs. Opal Hayse, secretary.

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith convened on Thursday, June 5, 1969, at Clark Chapel, Magazine, Ark. Services were held Thursday to Sunday at noon, then a Bible study in the evening.

The following officers were installed: president, Alan McLain of Russellville; vice-president, E.O. Cox, of Clark Chapel; secretary, Mrs. Velma Nichols of Clark Chapel; treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Hays of Clark Chapel; and evangelist, Bro. Jesse Humphreys of Bear Church, Royal, Ark.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and we are looking forward to the conference next year.

Mrs. Velma Nichols, secretary.

BAPTISM AT MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP

On decision night at the Missouri Youth Camp, William E. Thomas came forward at the close of a sermon by Bro. Warren Sorenson. "Billy" was baptized at camp on July 4, 1969, by the writer. May he continue to search the Scriptures and to serve the Lord faithfully is our prayer.

A. T. Johns, pastor.

WAKKANAI, JAPAN

Bro. and Sr. John Holt are conducting weekly Bible studies with military personnel and their families on the base in Wakkanai, Japan. On July 29, 1969, two teen-agers, Hazel Maye Fulton and John E. Holt, Jr., accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and were immersed in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins, assisted by John Holt.

On August 3, 1969, Brenda Kay Fulton, sister of Hazel, made her confession of faith and was baptized. We are praying that they will grow strong in the Lord as they follow in his footsteps.

Communicated by John Holt.

BAPTISMS AT WATERLOO, IOWA

On July 29, 1969, Terry Smith was baptized into the body of Christ in the Cedar River. We all rejoice at his decision and hope that he may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

On August 24, 1969, Kia Downing was baptized into Christ.

The Waterloo brethren rejoiced in her decision to dedicate her life to Christ. May she grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Michael Hale, pastor.

BAPTISM AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Philadelphian Chapel

We were overjoyed when Gerald Arthur Writsel came forward and accepted Jesus as his Saviour, believing the one gospel. He was buried with Christ by Bro. Raymond Byas, assisted by the writer. May he walk with Christ, and continue in well doing until the day Christ returns.

C. F. Roth, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT GUTHRIE GROVE, S.C.

The following persons were baptized at the close of our annual August meetings with Bro. J. R. LeCrone: Mrs. Runette Wilson, Pelzer, S.C.; Mrs. Wilola Stargel, Greenville, S.C.; and Miss Gay Rumsey of Cordova, S.C. May God richly bless them.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

OTHER NEWS

For lack of space, reports of the following weddings: Hass-Buscemi, Sinclair-Nelson, Jobes-Bennett, Ware-Roth, Kern-Storts, and Dochstader-Railton; and the following death notices: Mrs. Myrtle Flink, Ella M. Dutcher, Roscoe F. Dunbar, Doris L. Paffenback, Silas M. Claypool, and Florence H. McArthur, are being held over.

BAPTISMS AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

The people at the San Jose Church of God were pleased on June 29 when Frank and Florence Williams came forward after the morning service to receive Christ into their lives. They were baptized into the body of Christ on July 6, 1969. Also immersed with them was Evan Chang who had come forward at Southwest Youth Camp. These three are a fine addition to the church and our prayer is that they may always continue to live in Christ's name.

Don Hightower, pastor.

BAPTISM AT HECTOR, MINNESOTA

Miss Vicki Johnson, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Frank Johnson, made her decision for Christ at National Berean Youth Camp. On August 17, 1969, we immersed her in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Our prayers are for her as she fights the good fight of faith.

Harry Sheets, pastor.

BAPTISMS AT WHITNEL, N. CAROLINA

The following persons were recently baptized by the writer: C. J. Storey, Paul Clark, and Dewey Philips. Assistant Pastor Dennis Baldwin baptized his wife Rachel, and his mother, Mrs. Marie Baldwin. We praise God for the wonderful spirit that has been working marvelously.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

NEW CHURCH AT MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Modesto, Cal., about ninety miles east of San Jose, will soon be holding weekly Sunday school and church services.

Bros. Ray Hall and David Hall, and their families, have moved from Oregon, Ill., and will lead the services. Ray graduated from Oregon Bible College, and will pastor the church. David will lead the Sunday school work.

The services may start around the first part of October. If any of our readers know of members in this area, send their names to the writer. We praise God for this new work.

Don Hightower, pastor

VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE

The Virginia State Conference of the Church of God conducted its annual conference at the Maurertown church, July 13-20, 1969. All of the churches in Virginia were represented, as well as members from Baltimore, Md., and Pennsylvania. Bro. J. R. LeCrone, Cleveland, Ohio, served as guest speaker. A young people's conference and camp was conducted along with the conference directed by Bro. James Mattison and assisted by Bro. Wilfred Cambre of Louisiana. The children's Bible school was directed by Sr. Donna Marshall of Charlottesville, Va.

The daily classes were well attended and the interest increased as the week progressed. Bro. LeCrone's lessons and sermons were timely and in keeping with the events of the day from a prophetic viewpoint and the needs of Christians.

Officers elected were: president, S. H. Boyer; vice-president, Lyle Thayer; secretary, Ellen Ramsey; assistant secretary, Audrey Jett; and treasurer, W. E. Boyer. At the present time, a committee is at work considering improvements to the present facilities which serve the needs of the conference.

Ellen Ramsey, secretary.

Russia, Israel, Christ and You, by Percy Bilton, London industrialist, is a 42-page prophetic study of the nations and the part they are prophesied to play in last days' events. They are 25 cents each and may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. 61061, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

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