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The Chairman's Address

By William Lawrence, M.D.

TONIGHT, I would like to talk some about the past accomplishments of the General Conference. I'd like to talk about how to establish goals and enumerate some for the future. The General Conference has accomplished many things in the past years. I believe that the greatest accomplishments have been possible by having more spirituality within the members; and consequently we've had more of God's help.

I asked Brother Stan Ross to send me a list of what he thought were the most outstanding accomplishments in the last ten years. He was away, but his very able and excellent secretary and office manager at the General Conference, Mary Jo Brewer, wrote a letter answering my request:

"The proposed budget for 1961-62, as published in the Journal read: Estimated expenses \$84,000; estimated income, \$33,500; contributions needed, \$50,000; the proposed budget ten years later; 1971-72, reads: estimated expenses, \$152,000; estimated income, \$36,000; and contributions needed, or the goal for giving that is established at this moment is \$116,000.

"The men's dormitory was dedicated in November of 1963; and the classroom area has been extensively remodeled. Instructors have received more advanced training, and the library has been greatly improved and enlarged. Brother Alva Huffer has great hopes that OBC will soon be recognized by the State of Illinois as a Bible college. The internship program of OBC was instituted last year to provide further training for our ministers.

The Ministers Voluntary Retirement

Association was organized in 1968, making it a little easier for our ministers when they reach retirement age.

The Systematic Bible Study Course was first published in 1963 and since that time 456 in the United States have completed the course. According to Brother Terry Ferrell's record, 96 in foreign lands have completed the course.

What, to me, is the most exciting growth, and this again is quoted from Mary Jo's letter, is shown in the mission work. "In 1961 we had 2 fields, Nova Scotia and the Philippine Islands, with seven supported workers. Since then, India has been reinstated, with one supported worker who is in turn training four others in pastoral work. We have also added the following fields; Middle East, Nigeria, Ghana, and Mexico, for a total of sixteen supported workers. Brother Ross, Merle Patrick, Lee McQuin, Mrs. Lawrence, and you have all made trips connected with the mission work. Brothers Ortiguero and Manoah have visited in various parts of the United States.

"Buildings have been constructed in the Philippines and India. The Mission Builders League was first organized in 1956 and we will be sending out the 27th appeal this fall.

"The Youth Department of the General Conference has expanded greatly from the time they had no budget of their own until the present when their goal for giving stands at \$10,500. Many new programs were added for the youth: Bible quizzes, speech contest, Coins-for-Christ, Walk-a-Thon, Youth Week, and the annual Youth Caravan."

Brother Ross later added another im-

portant item—the witnessing program of the Conference. The people of the General Conference have become more aware of witnessing and talking to others about Christ. I believe that the Jubilee Witnessing Crusade made people more aware of the need.

Another recent accomplishment has been the work of the Sunday School Department. The training sessions and encouragement given by the present Board and Sunday school director have been a great help in stimulating Sunday school work throughout the Conference. In the Publishing Department, it might be well to mention the more colorful cover of *The Restitution Herald*, and the study by the Council of Christian Education.

Last year, OBC had its greatest enrollment.

During this year, the General Conference Board instituted a study concerning family life. It is often said that the breakdown of Christianity in a nation starts at the family level. This may be our greatest problem in America.

In our goals we need to think positively. We need to think victory. We need to think big, and not allow ourselves to be fatigued with the nitty-gritty problems that many of us are burdened with. We need to go first class. Jesus did things in a big way. One evening he fed 5,000 people, or 5,000 men, probably plus the wives and children, with five loaves of bread and two fish. He did not slide through with the minimum budget. He didn't figure out just exactly how much he needed, he just did the job in a big way. He looked to heaven, as we're told

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Minutes of the 1971 General Conference

C. Jesse Pestle, Secretary

THE FIRST session of the Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference was called to order in the tabernacle of Riverview Park in Cedar Falls, Iowa, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 10, 1971. Chairman William Lawrence asked Bro. J. R. LeCrone to offer the opening prayer. After welcoming all those present the Chairman called on Sr. Ruth Overholser (head of the Credentials Committee) to proceed in registering and seating the delegates. General Conference folders were distributed at that time.

The Hope Chapel Church of God at Columbus, Ohio, was introduced by Leo Tawney as a new church of the Conference. Twenty-three persons introduced themselves as delegates or alternates serving for the first time. Five newly licensed ministers introduced were: Vivian Kirkpatrick II, John Railton, J. Arthur Johnson, David Cheatwood, and John Carr.

Executive Secretary S. O. Ross conveyed greetings from Sr. Leota Hanson, acknowledged the Guthrie Grove Church of God in South Carolina as having the largest representation (approximately 35 at that time), and expressed appreciation to Bro. J. Don Swartz for providing blue ribbons for this Conference. Bro. Ross also announced the Oregon Bible College Alumni banquet to be held in the evening.

The delegates then turned their attention to the Special Reports printed on pages 9 and 10 of the June PROGRESS JOURNAL. Charles Jones and Charles Knapp moved "to accept the Special Reports as presented." The motion carried.

Dean Urish (Vice-Chairman of the Board) reported on activities of the Board of Directors during the past year by emphasizing: 1) the Board's deep concern over the shortage of ministers; 2) its concern and interest in Oregon Bible College; 3) the finances of the General Conference; and 4) the Board's philosophy of open doors and ears. He spoke further about the Board's visitation program and expressed confidence in the future for the General Conference work.

The Executive Secretary reported on the General Conference finances by presenting the nine-month Statement of Assets and Liabilities (totaling \$418,461.76) and the Statement of Income and Ex-

penses. He stated that over \$5,000 had been received as the result of a special membership letter sent out in June and that \$6,000 had been paid on the \$10,000 loan taken recently. The following reasons were given for the \$10,000 loan: 1) the \$3,500 deficit at the beginning of the year; 2) the \$1,800 salary increase; 3) the \$1,300 Nigerian student expense; 4) the \$2,140 used to purchase equipment; 5) the general increase in expenses; and 6) the difficulty in anticipating expenses accurately. He commended the membership for their response to the General Conference needs.

The delegate pool was explained and sheets distributed to all delegates. E. Milton Hall (Director of the Sunday School Board) expressed appreciation for the cooperation the Sunday School Department had received in its work this past year. Sunday school seminars have been conducted by Board members in various parts of the country. Plans are being made to work more directly with superintendents and district leaders this coming year. Chairman Lawrence commended the present Sunday School Board for the extra work of the past year. Nominations to the S.S. Board were: George Scott, Marion Stilson, Scott Ross, and Joyce Knapp. Those elected by ballot were: George Scott (2 years), Joyce Knapp (2 years), and Scott Ross (1 year to fill the unexpired term of Robert Huddlestun).

C. E. Randall, newly appointed Editor of *The Restitution Herald* and PROGRESS JOURNAL, spoke concerning his new work and plans. He stated that the voice of these publications will be the voice of the General Conference. He also spoke concerning changes to be instituted.

Linford Moore announced that radio station KNWS in Waterloo was making time available at 11:30 to 12:00 noon for three days this week and that such time was being used by Conference workers.

The Credentials Committee reported 8 Board members, 45 ministers, and 76 delegates present, making a total of 129 as compared to 137 last year. The meeting was recessed by motion at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday, August 11

The second session of the 1971 Church of God General Conference convened at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Au-

gust 11, with Chairman William Lawrence in charge. The opening prayer was given by Bro. Ellsworth Routson. The minutes of Tuesday's business session were read by the secretary and approved. Executive Secretary S. O. Ross gave additional announcements regarding the delegate pool and group pictures to be taken that afternoon.

Francis Burnett, head of the Berean Youth Department, referred to the published report and gave the following facts and figures about the International Youth Conference held last month in Indiana: It was the largest conference to date with 308 campers and 45 adult counselors; a large percentage of the campers were of post-high age; 31 came forward to accept Christ and request baptism, and several were baptized that week; approximately 65 sang in the choir; and contributions totaled over \$1,400. The Youth Advisory Council has adopted a five-point program which will emphasize the spiritual aspect of youth work. Bro. Burnett also related experiences of the Senior Youth Caravan when it did inner-city evangelistic work in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in June. He expressed thanks for the support and encouragement of so many persons.

Kent Ross and Joe James moved to adopt recommendation Number 1, which reads, "That a youth caravan be held in the summer of 1972, provided the delegates to the 1971 International Berean Youth Conference deem it advisable; and provided sufficient funds are appropriated in the 1971 - 1972 youth budget." Edward Goit and Kent Ross moved to amend the recommendation by deleting the words, "provided the delegates to the 1971 International Berean Youth Conference deem it advisable." Both the amendment and the motion as amended passed.

Sr. Joyce Knapp related a suggestion from the Garden Park Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, that more meaningful recommendations be printed for delegate consideration.

T. M. Ferrell, head of the Publishing Department, gave the following information regarding his work and this aspect of the General Conference activities: Vacation Bible school materials for this year are all sold; Sr. Jewell Manning has been appointed to the editorship of VBS materials in place of Sr. Irene Sorenson, who is retiring from this work; there has been a 15% price increase on all tracts, due to the rise in printing costs; approximately 2300 copies of *The Restitution Herald* are sent out each month; and two new tracts, "Do You Ever Think About God?" and "Six Steps to a New Life for You," are available. He expressed thanks for the support and criticisms received.

C. E. Randall and Joe James moved that we give a

rising vote of thanks to Bro. Ferrell for his labors as head of the Publishing Department and bid him Godspeed in his future work. The motion carried with all standing. A question was raised regarding the percent of subsidizing the publishing work now as compared to when the print shop was in operation. It was stated to be approximately the same when considering increases in printing costs. Figures from the Publishing Department show approximately \$26,000 income as compared to \$39,000 expenses for the past ten months.

Chairman Lawrence explained to the delegates the present situation with printing and the printing equipment. The equipment originally sold for \$24,000 is now back in the hands of the General Conference due to default in payments by the buyer. Approximately \$7,000, plus interest has been received in payments to date. The equipment is being sold again.

S. O. Ross spoke for the Home Mission Department and referred to the two most recently established churches in Front Royal, Virginia, and Columbus, Ohio. Mission Builders Appeal Number 26 is going to Columbus and appeal Number 27 will go to Front Royal in the fall. He stressed the importance of Each One Reaching One in '71, and announced the appointment of Warren Sorenson as Assistant Director of the Home Mission Department. The Chairman expressed the importance of Home Mission work and the good qualifications of the Director and his assistant.

Joe James and Byron Jay moved that we adopt recommendation Number 3, which reads, "That Mission Builders League members contribute at least \$10 or more to each Mission Builders appeal approved by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, not to exceed two each year." Mardy Lawrence and Joe James moved to amend the recommendation



The above is a picture of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. Seated from left to right; Harold Doan, chairman; Paul Shaw, director; Wayne Laning, treasurer; standing: Joe James, director; Jesse Pestle, secretary; Charles Knapp, vice-chairman; John Huston, director.



This is the delegation from the Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, So. Carolina. This was the largest group from any one church in attendance at General Conference. Count them! These good folk traveled nearly a thousand miles each way. What a fine example of dedication!

by adding the words "be encouraged to contribute" in place of the word "contribute." Both the amendment and the motion as amended passed.

Lee McQuinn and Edward Goit moved to adopt recommendation Number 4, which reads, "That each church in the Conference be encouraged to organize a Home Mission Department, and that a director be appointed or elected to head the department." The motion carried. It was suggested that guidelines for such persons be made available.

The Credentials Committee reported 8 Board members, 44 ministers, and 83 delegates present, with a total of 135 as compared with 150 last year.

Merle Patrick recommended that each church appoint a Conference chairman to promote attendance at General Conference in the local church. He also encouraged the development of the Bottolf property near Hammond, Louisiana. The meeting was recessed with prayer by Arnold Johns.

Thursday, August 12

On Thursday, August 12, Chairman William Lawrence called to order the third session of the Church of God General Conference. The delegates sang a song and were led in prayer by the Chairman. Minutes of the Wednesday session were read and accepted. Eight delegates not introduced in previous sessions introduced themselves and named the churches they represented.

The Chairman then called for nominations for two positions on the Board of Directors stating that the election would be held Friday. Those nominated for Director Number 1 were: Hollis Partlowe and Harold Doan. Those nominated for Director Number 2 were: John Huston and Dwaine Demmitt. After the four nominees were introduced, the delegates listened to a report of the Foreign Mission Department by Rachel Krogh, director.

Sr. Krogh began by giving thanks for the support toward mission work in general and by reading portions of a letter from Bro. S. S. Manoah in Bangalore,

India. The letter described the progress of the work in India and conveyed greetings from the brethren there to those at Conference. Praise was given for the response in raising funds to purchase the \$1,000 lot in Bangalore. The need for bicycles in the work in India was revealed. (Later in the session, Bro. Randall made an offer to provide 4 bicycles in India in memory of Sr. Randall.)

Delegates were reminded of the display room and the many pieces of literature in the administration building. The Foreign Mission Director also related a visit she, the Rosses, and Merle Patrick made to participate in the Maritime Conference in Digby, Nova Scotia, last month. She spoke also of the work of Sr. Eunice Pearson in Digby and stated that Sr. Nina Hatcher is also making plans to move there soon.

Sr. Krogh spoke of the Nigerian work and the confusion in communication, resulting from the war there and the deception surrounding A. A. Obot. She stated that we are no longer working with this man, but that we are supporting Ephraim Udo, Solomon Idiong, and John Obot with \$50 each per month. The delegates were told of the need to work closely with the Mission Board in making foreign mission contacts. There is a need for missionaries to go to other parts of the world to train natives and work with them with the gospel.

A letter from the Mission Board containing the following items was read and distributed among the delegates: 1) channeling all mission giving through the Mission Board will provide efficiency and fairness, and will avoid waste and duplication of efforts; 2) it is expedient for the Mission Board to act as a clearing house; 3) individuals should inform the Board regarding their main interests; and 4) contributors unable to keep commitments should notify the Mission Board.

The Mission Board also made available to the delegates a list of 17 Church of God Missionary workers and the monthly financial support needed to keep them in the field. Four churches have chosen specific missionaries and are currently supporting them in full or in part. The Board encouraged other churches and individuals to do likewise. It was reported that foreign recipients of support could be encouraged to give written thanks. It was stated that Sr. Pearson and Sr. Hatcher were going to Nova Scotia with the idea of being self-supporting. The possible dangers and advantages were put forth regarding individuals and groups selecting a specific missionary to support. Extensive comments were made from the floor on the importance of someone personally investigating foreign mission work. It was asked if the problem in mission work was one of funds or personnel. The answer given was that it was both.

At this point in the discussion the Chairman spoke about missions and money and the necessity of available funds to carry out the plans. He pointed out that evening offerings thus far totaled only about \$680, and that the delegates voted last year to send someone to Nigeria if it was deemed advisable by the Mission Board and the Board of Directors.

Joyce Knapp and Edward Goit moved "That the Mission Board through God's leading present the Church of God membership as soon as possible with the figures needed to accomplish the necessary survey work in our mission fields; going ahead with detailed plans that this trip be provided as God answers this need." The motion carried. It was pointed out that this motion just passed would reaffirm a similar one made during the 1970 General Conference.

The Mission Board gave the following recommendation: "We recommend that the monthly salary of Pastor Jamal Sunna'a in Lebanon be raised from \$100 to \$150." David Cheatwood and Dwaine Demmitt moved to adopt the above recommendation. The motion was passed.

Kent Ross and Francis Burnett moved to adopt Recommendation Number 2, which reads, "That a married couple be sent to the Mexico mission field as soon as they can be properly trained in the language." (It was estimated that \$400 per month would be needed when this program is initiated.) The motion was passed.

Nominations were opened for a Mission Board member for a four-year term. Those nominated were: Robert Hall, Kent Ross, and Don Overmyer. Robert Hall was elected.

James Mattison described the new work in Front Royal, Virginia, and the inspiration this work has given to area churches. Rachel Krogh spoke about the Faith-Promise plan of giving where individuals promise to give a certain amount for the coming year and then trust God to provide the resources. David Johnson suggested that the mission budget should include funds to look after General Conference interests in other places.

Announcement was made of a baptismal service at 1 p.m. The Credentials Committee gave the following figures: 8 Board members, 48 ministers, and 88 delegates with a total of 144 as compared to 152 last year. Francis Burnett commented about the doors of opportunity that have been opening to the Church of God in recent years and expressed thanks to God for these opportunities. Lee McQuinn and Warren Sorenson dismissed the session with prayer.

Friday, August 13

Delegates of the 1971 Church of God General Conference met for their fourth session on Friday, August

13. Chairman Lawrence opened with a song at 10:05 a.m., and called for Charles Knapp to give the opening prayer. Minutes of the Thursday session were read and accepted.

In recognition of his excellent counsel and wisdom in the guidance and promotion of missions within the Church of God and throughout the world while a member of the Mission Board, Lee McQuinn and Milton Hall moved that the assembly give a standing vote of thanks to Warren Sorenson, the retiring Mission Board member, after 12 years of service. The motion carried with all standing.

C. E. Randall requested that delegates notify him of radio stations where Church of God programs are heard that a list might be compiled for publication. Sr. Ruth Overholser announced that voting by proxy at business sessions would not be acceptable.

The delegates elected Harold Doan from Los Angeles, California, as director Number 1 and John Huston from West Milton, Ohio, as director Number 2 to the General Conference Board of Directors.

Donald Needham related highlights of the recent Senior Youth Caravan work in Minneapolis, and gave his favorable impressions of this type of evangelism. Members of the Caravan will have opportunity to appear for 30 minutes on WCCO TV in Minneapolis next week.

The members of the Hope Chapel Church in Columbus, Ohio, expressed their cordial thanks to all members of the Mission Builders for their contributions on appeal Number 26. The amount received will be used toward the down payment of their church building.

The Chairman announced that the next General Conference meeting will be held in the same location, August 14-19, 1972. Francis Burnett stated that plans were being completed to hold the International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack in Indiana, July 23-29, 1972. The appointment of Dallas Demmitt and Joseph Fletcher to the Board of Education for two years was announced. It was stated by the Chairman that arrangements are being made for the Board of Education to meet with the Board of Directors at least once each year, one purpose being to assist in handling problems related to state recognition for Oregon Bible College.

Orders for the Home Bible Study course are being taken at the desk.

Dr. Alva Huffer, President of Oregon Bible College, presented a complete report of the history, present status, and future plans of the College. Applications have been sent to the State of Illinois for approval to operate as a College and for approval to give a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Bible. He stated that there are no

plans to make the College into a Liberal Arts College. He reiterated the cost of tuition and elaborated upon the internship program.

A complete job description has been made up for the men's dormitory director, and such descriptions for other College personnel will be forthcoming. The President spoke at length about the position of John Lewis, Administrative Vice-President of the College, by saying that he has complete charge of College administration, the only exception being general policy changes which would involve the staff. He stated that the College is promoting self-discipline, and spoke of the need for more screening on the local level.

Dr. Huffer continued by pointing out that the Board of Education serves a very important function in an institutional research capacity, but not as a governing body. Present thoughts and plans of the Board of Education include the advisability of requiring more education for entrance at Oregon Bible College. Such a requirement would provide greater student maturity, require fewer related subjects being taught, and would permit greater concentration of students and faculty on Bible subjects.

Questions raised and answered to the satisfaction of the delegates included such subjects as: the freshman foundation course, degrees being granted to past graduates of OBC, pastoral work material in the Internship Program being available to others, the President's place of residence, student participation in gospel teams, and the invitation and finances of such teams. Mention was made of the Assistant Pastor summer program available to juniors at the College.

The President commented on the article in the June PROGRESS JOURNAL entitled, "Ministers Leaving the Pastorate," by saying that such studies serve as guidelines in preparing curriculums and students for the work of the ministry.

A motion was made by Arnold Johns and seconded that this 1971 General Conference give a rising vote of confidence and thanks to Sr. Edith Eades and Sr. Nora Anderson for their years of service at Oregon Bible College. The motion carried.

The Credentials Committee report listed 8 Board members, 42 ministers, and 87 delegates present; a total of 138 with 152 present last year. A meeting of the old and new members of the Board of Directors was called immediately after recess. The closing prayer was given by Merle Patrick.

The final session of the 1971 General Conference of the Church of God was called to order at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, August 13. The Chairman led in the singing of a hymn and in prayer.

Charles Knapp asked for a rising vote of thanks for

the services of Dr. William Lawrence and Dean Urish, retiring members of the Board of Directors. All stood in favor. Clarence Lapp asked for a rising vote of thanks for Sr. Ruth Overholser for her work as head of the Credentials Committee. All stood up. Alva Huffer moved that a vote of thanks be directed to Sr. Overholser for her work on the Board of Education for the past several years. The Chairman announced the new officers of the Board of Directors: Chairman, Harold Doan; vice-chairman, Charles Knapp; secretary, C. Jesse Pestle; and treasurer, Wayne Laning. The new Board of Education was introduced: Dallas Demmitt, Joseph Fletcher, Robert Johnson, Vernis Wolfe, and the College president Alva Huffer as head.

C. F. Pryor and Leo Tawney moved "that a committee be appointed by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors to study ways and means of promoting membership in the Mission Builders League and that this committee work with pastors in soliciting new members in the Mission Builders League." The motion carried. Paul Overholser and George Reye moved "that a goal for membership in the Mission Builders League be established and included in the Reaching Forth to Seventy-five program." (We suggest a goal of 1,000 by September 1972 and 1,500 by September of 1975.) The motion carried.

A letter of appreciation was read from the Garden Park Church of God in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for pastoral aid during the past five years and for the funds from the Mission Builders League. Dedication of the new building will be this fall.

Dallas Demmitt and Milon Hall moved "that a nominating committee be appointed by the Board of Directors to formally present in the PROGRESS JOURNAL issue with the department reports, the nominees for vacancies on the Board of Directors, Sunday School Board, and Mission Board." The constitutionality of this motion was questioned. Edward Goit and David Johnson moved to table the above motion for further consideration. The motion to table passed.

Robert Johnson and Charles Jones moved to adopt recommendation Number 5, which reads, that "Each local church continue to emphasize the goals and aims of the Reaching Forth to Seventy-five project adopted at the 1970 General Conference." The motion carried.

S. O. Ross explained the proposed budget sheet, noting various changes resulting from delegate action. Questions were raised about insurance and the use of United Parcel Service. Dennis Baldwin and Willard Naylor moved "to adopt the proposed 1971-1972 budget for the General Conference which will be \$117,000, plus any deficit at the end of September." The motion carried.

The Credentials report showed 8 Board members present, 36 ministers, 63 delegates, with a total of 107 as compared with 127 last year. A summary report of the Credentials Committee revealed the following figures for 1971: largest attendance 144, smallest attendance 107, average attendance 130, delegate forms sent to churches 82 (received 65), delegate forms sent to conferences 14 (received 10), and membership reported by churches returning forms, 3562. Approximately 490 had registered during the Conference.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Friday sessions.

Edward Goit and Dennis Baldwin moved "that the Secretary's minutes of this fifty-first annual General Conference be adopted, placed on file, and printed in PROGRESS JOURNAL. The motion carried.

Announcement was made about the Women's Retreat October 22, 23 in North Webster, Indiana. Dallas Demmitt and Kay Trimble moved "to adjourn the business session of this Conference." The motion carried. Before giving the closing prayer at 3:30 p.m., Lee McQuinn called for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the brethren who had fallen asleep in death during the past year. ●

Summary of Goals in Chairman's Address

- 1) Increasing spirituality throughout the Conference.
- 2) Appropriating God's power in our lives and work.
- 3) Developing personal witnessing habits.
- 4) Training more ministers and holding them.
- 5) Developing closer family ties at the family altar.
- 6) Paying our ministers adequate living salaries.
- 7) Raising money equal to opportunities before us.

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET

October 1, 1971 to September 30, 1972

ANTICIPATED INCOME:	
Tuition, Room & Board (OBC)	\$ 30,000.00
Gross Profit from Sales	
(Sales less printing & purchases)	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Anticipated Income	\$ 36,000.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:	
Salaries	\$80,000.00
Utilities & Telephone	7,500.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Social Security	3,500.00
Postage	3,000.00
Depreciation & Repairs	2,500.00
Departmental Printing	8,000.00
Supplies & Expense	4,500.00
Food	7,000.00
Auto & Travel	7,000.00
Youth Caravan	500.00
Library	500.00
Legal & Audit	800.00
Golden Rule Contract	1,500.00
Advance Education, OBC Prof.	800.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	700.00

MISSIONS:	
Nova Scotia	\$4,100.00
India	1,300.00
Mexico	3,000.00
Philippine Islands	5,000.00
Lebanon	1,800.00
Nigeria	1,800.00
Pastoral Aid	3,500.00
Literature	600.00
Board Expense	1,200.00
Mission Opportunities	<u>400.00</u>
	<u>22,700.00</u>

Total Anticipated Expenses \$153,000.00

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED
(Goal for Giving) \$117,000.00



THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

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to do, and ended up with more than an adequate supply. I believe that we can do the same. Remember Peter curing the lame man? Anyone who has ever been in a cast knows that when you haven't moved a limb for a few weeks, you are stiff and can hardly move it at first. This man had been lame all of his life. When Peter cured him in Christ's name, the man jumped up and went into the temple walking, leaping, and praising God. Peter did this, with God's power, of course, in a first-class manner.

The tabernacle was no two-bit affair itself. It was glorious and grand. The temple that Solomon built was worth several

millions of dollars. It was first class! God wants us to do things right. He wants us to go first class.

When I asked my wife what she thought I should talk about, she said, "Whatever it is, don't give them goals without telling them how to accomplish them."

In order to think positive and think big and to go first class and to go all the way with and for Christ, the first and most important how-to is prayer. Prayer has been a tremendous help to me in my personal life, and in my professional and business life. This has been the best year that I've ever had. Mardy and I made a big investment during this past year and we prayed and asked God to make it as

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

General Conference Minutes

The minutes of the 1971 Church of God General Conference business sessions are in this issue and should be carefully read by all. The decisions and policies that were made give direction to the Board of Directors and staff of the General Conference for the next fiscal year.

Annual Budget

The budget for the fiscal year, October 1, 1971–September 30, 1972, voted by the Conference delegates, is also in this issue. The Goal for Giving needed for the year is \$117,000, the largest budget in the history of the Conference. This amount will be needed to carry on the many phases of mission work in our home area and in several countries of the world. Much literature is distributed as an outreach with God's message of salvation.

These funds help to carry on the work of the Sunday school, Berean youth activities, and promote the general services of the Conference. Funds are needed to subsidize the cost of publications of the General Conference and the education of young men and women who attend Oregon Bible College. May God's blessings be with the total programs of the Church of God General Conference in this new fiscal year.

Staff Weekly Prayer Service

The General Conference staff members meet in the Oregon Bible College Chapel each Monday at 1:00 p.m. for a season of prayer. Specific items of need are brought before the Lord as well as words of praise and thanksgiving. We would encourage any who might desire to join with us, wherever you are at this time each Monday, and remember the work of the Conference, the Board of Directors, and all the members of the staff in prayer.

1972 General Conference

The 1972 Church of God General Conference will again be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 14-19, 1972. Begin now to set this week aside and plan to attend this inspiring week of Conference activities.

Home Bible Study Lessons

Home Bible study groups are meeting in many areas of the world. Lesson books on eight different subjects are available through the General Conference.

Reaching Forth To Seventy-Five

The Reaching-Forth-to-Seventy-Five Goals adopted at the 1970 General Conference and again recommended at the 1971 Conference, with minor changes, will be found in this issue. Study the chart and take steps within your local church and as an individual to carry out these worthwhile goals.

Pastoral Changes

The new General Conference directory will be printed in the November issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. This will reflect many pastoral changes in this new church year. We also find several pulpits without pastors. Pray that God will raise up more dedicated young men to study for the ministry that these pulpits may be filled in future years.

Regional Training Session

A witnessing training session conducted by Church of God personnel was held at the Troyview Church of God September 23-25 for the southern Ohio churches. This proved to be a very worthwhile project and other churches or state conferences are encouraged to hold such training sessions. Contact Home Mission Department, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, for further details and plans.

Conference Finances

Praise God! The Goals for Giving for the 1970-71 fiscal year have been surpassed. As this is being written contributions in the amount of \$111,300.00 have been received, which is \$6,000.00 over the goals. The \$10,000 loan to cover the summer deficit has been repaid. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the General Conference Staff, and myself, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the response of the membership to the financial needs of your Conference. Praise God!

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971–September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Needs for October

\$9,750.00

Goal for October, \$9,750.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Rachel Krogh



Contributions for India Lot

In the May issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL we told of the need for a piece of ground for the brethren of the Wilson Gardens, Austin Town, and John Town areas of Bangalore, India. We are thankful for the response received and are happy to publish the names of all who helped to provide this lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Danskin

San Jose Dorcas Society

Mabell Bell

Wayne Yows

Everett Rogers

Dayton, Ohio, Christian Outreach Dept.

Ellsworth Richardson

Esta Starbuck

Pennellwood Church

E. C. Harvey

Kokomo Dorcas Society

Kokomo Church

Troyview Church

Fonthill Missionary Society

Jeannette Reeves

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tierney

Marjorie Bolhaus

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Berry

Troyview Sunday School

Burr Oak Missionary Society

The India brethren are presently saving so they can construct a building for worship on this lot.

Progress in Chinnayana Palya Village

In a letter received from Bro. S. S. Manoah in June he told of a relatively new work in Chinnayana Palya. Since that time a small hall has been constructed on some government owned property, and it was dedicated August 15, 1971, India's Independence Day.

There are twenty-two families in the village and most of them are uneducated laborers. They had heard of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection, but were ignorant of his second coming until the Church of God people entered the village and taught them this truth. Bibles have been given to the few who can read and the people are eager to hear the gospel.

Regarding the dedication of this church, Bro. Manoah writes, "The members at Channayana Palya were overjoyed and shed tears since they had no prayer

hall since many, many years. They say that God heard their prayers and answered through his children. I am sure we can win many souls in this village."

Bibles for Ghana

This past summer when we returned from Nova Scotia we sent out thirty New Testaments and Bibles that had been requested in the two weeks we were away. Most of these requests came to us from young people in Ghana. Here is a letter typical of the many we receive:

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to write you this letter. I am begging you to send me one of your New Testaments. I am very much interested in Bible reading. So I will be very grateful if you send me one or two. I stop here sending my great greeting to you and your family.

Your Unknown Friend,
Ewoade Gershon

Ghana is a country where a missionary is needed to follow up these requests and do personal work with these young people who are searching for the truth. Could God use YOU there?

Another Layworker for Nova Scotia

The last part of August, Sr. Nina Hatcher and son Gary left their home in St. Louis, Missouri, and traveled to Digby, Nova Scotia, where they plan to live and work for awhile. They join Sr. Eunice Pearson, who went there the early part of the summer.

Sr. Hatcher plans to find secular work and to serve in the Lighthouse Church as an active layworker. We will be giving her some financial aid for the first two months she is there while she gets settled and finds work.

We are thankful for these who are willing to go where the Lord leads them in his work.

November—Missions Month

Although we give financial and prayer support to our mission work throughout the whole year, one month is set aside in which we place special emphasis on missions. November is Missions Month, and we encourage each church to put the accent on missions in some way during the month.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President

New School Year

Forty-one students are enrolled at Oregon Bible College for the Fall semester. Thirty-four students are full-time and three are at Tempe, Ariz., taking part in the graduate program. There are seven part-time students who are taking fewer than twelve hours.

New Students

We welcome several new students to the OBC campus. The new Freshmen are: Peggy Anderson, Blanchard, Mich.; Donna Baldwin, Blanchard, Mich.; Deborah Barry, Wyoming, Mich.; Robert Bernheisel, West Milton, Ohio; Michael Berry, Wyoming, Mich.; Michael Brown, West Milton, Ohio; Wilma Brunner, Kokomo, Ind.; Shelly Gaspar, Eden Valley, Minn.; Joe Graham, Dixon, Ill.; Brooke Richmond, Grandville, Mich.; Danny Stone, Williamston, S.C.; Vicki Johnson, Hector, Minn.; Sherrell Fuller, Pelzer, S.C.; Sammy Voorhies, Ponchatoula, La.; Peggy Jo Winner, Mt. Sterling, Ill. Also enrolled, as an unclassified student, is Sharon Guiles, Oregon, Ill.

Eugene Stilson Receives Degree

Congratulations to Eugene Stilson for receiving a Master of Science in Education Degree from Northern Illinois University. Bro. Stilson majored in Guidance and Counseling. Oregon Bible College will continue to benefit from the graduate work of Bro. Stilson as well from the further education of other instructors.

New Staff Member

Dale Ramsey is teaching three classes in the music department this semester. In addition to teaching "Introduction to Music," he is directing choir and Chorale.

Dale is also serving as dorm director for the men's dorm. He plans to complete his course of studies and graduate from Oregon Bible College this spring.

Student Council

By Paul Moore

Paul Moore was elected Student Council president last spring, and will also serve as Student Council representative to the faculty.

In the first meeting of this school year, Dale Ramsey was elected vice-president, Bob Jones, treasurer, and Benny Mattison, social committee chairman. The Social Committee is already active preparing and planning various social activities.

OBC Choir and Chorale

By Dale Ramsey

The music program at OBC has begun with much hope and enthusiasm this year. The choir presently has 22 singers which is an indication of the musical interest at the college. A select group of singers has been formed and will be called the OBC Chorale. Both groups are preparing Christmas music for several concerts prior to the Christmas holiday. Besides these groups, gospel teams will be formed for special work. A highlight of the choral program is to purchase robes. Presently \$300.00 is needed to pay for the robes and any support for the project is welcomed. During the spring, the Chorale will tour many churches and present concerts. Any church desiring to have one of these groups is asked to write to Rachel Krogh, who is in charge of gospel teams.

Married Students

Congratulations to the following OBC students who were married this summer. On May 30, 1971, Tim New and Sandy Brooks were married at the Oxford Methodist Church in Oxford, Ala. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Boyd. Dale Harshman and Faye Richardson were wed on June 26 at the Blood River Church of God, Hammond, La. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Louis Kump. The Woodlawn Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., was the setting for the wedding of Dan Landry and Carola Jouette. The July 3 ceremony was performed by Pastor Gordon Landry. On August 7, at the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., Dale Ramsey and Connie Hall were united in marriage by Pastor Milton Hall. We rejoice with these young people, and pray that they will have many happy years of married life.

Coming Events

Oregon Bible College students and staff are anticipating Christian Emphasis Week, October 11-15. During this week Bro. Richard LeCrone, pastor from Cleveland, Ohio, will present messages concerning the spiritual, doctrinal, and practical presentations of the Book of Acts.

Also during that week, Bro. LeCrone will serve as guest instructor for the Pastoral Work class. We look forward to the experience of having Bro. LeCrone on campus.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

(Continued from page 7)

successful as we hoped it could be, if it was his will. All along the way, we prayed that his will would be done. But we also worked hard to do what we thought was best. At one stage in this operation we thought it was necessary that a certain man sign a certain lease. We were ready to pay a bonus for him to sign that lease. One day at the office I received a call saying that the man simply would not sign. I felt that I had just been kicked in the stomach, I actually felt physically ill. I felt that way for about fifteen minutes until I remembered we must thank God for everything.

Many of you know 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, concerning you." So I sat down and apologized to God for losing faith, and I thanked him that the man hadn't signed, because, I decided that we'd been praying that God would guide this business venture, and that I knew that he was, and that it was best that the man didn't sign even though I didn't know why. I actually found myself thanking God for something that I still thought was bad for the business deal. But I felt great, I felt better, and had more relief in one short period of time than I'd ever had before with a problem.

A few days later, it became evident that it was best that this man had not signed the paper. There was a better way to do the job. The deal is not concluded yet, but we are more able to leave it in his hands without worrying about it.

I emphasize that prayer and faith, talking to God about your problems, is the one most important thing in the how-to's in order to accomplish any goals or aspirations that we have. The Conference publishes material to help with our goals. We have the Systematic Bible Study Course that has been a great aid to many people. We have many new and revised tracts. Two, I think are especially good; "Do You Ever Think About God?" and "Six Steps to a New Life for You." These are both very good tools to work with for the Lord.

Tomorrow you're going to hear about a series of lessons that were written by Mardy Lawrence and Nancy Demmitt. Personally, I feel that they are the most helpful that I've ever seen in helping a person grow in Christ. During this Conference they are also going to tell how to use them, and I would encourage all of you

folks to become acquainted with these lessons. They've already been proven in six Bible study courses and have introduced many nonbelievers and nominal Christians to the truth. Unfortunately, we have a lot of these in our church.

Before talking about goals, I'd like to go through some scriptures, and I'd like for these scriptures to encourage you that we can accomplish some of the things that I'm going to mention tonight. This Conference has set a lot of goals in the past. Perhaps at the time they seemed overly ambitious. There were a lot of no votes on some of these goals. But looking back, I personally don't know of any of them that were really overly ambitious. Let's have faith to step out even further than this Conference has in the past.

In Philippians 4:13 it says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." There are no exceptions in that verse. Often, it's the spirit of fear that we will become overextended. Usually overextended financially is the worry that we have. We cannot become too heavily laden. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "I will give you rest." Jesus wants to live in and through us. He doesn't want to fail in us. In Galatians 2:20 it tells of Christ being in Paul and in us, the Spirit of power, not of fear. Second Timothy 1:7 says, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." I'd suggest that if you don't have that underlined in your Bible, that you underline it. I, along with many others, find it very helpful to underline things in the Bible, and I'd put that on top. I used to underline things that I could use in discussions and arguments. I quit doing that because I wasn't getting very far, and now I don't underline anything except strictly positive thoughts and thoughts that I can use in a positive manner.

Let's go into an ambitious program with 1 Peter 5:7 in mind. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." We need to plan to trust him, we need to plan to cast our cares on him, even before we get the cares. We need to let him be our guide all the time. I can't imagine this organization (and as I see it, we're God's business delegation on this earth) going under doing God's work. I don't think that he would ever allow it. Let's learn from the past. God has indeed richly blessed us. He's blessed this Conference, which I think is really synonymous nearly all the time with his work. This Conference, this organization, this church, has been a successful group. All the blessings and accomplishments that I

mentioned, plus many others that I didn't mention, were accomplished because God wanted them accomplished. We haven't even approached his potential through us.

In mentioning goals, we should remember Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." If you believe that you love God and that you indeed are called, then you must remember that ALL things work together for good for each of us. God is not a liar. He put these powerful statements in here because he wants us to believe them and believe that he will come through. We delegates must be the leaders in the areas where we need to improve our goals. There are many great goals in the program of reaching forth to '75. One of the resolutions of the Conference is to reestablish or reinstitute these goals or to reconfirm that we believe in them.

The first and most important goal, I think, is to increase our spirituality. Hollis Partlowe, the minister in Phoenix where Mardy and I go to church, says the greatest need in the Phoenix church is to increase our spirituality. I looked up spirituality, and had a hard time in Webster's dictionary coming up with anything that meant much to me. A few things outside Webster's satisfied me more. Terry Ferrell, in the editorial of the August *Restitution Herald*, makes the statement, "It is plain in the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit is God's power." Alva Huffer, in Systematic Theology, says, "God's power, the Spirit, was given the disciples, to transform their characters and to enable them to perform miracles. Thus, the disciples went, talked, and baptized in the name of, or with an authority confirmed by the working of God's power, the Holy Spirit." This is what I mean when I speak of spirituality. It's immaterial how we refer to God's power. It can be called God's power, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost; but whatever you call it, let's be controlled and empowered by it. Spirituality can be increased by listening to God through the Bible, and talking with him through prayer. We can have moment-by-moment help for today's problems, as Mardy and I got in our business deal.

A good step for this goal is a Bible study-prayer group. Together, people can learn to effectively communicate with God. In our church it's Wednesday night Bible study and prayer groups. Mardy and Nancy's six Home Bible Study Groups are excellent ways that we're finding in our area to communicate with God and to get

his help. Often, on Wednesday nights, we get down on our knees and pray specifically. We may during this year pray specifically about some of you, as we have in the last year, besides about ourselves. Brother Partlowe, in a recent sermon, said the person who knows how to pray holds the key to the treasury of heaven. Note the last part of Psalm 84:11: "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" and Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart," and Psalm 34:10, the last part of the verse, "They that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing." I believe that these texts can be applied personally, but I think that we should also apply them in our goals for the General Conference. John 14:14 reads, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." James says to us, "Ye have not because ye ask not." We evidently have forgotten some of these things, because we haven't really stepped out in this Conference the way we should. Perhaps that's the Board's fault. I've been on the Board for the last three years, and maybe I have forgotten these things. But I'd like to have you have them in mind now, because I certainly do, and I'd like to have us have the faith that all these are God's words to us.

You remember Elijah proving his God to the prophets of Baal. His prayer was almost like a sentence prayer. "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their hearts back again." That was a very short prayer, and God immediately and dramatically answered. God wants to demonstrate his power today to idol worshipers the same way he did to the idol worshipers of Baal. There are several hundred million idol worshipers in India where we have a work going, and God wants to demonstrate his power to those idol worshipers just as much as he did in Elijah's time. If we ask in faith, God's power will be in us, the same as it was in Elijah. It flowed right through him. That day, I believe, Elijah was full of God's power and empty of sin. We can't neglect to confess our sins through his Son Jesus. I believe that we can appropriate his power and this is our second goal.

Increasing spirituality was the first goal, and appropriating his power is the second. The third is to develop personal

witnessing habits. This often is simply telling what Christ is doing in your life. Until he did something in my life, I was pretty unproductive. When I finally got the message that I was to have faith and really depend upon him, then he started to do some things in my life.

There are over five thousand promises in the Bible, I'm told, and unless we ask for them we'll not experience them. In witnessing, it seems, as in almost everything, the simplest method is often the most effective. Just tell what Jesus does in your life. Human interest stories draw the largest and most attentive audiences.

The fourth goal is to train more ministers and keep more of the ministers that we do train. In a recent Progress Journal, there was a summary of the work done by a committee studying about ministers, their education, and what we should do to keep them in full-time ministry or part-time ministry. This is one of the goals that we need to have.

The fifth goal is to develop closer family ties, especially on a spiritual level. And this, again, like the witnessing outside of the family, is often witnessing to family members what God is doing in your life. If you don't tell your children what God is doing in your life, they either are going to assume that you don't know, you're ashamed of it, or that he's not doing anything. We've had a family life committee to study what to do in this area of family life. Another committee has now been established which will deal with the goal of providing greater spiritual leadership on a family basis in order to promote family worship and Christian love in the home.

The sixth goal deals with us as members paying our ministers in a decent manner; a manner that will let them turn their full attention to the Lord's work and not have to worry about their own welfare and the welfare of their family. The salary of the highest paid employee in the Church of God General Conference is no higher than the starting salary of a new graduate with a bachelor's degree, and no experience, teaching in grade school in the State of Illinois. Our college president's salary is one-half of what the State of Illinois pays a teacher with a doctor's degree. The ministers out in the fields are in about the same situation or much worse. Think of what you pay your minister, then think of these figures that the Illinois State Employment Service has: The medium wage for a secretary in the state of Illinois is \$6,816 a year. A material handler \$6,344. The annual wage

of a laborer is \$5,262. And the average realized net farm income in the year last reported, 1969, was \$6,630. Please remember these figures when you think about your minister and think how much different his worth is than that of the unskilled laborer.

The seventh and last goal is to *really* raise some money. As I sat in Board meetings over a period of six years, it burdened my heart to see the great opportunities of the Lord's work just float by because we couldn't afford them. Opportunities are listed in Progress Journal. Rachel Krogh and the Mission Department often list opportunities that we're missing. I'm really saddened when we have to turn these things down.

No individual will get very far on any of these or any other Christian goals without becoming personally more filled with God's power. And when our individual members really become more spiritual, our organization will accomplish these and many greater goals.

God, I pray for myself and the others in our church that you will lead each of us to be more filled with your spirit and your power. Amen. ●

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Department	By September, 1972	By September, 1975
FOREIGN MISSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An experienced pastor or missionary representative to visit a foreign field and spend six months to a year in a training program for the missionaries in that field. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two new Mission Fields 2) Five more Missionaries in the field
HOME MISSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thorough follow-up of the witnessing programs 2) Two new churches in the General Conference 3) 1,000 Mission Builders 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pastoral Aid increased to \$150 per month 2) Ten new churches in the General Conference 3) 1,500 Mission Builders
SUNDAY SCHOOL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two new Sunday Schools in each District of the General Conference 2) Each Sunday School increase attendance by at least 20% 3) Each Sunday School continue to conduct systematic teacher training program 4) Each Sunday School use General Conference quarterlies in every class 5) Each district of the General Conference conduct an annual Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Five new Sunday Schools in each District of the General Conference 2) Each Sunday School increase attendance by at least 50%
BEREAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 10% increase in membership--approximately 150. 2) Definite plans for the publishing of a Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Album; 1898 - 1973 3) District Post-High Youth Retreats 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20% increase in membership 2) Monthly publication of <u>Challenge</u>, including a page for Youth leaders, pastors 3) Full Time Youth Director
PUBLISHING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Revise and improve Vacation Bible School materials so that every Church of God school will use it. 2) Every Church of God family receive <u>The Restitution Herald</u>. 3) Develop a new line of tracts that includes evangelistic and study-type tracts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop the outreach of <u>The Restitution Herald</u>, sending to friends, prospects, and all who request it, with a goal of 10,000 per issue.
OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Total new graduates- 15 2) Student Body Size - 60 3) Volumes in Library - 7,500 4) Recognition by State of Illinois achieved 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Total New Graduates-45 2) Student Body Size - 75 3) Volumes in Library - 10,000

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 15, 16—Illinois Fall Conference at Lombard Church.
- Oct. 15, 16—Adult Retreat, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley, Minn.
- Oct. 15-17—Berean Retreat, Camp Quaker Haven, Arkansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 16—Indiana quarterly conference, Hillisburg Church.
- Oct. 22, 23—Adult Women's Retreat, Epworth Forest, N. Webster, Ind. Mrs. Koch, guest speaker.
- Oct. 22-24—Southwest Fall Conference at Bible Church of God, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Oct. 29, 30—Men's Retreat, Epworth Forest, N. Webster, Ind. Dallas Demmitt, guest speaker.
- Nov. 14—Garden Park Church dedication, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Nov. 26-Dec. 5—Fall Meeting, Brush Creek, Ohio, T. M. Ferrell, guest speaker.
- Jan. 15, 1972—Indiana quarterly conference at Burr Oak Church.
- Aug. 14-19, 1972—General Conference.

ADDRESSES, PLEASE!

Pastors: When sending in reports of baptisms, please include addresses.

ADULT WOMEN'S RETREAT

An Adult Women's Retreat will be held at Epworth Forest, North Webster, Ind., October, 22, 23, 1971. There will be a Mrs. Koch to speak on the topic "Fascinating Womanhood" on Friday evening. She is a minister's wife and has led a series of discussions on this topic with other ministers' wives. Send enrollments, with \$10.00, to Mrs. Carol Schmidlapp, Rt. 2, Argos, Ind. 46501.

MEN'S RETREAT

The third annual Men's Retreat will be held at Epworth Forest, N. Webster, Ind., October 29, 30, 1971. Dallas Demmitt of Phoenix, Ariz., will be the guest speaker. The total fee will be \$10.00. Write to Don Overmyer, 1405 Walton, LaPorte, Ind. 46350, for reservation.

GARDEN PARK CHURCH DEDICATION

On November 14, 1971, the Garden Park Church of God will dedicate its new church building to the glory of God and it will observe the seventh Anniversary of the founding of the church.

On this special day, the morning worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school at 10:45 a.m., and a special dedicatory service in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend. Those needing overnight accommodations should write to: Garden Park Church of God, 5615 Madison Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49508. S. O. Ross, guest speaker.

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Two contributions were recently received for the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Fund. Such contributions are solicited. The sooner the fund is built up—the sooner it will be possible to increase the benefits.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Sunday evening, September 12, 1971, Paul Aumock, a teen-ager, was baptized by Pastor E. Milton Hall. We have enjoyed Paul's enthusiasm since he has come to know and respect the truth. How we older ones in Christ need to recapture our first enthusiasm for a new life.

Willis Turner is recuperating at his home at 3516 Charles St., Rockford, Ill. 61108, after hospitalization. He possibly will have surgery at a later date. He would appreciate hearing from his many friends.

Gary and Glenda Turner, recently returned from their tour of duty with Uncle Sam in Okinawa, are now serving as youth directors for Blessed Hope Church of God. A slave-day, Saturday, September 11, resulted in \$73.00 monetary return, plus lots of good fun along the way. Muriel Hass, reporter.

EDEN VALLEY, MINN.

The Eden Valley Church of God began the new church year with Bro. and Sr. Billie Kennedy settled in the newly decorated parsonage and the children enrolled in school.

Bro. and Sr. C. E. Lapp left August 31 for their new work in Oregon, Ill., after eight very successful years in Eden Valley. There were 10 baptisms in August, making a total of 54 in the eight years. These were: Mrs. Verlyn Schmidt, Mary and Debbie; Mrs. Catherine Vanderbeek; Tom, Jeff, and Cherie Hamilton (of Harrisburg, Pa.), Laurie Kirkpatrick, Renae Sogge, and Judi Noon. We pray they may always walk in the way of our Lord.

A large number of junior and senior Bereans attended camp at the Long Lake Bible Camp during the summer. This camp continues to be improved. The White Chapel on the Hill is the latest building to be dedicated to the work of the Lord. It was constructed under the supervision of Carroll Bennett, with Gordon Swanson doing heating and lighting. The beautiful light fixtures were made by George Savage. A new road into the camp is completed. This is indeed a most inspiring location.

The village residents, too, enjoy the lovely chimes at the church. They are a memorial gift by the Gaspar families in memory of their parents, Joseph and Mary Jane Gaspar, recently deceased.

We ask your prayers for continued blessings. Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

NEW ADDRESS

Leota Hanson, Trenton, Ill. 62293, Rt. 2, %Everett Hanson.

BAPTISMS AT RIPLEY, ILLINOIS

Our hearts were made glad as Nancy Downs, William Holtkamp, Norma Keller, Kenneth Laning, and Penny Ann Winner put on Christ in the waters of baptism. May God bless, guide, and direct each one of you.

John Hearp, pastor.

CENTRAL HIGH PLAINS CONFERENCE

The eighty-fifth annual meeting of the Central High Plains Conference was held at Holbrook, Neb., August 18-22, 1971. Guest speaker Bro. Terry Ferrell presented the opening message. He spoke each evening and gave the final sermon on Sunday afternoon. This was followed by Communion.

Bro. and Sr. Ferrell had worked with us many years ago. Bro. Ferrell was the Holbrook pastor for five years. It was a joy to have them back with us for a few days.

Other ministers participating were Bros. Terry Dwyer, Wayne Ewald, Clyde Long, and James Rencontre.

The conference theme was "Missions and Me." The speakers followed this thought in all lessons and sermons. On Saturday evening they showed the General Conference mission slides. Bible classes were taught each day. Bro. Ferrell's subject was "Go Ye Into All the World"; Bro. Rencontre, "Unbelief"; Bro. Dwyer, "Preach the Gospel"; Bro. Long, "Belief and Baptism."

Sr. Gladys Stedman, assisted by Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Sanders from Moorefield, had charge of the children's Bible school. Children displayed their handwork and gave a nice program on Saturday afternoon.

The annual business meeting was held on Saturday. Sr. Donna Miller of Wellfleet, Neb., was elected treasurer for a three-year term. Bro. Otto Stinnette, Herndon, Kans., was reelected as member at large. Other officers at present are: Gladys Stedman, vice-president, Moorefield; Clyde Long, president, Holbrook; and Ruth Wilson, secretary, Danbury.

This conference was well attended and was a joy and spiritual inspiration to all. Our thanks go to those who helped to make the 1971 conference a success. Ruth Wilson, secretary.

BEST CONFERENCE EVER!

The 1971 General Conference session stands out as the best I have ever attended. It was marked by a spirit of unity and optimism with regard to the opportunities and accomplishments ahead for the Church of God. Not only were we told what we ought to be doing (many of us knew that), but we were given some very practical instructions about how to do it (guidance that all of us need). Every effort will be made to pass this guidance along.

Many who attended the Conference expressed the opinion that the spirit of God is moving among us. I agree!

Pastor Richard LeCrone.

BAPTISM AT BURR OAK

Mrs. Linda White was immersed by the writer September 14, 1971, in Lake Maxinkuckee near Culver, Ind. We rejoice with this young mother as she walks in a newness of life. Ellsworth Routson, pastor.

A TIME FOR REJOICING

Mrs. Barbara Haynes, confined since March to the Dixon Hospital, Room 212, confessed her need of Christ and was baptized there in the hospital September 9, 1971, by Bro. E. E. Graham, and assisted by ladies of the Oregon and Dixon churches. Let God be praised!

MINISTERS' SALARIES FROZEN

The wage-price freeze covers "all wages and salaries without exception," according to the Office of Emergency Planning. Salary raises in effect prior to the freeze are legal and agreements to increase salaries can become effective after the freeze. If in doubt, contact your local Social Security office.

MACOMB GROWING

Ken Smith was baptized in the name of Jesus, August 15, 1971, during the Sunday evening service. Ken responded to the invitation of Christ during youth camp.

Bette Potts, church reporter.

CONFERENCE SERMON ECHOES

"The leading factor in our salvation is not our love for God, but his love for us. As we respond to this love, we will begin to grow. Our response to God's love demands action."—Pastor Milton Hall.

"When you are looking down on people you can't be looking up to God.

"Be certain when you think you are growing you are not merely swelling.

"Lift up your pastor in prayer, don't run him down in public.

"When things go right, it's WE, when things go wrong, it's THEY. . . . and the same people are involved both times."—Pastor Warren Sorenson.

"Conversion is not an end: it is an open door to the fellowship one can have with God.

"We must act on what we have heard, accepted, and believed."—Pastor Ed Goit.

"Let us be about our Father's business. If we aren't, God will raise up someone else."—Pastor Raymond Brown.

"It is not enough to know what the Bible says; we must know what it says to us.

"People listen to that which they most want to hear."—Pastor Steve Bolhaus.—Ripley Bulletin.

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA CAMP

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference of the Church of God met June 10-13, 1971, at Forest Hills Church near Hot Springs, Ark. Bro. Alan McLain presided over the meetings.

Officers elected for the coming year were: John Humphreys, president; J. D. Moreland, vice-president; Blanche Hays, treasurer; Jettie Moreland, secretary.

Ministers present were: Bros. McLain, Roy Humphreys, John Humphreys, and Louis Kump.

Bro. Roy Humphreys was elected conference evangelist with Bro. John Humphreys assistant.

It was voted that each church elect a member to serve on the conference board, also that the conference evangelist be a member of the board.

Plans are being made to stimulate interest in the conference and the work of the Lord.

The young people of Arkansas presented a program at the Saturday night service. Songs by groups, quartets, and solos were given. Jim Moreland was in charge of the program.

We ask your prayers for the work of this conference that we may work in unity for the cause of Christ; that we may, through the coming year, bring others to Christ, for surely we are in the last days.

Members were present from Clark's Chapel, Walnut Grove, Oak Grove, New Hope, McCintytown, Batesville, Bear, and Forest Hills.

If you are an isolated member in either of these two states we would like to have your name and address.

Mrs. J. D. Moreland, Rt. 1, Greenbrier, Ark.

BYF NEWS

He Saw Every Man Clearly

By now most everyone of the Church of God has received some information about the 1971 Berean Youth Inner-city Caravan, held June 18-30 in Minneapolis. It was a first of its kind in our General Conference youth work. Its success went beyond our best calculations. During the period of the Caravan's service, taped radio and television interviews were presented. On August 17, Bro. Don Needham, who had been sponsor of the Caravan, and Dan Graham, who had worked as a co-sponsor, were privileged to represent the Caravan and the Church of God General Conference on WCCO-TV. The 30-minute program was the type that allows the listening audience to call in and ask questions. During that period, Bros. Needham and Graham told of the work of the Caravan and the deep desire of people to want to know about God, Jesus Christ, and the future. Bro. Needham's closing remarks were about the soon return of Jesus to the earth. What a glorious opportunity God provided for some of the gospel to be told—and that without us asking for the privilege.

The Caravan used the phrase, "The Second-Touch Movement," to promote its work. This phrase has much meaning when we examine Mark 8:22-25: "They bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

Many people have heard about God, his Word, his promises, and his Son Jesus Christ. Yet, in many instances they see only "as trees." It often takes the "second-touch" to help one understand clearly the truth. The Caravan was able to do this by explaining the Scriptures to those with whom they talked. The Second-Touch Movement presented by the Bereans of the Church of God General Conference in Minneapolis was a glory to our heavenly Father.

Freedom Week

A second important event in the youth work for this new year, 1971-1972, will be Freedom Week—November 8-14. The young people will be helping adults of their local churches become better acquainted with them through fellowship.

BAPTISM AT DIXON, ILLINOIS

Christ was honored, and the church was blessed Sunday, August 29, 1971, when Dana Eckerd responded to an invitation given by Bro. E. E. Graham for Christian baptism. Dana was baptized in the Rock River, having made a good confession of her faith.—Dixon Bulletin.

WORKERS NEEDED

The newly organized Church of God at Champion, Mich., is progressing well. A vacation Bible school was held this summer and also a youth retreat.

Additional workers and teachers are a great need. A retired couple or any Church of God members who would like to relocate would be most welcome in the Champion area and in the work of the church there.

BAPTISM AT LAWRENCEVILLE, OHIO

A young man who was given a ride in Ohio by members of the Youth Caravan to Virginia attended church in Lawrenceville, Ohio, and afterward accepted Christ and was baptized by Bro. Billie Kennedy. His home is in Cincinnati. Many of the youth of the Church of God are endeavoring to introduce Christ to those who do not know him. Praise God!—Dixon Bulletin.

BAPTISMS AT EAST PEORIA

Faith Chapel Church of God, East Peoria, Ill., was overjoyed to see six young people make their decisions for Christ, followed by baptism. These young people were: Ralph, Becky, and Karen Farris, Rhonda Hale, Vicki and Debbie Ring. The Lord is also giving spiritual growth to many of the church.

Don Hightower, pastor.

ALICE CARPENTER

Alice Cornelia Andrew was born August 30, 1881, in Pine Rock Township, Ogle County, Ill. Her parents were Daniel and Mary Cornelia (Slagle) Andrew.

She was married to Benjamin H. Carpenter on December 14, 1911, at her home near Paynes Point, and lived there all her life. She was baptized by A. J. Eychaner, her great-uncle, at Waterloo, Iowa, in 1914; and became a member of the Church of God from which she never wavered.

She was an artist, and studied for four years at the Art Institute of Chicago. She taught Religious Art classes at Oregon Bible College for several years in the 1940's.

She died at The Neighbors Nursing Home in Byron on September 5, 1971, after a six-month illness. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Genniell Anderson, Rosalie Weyrauch, and Lois Cline; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Oregon Church, with burial in Paynes Point Cemetery to await the Master's call. Clyde E. Randall.

NETTIE B. CRUNDWELL

Nettie Bertha Owen was born in Leesville, Texas, July 31, 1883, and died in Burbank, Cal., September 10, 1971. She was married April 23, 1905, to Ernest A. Crundwell, who preceded her in death in 1960.

Sr. Crundwell was baptized at the turn of the century by James W. Wilson, and was a life-long, faithful member of the Church of God. She was one of the charter members who formed the Church of God in Los Angeles, and at the time of her death was a member of the Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, Cal.

She is survived by her daughter, Hazel Cripe; her son, Dr. J. Bradley Crundwell; a brother, Claude Martin; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Harold Doan, pastor.

BLANCH CROSS

Mrs. Blanch Cross died in the Rochelle Community hospital on August 31, 1971, at the age of 92 years. Sr. Cross lived in the Flagg Center, Ill. community most of her life and had been a faithful member of the Flagg Center Community Church of God for many years.

She is survived by a son, Donald, and another son, Ralph, died one day before his mother.

Funeral service was conducted by the writer at the Ashton Funeral Home and she was laid to rest in the Washington Grove cemetery to await the call of the Master. S. O. Ross.

GUTHRIE GROVE CHURCH
Pelzer, South Carolina

We just finished a week of meetings with John Lewis. The attendance was high and everyone enjoyed the week. This was the celebration of the 75th year since the organization of this church. It was organized August 12, 1896, by E. M. Anderson, father of J. H. Anderson.

At each service we had highlights from the history of the church. The last Sunday morning, special recognition was given to M. O. Williamson who pastored the church for 37 years and also to G. W. Durham, who for many years taught the adult Bible class. We were pleased that both men were able to be with us for this occasion.

During the meetings we had two baptisms. Those who came forward were Ted Hughes and

Frances Durham. We baptized them Sunday, August 22, 1971. We were happy to see these two dedicate their lives to Christ.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Congratulations, Guthrie Grove!

McGINTYTOWN CHURCH OF GOD
Arkansas

On Sunday, June 27, 1971, at Camp Bradford, Alana McLain accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour, and was baptized into Jesus Christ in the afternoon by her father. On July 4, she was given the right hand of Christian fellowship at McGintytown Church of God.

Tony Cardin came forward during the service, confessing Jesus Christ as his Saviour, was baptized in the afternoon, and then was given the right hand of fellowship.

C. Alan McLain, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: D. A. Edu, Box 9, Eket Division, S.E.S., Nigeria, W. Africa; Johanna Stockman, 472 Broad St., Forestville, Conn.; Mrs. Sue Ryan, 3833 Halloway Circle, Upper Marlbor, Md.; Mrs. Sherrill Hudson, 5222 E. Windsor, Apt. 5, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. William Sawyer, 916 E. Orange, Phoenix, Ariz. Congratulations!

MARRIAGE VOWS

Larry Bolhous of Oregon, Ill., and Virginia Kastner of Dixon, Ill., exchanged marriage vows August 7, 1971, in Oregon. They are presently making their home in Fort Hood, Tex., as Larry finishes his military commitment.

Pastor Don Needham.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Aug. 27-Sept. 21

Dorothy L Siple	50.00	Linford Moore	5.75	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Troy View BYF	23.00
Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	10.00	Mr & Mrs Delbert Dunbar	200.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Van Fleet	36.00	Mr & Mrs J Arthur Johnson	80.00
Margene Rager	17.00	Raker Union S S	26.00	Raymore Church	15.00	Eunice Pearson	60.00
Mr & Mrs R A Bolen	10.00	Mrs R D Stanton	3.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Reye	34.00	4 yr olds & Kindergarten,	
Ruth V. Fogle	5.00	Stephen Adams	12.00	Lombard Church	54.73	Oregon	4.18
Russel E Thoms	10.00	Linda Hollenback	13.00	Blanchard Sr Bereans	12.00	Digby Church	73.02
Koszta Church	46.55	Mr & Mrs Vernon W Chaplin	100.00	Southwest Conference	81.97	Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey	30.00
Phoenix Bereans	19.65	M G Johnson	10.00	Macomb Miss. Soc	20.00	Gale Schaal	10.00
Beatrice Lapp	50.00	North Salem Church	6.33	Mr & Mrs A T Palmer	25.00	Mr & Mrs George Peterson	25.00
Mr & Mrs Frank O Johnson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Bill G Davis	5.00	Maria E. Berry	5.00	Troy View Church	109.46
Mr & Mrs Monroe Elton	25.00	Regina C Boyer in memory of		Virda Sittler	5.00	Mr & Mrs Rex Cain	15.00
Mr & Mrs Ronald V Riley	5.00	William H Boyer	50.00	Southlawn Church	151.96	Fonthill Church	164.95
Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00	A Canadian Friend	5.00	Macomb Church	170.83	Hope Chapel, S Bend	45.07
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Vancil	24.50	Dana Weidensall	15.00	Kokomo S S	18.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	230.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Young	40.00	Connie Ross	21.00	Mary McDaniel	10.00	Icel Stedman	5.00
Blanchard Miss. Soc.	30.00	Esta Starbuck	40.00	Bible Church, Tempe	295.15	David Graham	10.00
Mr & Mrs Edward Schroth	2.62	Anonymous	80.00	Thelma Ransom	20.00	Tempe Dorcas	5.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Sigler	20.00	Telva J Lippert	32.00	Ripley Missionary Society	95.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Mattison	15.00
Mary L Hale	5.00	An Indiana Friend	240.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Laning	25.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	60.00
Minnesota Miss. Soc.	25.00	Freomont Church	20.00	Litchfield Church	25.97	Maurertown Church	55.95
Ben Woods	5.00	Hillisburg Church	50.00	Alice Bassett	20.00	Brush Creek S S	18.27
Mrs Garnett Caudle	10.00	Paul Moore	10.00	Happy Woods Church	57.80	Ladies Miss Soc Blood River	21.89
Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	20.00	Mr & Mrs W W Willard	10.00	Hope Chapel Miss. Soc		La State Conference	201.40
Jeannette Reeves	5.00	Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00	S Bend	130.00	Minnesota State Bereans	230.00
Alice Aldrich	4.00	G W Cleek	10.00	Elinor Cisler	26.00	Mr & Mrs Roy E Black	50.00
Anonymous	21.00	Oregon S S	6.72	Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00	Faith Community S S, Mpls.	19.23
Indiana Anonymous	20.00	Mr & Mrs Clifford Eyster	5.00	Mr & Mrs Dean Vance	50.00	Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	28.00
Central High Plains Conf	107.00	Anonymous	500.00	Mabell E Bell	10.00	C E Randall	25.00
M A Patrick	105.00	Elaine S Magaw	58.00	Beaumont Church	16.25	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	65.00
Columbia Church	237.70	Mary & Martha's, Oregon	25.00	Fairy C Lyon	10.00	Troy View Berean Society	25.00
John R. Kugler	25.00	Brush Creek BYF	29.57	Blanch Cross Memorial	27.00	Southeast Conference	74.39
Fonthill S S	18.80	Oak Grove Church	5.00	May White	10.00	Fonthill Miss. Soc.	154.37
Blanchard Church	98.46	Garden Park Church	219.62	Anonymous	20.00	Fonthill Dorcas	10.00
Bedford VBS	28.11	Garden Park Miss. Dept	36.00	Marjorie Bolhous	15.00	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	5.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	R J Conlan	20.00	Esther Jenkins	10.00	Maurertown Dorcas Soc.	30.00
General Conference	2,094.25	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	25.92	Cool Spring S S	12.41	Bible Church, Phoenix	251.00
offerings		Oregon Church	59.37	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	65.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00
Jennie Pryor	25.00	Bedford Church	28.40	Alfred Anthon	25.00	Mr & Mrs C R Appleby	45.00
Ron Macy	22.00	Mr & Mrs C J Astolfi	15.00	Walter Fisk	10.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00
G K Niles	145.00	Pomona Church	62.92	Eternal Hope Church	92.17	Holbrook Church	27.50
Becky Barnhill	25.00	Lawrenceville Church	218.95	Norma Davis	14.00	Fremont S S	25.00
Indiana State Conference	55.00	Leota Hanson	5.00	Mr & Mrs Glenn M Birkey	25.00	Adell Chandler Circle	16.00
La. Contributors	65.00	Illinois State Conference	50.00	Mrs F L Austin	10.00	Eloise Castle	5.00
Virgil & Mary Dowty	10.00	Pennellwood Church	140.93	Salem Church	8.81	Blessed Hope, Rockford	213.94
Mr & Mrs John Lewis	34.75	Mr & Mrs Duane Stetzer	10.00	Mr & Mrs Merle Davis	50.00	Dan Dovenbarger	125.00
Mrs Delbert Rush	5.00	Pennellwood Miss. Dept	115.00	Robert Jones	50.00	Anonymous	28.00
Ripley DVBS	10.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Perkins	3.00	Ruth Nichols	15.00	Rachel Krogh	90.00
Grace Marsh	10.00	Mrs Cora Siple	20.00	Marion Manuel	5.00	Dorothy L Campbell	5.00
Mabel Andrew	20.00	La Contributor	65.00	Nancy Lea Rice	7.00	New Hope Church	80.00
Jack Hearp	10.00	La Verna Grossmann	20.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	10.00	Genniel Anderson	5.00
Darrell Maddock	21.00	Michigan State Conference	69.60	Bible Church, Modesto	8.22	Ruth Blankenbaker	20.00
Fern Bell	10.00	Opal P Nelson	250.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	55.00
Anonymous	28.28	Dr & Mrs Wm D Lawrence	100.00	Fort Valley S S	63.10	Mr & Mrs George DeForest	40.00
Mr & Mrs Clement Richey	30.00	Mrs C C Fuson	5.00	Anonymous	13.00	Mary Krogh	5.00
Mr & Mrs Rolla Hightower	36.00	Everett S Rogers	60.00	Brush Creek Church	192.81	Shilah Richmond	45.00
Amy Lutton	10.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	120.00	Champion Church	57.14	John W Carr	103.00
Mr & Mrs E J Demmitt	50.00	Forest Hills Church	41.14	Pam Herrell	12.00	Madge Savage	16.70
Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	38.25	Larry & Margie Miller	50.00	Tempe BYF	23.50	Nettie B Crundwell Memorial	50.00
Oral Miller	20.00	Northeast Conference	235.00	Cecil Smead	30.00		
		General Conference					
		Bible School	1.19				
		Felida Church	8.50				
		Martin D Miller	20.00				

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

November, Mission Month

November is set aside each year as Mission Month. Each church in the Conference is urged to emphasize missions in some special way. The Reaching Forth to Seventy-Five goals published in the October PROGRESS JOURNAL should be reviewed and effort made to attain these goals.

Home Missions

The delegates at the 1971 General Conference took action to increase the membership of the Mission Builders League. The present membership is about seven hundred fifty and the goal is to reach one thousand by 1972 and fifteen hundred by 1975.

To become a member send your name and address to Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061. A member of the league agrees to contribute \$5.00 or more to each appeal approved by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The 1971 delegates did vote to *encourage* each member to contribute \$10.00 or more to each appeal. Two appeals are made each year to assist two congregations to build, rebuild, or purchase a place of worship. If you are not now a Mission Builder we encourage you to join this group and help reach the goal by 1972.

Twenty-six churches have already received benefit from Mission Builders. Appeal number twenty-seven will be in the mail shortly for the Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, Va.

We encourage more local churches to hold the Witness Training Seminar. The Home Mission Department makes available Church of God personnel to conduct such seminars. A suggested program is to conduct the seminar over a period of two or three days with witness training and actual "on the job" experience. Two or more churches should cooperate or be invited to take part. Write to Home Missions, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, for a suggested program or for further details.

Home Bible Study Courses

Home Bible study is a wonderful opportunity to reach people with the truth of God's Word. Some will attend such a study who perhaps would not come to a church service. These study groups are being formed in many of our local church areas and people who have never heard the truth before are now able to hear and study together with members of the Church of God.

Presently the printed booklet entitled "How to Enjoy an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life" is being used by most groups. These are available at Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, at fifty cents each. Six sets of lessons are available in mimeograph form at twenty cents each. They are entitled, "Bible Panorama," "Prophecy," "Science and the Bible," "What is the Holy Spirit?" "Especially for Youth," and "Catechism." These will also be in printed form shortly after the first of January, 1972.

One other set of fourteen lessons entitled "Living Lessons" is in process of printing and will soon be available in booklet form. All of these lessons are good and may be used in many ways—home Bible study group meetings, home family study, individual study, or in midweek services. All are available from the Church of God General Conference.

Boards Meet

The Church of God General Conference Board of Directors will have its first meeting of the new fiscal year on November 11-13, 1971.

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Board of Trustees met on October 7. The General Conference Mission Board met on October 25 and 26. The Sunday School Board met on October 8 and 9. Each of these is an important board and the members give generously of their time and efforts to carry on the work.

Conference Finances

The list of contributors in this issue will show those who gave in September after the October PROGRESS JOURNAL went to print. We thank the membership for meeting the total needs for the past fiscal year.

As this page is written, with a few days of October remaining, it appears that the giving is more than two thousand dollars short of the monthly needs. We feel sure the membership will respond and meet the challenge for November.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971—September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for October	\$9,750.00
Given in October	7,256.00
Deficit in October	2,494.00
November Needs	9,750.00

Goal for November \$12,244.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Rachel Krogh



Trouble and Blessing in the Middle East

In September Bro. Jamal Sunna'a in Beirut, Lebanon, received a wire from Jordan saying that Palestinian commandos had blasted the meeting place of the brethren. The commandos thought that the Christians were spies and burned the building where they had been holding services. Bro. Sunna'a wrote, "We praise him for his mercy and love towards his people; nobody was hurt because nobody was there at the time." He went immediately to Jordan to help, and the authorities finally agreed to compensate the brother who was renting the place. During the two weeks he was there, Bro. Sunna'a baptized two adults.

Two persons were baptized in Beirut also. These people from another church came to the meetings to cause trouble, but were convicted by what they heard and asked for baptism.

A Visit to Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh is one of the sixteen states of India, and it is here that Mr. P. M. Paulson and his family live. We first heard from this man in August of 1970 when he wrote that a friend had given him some of our tracts. He expressed interest in publishing these tracts in the Telugu language, for he felt that this literature could change many hearts and bring them out of darkness.

This past August Bro. S. S. Manoah and his family went north to visit Mr. Paulson and some of his co-workers. Mr. Paulson can read and write in English, but cannot speak it, and he did not know the language of the Manoahs. The Manoahs cannot read the Telugu language, but they can speak it, so this was the language they conversed in. They all enjoyed this time of fellowship and discussion of the truths of God's Word and were very pleased for the opportunity to be together. The Manoahs hope to go there for visits every three months for further study and encouragement.

After returning to Bangalore, the Manoahs' two sons became ill, one with typhoid fever and the other with another kind of fever. With medication they have recovered but are still weak and need our prayers.

News from Mexico

Soon after returning from General Conference, Sr. Alice Aldrich, along with others, traveled to Labor Vieja, where the church was full for the services. The

people are doing well in collecting money for their new building which they are badly in need of. Anyone wishing to help with this project may send contributions to the Mission Department, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

Alice has been working hard to translate some of the home Bible study lessons which were presented at conference and hopes to help the people begin small study groups.

From Africa

A young man in Nairobi, Kenya, has written to request the Systematic Bible Study Course. He received a magazine (perhaps *The Restitution Herald*) from a friend and learned about the good news of the Bible, and this caused him to desire further study. This is the third person to write to us from this country.

At a meeting of our workers in Nigeria, officers were elected as follows: superintendent of works, J. A. Ibuot Ekpo; executive secretary for the General Conference, Ephraim Udo; youth director, Solomon Idiong; and Sunday school superintendent, John Obot. Each office will be held for three years. The men have been busy with their church work in addition to contacting persons who have been in correspondence with us.

Portuguese Tract

Would you like to have a part in providing our tract "The Kingdom of God" in the Portuguese language? The Christian Literature Commission of Queluz, Portugal, will print and distribute 50,000 copies of this tract for \$250. Your help is needed!

Mission Board Meets

October 25 and 26, 1971, the Mission Board met in Elmhurst, Illinois, at the home of Robert Hall, who was elected to the Board at the last General Conference. Other members are Mardy Lawrence, Lee McQuinn, and Merle Patrick, with Superintendent of Foreign Missions Rachel Krogh and Superintendent of Home Missions Stanley Ross.

The Mission Board meets at least three times yearly to discuss the various mission fields around the world and to make decisions regarding the work.

Don't be afraid to go out on a limb for God because that is where the fruit is!

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President

Class Officers

During the first few weeks of school, the various classes met to elect officers for the coming school year. Freshman class officers are: president, Mike Brown; vice-president, Danny Stone; secretary, Peggy Anderson; treasurer, Deb Barry; Student Council representative, Shelly Gaspar.

The officers for the Sophomore class are: president, Benny Mattison; vice-president, Sydney Kirkpatrick; secretary, Bob Storts; treasurer, Tim Cook; Student Council representative, Bruce Burnside.

Officers of the Junior class are: president, Mark Ryan; vice-president, Joe Myers; secretary-treasurer, Tim New; Student Council representative, Bob Jones.

Senior class officers are: president, Ron Macy; vice-president, Waldon Winner; secretary, Robert Schrienk; treasurer, Paul Moore; Student Council representative, Dale Ramsey.

Two additional elections of the Student Council are: secretary of the Council, Shelly Gaspar; editor of *Student Voice*, Shelly Gaspar.

Social Committee—by Benny Mattison

The 1971-72 Social Committee is one of the largest ever, with a total of thirteen members. The chairman is Benny Mattison with Mark Ryan as secretary. So far, the Social Committee has sponsored the fall breakfast.

Prayer Day—by Faye Harshman

September 29, was Prayer Day at OBC. Joe Myers was in charge of organizing the program. The chosen text was Galatians 5:22-25, with emphasis on the fruits of the Spirit throughout the program.

The day began at 7:00 a.m. with devotions and breakfast in the cafeteria. From there, everyone assembled in the chapel for singing and talks on each fruit of the Spirit. Several students presented special musical numbers. About midmorning, everyone went to special designated prayer groups, and later assembled in the chapel again for the second half of the program. Prayer Day was closed with a Communion service.

Mission Fellowship—by Robert Storts

OBC is for the training of young men and women in the work of the Lord. As a part of this work, there is the fellowship in mission work. This year, we have combined the Foreign and Home Mission Fellowships with the hope of being better able to use our time more wisely. Newly elected officers are: president,

Robert Storts; secretary, Deb Barry; treasurer, Tim Cook; staff advisor, Rachel Krogh.

The Leading of the Holy Spirit

The following thoughts were presented by Bro. Richard LeCrone during Christian Emphasis Week, October 11-15.

Peter's First Sermon. Having gained the attention of the multitudes gathered at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, Peter proceeded to preach a sermon that was most positive with regard to both doctrinal truths and the response to be expected of those who believed these truths. This is all found in the second chapter of Acts.

Peter's Second Sermon. The healing of a lame man at the gate of the temple was the miracle that gained an audience for Peter's second sermon. Again, the Spirit led Peter to be very positive in presenting the gospel. He made it very clear that neither ignorance nor good intentions make repentance and conversion unnecessary, but insisted that those who would not hear Jesus should be destroyed. Read Acts 3.

No Lies. Peter's experience with Ananias and Sapphira emphasized the truth that deliberate deception is not of God but of satan. Liars, who claim to be led of the Holy Spirit are deceiving themselves and attempting to deceive others. God's spirit leads to righteousness and truth. There is no place for deception in the church! This is found in Acts 5:1-11.

Meeting Adverse Criticism. Another manner in which we can discern the presence or absence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the manner in which we meet adverse criticisms of the work we are doing. Recrimination and retaliation are not of the spirit of God. A kindly hearing of criticism and an honest investigation of its validity, coupled with a desire to do something in a constructive measure should the criticism prove to be justified, are in harmony with the leadings of the spirit. An example of this is found in the manner in which the apostles handled criticism, as recorded in Acts 6:1-7.

Under Persecution. Persecution or even martyrdom are not evidences of the absence of the Holy Spirit from our lives. Stephen proved this when he was stoned to death for his witness to the gospel, and died with a prayer for his slayers upon his lips. Villification and the desire for revenge are not of the spirit. Stephen's story is found in Acts 7.



Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Third Annual Post-High Retreat

The third annual Post-High Retreat will be held at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Ind., December 29, 1971-January 1, 1972. We are limited to 45 who can enroll for the Retreat. If the number is not taken up by those who are of post-high age, then twelfth graders will be accepted on the "first-come" basis.

The Retreat has proven to be a real blessing to those attending. It is a time of rich and enjoyable Christian fellowship. It is a time of learning from Bible classes, leadership training, and the relating of one another's experiences. It is also a time for worship. The atmosphere is one of relaxation. A rather informal schedule is followed, yet with regularity such as a definite time for meals and for classes.

The tuition for the 1971-1972 Retreat is \$17.50. This includes the cost to Camp Mack, recreation, and snacks. The Retreat begins with the evening meal on Wednesday and ends with the noon meal on Saturday. Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett will be counselors and teachers, and one other person will be on the staff. During this time, the Advisory Council has meetings in which they help the Youth Director in future planning.

The Advisory Council

New members elected to the Council for two years are: Sam Voorhies, Dennis Brown, Ron Macy, Lenny Gibson, and Dennis Clark. Members holding over from the previous year are: Terry Kirkpatrick, Scott Strickland, Bill Chamberlain, and Mike Brown, who is president. As mentioned previously, the Advisory Council serves a very important function in helping develop the ideas presented during Youth Conference and in making workable suggestions to be acted upon by the delegates in Youth Conference.

Honors At Youth Conference, 1971

Chosen by popular vote of those attending the Youth Conference were: king, Sam Voorhies; queen, Diane Cupp; ninth grade attendants, Joy Robinson, Neil Richardson; tenth grade attendants, Dwight Hutchinson, Susie Lawrence; eleventh grade attendants, Tracy Rudacille, Lee Hereford; twelfth grade attendants, Pam Miesse, Joe Kennedy. Citations were presented to: Joe Graham, OBC scholarship; Walk-A-Thon group winner, Blanchard; Walk-A-Thon individual winner, Donna Baldwin. Speech contest: Dennis Brown and Lynne Knapp.

NOVEMBER, 1971

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The Sunday School's Biggest Challenge

Without question our Prime Challenge is: Reach and teach people of the love of God, the way of responding to that love in accepting Jesus as their Lord and Master, and how to live the Christian life to the glory of God.

The method of fulfilling this challenge presents other challenges of practical application and direct responsibility that cannot be evaded by the successful Sunday school.

1) Provide the best teachers for the age groups wherein the first two thirds of our Prime Challenge is accomplished, namely ages 12-20.

a) This calls for an analysis of the entire adult church membership: an analysis of qualifications of consecration, dedication, and ability (but especially the first two.)

b) This calls for a constant, continuous burden on pastor and Sunday school superintendent to help each teacher maintain a high spiritual level of consecration and dedication. (How easy for anyone to slip from spiritual faithfulness! Consider the cost when this happens to our best teachers.)

c) This calls for a Spirit-filled relationship between pastor and superintendent and the effect of this relationship to create a Christ-empowered direction in teacher selection and continued promotion.

2) The last third of our Prime Challenge is "how to live the Christian life." No one outlives his need of learning how to apply Christian principles to everyday opportunities, especially if he is truly growing spiritually, for though his environment may change but little, he will daily see his opportunities in a new light.

a) This calls for a constantly growing, teaching staff to continually feed the growing pupil.

b) This calls for teaching standards high enough and so stated as to present constant goals for growth. (It is good if the united voice of the teaching staff will set such goals for themselves.)

c) The "reaching" in our Prime Challenge cannot be left to chance. As is often said, "Everybody's business is nobody's business."

This calls for a definite Sunday school evangelistic program, organized and promoted by the executive rather than left to the individual teacher.

MY CHURCH

Editorial

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

The church is of divine origin. Jesus founded it. He is the head of it. It is a purchased body: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). While the church is made up of people, it is not a manmade organization. It is made up of people who have accepted the call to "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden," as given by Jesus, and who, having come out of the world, become separate and they "touch not the unclean thing" of idolatrous living. To these the promise is made, "I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:17, 18).

Called to Service

Those who become members of the Lord's church are not merely called out from a former way of life, but they are called to a new way of life in Christ. This new life is a demanding one in which one is required to "do it with thy might" as he puts his hand to the plow. All the resources one possesses, which formerly were used in living the old way, must now be diverted to the Lord's work—not spasmodically, but "Occupy till I come." This new life in Christ is a working life. Like the Head, we must always be "about my Father's business." This business has to do with the Work and Word of the Lord.

Work of the Lord

The main purpose in working for the Lord is that God might be manifest. When Jesus healed the man born blind, the disciples asked, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents?" To which Jesus replied: "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be manifest

in him" (John 9:3). Then Jesus added: "I must work the works of him that sent me."

Because God is God and he is our Father, we too must do the "works of him." This should be the prime motivation in all our labors. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). When this becomes the incentive in work, divisions and strife will find no foothold, but in such churches "faith to God-ward is spread abroad" and people become living epistles "known and read of all men."

Word of the Lord

It is difficult to distinguish between the work of God and the Word of God. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). Words and works are used synonymously in this instance. To accomplish the work of the Lord one must use the Word of the Lord. This Word is pure and is the seed that is sown which brings forth the harvest.

Of Jesus it was said, "He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God." This was his mission: to speak, live, and fulfill the Word of God. The mission of the church is the same. The "go" in the Great Commission was for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Word, i.e., the gospel. Carrying out this mission constitutes works and when it is done in and with faith it calls forth the approving blessing of the Lord. To the church in Philadelphia, Jesus said: "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou . . . hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev. 3:8). Bearing God's name, which Jesus prayed that his followers would do (John 17:11), and preaching and teaching his Word, we can expect fruitful works to follow.

Reaching Forth

The present program of the General Conference, "Reaching Forth to Sev-

enty-Five," is being done in the name of the Lord. We bear the Father's name. The purpose in the program is to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:2).

The letter of our message has been drilled into us for more than a century by our fathers in the gospel. The spirit of the Word must be individually captured through a dedication of believing and living the Word. We have the message! In it the letter and spirit are combined.

For several years past much study and consideration have been given to methods of preaching and teaching the Word. The message has not changed, but with the increase of knowledge and transportation (Dan. 12:4), newer and more effective methods must needs be employed. This is being done.

Surveying Our Resources

The equipment of the saints has been made. Methods and means of using this equipment have been analyzed and cataloged. What is needed now is a survey of our people's resources and organize them into action groups. Within the framework of our membership lies a work force of dynamic strength, much of which is not being used. It is not enough to challenge people to be evangelistic and missionary minded. Jesus had a deep concern for people. He loved persons. He loved the Word of God and spoke it with authority and power. Our people love the Word—they love truth. They love people as much as any other group of believers. They are not against carrying out the Great Commission, but they need leadership. They need to be organized into a great phalanx of witnesses. But mark you, witnessing has many facets to it, for there are diversities of gifts even as there are people of different talents. Effective witnessing on a local level—for that is where it must be largely done—comes about through the coordination of the manpower in every
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Department	By September, 1972	By September, 1975
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HOME MISSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thorough follow-up of the witnessing programs 2) Two new churches in the General Conference 3) 1,000 Mission Builders 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pastoral Aid increased to \$150 per month 2) Ten new churches in the General Conference 3) 1,500 Mission Builders
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PUBLISHING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Revise and improve Vacation Bible School materials so that every Church of God school will use it. 2) Every Church of God family receive <u>The Restitution Herald</u>. 3) Develop a new line of tracts that includes evangelistic and study-type tracts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop the outreach of <u>The Restitution Herald</u>, sending to friends, prospects, and all who request it, with a goal of 10,000 per issue.
OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Total new graduates- 15 2) Student Body Size - 60 3) Volumes in Library - 7,500 4) Recognition by State of Illinois achieved 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Total New Graduates-45 2) Student Body Size - 75 3) Volumes in Library - 10,000

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REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS

At the 1970 General Conference the following recommendation was adopted: "We recommend that the Witnessing Program be continued and expanded by having Regional Training Sessions conducted by Church of God personnel." The General Conference conducted the first such Regional Training Session for personal witnessing September 23-25, 1971, at the Troy View Church of God for the churches of south-central Ohio. The staff conducting the sessions were S. O. Ross, Warren Sorenson, and Rachel Krogh.

Those in attendance found this first Regional Training Session of great value because it was very practical and down to earth. We were first trained as to what we might say in situations we face in calling and then given an opportunity to put what we had learned into actual practice. The training consisted of things readily usable by Church of God members, not systems other groups have found successful. We fully recommend that other conferences and churches hold such sessions. It was of great blessing and help to our church. Troy View Church of God.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following people have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Harry Lynn, 4106 Redonda Ln., Dayton, Ohio 45416; Ime James Ntibe, Nigeria; Bonnie Walstrom, Phoenix. Congratulations!

undersigned at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

Ella Bertha Bradshaw Story

Mrs. Ella Bertha Bradshaw Story, 84, of Lenoir, N.C., a charter member of the Church of God of Resurrection Hope, fell asleep in death Monday morning, September 13, 1971.

She is survived by three daughters and four sons, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Jim (Viola) Triplett is also a member of our church. Mrs. Story was a widow of 46 years, laboring and raising her family. She was baptized by this pastor several years ago. In early widowhood she delivered many babies into this world in a time when doctors were few. Her contribution to her generation is a great testimony of those who believe, know, and live the truth in Christ!

Funeral services were held at the church. Interment was in the Mortimer Cemetery where she sleeps, awaiting the call of our Lord when he returns! Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Ruel F. Robbins

Bro. Robbins was a resident of Dallas, Tex., and a lifelong member of the Church of God. He was born March 28, 1898, and died October 2, 1971, at the age of 73. Interment was at Restland in Dallas. Richard Worley, pastor.

Luther Ellis

Funeral services were conducted for Luther Ellis of Good Hope, Ill., September 21, 1971. Mr. Ellis fell asleep in death Saturday evening, September 18. Services were conducted by the

Contributors to the General Conference:

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

September 22-30, 1971

Litchfield S S	17.31	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	20.00	Lombard Jr Bereans	12.00	Steve Young	10.00
Blanchard Church	78.75	Alice Austin	5.00	Raymore Bereans	60.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	10.00
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Michal Burnett	12.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Mattison	5.00	Hope Chapel, SS, So Bend	18.86	Mr & Mrs Howard K Elton	100.00
A L Shaw	20.00	Mrs Jack Sutfin	4.00	Hope Chapel, So Bend	35.73	Omaha Bereans	30.20
Kokomo Youth	31.30	Bible Church, Phoenix	107.00	Southwest Conference	83.54	Mrs C C Fuson	5.00
Mr & Mrs Ray Vadnais	12.00	Mr & Mrs Frank O Johnson	25.00	Ruth Blankenbaker	20.00	Blessed Hope, Rockford	42.40
Mary & Martha's, Oregon	12.50	Bedford Church	30.50	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	5.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	35.00
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Mr & Mrs Paul Doughman	20.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	20.00	Lawrenceville Church	176.62	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	30.00
Training Seminar, Troy View	90.18	Rachel Krogh	45.00	Margene Rager	5.00	Hope Chapel S S, Ark City	40.00
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Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00			Pennellwood Miss. Dept	125.00	Maurertown Church	33.55
Fort Valley BYF	29.00			Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Blanchard Miss. Soc.	40.00
Minnesota St. Miss. Soc.	25.00			Pomona Church	64.63	Rick Williams	12.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00			Litchfield Church	16.06	Bible Church, Phoenix	270.00
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Oregon S S	6.33			Brush Creek Church	163.85	Jesse Sherrell	3.00
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				Dan Dovenbarger	25.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Seebach	6.00

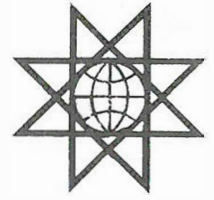
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Such Nice Things Have Happened to Us!

THE LORD is in our camp! The evidence is clear and overwhelming. From the day that our General Conference was reorganized in 1921, to the present time, there have been so many nice things that have happened to us: developments which have taken place that reveal the handiwork of God and his Guiding Hand.

Our church growth has not been of a miraculous nature, but it has been steady and sound. We have built well. The ancient landmarks of faith have been carefully maintained and the place of our tent has been enlarged. Of course, if our message is correct and we live and practice its teachings, it should be no surprise to anyone that God is in our midst. With God being for us, some very nice things have happened to us.

In the late twenties, a Bible Training School was started at Headquarters. Nearly all of our present senior ministers were graduates of this "School of the Prophets." Had it not been for this venture of faith, there would have been a generation gap in our ministerial ranks.

With the coming of the depression of the late twenties and early thirties, the school fell victim to the hard times. Class work was suspended. However, a sufficient number of graduates had gone forth from its classrooms to keep the established churches supplied during the lean years of economic squeeze. The Training School was a nice thing that happened to us!

A New Day Dawned

In 1938 a Summer Training School was conducted at Headquarters in Oregon, Illinois. This effort was so successful, it was repeated for several years. Following the six-week school in 1939, the General Conference voted to reestablish the Bible Training School, which some months later was named Oregon Bible

College. What a nice thing the decision to reactivate the school proved to be. Practically all of our pastors today are graduates of either the Bible Training School or Oregon Bible College.

Mission Churches

On this page is the list of churches

MISSION BUILDERS CHURCHES

1. Dayton, Ohio
2. San Jose, California
3. Digby, Nova Scotia (Basement)
4. Bedford, Ohio
5. Peoria, Illinois
6. Hector, Minnesota
7. Troy, Ohio
8. Digby, Nova Scotia (superstructure)
9. Whitnel, North Carolina
10. Denver, Colorado
11. Omaha, Nebraska
12. Columbia Station, Ohio
13. Minneapolis, Minnesota
14. Uddiawan, Philippine Islands
15. Raymore, Missouri
16. Lombard, Illinois
17. St. Louis, Missouri
18. Eternal Hope, Washington, D.C.
19. Phoenix, Arizona
20. Macomb, Illinois
21. L'Anse, Michigan
22. Pomona, California
23. Happy Woods, Hammond, Louisiana
24. Graytown, Wisconsin
25. Garden Park, Michigan
26. Columbus, Ohio
27. Royal Village, Front Royal, Virginia (present appeal)

which the Mission Builders have helped to build through their contributions. Of the twenty-six churches named, twenty-three of them are being ministered to and pastored by graduates of the Bible Training School or Oregon Bible College. Isn't this a nice thing that has happened to us?

Another nice thing that happened to us, was the creation of the Mission Builders League. As one of the Mission Builders, it gives me an inward feeling of great joy to have had a wee part in helping build these twenty-six churches.

Read the list of baptisms on another page of this JOURNAL. You will note that many of them came to decision of baptism at the churches which the Mission Builders helped build. Yes, Mission Builders, you have a fruitage in these additions to the body of Christ! What a nice thing!

The Door is Open

There are more members of the Church of God who do not belong to the Mission Builders League than those who share in its opportunities and blessings. But the door is open. Everyone is invited and can become a League member. All you have to do is fill out the form on page 11 and mail to Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, and you will have nice things happening to you too!

Through the distribution of literature that has taken place the past few years, doors have been opened to us for evangelism in many parts of the world. In many cases it is a tract or *Restitution Herald* that is accidentally or providentially picked up by some individual. Interest in the truths presented quickens the mind, and the person writes for more information. Many nice things have happened to us this way. Indeed, the Lord is in our camp!

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial report of the past fiscal year will be found in this issue. The report covers the period of October 1, 1970, to September 30, 1971. The Conference does stand in a very stable position, showing a new worth of \$416,061.47.

The total overall giving to the Conference in the fiscal year was \$247,098. General giving to the budget was \$115,685; giving to miscellaneous earmarked funds was \$24,092; and \$107,321 was contributed through scholarships, Ministers fund, Oregon Bible College building funds, and real estate donations. We commend the membership for their dedicated concern for the programs and needs of the General Conference.

CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

The Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, met in Oregon, Ill., on November 11, 12. The overall work of the Conference was discussed and the financial report approved.

Sr. Rachel Krogh resigned her position of Superintendent of Missions, effective May 26, 1972. Sr. Krogh is making plans for her wedding in June. The resignation was accepted with regret. S. O. Ross was appointed Superintendent of Missions. He will assume these duties along with his work as Executive Secretary and will secure the necessary assistants to carry out the duties of both offices.

Approval was given for Bro. Ross to make the survey trip to Nigeria and other mission fields. Sr. Ross and Bro. M. A. Patrick, a member of the General Conference Mission Board, will accompany him on the trip.

The Board appointed C. E. Randall, Chairman, C. F. Pryor, and Leo Tawney to a committee to solicit membership in the Mission Builders League. This committee is the result of delegate action at the 1971 Conference. The goal for Mission Builders members is 1,000 by 1972, and 1,500 by 1975. The present membership is about 750.

A committee was appointed to plan the program of the 1972 General Conference. The mileage rate paid for Board and Staff travels and all General Conference committees and workers was raised to eight cents per mile.

The Board members reviewed the visitation program schedule. Each Board member plans to visit several churches each year to talk about the Conference work and promote General Conference projects. We urge churches and state conferences to extend an invitation to one of the members to speak at a service in your church or conference.

HOME MISSION DIRECTORS

Pursuant to action taken at the 1971 General Conference, each local church is encouraged to establish a Home Mission Department. The church is especially urged to at least have a Home Mission Director.

The church that has appointed a Home Mission Director is asked to send the name and address of the director to Home Missions, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

CHURCH EMBLEM ROAD SIGNS

There is still available a number of the Church Emblem Road Signs for sale at \$6.95 each. These are attractive metal blue-and-gold signs, size 18 by 24 inches. They are punched for easy mounting on a post, church sign, or on a building wall.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

It appears that contributions for the month of November are nearly three thousand dollars short of the needs. We trust that this deficit will be made up in December.

The monthly goals need to be met to keep up the total work of all departments of the General Conference.

I personally, and for all the staff, wish each member a Joyous Christmas Season, and may the New Year of 1972 bring continued blessings from God.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971–September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for November	\$12,244.00
Given in November	9,426.00
Deficit in November	2,818.00
December Needs	9,750.00

Goal for December \$12,568.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Rachel Krogh



Missionary Conference in Nova Scotia

November 20, 1971, the Digby Church of God held its first missionary conference. Many interesting features were planned for the day, including a Faith Promise Service. Be watching for a full report later.

We are sorry to report that Sr. Nina Hatcher and son Gary had to leave Nova Scotia the last part of November because of immigration rulings. Sr. Hatcher has enjoyed her stay in Nova Scotia, and has been a help in the various activities of the church. We thank her for the time she has given to assist with this work.

Fire in Jasikan, Ghana

On October 27, while Bro. Oliver Amani was away visiting with some of the brethren in a nearby village, a gasoline station near his home caught fire. Since there were no firemen to keep the fire under control, it spread rapidly and destroyed nine homes, including Oliver's. He is presently staying with one of the members, and the Red Cross has provided some food and clothing. He writes, "The present happening is a great setback materially, but this cannot deter me from doing God's work. I am confident that no earthly occurrence can separate me from the love of Christ."

But there is good news from Ghana, too. During his vacation, Bro. Amani was able to travel to various places to conduct Bible studies and eight persons accepted Christ and were baptized. Just recently, he has had a new opportunity to minister to people in a prison in Jasikan. He has been granted permission to hold Bible studies there and writes that the response of the prisoners has really thrilled him. Thirteen have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and will be baptized after further doctrinal studies. Praise the Lord!

Mission Survey Trip

For some time we have recognized the need for someone to make a survey trip of our mission fields and especially those in Africa. We are glad to announce that Bro. S. O. Ross has been appointed to make this trip, with Sr. Ross and Bro. Merle Patrick, a member of the Mission Board, accompanying him. They are planning to leave the first part of January and will be spending time in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, India, and possibly other areas, meeting with our workers and new contacts as well.

It is estimated that \$2,500 will be needed to pay the expenses of Bro. Ross' trip. At this time \$1,455 has been received, leaving nearly \$1,000 to be raised. We urge you to participate in this important project by sending your contributions to the Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

News Briefs

LEBANON. Bro. Jamal Sunna'a, Beirut, Lebanon, writes that his wife is in the hospital undergoing some tests, and surgery may be needed later. Remember her before the Lord.

MEXICO. The Superintendent of Missions will be visiting Mexico this month to discuss with Bro. Francisco Martinez plans for his assuming the leadership of the work in Mexico.

NIGERIA. Praise God for ten people who accepted Christ and were baptized in October. Bro. Ephraim Udo's wife has recovered from her illness, but his son is still not well. Continue to pray.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Six persons from the Uddiawan church were recently baptized into Christ. They are Bernardo, Daniel, Teodora, Lolita, and Feliciano Marini, and Arturo Ganielas. (See picture below.) Bro. Calixto, father of those mentioned above, is acting as pastor of the Uddiawan church in the absence of Crispin Calawagan.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President

GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Graduate Internship Program for Oregon Bible College is now in its second year in Arizona. Under the direction of the president, Dr. Alva Huffer, the graduate program utilizes facilities of the Bible Churches of God at Phoenix and Tempe, as well as Arizona State University, and the services of Church of God professional persons in the area, who serve as part-time instructors. The first student to participate in this voluntary program last year was Bro. Joseph Martin, now pastor of the new Church of God congregation at Front Royal, Virginia.

John Carr, Joseph Duncan, and Dale Swartz are the three students in the Graduate Internship Program this fall. They were graduated from Oregon Bible College in May and are ministers of the gospel. The three graduate students share a rented apartment in Tempe and have part-time employment. They are involved in full schedules of activities and studies in the program.

Each student pays \$225.00 in tuition each semester to Oregon Bible College. For the fall semester, their tuition was paid through scholarships provided by the Southwest Conference and Bro. and Sr. Rolland Stilson of Pomona, Calif.

John Carr, who desires to become a foreign missionary, is enrolled in the Graduate Missionary Preparation Program. Joseph Duncan and Dale Swartz are enrolled in the Graduate Pastoral Internship Program.

Alva G. Huffer, president of the College, has regular classes with all the students in Theological Studies and Biblical Research. He is also guiding them in some creative research projects. He also teaches a course at Tempe in Biblical Backgrounds which is offered as an Oregon Bible College Extension Course.

Dallas R. Demmitt, Family Counselor in Phoenix, meets with the three students each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. for ninety-minute sessions in a Counseling Seminar.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor of the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, has a course for all three students in Pastoral Procedures each Thursday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Under the guidance of Bro. Demmitt, the graduate students attend many professional meetings and lectures by outstanding speakers. They attend the monthly meetings of the Society of Religion and Medicine, pastoral group counseling sessions at the Arizona State Hospital, and seminars presented by Dr. Henry Brandt.

The three students have a course in Pastoral Practicum, including preaching, teaching, visitation, and evangelism. During October and November, John Carr and Joe Duncan served in the Tempe Church under the direction of Pastor Lee McQuinn; Dale Swartz served in the Phoenix Church under the direction of Pastor Hollis Partlowe. During December and January, John Carr and Joe Duncan will serve in the Phoenix Church, while Dale Swartz will serve in the Tempe Church.

Each student is enrolled in two courses, for a total of six semester hours, at Arizona State University. John Carr is enrolled in Cultural and Social Anthropology, which is essential for missionary preparation, and a course in Family Relationships. Joe Duncan and Dale Swartz each selected two courses which they felt would be helpful in preparation for pastoral work.

Under the direction of Dr. William D. Lawrence, John Carr is involved in courses and activities related to Missionary Medicine. As a preliminary activity, he took the Red Cross First Aid Courses in Phoenix. John Carr will also be hearing missionary speakers.

BIBLE SURVEY

Bible Survey is a course that is required of every freshman attending Oregon Bible College. This course is an examination of the Bible as a whole. The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. It is a library and needs illumination, application, and study. The diversified subjects and unified message of the Scriptures must be understood.

Bible Survey is a course that helps the student to analyze the contents of the Bible. This course helps to prepare the student for later synthesis and in-depth study of God's Word.

AABC MEETING

President Alva Huffer, John Lewis, and Eugene Stilson attended the annual Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges held in Chicago.

They attended convention sessions that presented thoughts and ideas concerning accreditation, college management, Bible college instruction, programs in Christian education, and public relations.

It is fortunate that Booster Funds are available to absorb the expense of Bible College persons who attend these meetings which contribute to their spiritual and professional growth.

BYF NEWS



Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Business Session Highlights of Berean Youth Conference

The Advisory Council recommended a five-point program to the delegates of the 1971 Berean Youth Conference. They were: 1) Freedom Week, which was set for November 8-14; 2) Environmental Clean-up; 3) Mission Dollar Club; 4) Tithes and offerings; and 5) a Prayer Program.

Each of these was established with definite purpose in mind. The plan was adopted by the delegates. Freedom Week was for the purpose of accomplishing two things: 1) to establish a better fellowship and working relationship with the adult members of the local churches; 2) to raise funds which would be contributed to the budget of the IBYC. It was felt that many young people and adults in our churches are strangers one to the other because of a lack of fellowship. It was the idea that the young people would do odd jobs such as raking leaves, and washing windows for the adults and encourage them to make a contribution to the BYF treasury. But during Freedom Week, there was to be at least one united fellowship such as a dinner or a party. We have had no reports as of this writing, but know that in many of our churches this was a great blessing.

The Environmental Clean-up is to be done in the spring. It will be similar to the Walk-A-Thon, but different. It is to be for the community, with the thought in mind that funds can be raised from this type of service. During the Clean-up campaign, it is hoped that some form of literature can be passed out to many persons which will acquaint them with our Lord.

The young people realize that they and their groups are weak in giving tithes and offerings. They want this discussed more and even stressed so they will not *come short* in their service to God. The Mission Dollar Club is one way in which some contribute. More effort is being made to increase the membership.

The Prayer program is one that is very important. It was thought by those who proposed it to have a continuous program for at least 24 hours. Some wanted to try for an entire weekend. We know that it will take the encouragement and support of the adults for this program to be a success. We believe that any church where it is done will be bountifully blessed. Adults, support your YOUTH!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milton Hall, Editor

Using the Help Available

Some years ago I purchased an unassembled plaything for one of my children. After much perplexing labor, much trial and error in trying parts here and there, the toy finally was in one piece and usable. It was then that I discovered the assembling instructions.

The operation and function of the Sunday school is far more complicated than a child's toy. The leadership, organization, supervision, and overall objectives call for far more instruction, inspiration, and preparation than can be obtained in a few minutes of reading. Yet many try it.

Use the help you have available.

The *Superintendent's and Worker's Sunday School Manual* clearly and plainly sets forth the intricate working of the ideal Sunday school.

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No Sunday school superintendent is successful by chance. He must, through prayerful consideration, set definite goals for himself and each member of his staff, including his teachers. The more detailed these goals are, the more likely he and his staff are to meet them.

Here, again, the Manual will help the superintendent and each member of his staff to see and understand the reason for each goal. It sets forth the work, the challenge, the qualifications, and duties of each worker in the school. It opens doors of possibilities for the functional, efficient, growing Sunday school. It helps maintain a standard of quality and proficiency that leads to a successful Sunday school.

The wise superintendent will not only have his personal copy of the Manual, but will be sure that each member of his staff, officers, teachers and assistants, has a copy to read and refer to throughout his field of service. At only a dollar each, each Sunday school could well afford to supply a copy to each of its workers. Order them from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

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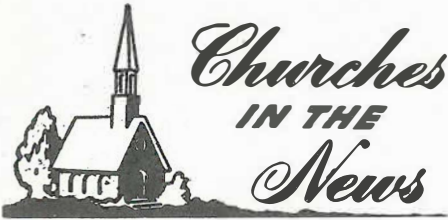
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* Due to deletions, omissions and changes, a re-run is made.

George Curtis 1-906-524-6943

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 29-Jan. 1, 1972—Youth Retreat at Camp Mack.
 Jan. 15, 1972—Indiana quarterly conference at Burr Oak Church.
 Mar. 11-13—Illinois Spring Conference, Peoria.
 June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Maranatha.
 June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
 July 3-5—N.E. Youth Camp.
 July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
 Aug. 14-19—General Conference.

BAPTISMS

East Peoria, Ill.: The people of Faith Chapel Church of God recently witnessed the baptisms of Janet Martin and Susan Salzman in a nearby pond. These two fine, young girls are a credit to Christ.
 Don Hightower, pastor.

Columbia (Ohio) Church: On October 24, 1971, at the conclusion of Youth Week, Renee LaMattina, 2344 Brokaw Rd.; Christine Ellison, 11768 Root Rd.; Jesse Partin, 9820 Bryant Ave.; and Curtis Mauch, 1-321 Mitchel Rd.; all of Columbia Station, Ohio 44028, were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. The Columbia Church of God rejoices with these four young people in their newfound faith. May God bless them and lead them to his coming kingdom.
 Jesse Pestle, pastor.

Fonthill, Ont.: Kathy Anger and Pam McArthur confessed Christ as their Saviour, and were baptized into his name for the remission of sins. We pray God's blessing and guidance to be with them as they begin their new life of testimony and service to him.
 John Hearp, pastor.

Lombard, Ill.: Mrs. Judith Bertrand, 105 W. Madison, Lombard, Ill. 60148, was immersed into the body of Jesus Christ for the remission of her sins on the evening of October 24, 1971. May God richly bless her as she grows in Christian faith.
 David Cheatwood, pastor.

Dayton, Ohio: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Childs, 16 Reich St., Trotwood, Ohio 45426, and their two older children, Gary and Richard, were baptized October 24, 1971, professing before men their faith in the sacrificial work of Christ. Our prayers are with this family.
 Rex Cain, pastor.

Litchfield, Minn.: Mrs. Sally Norby was immersed October 30, 1971, in a small lake near Duluth, Minn. We rejoice that another has made a decision to live for Christ.
 John Railton, pastor.

South Bend, Ind.: Hope Chapel Church of God rejoices at the recent decision of the following to accept Christ as their personal Sav-

iour and be immersed in the waters of baptism: Russell Doyle, Jr., Kathy O'Neil, Tammy DeBoe, Anita Shupert, and Sandy Carter.
 James Graham, pastor.

Grand Rapids, Mich.: In response to the gospel invitation, Dale Rounds, Janice Knapp, Rosie Beck, and Pam Beck came forward and were baptized. We are happy to welcome these new members into our church and into the body of Christ.
 David Krogh, pastor.

Brush Creek (Ohio) Church: The following confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized in his name by Bro. Fred Pensyl, August 18, 1971, while I was on vacation and at General conference: Mrs. Herman Kauffman, 6405 S. Wheelock Rd.; Miss Mary C. Brown, 7390 Carroll Dr.; Miss Marilyn Kauffman, 6405 S. Wheelock Rd.; Craig Huston and Chris Huston, 23 Lee Circle, (all the foregoing from West Milton, Ohio 45383); Darell Moore and Glen Moore, Weaver & Ft. Jefferson Rd., Greenville, Ohio 45331; Misses Rita and Sheree Pearson, 680 E. Gingham Rd., Box 284, and Scott Pearson, 6434 Troy-Frederick Rd., Tipp City, Ohio 45371. On October 10, 1971, Miss Deana Pearson of 532 S. Third St., Tipp City, was baptized into Christ by the pastor. Leon Driskill, pastor.

Front Royal, Virginia: The Royal Village Church of God is happy to announce the baptism during late summer of 1971 the following: all of Front Royal, Va.: Jackie Shrader, 351 W. 9th; Vanessa Crawford, 810 W. 14th; Donna Merchant, 823 W. 13th; and Pam and Carol Robinson, 363 W. 9th. Also baptized, October 31, were Ross Stratton, 203 Jamestown Rd., and Linda Lang, 303 Manassas Ave. We praise God for their acceptance of Jesus as their sacrifice for sin. May they grow and be blessed in the Lord.
 Joe Martin, pastor.

Ripley, Ill.: On November 14, 1971, the following were baptized by the writer near Ripley, Ill.: Vicki Porter, Becky Moody, Marc Moody, and Charlene Burnett. We pray the Lord's blessing upon them as they live for him.
 James Fyfe, pastor.

LET ME THINK . . .

- If I Give Nothing,
 I cast a vote in favor of closing my church.
 If I Give Only to Local Support,
 I vote to stop missionary activity.
 If I Give Grudgingly,
 I shall find no joy nor receive God's blessing.
 If I Give Proportionately,
 I shall give something, even if, of necessity, mine must be small.
 If I Give Systematically,
 I make it possible for my church to plan in advance and make it easier for myself.
 If I Give Sacrificially,
 I shall testify to the high value I place upon Christ and the church's ministry.
 —Christian Clippings.

RECOMMENDED READING

If you have already read The Chairman's Address in the October Progress Journal, we recommend that it be kept close at hand and reread again in a few days. Here is a message that should be required reading for each member during this fiscal year.—Lombard Bulletin.

Pastor Honored

Sunday evening, October 31, 1971, at the Browntown Community Center, a wonderful hymn sing and church supper in honor of Bro. Cecil Smead was held. Bro. Smead, after serving the Lord in Virginia for some eight years, accepted the Lord's call to L'Anse, Mich. A large audience showed their love for God's servant.
 Joe Martin, pastor.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A meeting was held the afternoon of October 17, 1971, in the Guthrie Grove social room for the purpose of organizing the Greenville Church. Joe James and Loie Jones, elders at Guthrie Grove, and Norman Chandler, superintendent, as well as other interested members from Guthrie Grove, met with those intending to form the new congregation. This being deemed an official meeting, it was decided that we should proceed to organize. The official temporary name chosen for the church is: "Greenville Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith." It was resolved that the constitution of the Guthrie Grove Church should be our standard, until such time as we study and revise it to fit our situation. Board members elected to act until a constitution is adopted are: Harry McMinn and George Stone, trustees; Ann Watson, secretary-treasurer; Stephen Ferrell, Sunday school superintendent; and T. M. Ferrell, pastor. The elders offered us the use of Songs of Truth number one. A letter of transfer is to be prepared for the signatures of those wishing to transfer from Guthrie Grove at this time. The meeting was dismissed with a season of prayer.
 —Greenville Church Bulletin.

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COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following people have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course. This is a large class and may be considered a good barometer of the interest being taken in this study course.

Robert and Marion McPherson, 207 E. Har-
mont Dr., Phoenix, 85020; Rebekah Partlowe,
2141 W. Cambridge Ave., Phoenix 85009; Steve
Grant, 2211 W. Berridge Ln., Phoenix, Ariz.
85015; Jeanne Hall, 392 Howard Ave., Elm-
hurst, Ill. 60126; Beulah Slater; Locha Doty;
Euretha Wesley; Marilyn Reynolds; Verna
McCorkle; and Etta Hurley, Hedrick, Ind.

Progress Journal extends congratulations!

"Nelson Glueck, famed Jewish archaeolo-
gist, has stated that no archaeological discovery
has ever contradicted or voided a biblical refer-
ence."

—Fritz Ridenour in "Who Says God Created?"

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Bible Church of God at Tempe, Ariz.,
was the scene of the Southwest Conference fall
meeting, October 22-24, 1971. The crowds
were at near capacity on Friday and Saturday
nights and Sunday morning. Attendance at the
business sessions and other activities were bet-
ter than usual.

Though there was no theme, as such, speak-
ers Hollis Partlowe, Delbert Jones, and Harold
Doan all spoke with inspiration concerning the
last days, signs of the times, and fulfillment of
prophecy. Ray Hall's chalk talk was quite
unique in that he had pretaped his remarks in
order to concentrate on the drawing. Dr. Alva
G. Huffer and internees John Carr, Joe Duncan,
and Dale Swartz had charge of a very interest-
ing program, as did Mardy Lawrence, Nancy
Demmitt, and Shirley McQuinn, the latter concern-
ing the new Home Study courses.

The Southwest Conference has long spon-
sored two scholarships to Oregon Bible College
in memory of S. J. Lindsay and Norman J.
McLeod. At this session it was decided to spon-
sor two more for the benefit of the Pastoral
Intern Program. These are to honor Editor C. E.
Randall, a founder of our Southwest Confer-
ence, and Harold Doan, Chairman of the Gen-
eral Conference Board and pastor of the Valley
Church of God in Van Nuys, Cal.

Election of officers resulted in the follow-
ing: president: Hugh Harman (Tempe), one-
year holdover; vice president: Lester Strickland
(San Jose), reelected for two years; secretary:
Mrs. Leonard (Virginia) Hoffman (Tempe),
newly elected for two years; treasurer: Douglas
Todd (Tempe), one-year holdover; youth direc-
tor: Mary Harman (Tempe), newly elected for
two years. Also John Bass (Pomona), Alan
Blanchard (Phoenix), one-year holdovers, and
Gerald Graham (Phoenix), reelected for two
years as board members. In addition, each
church pastor is a voting board member. Other
ministers serve in an advisory capacity.

Perhaps the outstanding part of the Confer-
ence was the musical portions. Participants at
various meetings were: The Phoenix choir, di-
rected by Marilyn Gyorgyi; "The Life-Light-
ers," a double mixed quartette consisting of
Tempe choir members; a duet by Cheryl and
Dawn Gyorgyi; and solos by Dale Swartz and
Linda Jones. The Tempe choir was unable to
take part, due to the physical disability of Di-
rector Sharon Wilkins, but she was able to at-
tend and sing the lead with the "Life-Lighters."

Though we are all prone to say at the end of
a conference, "This is the best one we've had,"
this statement could very well be true of this
one. However, officers, ministers, committees,
and attendants were unanimous in giving God
the praise, honor, and glory!

The next Southwest Conference will be at
Idyllwilde, Cal., in June, 1972.

Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

MARRIAGES

Linda Anger and James Hyatt were united
in marriage, October 8, 1971, at the Glad Tidi-
ngers Church of God, Fonthill, Ont., by the
writer. They will make their home in St. Cath-
arines, Ont. We ask God's blessing upon them as
they begin life together. John Hearp, pastor.

Macomb, Ill.: Johnny Brown and Debbie
Creasy were united in marriage October 8,
1971. Johnny is the son of John and Betty
Brown. Bette Potts, reporter.

Miss Valerie Jean Petry became the bride of
Mr. Philip Anson Stabler, October 2, 1971, in a
ceremony conducted by the writer in the Law-
renceville Church of God, Springfield, Ohio.
Valerie is the daughter of Bro. and Sr. Robert
Petry of the Lawrenceville Church of God. May
God bless this young couple as they live to-
gether for him. James Graham, pastor.

Miss Charlene Grace Turnpough became the
bride of Mr. Terrell L. Smith on Friday, No-
vember 12, 1971, at the Hedrick, Ind., Church
of God. Services were conducted by the writer,
their former pastor. Charlene is the daughter of
Bro. and Sr. Kenneth Turnpough of the Hed-
rick Church. May God bless their marriage as
they live together for him. James Graham, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Herbert W. Stadden

Herbert W. Stadden was born December 2,
1903, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Harry and Belle
Stadden, and died October 28, 1971, after a
short illness. Survivors include: his wife Fran-
ces; three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Gallagher of
Troy, Ohio; Mrs. Joyce Schroth of Columbia
Station, Ohio; and Mrs. Lois Pryor of Sycam-
ore, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and two sisters,
Mrs. Doris Reye of Berea, Ohio, and Mrs. Ethel
Swartz of N. Olmsted, Ohio.

Bro. Stadden served as a charter elder and
faithful worker of the Columbia Church of God
until his death and was a former member of the
Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland. He
leaves behind a host of school and church
friends and loved ones in Columbia Station
where he resided and labored for the past
twenty years.

Words of truth and comfort were spoken by
the writer, after which he was laid to rest to
await the first resurrection.

C. Jesse Pestle, pastor.

Mrs. Charlotte Duffy

Sr. Charlotte Duffy died Thursday, October
28, 1971, at her home at the age of 81. She was
a member of Hope Chapel Church of God in
South Bend, Ind.

Her only living relatives are her brothers and
sisters in Christ. It is these who will remember
her faithfulness and love for her church.

Funeral services were conducted in Hope
Chapel. She was then laid to rest in Riverview
Cemetery in South Bend.

James Graham, pastor.

Dr. L. H. Deadwyler

Dr. L. H. Deadwyler of Liberty, S.C., died
Friday, November 5, 1971. He was 82 years of
age.

Dr. Deadwyler was a retired chiropractor
and had practiced in Anderson for 53 years. He
was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of
God of the Abrahamic Faith.

Dr. Deadwyler was baptized into Christ by
Loie Jones.

Survivors: widow, Mrs. Thelma Griffith
Deadwyler; two sons; one daughter; 11 grand-
children; five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in the Guthrie
Grove Church, Sunday afternoon, November 7,
by the pastor and assisted by Elder Loie Jones.

Dr. Deadwyler was laid to rest in Forest Lawn
Memorial Gardens to await the resurrection at
the coming of his Lord whom he loved and
served.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Edward E. White

Words of comfort and assurance were
spoken by this pastor to friends and acquaint-
ances of Edward E. White, the husband of
Madeline White of the Restitution Church of
God, Eldorado, Ill. Ed died August 14, 1971,
and was buried August 16. He will be much
missed by his family and friends.

Dennis J. Baldwin, pastor.

Harold C. Ealy

Harold C. Ealy, a resident of Moorefield,
Neb., was born September 24, 1888, and died
October 19, 1971, at Curtis, Neb., after a
lengthy illness. As a young man he was baptized
by Almus Adams. Services were conducted on
October 21, 1971, by the writer at the Moore-
field Cemetery where he was interred to await
the coming of our Saviour.

James Rencontre, pastor.

CHRISTMAS A CENTER OF LIGHT

"An artist painted a home in the midst of
winter. The snow was gray; night was setting
upon the house and there was a dreariness and
grayness about it all. The structure stood sur-
rounded by shadows; it was all dark and dreary
and forbidding. Then with deft strokes of his
brush the artist painted a lighted window in the
house. It changed the whole atmosphere of the
place. The home now had a center of light and
cheer. Christmas is like that. Our world is envel-
oped in the black shadows of tragedy and suffer-
ing and death. Christmas is like the lighted
window. It changes the whole world picture.
Christmas is for us a center of light and joy and
hope. And it will remain such if we experience
not only the Christmas of the eye and ear, but
especially the Christmas of the heart."

—Christian Clippings.

A PROPHETIC DAY

"Christmas is not only an event in history; it
expresses a hope for the future. We welcome it
as a season of good will, as a family festival, as a
time to be more mindful of others. We are glad-
dened by the music and the art which enshrined
the birth of the Christ-child nineteen hundred
years ago. But Christmas means not so much a
glance backward, as a look forward. It is a
prophetic day. It is "the theology of a civiliza-
tion yet to be." Today, not only men of unusu-
al spiritual insight but all of us are aware that
the time has come when the world must be
lifted to a higher level of action. The better
order of life which we sense for a brief season
around the 25th of December must be ex-
tended throughout the year, and become the
heritage of men everywhere."

—Christian Clippings.

RADIO LOG

WCEN 1150 AM; 945 FM Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

9:30 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Life"

WEBQ 1240 Harrisburg, Ill.

9:45 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Life"

WSIG 790, Mt. Jackson, Va.

7:45 a.m. Sundays, "Voice of Tomorrow"

WKAI 1510 Macomb, Ill.

8:15 a.m. "Words of Life"

Trends in Giving

Various income brackets reflect differences in giving habits for the average American, but the results are not just what we might expect. The *Gospel Herald* reports that information released from U.S. income tax reports indicate the following percentages given to the various philanthropies: people in lower incomes, under \$5,000, give 4.69 percent; those from \$5,000 to \$10,000 give 2.91 percent; those from \$10,000 to \$15,000 give 2.54 percent; while those over \$15,000 give 3.28 percent. Churches receive approximately one half of total contributions.

This indicates that people in the middle class income brackets are far less generous than either those in the

poverty or higher class economic areas. In searching for reasons one might suspect the middle class is involved in the struggle to pay for their homes, two cars, a stereo, a boat, or extensive vacations.

While a person cannot buy his way into the kingdom of God, and while there are many other important aspects to the Christian life, the measure of a person's dedication and surrender to God can be known by the way he shares his possessions. Giving is a way of expressing love. If we love God and love God's work we will share what we have to see that the church is supplied with the necessities to carry out the Great Commission.—*The Bible Advocate*.

Contributors to the General Conference: NOVEMBER

Salem Church	10.71	Michele Gaspar	10.00	Mr & Mrs D Cheatwood	12.00	Marion Manuel	5.00
Mr & Mrs Frank Perkins	6.00	Lawrenceville Church	225.15	Kokomo SS	30.76	John W Kugler	40.00
Anonymous	1.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	4.40	Pennellwood Church	178.71	Fremont SS	14.00
Omaha SS	35.34	Blanchard Church	103.81	Mr & Mrs Loren Robbins	12.00	Josephine Kennedy	10.00
Brush Cr Gospel Gleaners	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	20.00	Mrs R D Stanton	6.00	Maurertown Dorcas Society	10.00
Mr & Mrs Meredith New	20.00	T E Bremer	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Seman	25.00	Mr & Mrs J Arthur Johnson	40.00
Mr & Mrs Geo DeForest	20.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Seman	10.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	60.00
Dorothy L Siple	25.00	Mr & Mrs Rex Cain	20.00	Ruth Nichols	69.00	Bedford Church	26.00
Fort Valley SS	23.85	Helen Calahan	26.00	Mr & Mrs Don Swartz	200.00	June Taylor	12.00
Dorothy Napper	10.00	Dennis Clark	12.00	Mr & Mrs F Van Fleet	14.00	In memory of Ruby Randall	5.00
Robert Sigler	20.00	Brush Creek Church	246.23	Cora Siple	10.00	Tempe Dorcas	10.00
Valley Church	74.30	Mr & Mrs Roy Black	25.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	50.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	55.00
Mrs. Lucille Wulff	20.00	Nora Anderson	25.00	Anonymous	187.00	Ron Macy	78.00
Jay Ramsey	15.00	Elizabeth Ordnung	10.00	Hope Chapel, Columbus	15.00	La State Conf	352.65
David Nagle	3.00	Burr Oak Church	170.00	E Alan Boyer	10.00	Pomona Dorcas	50.00
Faith Community, Mpls	198.25	Mr & Mrs N H LaMunion	40.00	Ben Carpenter	50.00	Norma Davis	28.00
Paul Moore	12.00	Bible Church, Tempe	265.37	Mr & Mrs Glenn Birkey	20.00	Shilah Richmond	18.00
Anonymous	21.00	Anonymous	50.00	Mr & Mrs Rex Cain	5.00	Marjorie Bolhaus	15.00
Treva M Williams	10.00	Northeast Conf	215.00	Mr & Mrs F Claussen	5.00	Mrs F L Austin	5.00
Nebco United Bereans	70.00	Southwest Conf	155.37	Cool Spring SS	8.40	Rachel Krogh	45.00
Opal P Nelson	300.00	Sharon Guiles	25.00	Happy Woods Church	169.00	C E Randall	50.00
Lois Blakely	20.00	Alfred Anthon	25.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc,		Macomb Church	71.19
Valley Church Dorcas	15.00	Mrs C C Fuson	5.00	S Bend	65.00	Hope Chapel, S Bend	133.09
In memory of Ruby Randall	15.00	Ruth Blankenbaker	20.00	Eternal Hope Church	29.18	Mrs Otis Lippincott	5.00
Telva Lippert	16.00	Don & Becky Needham	10.00	Holbrook Church	67.95	Fonthill Church	120.61
Mr & Mrs A T Palmer	25.00	La Contributors	72.00	In memory of Alice Carpenter	50.00	David Krogh	30.00
Mr & Mrs Robert H Hall	185.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Shotwell	40.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	40.00	Brooke Richmond	3.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00	Mabell Bell	10.00	Ida Jeffrey	5.00	Mr & Mrs R C Stilson	50.00
Morning Star Church	10.14	Lombard Church	61.62	Carol Daniels	5.00	Leota Hanson	5.00
Joe Duncan	20.00	Digby Church	40.00	Mabel Alexander	31.59	New Hope Church	20.00
Fremont Church	20.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Litchfield Bereans	3.00	North Salem Church	12.32
Mr & Mrs Elmo Gaspar	10.00	E Dorothy Magaw	36.00	Raker Union SS	38.75	Fonthill BYF	8.35
Litchfield SS	11.42	Blood River Ladies Miss Soc	23.41	Troy View Church	133.19	Dan Dovenbarger	25.00
Willing Workers Aid	10.00	Litchfield Church	38.40	Garden Park Church	134.06	Mr & Mrs Leslie Niles	10.00
M A Patrick	150.00	Everett S Rogers	30.00	Margene Rager	10.00	Jean Hale	10.00
Mr & Mrs Clifford Eyster	10.00	Mrs Frank Hodnett	50.00	Kathy Bengte	2.00	Maurertown Church	39.30
Oregon SS	8.43	Alice Bassett	10.00	Lombard BYF	12.00	Mr & Mrs C J Astolfi	20.00
Illinois State Conf	50.00	Mr & Mrs M Mattison	10.00	C Jesse Pestle	33.00	Bible Church, Phoenix	235.00
Martin D Miller	20.00	Mr & Mrs E Schroth	5.00	Wayne Laning	24.00	Mr & Mrs H F Mowrer	30.00
Michigan State Conf	124.80	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Charles Knapp	39.24	Mr & Mrs H Domigan	50.00
Wayne Thompson	25.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	48.00	McGintytown Church	25.00
Mr & Mrs Ray Kluck	100.00	Pomona Church	60.72	Mr & Mrs Wm Hanson	100.00	Minn State Miss Soc	100.00
Russell & Laura Harman	50.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	102.00
Virida Sitler	5.00	Mr & Mrs W D Tierney	50.00	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Routson	20.00	Paul Coulter	6.00
Pennellwood Miss Soc	125.00	Ripley Miss Soc	45.00	John Carr	88.00	Walter Coulter	6.00
Bible Church, Modesto	10.15	Felida Church	3.20	Fonthill Miss Society	194.65	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	5.00
Happy Woods SS	43.70	John Hearp	10.00	Fonthill Dorcas	10.00	Mary & Martha's, Oregon	25.00
Mr & Mrs John Lewis	80.00	Flagg Center Church	56.50	Anonymous	5.00	Mabel Andrew	100.00
Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00	Canadian Friend	10.00	Raymore Church	15.00	Faith Chapel, E Peoria	99.00
Oregon Church	76.21	Beaumont Church	25.30	Kosztz Church	120.86	Golden Rule Wed Night Class	8.77

Annual Financial Statement

October 1, 1970—September 30, 1971

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES General Funds

Current Assets	
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 1,396.11
Petty Cash Fund	200.00
Cash Deposits—Room & Key	360.00
Cash Deposits—Car Registration	40.00
Accounts Receivable	1,346.37
Notes & Contracts Receivable (Within one year)	7,298.97
Inventory	9,874.16
Hospitalization Premium Receivable	167.48
Total Current Assets	\$ 20,683.09
Other Assets	
Long-Term Receivables	\$ 99,927.63
Fixed Assets	
Construction in Progress—Women's Residence Hall	\$ 1,410.00
Land	24,241.91
Improvements to Grounds	717.02
Buildings	220,694.88
Furniture & Equipment	31,257.99
Auto	2,466.72
Other Equipment	14,662.23
Total Fixed Assets	\$295,450.75
Total Assets	\$416,061.47
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,505.09
Notes Payable	3,167.60
Withheld Payroll Taxes	855.59
Deposits—Room & Key	360.00
Deposits—Car Registration	40.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 6,928.28
Net Worth	
Surplus	409,133.19
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$416,061.47

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Current Assets	
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 6,049.40
Cash in Bank—Savings	36,473.22
Stocks & Bonds—At Cost	9,046.98
Notes Receivable	210.00
Total Assets Restricted Funds	\$ 51,779.60
Liabilities	
Annuities	\$ 10,000.00
Net Worth	
Fund Balance	41,779.60
Total Liabilities & Net Worth Restricted Funds	\$ 51,779.60

TRUST FUNDS

Current Assets	
Cash in Bank—Savings	\$ 2,849.98
Notes Receivable	10,033.06
Total Current Assets	\$ 12,883.04
Fixed Assets	
Land	39,075.00
Total Assets Trust Funds	\$ 51,958.04
Net Worth	
Fund Balance Trust Funds	\$ 51,958.04

STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE

Operating Income	
Contributions—General	\$115,685.35
Contributions—Other	14,267.93
Contributions—Special Purposes	8,525.30

Tuition, Room & Board	39,190.39
Services	95.00
Interest and Dividends	2,436.44
Camps	17,650.73
Miscellaneous	1,298.71
Total	\$199,149.85

Statement of Gross Profit (Loss) on Sales

Cost of Sales	
Inventory—October 1, 1970	\$ 11,063.85
Purchases	4,325.66
Salaries and Wages	12,967.79
Contract Printing	25,331.06
Totals	\$ 53,688.36
Inventory—September 30, 1971	9,874.16
Cost of Sales	\$ 43,814.20
Sales	34,396.06
Gross Profit (Loss) on Sales	\$ (9,418.14)
Total Operating Gross Profit	\$189,731.71

Operating Expenses	
Salaries	\$ 59,980.20
Telephone, Light, & Fuel	6,795.66
Insurance	2,279.86
Postage	2,966.87
Supplies & Expenses	6,034.58
Depreciation	5,313.07
Advertising	113.42
Repair & Maintenance	2,266.12
Travel	8,830.61
Towel & Laundry	260.00
Camp & Retreat	17,013.81
Printing (Departmental)	7,694.48
Editorial	1,565.00
Speakers	165.00
Assistance to Mission Points	15,526.50
Assistance to Churches	11,212.00
Literature & Visual Education	422.77
Food	7,246.85
Social Security Tax	3,774.24
Interest	550.85
Legal & Audit	1,135.50
Auto Expenses	1,076.16
Miscellaneous	2,175.62
Rent	340.00
Bad Debts	20.37
Foreign Exchange	98.95
Youth Caravan	366.77
Staff Training	1,498.35
Special Assistance to Mission Points	3,699.29
Foreign Student Expense	5,459.63
Total Operating Expenses	\$175,882.53
Net Operating Income	\$ 13,849.18

STATEMENT—OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Net Operating Income (Forwarded)	\$ 13,849.18
Add: Other Receipts	
Contributions—Building Fund	464.00
Contributions—Phoenix Real Estate	103,264.64
Contributions—Scholarships	3,269.00
Contributions—Ministers Fund	323.86
Interest	1,960.69
Net Gain on Sale of Equipment	130.72
Net Real Estate Rentals	21.80
Total Other Receipts	\$109,434.71
Total Net Operating Income and Other Receipts	\$123,283.89
Deduct: Other Expenses	
Scholarships Granted	4,900.00
Annuity Benefits	3,798.61
Assistance to Ministers	275.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 8,973.61

Net Income From All Sources	\$114,310.28
Add: Non-Cash Expenses Deducted Above	
Depreciation	5,313.07
Net Cash Income	\$119,623.35
Deduct: Capital Expenditures	
Additions to Land	1,300.00
Additions to Buildings	431.38
Additions to Furniture & Equipment	4,395.58

Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 6,126.96
Net Cash Received in Excess of Expenditures	\$113,496.39

The Annual Financial Statement above is a portion of the report of the firm of Ramsey and King, Warsaw, Ind., accepted by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, November 12, 1971.

BIBLES AND STUDY BOOKS

King James Bibles

Inexpensive World Bible, (230), \$4.50. Black leathertex cover, red letter edition, red edges, concordance, maps. A good award Bible. (5½x7½x1 inches)

Oxford Concordance Bible (04333x), \$9.95. French Morocco leather cover, concordance, center column references, self-pronouncing black-face type, India paper, maps, family record. (5x7½x1 inches)

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Inexpensive Award R.S.V. Bible (2800), \$4.50. Hard blue buckram cover, presentation page. A good award Bible.

Other Versions

The New English Bible, Old and New Testaments, in one volume, \$8.95.

Emphatic Diaglott, Wilson, \$2.25.

Concordances

Young's Analytical Concordance, \$13.75 (with thumb index, \$15.50)

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, \$15.75 (with thumb index, \$17.00)

Church of God Books

Systematic Theology, \$5.95, by Alva G. Huffer, 600 pages, hard cover.

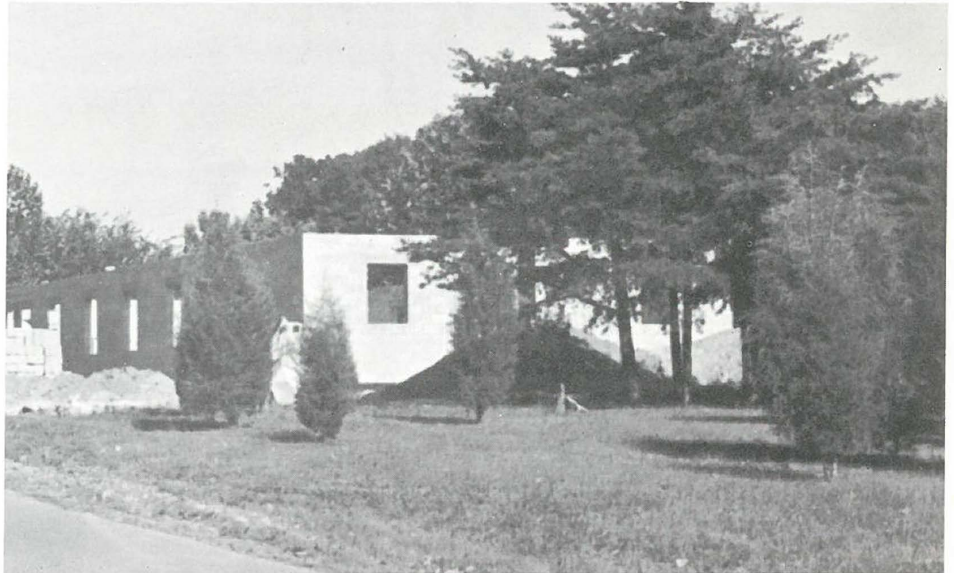
One God—God of the Ages, \$1.25, by R. H. Judd, 155 pages, plastic binding for easy study.

(All prices above include postage when cash accompanies order.)

THE RESTITUTION HERALD

Oregon, Illinois 61061

DECEMBER, 1971



ROYAL VILLAGE CHURCH OF GOD – FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA

In August, 1970, some members of the Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, Va., sponsored a vacation Bible school in a rented hall in Front Royal. The leaders were overwhelmed when 180 enrolled for the school. Following the Bible school, Sunday services were begun, with Bro. and Sr. B. E. Holt supervising the work. Sunday school was held each Sunday morning. Bro. Cecil Smead, then pastor of the Cool Spring Church, spoke at evening services each week.

In February, 1971, the congregation organized and Bro. and Sr. Joe Martin were called to pastor the work. Twenty-three have accepted Christ and been baptized since that time and the membership now stands at thirty-four.

A brick building 85 by 34 feet is now under construction. It has a full basement with six classrooms, restrooms, a kitchen, and recreation area. The main floor has a study, nursery, two classrooms, and a sanctuary seating two hundred.

Your assistance is needed to help this congregation construct a suitable place of worship.

TWENTY-SEVENTH APPEAL

This is the twenty-seventh appeal being made for Mission Builders assistance to help provide an adequate meeting place for a Church of God congregation.

Members of the Mission Builders League have agreed to contribute \$5.00 or more to each appeal. The delegates to the 1971 General Conference voted to ENCOURAGE each member to contribute \$10.00 or more to each appeal, since building costs have raised so much since the League was formed about thirteen years ago.

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742. Annie Mills
743. Barbara Mantila
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750. Mr. & Mrs. Dean Vance

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Its goal is success, and not holiness.
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It has lusts but no supplication.
God is not denied—He is forgotten and ignored.—*J. H. Jowett.*

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GARDEN PARK CHURCH

By David Krogh, Pastor

The Garden Park Church of God was started in 1964 by several evangelistic-minded people from the Pennellwood and Southlawn Churches in Grand Rapids, Mich. These people had a desire to see a mission work established in the Garden Park area, and so the first step in accomplishing this was the purchase of a house at 350 Nancy St. S.E. This house was remodeled and decorated. On November 15, 1964, the first Sunday school service was held.

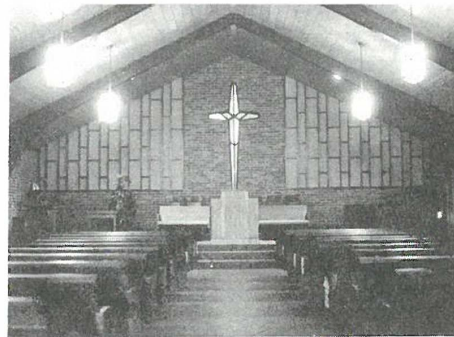
As attendance and interest in the Sunday school grew, it was realized that the facilities would not be adequate, so 2½ acres of property were purchased one block from the Nancy Street church. This property, on the corner of 56th and Madison Streets, was purchased in August of 1965, with the intent of building a church there. In order to meet the immediate needs of the congregation, an addition was put on the Nancy Street property to serve as a larger sanctuary.

The group officially organized as a church in December of 1965 and a full schedule of services was begun, with Pastors Milon Hall of the Pennellwood Church of God and Harvey Krogh of the Southlawn Church of God serving as speakers on alternate Sundays.

It was the desire of the church to have a full-time pastor, and so, with pastoral aid from the state and General Conferences, Pastor Francis Burnett was employed in September, 1966. A parsonage was purchased next.

In June, 1970, a building committee was appointed to prepare plans for a new building, and ground was broken in March, 1971. With the aid of Mission Builders Appeal Number 25, construction was begun and continued through the summer. The first service was held in the new building September 26, 1971.

The dedicatory service was held on



November 14, which was also the 7th anniversary of the founding of the church. More than 200 people attended the service. Stanley O. Ross, Executive Secretary of the General Conference, delivered the dedicatory message.

David Krogh became pastor of the church in 1968 and he continues in that capacity. The present membership of the church is 42.

THE DAY DAWNETH!

By the Editor

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Rom. 13:12).

From every source, in and out of the Bible, comes challenging evidence that it is "later than we think." This present evil world is coming to a close. This should not frighten us. It should, however, quicken our interest in events that harbingers the dawn of the world to come. We are living in a time when great and momentous events are taking place as a result of the "increase of knowledge" as predicted in Daniel 12:4. So tremendous are the happenings in the world, people are dazed by the impact which they are having upon their minds.

In a bulletin published in Chicago by scientists, called *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, following the explosion of the

atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this bulletin carried a picture of a clock on the front page. The hands were set at 8 minutes to 12, twelve o'clock being the midnight of civilization. When President Truman, in September, 1949, announced that Russia had set off its first atomic bomb, the clock on the bulletin was moved ahead to three minutes to twelve. In 1954, when Russia exploded her first hydrogen bomb, the clock was set at two minutes to twelve. The bulletin editor commented:

"That we live in imminent danger that an untoward event tomorrow may trigger a tense world to erupt in flames of atomic or thermonuclear warfare, that there will be no place to hide for the great masses of civilized mankind—these are the tortuous facts which compel our leaders to spell out for us the tragic nature of the times in which we live."

I do not want to alarm our readers. I do want to set before you something that will take away fear and replace it with trust, confidence, and hope. Paul says, "We know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Rom. 8:22). There is redemption and deliverance from these travailings. Protection has been promised against that "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world" (Rev. 3:10). Security is to be found in accepting the Son of God who has the key that "openeth, and no man shutteth; and no man openeth" to the chambers into which his people will "hide themselves as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast" (Isa. 26:20, 21).

The earthly rule of the Prince of Peace is God's plan and way of bringing about the cessation of war, with nations beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (Micah 4:1-4). Man's midnight hour is but the dawn of God's new day. Man's failure will be followed by God's success. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will bring it about! ●

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

Mission Survey Trip

Plans for the Mission Survey Trip are now in the final stages. Bro. S. O. Ross, Sr. Peggy Ross, and Bro. M. A. Patrick will make the trip. Original plans called for a January 6 departure. Due to delay in getting visas approved by the Nigerian government the trip will begin January 27. The agenda:

January 27	Leave from O'Hare, 11:45 a.m.
January 28	Arrive at Ghana, Africa
February 2	Arrive Nigeria, Africa
February 16	Arrive Kenya, Africa
February 19	Arrive Bangalore, India
February 27	Arrive Hongkong
February 29	Arrive Honolulu
March 2	Arrive Phoenix, Arizona

The work of Bro. Amani and his congregation in Ghana will be surveyed. Meetings will also be held there with others who have taken the Systematic Bible Study Course or who have been in contact with the Mission Department in some way.

Effort will be made to strengthen the work in Nigeria, to meet with the congregations for services and fellowship, and to more formally organize the Nigerian Church of God. This work is now under the leadership of Ephriam Udo, Solomon Idiong, and John Obot, former students at Oregon Bible College.

There are at least four contacts near Nairobi, Kenya. It is the plan to meet with each of these, study with them, and enrich their relationship with the Church of God General Conference.

In India, services will be held in each of the several churches in and around Bangalore. Study and discussions will be held with Bro. S. S. Manoah and the other leaders of the Church of God in India. A meeting will also be held with Pastor P. M. Paulson of Hyderabad, who is very much interested in the teachings of the Church of God.

The General Conference delegates at both the 1970 and 1971 sessions approved such a survey trip. In accordance with the delegate action, special funds are being raised to finance the cost of Bro. Ross' trip and at this writing about \$700.00 more is needed. We are sure these funds will come.

The trip will end at Phoenix, where a Missionary Conference will be held March 3-5. May God's blessings be with the plans and fulfillment of the trip. We ask your prayers.

Graduates Available for Pastorate

Five seniors will complete their regular studies at Oregon Bible College and three will finish the Internship Program at Tempe, Ariz., about June 1. Two of the seniors will go on to further study. Bro. Paul Moore will go into the Internship Program and Bro. Dale Ramsey plans to work on his Masters Degree at Northern Illinois University. Bro. Dale Swartz will complete his Internship but does plan to continue on at Arizona State University and get his degree there.

Five graduates will consider a call to a pastorate. They are Ronald Macy, Robert Schrienk, and Waldon T. Winner, Jr., graduating seniors, and John Carr and Joseph Duncan from the Internship Program. See the news page of this issue for complete address and phone number where any of these may be reached.

Conference Finances

As this is written it appears that we will be about \$5,000 short of contributions to meet the goals for giving for the month of December. This will, of course, necessitate a loan to carry on the full Conference Program.

Missionaries wait for their monthly support; Pastoral Aid support must go to the churches expecting it; and current bills and staff salaries must be met.

We trust that special effort will be made by the membership in January to bring in the necessary funds that all of the services approved by the General Conference delegates can be carried out.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971–September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for December	\$12,568.00
Given in December	7,828.00
Deficit in December	4,740.00
January Needs	9,750.00

Goal for January \$14,490.00

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Rachel Krogh



Digby Church Outreach

We are thankful to the Lord for new opportunities that have been presented to the Lighthouse Church of God in recent months.

In the fall Bro. Raymond Brown was asked to conduct a series of four area-wide evangelism classes in preparation for the showing of the Billy Graham film, "For Pete's Sake." Some of the Digby members were able to serve as counselors and, because of their cooperation, the church was able to get referrals of people who responded to the film. There were six showings of the film, and all felt that it was a fruitful endeavor.

During Youth Week, the young people held a Friday evening "coffee house" in a building donated for their use by a local businessman. From this, a "Maranatha Coffee House," sponsored by interested individuals of the community, has been started on Friday evenings with the purpose of reaching youth with the gospel. The older young people of the Digby Church are the backbone of the organization, and one of them is conducting a Bible discussion group. As a direct result of this coffee house, several young people, formerly on drugs, have made a personal commitment to Christ; four are now attending the Church of God, and two have asked about baptism. Bro. Brown writes, "We would like to suggest this as a prayer request as we feel there is a great ministry in this for our church."

In addition, there is an opportunity in an area about ten miles from Digby. Some of the members of a church there have become discouraged with the worldliness and modernism in their denomination and have come to Bro. Brown for spiritual help. They are presently without a pastor and have asked Bro. Brown and the young people to conduct Sunday afternoon services for them.

But along with these new opportunities we must also report that Bro. Brown is now under STRICT orders from his doctor to curtail his activities because of his health. We definitely feel there is a need here for more help. We are looking for a retired couple who would be willing to go to Nova Scotia to live for a time and to assist in the work by being good

lay workers. Please contact us if you are interested or if you know of someone who may be interested.

Missions Seminar

December 1-4 the Superintendent of Missions attended a missions seminar at Scripture Press Ministries, Wheaton, Ill. The theme was "Training Nationals to Teach Others Also," and the various speakers from around the world stressed the importance of Christian education on the mission field and how it can be carried on.

We are glad for the opportunity to attend and felt it to be very beneficial.

Mission Survey Trip

On January 27, Bro. and Sr. S. O. Ross and Bro. Merle Patrick expect to leave on their trip to visit the mission fields. You will find their itinerary given on page 2, so you will be able to pray for them in each step of their journey. Pray that they may be kept safe and that God will lead them in their discussions with the different missionary workers.

Approximately \$1800 has been received to pay Bro. Ross' expenses, leaving \$700 still needed. We urge you to help in this project by sending your contributions to the Missions Department.

Philippine Radio Work

The radio broadcast has been transferred to a new area so others can hear Bro. Ortiguero's messages. He says, "The radio work in Tuguegarao in its first month of broadcast is going on smoothly, with appreciation and praises from the Gattaran Church. The Gattaran brethren are so happy to hear me with my messages regularly. My inability to visit the Gattaran brethren regularly makes them feel that I am with them upon hearing me in the radios. We pray that God may help us much to reap good harvest with our radio work."

The Huk terrorist group has been active again, especially in Villaros and Cordon where two of our churches are located. Some of the people of the Villaros Church have moved to safer places, and the Cordon brethren are considering transferring their chapel to the town

proper. Remember these brothers and sisters in Christ and their leaders before the Lord.

\$14,297 Promised for Missions!

On November 6, 1971, over 100 people gathered at the Garden Park Church for the Third Annual Michigan Missionary Institute. An excellent program was planned by the State Missionary Committee which included presentations by the 1971 Youth Caravan, its sponsor Don Needham, and Superintendent of Missions Rachel Krogh.

The day was filled with inspiration as those present were challenged by the enthusiasm of the young people and the prospects of exciting things being accomplished for the Lord.

The program came to a climactic close with the Mission Faith Promise Service. Those present were asked to make monetary promises based upon their faith in God. They promised the Lord that they would give a certain amount of money to mission work above and beyond their present giving, IF the Lord would help them keep their promise. As a great display of faith, 58 persons promised to give \$12,062 in the coming year to our state and General Conference mission work, IF the Lord would help them.

On the two following Sundays, additional promises were received, bringing the grand total to \$14,297!

Astounding testimonies were given during the Faith Promise Service by people who have received miraculous financial blessings from the Lord during this past year. And as we look to the future, we are confident that God is going to bless each one in a great way for the faith that has been demonstrated by the people of Michigan.

Following the Faith Promise Service, about 30 people were given instructions on how to share their faith in Christ. They then went to Woodland Mall where hundreds of pieces of literature were passed out. A Faith Session was held in the evening for those who shared their faith and those who were contacted.

November 6 proved to be a great day of inspiration and challenge for all!

—Michigan Mirror.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President

Winter Semester

Thirty-nine students have enrolled for the winter semester. Thirty-six students are doing undergraduate work at Oregon and three students are working in the Internship Program in Tempe, Ariz.

Upperclassmen will be studying in New Testament II, Pastoral Work II, Preaching II, Western Civilization I, Old Testament II, Daniel and Revelation.

Freshmen will be taking Speech Communication, Introduction to Doctrine, Principles and Practice of Teaching, English II, and Church of God History and Missions.

Some electives that students will be taking are Humanities Survey Seminar, Evangelism II, Greek II, Misused Texts, Choir, Chorale, Spanish II, and Personal Development Seminar.

Dr. Alva Huffer will be in Oregon during part of the month of February to teach a Humanities Survey Seminar.

Gospel Team Plans

The College Chorale will be visiting several churches during the second semester. They will present a program at Lombard, Ill., on February 27 and will be visiting churches in Michigan and Indiana on March 11 and 12. On March 24 they will leave on a spring tour that will take them to churches at Macomb, Little Rock, Happy Woods, Blood River, Casey, and possibly Morse Mill and Eldorado.

Burnett Accident

We extend sympathy to Bro. Francis Burnett on the death of his father, who was killed in an automobile accident late in November. Bro. Burnett, his mother Mary, wife Iris, and daughter Michal were also injured in that accident. We trust that the Lord will continue to help them recover from their injuries.

OBC Music Department—by Dale Ramsey

The music program at OBC is taking some giant strides this school year. Under the direction of Dale Ramsey, the Choir and Chorale presented four Christmas concerts at the Macomb, Rockford, Oregon, and Dixon churches. For the first time the college singers wore new choir robes which were purchased during the first semester. A total of 26 students are involved in the singing groups.

The next project for the betterment of our music program is the building of a new music room in the

basement of the men's dormitory. This room will provide an excellent practicing facility for the performing groups and also a classroom for other musical classes and activities. An immediate need for the room is a new or good used piano.

A schedule of spring concerts is presently being planned, which will include a tour by the Chorale of churches in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Besides the tour, several other concerts have been planned during the winter semester.

We hope that through these projects we can glorify God more fully by presenting a finer quality of music.

Sports Activities—by Joe Myers

Though we have a limited sports activities program, it has been stimulating and exciting for both participant and fan.

OBC entered the Oregon city basketball league this year. This is the first time in many years that the college has participated in a league. The team has accumulated one victory, with six defeats, but the second half of the season promises to be more encouraging. Seniors on the team include: Paul Moore, Dale Ramsey, and Wally Winner; juniors: Dan Landry, Mark Ryan, and Joe Myers; sophomore: Bruce Burnside; freshmen: Sam Voorhies and Danny Stone. The coach is a junior, Bob Jones.

Presently, a table tennis tournament is being held in the basement of the men's dormitory.

Christmas Activities

The Personal Development class shared the Charles Pryors' home at a Christmas party held on Saturday, December 11. A strong Christmas spirit was present at the delicious meal and the fun following afterwards. The presence of the Pryors' new foster daughter Liz, and their son Brian added smiles all around.

There was a Christmas party for all the students at the Lewis home on Thursday night, December 16. The students participated in many games and activities as well as enjoying refreshments and fellowship.

Junior-Senior Weekend

Oregon Bible College is planning to sponsor a Junior-Senior weekend again this spring.

We invite the junior and senior high school students of the Church of God to visit the Oregon campus on a Thursday and Friday during the spring to experience the class sessions and dormitory life of the students.

BYF NEWS



Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Youth Week Winners

Youth Week has come to be important in the program of the young people and in many of our churches. It certainly has been a means by which many of the young people have been inspired to greater service. It also has shown many adults that our young people of the Church of God do have ability and talent.

We would like to suggest, first of all, that every group and every young person who took part in Youth Week activities was a WINNER. The good that was received through Christian service, fellowship, and the return of the blessings of God cannot be measured.

The first-place winner in the 1971 Youth Week program was the Blanchard Church of God Bereans (Mich.). This group has been very active the last several years. They, both the group and the individuals, were the winners in the Walk-A-Thon "Blisters for Christ" campaign in the spring of 1971. We congratulate the young people, the youth leaders, and the congregation at Blanchard for these accomplishments.

The second-place winner is the group of Bereans at Macomb Church of God (Ill.). This group, too, has been quite active in recent years, but especially so during the last two years. We congratulate these fine people!

Other groups who sent in reports were: Valley Church, Van Nuys, Cal.; Faith Community, Minneapolis, Minn.; Hillisburg, Michigantown, Ind.; Bible Church, Tempe, Ariz.; Blessed Hope, Rockford, Ill.; Guthrie Grove, Piedmont, S.C.; Church of the Open Bible, Bedford, Ohio; Lombard Church of God, Lombard, Ill.; Ft. Valley, Seven Fountains, Va.; Hedrick Church of God, Hedrick, Ind.; Faith Chapel, East Peoria, Ill.; Lighthouse Mission, Digby, N.S.

Young Adult Retreat

For the first time in the history of the Bereans and possibly in the Church of God, a retreat for young adults is being planned. The date has been set for May 26-29, 1972. The place is Camp Mack, Milford, Ind. This is a retreat for those who cannot attend Berean Youth Conference and for those who feel they cannot take a full week for our General Conference. The age limit is set to include those who are married through age 32, and those who are single between 23 and 32 years. More information will be sent out later.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

The Holy Spirit in Our Teaching

Let's face the issue truthfully without reservation—we CANNOT teach except by the Holy Spirit!

God gave the teachers of Israel his "good spirit to instruct them" (Neh. 9:20). How much more will he give this same "good spirit" to those who would teach through Christ! Jesus promised that the Spirit would "bring all things to [their] remembrance." We need so much the same influence of Christ by the teaching of the Holy Spirit (Luke 12:12). Anyone who has taught for any length of time has experienced at some time the utter despair of groping for words that do not seem to come. The answer to this heartaching problem is to allow the Spirit to speak in the words "which the Holy Ghost teacheth." Truly, "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

When a teacher is truly serving Jesus Christ, filled with and yielded to the power of God, he will speak boldly and wisely, to the converting of souls (Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31; 11:24).

We cannot teach truth without the Spirit of truth. John 16:13 says, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." This verse speaks for itself as to the real source of that which the teacher would teach. The teacher is merely that reflecting vessel of the teaching and converting power of God. (The Greek for the "he" means "that one thing" or "it" or "that same.")

Each teacher is an "able minister" only to the extent that he yields to God (2 Cor. 3:6). Though they were termed "holy men," the early spokesmen of God spoke not by their own intellect, but only as the same power available to us moved them (2 Pet. 1:21).

As the teacher pours out his love, his understanding, and his soul, and lets his life flow into the hearts of his students, he needs the inner strength that only being "in the Spirit" can give. "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Eph. 3:16).

Before the sun sets today, neglect not to add to your daily prayer list the thought of Luke 11:13, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." Submit! Yield! Know the "wisdom that is from above" as God takes over in your Sunday school class!

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 15, 1972—Indiana quarterly conference at Burr Oak Church.
 March 3-5, 1972, Missionary Conference at Phoenix, Ariz.
 Mar. 11-13—Illinois Spring Conference, Peoria.
 June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Maranatha.
 June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
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DALLAS, TEXAS

At a Bible study on December 6, 1971, the group in Dallas made a definite decision to acquire a pastor. The wheels are in motion for this to become a reality. . . . Richard Worley will be having regular classes in the Dallas area the second Monday evening of each month. For information about place of meetings, contact Mrs. James Bird, 2105 Woodhaven, Arlington, 76010.—Texas State Conference Newsletter.

DIGBY REPORT

On November 20, 1971, the first Missionary Conference was held at the Digby Church, with Sr. Eunice Pearson in charge of the services. All who attended were richly blessed. After explaining the Faith Promise Plan, a miracle was witnessed by all, as we not only met our goal but tripled it.

After the Sunday evening service, November 21, a get-together was held in the church basement in honor of Sr. Nina Hatcher and her son Gary. Due to immigration problems, it was necessary that Sr. Hatcher and Gary return to the states. They have been a great blessing to the church and the community and we pray that God will continue to bless them.

Sr. Pearson accompanied them and, after a well-deserved rest and vacation with family and friends, will return and continue her work.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

BAPTISMS

Phoenix, Arizona: Dawn Gyorgyi, 1427 E. Downing, Mesa, Ariz. 85203, and Mr. Bradley Walstrom, 2621 N. 24 Dr., Sp. 31-A, Phoenix, Ariz. 85009, were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. We welcome them into the "household of faith" and continue to thank God for the gospel to preach in these crucial days. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Fonthill, Ont.: Doris Haydon requested immersion in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. She had earlier confessed Christ as her Saviour. She was baptized by the writer November 14, 1971. We rejoice along with her at the promise of God's spirit being ever with us. John Hearp, pastor.

Ripley, Ill.: The following were baptized before I left Ripley: Ione Louise Wells, Rt 1; Carl and Dorothy Goodwin, Rt. 2; and Marjorie Phillips, Rt 3, all of Rushville, Ill. 62681. John Hearp, pastor.

Digby, N. S.: On October 31, 1971, Edna Haynes and Robert Halliday were immersed in the waters of baptism by Pastor R. L. Brown. Elaine Handspiker, reporter.

Lombard, Ill.: Jo Ann Tyler of Lockport, Ill., was baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of her sins on Sunday, December 5, 1971. May God bless her as she continues to follow him. David Cheatwood, pastor.

"He who has the truth on his side and fails to use it is a coward."

MARRIAGES

Digby, N. S.: On November 12, 1971, a quiet wedding was held at the church when Pastor R. L. Brown united in marriage Rose MacDonald (nee Forrest) and Carl Thomas. After the wedding a reception was held in the church basement after which the couple left for Ontario.

On November 13, 1971, Pastor R. L. Brown united in marriage Ruth Wagner and Earl Armstrong.

Both couples are residing in the Digby area. May God's blessing and love be with them as they go through life together.

Elaine Handspiker, reporter.

Graytown, Wis.: Susan Marie Hillman and Michael Walton were married by the writer on October 23, 1971, at the Methodist Church in Downing, Wis. Susan is a member of the Graytown Church of God and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hillman. They are now making their home at Glenwood City, Wis. We pray God's blessing upon their new life together.

Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

Grand Rapids, Mich.: On Saturday, October 16, 1971, Miss Linda K. Maddock became the wife of Mr. Wayne L. Butler. The couple were united in marriage at the Garden Park Church of God by the bride's father. The double-ring, candlelight ceremony was especially written for the occasion.

After a brief northern Michigan honeymoon the couple are now residing in Kentwood, Mich., and attend the Garden Park Church where Linda is a member. May God bless their life together. Darrell Maddock, minister.

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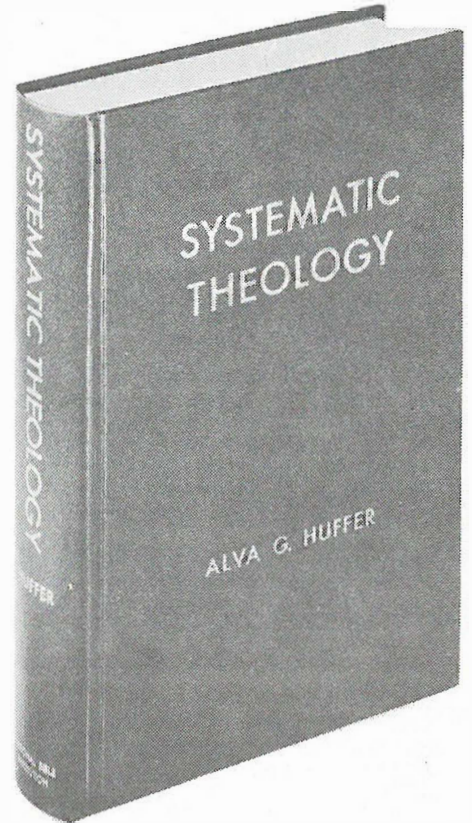
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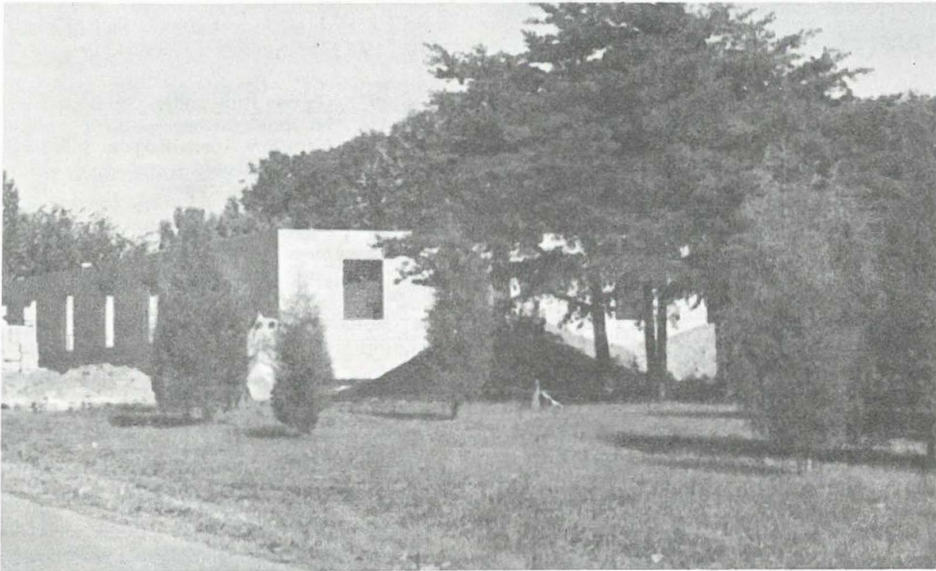
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OBITUARIES

Loren L. Burnett

Loren L. Burnett of Ripley, Ill., died November 27, 1971. He lived most of his life in Brown County and was a long-time member of the Ripley Church of God.

Surviving are his wife Mary; three sons, Francis of Oregon, Ill.; Harold of Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Lozelle of Clayton, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Bolhous of Oregon, Ill.; Mrs. Helen Jones of Dixon, Ill.; one brother; two uncles; one aunt; 17 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Ripley Church of God by the writer with C. E. Lapp

assisting. Burial was in the Ripley Cemetery where he waits for the resurrection.

James Fyfe, pastor.

Lou Allen Elms

Mrs. Lou Allen Elms was born in White County, Ark., June 6, 1880, and died in Little Rock, Ark., October 19, 1971. She joined the Christadelphian Church in her early years, but was affiliated with the Broadmore Church of God in her latter years. She was a faithful worker and a firm believer in the coming kingdom of God and the resurrection of the dead. She leaves to mourn: two daughters, one brother, one sister, one grandson, and two great-grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

John R. Humphreys, pastor.

Andreas Anderson

Bro. Andreas Anderson, a faithful servant of God, fell asleep in Christ December 5, 1971. Born May 26, 1897, in Vilslev, Denmark, he came to America when he was 17.

Surviving are his wife Jessie, four sons, and one daughter. He gave to the local church and to all who knew him an outstanding example of Christian love, faith, and dedication. He now sleeps in Jesus, waiting for resurrection to immortality at the coming again of Jesus Christ who is "the resurrection and the life."

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

IT WAS APPRECIATED

This past summer the Associate Editor was visiting in the hospital at Dixon, Ill., and while there he gave a copy of The Restitution Herald to a patient with whom he happened to strike up a conversation. A few days later he received a letter from the wife of the patient in which she said: "Dear Mr. Johnson: The little kindnesses and bits of life so often go unnoticed and in many cases should only be recognized with a smile, but other times the same thing deserves more!"

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LET US QUIT PLAYING CHURCH

It is high time we quit playing church and dedicate ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ and serve him and his church as faithful ambassadors with the kind of zeal described by Solomon in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

The fact that the times in which we live are "perilous" (2 Tim. 3:1), and "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26), demands that we as Christians rise up with a sense of urgency, without fear or hesitation. What chills our efforts to witness to people concerning the written Word and the living Word? Why are we reluctant to say the "encouraging word"? Have we nothing to communicate? Are we unconvinced that sinners are in danger of eternal second death out of which there will be no resurrection? What manner of people are we anyway?

The early church was so satisfied with their fellowship of breaking bread from house to house they gave little heed to the commission given by Jesus that they should go teaching and preaching the gospel. Not until "Saul, made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committing them to prison" (Acts 8:3), did they go everywhere "preaching the word." Perhaps this generation of believers needs more crosses to carry! What the church needs today is expressed in the words of the verse:

**"O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us;
Revive thy church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
And fit thy church to meet this hour."**

If members of the church in Paul's day needed to "cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light," how much more does the present-day church need to be rearmored? Let's quit

playing church and "be about [our] Father's business. It is easy to see the weaknesses and mistakes in other religious bodies, but we need to "examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith." It is important that we believe in Christ; it is equally important that we believe the message of Christ!

LABORERS WITH GOD

"We are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

When a person accepts Christ and obeys the gospel, he becomes a member of the body of Christ, otherwise called the church. Having become a member of the church, he shares in the blessings of such membership. This fruitage is of many kinds—hope, joy, peace, freedom from sin and condemnation, and a sweet fellowship with God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

Membership in the church involves more than reaping. There is some sowing to be done. This involves work. It is in this way that we become laborers with God. Too many of us are content to reap the benefits resulting from the labors of others. Such practice is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Scripture says, "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thess. 3:10).

The Christian life is a working life! Reaping in way of reward comes from sowing. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). This is the unalterable law of the harvest. Then, too, as laborers with God it is required "that a man be found faithful," for he with whom we work is ever faithful. Being faithful means that we must "occupy till [he] come"; doing with our might "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do."

We must be faithful in our work, both at the present time and continue steadfastly to the end. Jesus said: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and

looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

The Lord places the members of the church in the body as it pleases him. It is stated in these words: "Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him" (1 Cor. 12:18). Having put us in the body, God expects us to stay there! It was a heart-breaking moment with Jesus when "many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (Luke 9:62). How many times since his heart must have been pierced with sorrow as disciples walked out of his vineyard!

MISSIONS AND MESSAGE

The mission of the church is clearly stated in what is commonly known and called "The Great Commission." Mark records it as follows: "He said unto them, 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" (16:15, 16).

The mission of the church can only be carried out by spreading the message. The heart of the message is Jesus Christ and him crucified, buried, and resurrected. It is not enough to accept Christ; we must accept and believe the message of Christ. It is so easy to become enamored with the "Go" of the Commission and the mechanics of method that the message is neglected.

In the first copy of The Restitution Herald, October 12, 1911, the purpose of the paper was stated in the following words: "It is the purpose of the management to give the brethren a good, clean, religious paper filled with the best that can be had on the fundamental principles of our faith." This continues to be our message, and our mission is to spread it as widely as our resources and strength can accomplish.

The motivation behind this labor must be founded on a deep dedication. ●

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, *Executive Secretary*

Survey Trip Changes

It is with regret that we announce cancellation of the proposed survey trip to Africa. Obstacle after obstacle caused delay after delay in securing the visa from the Nigerian Embassy to visit their country. Finally, due to lack of time to further negotiate for the visa, it became necessary to cancel the African leg of the trip. There were problems in Ghana as well. Bro. Amani, leader of the Church of God work in Ghana, was to be out of the country during the planned visit. A severe cholera epidemic and the governmental upset of the past few weeks made it questionable if we could go into Ghana to visit the other contacts. After much prayer and consideration, it was felt that God was directing that this part of the trip not be made at this time. Further study will be given to the plans for a later trip there.

Present Trip Plans

The Mission Board, after much prayer and consulting with others, has asked that the balance of the survey trip be made and that visits to Lebanon and Israel be substituted in place of the African section of the earlier plans. There are matters in Lebanon that need study and clarification. Bro. Sunna'a needs counsel and fellowship.

Bro. Oliver Amani of Ghana is presently in Israel and the plan is to visit with him there in Haifa.

Since the agenda was published in the January Progress Journal, a stop in the Philippine Islands has been added in place of Hong Kong.

Bro. Patrick, Sr. Ross, and myself ask for your prayers as we proceed with the following agenda:

February 5	Leave from Chicago, 11:45 a.m.
February 6	Arrive in Frankfort, Germany
February 8	Frankfort to Beirut, Lebanon
February 14, 15	Beirut to Haifa, Israel
February 18	Tel Aviv to Bombay, India
February 19	Bombay to Bangalore
February 27	Bangalore to Manila, Philippines
March 1	Philippines to Honolulu
March 2	Honolulu to Phoenix
March 3-5	Missionary Conference, Phoenix
March 6	Return Home

Approximately \$2,800 has been received for the Survey Trip fund. We express our thanks to each one who has contributed. May God direct that it be used wisely and that much good be accomplished.

Testimony of the Lord's Blessings

Contributions for the month of December fell short of the goals. On December 31 it appeared that we would be about \$1,500 short of the amount needed that day for the payroll. As the office manager, Mary Jo Brewer, was about to open the morning mail I said to her, "Mary Jo, I want you to open one of those envelopes today that will have between twelve hundred and fifteen hundred dollars in it." She, reaching into the pile at random, said, "How about this one?" Upon opening the envelope in her hand, to our utter surprise it had contributions of \$1,435 plus some Mission Builders funds. This particular contributor had added \$1,000 to the usual monthly contribution. Needless to say, I returned to my office and gave God special thanks for answered prayer. God does provide.

Conference Finances

At this writing it appears that we will come very close to meeting the goals for January. We want to express our thanks to those who made special effort to make up the shortage for the preceding three months.

Our annual budget is figured so close that the full goals need to be met to properly carry out all the projects of the General Conference. We are thankful that the needs have been so nearly met for January. May God continue to bless and may we each help to provide the means to carry on the full programs of the Lord's work.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971–September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for January	\$14,490.00
Given in January	13,960.00
Deficit in January	530.00
February Needs	9,750.00

Goal for February \$10,280.00

Missions News

By Rachel Krogh

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24:14).*



Dear Friends,

I wanted to write to tell you about my encouraging visit in Mexico. As you know, it was decided that Francisco Martinez would assume leadership in Mexico and the purpose of the trip was to discuss the work with him and make plans for the coming year.

After arriving in Mexico, December 16, we left Saltillo the following morning for the village of Labor Vieja, about 350 miles south. For some years there has been a church here, built of adobe bricks by the people. Roberto and Lupe Badillo and family live here and have been faithful in providing Sunday school for the children. Because the church is in poor condition (the roof is full of holes), the people decided to build a new one. Alice Aldrich made some charts with bricks drawn, and as the people made commitments for so many bricks, she would color them and put their names on the bricks. She agreed to help provide some bricks, and the General Conference is also helping with some. (We thank each of you who has sent contributions for this project.) At one of the services held while we were there, when the people were given opportunity to give a special offering for the new church, one man spoke up and offered to donate a bag of cement.

The children and young people were busy practicing their parts for the program to be held on Christmas evening. Since returning we have heard that nearly 300 people attended the out-door three-and-one-half-hour program, which consisted of recitations by the children and two dramas by the young people. The young peo-

ple are very good at acting and really enjoy working on the plays. Alice had sent them the script for one play, but there was so much interest that they wrote and asked for a second one so more of them could take part. In order that everyone might hear the entire program, the children brought money to help rent a sound system.

Two services were held on Saturday and Sunday evenings and both times the little church was full, with people sitting outside the door and others looking in the windows. One night as the service was ready to end, one of the women requested more special music. The people were told that the benediction would be given and then those who wanted to leave could do so, and those who wished to stay were welcome. After the prayer, no one wanted to go home, so we all stayed and sang awhile longer.

The highlight of our visit was the home Bible study on Monday morning. Alice has translated and mimeographed in booklet form the home Bible study book, *How to Enjoy an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life*. Ten of us gathered in Roberto's room, some sitting on beds, others on chairs, to study the first lesson. Nearly everyone participated in the discussion and in the conversational prayer time that followed. This time together was a real blessing, with a wonderful spirit of fellowship and unity.

It seems apparent that the best opportunities for a good work in Mexico are in the Labor Vieja area, and it is our feeling that it would be best for Bro. Martinez to concentrate his efforts here. Because the lower altitude of this area has caused health problems for him in the past, it may be that he can locate in San Luis Potosi, making trips to Labor Vieja each weekend. All details have not yet been worked out, and we ask your prayers for the future planning of the Mexico work. Remember Bro. Martinez and his family as well as the people with whom he will be working in Labor Vieja.

If any of you are planning a vacation trip, I would recommend a visit to Mexico. It is a fascinating country, and you will be able to see the missions picture in a new light.

Yours for missions,
Rachel Krogh.

QUE DIOS LES BENDIGA!



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President



Dean's List

We honored several students for achieving high academic standing during the fall semester. To achieve high honor, a student must maintain a grade point average above 3.50. The following students achieved high honor: Shelly Gaspar, 4.00; Bob Jones, 4.00; Paul Moore, 3.80; Dale Ramsey, 3.80; Peggy Anderson, 3.66; Robert Bernheisel, 3.62; Sharon Guiles, 3.50.

Those achieving honor were: Robert Schrienk, 3.46; Benny Mattison, 3.11; Deb Barry, 3.07; Mike Brown, 3.00; Ron Macy, 3.00; Danny Stone, 3.00.

Junior-Senior Weekend

Oregon Bible College students anticipate a visit from the high school juniors and seniors of the Church of God. These young people are invited to the Oregon campus during the weekend of April 13 and 14 to participate in regular college activities. In addition, there will be special evening activities.

Students that plan to come should write early. Enrollment will be limited to forty. Send notification of your plans to attend to Faye Harshman, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061. Deadline for enrollment is April 1.

New Student

We welcome Gayla Walkington to the campus during the winter semester. Gayla is from Blanchard, Michigan, and is attending Oregon Bible College after attending Central Michigan University for three semesters.

Mission Club

The Franklin Grove Nursing Home will have worship services conducted monthly by the Oregon Bible College Mission Club. In addition to singing and delivering Bible messages, the students will spend several minutes visiting with individual patients in the home.

On January 21 and 28 the Mission Club presented a Faith Promise program in chapel. They are currently using the chapel tithe box to collect mission funds. These funds will be used for such projects as printing tracts in Portuguese, distributing Bibles in Ghana, and supporting various other Church of God missionary projects.

OBC Music Ministry

Gospel team plans for late winter and spring are becoming definite. In addition to concerts in local churches, the Chorale will take weekend trips to Michigan, Indiana, and Minnesota. The spring tour will visit

churches in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

We encourage anyone living in the area of these churches to make an effort to attend these concerts.

The new choir robes are now paid for and the music department has the new project of purchasing a new piano which will be placed in the new music room at the men's dorm. Like the choir robes, the piano will be purchased through the contributions of interested persons.

Scholarships

Through conferences, organizations, and individuals in the Church of God, scholarships are provided each year for several students. Most of the scholarships are in the amount of the tuition for one semester. Broadly defined, the scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and Christian character.

The James A. Patrick, Norman McLeod, S. J. Lindsay, and Otto E. Dick Scholarships are given by the Northeast, Southwest, and Indiana Conferences. These scholarships were awarded to Ron Macy, Dale Harshman, and Daniel Landry, with the Indiana award being divided among Tim New, Tim Cook, Wilma Brunner, and Joe Duncan. The Michigan State Scholarship was given to Robert Jones and the Minnesota award was divided among Mark Ryan, Shelly Gaspar, and Vicki Johnson. The Northeast Bereans provided a scholarship in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars for Robert Storts.

The S. E. Magaw Scholarship is provided for a freshman boy by the Oregon Bible College Alumni Association and was given to Mike Berry.

The Doeden, Booth, and Murphy Scholarships are provided by the families of Lea Doeden, Lyman Booth, and Lucian Murphy. These awards were given to Paul Moore, Waldon Winner, and Joe Myers.

The Edna Brewer Scholarship is given each year by an anonymous donor for a girl student and was awarded to Peggy Anderson. The Helen L. Overholser Scholarship which was awarded to Robert Schrienk is provided through a trust administered by the Lawrenceville Church of God.

The Berean Youth Fellowship Scholarship is given to the student that achieves the highest score on a Bible Content test administered by the Berean Youth Department each year. Joe Graham scored the highest and received that scholarship this year.

Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Successful Midwinter Retreat

December 29, 1971 - January 1, 1972, were enjoyable days for those able to attend the third annual Post-High Retreat. Thirty-nine attended, with a staff of three. The guest teacher and counselor was Bro. James Graham, pastor of Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, Ind. Mrs. Iris Burnett was able to attend and taught a class of girls. The Retreat ended with a worship and Communion service. Bro. Graham gave an excellent message, emphasizing the need for upholding the *truth* and living by it. All left for home with memories which will be cherished for a long time.

The Advisory Council met at Camp Mack one day earlier than the beginning of the Retreat. Several hours that evening and the next day were spent discussing the program of the youth and future needs. All members of the Council were able to attend but Dennis Brown. Those attending were: Scott Strickland, Cal.; Lennie Gibson, Ohio; Bill Chamberlin, Ohio; Terry Kirkpatrick, Minn.; Dennis Clark, Iowa; Sam Voorhies, Michael Brown, and Ron Macy all of Oregon Bible College. Your Youth Director met with them.

1972 Berean Bible Quiz

The quizzing for 1972 will be from Revelation, chapters 1-5; 12; 13; 19-22. Bro. Paul Moore, a senior in Oregon Bible College, will be Contest Director again this year. Contest rule books and sample quiz questions will be mailed to the leaders. If you want to have a quiz team and do not have the material (book and questions) please write us immediately.

Important Future Youth Events

Two coming events are very important to the youth of your church. The first is International Prayer Day, March 12. It is not necessary to set aside the entire day to promote this. We hope that at least one hour will be given—9:00 to 10:00 p.m. The second event is the Environmental Clean-up Week, set for April 23-29. Be sure to check with your youth leader or president to see if you can be of help.

Young Adult Retreat

Begin now to make plans to attend the Young Adult Retreat which will be held at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Ind., May 26-29, 1972. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Those eligible to attend are single persons from age 23 through 32 and married persons through age 32. No children can attend.

E. Milon Hall, Editor

Goal Setting

Personal goal setting is one of the strongest factors in personal achievement known to man.

God used and is using this principle with mankind. He gave the opportunity for life everlasting and the care of the garden to Adam as goals. He gave promises to Abraham, and along with it the goal of faithfulness. He gave the law and the command of obedience to Israel that provided both long- and short-range goals, with blessings if they obeyed. God gave his Son as the living example of what he wants us to think, say, do, and be. Jesus set goals for us in morals, ethics, and standards of righteousness; and faithfulness to God and his Word that will bring us eventually into that Great Goal of life everlasting in the new heavens and new earth.

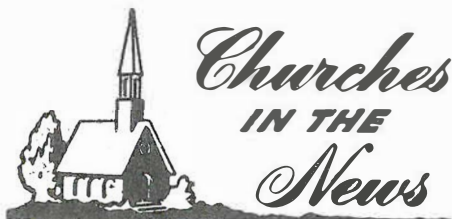
Goals are a definite *must* if the Sunday school is to progressively grow. The pastor and superintendent, as well as the secretary and treasurer, should all have their specific goals. The teacher, also, must set goals. The setting and accomplishment of these goals have a direct bearing on the ultimate success of the Sunday school. All the high goals of leadership are of naught if the teacher fails to set forth and reach a few simple goals.

Here are some practical suggestions not necessarily in their order of importance:

- 1) Decide what you want to accomplish in each lesson.
- 2) Grow in a conscious relationship with Jesus.
- 3) Pray daily for the members of your class.
- 4) Determine the number of hours you should spend each week in lesson preparation.
- 5) Attend worship, study, and prayer services of your church.
- 6) Use a variety of methods of teaching.
- 7) Aim at increased pupil participation.
- 8) Make provision for class fellowship (socials).
- 9) Visit each pupil's home at least twice a year.
- 10) Set attendance goals every six months.
- 11) Attend all meetings for teachers.

WRITE YOUR GOALS! BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE!

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 18, 19—Indigan Ministers and Elders' Meeting at Hope Chapel, South Bend, Ind.
- Feb. 21-27—Special Meetings, Troy View Church of God, Raymond Brown, guest speaker.
- Mar. 1-4—Michigan Spring Conference at Pennellwood, Wyoming.
- March 3-5, 1972, Missionary Conference at Phoenix, Ariz.
- Mar. 11-13—Illinois Spring Conference, Peoria.
- Mar. 17, 18—Michigan Spring Youth Retreat at Garden Park, Kentwood.
- Apr. 16—Tenth Anniversary of the Troy View Church of God.
- June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Maranatha.
- June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
- July 3-5—N.E. Youth Camp.
- July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
- Aug. 14-19—General Conference.

David Cheatwood is presently serving the New Lenox, Ill., church as pastor, in addition to his pastorate at the Lombard church.

PASTORS AVAILABLE

Pastor Ellsworth Routson has resigned from the Burr Oak, Ind., church and will be available for a pastorate on September 1, 1972. Address is Box 324, Burr Oak, Ind. 46509.

Dale Swartz will complete the Internship Program in June and will be available for a pastorate. Earlier plans were to continue on in school. Bro. Swartz now feels led to be open to a call to a pastorate. His address: 625 E. Broadway, Apt. 2, Tempe, Ariz. 85282.

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Please! Please! Pastors and secretaries, be very careful in sending in names and addresses that they are accurate. Many mailings of late have been returned marked "Unknown."

BAPTISMS

Garden Park (Grand Rapids, Mich.): On January 2, 1972, Sheri, Mark, and Tim Beck, Dale Elzinga, Ken McClain, Virginia Murray, and Ken Williams were baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. We are happy to welcome these seven into our church family and into the body of Christ.

David Krogh, pastor.

Troy, Ohio: Lyvone Niday of Jonesville, Va., confessed Christ as her Saviour at the Troy View Church of God and was baptized into his name. Lyvone has been enrolled in the Systematic Bible Study Course. May God bless her as she begins her new life in Christ.

Scott Ross, pastor.

Eldorado, Ill.: The Restitution Church of God in Eldorado, rejoices with the angels in heaven over the baptism of Kenny Hardy into the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Kenny completed the Church of God study course, "Bible Catechism," before requesting baptism. He suffers much because of this step for Christ. Praise the Lord for this young man's courage and decision. Dennis J. Baldwin, pastor.

East Peoria, Ill.: The brethren at Faith Chapel were thrilled Sunday, November 28, 1971, when they witnessed the baptism of Glenna Geisler, her daughter Suzanne, and Susie Rymer. Their spiritual growth is a great witness.

Don Hightower, pastor.

Lombard, Ill.: Deborah Leigh Tyler, 4041 Thornwood Ave., Mattison, Ill. 60443, accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour and was baptized at the Lombard Church. This now unites their home in the Lord.

David Cheatwood, pastor.

Columbus, Ohio: Mr. and Mrs. Lower have confessed their need of Jesus Christ and his atonement. Mr. Lower was baptized (I understand Mr. Lower is 84) and we expect Mrs. Lower to be immersed later. She was unable to be present due to a virus infection. (This report was held up one issue in hope that both baptisms could be reported at the same time.—Ed.)

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

Waterloo, Iowa: January 2, 1972, was a happy occasion when Mrs. Patty Lynn Moore was immersed in the waters of baptism. She confessed her belief in Christ the Sunday before. We pray God's blessings on her, as she walks in newness of life.

Stanley Lawrence, pastor.

OBITUARY

Maggie Keenan, 90, fell asleep in death December 15, 1971, after a brief illness. She was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery, Ridgville, Ont., to await the resurrection call. We pray for God to comfort her family and friends.

John Hearp, pastor.

COMING SOON!

There soon will be available a Children's Flannelgraph and Cloth Workbook for home and church use. This is a new innovation as created by Ruth Lewis.

BIBLES AND STUDY BOOKS

King James Bibles

Inexpensive World Bible, (230). \$4.50. Black leathertex cover, red letter edition, red edges, concordance, maps. A good award Bible. (5½x7½x1 inches)

Oxford Concordance Bible (04333x), \$9.95. French Morocco leather cover, concordance, center column references, self-pronouncing black face type. India paper, maps, family record. (5x7¼x1 inches)

Cambridge Cameo Bible (75X). \$9.95. French Morocco leather cover, concordance, center column references, India paper, maps, presentation page. (5x7½x1 inches)

Inexpensive Award Bible from the American Bible Society, \$1.25. Hard cover, red edges, maps.

Oxford Long Primer, number 04883x, \$14.95. This is a good quality Bible, with large print, concordance, center column references, maps, India paper, and French Morocco leather cover.

Cambridge Concord, number 26XD2, \$17.50. A fine reference Bible, Morocco leather cover, India paper, large print, concordance, maps, and center column references. This same Bible is available in beautiful Saddle Brown Calfskin cover, leather lined, for \$22.00; order number 88X.

Revised Standard Versions

Genuine Leather Binding (3807), \$12.50. Text edition, fine binding, Bible paper.

Buckram Binding (3800), \$6.50. Large type, same edition as genuine leather except for buckram (hard) cover.

Inexpensive Award R.S.V. Bible (2300), \$4.50. Hard blue buckram cover, presentation page. A good award Bible.

Other Versions

The New English Bible, Old and New Testaments, in one volume, \$8.95.

Emphatic Diaglott, Wilson, \$2.25.

Concordances

Young's Analytical Concordance, \$13.75 (with thumb index, \$15.50)

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, \$15.75 (with thumb index, \$17.00)

Church of God Books

Systematic Theology, \$5.95, by Alva G. Huffer, 600 pages, hard cover.

One God—God of the Ages, \$1.25, by R. H. Judd, 155 pages, plastic binding for easy study.

(All prices above include postage when cash accompanies order.)

THE RESTITUTION HERALD

Oregon, Illinois 61061

Contributors to the General Conference: DECEMBER 30, 1971 - JANUARY 19, 1972

Mrs Phil Jefferies	3.00	Mr & Mrs Wilbur Burnham	15.00	Ripley Missionary Soc	50.00	Sheila Sheeley	12.00
Verne Learned	10.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00	Willing Workers Aid	20.00	Joni Stetzer	3.00
Golden Rule Church	101.00	Virida Sitler	5.00	Illinois State Conf	50.00	Lori Webster	2.00
Mr & Mrs Elmo Gaspar	25.00	Anonymous	30.00	Happy Woods Church	60.00	Leota B Hanson	5.00
Robert Zeller	75.00	Mary Krogh	31.00	Fonthill Church	97.20	Brush Creek Miss Soc	120.00
Frank Montross	100.00	Fort Valley Church	420.34	Dorothy Magaw	28.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	79.17
Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Zizert	20.00	Valley BYF	17.47	Joe Duncan	20.00	Fonthill Dorcas	5.00
Laura Heiser	21.00	Lombard Church	70.24	Flagg Center Church	46.00	Lighthouse Mission Church	25.00
Mrs Otis Lippencott	5.00	Blessed Hope, Rockford	141.39	Bible Church, Phoenix	223.50	Nora Anderson	30.00
Mr & Mrs Clarence Jones	300.00	Mr & Mrs A T Palmer	15.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Black	20.00	T E Martin	100.00
Mrs Geraldine Stewart	20.00	Lawrenceville Church	209.01	Raymore Church	15.00	Shala Stewart	24.00
California Members	75.00	A Family Christmas Offering	30.00	Cheerful Giver	5.00	Jaynes St Church	399.99
Mr & Mrs Vernon Birkey	100.00	Frances Stadden	24.00	Lillian King	24.60	Mrs Waldo Wood	100.00
Mrs Melvin Jones	20.00	Mabel Alexander	35.00	Ruth Nichols	30.00	Opal P Nelson	50.00
Wayne Thompson	10.00	Eden Valley SS	20.00	Omaha SS	39.46	Troy View Church	53.30
Georgia Thompson	10.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mrs R S Anderson	3.70	Fredericktown Miss Soc	7.10
Mr & Mrs Leslie Niles	10.00	Blanchard Church	101.54	Mr & Mrs Carroll Bennett	100.00	Hedrick Dorcas	18.46
Lottie Pickerl	25.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Macomb Missionary Soc	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ward	25.00
Mr & Mrs Arthur Poe	12.00	Litchfield Church	23.00	Holbrook Church	37.50	John Carr	18.00
Mr & Mrs Walter Lay	10.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Raker Union SS	33.25	Rachel Krogh	80.00
Frances Wood	8.00	Debi Robinson	1.00	Felida Church	3.20	Mark Ryan	13.00
Fremont Church	20.00	Pennellwood Miss Soc	125.00	Bernice Roberson	50.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	40.00
C E Randall	20.00	Oregon Church	46.80	Mrs William Shotwell	20.00	Glad Tidings, Dayton	200.00
Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Koszta Church	72.00	Litchfield SS	14.14	Donald Thoms	25.00
Mary & Marthas, Oregon	12.50	Eternal Hope Church	55.18	Mr & Mrs Glen Elton	50.00	Maurertown Dorcas	20.00
Brush Creek Church	206.60	Pomona Church	69.73	Garden Park Church	142.53	Telva Lippert	10.00
Bible Church, Tempe	158.40	San Jose Bereans	12.00	Mrs D H Richmond	12.00	Faith Chapel Jr Bereans	5.00
Bedford Church	28.90	Mr & Mrs Charles Baldwin	75.00	Everett S Rogers	30.00	Faith Chapel Sr Bereans	4.00
Oregon SS	4.01	Mr & Mrs Michael Mattison	5.00	Beaumont Church	25.03	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	15.00
Hedrick Church	71.99	Anonymous	200.00	Hope Chapel SS, Ark City	180.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00
Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	50.00	Mr & Mrs Daniel Landry	25.00	Shilah Richmond	30.00	H Wood Talcott	12.00
Anonymous	50.00	Mr & Mrs Wilber Coulter	5.00	Alfred Anthon	25.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Hightower	50.00
Northeast Conference	1,235.00	Anonymous	40.00	Ripley Church	317.29	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	45.00
Truth Seekers SS	10.60	Anna P. Johnson	50.00	Colorado Springs Church	38.02	Indiana State Conference	45.00
In memory of		Dixon SS	5.00	Mr & Mrs Don Needham	12.00	Inez Gordon	10.00
Edna Van Vleet	100.00	Columbia SS	90.00	Grand Rapids Anonymous	4.00	New Hope Ladies Council	25.00
Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	20.00	Jean Hale	20.00	Dorothy L Siple	75.00	Hope Schwier	12.00
Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	15.00	Mr & Mrs D A Jones	10.00	John Kugler	50.00	Minnesota State Miss Soc	50.00
Mr & Mrs Howard F. Mowrer	40.00	Golden Rule SS	100.00	Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Johnson	25.00
Mrs Mabel E Bell	5.00	Charles Mongan	100.00	Mr & Mrs J Don Swartz	50.00	Mr & Mrs Gordon Swanson	12.00
Mrs Charles Lapp	65.00	Preschool Class, Pomona	8.22	Diane Russell	1.00	Sue Hutchinson	4.00
Alice Plantner	40.00	Modesto Bible Church	12.10	Cool Spring SS	7.50	Margene Rager	5.00
Mr & Mrs J Plantner	40.00	Mr & Mrs George Hoke	50.00	Mrs Verna R Freeman	25.00	Southlawn Church	65.76
Mr & Mrs Lloyd Wiltsey	50.00	Salem Church	17.25	Gayla Walkington	12.00	Southlawn SS	21.68
Annette Schaefer	12.00	Cora Siple	10.00	Donna Baldwin	12.00	Southlawn Miss Soc	43.73
Mr & Mrs Monroe Elton	50.00	Mrs C C Fuson	5.00	Macomb BYF	12.00	Mark Bormes	3.00
St Louis Church	80.00	Southwest Conference	83.41	Mr & Mrs Frederick Claussen	5.00	Blood River Ladies Miss Soc	10.89
Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	15.00	Ruth Blankenbaker	20.00	Esther Peterson	6.00	Mr & Mrs C Jesse Pestle	35.20
Blanchard Miss Soc	40.00	La. Contributors	70.00	Columbia Church	300.20	Mr & Mrs Charles Knapp	43.09
David Krogh	60.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	25.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Richter	24.00	Brush Creek Young People	10.00
Jay Ramsey	42.00	Macomb Church	208.53	David A Swartz	6.00	Fonthill SS	90.45
Mr & Mrs William Hanson	100.00	Fremont SS	14.80	Dave Bormes	12.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	27.36
Mr & Mrs Howard Brossard	90.00	New Hope Church	50.00	Maurertown Church	42.77	Mr & Mrs Wm D Lawrence	1,000.00
Agape Ladies Soc	5.00	Valley Church	61.00	Norma Davis	18.00	Dan Dovenbarger	25.00
Pennellwood Church	152.63	Alice Bassett	10.00	Mrs F L Austin	10.00	Mr & Mrs Preston M Landry	248.00
Mr & Mrs Edgar Harvey	50.00	Canadian Friend	5.00	Mr & Mrs C J Astolfi	10.00	Ruth Kennedy	12.00
Michigan State Conf	146.30	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	14.00	Anonymous	21.00	Mrs Walter Kennedy	66.50
Mr & Mrs J Arthur Johnson	30.00	Mr & Mrs N H LaMunion	40.00	Brush Creek SS	15.44	Louisiana State Conf	173.10
Anonymous	6.00	Nina Hatcher	5.00	Sharon Guiles	12.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	100.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Hope Chapel SS, South Bend	38.60	Pam Miesse	3.00
Elaine Shute	2.00	Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine	50.00	Hope Chapel, South Bend	38.60	Elaine Magaw	15.00
Diane Shute	1.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Johnson	15.00	Cynthia McLeod	4.00	Tempe Dorcas	10.00
Mr & Mrs Lyle Ashelford	25.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Van Fleet	16.00	Kenneth Smith	3.00		

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Ivan and Ruth Veach, 1203 Locust St., Marshall, Ill.; Edna Middleton, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Hezekiah Kuriah, Kenya, E. Africa.

Some folks succeed because they are destined to, but most people because they are determined.

FROM LOUISIANA

Bro. Randall:

As chairman of the Louisiana State Missions Committee, I am authorized to order ten more Heralds to be sent to Bernard Lobell for distribution in that area. Bernard already gets twenty Heralds per month, so add ten more to his order. In his service, Georgie Robinson.

The Restitution Herald is an exciting paper in its presentation of biblical and spiritual truths. It is the greatest missionary and evangelistic arm of the church. Its subscription rate is among the lowest. —Ed.

MARRIAGES

Fonthill, Ont.: The wedding vows of Deborah McArthur and Robert Chiki were exchanged at the Glad Tidings Church of God in Fonthill on December 18, 1971. The candle-light service was officiated at by the writer. After a brief honeymoon they will be at home at 8 Laughlin Pl., Welland, Ont. We wish for them God's blessing and much happiness.

John Hearp, pastor.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Miss Kathy Barnhart became the bride of Mr. Paul McCombs in a quiet ceremony at the home of the groom the evening of December 10, 1971. May God bless them as they go down life's pathway together and help them build their home on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Bro. and Sr. Charles Graham and Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser of the Lawrenceville Church gave helping hands to the Columbus, Ohio, church last fall. The Grahams worked with the youth leaders and the Overholsters directed a Sunday school training course.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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it easy for the pupils to grasp the meaning of the lesson. . . . In preparing the lessons Sr. Jewel Manning has used a technique which brings out the desired truths in a simple and easy-to-be-understood way. You can look forward to a fine VBS in 1972!



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GRACE AND POWER

The average Christian is living beneath his possibilities in Christ. Without doubt, you and I are among these undeveloped and not fully surrendered people who have not fully experienced the joy and power of Christ having complete rule over our lives. "In your heart you know this is true."

One of the greatest words in the New Testament is the word GRACE. It means two things—God's favor and his blessing. We are promised grace to "help in time of need"; that grace is "sufficient"; that "God is able to make all grace abound." People are different and no two people will have the same experience, hereditary tendencies, or personal needs, yet God's grace is sufficient. God has promised and says that he "is able to make all grace abound towards you, that ye, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound unto all good work" (2 Cor. 9:8).

A second word of common usage in the Bible is POWER. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). He is able to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25). Having used his power to save, God endows the saved ones with power so that they may serve with effectiveness and evidence of divine cooperation. The working of God's mighty power should be in evidence in every Christian's life (Eph. 1:19). Like Paul, may we seek to know this power.

"My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12:9).

"Having all sufficiency in all things" (2 Cor. 9:8).

"Thoroughly furnished" (2 Tim. 3:17).

"What he hath promised he was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:21).

"His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:13).

Grace and power are attributes of the gospel of the kingdom of God and come only as one accepts and obeys it.

THE EARLY CHURCH

What did the early church and the apostles who founded congregations over a wide area believe concerning the coming of Jesus and the kingdom of God?

It will be admitted by all that the beliefs of the early church were the purest and as nearly correct as in any period in this dispensation of grace. It is evident from the apostolic writings and also the writings of the early church fathers, that the first Christian churches were "not ignorant of, but correctly understood, the important and cardinal subject of the kingdom." Herzog's Religious Encyclopedia comments: "Before the end of the first century, Chiliasm (belief in the millennial reign of Christ) was the common belief in the church that had been gathered from the heathen." The early church eagerly looked, longed, and prayed for the expected kingdom. The teachings of the apostles harmonized with the most essential parts of God's Word and were closely related to and founded upon the covenants which God made with Abraham and David.

Gibbon in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, in commenting on the Chiliasm view, said: "The ancient and popular doctrine of the millennium was intimately connected with the second coming of Christ." Then, finally, he remarked: "The assurance of such a millennium was carefully calculated by a succession of fathers from Justin Martyr and Irenaeus, who conversed with the immediate disciples of the apostles, down to Lactantius, who was a preceptor to the son of Constantine."

If this grand truth of a literal, coming kingdom of God with Jesus Christ as King sitting upon his own throne—the throne of David, as promised by the angel (Luke 1:32, 33)—was literally believed today as it was in the early church, there wouldn't be such frantic and frustrating claims that God is dead. The truth of God's Word is

to be interpreted in the light of God's eternal purpose and not in a socio-historical method that "releases the modern person from bondage to the past on the same principle that he thinks and lives within a social context, in terms which he must be his authentic self."

The Christian is not an individual bearing a brand mark of his "authentic self," but is and ever must be a "new creature in Christ Jesus" (2 Cor. 5:17). We must bear in our body the marks of having been with Jesus and learned of him. To such is the hope extended of having administered to them an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour when he comes to be admired in his saints (2 Pet. 1:10, 11). One thing must ever and always be kept uppermost in our minds, and that is, that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 15:50). We must seek it through Christ.

Wonderful as the life in Christ is, everyone needs to heed what Paul said: "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:27). Constant self-examination means once we have put our hands to the plow, we keep on plowing—no looking back.

REVITALIZE YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

By Taking Regular
Self - Inventory

By Constantly Exchanging
the Good for the Better

By Giving Christ His
Preeminence in Everything

*"In Quietness and in Confidence
Shall Be Your Strength" Is. 30:15*

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

Copy for this page is usually prepared by the Executive Secretary. Since Bro. Ross, along with Sr. Ross and Bro. Merle Patrick, is on a world tour visiting many of the Church of God mission fields, the editor will step into the breach.

The work here at Headquarters is marked by a spirit of unity that is bound to be felt to the utmost reaches of our field of labor. There is a feeling of urgency and importance as each goes about his job. As reports and letters come in from the churches and individuals in many parts of the world, a spirit of optimism pervades the workers. I want to share with you some of the signs that lend to encouragement.

Publishing Work

Each day brings evidence of increased circulation of our printed materials—*The Restitution Herald*, *Progress Journal*, *Challenge*, *Quarterlies*, etc. The printed page is the most effective arm of our evangelistic and missionary efforts. The goal to double the circulation of *The Restitution Herald* is meeting with a wonderful response from churches and individuals. Today a letter was received from the secretary of the Burr Oak, Ind., Church of God with fifty-six subscriptions. The Missionary Society of the Fonthill, Ont., Church is promoting a drive to get subscriptions. One worker sent in six subscriptions. A phone call from Bro. Delbert Jones, pastor of the Pomona, Cal., church asked for a list of California subscribers. He and his wife Bernedine are spearheading a missionary drive to obtain new subscribers. These are just a few of the many efforts being put forth by churches and individuals to make *The Herald* family manyfold larger. We thank the good Lord for this cooperative work!

Several letters have been received of late from people who have picked up copies of *The Herald* and found the teachings to be that for which they have been searching. The Word sown is never lost. A letter was received a couple days ago from a man who accidentally (providentially) ran across a 1970 copy of *The Herald*. He was thrilled with its teachings and wrote, "I'm one with you." Brethren, let us with enthusiasm and energy broadcast the Word with its all-saving teachings of truth!



This is a picture of the Church of God General Conference Board of Missions. From left to right: Merle Patrick, Rachel Krogh, Superintendent of Foreign Missions, Mardy Lawrence, Robert Hall, Lee McQuinn. . . . The Lord has been opening many doors to the Church of God throughout the world. It has a Bible message for which people everywhere are seeking and craving. The challenge of the Whiteden Fields is finding a ready response among our churches!

Conference Finances

The fiscal operation of the General Conference is based on the budget set by the delegates at the previous annual meeting. As the work of the General Conference during the fiscal year is carried on by the employed staff, the maintenance and outreach of the Conference program is a daily operation. This means that the cost of operation is a day-to-day outlay. The nearer to this outgo the income can be geared, the smoother will be the operation. As much of the annual budget must be supplied by contributions from Conference members, it is heartening to know that the membership has most generously carried their part in carrying out the program adopted by the Conference delegates. Thank you!

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971—September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for February	\$10,280.00
Given in February	9,415.00
Deficit in February	865.00
March Needs	9,750.00

Goal for March \$10,615.00

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Missions News

By Rachel Krogh

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24:14).*



Ravulapalem, India

Pictured above is Pastor P. M. Paulson with members of the congregation in Ravulapalem, seven hundred miles north of Bangalore. In front of the people you can see the foundation for their church building.

This man first wrote to us in August of 1970 saying that a friend had given him some of our tracts. He felt that our literature would be helpful to him if it could be translated into the Telugu language. We have been corresponding with Mr. Paulson, and Bro. S. S. Manoah has been able to visit and study with him.

We are looking forward to the return of the Rosses and Bro. Patrick and will be especially interested in hearing about their visit with this man.

Bangalore, India

Did you know that in Bangalore, nine Church of God Sunday schools are conducted each week in three languages and reach over two hundred seventy children? We are thankful for the opportunities that the Lord has provided and also praise him for the workers who are making use of these opportunities.

Mexico

In February Sr. Alice Aldrich returned to the United States after working with the Mexican people for the last three and one-half years. We want to express our appreciation and thanks to Alice for the fine work she has done in this mission field. We know that the Mexican brethren are grateful, too, for the help she has given to them.

The Spanish phrase at the end of the Missions page last month means, "May God bless you!"

Faith Promise Service at Oregon Bible College

During two recent chapel periods, students and faculty members participated in a Faith Promise Service. At the first meeting, information about the mission fields and an explanation of the Faith Promise plan were given. The next service was the exciting time when each person made a promise to God to give a certain amount each week for missions if God would make the money available to him.

Everyone watched closely as the Faith Promise cards came in and the thermometer (made especially to show the amount promised) kept rising. The grand total promised for world-wide evangelism in the next year was \$2,688! We praise God for his blessing upon this service and we praise him for the blessings that will come as a result of placing our trust in him!

Ghana

In July of last year a letter came to us from a young man in Accra, Ghana, who was interested in learning more about what it means to be a Christian. He said that the priest gave him our address as a good Christian society that could help him to become a true Christian.

We have been corresponding with this young man, whose name is Victor Maxwell, and in one of his letters he mentioned that his mother and foster-father are presently in New York for study and suggested that we write to them. This we have done and are enjoying a correspondence with his mother as well.

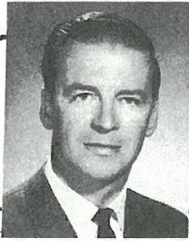
How wonderful it would be if there were a young couple who would be interested in going to Ghana to help tell young men like Victor about Christ and how to have him in their lives. If there is someone reading this who would like more information about missionary service, please write to Rachel Krogh, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

The Philippines

On December 28-31, 1971, one hundred fifty-seven persons attended the annual Philippine Conference at the Uddiawan Church. Nine persons were baptized during the Conference, two of them being from the new church in Lupao. Bro. Calixto Marini, who helped for a time with the Uddiawan Church, was instrumental in forming this new group that has been meeting for several months. Pray for them.

The photograph below was taken at the Philippine Conference.





OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President



Growth in Number of Graduates

During the past five years, Oregon Bible College graduated a larger number of students than during any other similar five-year period in its history.

The College began operation in 1939, with the first graduation class in 1942. A total of 119 students have been graduated: 103 men and 16 women. The average number of graduates per year during the 30 years since the first graduation in 1942 has been 3.97. The average number of graduates per year during the past five years, however, has been 5.80.

Total number of graduates during the past five years (1967-1971) was 29. During the five years preceding that time (1962-1966), number of graduates was 18. During the years (1957-1961), graduates numbered 23. During the five years (1952-1956), the number was 11. The number of graduates during the first five years after the first graduation (1942-1946) was 19. The same number, 19, was the total graduates for the second five years (1947-1951).

A large majority of Church of God congregations are pastored by graduates of Oregon Bible College. Other graduates are serving in many forms of Christian service.

During its 33 years of operation, Oregon Bible College has played an important part in Bible education for many persons who have attended the College for only a semester, a year, or a few years. Nearly 500 persons have attended the College for at least one course of study. Approximately 250 persons are alumni of the College.

The Church of God General Conference, by establishing, maintaining, and promoting Oregon Bible College, has enabled many persons to gain an increased knowledge of the Word of God and to acquire preparation for Christian service. *Alva G. Huffer.*

Scholarship Correction

In the February issue of *Progress Journal* it was stated that the Booth Scholarship is in the name of Lyman Booth. The Scholarship is administered by Mrs. Ruth Sheets in memory of her parents, Glen R. and Violet M. Booth.

New Piano—by Dale Ramsey

Through offerings received at concerts, personal giving, and special gifts, the students of Oregon Bible

College are currently raising money to pay for an excellent rebuilt grand piano purchased for the chapel. The total cost of the piano is \$1,000. As of this writing \$479.51 has been received.

In addition to chapel services, the piano will be used for recitals and other college-sponsored performances. We feel that the addition of this fine musical instrument will greatly enhance the quality of college music.

The piano that was formerly in the chapel will be used in the new music room that is presently being built in the basement of the men's dormitory.

The music department will appreciate the support of anyone wishing to join with the students in their efforts to add to the excellence of the College Music Department.

Social Activities—by Benny Mattison

In addition to planning and sponsoring the weekly intramural basketball games, the social committee recently presented a Walt Disney film. Other films for the late winter are currently being planned, as well as volley ball, roller skating, hay ride, and a cookout.

Waldon Winner and Mark Ryan were moderators at the midwinter banquet, January 29. The banquet was held at King Richards in Rockford, where Randy Roake provided music that was in keeping with the theme of the featured speaker, Charles Pryor. Bro. Pryor spoke of the need of love and friendship in our everyday relationships with people. He stressed that through helping relationships with one another we can eliminate the need for special counselors and psychologists.

Junior Senior Weekend

We want to remind the junior and senior high school students of the Church of God to send in their reservations for visiting the OBC, Oregon campus, April 13 and 14.

Please send your reservations to housing chairman, Faye Harshman, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

Name _____

Address _____

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Number in our group Boys _____ Girls _____

Deadline for reservations is April 1, 1972.



Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Get Ready

The heading is the title for the International Berean Youth Conference speech contest. This suggested title is in keeping with the Conference theme. The speech contest in previous years had done much to encourage special study and preparation. Several past winners later enrolled in Oregon Bible College and some of them are now in the ministry. Encourage any of your young people with this kind of ability to use it.

Environmental Clean-up Week

The date for this is April 23-29. This is a time when the youth of your church will endeavor to help the community in some manner to literally "clean-up." It may be the result of a paper drive, picking up broken glass, the spotting of junk cars for a business (this was done by the Blanchard, Mich., young people in 1971), a car wash, etc. Two points are kept in mind during a campaign such as this: 1) to emphasize the Christian life and to be a witness of the same; and 2) to raise funds for the International Berean Youth budget. There will be some advertising posters and a 4-page paper which can be used in witnessing. We thank you for the fine help and encouragement that have been given our young people in the past.

Outstanding Future Events

Plans are well underway for a Young Adult Retreat to be held for three days and nights on May 26-29 at Camp Mack, Ind. Advertising is out, with enrollment forms. It is our hope to help young adults learn more about the joys of being lay members and workers for the Lord. Also, the Christian fellowship will be excellent. Some of these young adults will have children and therefore will need babysitters for these three days. Encourage and help them to be able to attend the Retreat.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

Evangelism in the Sunday School

In the relationship of people to the Lord Jesus as Saviour, let's look at the *trail* most follow.

Their first touch of the influence of Jesus is through a friend who is in Christ. This can be by direct approach (which is far better) or by a gradual rubbing off of the influence of the converted to the unconverted. As this influence, whether direct or indirect, is continued, prayed for by the converted, nurtured by Scripture, and personal experience-expressions by the converted, the unconverted is encouraged and drawn into a home Bible study or Sunday school class.

Immediately he endeavors to read the sincerity of not just the teacher but of each one in the group. If he finds true sincerity with no hypocrisy he will continue to attend and grow to that victorious step into the death and life of Jesus Christ and the household of God.

Generally speaking, that first "touch" makes the difference between the finding or losing of that *trail* of salvation for the unconverted; hence, the spiritual leaders of those now attending have a continuous challenge of being *trail-guide* trainers and motivators.

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 11-13—Illinois Spring Conference, Peoria.
 Mar. 17, 18—Michigan Spring Youth Retreat at Garden Park, Kentwood, Grand Rapids.
 Apr. 7-9—NE Youth Retreat, Bedford, Ohio.
 Apr. 16—Tenth Anniversary of the Troy View Church of God.
 Apr. 24-28—Ministerial Conference, Oregon, Ill.
 May 26-29—Berean Young Adult Retreat, Camp Mack.
 June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Maranatha.
 June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
 July 3-5—N.E. Youth Camp.
 July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
 Aug. 14-19—General Conference.

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 Dale Swartz will complete the Internship Program in June and will be available for a pastorate. Earlier plans were to continue on in school. Bro. Swartz now feels led to be open to a call to a pastorate. His address: 625 E. Broadway, Apt. 2, Tempe, Ariz. 85282.

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VISITORS AT HEADQUARTERS

Mr. & Mrs. Danford Richmond, Pennellwood church, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Pastor Don Needham, Minneapolis, Minn., church.
 David & Vicki Bormes, Minneapolis church.
 Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Bennett, Paynesville, Minn., Eden Valley church.
 Dr. Alva Huffer, Tempe, Ariz., spent a few days at Headquarters as president of Oregon Bible College.
 Wallace Stone, Guthrie Grove church, S.C.
 Mary Krogh, Garden Park church, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick Jr., Graytown church, Wis.

BAPTISMS

Oregon, Ill.: Kathy Lewis was baptized by her father, John Lewis, September 19, 1971, at Camp Emmaus, following the Illinois Youth Retreat. Reported by Ruth Lewis.

Pomona, Cal.: Sandra Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, confessed Jesus as her Saviour and was baptized on December 26, 1971. Recent additions to the church are: Mrs. Vena Clark and Mr. and Mrs. John Poole. May each walk in the Lord's way and receive immortal life when Jesus returns. Delbert Jones, pastor.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Mr. and Mrs. David Wilstermon, 2637 W. Rose Lane, Apt. B 217, Phoenix, Ariz. 85017, were baptized by the writer into Jesus Christ for remission of sins. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Dayton, Ohio: Mrs. Susan Teske was baptized in Christ's saving name January 16, 1972. We pray God's blessing as she begins her Christian walk. . . . Miss Debbie Cline professed Christ as her Lord and Saviour by baptism February 6, 1972. We pray her young life will radiate Christ for many years. Rex Cain, pastor.

Digby, Nova Scotia: A baptismal service was held January 30, 1972, at the Bear River United Baptist Church, when Pastor Raymond Brown baptized two young ladies in the name of Jesus Christ. The two baptized were: Anna Marie MacInness and Margaret Aliharan. Margaret is formerly from Trinidad and is attending high school in Digby.

Anna Marie came to accept Christ as her Saviour at the Maranatha Coffee House which was started as a project during Youth Week. Praise God for his many blessings upon the Coffee House. Elaine Handspiker, sec.

East Peoria, Ill.: Sunday morning January 9, 1972, Ed Geisler came forward and accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. The next Sunday his son John came forward and accepted Christ. Both were immersed Sunday, January 16. Faith Chapel continues to rejoice as this family turns its lives over to God. Don Hightower, pastor.

RADIO LOG

WCEN 1150 AM; 945 FM Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
 9:30 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Life"
 WEBQ 1240 Harrisburg, Ill.
 9:45 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Life"
 WSIG 790, Mt. Jackson, Va.
 7:45 a.m. Sundays, "Voice of Tomorrow"
 WKAI 1510 Macomb, Ill.
 8:15 a.m. "Words of Life"
 WPEG 97.9 FM Concord, N.C.
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 WZKY 1580 AM Albermarle, N.C.
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 WHHV 1400 AM Hillsville, Va.
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 12:45 p.m. Sundays



MORTGAGE BURNING

Hector, Minnesota

On January 9, 1972, the Hector Church of God observed its tenth anniversary in its new church with an appropriate rededication service. Our former pastor, Harry Sheets, and Pastor Edward Bender were in charge. Special music added to the worship service.

A carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. After much happy reminiscing and with the mortgage papers destroyed, the group was given the opportunity to rededicate their lives to Christ and his service.

Mae Swanson, sec.

This church was assisted by the Mission Builders Sixth Appeal in 1961.

DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA

On January 9, 1972, the annual business meeting was held. The results of the election were: S. S. supt., Mrs. Rose Bent; treasurer, Mrs. Doris Brown; secretary, Miss Elaine Handspiker. Elaine Handspiker, sec.

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OBITUARIES

Christopher Duncan, eight year-old son of Mrs. Martha Duncan, was struck and killed by a car while he was walking with his bike in the crosswalk near his home on December 18, 1971. Chris was an active member of our Sunday school and is missed by his many friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer on December 22. Delbert Jones, pastor.

Harry Bearrows died January 18, 1972, as a result of a heart attack. Harry was born December 28, 1905, the son of Isaac and Minnie Bearrows. He was a member of the Brethren Church of Franklin Grove and had attended and served the Flagg Center Community Church for many years.

Surviving are his wife Gladys, one son Robert of Flagg Center, Ill.; one daughter Mrs. Nancy Krehenbuhl of Rochelle, Ill.; five grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Bearrows of Rochelle. Jim Mickey, pastor.

Mrs. Kathleen Augusta Haynes, 43, wife of George Haynes, Mount Pleasant, N.S., died suddenly at her home on January 7, 1972. Funeral

services were held on Saturday from the Church of God, with Pastor Raymond Brown officiating. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Bear River. Mrs. Haynes was mother of four of our Sunday school children.

Elaine Handspiker, sec.

Bro. Ona Cox of Clark's Chapel Church of God was buried January 14, 1972. Survivors are his wife, three sons, five daughters, 29 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He and most of his family have been members of the Church of God for many years. He was 88 years old. Words of hope and comfort were spoken by the writer. Jesse L. Humphreys.

Mrs. Lena Lindsay was born in German Valley, Ill., January 13, 1883. She died at the home of her daughter, February 16, 1972.

She was married to Charles T. Lindsay, February 15, 1905. Bro. Lindsay preceded her in death in 1945.

Survivors are her daughter Mrs. Roy E. (Nota) Longanecker, Boyd, Wis.; her son Glenn C. of Loves Park, Ill.; six grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren; also two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. E. Milton Hall and Paul C. Johnson in Rockford, Ill. She rests in hope of the resurrection day in the cemetery at Adeline, Ill.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE COMPLETED

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course: Douglas Harris, Nancy Lee Rice, Deidre Daily, Digby, N.S.; Ed and Glenna Geisler, E. Peoria, Ill.; Ralph Childs, 16 Reich St., Trotwood, Ohio; Dale Elzinga, Virginia Murray, Rick Williams, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Jerilin Tidey, Chris Tidey, 3408 W. Sunyside Ave., Carol Daniels, 1301 W. Hayward Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. Congratulations!

MARRIAGE

The Brush Creek Church of God was the setting for the wedding on January 22, 1972, of Vicki Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, West Milton, Ohio, and David Bormes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bormes, Minneapolis, Minn. They are making their new home in Minnesota. Don Needham.

Contributors to the General Conference: FEBRUARY, 1972

North Salem Church	13.25	Terrie Baldwin	5.00	Faith Chapel, Peoria	70.00	Anonymous	15.00
Bety Lou Coulter	15.00	Illinois State Conf	50.00	Myrle Clausen	5.00	Josephine Kennedy	35.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	40.00	Alfred Anthon	25.00	Ladies Bible Class, Omaha	50.00	Mr & Mrs O H Berry	20.00
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Lawrenceville Esthers	2.08	Lombard Church	63.84	Ollie Cooper	5.00	Dixon Church	30.00
Dale Swartz	50.00	Oregon Church	76.05	Tom New	12.00	Donald Thoms	30.00
Mrs S Kuehne	1.15	Bible Church, Phoenix	224.50	Margaret Duval	150.00	Anonymous	98.00
Pomona Dorcas	30.00	Bible Church, Tempe	235.00	John W Kugler	50.00	Mr & Mrs H C Huenerkopf	5.00
Mrs Eddie Lee Howell	8.00	Pomona Bereans	12.00	Mr & Mrs Merle Davis	50.00	Elaine Shute	2.00
Florence Allard	10.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Lawrenceville Church	268.01	Diane Shute	2.00
Mr & Mrs J L Harland	25.00	Lorraine Gaspar	12.00	Pennellwood Church	179.67	Anonymous	10.00
Baton Rouge Bereans	4.00	Litchfield Church	29.98	Alta Thrush	10.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	84.87
Columbia BYF	12.00	Pomona Church	63.54	Fort Valley Young People	6.00	Rachel Krogh	40.00
Mrs Howard Moore	5.00	Blanchard Church	142.72	Kokomo SS	26.30	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	21.07
Mr & Mrs Robert Lawson	6.00	Ripley Missionary Soc	50.00	Fonthill BYF	15.00	Mr & Mrs W W Willard	37.50
H D Hathaway	50.00	Southwest Conf	89.60	Macomb Missionary Soc	20.00	Mr & Mrs Samuel Carroll	20.00
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Gary & Karen Smith	4.00	Digby Faith Pledges	74.85	Cecil Smead	30.00	Mabel Andrew	40.00
Peggy Anderson	12.00	David Krogh	50.00	Tempe Dorcas Soc	5.00	Leota Hanson	5.00
Mr & Mrs Ronald Riley	15.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Black	20.00	Opal P Nelson	200.00	Tempe BYF	32.00
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Joy Sutfin	4.00	Blanchard Missionary Soc	40.00	Fonthill Church	122.77	Mr & Mrs Russel Thoms	25.00
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A Growing, Victorious Church!

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

The Church of God is not a man-made body. Its real builder is Jesus Christ, and individuals who accept Christ and become co-laborers with him are merely the tools with which Christ is building his church. The church is of divine origin and is made up of "living stones." God planned it and Christ is the Head of it.

The Word is the means by which the Lord calls and wins people to himself, and when people believe and obey the Word, the Lord adds them to his church.

A Growing Church

The church of which Christ is the Head is a growing church. The Word constitutes the message and this Word will not return void, but shall accomplish the purpose for which it was intended (Isa. 55:10, 11). When this Word is preached and taught in purity, growth follows.

At the close of Jesus' public ministry, there were 120 who had been taught and trained. This group was instructed to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. This was the finishing touch to their training. To be faithful and successful witnesses, there must be instruction and training, otherwise without such training there is the ever-present danger of individuals going out in the name of the church speaking "evil of the things that they understand not" (2 Pet. 2:12).

The small congregation of 120 soon reproduced—kind producing kind. The history of the early church as given in the Acts of the Apostles gives the numerical growth of this early church. The 120 soon grew to over 3,000. This great growth was not solely due to the outpouring of God's spirit. That certainly was a contributing factor, but the re-

sponse of the people resulted from hearing the Word preached. When they "gladly received" the Word preached, they were convicted and asked what they needed to do to be saved. When told it would be necessary to "repent, and be baptized" they became obedient as they received the Word.

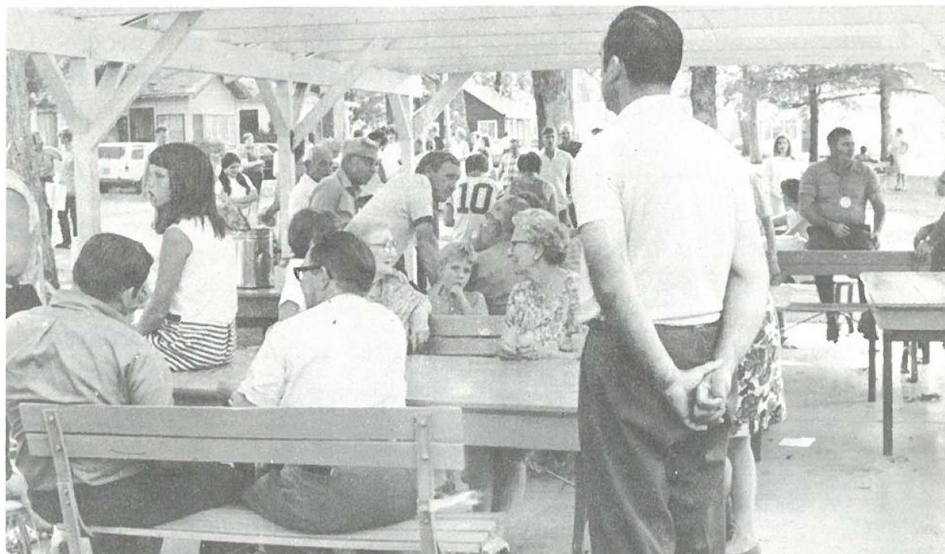
The preaching of Peter and the eleven was not shallow, practical, and ear-pleasing words in conversational style. Read Acts 2:14-40 and take a pencil and paper and mark down the doctrines on which Peter touched, keeping in mind that he testified and exhorted with "many other words" than those recorded. It was a very strong doctrinal sermon.

This Jerusalem meeting did not stop the ongoing of the preaching and the teaching of the Word. It was just the start—the kickoff! The record states "they continued stedfastly . . . praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts

2:42, 47). This growth came about because the people "filled Jerusalem with [their] doctrine" (Acts 5:28). They were workers. To be witnesses people must spread the Word. This cannot be done simply by inviting people to come to church. These early witnesses, after they had filled Jerusalem with their doctrine, then went "every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:5). Their work was a daily operation, not just once a week, with a special Jerusalem meeting once a year. Witnessing was an everyday business by trained disciples, who went everywhere preaching and teaching "all the counsel [purpose] of God."

Fruitful Discipleship

Daily witnessing with the Word of God, which was the "sword of the Spirit," their teaching spread and people were added to the church daily. This is fruitful discipleship; and to be a disciple, one must be fruitful (John 15:8). The message and method that built the early church was the same message and method that gave our church such a good and wide beginning. ●



This is a picture of delegates relaxing during a recess period at the 1971 Church of God General Conference. Now is the time to make plans for this summer's Conference.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

Mission Survey Trip

The Mission Survey Trip that was made in February, together with Sr. Ross and M. A. Patrick, was deemed a real success. We feel that God really directed us to go to Lebanon, as there was great need for a close look at that field. Bro. Sunna'a and his workers are doing a tremendous work, especially in the field of literature. It had appeared that it would be necessary to own a church building by July 1, or discontinue operation as a church in Beirut. We believe that our visit there has been instrumental in changing this so that Bro. Sunna'a can continue on in the rented facility.

The progress made in the Middle East and India since our previous visit in 1966 has been fantastic. (See Mission Page for further details.)

We continue to be amazed at the poverty and hunger of much of India. It is impossible to capture the picture of life in many of these villages. Many of these people are fellow members of the body of Christ and many more are seeking the truths of God's Word. Over three hundred attended the services at the Thomas Town Church of God in Bangalore, India, as I spoke there on Sunday, February 20. I had the privilege to assist nineteen in putting on Christ in baptism that day. During the week, I also spoke at services for the Austin Town congregation, the St. John group, and also at the Chinnah Palya Church. This latter group has recently built a small church building 12 x 16 ft. in size, with adobe walls and tile roof. This is a real nice little building, where sixty-five attended an afternoon service, sitting on the floor, and many neighbors standing around outside. We also spoke at ground breaking and cornerstone laying services at the new lot that was recently purchased with funds contributed by the membership of the Church of God General Conference. A combination church and medical facility will be erected here shortly.

Bro. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero and six of his fellow workers met us in Manila, Philippine Islands, where we spent two days together. We discussed the work, sang and prayed together, and both Bro. Ortiguero and I gave messages. This was a very inspiring two days, as this time of fellowship meant a great deal to these national missionaries. We parted with a very inspira-

tional joint-prayer service that will be long remembered by all who were present.

We were sorry that we were unable to meet Bro. Oliver Amani, of Ghana, in Israel as planned. We did, however, spend a few days of visiting many of the historical sights of Israel. It is such a thrill to walk where Jesus and his disciples walked, especially in the small narrow streets of the old city of Jerusalem.

I am grateful and very humble to have had this opportunity on behalf of the Church of God General Conference to make this trip. I want to express thanks to each one who contributed to the cost of the trip. May the findings be beneficial to the progress of the great task of spreading the gospel message.

Mission Conference and Board Meeting

On the return from the trip we stopped at Phoenix, Arizona, for a Mission Board meeting and took part in a Missionary Conference sponsored by the Phoenix and Tempe churches, which was also attended by members from the Pomona and Valley churches in California. The Faith Promise Service there was most successful, going more than two thousand dollars over a sixteen thousand dollar goal.

Conference Finances

Contributions have fallen about \$2,500 short of the goal for the month of March. We trust that each member will make special effort to help make up this deficit during April. The Goals for Giving are set by the adoption of the budget at the Annual General Conference. The Staff is delegated to carry out these plans and programs. This can be accomplished in full if the financial needs are met. We ask your prayers and concern for this need.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971—September 30, 1972

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Goal for March	\$10,615.00
Given in March	8,095.00
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April Needs	9,750.00

Goal for April \$12,270.00

Missions News

By Rachel Krogh

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24:14).*



Travelers Return

We do praise the Lord for the safe return of Bro. and Sr. S. O. Ross and Bro. Merle Patrick from their mission survey trip and for his blessing upon their visits with the various missionaries. We appreciate very much the willingness of these brethren to make this trip for us.

Middle East

Our three visitors were very impressed with the work being done in the Middle East by Bro. Jamal Sunna'a in Beirut, Lebanon. This man has translated the Systematic Bible Study Course into Arabic and has over six thousand students in fourteen different countries who have taken or are presently enrolled in the course. This course is a wonderful way to reach people with the gospel and has met with much success in this part of the world.

It was through the Bible course that Pastor Shaker Iskander of Cairo, Egypt, became acquainted with the Church of God. After accepting the truths of God's Word and being baptized by Bro. Sunna'a, he was attacked by some men and was badly burned. He spent time in the hospital and then went to Beirut for further recuperation and study with Bro. Sunna'a. This man is now ready to go back to Cairo and begin a Church of God there.

Bro. Oliver Amani was to have been in Haifa, Israel, for some study at the time the group was there. However, they were not able to locate him, so were not able to learn about the Ghana work.

India

The work in India is progressing wonderfully. Just six years ago there was one Church of God in Bangalore. Now nine Sunday schools are conducted in three different languages, and six preaching services are held each Sunday. Bro. S. S. Manoah has been working with four young men whom he is training to be preachers, and they assist in the many services conducted throughout the week.

Bro. P. M. Paulson and one of his co-workers came to Bangalore (they live 700 miles north) to meet the Rosses and Bro. Patrick. Prospects are very good for a Church of God work in their area.

Philippines

From India, the mission survey team went to Manila where Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero and six other workers met them for a two-day visit. They discussed the work, which is going well, and enjoyed a spiritually uplifting time together.

The Villaros brethren have moved to different areas because of the disruption of peace and order. Pastor Magno and some of the others have gone to Roxas, where they plan to reorganize their church.

The picture shown on this page is the new congregation at Lupao. Bro. Calixto Marini, the pastor, is at the center.

Needs on the Fields

Listed below are some of the needs of our missionaries to enable them to better carry on their work. If your missionary group, your church, or you as an individual would like to help with some of these projects, please write to Missions, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

1. Arabic typewriter for Bro. Sunna'a—\$100-\$150.
2. Reprinting of the Systematic Bible Study Course lessons in Arabic—\$200.
3. Postage for sending out the Arabic lessons—\$100-\$150.
4. To return Pastor Iskander and family to Egypt—\$500.
5. Mimeograph machine for Bro. Manoah—\$500.
6. Tracts in the Telugu language for Bro. Paulson—\$100. (For 5000 each of four different tracts, that's a bargain!).
7. A bicycle for Bro. Paulson—\$40.
8. Support for Bro. Paulson—\$10 per month.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!





OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President



Quality Christian Education

As the distress of these times becomes more apparent to Christian people, it is becoming evident that the Christian witness and ministry of the Church of God must become more successful in helping people combat sin and find Christ as the answer to the perils of this world.

The people of the Church of God have responded joyously to the expanding needs of Oregon Bible College as we have continually tried to better prepare our young people as Christian witnesses. The Booster Program each year has helped to do this. Church people have in recent years responded to the growing need by increasing their contributions to the Booster Program.

We welcome and solicit the prayers and support of college friends as we celebrate Oregon Bible College Booster Month during May.

Social Committee

The students of OBC met at Nash School gym on February 19 and played five rousing games of volleyball. The following weekend the intramural basketball games continued. The Social Committee also planned a roller skating party for March 7. Both faculty and students, along with the Dixon Bereans, enjoyed an evening of roller skating at the White Pines rink.

Spring Session

The regular Winter Semester will end April 21 and Spring Session classes will begin April 24 this year. The first of the Spring Session classes will be "Enriching Family Life," taught by Dallas Demmitt. This class will meet two hours each morning during the week of Ministerial Conference.

Eugene Stilson and John Lewis will team-teach a three-hour course on "Western Civilizations." Francis Burnett will teach a one-hour course on "Modern Cults Versus the Bible," and Dale Ramsey will teach a one-hour course called "Directing Church Music."

The Spring Session allows students to add to their accumulated hours and thus accelerate their program. Many students can take many courses they would not otherwise be able to take without the Spring Session.

Music Programs

The Lombard Church of God was the scene of the first choir and chorale concert. These musical groups presented a fine concert of both classical and con-

temporary music. This concert marked the beginning of many busy and fun-filled weekends that will last until the end of the semester.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, the Chorale went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they presented a full concert at Garden Park and musical selections at Pennellwood and Southlawn. They also presented a full concert at Hope Chapel in South Bend, Indiana.

Prayer Day by Shelly Gaspar

A special day of prayer was conducted on March 8. No classes met that morning, as each student and faculty member took part in the activities. The rising sun found everyone meeting at the women's dorm for a sunrise Communion service. Following Communion, everyone had breakfast and then met in the Chapel for the remainder of the services. The theme of the day was to really know each other. Talks were given on the following topics: "Make a New Start," "Accept Yourself," "Say What You Really Feel," "Keep Yourself Open to Others," and "See Yourself as a Child of God." The purpose of this theme is to stop hiding behind masks and pretenses, and to open ourselves up and share what we have with others. Special offerings of music were also presented. Closing the day, a special prayer group was conducted. In this group, people rotated at various intervals and prayed especially for the person with whom he was a partner at that particular time. Love and strength were added by a time of testimonies and sharing. Each person found himself revived and uplifted by such a refreshing morning.

Spiritual Sharing Session

A first was held at the women's dorm on Saturday night, March 4. The Mission Fellowship Club sponsored a sharing session to which all age groups were invited to come. A large group attended and everyone felt the closeness of God as they shared their faith in study, testimony, song, and prayer.

The sharing session closed with conversational prayer and everyone had the opportunity to meet the visitors in the social and refreshment period that followed. A part of the work of the church is to edify the body of Christ. Through these sharing sessions we feel that the unity and love of Christian brethren will increase.



BYF NEWS



Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Two Berean Youth Caravans

The itinerary and program of the Berean Youth Caravans for the summer of 1972 have been arranged and approved.

The Senior Berean Caravan will be doing "inner-city" witnessing in the city of South Bend, Ind., July 12-23. Bro. James Graham, pastor of Hope Chapel Church of God in South Bend will be the leader and sponsor. The Senior Caravan can have six members. For anyone to become a Caravan member, he must be entering the 12th grade or be of college age. There is no tuition charge for the Senior Caravan but each must furnish his own transportation to and from South Bend. Enrollment forms have been mailed out and there is also one in the March-April *Challenge*. The summer of 1971 was the first time that an "inner-city" Caravan was promoted by the Berean department. It proved to be very successful, both for the individuals in the Caravan and for all of the Church of God. The Caravan was well received by the city of Minneapolis—even to the point of having a program on a TV station.

The Junior Caravan is for those entering the ninth grade and through the eleventh grade. There is a charge of \$15.00 tuition for each member selected. This Caravan can have five members in addition to the sponsor. The date for the Junior Caravan is June 16-28. The destination is the Louisiana Berean Youth Camp, which is to be held June 18-24. The members of the Caravan will be helping with teaching, special music, cabin counseling, and other duties that will be of value to the success of the camp. Miss Patricia Warner of Wyoming, Michigan, will be the leader and sponsor. Pat is a member of the Pennellwood Church of God and has been active in youth work for several years. This Caravan will visit some of our churches on the way to Louisiana. If your church is contacted to entertain this group, we hope that you will be able to do so and will respond immediately.

Diamond Jubilee Year

Beginning in November of this year will be the 75th year of the Bereans. The first meeting of record was held in Dixon, Ill., in 1898. A copy of the minutes of the first meeting is on file at headquarters. Do you have some ideas and suggestions for the observance of this important anniversary in the Church of God? If you do, write your youth director or Bro. S. O. Ross at Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

The Superintendent

Sizing up the School. Taking an inventory is one of the first things, and one of the frequent things, a superintendent should do. And here are some of the items he would do well to take into account, both to ascertain what the school is, and what it may come to be.

1) *Are the school records in good shape?*

Look at them. Apply tests. Are the pupils' full names correctly entered? If not, painful blunders may result. When you write a warm-hearted birthday letter to John F. Wilkins and address him as "My Dear James" and mail the letter to James E. Wilkins, the aggrieved and scornful John will wonder whether your letter is as warm as it reads. It is well to put the final responsibility upon the secretary for the correctness of records, and to let him know that you rely upon him for thorough work.

2) *Is the percentage of attendance as compared with enrollment what it should be?*

Look over the records for typical Sundays at various seasons of the year for a few years past, or even one year, and test the question. If you have an enrollment of two hundred and the attendance has averaged only one hundred on clear, pleasant Sundays, something is wrong. Fifty percent attendance is too small.

The trouble may be found in any one or in all of several directions:

a) The roll may need cutting down. Many persons on the roll may not now be entitled to membership in the school, because of removal from the neighborhood or regular attendance at some other school.

b) The percentage may be low because the absentees are allowed to become chronic cases through lack of any follow-up plan, either by letter or by personal visits from teachers or officers, or from pupils appointed for the occasion.

c) The percentage may be low because the general platform exercises of the school have fallen into dull and uninteresting ways. In one large school in Trenton, New Jersey, the superintendent has tested this phase of the question so carefully that he is sure to notice a falling off in attendance whenever he ceases to exert himself in preparing an interesting program.

d) The percentage may be low because of an unfortunate placing of pupils in classes unsuited to their needs. The difficulty is subtle and cannot be cured in a moment, or even detected, without cautious and tactful study.—Adapted from *The Sunday School at Work*.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 16—Tenth Anniversary of the Troy View Church of God.
- Apr. 21-23—Northeast Conference, Columbus, Ohio.
- Apr. 24-28—Ministerial Conference, Oregon, Ill.
- May 26-29—Berean Young Adult Retreat, Camp Mack.
- June 4-10—Southeast Youth Camp at Camp Tellico, Tenn.
- June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Marantha.
- June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
- July 3-5—N.E. Youth Camp.
- July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
- July 30—Southeast Conference, Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, S.C.
- July 30-Aug. 4—August Meetings, Guthrie Grove Church, Leon Driskill, Speaker.
- Aug. 14-19—General Conference.

STUDENTS ACCEPT PASTORATES

Three Oregon Bible College students have accepted pastorates. Waldon Winner, Jr., will begin his ministry at Hedrick Church of God, Hedrick, Ind., on June 1, 1972. Robert Schrienk and his family will go to Garden Park Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., September 1, 1972. John Carr has accepted the pastorate at Macomb, Ill., beginning September 1, 1972. Bro. Carr will complete his Internship Program in Arizona about June 1 and will marry Sr. Rachel Krogh on June 10.

Other students available are Ron Macy, who will graduate on May 19, and Joe Duncan and Dale Swartz who will finish their Internship Program in Arizona about June first.

Others who have resigned present pastorates and who are available for a call are Ellsworth Routson, Vivian Kirkpatrick, II, C. Joseph Astolfi, Jr., and David Cheatwood.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CABIN RESERVATIONS

Beginning April 15, requests for cabin reservations will be accepted for the annual Church of God General Conference sessions. Conference dates this year are August 14 to 19, and will again be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Costs are \$4.50 per day per person or \$21.50 for the Conference.

An excellent Conference program is being planned. Make your plans now to attend. Send your request for cabin and trailer reservations to: Reservation, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

BAPTISMS

Phoenix, Ariz.: Carl E. Reiter, 11411 N. 29 Place, 85028, was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins, February 20, 1972. A week later, February 27, Mrs. Betty J. Coglan, 3534 W. Friess Dr., 85032, was baptized for remission of sins. God be praised for the gospel to teach and preach in these crucial days.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Troy, Ohio: The following accepted Christ during the special meetings at the Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio, and were immersed February 27, 1972: Sheila Brewer, Anthony Moran, Stacy Scott, Michael Gallagher, Freda Burnside, Evelyn Epperly, Kevin Demmitt, David Graham, Darrell Graham, Michael Hackett, Robert Smith, Lois Newman, and March 5, Clara Small.
Scott Ross, pastor.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Southlawn Church): Elizabeth Smith, 312 Lemyra SE, Grand Rapids, 49508, was immersed in Jesus' name, November 21, 1971.
Austin Railton, pastor.

Tempe, Arizona: Miss Barbara Abel, 1128 E. Campus, 85281, was immersed for the remission of sins February 27, 1972.
Lee McQuinn, pastor.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Garden Park Church): On January 30, 1972, Bryce Beck was baptized in the name of Jesus for remission of sins. On February 6, Betty Alters, Jim Alters, and Skip Beck were baptized. We rejoice in these decisions for Christ.
David Krogh, pastor.

Dayton, Ohio: Miss Laura Cain accepted Christ March 12 and was baptized by her father March 19, 1972. We pray many lives will be influenced by her Christian testimony.
Rex Cain, pastor.

Columbia Station, Ohio: Miss Jane Fry, 940 Main St., Grafton, Ohio 44044, was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of her sins Sunday, March 12, 1972. The Columbia congregation rejoices over her decision and prays God's blessing upon her.
Jesse Pestle, pastor.

Digby, Nova Scotia: The following were baptized by Pastor Raymond Brown, on Sunday, March 12, 1972: Mrs. Patricia Speichts, Mrs. Barbara Ross, Miss Darlene Ring, Miss Janice Ring. May God bless them as they continue serving him. Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

Litchfield, Minn.: Mrs. Lilly Schwartz, 700 E. Third St., was baptized for the remission of sins at the Eden Valley Church of God, March 12, 1972. May God bless her as she leads a new life in Christ.
John Railton, pastor.

Oregon, Ill.: L. Kim Warmolts was baptized before a group of friends and relatives, January 30, 1972. We pray his testimony among young people will help others to accept Christ.
C. E. Lapp, pastor.

Lombard, Ill.: Terry Newquist, 908 Lincoln Ave., Rochelle, Ill., was baptized at the Lombard church by Ron Macy on February 27, 1972. Patricia Taylor, 145 S. Main St., Lombard, 60148, was baptized by the writer at Peoria, Ill., Sunday afternoon, March 12, 1972. Praise God for showing these two his great love.
David Cheatwood, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following people have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Cornelius Boykai, Liberia; Mrs. Judy Marston, 7491 Astronaut SW, Jenison, Mich. 48428; Charles Durham, Rt. 1, Piedmont, S.C. 29673; Mrs. Marie Stafford, Dayton, Ohio; Patty Handspiker, St. Mary's St., Digby; Mrs. Harry Griffith, Conway, Digby, N.S.; Mrs. Gloria Ellenberger, 1637 W. Highland Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. Congratulations!

TROY VIEW MEETINGS

Special meetings were held at the Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio, February 21-27, 1972, with Raymond Brown, Church of God missionary to Nova Scotia as guest speaker. It was a week of great spiritual blessings. Average attendance at the evening services was 134, with 194 in attendance Friday night. But even more wonderful was the fact that sixteen people made the decision to accept Christ and be baptized during this week. God's presence was truly felt during the meetings.

Scott Ross, pastor.

RESERVATIONS

Ministers attending the Ministerial Conference, April 24-28, 1972, should make room reservations at once. Write to Mrs. Mabel Andrew, 406 S. 7th St., Oregon, Ill. 61061.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Rachel Cooper Mitchell died January 26, 1972. She was a faithful member of the Oak Grove Church of God, Little Rock, Ark. Surviving her are two sons, William, Benton, Ark., Edward, Chicago, Ill., and one daughter, Mrs. Marie Knobel, Conway, Ark., six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest in the Dawson Cemetery to await her Lord's return.
J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

Frank C. Valentine, died December 26, 1971, and was laid to rest in the Ten Mile Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Gladys, who is a member of Oak Grove Church of God, Little Rock, Ark., and one sister, Mrs. John Getridge. Services were conducted by the writer.
J. Roy Humphreys.

Patricia Ann Moore, daughter of Linford and Ruth Moore, was born September 1, 1949, and was killed in a car accident January 24, 1972. Patty Ann was a student at the University of Northern Iowa. She became a member of the body of Christ in May, 1959. She leaves her parents, 1921 Ashland Ave., Cedar Falls, two brothers, Stephen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Paul, Oregon Bible College, one sister, Cecilia at home. She was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, following words of comfort spoken by the writer. She rests until Jesus calls her forth to life eternal.
Stanley Lawrence, pastor.

Paul Broberg, was born in Minneapolis, Minn., March 6, 1904, and, following fourteen years in hospitals and nursing homes, fell asleep in the Lord at Mora, Minn., March 4, 1972. He is survived by one sister, Clara Broberg. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Roy and Carl, and two sisters, Signa and Ruby Randall. The writer spoke words of comfort and hope.
Clyde E. Randall.

Contributors to the General Conference: March

Hope Chapel, South Bend	50.88	Ruth Blankenbaker	20.00	Fort Valley SS	89.88	Ben Carpenter	20.00
Mr & Mrs Viv Kirkpatrick II	10.00	Felida Church	2.70	Happy Woods Church	73.00	Mrs F L Austin	5.00
Tri-State Bereans	15.00	Bible Church, Modesto	10.20	E Alan Boyer	5.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	40.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Baldwin	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Crockett	20.00	G Rule W Night Class	3.24	Brush Cr Gospel Gleaners	20.00
Cynthia McLeod	2.00	Pomona Church	54.56	Linda Jones	6.00	Ellen Canfield	26.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	40.00	Mrs H S Bell	9.35	Dan Dovenbarger	25.00	Maurertown Church	67.15
Ripley BYF	10.00	Digby BYF	12.00	Macomb Church	130.39	Bible Church, Phoenix	285.00
Charles Knapp	16.00	Digby Mission Faith Pledges	68.00	Mr & Mrs Glenn Birkey	25.00	Tempe Dorcas Society	5.00
Mrs Esther Jenkins	10.00	Blanchard Church	112.80	Robert Sigler	20.00	Zenas Murphy	10.00
Linda Hollenback	22.00	Kathy Kooi	12.00	Hope Chapel, South Bend	34.06	Dorothy L Siple	25.00
Waterloo Bereans	12.00	Anonymous	21.00	Fremont SS	8.50	E Dorothy Magaw	58.00
Anonymous	95.00	Anonymous	135.00	Mr & Mrs P M Landry	56.00	Blanchard Miss So	85.00
Anderson Chapel	5.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Shotwell	20.00	La State Conf	112.61	Fonthill Miss So	194.48
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Mr & Mrs R Kaffenbarger	5.00	Leota Hanson	5.00	Hildred Momsen	10.00	San Jose Dorcas	15.00
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G Anonymous	14.70	Shelly Gaspar	12.00	Indiana State Conf	29.00	Mr & Mrs D Fedde	64.00
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THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE By Dr. Alva G. Huffer

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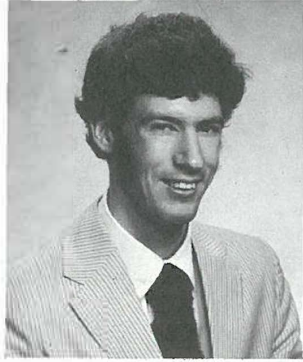
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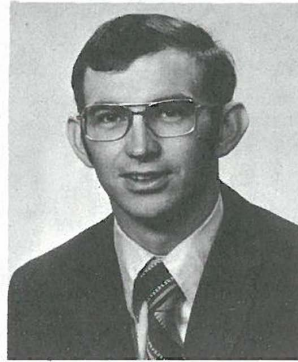
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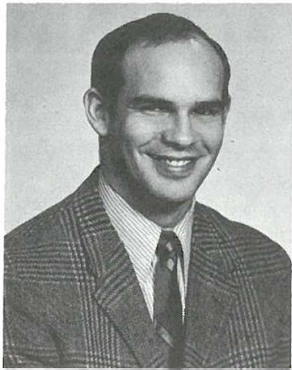
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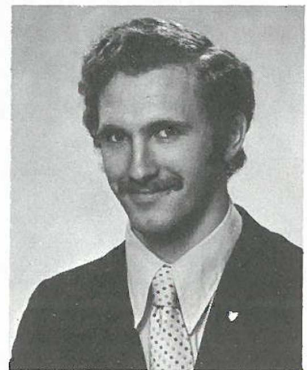
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MISSION FELLOWSHIP

By Rachel Krogh

This year the Foreign Mission Fellowship and the Home Mission Fellowship joined to form one group, with the members involving themselves in projects at home and in countries around the world.

The students have enjoyed making visits to the Franklin Grove Nursing Home near Oregon. At Christmastime they sang carols, and other months they have conducted services consisting of singing, special music, and short Bible messages. The group also spends time visiting with the residents and getting to know them better.

Another project here at home was the sponsoring of a special get-together for the area young people. This was a time of singing, testimonies, and spiritual refreshment, as well as an outreach to young people of the community.

In the Foreign Department, the Mission Fellowship has continued to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast by Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero in the Philippine Islands. The group is also providing literature (Bibles and tracts) for several mission fields.

Members of the Fellowship helped in the presentation of the Faith Promise Service held at Oregon Bible College. Over \$2,600 was promised by students and faculty members to be given to the mission work of the Church of God in this next year.

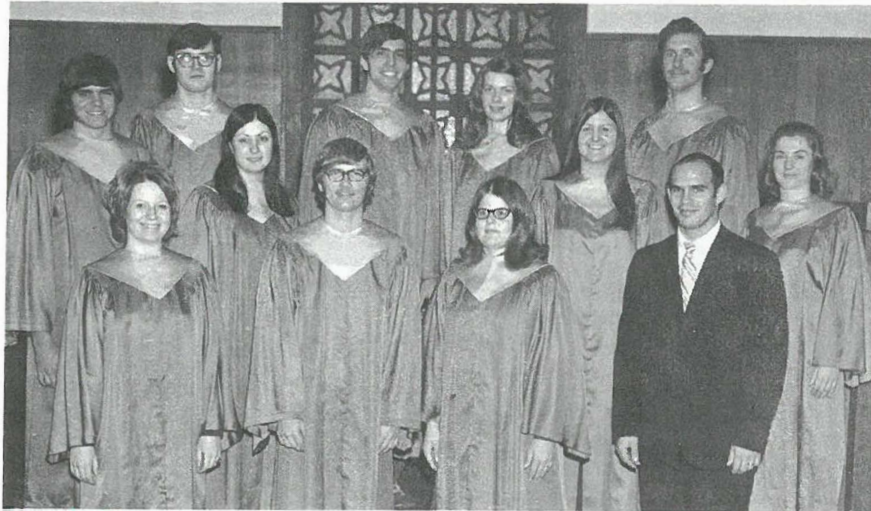
The Missionary Newsletter is also one of the projects of this group of students. It contains news about the mission work being carried on around the world and prayer requests concerning this work—one for each day of the month. This publication is sent free to those who want to receive it. You are invited to send your name and address to us if you are not now getting it. Address: Mission Fellowship, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

STUDENT COUNCIL

By Paul Moore

The Student Council seeks to provide smooth communication between all students and faculty in an effort to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. Hard working officers and members of Missions, the Student Voice, the Social Committee, and the Council itself have unified the Council into an efficient organization of student government.

Music . . . music . . . music



CHORALE: Left to right—Row 1: Shelly Gaspar, Mike Brown, Deb Barry, Dale Ramsey, Dir.; Row 2: Sam Voorhies, Faye Harshman, Carola Landry, Sharon Guiles; Row 3: Tim New, Joe Myers, Vicki Johnson, Ron Macy

OBC MUSIC DEPARTMENT

By Dale Ramsey

God has exceedingly blessed the music program at OBC this school year. Evidence of this has been witnessed many times. We decided to purchase robes during the first semester. Through concerts and personal giving, \$500 was raised to pay for the robes. The new robes add a sense of pride and dignity to our concerts. Presently we are building a music room which will give our program a great boost in the coming years. With the building of the music room came the need for a new piano. A very fine rebuilt grand piano was purchased for \$1000 and placed in the chapel. We are trusting God to help us pay for the piano by the end of the semester and we truly believe he will. Through concerts and individual giving, we are getting close to our goal and by the time this is printed we will have reached this goal.

The choir and chorale have presented a total of twenty-six concerts this year. Concerts have been presented in the states of Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa. We feel that God has truly blessed us to inspire and uplift the hearts of the people we have sung to. A real milestone for the Chorale and OBC was the presentation of a concert in Eden Valley, Minnesota, High School. God truly used us to testify to those 500-600 students and the response by those students was gratifying.

The progress in our music department is advancing fast and for this we praise God.



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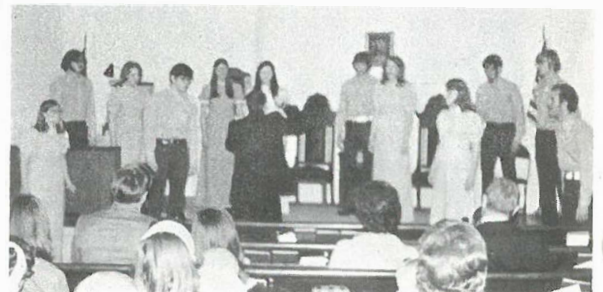
Our source of strength—prayer



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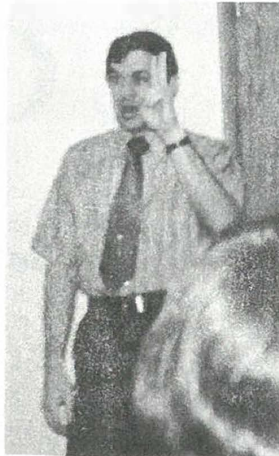


Picnic in Missouri

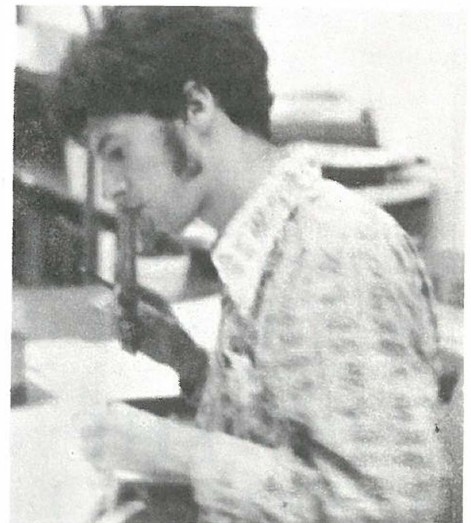
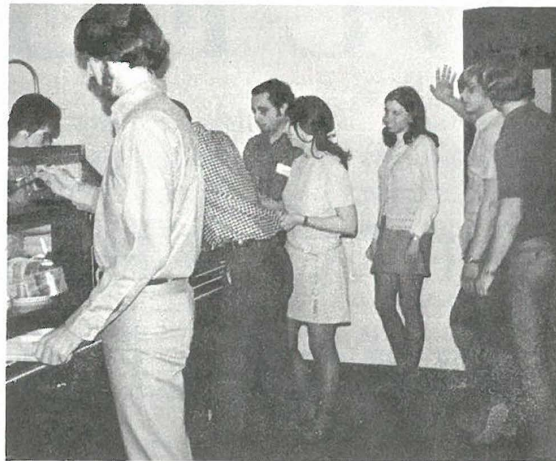
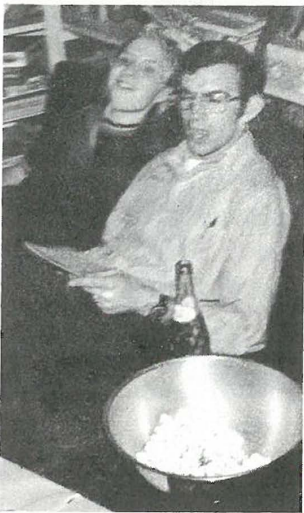


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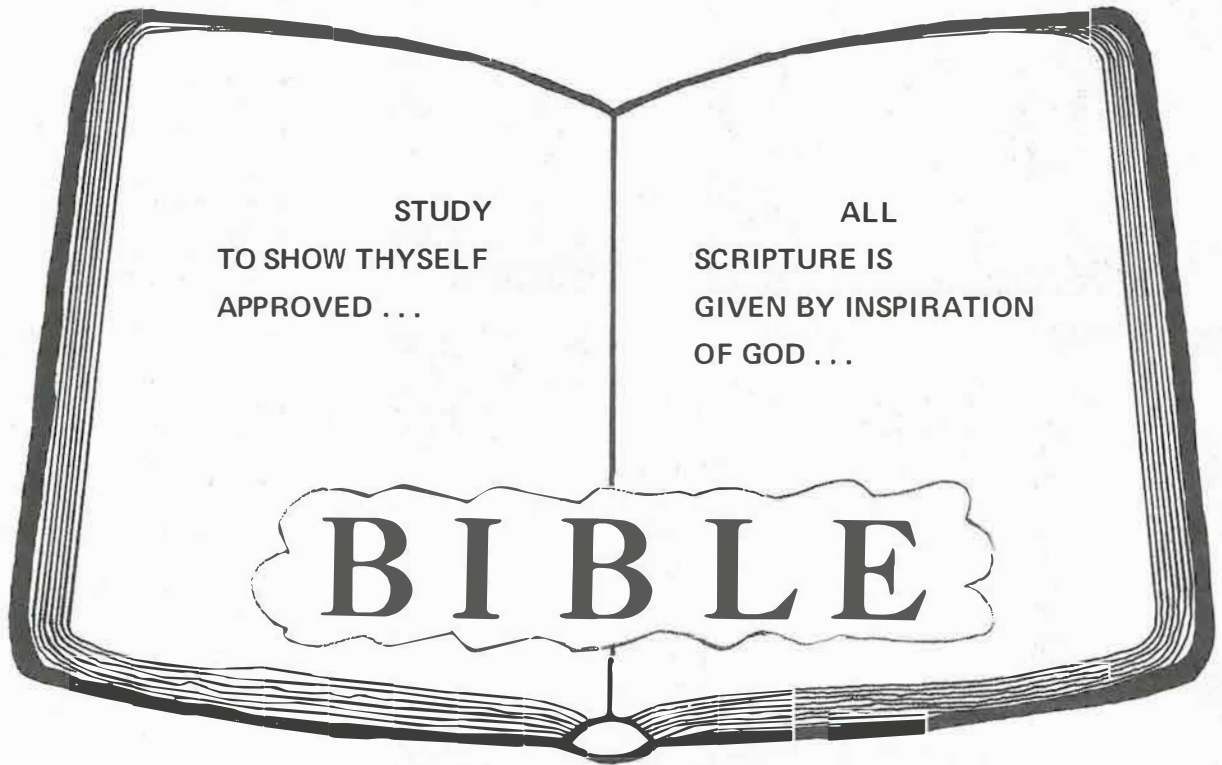
Being an OBC Student is . . .



- exciting afternoons and fun-filled nights
- is sick humor
- is snowball fights in the dorm
- is saying the janitor will do it
- is meeting your girl in the 600's of the library
- is always looking for Ben
- is appreciating the small things in life or college
- is putting ketchup or jelly on everything
- is midnight Mr. Bubble baths in the shower
- is living together in real Christian love
- is being blinded by the flash of diamond rings
- is hot chocolate and popcorn parties in the girls' dorm
- popcorn and TV fun-filled Friday nights
- action-packed basketball games
- walking to class in a -30° sunrise
- stapling together the Student Voice
- having a beautiful Sunrise Communion Service
- experiencing a Spirit-filled Prayer Day
- not having to wear your own clothes
- being so busy that you have to find time to get in trouble
- appreciating special activities such as the fall breakfast, the cookout, the winter banquet, and music recitals



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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

The fifty-second Annual Church of God General Conference will be held at Riverview Park at Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 14-19, 1972. The Conference will begin on Monday night and run through Saturday breakfast. Reservations are now being accepted for cabins. This is a family type camp and families are encouraged to stay together. The cost this year is \$4.50 a person per day or \$21.50 for the Conference.

For your cabin reservations write to Conference Reservation, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

JUNE ISSUE

The June issue of the Progress Journal will carry the full program for the General Conference. It will also contain the departmental reports, committee reports, proposed recommendations, and much other pertinent Conference information.

The Program Committee has made some changes from former programs and feels that it will be a most inspiring Conference. There will be a preaching relay on Wednesday afternoon, a campfire Wednesday night, a full evening devoted to the Communion service and a musicale on the closing night. Make plans now to attend.

HOME MISSIONS

During the year staff members have conducted four Evangelism Training Seminars. They have been held at Troy, Ohio, Phoenix, Ariz., Rockford, Ill., and Columbia Station, Ohio. These sessions have been well attended and have been most helpful to the sponsoring churches and to the churches in these areas that attended and took part in the training sessions. We trust that more such sessions will be held in the future.

Six churches have received Pastoral Aid during this church year. Many people are taking the Systematic Bible Study Course, many are having home Bible study sessions, and much literature is being distributed by interested people in our local churches.

The metallic church signs with the General Conference emblem are still available. These are very attractive signs that sell for \$6.50 each.

OBC GRADUATION

Oregon Bible College Commencement Exercises will be held at the Oregon Church of God, May 19, 1972, at 7:45 p.m. Bro. Warren Sorenson, pastor of the

Macomb, Ill., Church of God will be the commencement speaker. The graduating class is made up of Ron Macy, Paul Moore, Dale Ramsey, Robert Schrienk, and Waldon Winner, Jr. Bro. Ramsey will enter graduate studies at Northern Illinois University and continue to teach music at Oregon Bible College. Bro. Moore will enter the Internship Program of Oregon Bible College at Tempe, Ariz. Bro. Winner will begin the pastorate of the Hedrick, Ind., Church of God June 1; and Bro. Schrienk, the pastorate of the Garden Park Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., on September 1.

Bro. Ron Macy has accepted the pastorate of the Eternal Hope Church of God, Herndon, Va. He and his recent bride will begin the pastorate there on September 1. Remember these graduates in prayer as they continue their studies or as they begin their life's work in the Lord's service.

We would also ask your prayers and encouragement that many high school graduates will enroll in Oregon Bible College for next school year.

INTERNSHIP STUDENTS

Bros. John Carr, Joe Duncan, and Dale Swartz will complete their Internship studies about June 1. Bro. Carr has accepted the pastorate at Macomb, Ill., and Bro. Swartz the pastorate at Peoria, Ill. Bro. Duncan has decided to go on to further studies at Arizona State University at Tempe.

CONFERENCE FINANCES

We find the contributions for the month of April are about \$1,500 short of the needs. It appears as this is written that a loan will be necessary to meet the mission support payments, the pastoral aid payments, and the payroll for April 30. We trust that each member will make this a matter of prayer and make a special effort to meet the goals for May so that the programs of the General Conference may go on uninterrupted.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971—September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for April	\$12,270.00
Given in April	10,817.00
Deficit in April	1,453.00
May Needs	9,750.00

Goal for May \$11,203.00

Missions News

By Rachel Krogh

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24:14).*



Missions News

Egypt. Pastor Shaker Iskander was to have returned to Cairo, Egypt, last month to begin a Church of God work in that city. Pray for him as he goes back and gets reestablished in this area where he was once attacked for the cause of Christ.

Mexico. Bro. Francisco Martinez was involved in an accident March 17, while bicycling to work. We are thankful that he was not injured seriously.

Nigeria. The Hope Chapel Church of God at Ediene No. 1, where Solomon Idiong and Ephraim Udo are co-pastors, presently has 185 persons attending, with 88 baptized members. Nearly 80 persons are attending services at the Community Church of God at Utu Abak, pastored by John Obott. There are 46 baptized members in this group.

The Hope Chapel Church has begun a building fund for the construction of a concrete church building. The Community Church was host at an Easter Communion service for both churches.

Pastor and Mrs. John Obott are the parents of a baby boy born March 30.

Projects for You

1) After hearing the report of the great outreach that Bro. Jamal Sunna'a has through the Arabic Systematic Bible Study Course, I began thinking about the possibilities for doing more with this course in our own country. It seems that offering this free course could open up opportunities to bring many to Christ.

Here is what you can do:

- a. Write to our office and request a prepared newspaper ad for the free course.
- b. Go to your local newspaper office and place the ad.
- c. Offer to help your pastor with some of his duties (such as preparing the church bulletin or making calls on the sick) so he will have time to correct the lessons.
- d. Be ready to do follow-up work with the person when he finishes the course.

The procedure that we follow with the course is as follows: Persons who want to enroll in the course will write to our address here which will be given in the ad.

We will send Lesson 1 to them. The rest of the lessons will be sent to the pastor nearest the person, and he will administer the rest of the course and correct the lessons.

2) As we mentioned above, Pastor Iskander has returned to Egypt to begin a work there. He was in need of funds to travel back and to find a place to live and get settled again. Several hundred dollars has been sent to help him, and this amount was not included in our missions budget. In addition, we are sending him \$125 monthly to help support him and his family. Your help in spreading the gospel in Egypt is greatly needed.

3) We are happy that we have an opportunity for work in another part of India. Pastor P. M. Paulson near Hyderabad is planning to spend some time in Bangalore next month to study more thoroughly with Bro. S. S. Manoah. He will then go back and share what he has learned with his co-workers and the people to whom they are ministering. The approximate cost of his transportation to Bangalore and back is \$100. We will also be providing a bicycle for Bro. Paulson and \$10 per month to help support him. These needs as well, are over and above our budget, but we are confident that you will help us supply them.

4) Another way of letting people know about Christ is being planned by one of our U.S. churches. It has arranged to occupy a booth at a local fair next summer and is starting now to make plans for displays and literature distribution to let people know about Christ. A possibility for your group perhaps!

5) In next month's Progress Journal be watching for an announcement about another way in which you can become personally involved in helping your Christian brothers in other parts of the world.

Missionary Survey

We have asked your pastor to conduct a missionary survey in your church sometime during the month of May. We feel that the survey can be of real value in helping you to evaluate your personal missionary interest as well as that of your church. Your pastor and the General Conference Mission Board will also benefit in several ways from the survey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in participating in the survey.

Francis Burnett, Youth Director

1972 Berean Youth Conference

By the time you are reading this column, most of the promotion for the 1972 Berean Youth Conference has been put forth. We know that many young people from your congregations and communities will be attending. It is with great anticipation each year that we plan the program and look forward to seeing the enjoyment and pleasure of the young people as they take part in it.

The theme for 1972 is: "A New and Living Way." It is based on Hebrews 10:22. In the context the Apostle Paul was pointing out the importance of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of all men. By developing a theme on which to prepare a program, many phases can enter in. For instance, this year's classes will offer teachings centered around Jesus "as the new and living way": 1) prayer in Jesus' name; 2) Jesus, "the word made flesh" (considering the many prophecies about him); 3) Jesus, the Lamb of God (a study of the examples and types pointing to Jesus); 4) Jesus, the Sure Foundation, 5) Jesus, "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah" (a study in Revelation); 6) Jesus, "the King of the Jews" (his place in the future); and 7) Jesus as "I am" (to show the relevance of the "I am's" in every follower's life).

Each camper can select two of these subjects for classes. It is probable that many of the campers would enjoy studying each subject. But this is impossible. However, it does give each one a definite advantage in being able to select a class where the camper's desire can be met.

The staff has been chosen after many weeks of writing to more than 100 persons. It is quite a task to be able to match vacation time and obligations to the one week of Youth Conference. Many on the staff take a part of their vacation to serve. There will be a staff of 45 adults. We anticipate a larger enrollment in 1972.

The development and growth of youth work in recent years, both in organization and in service, in our churches can certainly be traced in part to the planned programs of the Berean Youth Conference. In bringing all of these young people together, it is the purpose to guide, teach, and make them stronger in the "ways of the Lord."

In like manner, the Youth Conference program has inspired many adults over the years. If there is such a thing as the "generation gap," the Youth Conference has bridged it.

MAY, 1972

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

Enthusiasm

Have you ever considered what enthusiasm would be without the "u" in it (enthusiasm). It doesn't mean much without the "u" which really means "you." YOU are the key to the success of your Sunday school.

Several months ago, in Illinois, the worth of an enthusiastic Sunday school teacher was explored. Enthusiasm was narrowed down to each teacher's responsibility and these questions were asked: What has your Sunday school experience meant to you; and, Was one person's enthusiasm involved in the experience? Here are some revealing testimonies:

"The pastor's wife was my Sunday school teacher during my intermediate days when I became a Christian. Her sweet, loving personality impressed me."

"One teacher I had taught with such joy I hated to miss his class. He was a joy to be around and knew what the Lord could do. He shared God's love with me."

"I especially look forward to the sharing of ideas that is encouraged by my Sunday school teacher and discussing hard-to-understand verses. It completes my Sunday morning service."

"I have come to appreciate Sunday school more in the last year or so. This is due to the way the teacher of the young adult class has been conducting the class. He asks think-type questions which stimulate discussion, and has variety in his approach to the lessons. The class is encouraged to share personal experiences and their thoughts regarding the Scriptures. It's a class I look forward to."

"Yes, as a high school student, I was a member of a very active youth class. The leader was a very enthusiastic person who spent a lot of personal time with each young person. He took us out socially, taught us how and to value church visitation. He had prayer circles and shared his experiences with God. An unforgettable person."

If God has directed you to teach a class, regardless of the reason, you have accepted the obligation of being an enthusiastic teacher. Any other attitude is pure drudgery for the pupils you *teach*. We will not dwell on the negative answers received from these two questions, but be well informed that your pupils are very aware of your "enthusiasm."

The experience of enthusiasm is expressed according to the dictionary as "strong excitement of feeling."

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 26-29—Berean Young Adult Retreat, Camp Mack.
- June 4-10—Southeast Youth Camp at Camp Tellico, Tenn.
- June 12-18—Brush Creek June Meetings, Michael Mattison, guest speaker.
- June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Maranatha.
- June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
- June 24, 25—Missouri Quarterly Conference, Fredericktown.
- July 3-5—N.E. Youth Camp.
- July 9-15—Minnesota Senior Youth Camp
- July 16-22—Minnesota Junior Youth Camp
- July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
- July 30—Southeast Conference, Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, S.C.
- July 30-Aug. 4—August Meetings, Guthrie Grove Church, Leon Driskill, Speaker.
- Aug. 9-13—Iowa State Conference at Waterloo, guest speaker, James Mattison.
- Aug. 9-13—Central High Plains Conference, Holbrook, Neb., Emory Macy, guest speaker.
- Aug. 14-19—General Conference at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

PASTORS AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATES

- Ellsworth Routson, Bx 324, Burr Oak, Ind 46509, Ph 219-842-2258
- David Cheatwood, 21 W 251 North Ave., Lombard, Ill 60148, Ph 312-629-3273
- C. Joseph Astolfi, Jr, Crystal Hts Rd., Crystal City, Mo 63019, Ph 314-937-5119
- Ron Macy, Box 100, Oregon, Ill 61061, Ph 815-732-2761
- Vivian Kirkpatrick, Sr., 704 Jefferson St., Oregon, Ill 61061, Ph 815-732-7257 (weekend supply)

Concerning the Nations is an 18-page prophetic study setting forth some of the fulfillments of Bible prophecies in our time. It was printed in Australia and may be obtained from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, at 15 cents each, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

Russia, Israel, Christ and You, by Percy Bilton, London industrialist, is a 56-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 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

BAPTISMS

Browntown, Va.: Having confessed Jesus Christ as her Saviour, Mrs. Johnny Kidwell, Rt. 1, Box 221-A, Front Royal, 22630, was baptized for the remission of sins, March 12, 1972. We pray her walk with Christ will be blessed.

James Ritch, pastor.

Dayton, Ohio: Miss Pamela Young professed Christ as her Lord through baptism March 19, 1972. We pray her life will always be a testimony of Christ's love.

Rex Cain, pastor.

Burr Oak, Ind.: The Church of God at Burr Oak rejoices in the baptism of Mrs. Arthur (Patricia) Northenor, Plymouth. She was immersed by the writer at Hope Chapel in South Bend, February 19, 1972. May she be blessed in her walk with her Saviour.

Ellsworth Routson, pastor.

Troy, Ohio: On March 19, 1972, Cecial and Diane Rademachir were immersed in the waters of baptism. May God richly bless them as they walk in newness of life.

Scott Ross, pastor.

Dixon, Ill.: The following have been baptized since January 1, 1972: Barbara Manus, Robert Leonardy, Lu Ann Leach, Katy Behan, Kris Meyer, Kathy Waldschlager, Heidi Ketchum, and Diana Lenn Waldschlager. May their faith and dedication light their way into the kingdom of God.

Ernest Graham, pastor.

Oregon, Ill.: Wendy Bolthouse was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Easter Sunday evening, April 2, 1972. She was received into church fellowship at the Communion service which followed. She left the following Wednesday for Germany where she was to join her husband. May God bless and keep her faithful.

C. E. Lapp, pastor.

Van Nuys, Cal.: It was our privilege, April 2, 1972, to baptize Bill Bizeau, 3551 Woodcliff Rd., Sherman Oaks, 91403, into the household of faith. Bill is a senior in high school and was brought into contact with the gospel through the witnessing of Debbie Simi.

Harold Doan, pastor.

Tipp City, Ohio: Miss Dayle Lynn Reye, after going forward at the Troy View Church special meetings and then receiving instructions and confessing her faith before the Brush Creek Church, March 5, 1972, was baptized in the icy waters of Brush Creek. May her growth in the knowledge and life of Christ be abundant.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Phoenix, Ariz.: I am pleased to report three recent baptisms: Miss Barbara Abel, February 27, 1972, 1128 E. Campus Dr., Tempe, 85282; Mrs. Carol Dipple, 1304 W. 7th St., Tempe, 85281; and Mrs. Irene Melcher, 7544 E. Van Buren, Scottsdale, 85257. The last two were immersed April 2, 1972.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Omaha, Nebr.: The Jaynes Street Church of God welcomes into Christ the following who were baptized March 31, 1972: Douglas Edwin Sperry, 13375 N. 72nd St., Omaha, 68122; Deann Kay Johns, Bennington, 68007; and Ardys Rasp, 6019 Curtis, Omaha, 68104.

Emory Macy, pastor.

Whitnel, N.C.: Mrs. Iva Lee Kirby Whisnant and Douglas Whisnant, Jr., were baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. The hus-

band and father had been previously baptized. They are now united in church membership.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Middletown, R.I.: Mark Westlund was baptized into Christ by his father, Chaplain O. A. Westlund, United States Navy, on February 27, 1972. We rejoice with Mark as a new disciple of Jesus and commit ourselves to him as the people of God.

(The following note was added and is unusual. It is passed on to our readers.—Ed.)

"Baptizing Mark was a great moment for us. Fifteen navy chaplains were present for the occasion. The Good News Kids of the Newport area (60 high school kids turned on for Jesus) assembled with their drums and guitars and sang."

OBITUARIES

Mary Burnett was born in Schuyler County, Ill., June 27, 1897. She died April 2, 1972. She was baptized November 26, 1911, by Bro. G. E. Marsh. She was a long-time member of the Ripley Church of God.

Surviving are three sons, Francis, Oregon, Ill., Harold and Lozelle, Mt. Sterling, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Bolhous, Oregon, Ill., and Mrs. Helen Jones, Dixon, Ill.; one brother, Gerald Cooper, Tempe, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Harvey Hughes, Rushville, Ill., and Mrs. Lyle Ward, Canton, Ill.; 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Ripley Church of God by the writer. Burial was in the Ripley Cemetery, where she waits for the resurrection.

James Fyfe, pastor.

Mrs. Margaret Ritch Baker, 64, wife of C. Clarence Baker, Lenoir, N.C., died in Caldwell Memorial Hospital after a short illness on February 10, 1972. Mrs. Baker was a deaconess and charter member of the Church of God of Resurrection Hope. She is survived by her husband; three sons, Earl, Floyd, and Colon; three daughters, Mrs. Annie Dyson, Mrs. Francis Mikeal, and Mrs. Irene Knight; and several grandchildren.

Words of comfort were spoken at the church by Pastors James Ritch and the writer. Interment was in Mount Zion Church Cemetery.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Mrs. Nelia Holden Messick, 78, wife of Shular Messick, Lenoir, N.C., died in Caldwell Memorial Hospital March 15, 1972. Mrs. Messick was a deaconess and charter member of our church. She is survived by her husband; four sons, John H., William, Victor, and Gene; three daughters, Mrs. Faye Preslar, Mrs. Mary Lee Spruill, and Miss Leah Messick; and several grandchildren.

Words of hope were spoken by Pastor W. F. Preslar, son-in-law of Mrs. Messick, and her pastor at Pendry's Funeral Chapel. Interment was in Blue Ridge Memorial Park, Lenoir, N.C.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Harold Kessler was born August 31, 1901, and died March 12, 1972. Survivors include his wife Mildred; his father James; one daughter, Phyllis Overcash; one foster-son, Pastor Ellsworth Routson; four step-children, Betty Newman, Donald Brown, Ralph Brown, and Shirley Reye; two sisters, Miriam Sigler, Betty Morris; one brother Floyd, and fifteen grandchildren.

Bro. Kessler was baptized by Elder Sydney E. Magaw, December 8, 1929, and was a member

of the Brush Creek Church of God. He served in many areas of church work—as trustee and treasurer for several years, and from 1960 until his death as elder. His devotion to and teachings of the Word of God touched the lives of many and encouraged them to “go . . . and do likewise.” Words of truth and comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Pastor Rex Cain, in the Brush Creek Church, after which he was laid to rest in Curtis Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus Christ and the resurrection.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Orville A. Evans was born in Mills County, Tex., May 26, 1899, and died in Goldthwaite, Tex., February 23, 1972. He is survived by his wife, Belle, who resides in Goldthwaite. Interment was in Goldthwaite Cemetery. Bro. Evans had suffered for several years with cancer but, through all of his pain and problems, his faith in God was clearly evident and inspiring to all those around him. Being a good friend, he will be remembered as a man that displayed all the fruit of the spirit. Richard Worley, pastor.

Lula Edna Tremaine was born November 23, 1906, and died at her home in Salem, Ore., on September 23, 1971. She was the daughter of Bert and Flora Taylor Anthon, both deceased. Survivors include two sons, Robert H., Dallas, Ore.; Richard B., Salem, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Baumgardner, Salem, and Sally Steel, San Diego, Cal.; six grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Lela O'Brien, Petersburg, Va. Services were conducted by Elder Lyle Rankin at Corvallis, Ore. Burial was in Crystal Lake Cemetery. Gladys B. Emigh.

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Details concerning programs of studies offered by the College are presented in the new

edition of the college catalog for the academic year, 1972-1973.

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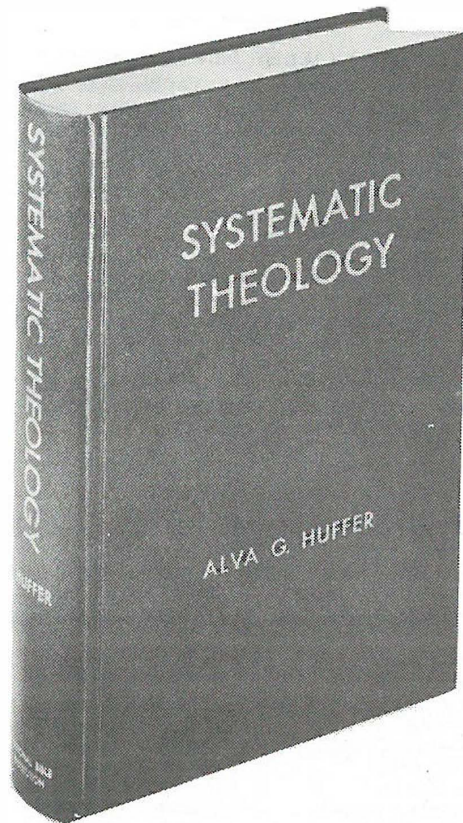
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WEBQ 1240 Harrisburg, Ill.
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WSIG 790, Mt. Jackson, Va.
7:45 a.m. Sundays, “Voice of Tomorrow”
WKAI 1510 Macomb, Ill.
8:15 a.m. “Words of Life”
WPEG 97.9 FM Concord, N.C.
7:45 a.m. Sundays
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WSVM 1490 AM Valdese, N.C.
8:00 a.m. Sundays
WJRI 1340 AM Lenoir, N.C.
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WVVV 104.9 FM Blacksburg, Va.
9:30 a.m. Sundays
WHHV 1400 AM Hillsville, Va.
12:15 p.m. Sundays
WEGO 1410 AM Concord, N.C.
12:45 p.m. Sundays
KLFJ 1410 AM, 95.3 FM, 8:35 a.m. Sunday,
“Springs of Living Water” Litchfield, Minn.
WMIX 940 AM, 94 FM Mt. Vernon, Ill.
7:15 a.m. Sundays, “Words of Life”

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COMPLETED COURSE

The following persons have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course: Dana Eckered, Barbara Manus, Kathy Constubble, Janis Wade, Dixon, Ill.; Mrs. Susan Teske, Vandalia, Ohio; Mrs. Betty Hornich, Grandville, Mich.; David and Janice Wilsterman, Phoenix, Ariz. Congratulations!

EDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA

The annual business meeting of the Eden Valley Church of God was held Thursday, April 13, 1972, with all incumbents being reelected: Elmo Gaspar, elder; Guy Mills, deacon; John Peters, trustee; Bety Coulter, secretary; and Norvald Sogge, treasurer. Mrs. Alma Schultz and Mildred Parks were selected as deaconesses. Plans are underway to enlarge the lobby, and plans to renew a visitation program and a drive to increase our Sunday school attendance will begin at once.

The caretakers cottage at Long Lake camp is nearly completed and will add greatly to the beauty and convenience of this property.

Pre-Easter services were held with Pastor John Railton of the Litchfield church as guest speaker. Attendance was very good.

The Oregon Bible College Chorale presented a lovely concert April 8, to a capacity crowd. We enjoyed having these young people with us.

On May 7, Mr. and Mrs. George Savage, a couple known and loved for a lifetime of loyal service to the Church of God will observe their golden wedding anniversary with open house in the social rooms of the church.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Larry McIntyre, Supt, 1509 McComas St, Pomona, Ca 91766.

LITCHFIELD, MINNESOTA

The Litchfield Church of God held its special spring meetings April 9-12, 1972. Bro. and Sr. Stan Ross were in charge of the Sunday night program and showed slides of their recent mission trip. There were 195 in attendance for this program.

Pastor Billie Kennedy was our guest speaker Monday through Wednesday, and we had some

spiritually geared meetings. Several lives were rededicated the last evening. Average attendance was 57. We feel the meetings were a real blessing for all of us. Praise God!

John Railton, pastor.

MARRIAGES

Maurertown, Va.: On February 25, 1972, Miss Joyce Omps, member of the Maurertown Church, and Daniel Burner, of Fort Valley, exchanged vows in the Maurertown church in the presence of the families.

Hammond, La.: Miss Marilyn Anthon, of the Blood River Church, and Ralph Montgomery, of Mississippi, exchanged vows in the Happy Woods Church on February 26, 1972. We wish both couples a long and happy life, and urge them to establish a Christian home.

James Mattison.

Duncan-Keller: The Church of God of Resurrection Hope was the setting for the wedding on January 1, 1972, of Miss Wanda Duncan, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Z. B. Duncan, Lenoir, N.C. and Mr. Jimmy Dean Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keller of Granite Falls, N.C. They are making their home at 114 3rd Ave. SW, Lenoir, N.C. Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Contributors to the General Conference: April, 1972

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ISSUE

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: Better Homes = Better Churches

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Camp Director: Francis Burnett
 Worship Program Directors: C. Knapp, J. Pestle, S. O. Ross
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 Business Office: Mary Jo Brewer and Mary Krogh
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew
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DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14

2:00 Registration begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening service by Conference Board of Directors: Harold Doan, Chairman's Message (Keynote Address)
 8:45 Chairman's Reception
 10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, August 15, Sunday School Day

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Bernard Hightower; Ministers: Russell Magaw; Youth: Dale Swartz; Priscillas: Charleen Graham)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: Family Life Committee
 Youth Class: Stephen Bolhous, "Come With Us."
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: Ed Bender, "This I Believe."
 10:00 First Business Session
 Welcome by the Chairman
 Seating of the delegates
 Introduction of new delegates and delegations
 Communications
 Question period on written reports of committees and boards.
 Report on activities of the Board of Directors
 Financial Report
 Sunday School Department business
 Election of two Sunday school directors
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Super-colossal Sunday school
 Sunday school opening

1:50 Sunday school class time
 2:30 Sunday school closing
 2:45 Sunday school Power Builders
 Tracts: Ray and Mary Vadnais and Cecil Smead
 Record Keeping: Scott Ross
 Opening and Closing Ideas: Russell Reye
 Summation: E. Milton Hall
 3:30 Dismissal from session
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir practice
 7:30 Evening worship service, Scott Ross, song leader; C. E. Lapp, Speaker, "The Lord Will Do Wonders Among You."
 9:00 Semiannual Business meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association.
 10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, August 16

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Kenneth Vancil; Ministers: Robert Schrienk; Youth: Gary Smith; Priscillas: Louise Lapp)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, J. R. LeCrone, "Children, Walk in Truth."
 Youth Class: Waldon Winner, Jr., "Let It be Diligently Done."
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth attend business sessions (Youth Day)
 10:00 Business session
 Reading of Tuesday's minutes
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship business
 Publishing Department business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Preaching relay
 Francis Burnett, Master of Ceremonies
 David Krogh, "The Unity of God"
 Leon Driskill, "The Nature of Man"
 James Fyfe, "The Saviour and Salvation"
 Arnold Johns, "The Body of Christ"
 Edward Bender, "The Coming Kingdom"
 3:30 Dismissal from session
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir practice
 7:30 Evening worship service, Michael Mattison, Song Leader: S. O. Ross, Report and slides of Mission Survey Trip
 9:00 Campfire, James Mattison
 10:30 Lights out

Thursday, August 17

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Don Swartz; Ministers: Paul Johnson; Youth: Gail Hall; Priscillas, Janet Stilson)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: Rex Cain, "Walk the Old Paths"
 Youth Class: James Ritch, "What Shall I Give to God?"
 Children's Classes

Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: Warren Sorenson, "The Guilt of Sin"
 10:00 Business session
 Reading of Wednesday's minutes
 Nomination for two Directors
 Mission Department business
 Election of a Mission Board Director
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Kent Ross, "Liberty and the Spirit of the Lord."
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 "Tools for the Home & Church"
 1. Family Life Program—Charles Pryor
 2. "Home Bible Study Follow-up," Mardy Lawrence
 3. "Faith Promise Giving," Rachel Krogh
 4. "Tools for Teaching Children," Ruth Lewis
 5. "State Conference Development," Willis Turner
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir practice
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Michael Hale, Song Leader: Hollis Partlowe, Speaker, "Holy Communion" Communion Service, Ellsworth Routson and Dale Ward
 10:30 Lights out

Friday, August 18

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Charles Jones; Ministers: C. E. Randall; Youth: Waldon Winner, Jr.; Priscillas: Sally Pestle)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, John Lewis, "The Bread of Idleness"
 Youth Class: Joe Martin, "Christ in the Home"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: James Graham, "First Give Yourself to the Lord"
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Thursday's minutes
 Election of two Directors
 Oregon Bible College business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Installation of new Board of Directors, John Hearp
 2:15 Continuation of business session
 General Business
 Adoption of a budget
 3:30 Adjournment of business session
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Musicale
 10:30 Lights out

Saturday, August 19

7:00 United Prayer Service, Charles Knapp
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated

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 on April 27, 1972. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1972 General Conference business sessions (Aug. 14-19, 1972, Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa) will have opportunity to study it and form opinions and seek suggestions from the church or state conference whom they will represent.

This report covers the first eight months of the current fiscal year. The activities which occur between now and General Conference time will be reported orally at Conference. The progress and activities of the several departments are reported herein and some comments and observations of the work as a whole are also included.

The physical facilities of the Conference are in good condition. A classroom was added in the basement of the Men's Residence building this year. This is mainly a music room, but will be available for other classes and meetings as well. One end of the room will be for storage of music, choir robes, and so forth.

Each Monday at 1:00 p.m. the staff members of the General Conference meet in the College Chapel for a joint prayer service. These prayer sessions have been a blessing to each one, and we feel the Conference work has been blessed as well.

Much progress has been made in most areas of the Conference work. We are sure much more will be accomplished in the remaining months of this fiscal year. We are thankful to God and praise him for his blessings and guidance in all the activities of the various departments of the General Conference.

Sunday School Department

We have much for which to praise our Lord in the expanding work and opportunities of our General Conference Sunday School Department. The active Sunday School Board of this past year included: Joyce Knapp, Russell Reye, George Scott, Scott Ross, and the Department Superintendent, E. Milon Hall.

The Sunday School Board met several times during last year's General Conference, and three times in Grand Rapids, Mich., during the year.

Since last year's report, we have held Sunday school seminars in: Holbrook, Neb.; Minnesota State Conference; Virginia Conference; Guthrie Grove, S.C.; Denver, Col.; and Troy, Ohio. (This totals thirteen seminars in all, since they were started.)

We praise the Lord and thank him for the cooperation and encouragement received by the Sunday School Board members as they conducted these seminars. We are thankful also for the response to suggested changes, new ideas, and food for thought presented in the seminars, especially along the line of the three major headings of each seminar: Superintendent-Pastor Relationship, Record Keeping, and The Importance of the Teacher.

There is evidence that our Sunday schools throughout the country are awakening to their capacity as the largest evangelistic arm of the church. This has been shown by the desires of individual Sunday school officers to hold seminars, conduct teacher training programs, Sunday school contests, and Sunday school emphasis programs throughout the year on a District level.

The Sunday School Board has continued in desire, prayer, and effort to encourage and aid the Council of Christian Education in every way possible.

There is a program under way to have all the Sunday schools of the churches in the General Conference registered in the Sunday School Department. This registration contains vital information that will let us know where we are in respect to our goals, and provide a more complete mailing list.

The specific fields of research, study, and promotion of the Sunday School Board members are: Joyce Knapp, Home Bible Study Courses; Russell Reye, Starting New Sunday Schools; Scott Ross, Attendance Promotion; George Scott, Teacher Training; Milon Hall, Promoting District Sunday School Superintendents and Boards. In addition, Stan Ross is working on Sunday School Evangelism.

The Home Bible Study Courses have gained wide acceptance during the past year. The course, "How to Enjoy an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life," has been used by many groups with stirring and inspiring results. The other Home Bible Study Courses are not in the same form and require a different type of presentation but are of no less value as a Bible study aid or in the promotion of a fruitful Christian life. These are: Bible Panorama; Bible Prophecy; Bible Catechism; What is the Holy Spirit?; Science and the Bible; and Lessons for Youth. We sincerely encourage each Sunday school to *promote* and *maintain* at least one Home Bible Study Group.

The General Conference Sunday School Superintendent has continued as writer and editor of Sunday

School Scope in PROGRESS JOURNAL, and co-editor of the Teen-Age Quarterly.

Berean Youth Department

The six-day Berean Youth Conference which was held from July 25-31, 1971, had the largest attendance of any ever held. Spiritually it was an excellent youth conference. A new and special feature was a literature and music room in which there were items for sale. Many purchased material of the new translations. For the first time in several years, an entire night program was given over to promoting Oregon Bible College. At the close of the evening service, forty-one young persons came forward and indicated their desire to attend OBC. The most inspiring highlight was on Friday night when thirty-one responded to the gospel invitation and went forward to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

The Inner-City Caravan which was made up of those entering the 12th grade and post-high was a first in the work of the Bereans and the history of the Church of God. The witnessing was done in Minneapolis under the sponsorship of Bro. Don Needham. All who were associated with it in any way felt that it was very successful. Certainly the members of the Caravan were *moved* to higher aspirations than ever before. Two persons were baptized as a result of the Caravan.

The third annual Post-High Retreat was held at Camp Mack December 29, 1971, through January 1, 1972. Thirty-nine young people and 3 staff members attended. Bro. James Graham was guest teacher and speaker for the closing service. It was a time cherished by all who attended.

During their delegate sessions in 1971, the youth put forth some new ideas to be carried out during the year. One was Freedom Week which was designed to help young people and adults become better acquainted. A second was International Prayer Day. The thought behind this was to unite in prayer in the interest of the Bereans. We know that all who participated in the program received much benefit. The Environmental Clean-Up Campaign was designed to bring about good relations in the community.

The Berean Department has regular duties that are carried out. These are the publishing of *Challenge*, which is mailed bi-monthly; the publishing of Berean Lesson Manuals twice each year; a column in PROGRESS JOURNAL, and several other projects that involve printed matter. The mailing list has been updated as of March 1, 1972, and is the most nearly accurate it has been in the last five years. We now have a mailing list of approximately 1400 teen-agers. This means that more than 3000 persons (teen-agers) have access to *Challenge* and other material that is mailed

periodically. What it really means is: the work of the youth is growing. It has grown by 25% in the last four years. Bro. Kent Ross is editor of *Challenge*, with the Youth Director having a definite part in each publication. Bros. David Krogh and Michael Mattison are co-editors of the Senior Berean Lesson Manual and Bro. and Sr. Scott Ross are editors of the Junior Berean Lesson Manual.

Three outstanding events in progress are: Junior and Senior Caravans and the 1972 Berean Youth Conference. Our anticipation is that all will be most successful and rewarding.

Publishing Department

The Publishing Department is the promotional arm of the Church of God General Conference. All literature distributed is provided by or handled through this branch of the Conference. It provides the teaching material for all the churches, both at home and on the mission fields. Most of the Open Doors that have come to the Church of God throughout the world have come about through some of the publications or literature which this Department provides.

There has been in the past fiscal year a steady increase in the demand for our printed material, which includes *The Restitution Herald*, PROGRESS JOURNAL, *Challenge*, *Truth Seekers Quarterly*, and *Vacation Bible School* lessons. Interest in the Systematic Bible Study Course indicates a growing concern among people for a knowledge of the Word of God. There have been five hundred completions, and 71 of these have come from the church in Phoenix.

An amazing achievement in these Bible Study Courses, is the work of Bro. Jamal Sunna'a, Beirut, Lebanon, who has translated the twenty-nine lessons into Arabic and has six thousand students taking the course in fourteen countries.

On September 1, 1971, the editorship of our publications changed hands, with Clyde E. Randall taking over the reins from T. M. Ferrell, who served faithfully for several years. Change in leadership always involves some shifts in policy and practice, but the purpose remains unchanged and steadfast. It should be noted that most of the composition of copy and editorial work are done by volunteers, who give their time and talent freely and faithfully.

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Berean Youth Department

The six-day Berean Youth Conference which was held from July 25-31, 1971, had the largest attendance of any ever held. Spiritually it was an excellent youth conference. A new and special feature was a literature and music room in which there were items for sale. Many purchased material of the new translations. For the first time in several years, an entire night program was given over to promoting Oregon Bible College. At the close of the evening service, forty-one young persons came forward and indicated their desire to attend OBC. The most inspiring highlight was on Friday night when thirty-one responded to the gospel invitation and went forward to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

The Inner-City Caravan which was made up of those entering the 12th grade and post-high was a first in the work of the Bereans and the history of the Church of God. The witnessing was done in Minneapolis under the sponsorship of Bro. Don Needham. All who were associated with it in any way felt that it was very successful. Certainly the members of the Caravan were *moved* to higher aspirations than ever before. Two persons were baptized as a result of the Caravan.

The third annual Post-High Retreat was held at Camp Mack December 29, 1971, through January 1, 1972. Thirty-nine young people and 3 staff members attended. Bro. James Graham was guest teacher and speaker for the closing service. It was a time cherished by all who attended.

During their delegate sessions in 1971, the youth put forth some new ideas to be carried out during the year. One was Freedom Week which was designed to help young people and adults become better acquainted. A second was International Prayer Day. The thought behind this was to unite in prayer in the interest of the Bereans. We know that all who participated in the program received much benefit. The Environmental Clean-Up Campaign was designed to bring about good relations in the community.

The Berean Department has regular duties that are carried out. These are the publishing of *Challenge*, which is mailed bi-monthly; the publishing of Berean Lesson Manuals twice each year; a column in PROGRESS JOURNAL, and several other projects that involve printed matter. The mailing list has been updated as of March 1, 1972, and is the most nearly accurate it has been in the last five years. We now have a mailing list of approximately 1400 teen-agers. This means that more than 3000 persons (teen-agers) have access to *Challenge* and other material that is mailed

periodically. What it really means is: the work of the youth is growing. It has grown by 25% in the last four years. Bro. Kent Ross is editor of *Challenge*, with the Youth Director having a definite part in each publication. Bros. David Krogh and Michael Mattison are co-editors of the Senior Berean Lesson Manual and Bro. and Sr. Scott Ross are editors of the Junior Berean Lesson Manual.

Three outstanding events in progress are: Junior and Senior Caravans and the 1972 Berean Youth Conference. Our anticipation is that all will be most successful and rewarding.

Publishing Department

The Publishing Department is the promotional arm of the Church of God General Conference. All literature distributed is provided by or handled through this branch of the Conference. It provides the teaching material for all the churches, both at home and on the mission fields. Most of the Open Doors that have come to the Church of God throughout the world have come about through some of the publications or literature which this Department provides.

There has been in the past fiscal year a steady increase in the demand for our printed material, which includes *The Restitution Herald*, PROGRESS JOURNAL, *Challenge*, *Truth Seekers Quarterlies*, and *Vacation Bible School* lessons. Interest in the Systematic Bible Study Course indicates a growing concern among people for a knowledge of the Word of God. There have been five hundred completions, and 71 of these have come from the church in Phoenix.

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posing Room, Paul C. Johnson, with *The Herald* for over a half-century, is the man responsible for the fine quality of work in our publications. The mailroom is under the supervision of Lois Graham.

Challenge is the youth magazine, published every other month. It is distributed free to young people of the church. Kent Ross is editor and does a fine job.

The *Quarterlies* continue to command an ever-increasing number of subscribers. Several new subscribers outside the Conference family have been added to the mailing list this past year. Here again the editors: Richard LeCrone, Adult; Milon and Joan Hall, Teen-Age; Ruth Lewis, Junior; Doris Brown and Amy Lou Schaefer, Primary; Genniel Anderson, Beginners, are all doing a fine job and giving of their best. Add to these names a number of regular writers for *Adult* and *Teen Quarterlies*. Vacation Bible School lessons for this year were done by Jewel Manning, who took over at the last minute. Thus it will be seen that the publishing work is the product of a large family.

Distribution of tracts by the membership continues to be an important phase of our work. There is a growing interest in this work. Sale of *Systematic Theology* by Bro. Alva Huffer, continues to be an important outreach. A growing demand for the *Emphatic Diaglott* by Benjamin Wilson indicates an awakened interest in Bible study.

The Open Doors that have resulted from the literature that has gone forth from Headquarters augurs well for the future. It is our feeling in the office that great things are in store for the Church of God in coming days, pending the coming of our blessed Lord.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors for the coming year will unveil some of the exciting and challenging plans for the Publishing Department. The Lord's church is on the move and aware of its responsibilities and opportunities. Literature will be our greatest resource of outreach in 1973.

Foreign Missions Department

Your Mission Board members are happy for the opportunity to serve on this Board and to have a part in the worldwide evangelistic efforts of the Church of God. Mardy Lawrence, Robert Hall, Lee McQuinn, Merle Patrick, and Rachel Krogh, Superintendent of Missions, constitute the Mission Board and meet together several times during the year.

In the past year, many churches and state conferences have held missionary conferences and/or Faith Promise services. We feel this is excellent and would like to encourage more of this among our churches. Your Mission Board is ready to assist in the planning and presentation of these conferences at your request.

We are grateful to Bro. and Sr. S. O. Ross and Bro.

Merle Patrick for making the mission survey trip in February. Plans for visiting Nigeria had to be canceled because of delays and difficulties in securing visas, but they were able to go to Lebanon, India, and the Philippine Islands and found the work progressing well in these areas.

Bro. Jamal Sunna'a is doing a fine work in the Middle East by means of the Arab Systematic Bible Study Course in which over 6000 students from fourteen countries have enrolled. Through one of the students, an opportunity for a work in Egypt has opened up. Pastor Shaker Iskander came to believe the truth and was baptized, after which he was attacked by some men and spent time in the hospital. He went to Lebanon for further recuperation and study and now wants to return to begin a Church of God in Cairo.

In Bangalore, India, nine Sunday schools and six preaching services are conducted weekly in various parts of the city. To help him with these and other services, Bro. S. S. Manoah has four young men who are studying with him regularly. Plans are being made to build a combination church and medical facility on the lot which was purchased with contributions from U.S. members last year.

There is opportunity for a new Church of God work near Hyderabad (700 miles north of Bangalore). Pastor P. M. Paulson came to know about the Church of God through literature and has been in contact with us and Bro. Manoah, with whom he will study further.

Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero continues to give leadership to the eight workers in the Philippine Islands. The work is going well, but there is harassment by a terrorist group that is disrupting the work in some areas.

As a result of the weekly radio broadcast, many have written requesting information and visitation, and some have accepted Christ and been baptized.

In February Sr. Alice Aldrich returned from Mexico after spending over three years in the mission work there. Bro. Francisco Martinez will be in charge of the work and plans to move to the Labor Vieja area where there are good opportunities for a strong work. The people in Labor Vieja are in process of building a new church building for their services.

Ephraim Udo, Solomon Idiong, and John Obott, who were at Oregon Bible College last year, returned to Nigeria to strengthen their churches. It was learned that A. A. Obot, the former leader, was not what he represented himself to be, and we stopped working with him. The three men, who are now licensed ministers, oversee the work and have two organized churches and are beginning a third. They have also contacted others in Nigeria who have been in correspondence with us.

In Ghana, Bro. Oliver Amani has had opportunities to share the gospel with many people in various Bible study groups and with men in prison, and the response has been good. The congregation in Jasikan has started construction of a small chapel for worship services.

Highlights of the past year for the Digby, N.S., Church of God include the coming of Sr. Eunice Pearson as a helper in the work; breaking the Sunday school attendance record (with 106 present); conducting a successful Maritime Conference and Bible School, with fourteen baptisms, and having their first Missionary Conference. The Lighthouse Church is reaching out in the community with a coffee-house ministry for the young people, as well as with six home Bible study groups in the area.

Considerable correspondence is received from various parts of the world requesting information and literature, which we are glad to provide.

We praise the Lord for the opportunities he has given us, and we are grateful for the interest and the support of the mission work by all the Church of God members. May we continue to spread the message.

Home Missions Department

The Home Missions work of the Church of God General Conference is administered by S. O. Ross and the Mission Board, with the assistance of Warren Sorenson, pastor of the Macomb, Ill., Church of God. The Pastoral Aid Program has assisted six congregations to maintain a fulltime pastorate during this year.

The Reaching Forth Goals call for 1,000 members in the Mission Builders League by September, 1972. A special committee is working hard to attain this goal. This year, two churches have had the assistance of the Mission Builders League in helping to provide a place of worship. They are: Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, Va; and the church-medical facility in Bangalore, India.

The Home Bible Study courses introduced at the 1971 General Conference have been widely used during the year. Members and non-members alike have found a real blessing in these studies. May the Lord continue to bless in this effort to spread the Good News of the Gospel through our various communities.

The Visitation Training Seminars conducted by members of the staff have been well received. Such seminars have been held at Troyview Church, Troy, Ohio; Phoenix, Ariz.; Rockford, Ill., and Columbia Station, Ohio.

Much literature is being distributed, many inquiries received regarding our faith and teaching, and many people are enrolled in the *free* Systematic Bible Study Course. May God continue to bless each outreach effort of the Church of God General Conference.

Oregon Bible College

Oregon Bible College is completing its thirty-third year as an institution of higher education for the Church of God General Conference. It is dedicated to the task of preparing men and women to present the whole Bible to the whole world. Forty-one students were enrolled for the fall and winter semesters. We have had a wonderful year at the College, with a fine devoted student body and excellent morale among students and staff.

Five seniors were graduated on May 19, 1972: Ronald Macy, Paul Moore, Dale Ramsey, Robert Schrienk, and Waldon Winner, Jr. This brings the total number of OBC graduates to 124: 108 men and 16 women. Three students: John Carr, Joseph Duncan, and Dale Swartz completed the Graduate Internship Program of OBC in Arizona.

Administration and faculty during the year included: Alva G. Huffer, John R. Lewis, Eugene E. Stilson, Stanley O. Ross, Francis E. Burnett, Charles Pryor, Dallas R. Demmitt, Dale F. Ramsey, and Rachel Krogh. Peg Ross was director of the women's dorm; Dale Ramsey was director of the men's dorm. Paul Moore was president of the Student Council.

Charles Pryor, a candidate for the Doctor of Education degree at Northern Illinois University, continued to serve as Counseling Consultant for our college during the past year. He taught a weekly class both semesters on Personal Development. His counseling with individuals and groups of students has provided spiritual enrichment for our College during recent years.

Pastor J. R. LeCrone was guest speaker and teacher during Christian Emphasis Week in October. Dallas Demmitt presented a seminar on Enriching Family Life during a week in April.

John Lewis is Administrative Vice President and Registrar. He serves as campus administrator and is in complete charge of the campus when the president is not in Oregon. Faculty, dorm directors, and staff members are directly responsible to him. Brother Lewis will complete his Masters of Arts degree in Speech at Northern Illinois University this summer.

The systematic building of our College library continues under the capable direction of Eugene Stilson. We now have 7,500 books, which is more than twice as many as we had a few years ago. Our immediate goal is 10,000. A library expert at Northern Illinois University has provided much valuable library consultation. During the year, Bro. Stilson instituted a training program for persons employed in our library.

Dale Ramsey has been in charge of the College music department. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in music at Elizabethtown College in Pennsyl-

vania and is now working toward his Master of Arts degree in music. He teaches courses on Music Fundamentals, Music Directing, Introduction to Music, Choir, and a special singing group, the Oregon Bible College Chorale. Much appreciation has been expressed for the many concerts presented in many places during the year by the Chorale. The Chorale has produced a record album which soon will be available for purchase. A special music classroom is being constructed in the basement of the men's dorm-cafeteria-library building.

During the past year, Oregon Bible College made formal application to the Department of Higher Education, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield, Ill., for a Certificate of Approval to Operate a Post-Secondary Educational Institution in the State of Illinois, and for Approval to be a Degree-Granting Institution. Applications, reports, and much information were prepared and submitted by the college president, Alva G. Huffer, in June, 1971, and March, 1972. In February, Alva Huffer and John Lewis met with the Director of the Department of Higher Education in Springfield. On May 9, a Visitation Team of college experts representing the State of Illinois visited our campus. Recommendations by the Visitation Team will be acted upon by the Advisory Council on Degree-Granting Institutions for the State of Illinois.

Acquiring approval from the State of Illinois is not optional; it is required for any post-secondary school to operate in Illinois and for any college in Illinois to grant a degree. These laws were enacted by the Illinois State Legislature in 1945 and 1961. In 1966, the College did not receive approval when application was made. In February, 1972, the Director of the Department of Higher Education at Springfield told us that he was highly impressed with the development that Oregon Bible College has experienced during recent years.

Approval from the State of Illinois will not change in any way the program or emphasis of the College. Oregon Bible College is *not* a liberal arts college nor will it become one. Oregon Bible College has the Bible in the middle of its name, at the heart of its curriculum, and in its center of emphasis. OBC is the College of the Bible. Its major objective is to prepare Christian workers to preach, teach, and reach all people in all places for Christ. With the Bible as the heart of its curriculum, it holds forth the ideals of scholarship, spirituality, and the Scriptures.

The Bible and Theology constitute the *only major* offered by the College. It offers programs of studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in

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the field of Bible and Theology and a choice of minors in Pastoral Studies, Missions, Christian Education, and Music.

Persons preparing to become pastors select the Pastoral Studies minor which includes courses in Preaching, Pastoral Work, and related subjects.

Other students may select a minor in Missions, Christian Education, Music, or a combination of two of these three minors. A program of study, for example, could include a minor in Christian Education-Music.

Details concerning admission procedures and programs of studies offered by the College are presented in the new edition of the College catalog for the academic year, 1972-1973. A copy of the new catalog may be acquired by writing to the Registrar, John R. Lewis.

Continual study is made of our curriculum and each year we seek to improve it in an attempt to more effectively meet our objectives of preparing men and women for Christian service. Next year, two new Bible courses will be required of freshmen: Bible Study Methods and the Book of Acts. Formerly, the Book of Acts was a part of New Testament II open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Next year, the Book of Acts will become a course for all freshmen.

A survey, now in progress, reveals that thus far former students have reported at least 15 colleges and universities which have accepted OBC credits toward degree programs.

College graduates are pastoring a large majority of Church of God congregations. Other graduates are serving in many forms of Christian service. During its 33 years of operation, the College has played an important part in Bible education for many persons who have attended for only a semester, a year, or a few years. Nearly 500 persons have attended the College for at least one course of study.

The Church of God General Conference, by establishing, maintaining, and promoting Oregon Bible College, has enabled many persons to gain an increased knowledge of the Word of God and to prepare for Christian service.

General Services

The Church of God General Conference staff members perform many services in addition to the departmental activities covered in the preceding reports. Staff members often fill pulpits when the local pastor is ill or on vacation. They also are available for special meetings, dedications, state conferences, etc.

Your Executive Secretary gives assistance in finding replacements for vacant pulpits. He is responsible for the administration of the Ministers Insurance and the

Ministers Retirement Programs. He must fill out many questionnaires and is required to provide information for various governmental, civic, and religious agencies. He is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all properties, for the management of the day-to-day business and generally supervises all the work of the Church of God General Conference.

The department heads and staff workers covet your prayers, encouragement, criticism, and concern as they endeavor to carry out the policies and programs of the Church of God General Conference.

General Conference Finances

We are pleased that the Goals for Giving have been met for the first half of the fiscal year. The contributions are about seven hundred dollars over the goal.

The General Conference Board of Directors and the staff members appreciate the sacrificial giving of many. We express our thanks and appreciation to all who do support and who are concerned about the Conference work. May God's blessings and guidance continue with the work of the Church of God General Conference, for surely we have all been richly blessed. May the progress of the Conference continue that we may bear

much fruit for him as we await the return of Jesus our Lord and Saviour to set up the Kingdom of God on this earth. Praise God!

Recommendations for 1972

1) We recommend that one full-time worker be employed as the Director of the Youth Department and the Sunday School Department by September, 1973.

2) We recommend that a person, committee, or group be selected to provide education concerning tithing throughout the churches of the Church of God General Conference.

3) We recommend that all subscriptions to *The Restitution Herald* be extended for one year and that all members of the Church of God General Conference and all present *Herald* subscribers receive *The Restitution Herald* free for one year.

4) We recommend a "Literature Free in '73" Campaign. 1973 pounds of Church of God literature to be provided free of charge and that a planned distribution program be set up by the General Conference staff.

5) We recommend a continuation of the efforts to fulfill the "Reaching Forth to Seventy-Five" goals before September, 1975.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Ministers Fund

The Ministers Fund of the Church of God General Conference is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon churches, the dean of students of Oregon Bible College, and the Executive Secretary of the Church of God General Conference. These funds are used for loan or gift to a minister in the event of need or emergency. There is one loan outstanding that is being paid in monthly payments. One minister is receiving monthly assistance in the amount of twenty-five dollars.

At the last annual report, the total assets in the fund were \$538.27. The present balance, including the unpaid balance of the loan, is \$607.26.

This fund is supported entirely by special contributions. Your concern for this need is encouraged.

S. O. Ross, Secretary

Military Personnel Committee

This has been a very unproductive year for the Military Personnel Committee. There were no new names sent to us of any young person entering the service, nor did we receive any names of those discharged. Possibly due to the reduction in the number of draftees being called for service, reduces the need for the work of this committee. However, each church should continue to keep in contact with its youth with prayers and letters.

Joe Duncan, Sr., Cecil Patrick, Charles Jones, chm.

License and Ordination Committee

The names of one hundred thirteen licensed ministers of the Church of God were published in the December, 1971, issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. This list included the names of John William Carr, David Wendell Cheatwood, Dale H. Swartz, Joseph

R. Duncan II, and Wayne L. Ewald, who were licensed since the previous list had been published.

On advice from the Missionary Board, previously licensed ministers in Nigeria did not have their licenses renewed, and their names were dropped from the list. Since then, three of the Oregon Bible College students from Nigeria were issued licenses. They are Solomon Idiong, John Jacob Obot, and Ephraim Udo.

Several graduating Oregon Bible College students were interviewed for possible licensing during the week of April 25-28. Names of those licensed will be in the next published list.

It is the feeling of the members of this committee that the present applications for licensing adequately cover the doctrinal views of the candidate for license, but leave other important areas of his life and attitudes untouched. It is their hope that this situation may be improved. New application blanks will soon be printed. Perhaps alterations and additions can be incorporated in them.

All ministers are reminded that their licenses must be renewed annually. Application blanks for this purpose will be mailed out on or about July 1. Remember that the responsibility for getting these applications to the committee is upon the ministers, not upon the committee. If you do not receive your application, ask for it. If you do not get your application in on time, your name may not appear on the published list of recognized ministers. If you are in attendance at General Conference, ask for your recognition card.

Committee: J. R. LeCrone; chm., C. E. Lapp, C. F. Pryor.

Arbitration Committee

The Arbitration Committee is a standing committee composed of three members: S. O. Ross, Wayne Laning, and Clyde

E. Randall, the latter serving as chairman. This committee serves pastors and churches in difficult circumstances when called upon by pastor or church. The committee does not intervene except by request. This past year the services of the committee were requested on two occasions. Clyde E. Randall, Chairman.

Ministers Retirement Association

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association continues to grow and its financial resources become more

sound with each passing year. At present there are three ministers receiving retirement payments. Concerned individuals are urged to make special contributions to the Retirement Fund. The biennium meeting of the Retirement Association will be held Tuesday evening, 9 p.m., during General Conference. The Board of Trustees will recommend an increase in the amount paid widows for consideration of the delegates.

S. O. Ross, Secretary; Willard Naylor, Director;
Clyde E. Randall, Chairman

Additional Conference Information

SITE: The 1972 Church of God General Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 14-19. This camp is owned by the United Methodist Church and is located on the west edge of Cedar Falls, just a block off of U.S. Highway 20. Watch for the camp sign a few blocks west of the junction of highway 218. Waterloo, a sister city of Cedar Falls, has an airport where some jet airline service is available.

CAMP COSTS: The costs at Riverview Park in 1972 will be \$4.50 per person per day (\$21.50 for the Conference). The daily costs are: breakfast \$.75, lunch \$1.00, supper \$1.25, lodging \$1.25, insurance and miscellaneous \$.25. (Meals are one half price for children under age eight). In addition to the actual charges made by the camp, there are many other costs for promotion, travel, and supplies.

Your General Conference Board of Directors is asking that camp costs be paid at the desk upon registration or during the Conference. The evening offerings taken during the Conference will go to some special Conference project designated by the Board.

LODGING: Lodging is provided in cabins and two dormitories. Cabins will house five to fourteen people each, and families are urged to stay together. Two or more families will need to share the larger units. Reservations should be made ahead of time, if possible.

Riverview Park can accommodate some camping trailers, and water and electrical hookup is available, but no sewer. Two public camping facilities are located in the area. Tents *will not* be allowed on the grounds.

NOTE TO TEACHERS AND LEADERS: Teachers of General Conference adult and youth classes, and leaders of Christian Sharing Sessions, are reminded to prepare mimeograph copies of their lessons or outlines. Enough copies should be prepared so those not able to attend a particular session will be able to secure copies.

ELECTIONS DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE: Board of Directors: Two members will be elected to the Church of God General Conference Board of Direc-

tors. The terms of C. Jesse Pestle and Wayne Laning will expire at General Conference. (These cannot be reelected.)

Sunday School Board: Two members to be elected. The terms of Russell Reye and Scott Ross will expire this year. (These may be reelected.)

Mission Board: One member to be elected. The term of Mardy Lawrence expires. (May be reelected.)

This information is given so that churches or state conferences can instruct their delegates to make particular nominations. Proposed nominees should be contacted beforehand to be sure they will serve if elected.

YOUNG PEOPLE: The youth are urged to stay with their families in cabins and thus be under direct supervision of their parents. For those who may be there without their parents, there is one dormitory for male and one for female. Any youth who stay in these dormitories will be under the direct supervision of a youth counselor and will be expected to abide by the general rules for all campers. There will be a youth director in charge of the youth activities.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: Doris Brown and Lois Pryor will be in charge of the classes for children of all ages Tuesday through Friday of General Conference. The class schedule will be 9:00 to 11:15 a.m., and 1:25 to 3:00 p.m. Parents of children in these classes are requested to come to the classroom and call for their children at the time of dismissal both morning and afternoon.

There will be a refreshment break during the class periods and those who wish to help are requested to please bring cookies.

DELEGATE EXPENSE POOL: Each year delegates from the various churches and conferences have opportunity to pool their expenses and thus equalize the cost of travel for those from faraway and those nearby. Delegate pool expense forms have been mailed to each church and conference secretary. Each church is urged to enter the pool. This is a fair means of assuring general delegate representation.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

General Conference Issue

This issue carries the program of the 1972 Church of God General Conference that will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 14-19. This issue also has the reports of the various departments and committees, the proposed recommendations, and other pertinent Conference information. This will be the fifty-second annual Church of God General Conference. The theme will be, "Better Homes = Better Churches."

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to all church and conference secretaries. Please complete these important forms promptly and return them in the envelope that was enclosed. Each church and state conference should select their conference delegates soon. The delegates should be instructed on how to vote on the recommendations and other items of business of the Conference.

Print Shop Sale

In the fall of 1967, the print shop equipment and supplies on hand were sold to Blevins and Ring d/b/a McHenry Printing Company. The total sale price was \$24,000.00, which included the job printing business. The sale price was far above the book value of the equipment at that date. The sale contract later was transferred to Earl Blevins, as sole buyer.

In April, 1971, the buyer defaulted in his payments and the General Conference was forced to repossess the equipment. During the intervening four years the printing business had changed completely, going to offset printing instead of the letterpress system, of which most of the Conference equipment consisted.

Several attempts were made to resell the equipment as a business. All of these attempts failed. Eventually it became necessary to sell the items individually and, in January, 1972, the last of the items were disposed of. The total amount of cash received from the sale is: Principal paid on original sale note, \$6,825.53; interest paid on the note, \$4,365.37; and cash received on equipment resale \$4,385.00; making a total of cash received, \$15,575.90. Most of our current printing would be difficult or even impossible to do on the equipment we formerly owned.

Resignations and Replacements

Sr. Peggy Ross has resigned as matron of the Women's dormitory after five years of faithful service in this capacity. Sr. Mary Krogh of Grand Rapids,

Mich., has accepted the appointment to this position for the next school year.

Sr. Mary Jo Brewer, office manager the past four and one half years, has resigned, effective August 31, 1972. Bro. David Krogh of Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted the position of Office Manager. Bro. Krogh has been taking advanced studies in accounting and office procedures.

Sr. Rachel Krogh had resigned effective May 26, to be married to Bro. John Carr. We are happy to announce that Sr. Krogh will remain in the position of Mission Superintendent after her marriage until August 31, when she and Bro. Carr will begin the pastorate of the Macomb, Ill., Church of God. May the Lord bless and guide these new Conference workers.

Antiques at General Conference

The Oregon Bible College Women's Dormitory, formerly the Golden Rule Home, has many antique items of dishes, linens, etc. Many of these items will be brought to General Conference and offered for sale at reasonable prices. Many members of the Church of God General Conference have some sentimental feeling toward the Golden Rule Home and what it has meant to them over the years and may want to buy one or more of these pieces as a keepsake or remembrance item. They will be on display in a special room during the annual General Conference, August 14-19.

Conference Finances

It appears that the giving for the month of May will nearly meet the goal. We are thankful to each one who has helped to make this so.

The cash flow does fall off in the summer months with no college tuition during June, July, and August. With increased costs in several areas of the work and additional Mission obligations since the recent Survey Trip, we encourage extra dedicated giving during this time that the needs may be met.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971 - September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for May	\$11,203.00
Given in May	10,658.00
Deficit in May	545.00
June Needs	9,750.00

Goal for June \$10,295.00

Missions News

By Rachel Krogh

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24: 14).*



Missions Kits Project

When seeing pictures of needy ones in other parts of the world or when reading about the suffering of the underprivileged, have you ever asked yourself the question, "How can I help?" If you have, we would like to share with you an opportunity to do just that.

We are encouraging families and church groups to make Missions Kits to be sent to our mission fields and distributed to the needy members of our churches. There are different kits that can be assembled, such as food items, clothing, health aids, sewing materials, and school supplies. If you are interested in participating in this project and helping a fellow Christian to have some of the necessities of life, please write to Missions Kits, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, and we will send you an instruction sheet.

Many Needs Met

We want to express our appreciation to all who have responded so generously to our request for help with extra needs on our mission fields. We know that the literature, equipment, and monthly support of the missionaries is very much appreciated by them and will aid them in their work of preaching the gospel.

Philippine Islands Progress

Concerning the radio broadcast, Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero writes that the programs are now being done

live instead of taped, since people who listened wanted to come to the radio station to meet the speakers and to talk with them. Because of the interest of the people in studying further, Bro. Mauro Abon has begun church services in the home of one of the families in Tuguegarao.

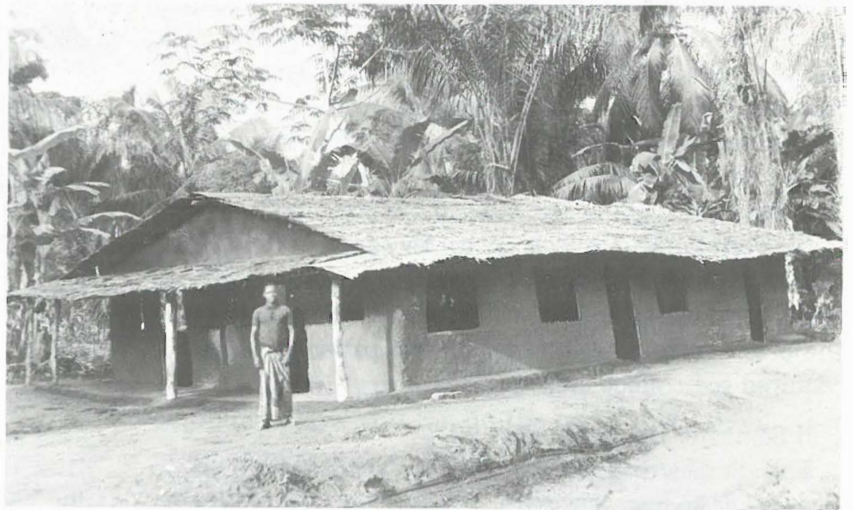
It appears that the work in Cordon will have to be discontinued for the time being because of the trouble caused by the terrorist group. It may be that the pastor, Bro. Eleodoro Javar, will go to Tuguegarao to help the new group there until things are more settled.

The new congregation in Lupao is making progress and they are in process of constructing a building for their church services.

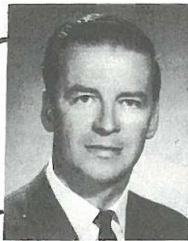
Word has been received of increased persecution of our Philippine brethren by another religious group. A letter giving details of what has happened has been sent to pastors, church secretaries, and missionary chairmen. Please pray for these faithful workers.

Meetings Held in Syria

In April Pastor Jamal Sunna'a had the opportunity to spend three days in northern Syria and hold six meetings of Bible study courses. The average attendance was sixty, and the people were not satisfied with his staying such a short time and asked him to come back. He plans to return the first week in June.



On the left is a group of the Nigerian brethren at the entrance to the Community Church of God at Utu Abak where John Obott (standing behind his young son) is the pastor. Pictured on the right is the partially completed church building with Deacon Inyang in native dress.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President



OBC Credits Accepted by Colleges and Universities

Many students who have attended Oregon Bible College have had some or all of their credits accepted when they have attended another college or university.

The following colleges and universities have accepted credits toward degree programs for former students of Oregon Bible College. This is an *incomplete* list which is being compiled as former students respond to an official survey being conducted by the president, Alva G. Huffer.

- Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.
- Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, Cal.
- California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, Cal.
- Aurora College, Aurora, Ill.
- St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa
- Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, La.
- Davenport College of Business, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn.
- Saint Cloud State College, Saint Cloud, Minn.
- University of Omaha, Omaha, Neb.
- George Mason College, Fairfax, Va.
- Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Wash.
- Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, Wash.
- Indiana State Department of Education (Credits accepted toward teacher certification)

We know that this number of colleges listed will be increased as additional former students respond to the survey.

Walking Where Jesus Walked

Alva G. Huffer, president of the College, will be conducting a tour to the Holy Land, July 3-24. Among the places visited will be: England, Italy, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Greece, and a four-day Greek Island Cruise. Included in the tour from Tempe, Ariz., will be: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Corbell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Huey, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dimmick, and Mrs. Alan Wager.

Oregon Bible College gives three semester hours credit to persons, if they so desire, who go on the Tour of Europe and the Holy Land directed each year by the president of the College. A term paper or project is required for college credit.

Fall Semester Begins August 29

Fall Semester for Oregon Bible College will begin Tuesday, August 29, with Orientation and Registration. Classes begin Wednesday, August 30. The Fall Semester will conclude December 21. Winter Semester

will begin January 8 and will conclude April 27. Spring Session will begin April 30 and conclude May 25.

Tuition, per semester for 12-18 hours, is \$225.00 for the fall and winter semesters. Board and room, for dormitory students, for each of the two semesters is \$325.00. Student Activity Fee is \$15.00 per semester.

Full-time students who attend the fall and winter semesters may attend the Spring Session without paying additional tuition fees. Board and room, for dormitory students, during the Spring Session is \$20.00 per week for the four weeks.

The new catalog for the academic year, 1972-73, and application for admission forms may be acquired by writing to the Registrar, Mr. John R. Lewis, Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

Dean's List

Congratulations to the following students who achieved high honor during the Winter Semester of 1971-72. High honor is obtained by achieving above a 3.50 grade point average. Bob Jones, 4.00; Shelly Gaspar, 3.92; Paul Moore, 3.80; Dale Harshman, 3.70; and Robert Bernheisel, 3.55 are worthy of this honor.

Robert Schrienk, 3.44; Benny Mattison, 3.41; Sammy Voorhies, 3.29; Mike Brown, 3.28; Wally Winner, 3.21; Mike Berry, 3.20; Mark Ryan, 3.15; Peggy Anderson, 3.13; and Joe Myers, 3.00, received honor by achieving a 3.00 or above grade point average.

Record Album

The long-playing album "We Praise Thee, O Lord," recorded by the Oregon Bible College Chorale, will be available June 15. Those who send in their orders for the album before that date will pay only \$3.50. The price of the album after that date will be \$4.00.

Fill out the order blank below. Make all checks payable to Church of God General Conference.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Send me _____ copies of the album "We Praise Thee, O Lord"

Payment enclosed _____ Bill me _____

Before June 15, \$3.50 After June 15, \$4.00

Mail to Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061

PROGRESS JOURNAL

Francis Burnett, Youth Director

1972 BYF Conference Staff

We know there is much interest in all of our churches in those who serve on the International Berean Conference staff. Following is a list of those who will be serving this year. Introducing the 1972 Berean Youth Conference staff: Don Needham, Keith Norby, James Fyfe, S. O. Ross, Kent Ross, Hugh Harmon, James Babcock, Ronald Rudacille, Paul Moore, Ernest Graham, Milon Hall, Maurice Robinson, Stanley Lawrence, Joe Martin, Fred Schuld, Allen Smith, Richard Worley, Austin Railton, Z. B. Duncan, Theodore Armes, Rebecca Needham, Ginger Norby, Elna (Peg) Ross, Cheryl Ross, Mary Harmon, Karen Babcock, Betty Rudacille, Virginia Cook, Marion Stilson, Janet McClain, Jean Berry, Isie Jenkins, Lois Graham, Yvonne Reigelsberger, Joan Hall, Shirley Robinson, Hilda Lawrence, Mary Milne, Sherry Smith, Lois Worley, Cecil Railton, Verlie Duncan, Rebekah Martin, Iris Burnett, and Francis Burnett, camp director.

Young Adult Retreat Canceled

Because there was so little interest, the Young Adult Retreat had to be canceled. For this, we are truly sorry, especially because of those who wanted to attend. Why was there so little response? Perhaps you have an answer that will be helpful in planning a similar time for Christian fellowship. After the advertising had gone out, several persons, too old to attend, spoke of what a wonderful idea they thought this was. It was planned with the thought in mind of being a strengthening agent in our General Conference. The age group for whom it was planned, included many who cannot get away to attend General Conference. It was planned to be over the Memorial Day weekend because this seemed the best time. We realize that one problem that could keep some away would be the leaving of children. We had hoped it would be possible that, since the time was for only three days, a baby sitting arrangement could be worked out with grandparents or good Christian friends.

What are your suggestions? Should we try to plan a Retreat for another year at this time? Would another time be better? Let us hear from you.

Youth Caravan Members Chosen

Five from eleven applicants were chosen. They, with their sponsor, will leave June 15. Five members will make up the Senior Caravan doing street witnessing in South Bend, Ind.

JUNE, 1972

E. Milon Hall, Editor

Class Problems

How many problems that would equal opportunities do you have in your Sunday school class? Authorities agree, 9 out of 10 problems in the classroom can be traced back to the teacher.

Listed are twelve ways to prevent discipline problems:

- 1) Learn your pupils needs by home visitation.
- 2) Pray regularly for your pupils—private or group. Pray regularly *With* your pupils.
- 3) Work towards a parent-teacher relationship.
- 4) Plan all your lessons to meet your pupils' needs.
- 5) Teach with the confidence that God will cause you to meet your pupils' needs.
- 6) Be imaginative when planning your lesson approach.
- 7) Use crafts, and/or assignments for lesson emphasis.
- 8) Train your thinking to be alert to possible problems and thus be able to ward them off.
- 9) Be firm and consistent but always with love.
- 10) Gain cooperation by letting your pupils know what they can do to help make your class interesting.
- 11) Desire spiritual growth in every student.
- 12) Be pleasant; use the "perhaps you don't understand" approach to problems.

Listed are four avenues for correcting problems:

- 1) Talk to the problem pupil privately.
 - a. The "show-off" generally needs attention due to problems from outside the church and will usually cooperate when given responsibility that will bring praise.
 - b. The "negative or argumentative" are generally endowed with leadership qualities which, when praise can be channeled to work for you rather than against you.
 - c. The "fidget" usually has energy that needs to be put into proper action by using any talents you've discovered, that will work to your advantage.
- 2) Discuss your problem with the superintendent.
- 3) Discuss your problem with the pastor.
- 4) Talk with the pupil's parents, but only with the attitude of how you can do the best for the pupil.

We find that if the teacher does not have control of his class, the students do. Christ would have us combine our best teaching with compassionate love to turn problems into opportunities for Christian growth.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 12-18—Brush Creek June Meetings, Michael Mattison, guest speaker.
 June 16-24—S.W. Conference at Camp Marantha.
 June 18-25—Arkansas Youth Camp at Camp Bradford, Cleveland.
 June 23-25—Illinois Conference, Ripley.
 June 24, 25—Missouri Quarterly Conference, Fredericktown.
 June 25-30—Indiana State Family Camp, Camp Mack.
 July 3-5—N.E. Youth Camp.
 July 9-15—Minnesota Senior Youth Camp, Billie Kennedy, director.
 July 15—Indiana State Conference Business Meeting, Hedrick Church.
 July 16-22—Minnesota Junior Youth Camp, John Railton, director.
 July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
 July 30—Southeast Conference, Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, S.C.
 July 30-Aug. 4—August Meetings, Guthrie Grove Church, Leon Driskill, Speaker.
 Aug. 9-13—Iowa State Conference at Waterloo, guest speaker, James Mattison.
 Aug. 9-13—Central High Plains Conference, Holbrook, Neb., Emory Macy, guest speaker.
 Aug. 14-19—General Conference at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

CHURCH WANTS PASTOR

The Fremont True Gospel Church is seeking a pastor for the coming year. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. E. R. Appleby, Scribner, Neb. 68057.

ROCKFORD CHURCH

On May 2, 1972, the real estate transaction was closed selling the Blessed Hope church building in Rockford, Ill., to a colored congregation who had been burned out of their building. Land has been purchased southeast of Rockford for a possible building site. Meanwhile we will be meeting in the basement of the State Bank of Rockford, 4048 E. State St. This is in the east part of the city and in a shopping center. We invite all who are going through Rockford on a Sunday to stop and worship with us.

We had two baptisms recently, Mrs. David (Bertha) Hixon and Mrs. Leonard (Viola) Jones.

It was a great blessing to have the Oregon Bible College Chorale present their message in song.

Bro. Stan Ross recently showed his pictures of his world tour of our mission fields. We also hosted a Home Mission Seminar conducted by Bro. Ross and Sr. Rachel Krogh. Bro. Warren Sorenson was our speaker for a week of special meetings.

Karen Scott, one of our faithful young members, was married in April to David Swartz. They are living in Ohio. Muriel Hass, reporter.

BAPTISMS

Oregon, Ill.: Sunday evening, April 30, 1972, two sisters, Sally and Jackie Alvey, were obedient to our Lord in the waters of baptism. We praise God the gospel is still drawing those who desire forgiveness of sins. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

Fremont, Neb.: Nancy Appleby, Cyndie Espenschiede, and Dawn Murphy were baptized March 21, 1972, at the Omaha Church of God by Sr. Lucille Appleby. These young ladies are all high school students. Lessie Appleby, sec.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Tim Thal, 6313 N. 13 St., Phoenix, 85014; Kenneth Dodson, 2062 E. Charleston, Phoenix, 85022; Mr. & Mrs. Doy Orr, 3120 W. Jackson, Phoenix, 85009, were buried in Christian baptism, April 30, 1972. Paul A. Newell, 2128 W. Flower St., Phoenix, 85015, was buried in the waters of baptism, May 14, 1972, having accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. We rejoice in these decisions to follow our lovely Lord.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Cleveland, Ohio: William Marsh was baptized into the name of Jesus Christ on December 5, 1971, by his father Arlen Marsh. William is now serving in the U.S. Air Force. His address: A1C William Marsh, 6917 Scty Gp/ Box 1888, APO New York 09240.

Floyd Speer Expressed his faith in Jesus and the coming kingdom of God by submitting to baptism March 29, 1972. He is the husband of Ethel Sherrill Speer, a long-time member of the Church of God. It is a cause of rejoicing when families are united in their faith. Cornelius Boykai was baptized April 9, 1972. His home is in Salala, Liberia, Africa. Cornelius is a registered nurse in his home country. He came to this country a year ago, seeking financial assistance in establishing a small medical clinic in his home village. The Northeast Church of God Conference has assured him of financial help for one year. Richard LeCrone, pastor.

Dayton, Ohio: Mr. Ronald Sorah was baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ April 30, 1972. Our prayers go with him as he begins his Christian walk. Rex Cain, pastor.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Garden Park Church: Ralph Alters and Ed Howland were baptized April 16, 1972, and Kelly Combs was baptized April 23. We are happy for these decisions. David Krogh, pastor.

Steps Toward Salvation A six-page tract dealing with the most important question in life—*Salvation*. There are six divisions: 1) Hearing; 2) Belief; 3) Repentance; 4) Confession; 5) Baptism; 6) The Christian Life. 40¢ a dozen, 2.30 per 100, postpaid if remittance accompanies order.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MINISTERS

Last August, the Ministerial Association established a scholarship fund to be used by sons and daughters of licensed, active or retired ministers of the Church of God, to attend Oregon Bible College. During the past College year, four sons of ministers were given assistance from this fund.

The Ministers Association would like to encourage ministers, lay people, and churches to contribute to this fund. Contributions can be sent to Ministers Association Scholarship, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE COMPLETED

The following people have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Belinda Wilkinson, Jerry Wilkinson, Sharon Wilkinson, Lafayette Ind., Church; Mrs. John Ross, Wanda Tibbett, Anna Marie MacGinnis, Digby, N.S., Church; Rick Williams, Virginia Murray, Dale Elzinga, Garden Park Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. C. H. Benson, Waterloo Church, Waterloo, Iowa; Ruth Spence, Ruth Townsend, Edna Stander, Shirley Purcell, Edward Purcell, Pennellwood Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. Congratulations!

VISITORS AT HEADQUARTERS

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer McChesney, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Irish, Hope Chapel, South Bend, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Kirkpatrick, Hillisburg Church, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Krogh, Garden Park Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Johnson, Hector Church, Hector, Minn.; Miss Lois Anthon, Happy Woods Church, Hammond, La.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings were held at the Macomb Church of God, April 17-23, 1972, by Pastor Dennis Baldwin. His messages were spiritually uplifting, based on faith for today. One of the sources of inspiration was the prayer service each night before the regular service. We pray there will be a continuous revival in our hearts for God and his work. Bette Potts, reporter.

ANNUAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 24-28, 1972, the Ministerial Association of the Church of God met in Oregon, Ill. Fifty-five ministers attended during the week. Papers and sessions were presented on many Bible and related topics. In the business session J. R. LeCrone was elected vice-president for a three-year term. The Program Committee for 1973 was appointed, consisting of Vernis Wolfe, chm.; Gordon Landry, E. Richard Smith, and Richard Worley. David Krogh, sec.

OBITUARIES

Sr. Florence Allard, age 94, died March 18, 1972. She was born in Gladbrook, Iowa, to George and Irene Oaks. She was married to Wallace H. Allard, October 20, 1897. She is survived by her daughter Blanche Harland, one grandson, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1947.

Sr. Allard was a member of Conger Street Church of God, Waterloo, Iowa. Memorial services were conducted March 21, by Bro. Linford Moore and the writer at Cedar Falls, with funeral services at Gladbrook. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Gladbrook to await the Lord's return. Stanley Lawrence, pastor.

Lawrence Lewis died May 3, 1972. Lawrence was a member of the Ripley Church of God. He was a faithful worker in the church. We know it will be a comfort to the family and to the friends that Lawrence was a Christian. He, like all Christians, whether asleep in the grave or alive, is awaiting the coming of our dear Saviour. Services were conducted by Pastors Warren Sorenson and James Fyfe, with graveside committal by Pastor John Lewis.

Mrs. Friday, mother of Bro. Clyde Bean, fell asleep in death April 16, 1972. She had been ill for sometime. May God comfort the loved ones. Bette Potts, reporter.

APPRECIATES BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Mrs. J. L. Harland
Cedar Falls, Ia.
Dear Christian Friend: I have enjoyed these lessons so much. I have received a real blessing and have learned so many new things. I have also enjoyed meeting you as my grader through the exchanges of letters and thinking together.
May the Lord richly bless your Church of God General Conference for making possible this splendid Systematic Bible Study Course.
Mrs. C. H. Benson.

"Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?"

MARRIAGES

Sherry Shields and Michael Hoyt were united in marriage April 22, 1972, at the Macomb Church of God by Pastor Warren Sorenson. Sherry and Michael will reside at Harvard, Ill. May God bless them in their life together.
Bette Potts, reporter.

On April 29, 1972, Ronald Jay Macy and Theresa Maria Newquist were united in holy wedlock at the Oregon Church of God. May God bless their marriage and direct them into a rich and full life together in his service.
Pastor Dave Cheatwood.

"Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them"
(Exodus 25:8).

1000 Church Builders 1000

Opportunity knocks for 250 people to become church builders! Will you be one of this number to make up 1000 dedicated people, who twice a year will give at least \$5.00, or \$10.00 if the Lord inspires you, toward building houses of worship. Two new churches are built each year.

1000 members of the Mission Builders League in 1972 was the goal set by the 1971 General Conference. Fill out the enrollment form and mail today!

C. F. Pryor
Leo Tawney
Clyde E. Randall

Promotion Committee

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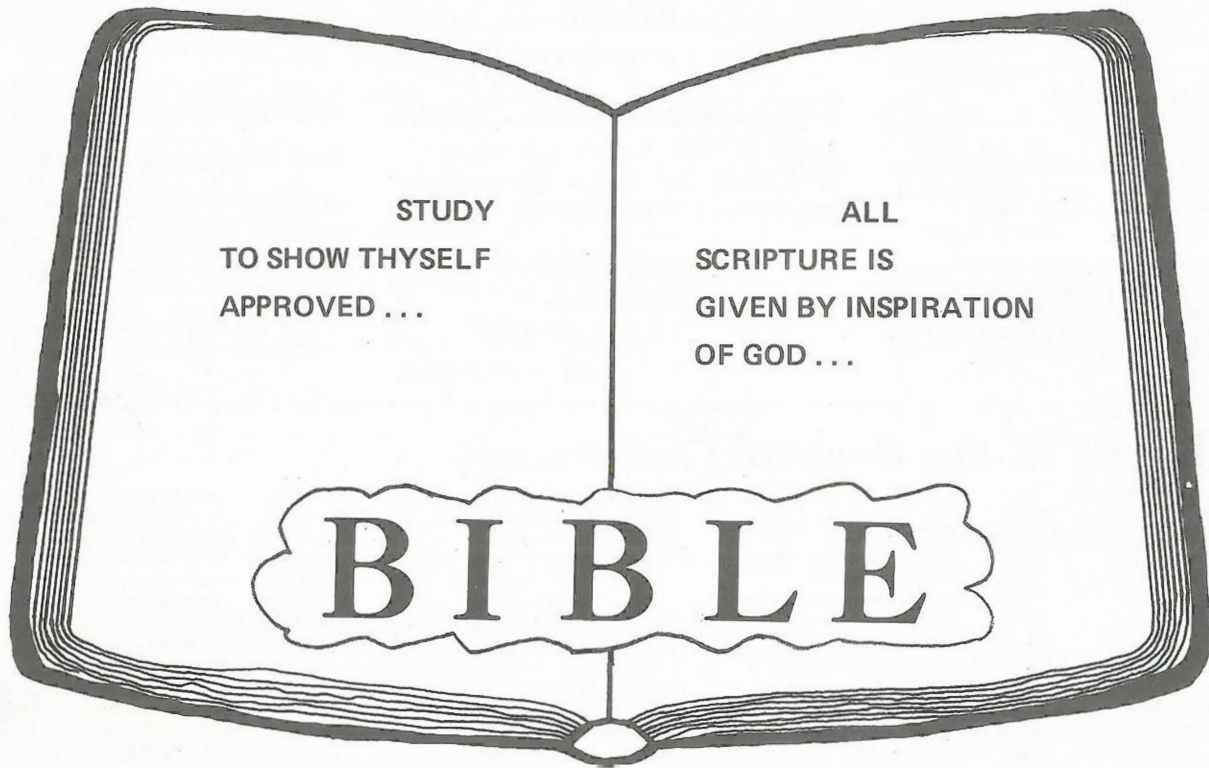
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Contributors to the General Conference:

Mr & Mrs Raymond Werneke	5.00	Icel Stedman	5.00	Bible Church, Modesto	10.15	Fort Valley Jr Bereans	5.00
Koszta Church	36.00	Mr & Mrs James Lippert	30.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Van Fleet	26.00	Forest Hills Church	31.45
Mr & Mrs Carroll Bennett	604.00	Sheila Sheeley	15.00	Jay Ramsey	30.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00
Dorothy L Siple	25.00	Brush Creek Church	256.17	Bible Church, Tempe	478.54	Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	7.00
Joni Stetzer	3.00	Raker Union SS	27.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00
Pam Miesse	3.00	Maurertown Dorcas Soc	10.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	50.00	Litchfield Church	34.95
Scott Millard	12.00	Lombard Church	83.93	Faith Chapel Sr Bereans	5.00	Lottie Shearer	12.00
Anonymous	5.00	North Salem Church	13.01	Anonymous	100.00	Pennellwood Church	114.59
Thomas & Helen Lewis	10.00	Lyle Lewis Family	50.00	Margaret Aliharan	12.00	Happy Woods Church	67.60
Robert Heiser	12.00	Mr D H Richmond	12.00	Oregon Church	622.77	Mr & Mrs Tim New	24.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00	St Louis Church	32.09	Mrs C C Fuson	5.00	Sharon Guiles	150.00
Baton Rouge Bereans	5.00	Colorado Springs Church	57.65	Dan Dovenbarger	30.00	John Carr	31.00
Lonny Ward	12.00	Litchfield SS	11.25	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	Joe Duncan	5.00
Fremont Church	20.00	Josephine Kennedy	29.00	May White	5.41	Rachel Krogh	70.00
Elaine S Magaw	30.00	Ollie M Cooper	5.00	Glad Tidings SS Fonthill	12.25	Mrs F L Austin	5.00
Oregon SS	6.88	Garden Park Church	200.16	Mr & Mrs D Cheatwood	11.54	Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00
Pre-School Class, St Louis	.82	Mabell E Bell	10.00	Southlawn BYF	56.40	Mr & Mrs Steve Moore	135.00
Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	100.00	Pomona Church	57.47	Mrs D L Holt	25.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	50.00
Mr & Mrs Andy Allen	12.00	Lawrenceville Esthers	1.73	Mrs C S Bowman	25.00	Mark Ryan	10.00
Anonymous	21.00	Lawrenceville Church	215.90	Minn St Miss Soc	100.00	Lombard SS	19.63
Mr & Mrs Harry Sheets	100.00	Blanchard Church	102.28	Cora Siple	10.00	Joe Kennedy	3.00
Mary & Martha's, Oregon	12.50	Fort Valley BYF	25.00	Alfred Anthon	50.00	Fremont SS	16.30
Anonymous	40.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	20.00	Pennellwood Miss Soc	125.00	Eurie Mosher	10.00
Mr & Mrs Conrad Wetzel	30.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Frances Stadden	10.00	Leota Hanson	5.00
Bernard Hightower	100.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Johnson	40.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	56.00	Margaret Duval	125.00
Omaha SS	49.44	Peggy Brinkman	5.00	Alice Bassett	10.00	Bernice Roberson	35.00
Rockford Church Miss Dept	65.00	Macomb Church	67.61	Mr & Mrs David Bormes	12.00	La State Conf	410.57
Mr & Mrs N H LaMunion	40.00	Macomb Miss Society	95.00	Mrs L F Slocum	30.00	Mrs William White	12.00
Pauline Whorton	50.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Black	20.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	50.00	Troy View Church	130.25
Marilyn Palmer	6.00	A Canadian Friend	5.00	Digby Church	91.00	Bedford Bereans	12.00
Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	10.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Stephen Bolhous	30.00
Omaha Ladies Bible Class	10.00	La Contributors	214.00	Everett S Rogers	125.00	Tempe Dorcas Society	10.00
Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	50.00	San Jose Church	17.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	25.00	Mrs Lowell E Holt	20.00
Lucille Appleby	25.00	Ruth Blankenbaker	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	15.00	Anonymous	6.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	40.00	Anonymous	50.00	Columbia Church	100.00	Mrs Hollis Neal, Jr	15.00
Sandy McClain	6.00	Northeast Conference	215.00	Dorothy E Napper	10.00	Brush Creek Young People	4.00
Michigan State Conference	129.19	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	New Hope Church	25.00	Marjorie Bolhous	55.00
Lawrenceville Missionaries	100.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc		Brush Creek SS	31.56	Fonthill Dorcas	5.00
Mr & Mrs W Cambre in memory of		So Bend	65.00	Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	55.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	95.23
Barbara Richardson Hano	40.00	Ruth V Fogle	10.00	Clyde Long	15.00	Mr & Mrs W E Shotwell	20.00
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Vancil	500.00	Ruth Nichols Reid	15.00	Bedford Church	37.70	Bible Church, Phoenix	265.00
Shilah Richmond	25.80	Holbrook Church	84.47	Cool Spring Bereans	86.00	Felida Church	2.70
Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00	Flagg Center Church	78.00	Kokomo SS	27.99	Macomb SS	93.50
Clara Broberg in memory of		Litchfield Bereans	3.00	Southwest Conference	87.17	Mr & Mrs E Milon Hall	12.96
Paul Broberg	50.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	20.00	Mr & Mrs James Ring	25.00	Christian Outreach, Dayton	73.00
C Jesse Pestle	38.00	Mr & Mrs C J Astolfi, Jr	5.00	Karen Scott Swartz	12.00	Anonymous	6.00
Charles Knapp	49.60	Alice Marshall	8.50	David Swartz	6.00	Clyde E Randall	50.00
Wayne Laning	48.80	Elaine Handspiker	12.00	Glad Tidings, Fonthill	103.78	Anonymous	52.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	80.00	Lois Blakely in memory of		David Krogh	32.00		
Illinois St Conference	50.00	Nellie M Blakely	25.00	Cheerful Giver	5.00		
E Dorothy Magaw	68.00	Jean Berry	20.00	Eternal Hope Church	68.35		

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The Man and the Message Remain

IT WOULD do all of us good to stop and ponder what our present and future status in life would be if it were not for "the man Christ Jesus." Israel rejected him and the day of their visitation turned into a long time of despair. There were many periods in this long night of hopelessness when at eventide they would say, "Would God it were morning," and in the morning say, "Would God it were even." Such is the tragedy that stalks the path of those who find no place in their building for the "Chief Cornerstone." Life is built around hope in something or someone, and, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19).

With Us Always

One of the last promises which Jesus gave was the assurance: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Of course, he was not intending to convey the thought of his personal presence being with his people during the period when he would be away preparing a kingdom for the pure in heart. He certainly did intend to convey the assurance that by spirit, power, and word his presence would be felt and enjoyed by his followers.

There is a close relationship between Jesus and each of his followers. One of the chief links that binds the Saviour and the saved together is the mediatorial work of Jesus. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). It is this mediatorial work—day and night—that makes available to every believer the "propitiation for our sins," providing, of course, "if we keep his commandments." Besides

this guarantee by our Advocate, he also is "able to save . . . to the uttermost . . . seeing he ever liveth to make intercession," because he is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

The Message Changes Not

The unchanging Christ gave to his church an unchanging message. His words are as much spirit and life today as they were the day in which he uttered them. Discipleship, then and now, was and is based on the simple formula: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). There is no substitute for the Word of the Lord. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The Word which Jesus preached can be summed up in a simple four-word phrase: "Gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 9:35). The final forty days on earth with his disciples was spent indoctrinating them in the "things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

When Jesus commissioned the seventy and sent them out, he charged them to say, "The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you" (Luke 10:9). Likewise, when the twelve were called and sent forth, they were told to preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:7).

In relation to this kingdom message, we stand where the Galatians stood: "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:6-9). The kingdom message was and is an important—all-important—message. The hope of all mankind depends on the return of Christ and the setting up of his kingdom.

The inheritance of the meek can only be realized through the kingdom plan (Matt. 5:5).

The Church of God believes in and holds this kingdom message as paramount to redemption's plan. The fact that few know it among earth's millions neither lessens its importance nor deters its fulfillment, but it does increase the heavy responsibility upon us to proclaim it. The message of the kingdom, with its salient truths of conditional immortality, resurrection as the time of reward, and the deliverance of the earth and its inhabitants from the curse of Edenic sin, marks our teachings with a unique distinction. This differentia has caused separation in times past from what has been considered "a perverted gospel." Unless our distinctive kingdom message warrants separateness, there is no justification for our organizational existence. To the extent that we believe in and recognize the importance of our message, to such a degree will be our dedication and motivation.

As we gather in our Fifty-Second General Conference in Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 14-19, I trust and pray that, as a people with a kingdom message, we may be quickened anew to the urgency and the importance of our message. We need to capture a fresh devotion and zeal that marked and impelled the earlier fathers of the kingdom faith to emulate Jesus, who said: "I must work the works of him that sent me" (John 9:4). We have a message, and with this message we *must* work the works of him who called us. The fields are white unto the harvest. Come! Jesus will soon return, seeking fruit on our tree! Let's have a bountiful harvest for the Master.

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE August 14 - 19, 1972

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: Better Homes = Better Churches

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Camp Director: Francis Burnett
 Worship Program Directors: C. Knapp, J. Pestle, S. O. Ross
 Youth Director: Edward Bender
 Recreation Director: Gary Smith
 Children's Class Directors: Doris Brown and Lois Pryor
 Head Usher: Russell Reye
 Music Directors: Paul and Dolena Shaw
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
 Chairman's Reception: Don and Marj Overmeyer
 Room Assignments: Virginia Cook and Barbara Harvey
 Desk Clerks: Paula Kirkpatrick, Lois Graham, Barbara Johnson, Cecil Railton, Kathy New
 Ministers' Meetings: John Hearp
 Priscillas' Meetings: Jane LeCrone
 Business Office: Mary Jo Brewer and Mary Krogh
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew
 Photographer: Byron Jay

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14

2:00 Registration begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening service by Conference Board of Directors: Harold Doan, Chairman's Message (Keynote Address)
 8:45 Chairman's Reception
 10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, August 15, Sunday School Day

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Bernard Hightower; Ministers: Russell Magaw; Youth: Dale Swartz; Priscillas: Charleen Graham)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: Family Life Committee
 Youth Class: Stephen Bolhous, "Come With Us."
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: Ed Bender, "This I Believe."
 10:00 First Business Session
 Welcome by the Chairman
 Seating of the delegates
 Introduction of new delegates and delegations
 Communications
 Question period on written reports of committees and boards.
 Report on activities of the Board of Directors
 Financial Report
 Sunday School Department business
 Election of two Sunday school directors
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Super-colossal Sunday school
 Sunday school opening

1:50 Sunday school class time
 2:30 Sunday school closing
 2:45 Sunday school Power Builders
 Tracts: Ray and Mary Vadnais and Cecil Smead
 Record Keeping: Scott Ross
 Opening and Closing Ideas: Russell Reye
 Summation: E. Milon Hall
 3:30 Dismissal from session
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir practice
 7:30 Evening worship service, Scott Ross, song leader; C. E. Lapp, Speaker, "The Lord Will Do Wonders Among You."
 9:00 Semiannual Business meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association.
 10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, August 16

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Kenneth Vancil; Ministers: Robert Schrienk; Youth: Gary Smith; Priscillas: Louise Lapp)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, J. R. LeCrone, "Children, Walk in Truth."
 Youth Class: Waldon Winner, Jr., "Let It be Diligently Done."
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth attend business sessions (Youth Day)
 10:00 Business session
 Reading of Tuesday's minutes
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship business
 Publishing Department business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Preaching relay
 Francis Burnett, Master of Ceremonies
 David Krogh, "The Unity of God"
 Leon Driskill, "The Nature of Man"
 James Fyfe, "The Saviour and Salvation"
 Arnold Johns, "The Body of Christ"
 Edward Bender, "The Coming Kingdom"
 3:30 Dismissal from session
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir practice
 7:30 Evening worship service, Michael Mattison, Song Leader: S. O. Ross, Report and slides of Mission Survey Trip
 9:00 Campfire, James Mattison
 10:30 Lights out

Thursday, August 17

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Don Swartz; Ministers: Paul Johnson; Youth: Gail Hall; Priscillas, Janet Stilson)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: Rex Cain, "Walk the Old Paths"
 Youth Class: James Ritch, "What Shall I Give to God?"
 Children's Classes

Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: Warren Sorenson, "The Guilt of Sin"
 10:00 Business session
 Reading of Wednesday's minutes
 Nomination for two Directors
 Mission Department business
 Election of a Mission Board Director
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Kent Ross, "Liberty and the Spirit of the Lord."
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 "Tools for the Home & Church"
 1. Family Life Program—Charles Pryor
 2. "Home Bible Study Follow-up," Mardy Lawrence
 3. "Faith Promise Giving," Rachel Krogh Carr
 4. "Tools for Teaching Children," Ruth Lewis
 5. "State Conference Development," Willis Turner
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Choir practice
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Michael Hale, Song Leader: Hollis Partlowe, Speaker, "Holy Communion" Communion Service, Ellsworth Routson and Dale Ward
 10:30 Lights out

Friday, August 18

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer sessions (Adults: Charles Jones; Ministers: C. E. Randall; Youth: Waldon Winner, Jr.; Priscillas: Sally Pestle)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, John Lewis, "The Bread of Idleness"
 Youth Class: Joe Martin, "Christ in the Home"
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class: James Graham, "First Give Yourself to the Lord"
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Thursday's minutes
 Election of two Directors
 Oregon Bible College business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Installation of new Board of Directors, John Hearp
 2:15 Continuation of business session
 General Business
 Adoption of a budget
 3:30 Adjournment of business session
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Musicale
 10:30 Lights out

Saturday, August 19

7:00 United Prayer Service, Charles Knapp
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

General Conference 1972

The Fifty-Second Annual Church of God General Conference will convene at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Monday, August 14, 1972. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m., and the first service is at 7:30 p.m.

Cost of the Conference is \$4.50 per person per day (\$21.50 for the Conference) and should be paid at the desk upon registration. For cabin reservations, write Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

Riverview Park

Riverview Park, site of the 1972 General Conference, is located just off U.S. Highway 20, on the west edge of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Watch for the camp sign a short distance west of the Highway 218 junction.

The park is only a few miles from the Waterloo airport and from a bus station. Taxi service is available.

Beds are supplied with a pillow and blanket, however each one should bring his own linen. A very limited supply of linen is available for rental.

The Conference site can accommodate several camper trailers, and there are two commercial trailer parks nearby. Tents will not be allowed on the grounds. Several motel units are available in the area.

Delegate Forms

Church and state secretaries should have received their delegate forms, statistical sheet, and application to enter the delegate pool. If a secretary has not received these forms, please contact the Executive Secretary, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061. Secretaries are urged to complete and return these forms promptly to assure proper delegate representation at General Conference.

Board of Directors Meet

The General Conference Board of Directors met in Oregon, Ill., on April 27 and 28, 1972. The General Conference program was finalized and the reports and recommendations to the Conference membership and delegates were approved.

The Board of Education and the License and Ordination Committee, as well as each department head, met with the Board of Directors during the two-day session. Many items of business were acted upon.

The Board of Directors and the Conference staff are always willing to receive suggestions and ideas for advancement of the General Conference work. We continually covet your prayers and concern.

JULY, 1972

Retirement Association Meeting

The Bi-Annual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 1972, at 9:00 p.m., at Riverview Park. Member ministers, churches, and conferences have been duly notified of proposed changes in by-laws which will be acted upon at this meeting.

Each member church and conference appoints a delegate to represent them at this meeting. It may or may not be a General Conference delegate. These appointed representatives and all member ministers are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Retirement Association is becoming very sound financially, with assets totaling nearly thirty thousand dollars. The membership includes forty-seven ministers, forty-nine churches and seven conferences.

Matching Gift Program

Many large companies and corporations have a Matching Gift Program. If an employee of their company makes a gift to an educational institution, the company will match the amount. We have a list of about five hundred such companies. You may check with the Executive Secretary, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, to see if your employer is on this list. In this way you can double a gift to Oregon Bible College and your Church of God General Conference.

Conference Finances

We are pleased to report that we have met the Goal for Giving for the month of June. Many have already responded to the membership letter and this has been helpful in meeting the current needs. We trust that sufficient receipts will come in so that the increased needs in missions and current expenses will be met. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the General Conference staff we want to express our sincere thanks to each one who has contributed to the Conference work.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971–September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for June	\$10,295.00
Given in June	\$11,262.00
July Needs	\$ 9,750.00

Goal for July \$9,750.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24:14).*



Middle East News

Bro. Aziz Sunna'a, a relative of Pastor Jamal Sunna'a, was converted to Christ four years ago and is presently in charge of the work being carried on in the country of Jordan. The brethren have been meeting in Bro. Aziz's home, but it is actually illegal in Jordan to have religious meetings in homes, so they want to find a suitable meeting place.

Because of the Systematic Bible Study Course outreach, there are some members in Baghdad, Iraq, and Bro. Sunna'a hopes to be able to start some kind of a mission center there.

In Beirut, their vacation Bible school is in progress. Next month their annual summer camp in the mountains is being planned. Over one hundred people are expected to attend the camp which will run for one month.

Persecution in the Philippines

The last part of May we received a report from Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero concerning persecution in their radio ministry. Bro. Ortiguero and seven of his co-workers had traveled to the radio station and were making some broadcasts when a group from another religious organization came and attacked our people. Bro. Ortiguero called for help over the radio, and the officers came and took everyone to the police station. But instead of arresting the attackers, the chief of police said he would file criminal charges against Bro. Ortiguero in court.

Yet in spite of the persecution our people said that they are still determined to continue the radio work. They will go back to making tapes instead of going to the station personally.

Please continue to remember these brethren in these difficult times.

Missionary Survey

Your pastor has been supplied with copies of a missionary survey to be taken in your church. We feel that this can be valuable in helping you to evaluate your personal missionary concern as well as that of your church. Your pastor and the General Conference Mission Board will also benefit from the information in the survey.

We want to thank the eleven pastors who have conducted the survey and returned the results to us. If the survey has not yet been used in your church, offer to help your pastor in conducting it.

Missions Kits

If you and your family, or one of your church groups, are interested in helping needy brothers in Christ overseas, we invite you to participate in the Missions Kits Project. There are different kits to be assembled that will help provide food, clothing, health aids, sewing materials, and school supplies for those in need.

For more information on what items to include and how to package them, write to Missions Kits, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.



On the left are Bro. and Sr. Jamal Sunna'a in the rented hall that they use for meetings in Beirut, Lebanon. Pictured on the right are the Philippine brethren who came to Manila to meet with Bro. and Sr. S. O. Ross and Bro. Merle Patrick when they were there in February. From left to right they are: Placido Ortiguero, Eleodoro Javar, Crispin Calawagan, Eleodoro Ortiguero, Rizalina Aguinaldo, Mauro Abon, and Santiago Somera.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President



Oregon Bible College Commencement

Five young men graduated from Oregon Bible College on May 19, 1972. Ronald Macy will become pastor of the Eternal Hope Church near Washington, D.C., in September. Paul Moore has enrolled in the Oregon Bible College Internship Program and will begin his studies at Phoenix, Ariz., in September. Dale Ramsey will further his education at Northern Illinois University and serve as Music and Dorm Director at Oregon Bible College. Robert Schrienk will become pastor at the Garden Park Church of God in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Waldon Winner, Jr., became pastor of the Hedrick, Ind., Church of God in June. We congratulate these men and trust that God will be with them in their future study and work.

Miss Michele Gaspar served as organist for the commencement program. John Lewis gave the invocation, Francis Burnett brought the Scripture Reading, and the College Chorale presented "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" and "We Praise Thee, O Lord." The commencement message, "Seedsmen to the World," was given by Warren Sorenson, pastor of the Church of God, Macomb, Ill. Stanley Ross, Executive Secretary, presented the Diplomas and Eugene Stilson concluded the ceremony with the benediction.

Seedsmen to the World

Warren Sorenson's message was based on the Parable of the Sower recorded in Matthew 13. The ministry is likened to the planting of seed with the expected harvest. Persons interested in a fruitful harvest of the seed are to be concerned with the type of seed planted, how it is nourished, how much has been planted, and the resulting crop. These same concerns apply to the ministry. The seed is the truth of God that is to be nourished by the Spirit of God. How much seed is planted depends upon the evangelistic efforts of the minister. The results are the fruits brought forth by his efforts as well as the final harvest at the end of the age.

In the parable of the sower there are four types of ground. In the ministry, the same gospel is planted in four types of persons. Some seed fell by the wayside, never penetrated the ground, and consequently withered and died. The gospel is heard by many who never let it penetrate their heart. The messages never bear fruit in these persons. Some seed is planted in soil that is very rocky. Persons who hear the Word and con-

centrate on the problems of life represent this type of soil. Still another type of response to the gospel is represented when the cares of this life choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful. Persons who are concerned with too many "other things" become uninterested in the gospel and the work of the Lord. Other cares "choke" the Word so that it becomes unfruitful. It is the same gospel in different types of ground, and because the "ground" is unproductive the gospel often bears little or no fruit. The fourth type of soil is the good ground and represents people who are the workers in the Lord's service. In every field of service, these faithful Christians can be found.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).

Student Leaders

The student body elected Joseph Myers Student Government president for the 1972-73 school year. Student Government takes the leadership in listening to student ideas and representing the student body before the administration.

Michael Brown was chosen new president of the Missions Fellowship club. The Missions Fellowship sponsors many home and foreign mission projects throughout the school year.

Sam Voorhies was chosen chairman of the Social Committee. Under his leadership the Committee will direct many of the school's social activities in the following year.

Curriculum Additions and Changes

"Acts of the Apostles" is a new course made available to freshmen during the fall semester. It will be a study of the origin and development of the apostolic church, and will present a doctrinal, devotional, and historical analysis of the Book of Acts.

During the winter semester "Bible Study Methods" will be offered for freshmen. It will be an evaluation and application of various methods of Bible study that will enable the student to discover Bible truth.

New Students

Thirteen young people have already indicated that they intend to enter the freshman class next fall. Along with the returning students, we anticipate an enthusiastic student body that will prepare and work for the gospel ministry and the return of Christ.



BYF NEWS



Francis Burnett, Youth Director

Caravan Members

We know that many of you are interested in the names of those chosen to go on the Caravans. The Junior Caravan is made up of those entering ninth grade through eleventh grade. The Senior Caravan is for those who are entering twelfth grade or in post-high.

The Junior Caravan traveled to Louisiana (June 15-28) and helped in the State Berean camp. Members were: Greg Demmitt, Ohio; David and Sandy McClain, Mich.; Tom New, Ind.; Karla Macy, Neb. The sponsor was Pat Warner from Pennellwood Church, Grand Rapids.

The Senior Caravan will travel to South Bend, Ind., July 12-23. The Senior members are: David Butterbaugh, Ill.; Gary Smith, Mich.; Linda Jones, Cal.; Richard Young, Ohio; Robert Bernheisel, Ill. The sponsor is Bro. James Graham, pastor at Hope Chapel, South Bend, Ind. All members are chosen by an unbiased committee on data from the applications. Committee members do not know the names or places of residence of the applicants.

God has richly blessed Caravans over the past years. The General Conference delegates have supported the Caravans since 1967, allowing \$500.00 in the budget each year toward expenses. On behalf of the Bereans, we wish to thank the Church of God General Conference for this.

Diamond Jubilee Year

This was mentioned in the April issue. Beginning in November, 1972, will be the 75th year of the work of the Bereans. Many of us who look back, realize that the efforts put forth by the Bereans were helpful in promoting the Church of God to the status it has today.

In cooperation with the General Conference Board of Directors, it is our desire to outline some elaborate and exciting plans for the Diamond Jubilee year. We solicit your ideas and hope that you speak or write to the Board of Directors or to the Berean Director. A letter would be welcome!



Every Member a
BUILDER

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

E. Milon Hall, Editor

Take a Good Look

Have you taken a "good look" at your Sunday school lately? Were you surprised what was "showing"?

At a recent Sunday school seminar held within the Church of God, we asked those attending to *look* at their own individual Sunday schools and make helpful suggestions on what changes would give their schools a new and better *look*.

We consider this a list of valuable opinions:

Teachers should ask more, "What do you think?" They should not stick strictly to the lesson books, but branch out with the material given and add to it to enrich it. Lesson books are a good guide but they are not enough. Outside written work would help to get adults and junior and senior highs to thinking. This material can also be used as an effective testimony.

Have Sunday school teachers call on their students, not out of duty, but out of love for God and their students. In a recent survey of Church of God Sunday schools, only twenty-two out of fifty-two have a program for reaching absentees. Personal calling pays off!

More variety should be used in the opening exercises. The superintendent should have more enthusiasm in leading the opening and this would cause the people to participate more enthusiastically.

Teachers should encourage more sharing of ideas and thoughts. They should encourage students to express their views in all aspects of God, his Word, his Son, and his power. We must really let his spirit move, then enthusiasm will show through and people will truly come to know the Lord.

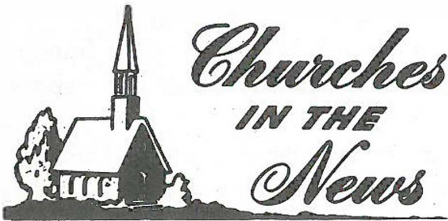
Too many people have an apathetic attitude or a "Let someone else do it" or a "I can't" attitude. Consequently the same ones accept their positions year after year and carry most of the load. Sunday school may be on the way out for some unless we do something about this attitude toward it.

Have all ages assemble together every Sunday and emphasize the blessing of participation.

Church members should all come to Sunday school and sing as if they really meant it, singing unto God. The teachers should be more involved with the Lord and give him full control of their lives.

When you take this *look*, be honest and then let God have his way to a thrilling Sunday school experience for all. Jesus said, "I will build my church." Let him!

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 9-15—Minnesota Senior Youth Camp, Billie Kennedy, director.
July 15—Indiana State Conference Business Meeting, Hedrick Church.
July 16-22—Minnesota Junior Youth Camp, John Railton, director.
July 22, 23—Raker Church Camp (Delta, Ohio) Harrison Lake State Park.
July 23-29—Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack.
July 30—Southeast Conference, Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, S.C.
July 30-Aug. 4—August Meetings, Guthrie Grove Church, Leon Driskill, Speaker.
Aug. 9-13—Iowa State Conference at Waterloo, guest speaker, James Mattison.
Aug. 9-13—Central High Plains Conference, Holbrook, Neb., Emory Macy, guest speaker.
Aug. 14-19—General Conference at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

MACOMB, ILLINOIS

Vacation Bible school was held June 5-9. Theme of the school: "God's Promises Are Sure." Attendance for the week was 101. At conclusion of the school a program was held with a large audience present.

The Spring Youth Retreat was held at Camp Emmanuel near Astoria, Ill., June 9-11. Ripley, Peoria, and Macomb churches were represented. Attendance was small, 36 being registered. A spirit of unity and warmth of fellowship was felt by those present. Betty Potts, reporter.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

The New Hope Church of God in Little Rock held the first rally of the year, March 10-12, 1972. This was a very good rally. We had over 120 people in attendance.

Our next rally was at McGintytown, May 2. Again there was a good turnout. We were surprised and pleased to see Bro. Paul Shaw, who was visiting his parents that week. The Churches of God in Arkansas have been enjoying a close fellowship since our rallies were started. Anita Howell, secretary.

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LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

April 30, 1972, Chester Reynolds, Rt. 11, Lafayette, 47905, placed his membership with Faith Chapel Church of God, having been baptized as a young man by Bro. J. H. Anderson. June 4, Charles and Catherine Morrison, 1009 Central St., Lafayette, 47905, were immersed in the name of Jesus for remission of sins. Russell Magaw, pastor.

BAPTISMS

Browtown, Va.: Michael Grove, Box 571, Strasburg Rd., Front Royal, Va. 22630, was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, May 21, 1972. May his growth in Christ be abundant.

James Ritch, pastor.

Arkansas City, Kan.: On Sunday, June 4, 1972, three were baptized: Cynthia, Gerald, and Melinda Breeden. These are the grandchildren of Bro. and Sr. Raymond Werneke. We pray God's richest blessing upon them.

Francis Burnett.

Tipp City, Ohio: The brethren at Brush Creek Church rejoiced over the decision of Mrs. Larry (Carol) Burke, to accept Christ as her personal Saviour and be immersed according to the scriptural admonition.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Macomb, Ill.: Diana Smith was baptized into the saving name of Jesus. She responded to the invitation May 21, 1972. We pray God's blessing on her.

Betty Potts, reporter.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The Oregon Bible College Chorale presented an excellent program at the Jaynes Street Church of God, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

There was a memorial dedication service for two pulpit chairs in memory of Sr. Ruby Randall on May 14, 1972. Bro. Randall and son Celaine were present for the dedication. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed after the service.

Millie Appleby, reporter.

MARRIED

On Saturday, June 10, Mr. Donald Shellenbarger and Miss Kathleen Bower were married in the Faith Chapel Church of God, East Peoria, Ill. The service was a double ring ceremony. A reception was held in the church social room. The young couple will make their home in Peoria Heights, Ill.

Francis E. Burnett.

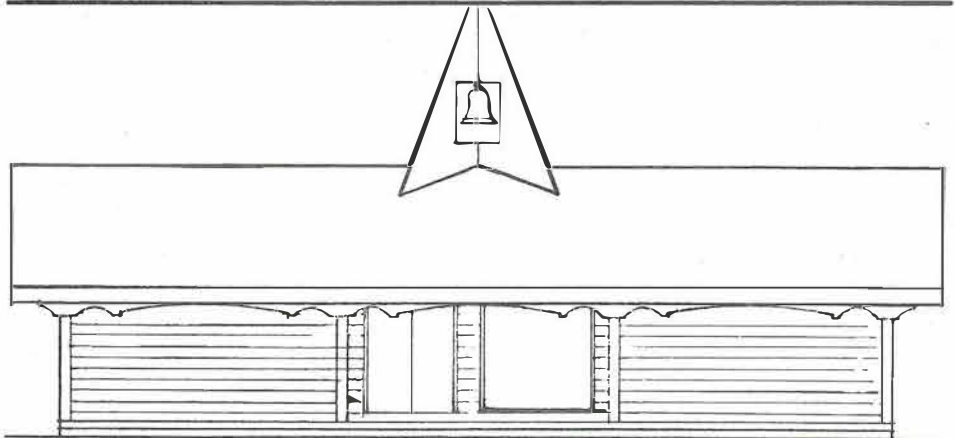
BIBLE STUDY COURSE COMPLETED

The following people have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course: Mrs. Larry Johnson, Mrs. Gerald Goering, Hiram Reid, Kenny Hardy, William Crawford, Joseph Umoh. Congratulations!

OBITUARIES

Yvonne Wendroth, age 12, met a tragic death from a shot fired from an antique gun that was thought to be inoperable. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Wendroth and is survived by her parents, grandparents, and three brothers. Funeral services were held from the Church of God, March 7, 1972, with burial in Old Eden Lake Cemetery. Pastor Billie Kennedy officiated.

Mrs. Oscar (Ida) Brossard died at the Paynesville, Minn., hospital after a long illness at the age of 82. She is survived by her husband, four sons, and five daughters. She attended the Eden Valley Church for over 62 years. Final services were conducted by Pastor Kennedy from the local church, with interment in Eden Lake Cemetery. Blanche Brossard, reporter.



BANGALORE, INDIA, CHURCH OF GOD

During the summer of 1971, \$1,000 was raised to purchase a lot for the Wilson Gardens Church in Bangalore, India. This group was meeting in homes and was in need of a church building. Decision has since been made to construct a building in a location to accommodate three congregations that are presently meeting in homes; namely Wilson Gardens, Austin Town, and St. John College group.

The proposed building will be 30 x 50 ft. in size and will include a place of worship and an out-patient medical facility. The funds to furnish and maintain the medical aspect of the project will come from a contributor outside of our membership. The sanctuary will be 30 x 32 ft., and part of it will serve as a waiting room for clinic patients. Bro. S. S. Manohar feels the medical facility will be an additional door-opener to the preaching and teaching of the gospel.

Your assistance is needed to help construct a suitable place of worship for the membership of these three Mission congregations.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

California (Church of the Open Bible) Edgar Adamson, Sec, 931 Weber St, Pomona 91768. Carol Scholtes, Supt, 2909 Arrow Highway, LaVerne 91750.

CHAPLAIN WESTLUND GRADUATED

Navy Chaplain Orville A. Westlund, was graduated, June 9, 1972, from the Navy's Senior Advanced Course for Navy chaplains at Newport, R.I. The 39-week course was designed to

enhance the managerial and ministerial skills of senior chaplains as they assume supervisory and managerial responsibilities.

He has received orders to serve the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May, N.J., beginning July 14. We congratulate Chaplain Westlund on his achievement and assignment.

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Concerning the Nations is an 18-page prophetic study setting forth some of the fulfillments of Bible prophecies in our time. It was printed in Australia and may be obtained from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, at 15 cents each, postage paid 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.)

Contributors to the General Conference: June

Anonymous	100.00	Lillian King in memory of		Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	20.00	Kay Johns	9.05
Women's Fellowship,		Mr & Mrs E E McMillin	25.00	Mansel Rogers	10.00	Dennis Riley	5.00
Jaynes St	10.00	Fort Valley BYF	50.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	56.00	Irene Kidder	5.00
Sarah DeForest	12.00	Emil Gesin	2.00	Garden Park Jr Bereans	2.00	Tim Davis	10.00
Mr & Mrs F Claussen	5.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Litchfield Church	25.66	Mr & Mrs John Huston, Jr	20.00
Mr & Mrs R Kaffenbarger	15.00	Dixon Church	30.00	Pomona Church	54.05	Mr & Mrs Richard K Smith	25.00
Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	10.00	Edna Weaver	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	Ann Pearson	5.00
Mr & Mrs Charles G Jones	35.00	Mr & Mrs Bernard Hightower	100.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Wilson	25.00
Mrs Harry Halley	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Veach	50.00	Mr & Mrs Waldon Winner	10.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	25.00
Mr & Mrs S L Rife	14.00	Herbert Edmister	25.00	Ripley Church Miss Soc	50.00	Mrs H W Stadden	5.00
Salem Church	10.25	Bible Church, Tempe	378.86	Mr & Mrs Curtis Prather	25.00	Mrs William S White	10.00
OBC Senior Class	40.66	San Jose Church	23.50	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	Alfred Anthon	119.00
Esther Jenkins	10.00	Josephine Kennedy	30.00	Everett S Rogers	25.00	C E Randall	25.00
Hope Chapel, So Bend	46.82	Bible Church, Modesto	9.00	Pennellwood Church	85.66	Co-Workers, Ripley	50.00
Faith Community		Bedford Church	28.72	Jennie Muncrief	2.00	Dan Dovenbarger	30.00
Church, Mpls	330.00	Illinois St Conference	50.00	Hope Chapel, Columbus	5.00	Donald Cates	5.00
Maurertown Dorcas Soc	10.00	Happy Woods Church	60.00	Mr & Mrs John Railton	7.50	Mr & Mrs J Don Swartz	165.00
Mr & Mrs Frank Morrison	30.00	Leota B Hanson	5.00	New Hope Church	175.00	Maurertown Church	73.73
Esta V McInturff	25.00	St Louis Church	29.50	Mr & Mrs William Driver	20.00	Mr & Mrs Lowell Holt	25.00
Fort Valley SS	73.68	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Anonymous	50.00	Mr & Mrs A Dochstader	30.00
Holbrook Church	47.17	Jan McPherson	25.00	Mr & Mrs James Mattison	17.40	Mrs Craig English	3.00
Cheryl Fletcher	13.27	Mr & Mrs Earl Bowen	10.00	Anonymous	25.00	Mr & Mrs Luther Bengel	15.00
Digby Youth	30.75	Nellie Gesin	3.00	Digby Church	106.70	Southwest Conference	90.67
Kosztal Church	76.00	Luella Mielke	25.00	Phyllis Scott	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ronald V Riley	25.00
Gospel Gleaners,		Mr & Mrs Philip Leithliter	20.00	Mrs Cecil A Moore	5.00	Felida Church	53.30
Brush Creek	10.00	Clark Ballentine	55.00	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	10.00	Fremont Church SS	10.65
Anonymous	5.00	Edna Claypool	10.00	Opal Nelson	200.00	Adolph Morczek	5.00
Fremont Church	41.00	Mildred & James Slusser	25.00	Wed Night Bible Cl, G Rule	3.90	Vinnie Tyler	10.00
California Members	150.00	Holbrook Church	50.83	Mr & Mrs Alton Shaw	100.00	Mr & Mrs Maurice Ratering	25.00
Kenneth Smith	9.00	Mr & Mrs V Kirkpatrick II	25.00	Mrs Alberta VanDerWeele	5.00	Dorothy Siple	50.00
Anonymous	25.00	Canadian Friend	5.00	Faye L Brown	10.00	Macomb Church	77.06
Linda Jones	5.00	Litchfield Anonymous	2.00	Harry E Jones	15.00	Mr & Mrs Dave Swartz	10.00
Happy Woods SS	41.01	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	13.03	Mr & Mrs C Jesse Pestle	10.00	Michigan Missions Banquet	161.42
Lombard SS	8.87	Ralph & Opal Smith	100.00	Mr & Mrs Fred Tavenier	5.00	Blanchard Sr Bereans	271.27
Nora Anderson	30.00	Cora Siple	10.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Black	20.00	Cool Spring SS	15.88
Inez Gordon	10.00	Shilah Richmond	19.68	Esther Peterson	5.00	Irvin L Ferguson	10.00
Norma Davis	28.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Troy View Church	58.50	Lorene Orr	50.00
Esta Starbuck	30.00	Mr & Mrs D A Shelton	5.00	Fonthill Church	94.63	Eunice Cleo Orr	50.00
Oregon Church	364.94	Alice L Marshall	8.50	Anonymous	41.00	James Klepinger	20.00
Sharon Edwards	6.00	Minnesota St Miss Soc	100.00	Paul Moore	7.56	Mr & Mrs Burton E Smith	125.00
Guthrie Grove Faith Promise	64.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Fisk	5.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	45.00	Mr & Mrs E McChesney	50.00
Macomb SS	14.81	Foreign Mission Fellowship	83.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00	Ruth Nichols Reid	15.00
Jean Hale	10.00	Ben Carpenter	35.00	Kitty Tempel	12.00	Jessie Ritenour in memory of	
Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	25.00	Mr & Mrs Everett Kraft	300.00	Mr & Mrs L J Miller	5.00	Ira Ritenour	20.00
Fonthill BYF	40.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Perkins	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harry D Lee	25.00	Anonymous	3.00
Virda Sitler	20.00	Anonymous	50.00	Mrs D H Richmond	3.00	Mrs Ben Lardy	15.00
Willing Workers, Burr Oak	50.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Domigan	50.00	Mrs C C Fuson	10.00	Mrs Dwight Hale	5.00
Mr & Mrs Norman LaMunion	40.00	Lombard Church	37.06	Alice H Bassett	10.00	Matthew G Johnson	10.00
Elaine Shute	2.00	Blanchard Church	130.84	Arle & Ruth Townsend	25.00	Doris M Reye	15.00
Diane Shute	2.00	Joy Sutfin	4.00	Margaret Freyaldenhoven	30.00	Donald Thoms	30.00
Connie Ross	1.00	Indiana St Conf	45.00	E Dorothy Magaw	50.00	Olive Stephenson	5.00
Mr & Mrs William Andrew	100.00	Anonymous	150.00	Hope Chapel, So Bend	38.29	Beaumont Church	141.32
Oregon SS	5.94	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Routson	20.00	Alta Thrush	10.00	Olive Deck	10.00
Mr & Mrs Glenn Birkey	15.00	Mr & Mrs W Van Der Weele	10.00	Ed Marioth	2.00	Jay Ramsey	27.00
Frances Wood	22.50	Mr & Mrs Thomas Lewis	5.00	Mr & Mrs James H Smith	10.00	Mrs F L Austin	10.00
Brush Creek Church	226.81	Mr & Mrs David Bormes	12.00	Kent & Cheryl Ross	25.00	Nell Reynolds	10.00
Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00	Dwayne Gremler	2.00	Lena & Lelin McDaniel	25.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	70.00
Mrs Mabel Andrew	20.00	Mildred C Mathews	25.00	Milo Jones	25.00	Kate Ewbank	10.00
Wayne Miller	25.00	Willings Workers, Fremont	20.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	205.33	Myrtle Sandoz	25.00
Northeast Conference	215.00	Mr & Mrs W E Boyer	50.00	Fonthill Dorcas Soc	10.00	Celestia Kitts	5.00
Anonymous	50.00	Mrs Gene Berry	20.00	Robert Hightower	20.00	Dorcas Society, Tempe	5.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Mattison	7.50	Agape Society, Bedford	5.00	Mr & Mrs James Richardson	10.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00	Mr & Mrs C J Astolfi	25.00	Ruth Sealey Congdon	100.00	Ivan Magaw	20.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	40.00	Mr & Mrs Henry Stowe	5.00	Joseph Sheeley	10.00	Benny Mattison	42.00
Lawrenceville Esthers	1.70	Christian Outreach, Dayton	116.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Barlow	15.00	Leland T Hanson	25.00
Lawrenceville Church	164.72	Mr & Mrs Raymond Kluck	50.00	Clair L Rice	23.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Johnson	24.00
Michigan St Conf	77.90	Cecil S Smead	30.00	Mr & Mrs Neil Hammer	10.00	Mrs Ollie Cooper	10.00
Garden Park Church	155.52	Lynda Randall	5.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	47.75	Anonymous	7.00
Hugh W Welsh	25.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	125.00	Mr & Mrs James Moore	5.00		
Mary & Martha's, Oregon	12.50	Mrs Otis Densmore	40.00				
Mr & Mrs Ron Bray	90.00	Bible Church, Phoenix	265.00				

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Building a Life

Guest Editorial by J. R. LeCrone

BUILDING a home, in which a couple expects to live for the rest of their lives, is at one and the same time a joyous experience and a serious responsibility. This is especially true if the builders are young, and either in the process of rearing a family, or expecting to do so. They realize that the comfort, the convenience, the provisions for privacy, the lighting, the spaciousness, provisions for recreation, and other features, will greatly influence the characters of children reared in this home. This is a once-in-a-lifetime venture, and they want everything to be as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to make it. This makes the project merit, yea demand, their closest attention to every small detail of plan, materials, and construction. Once the house is built, they must live in and with it. They cannot be too careful. They cannot be too particular. They go over the plans again and again. They seek expert advice. They discuss materials with architects, builders, and dealers.

After all of this, when the house is finally built, they will undoubtedly discover a few flaws—some things they would do differently if they had it to do over again. This is inherent in human planning and execution of plans.

Now, suppose that you were building an edifice that would be yours for eternity. The plans are perfect. The materials are imperfect, but may be improved as you go along. During the course of the building, mistakes may be rectified as they are discovered. Some portions may have to be torn down and rebuilt in order that they may conform more closely to the specifications of the master plan. This is most important, not only for the owner,

but because his execution of the master plan will undoubtedly have a profound effect upon the lives of those whom he loves.

You have, no doubt, already guessed that we are leading up to presenting the life and teachings of Jesus as the Master Plan for our own lives. This is a construction project that will be completed only when our mortal lives are ended. As long as we live, we are free to review, revise, and, in some cases, rebuild what we have done. When we stop to think about it, we know that how we build will have a great influence upon the building of others. Therefore, we build carefully and conscientiously, even though the Master Plan may be bold and daring. For us, and for those who are influenced by our building (for each must build for himself), it is a one-lifetime project. When our mortal life is ended, the project also is ended, whether it be well or poorly done. As someone has wisely said, "It is your life, to live as you please. But remember that you can only live it once!"

Keeping all of this in mind, it is only good sense to pay the very closest attention to the Master Plan and the manner in

which we follow it in our own lives. Ignorance, carelessness, indifference, or attempts to substitute something "just as good," will all be built into the final product. It may look fine to us, and to our neighbors, but it will not deceive the Originator of the Master Plan!

If anyone thinks he knows all that there is to know about the perfect life of Jesus, let him compare the spiritual quality of his own life with that of Jesus. If he finds that his own work looks cheap and shoddy by comparison (and it certainly will), let him remember that the job is not completed. There is still time to seek guidance and strength from the Master Builder himself. In his plans are bound up all of our hopes for a joyous eternity!

Let us study together the *Life of Jesus*, and discuss the life that we are building, at least as enthusiastically, as we would discuss plans for a new house!

EDITOR'S NOTE

The foregoing editorial will appear in the first quarter, 1973, *Truth Seeker's Adult Quarterly*. All quarterlies published by the Church of God General Conference, Oregon, Illinois, conform to the doctrines which we understand the Bible teaches. The textual outlines used are selected with the idea in mind of covering all the basic teachings of the Bible. The application of these teachings can and should be enlarged upon by the teachers. But the Scripture used and the comments made form the basis for sound Bible teaching. Our main objective is to "preach the word," both "in season, out of season." The quarterlies are good tools with which to achieve this goal!



General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Secretary

1972 General Conference

The Fifty-Second Annual Church of God General Conference is history. Five hundred twenty-nine persons were registered, and the services, classes, and fellowship were a real inspiration to all.

The minutes of the business sessions and a more complete report will appear in the October issue of the Progress Journal. All five of the proposed recommendations were adopted by the delegates.

Bros. John Hearp of Fonhill, Ont., and Dallas Demmitt of Phoenix, Ariz., were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Bro. Paul Shaw, who had one year left on his term, resigned from the Board due to some changes in his business which would make it most difficult to attend meetings. Bro. Robert Smith of Blanchard, Mich., was elected to the one-year unexpired term of Bro. Shaw.

The new Board of Directors organized, and the following officers were elected for the 1972-73 year: Harold Doan, Chm., Charles Knapp, Vice-Chm., Joe James, Sec'y., Robert Smith, Treas., and John Huston, John Hearp, and Dallas Demmitt, Directors.

The retiring officers, C. Jesse Pestle, Sec'y., Wayne Laning, Treas., and Paul Shaw, Director, are to be commended for their faithful and dedicated service.

Conference Board Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met several times during the week of General Conference. It was noted that Sr. Elizabeth Ordnung has become a resident of the Franklin Grove, Ill., Nursing Center. She is the last of the Golden Rule residents and had been staying in a private home. Her declining health has made it necessary for her to have more professional care.

The Military Personnel Committee, which was established several years ago to keep closer contact with our members in the military service was discontinued. This was on the advice and recommendation of the committee members, due to a lack of interest of the membership in the work of the committee. Local churches are encouraged to keep close touch with these men and women in service.

Bro. E. Milton Hall resigned as director of the Sunday School Department, effective September 30. Bro. Francis Burnett, Berean Youth Director, met with the Board and began laying plans for observance of the 75th anniversary of the Bereans.

Vernis Wolfe and Robert D. Johnson were reappointed to a two-year term on the Oregon Bible College Board of Education.

The Board of Directors met jointly with the Ministerial Association on Tuesday morning. Each Board member met with a small group of about eight ministers to discuss the general work of the Conference. These meetings were most enjoyable and enlightening, and most participants hoped that it would be done again.

Approval was given for the construction of a fire-proof vault in the General Conference office building. This is necessary to preserve the historical records of the Conference, the Oregon Bible College records, and many other important books, records, etc.

Pastoral Aid was granted to the Eternal Hope Church of God near Washington, D.C. Bro. and Sr. Ron Macy took up that pastorate September 1. Blessed Hope Church of God, Rockford, Ill., was approved for Mission Builders Appeal Number Twenty-Nine which will go in the mail about November 15.

The next Board meeting will be held in Oregon, Ill. on November 16-18, 1972. Any items that need to be acted upon can be brought to the attention of the Executive Secretary or one of the Board members before that date.

Departmental Elections

Robert Petry was elected and Scott Ross reelected to a two year term on the Sunday School Board. Mardy Lawrence was reelected to a four year term on the Mission Board.

Conference Finances

I am happy to report that the Goals for Giving for the months of July and August have been met. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to each one who has made this possible. We praise God for this and trust that each member will continue to pray for and be concerned about this need.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1971 - September 30, 1972

\$117,000.00

Goal for July-August	\$19,500.00
Given in July-August	\$22,083.00
September Needs	\$ 9,750.00

Goal for September \$9,750.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"
(Matt. 24:14).*

News From the Philippines

We want to thank all of you for the prayers you have offered on behalf of our Philippine brethren and ask that you continue to remember them. Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero writes that the troublesome church has filed a criminal charge against him, and friends have helped him with his bail bond. The charge made was for libel, and they have accused Bro. Ortiguero of reading over the radio a letter containing slanderous words against the minister and his wife. What actually happened was that Bro. Ortiguero read a letter from a listener who wanted to know the difference between the Church of God and this other church. Bro. Ortiguero has a lawyer and will report more later.

The eleventh Annual Philippine Conference was held at the Gattaran Church, May 18-20, 1972, with one hundred twenty-eight in attendance. (The conference time has been changed from December to May and will be held at the various churches.) We praise the Lord that fourteen persons from ages 9 to 60 accepted Christ and were baptized during the conference. A decision was made to have Sr. Rizalina Aguinaldo move to Quezon, which is in the center of the three Isabela churches, so she can more easily travel to these places to help with their work.

Middle East News

We are glad for two young men who were baptized in June, George Khalil and Raif Samuel Farag. One of them is an Egyptian studying at the Beirut Arab University.

In Baghdad, Iraq, there are presently five members, and eight others have asked for baptism. Bro. Jamal Sunna'a wrote that he hoped to make a trip there before the summer camp in Lebanon to bring back a young couple (the first members in Baghdad) to attend the camp and then stay for awhile for further study and training. Then they would be ready to return and lead the work among their people.

November 5—Missionary Day

Back in 1960 at the General Conference sessions, a committee that had been appointed to study the possibility of having a national missionary Sunday made a recommendation to the delegates that the first Sunday in November be designated as "National Missionary

Day," and that it be observed annually. A motion was made and the resolution was adopted. Since then our churches have been encouraged to place special emphasis on missions on that Sunday, or at least sometime during the month of November.

This year we would like to ask the churches that plan special Missionary Day activities to write to us and share what you have done. Some suggestions to consider are: a special missionary sermon by the pastor, an all-day meeting with a special program in the afternoon about our various mission fields, preparation of missionary posters and banners, a missionary banquet with foods of other lands, or an all-day (or one-meal) fast with the money that would have been spent on food given for missions, a missionary film, a Faith Promise service.

For an interesting catalog of missionary items you may find useful for your Missionary Day, write to: Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219.

New Superintendent of Missions

We have enjoyed serving in the position of Missions Superintendent the past three years. Our thanks go to the members who have given their time to serve on the Mission Board and to all of you for your cooperation and support in the mission work.

The new superintendent is Bro. S. O. Ross, and we are thankful for his willingness to serve in this position. Pray that the Lord will be with him as he takes on the responsibilities of the foreign missions work.



Pictured are Pastor and Mrs. S. S. Manoah, their two sons Bubbu and Prasan, and Pastor P. M. Paulson and his co-worker, Bro. Phillips.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Alva G. Huffer, President; John R. Lewis, Vice-President



Staff Travels

In midsummer, John Lewis visited the Virginia Annual Conference and delivered a series of messages centered around the theme of "One Hundred Percent Commitment." With his family, he also visited several of the churches in the Southwest Conference. He had the privilege of speaking at the Phoenix, Ariz., Church, pastored by Hollis Partlowe and the Tempe, Ariz., Church, pastored by Lee McQuinn. Later in July, he delivered the Sunday morning message at the Pomona, Cal., Church, pastored by Delbert Jones.

Eugene Stilson presented the Sunday morning messages at the Lombard, Ill., Church of God during the month of July and Francis Burnett served as interim pastor at the Peoria Church of God until Dale Swartz assumed his duties there September 1, 1972.

Receives Degree

John Lewis graduated from Northern Illinois University in August, receiving a Master of Arts in Public Address.

We are thankful to the people of the General Conference providing the opportunity for this additional preparation for teaching at the College.

Fall Semester

The Fall Semester at Oregon Bible College started August 29, 1972, with Registration and Orientation.

Block Scheduling is being used again this year for many of the classes. Under this plan, classes meet each day for two hours instead of one hour a day, two or three times a week. This allows the student to concentrate his study and learning time on fewer classes. Some classes are not included in this plan and are taught throughout the entire semester. Preaching, Choir, Chorale, and Instructional Materials Media are some of the classes that will be taught the entire semester.

During the Fall Semester, Eugene Stilson is teaching Biblical Hermeneutics, Bible Geography, Church History, Greek I, and Christian Education of Children. John Lewis is teaching Bible Survey, Systematic Theology, Acts of the Apostles, Preaching, and the Gospel of John. Francis Burnett is teaching Old Testament III and Old Testament I. Dale Ramsey is directing the Chorale and Choir and teaching Music Fundamentals. Stanley Ross is teaching Missionary Principles and Ruth Lewis is teaching Instructional Materials Media.

President on Campus

President Alva Huffer was on the Oregon campus several days at the end of August and the beginning of September advising students, making curriculum plans, and carrying out other administrative duties.

Paul Moore, who graduated last spring, will take part in the internship program in Arizona this fall.

Dr. Huffer will be teaching Systematic Theology on the Oregon Campus for several weeks in October and November.

New Students

At this writing there are twenty new students enrolled in Oregon Bible College. With returning students, this makes the Bible College fall enrollment between thirty-five and forty students.

Next month a complete list of new students will be given.

Chorale Record

There are still some copies of the College Chorale record "We Praise Thee O Lord" left. To receive one make checks in the amount of \$4.00 payable to the Church of God General Conference.

Chapel Improvement

To add to the beauty of the College facilities, the Chapel was redecorated this year. In addition to the Chapel being painted, the rostrum was paneled and new drapes were installed.

We are thankful to the General Conference for providing the means for making this improvement.

Weddings

We congratulate those associated with the College that had weddings this past summer. Rachel Krogh became the bride of John Carr. John and Rachel will be serving the church at Macomb, Ill. Peggy Winner became the bride of Bob Jones. Bob will be attending OBC for one more year. Terry Newquist became the bride of Ron Macy. Ron and Terry will be serving the Eternal Hope Church of God in Fairfax County, Va.

Calendar of Events

There are several important events coming at Oregon Bible College in the near future. September 25-29 will be Christian Emphasis Week. October 27-29 several of the instructors will be attending the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges Convention in Chicago, and November 8 is the Day of Prayer.

Francis Burnett, Youth Director

E. Milton Hall, Editor

Two Giving Goals Met

In its first meeting, the Youth Advisory Council set a goal for the conference week at \$966. Through the evening offerings and auctions (a fun activity of the young people), the goal had been exceeded by \$90 plus on Friday morning. Another goal of \$400 was set for the last two offerings and this was exceeded by \$100 plus. The total giving for the week was \$1,584.89. Let us, as adults, be very thankful for this kind of devotion to the Lord's work.

Exciting Year Ahead

Some of the things ahead for the Bereans around the world are: an International Berean Communion service, International Prayer Day followed by a pen-pal week, Coins for Christ giving, a Faith Promise plan to be developed, and the important 75th year—our Diamond Jubilee.

The Bereans are looking forward to doing several things to make the Diamond Jubilee an important year in emphasizing the truth of God's Word. Included in next year's budget is high school tuition for a Nigerian student and \$500.00 towards a Caravan to Canada in 1976 for the Summer Olympics.

Berean Youth Conference—1972

Two hundred seventy-six young people and forty-two adults gathered at Camp Alexander Mack, in Indiana, on Sunday, July 23, to begin a week of Berean Youth Conference activities. Despite the heat on the first two days, the program moved into full swing. The film, HIS LAND, was shown on Sunday night. The quizzing elimination began at 1:30 p.m. on Monday. Due to the excellency of many of the teams, extra sessions of elimination had to be held. Michigan was the winner by only ten points. This was due to an error by Minnesota on the twentieth question, which made them have a loss of 10 points. Illinois placed third and Missouri fourth. The quizzing gives many young people from our Berean groups an incentive and an opportunity for additional Bible study.

Decisions for Jesus

The worship service held at the end of the week emphasized the importance of accepting and serving Jesus. The message for this year was given by Bro. Don Needham. At the close of the service, seventeen responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

How to Obtain Leaders:

- 1) "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest";
- 2) Demonstrate the work of leaders at the teacher training and Sunday school meetings;
- 3) Send out questionnaires to potential leaders and evaluate the talent;
- 4) Observe intermediates, seniors, young people, and adults at work. Speak to them and invite them to attend leadership classes;
- 5) Appeal from the platform and through the bulletin when there is a need;
- 6) Assure those interested of instruction and guidance in their work;
- 7) Arrange for observation of classes, or groups where they might help;
- 8) Show appreciation for the leaders and workers that you now have.

Qualifications of a Leader

A leader should:

- 1) Be willing to start at the bottom;
- 2) Be confident in himself and know that through improvement and hard work, accomplishment is evident;
- 3) Be unselfish;
- 4) Be a person with a vision;
- 5) Be willing to aid in doing any job;
- 6) Be sincere, dependable, and humble;
- 7) Be persistent in purpose;
- 8) Be increasingly able to inspire others;
- 9) Have a growing measure of the patience of Job;
- 10) Grow in a love for people and how to meet them on their level;
- 11) Be willing to sacrifice personal pleasure for a well-planned program for the cause of Christ.

Things a Leader Can do for Growth:

- 1) Pray, study the Bible, and read good Christian books;
- 2) Attend all church services and training sessions;
- 3) Discuss problems with others: pastor, elders;
- 4) Keep notes of meetings and pertinent information;
- 5) Keep horizons unlimited through foreign missions;
- 6) Keep up with new trends and developments in your field.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 20, 21, 1972—Women's Retreat, Epworth Forest, N. Webster, Ind.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

A good program is planned for the Women's Retreat, which will be held at Epworth Forest, N. Webster, Ind., October 20, 21, 1972.

Program

Friday: Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Special music by Georgia Richards.
Saturday a.m.: Panel of American Women from South Bend, Ind.
12:30 p.m. Lunch and dismissal.
Registration fee is \$10.00. Register early with Mrs. Carol Schmidlapp, Rt. 2, Argos, Ind. 46501. Phone: 219-936-9216.

ILLINOIS 200 CLUB

During the past year, some of you enrolled as members of the Church Building 200 Club, and thus became charter members of this mission activity. Shortly, you will be invited to give the first assistance, which will give new life and impetus to the program. We ask you to add immediate strength to this phase of our home mission effort.

There are 40-plus members, which is only a fraction of our state membership. Would you personally enroll another 200 Club member? Let us increase our Club membership to 100 givers for the first appeal to be made in this outreach among our churches in Illinois.

Muriel Hass, secretary.

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 when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA Annual Maritime Conference

The fifth annual Maritime Conference and Vacation Bible School were held at the Lighthouse Church of God. Special workers and guests were: Pastor David Krogh, Mrs. Mary Krogh, Mrs. Dorothy Siple, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp and family, all of Garden Park Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Average attendance at Bible school was 92, with a high of 101. The evening meetings had an average attendance of 59.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

Digby Needs a Bus

The folks at Lighthouse Church in Digby, N.S., are needing a bus. Being energetic souls, they are asking for trading stamps, which can be converted into money and thereby help build up a fund for the purchase of a bus. They are asking for Gold Bond, S&H, and similar stamps. Stamps may be sent to Mrs. Leta Handspiker, Rt. 4, Digby, N.S.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The November issue of Progress Journal will carry the annual Church Directory. The only way a correct listing of names and addresses can be made is for pastors and church secretaries to file the needed information with the editor. The deadline for changes in the Directory is October 10, 1972.

BAPTISMS

Tempe, Ariz.: Tommy McCaw responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, June 11, 1972, and was immersed for the remission of sins, June 14. The Tempe Church rejoices with his wife Rita and family because of Tommy's faith and decision. Our fervent prayer is that God will richly bless and be his constant companion.

Sunday evening, July 9, 1972, the Tempe Church of God was the setting for the baptism of Miss Karen Loper, 54 E. 8th St., Mesa, Ariz. 85201. We rejoice over her good profession of faith.
Lee McQuinn, pastor.

Burr Oak, Ind.: We rejoiced as Michael Overmyer of Culver requested baptism and was immersed by the writer, June 18, 1972, in Lake Maxinkuckee. May he be richly blessed as he walks in newness of life.

Ellsworth Routson, pastor.

Van Nuys, Cal.: We were happy to assist Ralph McCaslin, Reseda, Cal., as he put on Christ in baptism, Sunday, July 16, 1972. His wife Ruby and six children are members of the Church of God, and they are joyful, as are all the brethren, as Ralph joins them in the body of Christ.

Harold Doan, pastor.

Guthrie Grove, S.C.: On April 23, 1972, Debbie Blanken, Rt. 2, Piedmont, S.C. 29673, and Suzanne Stephenson, Box 239, Cordova, S.C., 29039, were buried with Christ in baptism. We pray the Lord's blessing upon them as they serve their Master. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Digby, N.S.: On July 23, 1972, Pastor Raymond Brown immersed his daughter Jeanne and Susan Hayes in the saving name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins. May God richly bless them in their Christian walk of faith.

Elaine Handspiker, reporter.

Fredericktown, Mo.: Judith Ann Cooper came forward at the close of the morning worship service, July 9, 1972, requesting baptism. She was baptized that afternoon in Mill Creek by the writer. We pray God's richest blessings on her as she continues to grow in faith and knowledge of God and our Saviour.

Arnold Johns, pastor.

Delta, Ohio: An impressive baptismal service took place at twilight, July 22, 1972, when five young people, from our Raker Church, were immersed in beautiful Harrison Lake by Elaine Randall, our pastor. Those immersed were: Susan Bemonte, Uta Herrnring, Jeffery, Jerry and Judy Dinius. We pray God's richest blessing upon these fine young people.

Lucille Wulff, reporter.

South Bend, Ind.: The following were immersed by the writer: Mrs. Rose Fox, March 26, 1972; Darcy Emerick, Beth Nemeth, April 9, 1972; Debbie Van Dusen, Gary VanDerHeyden, July 16, 1972. May the Lord's guiding hand be ever upon them. James Graham, pastor.

EVERY WEEK

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OBITUARIES

Wayne, Rosalie, and Vanessa Holtkamp were killed in a tragic car accident, July 4, 1972. Wayne was born in Brown County, Ill., Oct. 22, 1921. His wife Rosalie was born in Schuyler Co., Ill., Jan. 21, 1928. Their daughter Vanessa was born at Macomb, Ill., August 19, 1956.

Surviving are one son, William; Wayne's father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Urbin Holtkamp; two sisters, Della Belle Dalton and Lela Faye Logsdon; Rosalie's father, Mr. Louis Ralston; two brothers, LaVerne and Victor Ralston; one sister, Rita Jones.

Wayne, Rosalie, and Vanessa were faithful members of the Ripley Church of God. Their hope was in the coming kingdom of God. Their presence is greatly missed.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastors Harry Sheets and Francis Burnett. Wayne, Rosalie, and Vanessa were laid to rest in the Ripley Cemetery to await the call of the Master.
James A. Fyfe, pastor.

Funeral services for Mr. Ralph Kizer were conducted on June 25, 1972, in South Bend, Ind. Mr. Kizer was the father of Bro. Don Kizer of Hope Chapel. He was laid to rest with the hope of the resurrection. James Graham, pastor.

Mrs. Othello Pack Jones, 74, of Pelzer, S.C., died at her daughter's home, June 30, 1972. She was a member of Guthrie Grove Church for many years and was faithful to the church and the defense of the truth.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mollie White and Mrs. Emmie Lee Chandler, and one son, Loie Jones.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by T. M. Ferrell, at the Guthrie Grove Church of God. Burial was in the church cemetery.
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Mrs. Ora Kutschke, Dallas, Tex., died July 19, 1972, following a heart attack and stroke. Funeral services were held July 21, with interment in Riviera, Tex. Immediate family surviving: a daughter, Mrs. Charlene Woods; two sons, C. T. and Louis; and two sisters, Dr. Dollie M. Woodul and Mrs. Opal Hayse; two brothers, Jesse M. and G. Lawrence Robbins.

Reported by Opal Hayse.

Charles V. Hickox was born October 12, 1884, and died August 7, 1972, at the Casey Nursing Home, Casey, Ill. His wife, the former Laura Weaver, preceded him in death on May 25, 1972. He was a member of the Restitution Church of God at Casey for many years.

He is survived by three daughters and six sons, who acted as pallbearers for the funeral. One son, James Fenton, preceded him in death.

After words of comfort to the family by the writer he was laid to rest in the Restitution Church Cemetery to await the call of the master.
S. O. Ross.

MARRIAGES

Miss Norma Davis became the bride of Mr. Steven Knapp at the Oregon, Ill., Church of God, on Saturday, August 5, 1972. Norma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis, Havana, Ill. Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp, Wyoming, Mich. Both the bride and groom attended Oregon Bible College for two years. The couple will make their home in Wyoming, Mich., and will be attending the Garden Park Church of God where Steven is an active member. Francis Burnett.

Miss Rachel Krogh and Mr. John Carr were united in marriage by the writer, assisted by Pastor Clarence Lapp, on June 10, 1972, in the Oregon Church of God. The Carrs will begin their pastorate at the Macomb, Ill., Church of God, the first of September. We pray God's blessing on them as they serve him. David Krogh.

Peggy Jo Winner became the bride of Bob Jones at the Ripley, Ill., Church of God on July 1, 1972. Peggy Jo and Bob will be making their home in Oregon, Ill., where Bob is a senior at Oregon Bible College. John Lewis.

The marriage of Lynda Sue Randall and Patrick Tovatt was solemnized by the bride's father, Celaine Randall, July 29, 1972. The service was performed at an outside setting at the bride's home, as strains of marital music filled the air. The benediction was pronounced by the grandfather, Clyde Randall.

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