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## Minutes of the 1974 General Conference

Kenneth Milne, Secretary

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference convened at Riverview Park, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Tuesday, August 13, 1974. Harold Doan, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Kenneth Milne opened the session with prayer. Bro. Doan welcomed the delegates to the General Conference and outlined the role and responsibilities of delegates.

Ruth Overholser, Chairwoman of the Credentials Committee, seated the delegates and gave procedural instructions to the delegates and alternates.

The Arlington, Texas, Church of God was represented this year for the first time.

Executive Director S. O. Ross read letters from Sr. Leota B. Hanson and Bro. John Hayse expressing their greetings and wishes to the Fifty-Fourth General Conference.

Chairman Doan called attention to the Special Reports on pages 8 and 9 of the *Progress Journal* of June, 1974. Bro. Doan read in particular the report of Layworkers' Study with the Mission Board recommendation that the Superintendent of Missions act as a clearinghouse for the project of enlisting the help of interested lay workers, and assisting new congregations in whatever help they need. It was moved by Cecil Smead and seconded by Harold Burnett that the recommendation be accepted and implemented. The motion carried.

Charles Graham moved and Paul Overholser seconded the motion that the special reports be accepted. The motion carried.

John Hearp, vice-chairman of the Board of Directors, reported on the activities of the Board. He explained that the Board

meets during the fall and spring and also during General Conference. Telephone conference meetings are called, when necessary, between the regularly scheduled meetings.

Executive Director S. O. Ross reviewed the Nine Months Financial Report included in the delegate folders. This report covered the period of October 1, 1973, through June 30, 1974. Bro. Ross carefully reviewed each item. The report included: a General Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities (\$326,985.27 and \$11,672.17 respectively); a Statement of Income and Expense General Funds (\$203,218.97 and \$195,912.23 respectively); a Statement of Assets and Liabilities Restricted Funds (\$222,011.50 and \$62,347.21 respectively). Bro. Ross remarked that the Goal for Giving was met each month. Clarence Jones moved and Roy Humphreys seconded that the financial report be accepted. The motion carried.

Chairman Doan called on Francis Burnett to report on Berean Youth work. Bro. Burnett stated that the recent Youth Conference was very successful as a divided camp. The enrollment at Camp Mack was: campers, 292; staff, 33; and the enrollment at Camp Shiphewana: campers, 131; staff, 17. He reported that the Senior Caravan conducted a vacation Bible school at Arlington, Texas; and helped at the conference at Gatesville, Texas. The Junior Caravan helped in the Southeast Youth Camp at Christmount Assembly, Black Mountain, N.C. The Chairman introduced Hugh Harman, new Youth Director, and his wife Mary to the Conference.

Chairman Doan explained to the delegates that a motion had been tabled at the 1973 sessions of General Conference

and that this motion must be removed from the table. Ed Goit moved and Willis Turner seconded that the motion regarding the youth chorus books be removed from the table. The motion carried. Executive Director S. O. Ross read a letter from the Berean Youth Advisory Council, recommending that the Board of Directors implement the motion as approved. The motion made at the 1973 session was: "that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to prepare and publish a songbook, similar to Youth Sings, which will be free of doctrinal error; and that this committee give due consideration to the Berean Youth Fellowship in regard to the content of this book." After much discussion this motion was amended by Dallas Demmitt and Clement Richey to read, "that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to make a study as to the feasibility of publishing a chorus book free of doctrinal error." This amendment lost. The original motion lost.

Milon Hall moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to Francis Burnett for his work as Youth Director. The motion was seconded by the rising of all the delegates.

Ruth Overholser reported for the Credentials Committee that 143 delegates had been seated; 8 Board of Directors, 48 ministers, and 87 church and conference delegates. This compared with 151 delegates last year.

The meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m. with prayer by Francis Burnett.

### Wednesday, August 14

The second business session of the 1974 Church of God General Conference was called to order by Chairman Doan at 10:00 a.m., August 14. The opening

prayer was given by Bill Lawrence, Phoenix, Ariz.

The Secretary read the minutes of Tuesday's session.

A telegram from Gulf Coast Church of God, New Port Richey, Fla., sending greetings to the General Conference, was read. Also, a letter from Oliver K. Amani from Ghana, West Africa, was read.

J. R. LeCrone, Editor of *The Restitution Herald*, reported on the activities of the Publishing Department. He encouraged lay members to write articles for *The Restitution Herald*.

It was moved by Joe James and seconded by John Huston that recommendation No. 1 be adopted: "That *The Restitution Herald* be continued indefinitely as a part of the Free Literature Program." Motion carried.

Francis Burnett, Director of the Sunday School Department, reported on the activities of that Department. He stated that the editors of the Sunday school quarterlies met with the Sunday School Board; and that further study is being made as to the upgrading of our quarterlies. The Sunday School Director will be available for seminars in local churches or district conferences. The teen-age quarterlies for the next quarter has been changed in format. Vacation Bible school materials will be under the Sunday School Board. Plans are being made for a Sunday school seminar in 1975, probably at Camp Mack or Camp Shipshewana. Nominations were opened for two Sunday School Board members. The terms of Scott Ross and Robert Petry are expiring. For Board member No. 1 David Cheatwood nominated Scott Ross. Moved by Milton Hall and seconded by Harold Burnett that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Scott Ross. Motion carried. Don Swartz nominated Russell Magaw and Kent Ross nominated Jim Babcock for Board member No. 2. Dallas Demmitt moved and Clarence Lapp seconded that nominations for board member No. 2 cease. Jim Babcock was elected.

C. E. Randall presented to the Conference the following telegrams and recommended that they be sent.

To: President Gerald R. Ford  
Washington, D.C.

The Church of God, Headquarters,  
Oregon, Ill., in General Conference session at Cedar Falls, Iowa, sends greet-

ings and assurances of our prayers and support in these difficult times.

Signed/ Harold Doan, Chairman  
Stanley Ross, Executive Director.

To: Mr. Richard Nixon  
San Clemente, Cal.

The Church of God, Headquarters,  
Oregon, Ill., in General Conference session sends greetings and assurances of our prayers for you and family.

Signed/ Harold Doan, Chairman  
Stanley Ross, Executive Director.

The motion to send the above telegrams was made by C. E. Randall and seconded by Dale Swartz. Motion carried.

Merle Partick moved and Ed Goit seconded that "during this Conference the Board of Directors appoint a committee to study the feasibility of publishing a Church of God General Conference Youth Chorus Book, to consult with the Berean Youth Fellowship Council regarding the contents of this book, and to report back to the Board of Directors. If a favorable report is received, the Board of Directors is hereby directed by this Conference to publish this chorus book as soon as possible." Motion carried.

Moved by Willis Turner and seconded by Jim Ashley that recommendation No. 4 be adopted. "We recommend that Article I, Section I, Paragraph (D) By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference be deleted." Motion carried.

Milton Hall requested the delegates to return to their churches and place more emphasis on the need for more involvement of people in the local Sunday school work. He reminded the delegates that the Sunday school is the evangelistic arm of the church, that our future membership will come through the Sunday school.

Dallas Demmitt, Chairman of the Family Life Committee, gave a brief report as to the future activities of this committee.

Ruth Overholser gave the report of the Credentials Committee: 8 directors, 49 ministers, 93 delegates. This was a total of 150 compared with 153 a year ago.

The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and James Graham dismissed the meeting with prayer.

### Thursday, August 15

The third business session of the Fifty-Fourth General Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Harold Doan. Willis Turner of the Blessed Hope

Church of God, Rockford, Ill., offered the opening prayer.

Minutes of the second business session were read.

Executive Director Ross reported on the delegate expense pool which this year amounted to \$72.80.

S. O. Ross presented to the delegates the plans for the proposed women's dormitory of Oregon Bible College.

The first order of business for Thursday was the nomination of candidates for two members of the Board of Directors. The terms of Harold Doan and John Huston expire this year. The floor was opened for nominations for Director No. 1. Dwight Pestle was nominated by Rolla Hightower and Robert Smith by Charles Knapp. Milton Hall moved and Tom Palmer seconded that the nominations cease. Motion carried.

Nominations for Director No. 2 were: Warren Sorenson by Hollis Partlowe; and Billie Kennedy by Shelly Gaspar. Dale Swartz and Don Swartz moved that the nominations cease for this directorship. The motion carried.

S. O. Ross, Director of Missions Department, read a letter and report from Raymond Brown of Digby, Nova Scotia. The mission work there is progressing well, and they have distributed large quantities of free literature. It was reported that Roddy Pike deeded land that he had purchased when he began the work to the Digby Church of God.

S. O. Ross had visited Mexico and gave a report of the mission work in that country. Alice Aldrich and Mary Jo Brewer held vacation Bible schools in Mexico this summer. Mary Jo Brewer reported on the vacation Bible schools.

Executive Director Ross introduced the members of the Mission Board who were present—Mardy Lawrence and Merle Patrick.

Bro. Willis Turner expressed the appreciation of the Blessed Hope Church of God, Rockford, Ill., for the help received from Mission Builders.

Robert Petry expressed appreciation of the North Hills, Ohio, Church of God for the help it received from Mission Builders.

It was announced that the Gulf Coast Church of God, New Port Richey, Fla., will receive pastoral aid beginning September 1.

The floor was opened for nominations for one Mission Board member. The term

of Lee McQuinn expires. Jesse Pestle nominated Rachel (Krogh) Carr. Jim Ashley and Willis Turner moved that the nominations cease and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Rachel Carr. The motion carried.

Recommendation No. 2 that Sr. Alice Aldrich be sent to Mexico as a missionary beginning September 1, 1974, was presented. Moved by Charles Graham and Arnold Johns that this recommendation be adopted. The motion carried.

Moved by Roy Humphreys and Don Swartz that Recommendation No. 3 be adopted. "We recommend that Solomon Idiong of Nigeria be brought to Oregon Bible College to finish his training and graduate, and that his wife accompany him here." The motion carried.

Moved by Jim Jannereth and Willis Turner that a person or committee study the use of dual ownership or other means to avoid loss of facilities due to splits in congregations. The motion carried.

Ruth Overholser reported for the credentials committee that 151 delegates were in attendance compared to 151 last year—8 board members, 49 ministers, 94 delegates.

Tom Palmer and Charles Graham moved that we recess until Friday, August 16, at 10:00 a.m. The session was dismissed with prayer by Harold Doan.

### Friday Morning, August 16

The fourth business session of the Fifty-Fourth General Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Harold Doan. Joe James, Guthrie Grove Church of God, S.C., offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the third business session were read.

Ruth Overholser explained to the delegates the procedure for the electing of directors to the Executive Board.

The first order of business was the election of two members of the Board of Directors. While the ballots were being counted John Carr spoke to the delegates concerning the copyright laws and urged the churches to observe the copyright laws.

Cecil Partick spoke of the Bible classes being held at Kissimmee, Fla. He encouraged any who go to that area, either to winter or to retire, to join them.

Mike Mattison expressed the appreciation of the Arlington, Texas, Church of God for the help it has received through pastoral aid.

The results of the election were: Bob Smith was elected Director No. 1 on the

first ballot; and Billie Kennedy was elected Director No. 2 on the first ballot.

Dr. Alva Huffer reported on Oregon Bible College. He introduced the Board of Education members—Alva Huffer, Chairman; Vernis Wolfe, Charles Pryor, Bob Johnson, and Dr. William Lawrence.

John Lewis, vice-president of the College, thanked the General Conference delegates for the support of Oregon Bible College.

Dr. Huffer announced that Jack Hearp will be teaching a short course in November on the Book of Acts. In October, Joe James will teach a course on Effective Christian Living in Today's World. Robert Jones will teach a course in the Hebrew language.

Dr. Huffer gave a report of institutional studies and then recommended that Recommendation No. 5 be adopted. "We recommend that, in light of the current institutional study made by the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College, Oregon Bible College remain in Oregon, Ill., for the immediate future, with the understanding that additional buildings be erected in such a way that options are kept open so that campus facilities could be sold in the future, if so desired." This motion was moved by Rex Shaw and David Cheatwood.

An amendment was introduced by C. E. Randall to strike out the words "so desired" and add the words, "General Conference delegates so vote." Moved by C. E. Randall and Charles Graham.

The motion as amended reads: "We recommend that, in light of the current institutional study made by the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College, Oregon Bible College remain in Oregon, Ill., for the immediate future, with the understanding that additional buildings be erected in such a way that options are kept open so that campus facilities could be sold in the future, if General Conference delegates so vote." The motion as amended carried.

Recommendation No. 6 was introduced—"We recommend that a structure be erected by September, 1975, in Oregon, Ill., to provide better housing for female students at Oregon Bible College. We further recommend that the new building be designed in such a way that it could be sold readily in the future if it were so desired and be easily converted into a condominium, townhouses, or a series of apartments. It should be built in such a way that additional units could be added as needed." It was moved by Ed Goit and Dallas Demmitt to adopt this recom-

mendation. After much discussion the motion carried.

Ruth Overholser reported for the Credentials Committee that 150 delegates were in attendance at this session. Motion was made by Jim Fyfe and Bob Petry to recess the meeting until 2:15 p.m. The closing prayer was by Harold Doan.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Doan. David Krogh opened the meeting with prayer. The Chairman announced that the new Board met to elect officers. The following officers were elected: Jack Hearp, Chairman; David Johnson, Vice-Chairman; Kenneth Milne, Secretary; Robert Smith, Treasurer.

Arnold Johns submitted the following motion: "I move that in recognition for their past years of service, we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to our two retiring General Conference Board Directors, Bro. John Huston and Bro. Harold Doan." The motion was seconded by the delegates rising.

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director, announced that a Sunday School Seminar will be held at Camp Mack February 16-22, 1975.

C. E. Randall and Milon Hall moved that the delegates assure the Board of Directors of their prayers for the coming year. The motion carried.

C. E. Randall and Jim Wiggins moved for a rising vote of thanks to the staff of the camp for their fine hospitality and that this be conveyed to them. The motion carried.

Executive Director S. O. Ross presented the proposed budget and goals for giving for the year October 1, 1974, through September 30, 1975. This budget included a Goal for Giving of \$195,000.00. Moved by Joe James and Arnold Johns that the budget be adopted. The motion carried.

C. E. Randall stated that he is working on the history of the Church of God, and he requested that anyone having copies of *The Gospel Trumpet* published by the Oklahoma-Arkansas Conference and *Present Truth* published by W. L. and Charles Crowe of St. Paul, Neb., send them to him at the General Conference office.

Austin Railton thanked the Conference for the pastoral aid that is to be given to the Gulf Coast Church of God, New Port Richey, Fla.; and requested the prayers of the Conference for this new church.

Ruth Overholser gave the final report for the Credentials Committee. At the

afternoon session there were 8 directors, 38 ministers, and 75 delegates, making a total of 121.

Kenneth Milne, Secretary of the Board of Directors, read the minutes of the final business session. Jim Ashley and David Johnson moved that all minutes of the

business sessions of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Church of God General Conference be approved. The motion carried.

Jim Ashley presented comments on the mini-courses. Several appreciative comments were made concerning Dallas Demmitt's course on Enriching Family Life.

Dallas Demmitt and John Huston moved that the business session of the 1974 Church of God General Conference be adjourned. The delegates stood and sang "Blest be the Tie That Binds." Executive Director S. O. Ross dismissed the session with prayer.

## CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET

October 1, 1974 to September 30, 1975

**ANTICIPATED INCOME:**

Tuition, Room and Board (OBC)	\$44,000.00
Gross Profit from Sales	
(Sales less printing & purchases)	9,000.00
Total Anticipated Income	\$53,000.00

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:**

Salaries	\$119,000.00
Utilities & Telephone	9,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Social Security	5,000.00
Postage & Freight	6,000.00
Supplies & Expense	6,000.00
Depreciation & Repairs	2,500.00
Departmental Printing	8,000.00
Food	9,500.00
Auto & Travel	9,000.00
Youth Caravan	500.00
OBC Library	500.00
Professional Services	1,000.00
Golden Rule Contract	6,000.00
Advance Education (staff)	800.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	700.00
Literature Campaign	23,000.00

**MISSIONS:**

Nova Scotia	\$6,000.00
India	2,500.00
Mexico	5,000.00
Philippine Islands	5,000.00
Nigeria	3,000.00
Ghana	1,000.00
Pastoral Aid	6,000.00
Board Expense	1,500.00
Mission Opportunities	800.00
Special Church Aid	7,200.00
Nigerian Scholarship	1,000.00
	39,000.00

Total Anticipated Expense \$248,000.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED**

(Goals for Giving) \$195,000.00

# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Business Session Minutes

The minutes of the delegate sessions of the 1974 Annual Church of God General Conference appear in this issue. I encourage each member to carefully read these minutes. The actions taken in these sessions set the policy and the programs for the year. It is then the duty of the Board of Directors and the staff to carry out these programs.

## Student Loan Fund

The family of Hattie Johns, recently deceased, has established a Hattie Johns Student Loan Fund in her memory, in the amount of one thousand dollars. These funds, along with funds provided by the families of Bro. G. E. Marsh and Sr. Emma Railsback, are available for loan to Oregon Bible College students in emergency situations. We express our thanks to the Johns family for this thoughtful assistance to students in need.

## Retirement Association Meeting

The biannual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association was held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, during the annual General Conference. Bro. Willard Naylor of Nappanee, Indiana, was reelected vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association for a term of four years. The other members of the Board of Trustees are Bro. C. E. Randall, Chairman (appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference), and S. O. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer (the Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference is automatically the Secretary-Treasurer).

Two changes were made in the Rules and Regulations of the Association at the meeting. The retirement benefits were increased from fifty dollars to sixty dollars per month beginning January 1, 1975. The second change opens the Association to those ministers who rejected the plan at the beginning or when they first became eligible. The assets of the Association are growing each year and have now reached nearly fifty thousand dollars. Contributions to the Retirement Association are welcome to help further stabilize this very worthwhile organization.

## New Telephone Number

This is a second notice of change in the telephone number of all Church of God General Conference business offices. The number now in use is 815-732-7991.

## Pastoral Changes

There are many pastoral changes in effect this current church year. The Church Directory, which will appear in the November issue of *Progress Journal*, will list all of these with new addresses. Please pray for these pastors, especially those who are filling pulpits for the first time. The latter are Benjamin Mattison, Morningstar Church, South Bend, Ind.; Mark Ryan, San Jose, Cal.; Paul Moore, Blood River, Hammond, La.; Sydney Kirkpatrick, Blessed Hope, Rockford, Ill.; Joe Myers, Denver, Colo.; and Bruce Burnside, associate pastor at Pennellwood, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Ministers Fund

The Ministers Fund of the Church of God General Conference is supported by special contributions. This fund is used to help ministers or their families in an emergency situation, with a loan or a grant. Contributions to the fund are encouraged, since the balance is now quite low.

## Annual Budget

The delegates to the 1974 Church of God General Conference voted the largest budget in the history of the Conference, for the 1974-75 fiscal year. This budget will need contributions for the year in the amount of \$195,000.00. We praise God and thank the membership of the Church of God General Conference for the dedicated giving of the past year. The total giving for the 1973-74 fiscal year is only a few thousand dollars short of the amount needed in the new budget.

## Conference Finances

The goals for giving for the month of September have been met. We thank each church, conference, and individual who has helped to meet these needs.

As we begin a new Conference year, may God continue his rich blessings on the membership of the Church of God General Conference, that all the proposed programs of the Conference may be carried to successful completion.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

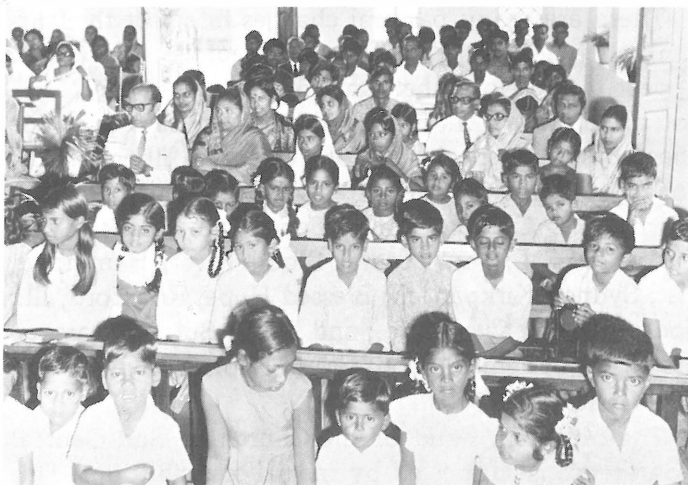
Goal for September	\$13,167.00
Given in September	\$13,815.00
October Needs	\$16,250.00

**Goal for October \$16,250.00**

# Missions News

By S. O. Ross

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



The photo above shows one side of the Thomas Town Church of God in Bangalore, India, during a morning worship service. This shows about one third of the total seating capacity.

The congregation at Chinnayanapalyam had special services on August 15 to observe its fourth anniversary. That day was also Independence Day in India. A large number attended the services at 3:00 p.m. to commemorate both events.

Nine hundred sixteen patients were treated at the medical clinic in July. Bro. Manoah and his staff have a wonderful opportunity to witness to many people through this facility.

## Mission Board

Sr. Rachel Carr of Macomb, Illinois, was elected to the Mission Board of the Church of God General Conference by the Conference delegates. Sr. Carr (the former Rachel Krogh) has served as a missionary in Mexico and also as Superintendent of Missions. She comes to the Mission Board well qualified to serve. Other members of the Board are Mardy Lawrence, M. A. Patrick, Robert Hall, and S. O. Ross.

We express our thanks and commendation to Bro. Lee McQuinn of Tempe, Arizona, who has been a faithful and dedicated member of the Mission Board for the past eight years. His good counsel will be missed by the Board.

## Mexico

Successful Bible schools were held at both Labor Vieja and Saltillo, Mexico, with Srs. Alice Aldrich and Mary Jo Brewer in charge. Sr. Brewer has returned to

Arizona to continue her studies in nursing. Sr. Aldrich will remain in Mexico as a full-time missionary in accordance with the action of the delegates at the annual General Conference in August. Sr. Aldrich will be located in Labor Vieja, but will assist in all the mission work in Mexico.

Bro. Roberto Badillo is the lay leader of the congregation in Labor Vieja, and Pastor Francisco Martinez is working in the Saltillo field.

## Ghana

Bro. Oliver Amani was privileged to immerse in the waters of baptism Bro. Vincent H. K. Dzodzodzi, postmaster for the Nkwanta district of Ghana. Bro. Dzodzodzi is now taking the Systematic Bible Study Course. Bro. Amani says, "The Lord is blessing our work marvelously and we always rejoice and thank him for the growth we are experiencing."

## Nigeria

Six accepted Christ at the Ediene Church in July and were immersed in the waters of baptism by Bro. Ephraim Udo. Sr. Sarah Udo has been ill, but is recovering gradually. Pray for Sr. Udo and for these six babes in Christ.

Bro. John Obott, pastor of the Utu Abak Church, reports two new converts in July. They are Arit Moses Akpan and Sunday Sam. Bro. Obott writes, "On the same Sunday many members praised God and gave testimonies concerning how God has worked miracles for them. I request prayers for my congregation and all the other groups in Nigeria as things are changing shape rapidly. It seems our Lord's return is close at hand."

Plans are being made to bring Bro. Solomon Idiong and his wife Mary for further education at Oregon Bible College pursuant to the action of the Conference delegates. Present plans are to bring them here in August, 1975, to begin the next school year.

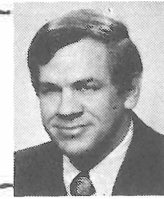
## Home Missions

Six local churches will receive assistance this year through the Pastoral Aid Program of the Church of God General Conference. They are Lombard and East Oregon Chapel, Ill.; Eternal Hope, Herndon, Va.; Raymore, Mo.; Arlington, Tex.; and the Gulf Coast Church of God, New Port Richey, Fla. The latter is newly organized. Its first pastor is Bro. Austin Railton. Remember each of these congregations in your prayers.



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## **Beginnings . . .**

We all look forward to the excitement of beginnings. Even though the beginning offers a challenge and demands work, we still look upon it as an adventure. These were undoubtedly some feelings experienced by the freshmen as they registered for Oregon Bible College on August 28. The new students are: Sue Andrew, Oregon, Ill.; Kathy Anger, Fonthill, Ont.; Karen Circle, Springfield, Ohio; Julie Davison, Chana, Ill.; Greg Demmitt, Troy, Ohio; Stuart Dickerson, Johannesburg, South Africa; Dan Greenfield, Oregon, Ill.; Sandy Jobe, Dayton, Ohio; Pam Knox, Baton Rouge, La.; Ramon Leal, Dixon, Ill.; Rick Mixen, Dixon, Ill.; Tom New, Frankfort, Ind.; Karen Smith, Blanchard, Mich.; Penny Stenzel, Oregon, Ill.; Steve Taylor, Williamsport, Ind.; Janet Voorhies, Ponchatoula, La.; Donna Weidensall, Cleveland, Ohio; Nita Wyrick, Michigantown, Ind.; Ken Walters, Watkins, Minn.

## **.....They're Here!**

Finally, finally, after much ado and anticipation, the Chorale albums have arrived. There are plenty available. Send your orders to Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

## **Professional Growth**

Faculty and staff members will have several opportunities for professional growth by attending conventions and meetings this fall. The emphasis at the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges convention in Chicago will be on Christian Service Programs and Missionary Education.

The Illinois Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference will convene in Rockford October 23-25.

John Lewis will be going to the Creative Communications Conference in Kansas City, November 11-15.

## **Leadership Positions Filled**

Honor is due those who have been chosen to fill the very important leadership positions of Oregon Bible College. The Junior class has chosen Rick Williams, president; Linda Whaley, secretary-treasurer; and Larry Mayberry as Student Council representative. Chosen in the Sophomore class are Kenny Cook, president; Sid Magaw, vice-president; Linda Jones, Student Council representative; Debbie Lichliter, secretary; Cyndy Maddock, treasurer.

Michele Gaspar is the Student Council president.

Rick Williams was elected vice-president, Telva Lipfert, secretary, and Kenny Cook, secretary. Dan Ryan is chairman of the Social Committee.

## **Fall Semester Guest Instructors**

Joe James, Greenville, S.C., will be our guest instructor for Christian Emphasis Week, October 7-11. He will present a chapel message every day and will teach a seminar course for all students on Effective Christian Living in Today's World. Bro. James has a Master in Social Work degree. He is employed in the Greenville County Mental Health Programs. He has had much experience in counseling and psychology.

John F. Hearp, Fonthill, Ont., will teach a one-semester-hour course for all freshmen at Oregon Bible College, November 11-18, on the Acts of the Apostles. Pastor Hearp has a bachelor's degree from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and is a graduate of Oregon Bible College. He has served many years as president of the Church of God Ministerial Association. He is now pastor of the Church of God, Fonthill, Ont., and is a member of the General Conference Board of Directors.

## **Hebrew Course**

Oregon Bible College is now offering a course in Hebrew. The course is being taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays by Robert L. Jones, Rochelle, Ill. Robert Jones is a graduate of Oregon Bible College and has a bachelor's degree from Western Reserve University. He is now working on his Master of Arts degree in Bible and Theology at Wheaton College. He has completed the Hebrew language requirements of his program.

## **Charles Pryor Completes Doctorate**

Charles V. Pryor, a member of the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College, completed all requirements for the Doctor of Education degree, August 26, at Northern Illinois University. He is now teaching in the Graduate College of the University of Houston, with the rank of Assistant Professor. His special field is Counselor Education.

Dr. Pryor has served as Counseling Consultant for Oregon Bible College.

## **OBC Outreach**

Many gospel teams have been scheduled for the fall semester. If you would like one for your church, write Dale Ramsey, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061, immediately for choice dates.



*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

The Berean Youth Department of the Church of God is a vital part of the total church program. It has now become my privilege to work in this vital area. There is great potential among the young people of our churches. It is my feeling that we should utilize their abilities to the fullest. I am always pleased when teenagers accept opportunities to handle responsibility.

It is my feeling that God has led me into this Youth Directorship. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord in this capacity. Recognizing the challenge of this position, I will endeavor to do my very best. I will prayerfully consider all things. Your prayers will be appreciated.

A few ideas that come to mind are: 1) To hold fast the truths of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, and to hold them forth with boldness, never being ashamed of our uniqueness; 2) to develop a Youth Leaders' Conference, for the purpose of training new youth leaders and sharing ideas with experienced leaders; 3) to seek to unite Berean groups throughout the country through a "sister-youth group" concept; 4) seek to develop the potential talents of our young people by involving them in their own church programs, and the National program to a greater degree; 5) seek to develop in our youth a greater sense of responsibility to their God, their churches, and to themselves.

I have a strong feeling that in these last days, our church must be extremely aware of the needs of our Christian young people. The ways of the world have a stronger pull than ever. If we are to keep our youth, we must allow some changes in our thinking.

Let there be a peaceful blending of the strength of the past and the potential of the future. I cannot imagine anything more powerful than the tried and true faith of our elder members combined with the vitality and vision of our youth.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

Today's teen-agers like to work and be involved in worthwhile church projects. They want to help, to be needed, to be given responsibility. When given the opportunity for involvement, they become better integrated into the framework of the church.

Not every project undertaken by young people will be successful, but the effort is a step closer to success.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

*Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director*

### **Sunday School Day**

All events of the 1974 General Conference are now history. Sunday School Day is no exception. For those who were able to attend various sessions sponsored by the Sunday School Department, many of the suggestions presented will later come to mind and be of help. Leaders of group prayer emphasized the opportunities, needs, and work of the Sunday school in prayer requests. Two special classes were held in the morning—one putting all the men and young men together, and the other all the ladies and girls. Comments from those who attended the classes indicated that they were well received. The Sunday School Department was promoted in that day's business session. Two directors were elected for two-year terms. At the opening session in the afternoon, many ideas were presented that may be used in Sunday school openings to help promote attendance and enthusiasm. The final afternoon session emphasized that "Total Commitment Equals Victory." That session was designed for audience participation, which proved beneficial.

### **New Board Member**

During the business session on Wednesday, August 14, two board members were elected. Bro. Scott Ross, pastor at Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio, was reelected. Bro. James Babcock, superintendent of the Pennellwood Church of God Sunday School, was elected. This is his first time to serve in such a capacity. We welcome him into the work of the Sunday school, and of the General Conference. Bro. Robert Petry, superintendent of the North Hills Church of God, Springfield, Ohio, was the retiring board member. Members continuing for another year are: Sr. Joyce Knapp, Garden Park Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Pastor James Graham, Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, Ind.

### **Full-Time Director**

As of September 1, Francis E. Burnett began his duties in the Sunday school department as full-time director. This is a move that has been desired by many people for several years. It is to be considered as progress for the entire General Conference. The director and the Sunday School Board want to be of service to you. Let us help you with seminars, a survey of your work and needs, or in any way that we can. Pray for us. May we hear from you?



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Columbia Station, Ohio.** We praise God for the four persons that he has added to his church in Columbia. Baptized during the July 28, 1974, morning worship service were: Misses Janice Marie Krupka, 12390 Root Rd., and Cathy Sue Parsons, 2358 Brokaw Rd. Joseph L. LaMattina and Rose J. LaMattina, 2344 Brokaw Rd., were immersed during the morning worship service on August 25, 1974. (All live in Columbia Station, 44028.) We are happy to introduce these new Christians to you, their brethren. Remember them before the Throne of Grace as they move forward in the life of Christ.  
Russell Magaw, pastor.

**Lombard, Ill.** Eight young people of the Lombard Community Church of God requested baptism and were immersed following the morning service, July 28, 1974. We rejoice with these young people as they have decided to serve Christ. They are Brenda, Michael, William, and Dale Jones, Randy and Ray Johnson, and Ralph and Robert Ellis.  
Ellsworth O. Routson, pastor.

**Pleasant Hill, Ohio.** Seven of our youth accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. They were baptized July 28, 1974. Those baptized were Mona, Lori, and Rita Vance, Dennis Stine, Greg Marquis, Judy Rinearson, and Allen Bishop.  
Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Blanchard, Mich.** On August 4, 1974, Jon and Judy Meyers were immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of sins. They had made their decision at National Camp. May God's richest blessing rest upon them because of this commitment.  
Don Needham, pastor.

**Macomb, Ill.** Macomb Church of God praises God for the two young people who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior on decision night at Camp Mack, Milford, Ind. Barbara Brown, daughter of John and Betty Brown, was baptized into Jesus Christ at camp. Sara Lewis, daughter of Lyle and Dorothy Lewis, was baptized at the Macomb Church on July 28, 1974.  
Neva Sue Weaver, reporter.

**Lenoir, N.C.** On June 26, 1974, we had the joy of baptizing Mrs. Wanda Pritchard, Miss Renee Harris, and Miss Marie Church.

July 17, 1974, Mrs. Barbara Branch, her daughter Judy, and Mr. Ralph Austin were baptized into Christ.

July 24, 1974, Mrs. Judy Snyder was baptized into Christ. The receiving of the Spirit at baptism was witnessed at each service! God be praised!  
Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

**Troy View, Ohio.** The Troy View Church of God rejoices at the recent decisions of David Ross, David Supinger, Debbie Gallagher, Ann Ellis, and Fred Warner to accept Christ as their Savior and be baptized into him for the forgiveness of their sins. We pray God's richest blessings upon them as they grow in Christ.  
Scott Ross, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, Mich.** The folks of Southlawn Church of God witnessed the profession of faith by two dear people. On June 16, 1974, they answered the call of faith by being immersed in the name of Jesus Christ. They are Mrs. Audrey L. Van Camp, 336 Himes SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49508, and Mark A. Swanson, 123 32nd St. SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49508. We can rejoice with these in their new walk with Jesus.  
Austin Railton, pastor.

**Burr Oak, Ind.** At the close of our National Youth Conference, one of our Burr Oak young people, Dean Schmidlapp, went forward to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior. Dean came back to his own church to be baptized. It was the writer's joy and privilege to immerse Dean into the waters of baptism on Sunday afternoon, August 4, 1974. We rejoice with Dean in his new life with Christ, and pray God's blessing upon him until Jesus comes again.  
Darrell Maddock, pastor.

**Eden Valley, Minn.** On Sunday, August 4, 1974, a large group gathered at Long Lake Bible Camp to witness the baptism of Stacy Jo Gaspar by her pastor, Billie Kennedy. Stacy is young, but firmly grounded in the truth and able to make this decision for herself. We rejoice with her as she starts this walk with her Savior.  
Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

**Koszta, Iowa.** Two people confessed good confessions and began a new walk "in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham" on July 14, 1974. They are Susan Miller and Rosetta Cronbaugh. Susan is a freshman at the University of Northern Iowa, and Rosetta is a senior at the Iowa Valley Schools, Marengo. Their memberships are placed in the fellowship of the Oaklawn Church of God, Koszta. May the strength of their faith cause them to endure to the coming of Jesus.  
Delbert Rankin, pastor.

**Blanchard, Mich.** On August 11, 1974, immediately following the morning worship service, Rachel Shurlow was immersed in the waters of baptism for the washing away of sins. We rejoice with her in her newfound commitment to Christ.  
Don Needham, pastor.

**Fonthill, Ont.** Lynn Lampman was baptized July 28, 1974, upon her confession of Jesus Christ as her Savior. The brethren of Glad Tidings rejoice in seeing another of our young people affirm her faith in Christ. May God's blessings go with her.  
John Hearp, pastor.

**Fredericktown, Mo.** Sunday, September 1, 1974, Diane Thomas responded to the invitation and came forward and made her confession of faith in Jesus Christ, requesting baptism. That same afternoon, before many witnesses, she was immersed in the saving name of Jesus, for the remission of her sins. We pray that God will richly bless her and help her to grow in grace and the knowledge of her Lord, and uphold her by his spirit to continue faithful until the end.  
A. T. Johns, pastor.

**Guthrie Grove, N.C.** Bobby Lee Partain came forward at the morning worship service August 4, 1974. He was baptized into Christ that afternoon in the stream at Moore's Mill. We pray the Lord's blessing upon him as he begins his life in Christ.  
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

**Dayton, Ohio.** Miss Johnna Jurich accepted Christ as her Savior, and professed this faith in baptism, August 25, 1974. Our prayers go with her in her new walk.  
Rex F. Cain, pastor.

**Kokomo, Ind.** Ronda Bliss, fourteen-year-old daughter of Ron and Rita Bliss, was baptized August 24, 1974, by the writer. We pray that the Lord will grant her a long and useful life as a Christian.  
V. E. Kirkpatrick, Sr., pastor.

## MARRIAGES

Miss Nancy Leopard and Mr. Ernie Chambers, of Piedmont, S.C., were united in a double ring ceremony at the Guthrie Grove Church of God by the pastor, July 13, 1974.

After a wedding trip, the couple made their home in Easley, S.C. We pray the Lord's blessing on this couple as they start life together.  
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Miss Awan Rumsely and Ronald Richard Rector, of Belton, S.C. were united in marriage by the pastor at the parsonage of the Guthrie Grove Church of God, August 3, 1974. They are making their home in Belton, S.C.  
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

It was the privilege of this writer to unite in marriage Beverly Arlene Gross of the Restitution Church of God at Casey, Ill., and James Lloyd Montgomery of Martinsville, Ill. The service was held in Casey on August 31, 1974. We wish this young couple God's rich blessings as they begin their walk of life together.  
S. O. Ross, pastor.

## OBC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Oregon Bible College Alumni Association held its annual summer meeting and banquet on August 14, 1974, at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Approximately one hundred persons were in attendance. After the business session, Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser presented a program of slides and commentary concerning their recent trip to mission stations in Africa.

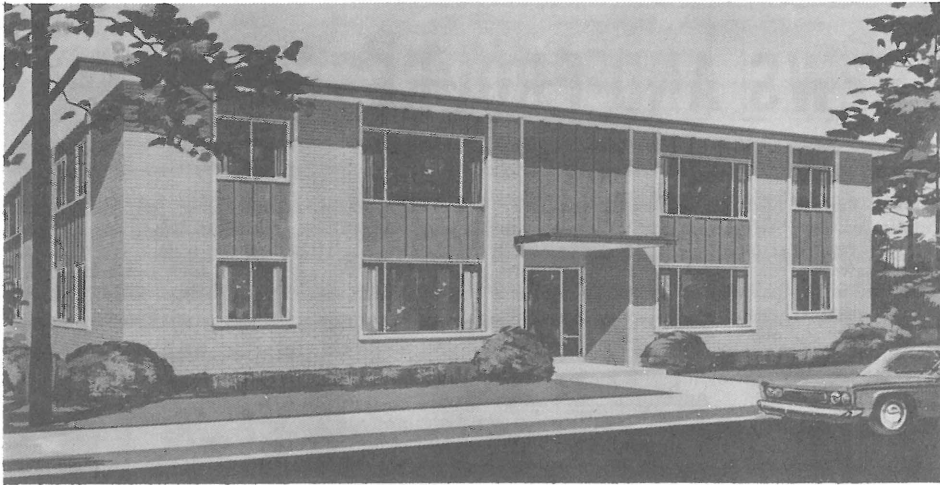
The Alumni Association continues to be actively involved in furthering the spiritual and material goals of Oregon Bible College. Special projects in recent years have included substantial contributions to the College Library Fund, the Lois Graham Memorial Fund, and furnishing financial aid for redecorating the College chapel. Also the association carries on the regular projects of recruiting new students and providing the annual S. E. Magaw Scholarship (\$250).

Anyone qualifies for membership in the Alumni Association who has graduated from Oregon Bible College or has received 15 semester hours of college credit and his class has graduated. We encourage all alumni to become active in the association and support Oregon Bible College through prayer and financially through annual alumni dues: \$5.00 for an individual; \$6.00 if both you and your spouse are alumni.  
Stephen Bolhous, secretary.

## MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Bro. Ernest Boyer, a widower, has expressed interest in finding an older woman, or an elderly couple, to share with him his home in the pleasant Fort Valley of Virginia. The woman would act as housekeeper.

We suggest that any interested people contact Ernest Boyer, Fort Valley Route, Strasburg, Va. 22657, for more complete information. Perhaps a mutually advantageous arrangement can be worked out.



## Proposed Women's Dormitory Oregon Bible College

The delegates to the Church of God General Conference sessions in August, 1974, voted "That a structure be erected by September, 1975, in Oregon, Ill., to provide better housing for female students at Oregon Bible College; further, that the new building be designed in such a way that it could be sold readily in the future if it were so desired and be easily converted into a condominium, townhouses, or a series of apartments."

The picture above is an eight-plex building that would fulfill the above motion. It would be constructed with eight units. One unit would be an apartment for the dormitory director. The other seven units would each house six students, for a total of forty-two. Each unit would have three bedrooms, a bathroom and a study area. The building would include a basement for student lounge, storage, and other facilities. It would be 72 by 48 ft., with brick exterior.

The cost of this, or a similar building, would be approximately \$125,000.00 including equipment. There is at present about \$10,000.00 in the Building Fund. During General Conference in August commitments were made by several individuals in the total amount of \$14,750.00. About one hundred thousand dollars more will be needed to complete the project. Construction of such a building is expected to begin early in 1975. Find below a coupon which you may use to designate your willingness to help finance this project.

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### PLEASANT HILL CHURCH OF GOD

Our Church Dedication Service was held May 19, 1974. All of the area churches joined with us in the service and it was well attended. Bro. John Lewis was our guest speaker.

Our vacation Bible school was conducted the last week of June. Sessions were held in the evening, and we had classes for people of all ages.

Two home Bible studies have been held in the community. A calling campaign is being conducted and tracts and *Restitution Heralds* are being passed out.

Pleasant Hill Sunday School won the Northeast Conference Sunday school contest. Our average attendance was 66. Our largest attendance has been 98.

Youth of the church have conducted a paper drive and a bake sale to help raise funds for the youth program. Several of our young people have attended youth camps.

The congregation has been very busy painting, repairing, and doing whatever needed to be done at the church. Praise God for all of the blessings that the church has received.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## SONGS OF TRUTH

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Orders received before November 1 will be sold at the current price of \$1.90 each.

## COMPLETE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Gale Potter; Cheryl Lucas; Wanda Hackett; Freda Burnside; Mrs. Shirley Vance; Miss Lori Vance; C. U. Jibunoh; Mrs. Ann W. Umphlett.

## OBITUARIES

Bro. James Triplett, 69, of Lenoir, N.C., died following one year of ill health, on June 22, 1974. His funeral was conducted by the pastor on June 24. Bro. Triplett is survived by his wife, Viola Story Triplett. Both have been a great blessing to our church. Bro. Triplett's life was one of outstanding faithfulness.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Mrs. Lena B. McDaniel, 77, died July 27, 1974. She was born April 17, 1897, in Brown County, Ill. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lyle (Laura) Ashelford and Mrs. William (Ellouise) Wells; five grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ernest (Thelma) Ransom; one brother, Thomas Lewis; and several nieces, nephews, and

other relatives and friends. Lena was a member of the Ripley Church of God. She took great joy in her family and home. Her great hope was in the second coming of Christ. Funeral services were conducted by the writer July 30.

James A. Fyfe, pastor.

Myra Roberts was born in Lincoln, Neb., February 10, 1887. She died in Victor Valley, Cal., May 31, 1974. She is survived by six sons, Chester, Herschel, Russell, William, Glenn, and Harold; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Samsen and Mrs. Betty Davis; 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends. She was a member of the Ripley Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. James A. Fyfe, pastor.

Hearts were saddened by the death of Bro. Harold Eberly, August 10, 1974. Harold was born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 30, 1896. The writer became acquainted with Harold just over two years ago. He began to attend church with Mrs. Elva Gorley and on August 12, 1972, Mrs. Gorley became the wife of Bro. Eberly. They were both baptized in the name of Christ soon thereafter. Although babes in Christ, they were faithful to his church. We will always remember Harold for his willingness to do whatever he was able to do for the Lord's house.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

John (Jack) McArthur, 49, died suddenly August 17, 1974, at his home in Welland, Ont. He was the son of Thomas and Maria McArthur. Words of assurance concerning God's care for us today, and the promise of the resurrection, were spoken by the writer. He was laid to rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery to await the Master's call.

John Hearp, pastor.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

The Volunteer Service Program was made possible by the action of the delegates to the 1974 General Conference. A study was made to find a way that layworkers could be used in a special way in Christian service projects. A report of such study was presented to the delegates and action was taken to implement the proposed program.

New Sunday schools and churches often lack sufficient teachers and Christian workers to properly carry out a full program. There are many younger people who have not yet settled into a church-home situation who could quite easily move to a particular area where a new church is being established and give much help. Some older couples or individuals, perhaps on retirement, could move rather easily for at least a short time and be a tremendous help to such a new congregation. Their teaching and Christian leadership would add stability to the new congregation.

Any such volunteer should make his name known to S. O. Ross, Superintendent of Missions, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061. The superintendent will know of beginning churches that will welcome such volunteer help. It is the plan of the program to get the volunteer in touch with the church in need. This program can be a real blessing to a church in need of their knowledge and experience and also to the brethren who volunteer for such service.

At least two churches would welcome such help at this time. They are the Gulf Coast Church of God at New Port Richey, Fla., and the Willamette Valley Bible Study Group at Albany, Ore. Please contact the Superintendent of Missions for more information on this program.

## Contributors to the General Conference: August, 1974

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Hope Chapel Columbus	5.00	Mr & Mrs Albert Overmyer	100.00	Stephen Adams	10.00	Bedford Church	
Raymore Church	25.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Martin	200.00	of Open Bible	68.59
Blanchard Church	179.22	Mr & Mrs Wm Lawrence	1,000.00	Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell	25.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	300.00
Mr & Mrs Otis Densmore	5.00	Mr & Mrs Robert D Johnson	300.00	Fremont SS	26.10	Hillisburg Miss Soc	33.00
Hope Chapel South Bend	86.92	Cecil Smead	30.00	Fremont Church	10.00	Mary Brown	2.00
Southlawn Church	410.60	Mr & Mrs John Railton	20.00	Minn State Miss Soc	500.00	L'Anse BYF	3.00
Arlene Ekholm	10.00	Mr & Mrs Kent Ross	20.00	Minneapolis Bible School	55.81	Anonymous	10.00

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## Church of God General Conference Mission Month

By Superintendent of Missions Stanley O. Ross

**N**OVEMBER is Mission Month throughout the Church of God General Conference. Special emphasis on Missions is encouraged in each church during the month. May God bless each such effort. "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." The supply of seed is inexhaustible.

### Missions in the Home

The place to begin mission emphasis is in the home. A veteran missionary was once asked where he had received his training for his many years of faithful service in the mission fields. His answer was startling: "Most of my actual missionary training was received at home." He went on to explain that he did indeed have missions courses in connection with his college and seminary education, but he traced his own deep commitment to mission endeavor to the influence of a godly home—a home centered around missionary interest. Missionary pictures and maps showing the locations of mission fields hung on the wall. Comments from and about missionaries were read at family devotions. Missionaries and mission work were always included in the family prayers. The children were given names of children from missionary families to include in their prayers. Missions concern was a part of family life.

This can be done in the home today. Through this monthly page of *Progress Journal*, by bulletin inserts and mission newsletters, and by contact with the Mission Department of the Church of God General Conference, information, pictures, and other material, can be obtained. Make missions a part of your family devotional prayer life.

### Missionary Newsletter

The Missionary Newsletter is a monthly publication provided by the Mission Department of the Church of God General Conference. It has a few items of mission news. It has a special mission item of prayer for each day of the month. Anyone can receive this newsletter each month if you agree to pray daily for the mission work of the Church of God General Conference. Write to Mission Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and request that you receive this newsletter monthly. The mission work needs your prayers.

### Missionaries

Twenty-three missionaries are now receiving support from the Church of God General Conference. Remember these missionaries and their families in your prayers:

*Philippine Islands:* Eleodoro S. Ortiguero, Mauro Abon, Estafanio Sibayan, Monico Guzman, Eleodoro Javar, Calixto Marini, Rizalina Aguinaldo, Placido Ortiguero, Domingo Valdez.

*India:* S. S. Manoah, Noel, P. M. Paulson, Philip.

*Mexico:* Alice Aldrich, Francisco Martinez, Roberto Badillo.

*Nigeria:* Ephraim Udo, John Obott, Solomon Idiong, J. A. I. Ekpo.

*Ghana:* Oliver K. Amani.

*Nova Scotia:* Raymond Brown.

*Liberia:* Cornelius Boykai (Northeast Conference project).

### News from the Field

The Quezon church building in the Philippine Islands was dedicated on October 15, 1974. This building was constructed

with Mission Builders assistance. Juliana Ducay, Rogelio Ducay, and Bernardo Sibayan were baptized at the Uddiawan Church. The Philippine radio broadcasts are now coming from a station in Santiago which has a very wide coverage of Northern Luzon where all the churches of the Philippine Church of God are located.

Pastor S. S. Manoah in India assisted four in putting on Christ in baptism on September 1, 1974. Three of these were from a home for elderly where Bro. Manoah is conducting services each week. Three other groups have been holding services in this home but the manager asked Bro. Manoah to come for services regularly to bring these people the truth.

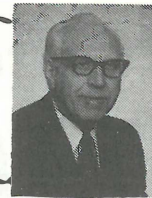
Bro. Raymond Brown in Nova Scotia reports three baptisms on September 8, 1974. They were: Emden Ring, Betty Armstrong, and Mrs. Wesley Everett. A Missionary Conference was held at the Digby Church on October 4-6, 1974. A literature distribution program was carried out preceding the conference. About twelve hundred homes were reached with this material.

Bro. Oliver K. Amani in Ghana recently conducted a series of open-air services in which he gave messages on the Fundamental Truths of the Bible. On August 21, 1974, Sr. Amani gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. The middle school operated by Bro. Amani began a new term on September 16.

A Nigerian Youth Conference was held August 23-25, 1974, at the Utu Abak Church. Youth from all nine churches took part in the conference. It was a time of rich fellowship, with singing, prayers, testimonials, classes, preaching services, and recreation. ●

# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Church of God Directory

This issue carries the Church of God General Conference Directory for the current fiscal year. We urge the membership to file this issue for future use. When traveling, the Directory is helpful in finding a church or Sunday school to attend.

Special effort has been made to provide correct names and addresses in the listings. If there is an error, please notify the Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, immediately, and a correction will appear in the next issue.

## Conference Boards Meet

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, IL, November 14-16, 1974. This will be the first meeting since the election of two new Board members at the annual General Conference in August. Many items of business will come before the Board during this three-day meeting, including a Saturday morning session on long-range planning. If a church or an individual member has a matter of business to present to the Board, it should be brought to the attention of the Executive Director, or one of the Board members, before that date.

The Sunday School Board met at the Lawrenceville Church of God at Springfield, OH, in September. This was in conjunction with the Northeast Conference there. This was a Sunday school oriented conference.

The Mission Board of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Minneapolis, MN, December 1 and 2. This meeting will follow the annual Minnesota Missionary Conference, November 30-December 1, in Minneapolis. The Mission Board will be guest workers.

The men and women who serve on these boards deserve much commendation for their dedicated service without pay. They give generously of their time and talents, to further the work of the Lord through the Church of God General Conference programs. Remember each of these board members in your prayers.

## Oregon Bible College

As previously reported, the enrollment at Oregon Bible College is at an all-time high, with fifty-nine enrolled. Every bed in the Golden Rule Women's Residence, and in the rented Annex, is filled. The present Women's Residence building is one hundred sixteen

years old. These facts provide further evidence of the need for new and better dormitory facilities.

See the November *Restitution Herald* for information on the building plans for such a dormitory. Funds will be needed to complete this project. Use the coupon in *The Restitution Herald*, or simply write regarding your willingness to help to finance this building. The total cost will be at least \$125,000.00. We should have at least one-third of this amount in cash before March 15, when construction is expected to begin. Please make this a matter of prayer. Make your commitment now, by writing to Oregon Bible College Building Fund, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Conference Finances

The contributions received each month toward the Goal for Giving are important in meeting the needs of the several departments of the Church of God General Conference. These funds provide the cost of *The Restitution Herald* and other materials for the Free Literature Campaign, and subsidize the cost of the Sunday school quarterlies. They also subsidize about one-half of the cost of education for the fifty-nine Oregon Bible College students. In addition, they provide support for twenty-two missionaries and their families in six countries of the world. They carry on the youth work, the work of the Sunday School Department, and provide for the many general services of the Church of God General Conference.

As this is written in mid-October the giving is short of the needs for the month. \$10,230.00 has been received in contributions. We know that the membership will make this a matter of prayer and concern and that the needs will be met. May God bless each church and each individual as they unite their efforts to meet these needs.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for October	\$16,250.00
Given in October	10,230.00
October deficit	6,020.00
November needs	16,250.00

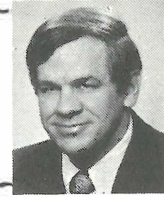
**Goal for November \$22,270.00**

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# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## **Freshman Officers**

Freshman class officers for this academic year are: president, Tom New; vice-president, Nita Wyrick; Student Council representative, Greg Demmitt; secretary-treasurer, Karen Circle.

The Student Council appointed Telva Lippert editor of *The Student Voice*.

## **Gospel Team**

Under the direction of Gospel Team Director Michele Gaspar, the students have prepared a new gospel team program, and will be visiting churches this fall and winter. Theirs is a multi-media presentation, with the message conveyed through musical, dramatic, and visual means.

## **Needs of Man Met in Christian Community**

In his Christian Emphasis Week messages, Joe James enumerated the psychological needs of mankind. Such needs as love, autonomy, security, achievement, faith, guidance, companionship, and creativeness are common to all mankind. Each of these needs can and should be satisfied in church fellowship. Through the meeting of these needs, the foundation for sound family relationships is established. The formula method of rearing children, that has been presented to us through secular channels in recent years, does not work. The directions for human relationships given in the Scriptures are the only methods that work in today's world.

## **Counseling Theory**

Eugene Stilson and John Lewis are joining in a team teaching effort, meeting with twenty students each Monday evening throughout the semester. This seminar class explores different prevailing theories regarding counseling methods. Through film presentations, discussion, and role play, students are allowed to observe and participate in actual counseling sessions. They are made aware of real pastoral counseling situations, and are allowed to practice pastoral counseling techniques.

## **Cultural Adventures**

Twenty-five students traveled to Chicago, September 24, to attend a live presentation of the musical, "Irene." It appears that, later in the semester, they will have an opportunity to hear the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra perform at Northern Illinois University. Funds for attending such events are provided through student activity fees.

## **Abilities in the Church**

Christian people need to continually examine their relationship to God in the church. We need to be reminded constantly that being in the church is a position, not just a place. A continual bombardment of secularism causes us to view ourselves as citizens of the world, not as citizens of the coming kingdom. There is an apparent feeling among many that some church members belong in the church more than others, because they can preach, teach, or plan church suppers. Some may feel they are not as much a part of the body of Christ as someone else, because they do not possess all the abilities that the church (pastor) uses. Every God-given ability of every member of the church needs to be used to the glory of the Lord. Whatever special preparation members of the body of Christ have had in life, that preparation must bear fruit. Professional skills must be used in the church.

That young person who spends from one to four years at the Bible College must not be allowed to return to his church without putting to use the skills that he or she has mastered. Many church members have stopped attending services because they could not actively participate in the work of the body of Christ.

The attitude that only teachers, preachers, singers, and meal planners can be used needs to be changed. The talents of every church member need to be discovered and put to use for the Lord. People with ability in mathematics, interior decorating, program planning, and public relations need to be in constant service to God, the church, and the brethren within the church.

Just as human nature causes us to be active in every aspect of physical living, so the Christian calling must cause us to be active in every aspect of spiritual living. Each believer must feel that he can contribute to the success of the church by giving his time, skills, and abilities to its service.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Gary and Debbie Smith. They became the parents of a baby girl, Gena Rebekah, on October 7, 1974.

Kathy Jo Foretich and Dick Young plan to marry December 27. Debbie Lichliter and Benny Mattison have set the date of January 4 for their wedding day and Cyndy Maddock and Kenny Cook plan to get married on January 18.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

### Mission Dollar Club News

Seventy-eight young people signed up for the 1974-75 Mission Dollar Club at Youth Conference. We certainly appreciate the commitment that these young people have made to further the work of the Lord. Forms have already been mailed, which will allow others to sign up and participate in this worthwhile project. For those of you who are not aware, the pledge is for \$1.00 a month for twelve months. The Mission Dollar Club year has been changed, so that better records may be kept. The first payment on the pledge is due in July, and the last in June. This will enable us to hand out the majority of the completion certificates at the 1975 International Berean Youth Conference. Those members who are not at Youth Conference will receive their certificates through the mail.

As you know, the purpose of the Mission Dollar Club is to encourage giving to the work of the Lord. As the Berean Youth Department is supported by the Church of God General Conference, contributions made to the Mission Dollar Club, a Youth Department project, allows the General Conference to free more money to be used for mission work. Our Mission work has grown greatly over the past few years, so let's see that people of all ages get behind this very worthy project and support it.

### Coins-For-Christ 1974

Total contributions for the 1974 Coins-for-Christ Crusade amounted to \$1,750.02. The following groups should certainly be commended for their participation and contributions: Omaha; Bedford; Macomb; Lombard; Freeport; Blanchard; Valley Young People; Cool Spring; Eden Valley; Hillisburg; Lawrenceville; Fonthill; Brush Creek; Fredericktown; Blood River; Digby; OBC Students; Morse Mill; Ripley; Arlington; Troy View; Minneapolis; Anderson Chapel; Guthrie Grove; Raymore; Gatesville; Oregon; Flagg Center; North Hills; Burr Oak; St. Louis; Garden Park; Tempe; Rockford; Waterloo; Forest Hills; L'Anse; and Hector. May God richly bless these youth groups and their leaders.

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International Communion Sunday  
November 24, 1974

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

### Sunday School Conference

An event which was important to the progress of our General Conference Sunday School Department took place at Lawrenceville, Ohio, September 27-29, 1974. This event was the Fall Conference of the churches of the Northeast Conference. This conference was devoted to Sunday school work. The entire Sunday School Board of our General Conference attended, and took complete charge of the program. This Board held business meetings on Friday and Saturday afternoons, when the conference was not in session.

Following are some comments made by a few who attended the conference:

"Having the entire Church of God General Conference Sunday School Board attend a district or state conference was a 'first.' In my opinion, it was a great success, for which I praise the Lord. I personally enjoyed every minute of it. The message by Bro. James Graham, and the discussion groups led by the Board members were all outstanding and thoroughly enjoyed. I enjoyed the overall fellowship more than at any other Northeast Conference that I can recall."—Paul Overholser, elder of Lawrenceville Church of God.

"The Northeast Conference, just concluded, was one of inspiration. It was well attended by people who were eager to see things happen in the Lord's work. It was a forward looking conference."—Curtis Simpson, Lawrenceville.

"Tremendous!"—Charles Graham, Lawrenceville.

"An excellent conference. The time spent in the discussion groups was well worth the effort. Enthusiasm was good, and contagious. Thank God for this conference."—Frank Perkins, elder, Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH.

"This was my first time to attend the Northeast Conference, and I enjoyed it immensely. It made me think about how I can help in my Sunday school."—Rita Dougman, teen-ager, Lawrenceville Church of God.

### Christian Workers' Seminar

The October *Restitution Herald* carried a full-page advertisement of the second Christian Workers' Seminar. Classes begin on Monday, February 17, 1975, and end on Friday afternoon, February 21. For those who wish it, provision is also made for lodging on Sunday and Friday nights, February 16 and 21. Encourage someone to attend.



# CHURCH OF GOD DIRECTORY

Following is a directory of the Church of God, listing General Conference officers and staff, state and district conferences and officers, and local churches and officers. The names and locations of churches are given briefly and identified with the city where the church is located. It is recommended that persons using the directory when traveling, contact an officer of the church to find the exact location of the church and the time of meetings.

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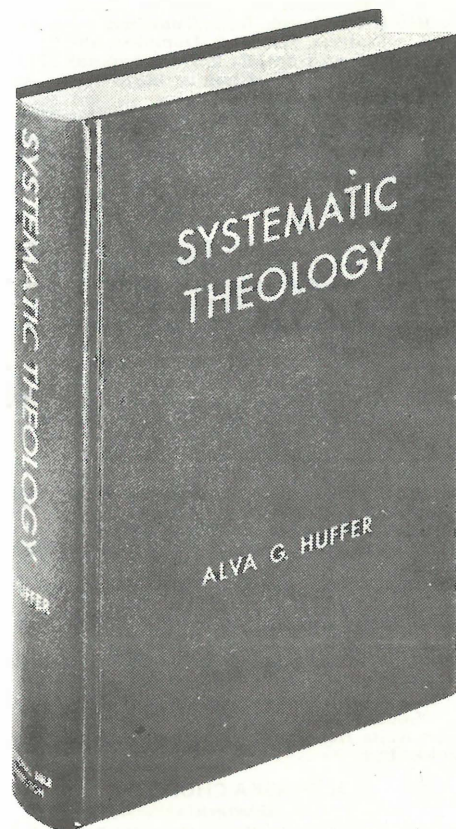
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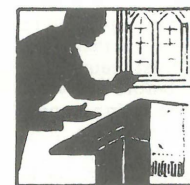
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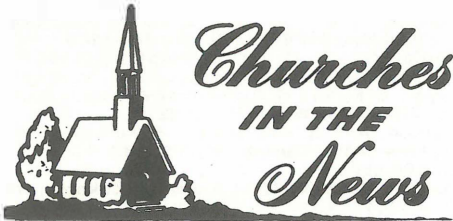
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Dixon, IL.** Dottie Fordham was baptized into Christ on May 26, 1974; Janet Haberer and Maureen Slain were baptized August 4. May the grace of our Lord be with them in their new life in Christ.  
Ernest Graham, pastor.

**Rockford, IL.** The members of the Blessed Hope Church were happy when Anna Mae West expressed a desire to be baptized for the remission of her sins. The baptism took place on August 28, 1974. Miss West has spent much time studying the Bible and has come to an understanding of the truths of the Bible which we hold dear. She was the first person to be baptized in the recently installed baptistry in the Rockford Church.  
David Krogh.

**East Oregon, IL.** Two young people accepted Christ as their Savior September 22, 1974. Gary and Brenda Fletcher were baptized that same afternoon.  
Timothy New, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** Eileen L. Moore was baptized by her father, Dean Moore, at the Oregon Church of God on July 29, 1974.  
Virginia Moore.

**Pelzer, SC.** Timmy Jones, Rt. 1, Pelzer, SC 29669, came forward and presented himself for baptism, Sunday, September 8, 1974. He was baptized that afternoon by his father, Loie Jones. Timmy attended the International Berean Youth Camp last summer for the first time.  
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** On September 22, 1974, Joy Lewis, daughter of Marlin and Betty Lewis of Macomb, and Diana Hayes, daughter of Arthur and Judith Hayes, of Colchester, were baptized into the family of the Lord. We praise the Lord for their decisions!  
Neva Sue Weaver, reporter.

**Bedford, OH.** The Bedford Church of the Open Bible gladly informs the membership of the Church of God General Conference of three recent baptisms into Christ. On the afternoon of September 8, 1974, the pastor baptized Russell A. Kochis, Marilyn L. Landon, and Richard J. Landon into the saving name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. We gladly welcome them into the faith and ask your prayers for them as they start their new lives in Christ. We all rejoice in the fact that the entire Landon family is now united in Christ, and wait with them for the coming of our King Jesus.  
David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

**Fredericktown, MO.** Sunday, September 1, 1974, at the close of the morning worship service, Diane Thomas responded to the invitation, and came forward to make her confession of faith in Jesus Christ, requesting baptism. That same afternoon, before many witnesses, she was immersed into the saving name of Jesus, for the remission of her sins. We pray that God will richly bless her, and help her to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, upholding her by his spirit, that she may continue faithful until the end.  
A. T. Johns, pastor.

**Blanchard, MI.** On Sunday, September 8, 1974, Mrs. Carol Rard confessed Christ as her Savior and was baptized later that afternoon for the remission of sins. We rejoice with her, and warmly receive her into membership at the Blanchard Church.  
Don Needham, pastor.

**Phoenix, AZ.** Kevin Rogers was baptized into Christ September 15, 1974, having accepted Christ as Savior and Lord at National Youth Camp. It thrills us to see young people take up a cross and follow Jesus.  
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Digby, Nova Scotia.** We have three baptisms to report, which took place on September 8, 1974. They are Emden Ring, Victoria St., Digby; Mrs. Betty Armstrong, First Avenue, Digby; and Mrs. Wesley Everitt, C.F.B. Cornwallis, N.S.  
Raymond Brown, pastor.

**Columbia Station, OH.** We praise God that at the September 29, 1974, evening service, Diane Gibson, 12929 NW River Rd, Columbia Station, OH 44028, made her confession of Christ as Savior, and was baptized in his name. We are happy to introduce her to her brethren in the Church of God. We know that God will continue to richly bless her life by his power of the Holy Spirit, and through the reading of his Word.  
Russell Magaw, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** The Macomb Church of God of Abrahamic Faith announces the baptism of Miss Laura Potts (daughter of Robert and Bette Potts) on October 6, 1974. Life is so wonderful with God in our lives to guide us according to his will.  
Neva Sue Weaver, reporter.

**Columbus, OH.** On September 8, 1974, Bonnie Shaver accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized into his name. May the Lord bless her in her walk with him.  
Robert Storts, associate pastor.

**Burr Oak, IN.** Following our Sunday morning worship service, October 6, 1974, at the invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Savior, Robert White came forward and confessed his need for the Savior. That afternoon, he was immersed in the waters of baptism into the saving name of Jesus. We praise the Lord for the step that Robert has taken, and pray God's blessing upon him in his new walk of life.  
Darrell Maddock, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** Mr. Bob Snyder responded to the gospel invitation September 29, 1974, and was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ October 6, 1974. This joins husband and wife in the family of God.  
John Railton, pastor.

**Holbrook, NE.** Jay and Jerry Story were baptized into the name of Christ for the remission of their sins, August 11, 1974. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Barnell Story, of Cozad, NE. The family members are active workers in the Holbrook Church.  
Leon Driskill, pastor.

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**Raymore, MO.** We rejoiced with the angels in heaven when Lorena Thibault was baptized on September 22, 1974, following the morning worship service. We pray the Lord's continued blessing upon her.  
Rex L. Shaw, pastor.

**Dayton, OH.** Mrs. Ila Harris was baptized September 29, 1974, expressing her faith in Christ and his Word.  
Rex F. Cain, pastor.

## MARRIAGES

Nancy Downs and Allen Tomlinson, both of Rushville, IL, were united in marriage by the writer on August 17, 1974, at the Ripley Church of God. They plan to make their home in Rushville. We pray God's blessing and guidance on this young couple as they start life together.  
James A. Fyfe, pastor.

The following couples were united in marriage recently in Dixon, IL: Joseph Graham and Theresa Oettel on July 19, 1974; Howard Smith and Sylvia Pasker on July 20; and Steve Dunne and Betty Karn on September 27. May God bless them in their lives together.  
Ernest Graham, pastor.

Rose-Keller Wedding at Columbia: Well over 200 friends and relatives witnessed the wedding vows as Ric and Dorothe spoke to each other during a candlelit, double-ring ceremony at Columbia Church of God, August 31, 1974. May the Spirit of God and the presence of Christ direct the lifelong union of this Christian couple. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keller begin their new home life at 1035 Chestnut St., Grafton, OH 44044.  
Russell Magaw, pastor.

On August 10, 1974, Vicki Vance became the bride of Steve Arnett, at the Pleasant Hill Church of God.

On August 24, 1974, Teresa Stine became the bride of Timothy Goines, at the Pleasant Hill Church of God.

We pray for God's blessings on these two couples in their marriages.  
Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Isabel Williams; Elsie Hoople; Shelly Hoople; Harold Good; Sunny Akpaidiok; Frank B. Slaughter; Mrs. Lionel Taylor; Isabelle LeBlanc.

## INVITATION

The Minnesota State Conference of the Churches of God would like to extend an invitation to Church of God (of the Abrahamic Faith) members to camp and fish at Long Lake Bible Camp, near Eden Valley. Any large group should write to Lowell Wegner, P.O. Box 825, Litchfield, Minn. 55355, Phone 612-693-2938. Please clean the facilities you have used before leaving the grounds. Miriam Johnson, secretary.

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### BRUSH CREEK, OHIO

Several young people from Brush Creek participated in the International Berean Youth Camps. A program was presented at Brush Creek on a Sunday night, with the youth leading the congregation in a spiritually uplifting service.

There is much activity in the church area. The congregation and the community can see the improvements that are being made. The men of the church joined in fellowship as they scraped and painted the church fence. The Gospel Gleaners Class (young married) is planning to buy new shrubs and landscape the area around the church.

A General Conference report was given by John Huston, with much encouragement given to the congregation concerning the work within the Church of God.

We are happy to have two new members in Christ. On August 11, 1974, Cindy Shellhass and Suzanne Worley were baptized into the name of Christ. May their lives be fruitful in the Lord's work.

We have enjoyed having Bruce Burnside as assistant pastor for the past five weeks. He has visited members with our pastor, and also preached and taught classes. May God bless him in his associate work in Grand Rapids this fall.

To recognize Labor Day, we had a "Come as You Work" evening service. The sermon stressed that God sees us as we work. Since we work most of our time, our opportunity to witness is best then.

Our annual Labor Day picnic was held at Greenville Park. Approximately 85 attended. After a tasty meal and some games, the highlight of the day was a "pinata breaking." When the donkey finally burst, the children made a dive to catch the five or six pounds of candy that came flying out in every direction.

For the coming year, the church will feature a religious film every third Sunday night, with a fellowship gathering afterwards. We hope and pray that this will bring new people to meet with our congregation.

On September 15, the Gospel Gleaners held a wiener roast and played baseball.

An ice cream social was held on September 21. Five different flavors of homemade ice cream were served. Three short W. C. Fields films were shown during the social hour. Proceeds from the ice cream social will be used to purchase new shrubs for the area in front of the church.

"Signposts Aloft" was the title of the film which was featured this month. Doughnuts, coffee, and Kool-Aid were served in the social room following the film, which stressed the importance of having faith. When we lose faith, we lose our lives.

The junior Bereans enjoyed a hayride and

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party. They are forming a junior choir, which will perform at our Thanksgiving service.

On September 29, the senior Bereans conducted the service for the evening. Bible quizzes kept us all on our toes, and helped us to realize our need to study more. Each of us left the service feeling spiritually uplifted.

—Betsy Moore, reporter.

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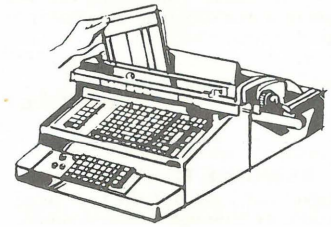
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### NEBRASKA-COLORADO YOUTH RALLY

The NEBCO Bereans held their Youth Rally at Camp Rock Haven, near Cozad, NE, October 12, 13. Youth from Omaha, Holbrook, Denver, and other parts of the Central Plains Conference area take part in this semiannual program. The Holbrook congregation sponsored this event, supplying several teachers and cooks, besides planning the program.

The theme of this rally was: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers." Our youth were given teaching and encouragement concerning the Bible way of peace in a world of war and confusion. They learned that the Christian life is a wonderful way, when "the peace that passeth all understanding" is operating in their lives.

Pastor Leon Driskill.

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I believe that I am not the best radio speaker the Church of God has. I find, however, that of all those who produce a broadcast, it appears (from those with whom I have talked) that we have more response than any other. We have an average of two requests per week for materials. I see in *The Herald* Radio Log that every

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Think about it. Pastor Rex F. Cain.

### OBITUARIES

Dominicus "Min" Hatten was born December 9, 1886, and died on September 20, 1974. Min accepted his Lord at the age of 20 years and was baptized by Bro. D. E. Van Vactor. He was a charter member of the Burr Oak Church of God and served it faithfully all his years. As a long-time respected business man in the community, he had many friends. He will be missed much by both his family and his church family. He loved his church and his Lord and looked forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus and the kingdom. He leaves to mourn his death, in Christian hope, his wife Mary, five daughters, Mrs. John Bloom of Grandville, IL, Mrs. Frederick Claussen of Oregon, IL, Mrs. Fern Davis and Mrs. Norman Kelly of Culver, IN, and Mrs. Donald Overmyer of LaPorte, IN; a son, Donald Hatten of Pocastello, ID; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We layed Bro. Min to rest on September 22 to await the call of his Lord. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." May God hasten that coming day!

—Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Margaret Good was born October 20, 1917, to Dunn and Isabelle Weaver and was married to Elgie G. Good on December 25, 1939. Illness had been with Margaret for some time and she died suddenly at her home on September 26,

1974. Margaret was baptized on May 3, 1931, by Sidney Magaw. She had been a faithful teacher of the children for 25-30 years and served as church pianist for many years, besides being faithful in other areas of service to her church and community. Her life was spent much in helping others, listening to their problems and encouraging them through her own faith. She is survived by her husband Elgie; two daughters, Rochelle Drang and Bonnie Schmidt both of Culver; a brother, Allen Weaver of Culver; and three grandchildren. They mourn their loss in the hope of Jesus' second coming and the resurrection. It can be truly said of Sr. Margaret: She fought a good fight, finished her course, and kept the faith. Margaret was laid to rest on September 29, 1974, to await the call of the Master.

—Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Mrs. Louisa Compton Peck was born July 11, 1881, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Compton, Blair, NE. She died August 2, 1974. On April 3, 1901, she was united in marriage to Benjamin F. Peck. She was a member of the Church of God of Abrahamic Faith for over sixty years. When the church (at Blair) was disbanded in 1942, she continued to support and follow the church's activities through magazines and tracts. She is survived by three sons, and one daughter, Mrs. Vernon Robeson (Mildred) of Huntsville, AL. . . . Services were held August 5, in Blair.

—From a clipping submitted by Mrs. Vernon Robeson, of Huntsville, AL.

Mattie Chandler, age 87, died at her home in Norcross, GA. She was the widow of William E. Chandler, Sr. Her death occurred September 14, 1974. The funeral was held September 16, at the Guthrie Grove Church, SC, of which she was a member. Services were conducted by Loie Jones and T. M. Ferrell. She was laid to rest in the Guthrie Grove cemetery. She is survived by two daughters and two sons, sixteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

## Contributors to the General Conference: September, 1974

Rita Pearson	35.00	Glad Tidings Chapel	172.00	Brush Creek SS	44.90	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00
Illinois Conference	100.00	Everett Rogers	25.00	Mr & Mrs Milo Jones	50.00	Gatesville Church	25.00
Lafayette Bible School	33.78	Leota Hanson	10.00	Arlington Church	5.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	216.53
Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	24.00	Dan Dovenbarger	100.00	Mrs Arthur Williams	5.00	Raker Union SS	20.00
Mr & Mrs S O Ross	45.00	Annie Welch	16.54	Mrs Otis Lippincott	20.00	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	38.50
San Jose Church	21.00	Mabell Bell	12.40	Troy View SS	12.28	Troy View Church	62.23
Mr & Mrs Ron Johns	50.00	Maurertown Church	26.06	Southlawn Church	214.92	S P Dismukes	50.00
Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00	North Hills Church	72.13	Cecil Smead	30.00	Pleasant Hill Church	104.83
Cora Siple	10.00	Anna King	12.00	Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	35.00	New Hope Church	50.00
Milo Magaw	13.35	Pennellwood Church	118.38	Ruth Reid	15.00	Digby Church	19.55
Luella Mielke	1,000.00	Mrs E M McCoy	2.00	Kosza Church	36.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	360.00
Modesto Bible Church	5.00	Beaumont Church	23.37	Helen McMurtrie	40.00	Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell	25.00
Lombard Church	46.58	Macomb SS	12.61	Mary Krogh	30.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00	Mr & Mrs John Drang	25.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00	Digby Bereans	8.25
Michigan Conf	102.04	Mrs Roy Whelpton	10.00	Ethel Berry	25.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	80.00
Fonthill SS	9.85	Mrs Lila Guiles	20.00	Michael Ross	2.00	Southwest Conf	82.00
Pomona Church	60.79	East Oregon Chapel	65.00	Brush Creek Gospel		Mr & Mrs Lyle Lewis	200.00
Eldorado Bible School	21.00	Mrs Gladys Volentine	20.00	Gleaners	10.00	Herbert Edmister	5.00
J Anon	35.00	Happy Woods Church	89.00	Golden Rule Church	41.72	Mr & Mrs Richard Fridley	60.00
E Dorothy Magaw	14.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Mr & Mrs Gayle Somers	40.00	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	25.00
Morse Mill Bereans	10.00	Arlene Ekholm	10.00	Mrs Harry Halley	10.00	North Salem Church	10.45
Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Litchfield Church	20.15	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00	Mr & Mrs Ed Bender	60.00
Anonymous	100.00	Mrs Robert H Smith	5.00	La State Conf	108.41	Anonymous	36.75
Kokomo Church	22.40	Maurertown Dorcas Soc	20.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Bowen	50.00	Mrs Orland Barnes	10.00
Macomb Church	63.28	Brush Creek Miss Dept	60.00	Mr & Mrs William Andrew	100.00	Mr & Mrs R Kaffenbarger Sr	15.00
Iowa Bereans	300.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Hummel	100.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Anderson	15.00	Burr Oak Church	170.00
Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	40.00	Bedford Bereans	1.71	Icel Stedman	5.00	Becky Durham	118.00
St Louis Church	18.84	Blood River Bereans	100.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Jay Ramsey	60.00
Ft Valley SS	146.98	William Poland	25.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	50.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	32.50
Northeast Conf	225.00	Hector BYF	19.87	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00	Oregon Kindergarten & 1st grade	5.39
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Swanson	20.00	Macomb Miss Soc	95.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00
Lawrenceville Church	160.93	Monica Salassi	3.00	Eden Valley Church	401.25	Harlingen Church	11.77
Blanchard Church	161.07	Mabel Andrew	20.00	Phoenix Bible Church	385.00		
Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey	50.00	Mr & Mrs W Schmidlapp	20.00		
Alice Bassett	30.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Veach	50.00				
Pennellwood Miss Soc	145.00	Fonthill Glad Tidings	104.24				
Cool Spring SS	63.64	Lakeshore Bible Church	800.00				
Bart Tackett	1.00	May White	19.23				
Katherine Tackett	59.00	South Bend Hope Ch	88.18				
La Contributors	75.00	Mpls Faith Community	67.48				



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## Congregationally Governed Churches

**W**EBSTER'S Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary defines a democracy as: "Government by the people; especially: rule of the majority." This source then adds that this power is "vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation, usually involving periodically held free elections."

This form of government is built upon the premise that the majority is always right, or at least that the majority has the right to be governed according to its own wishes. Since we are governed by officials who are put in office by means of democratic elections, it naturally follows that the greatest power will be exercised by the official who can consistently gain the most votes.

Whether or not we like or use the term, congregational government in churches follows the democratic pattern. It is democracy in action. Such a system has at its core a profound respect for majority opinion, whether that opinion be right or wrong. It is as dangerous to say that the majority is always right as it is to say that it is always wrong. In the Scriptures, righteousness and unrighteousness have no direct relationship to numbers. They are based upon constant principles and direct commands God himself gave. They are not affected by majorities or minorities.

In an effort to prevent the assumption of unwarranted power by elected officials, our nation adopted a constitution which defines the limits (theoretically at least) to which private citizens and elected officials may go in exercising their power. The effectiveness of such a constitution depends, of course, upon how willing the majority is to observe it, and to enforce its provisions.

In the Church of God, the Bible is our "constitution" insofar as spiritual considerations are concerned. Like our national constitution, the Bible can be only as effective in the church as the majority of its members is willing to permit it to be. We agree that, since it is the Word of God, it is our supreme authority, the court of final appeal.

Membership in the Church of God has been growing at an increasingly rapid rate in recent years. Our missionary zeal is high. New churches are being established. The gospel message is being carried to foreign nations. We are confident that God is blessing our efforts, as no doubt he is. We are sure that we shall continue to enjoy his favor just as long as we adhere strictly to the teachings of the Bible. We are determined that we shall not become so enamored with numbers that we are willing to deny or abridge the provisions for salvation set forth in the Scriptures in order to the more rapidly increase membership in our churches. We recognize that to do so would be to forfeit the right to claim God's promises for ourselves. This, of course, is true whether we be many or few.

Your editor has found it heartening to observe that, in its evangelistic zeal, the Church of God is pursuing the course of seeking to improve our teaching methods, having spurned the course of seeking more members by becoming more "broad minded" with regard to Biblical requirements for Christian doctrine and practice. We do not cringe when the epithet "narrow" is used of us. Indeed, we find that it reacts upon us as a commendation.

We are followers of Jesus, and we never forget his admonition: "Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate: for wide is the gate,

and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13, 14). It would be disastrous if we were to attempt to make the way that leads to eternal life easier to enter by broadening it. The broad and the narrow ways cannot be combined into one super-highway that can be found without searching and traveled without effort. Our role is that of well-informed and well-oriented guides, capable of leading others through the strait gate and up the narrow path.

The true Church of God may never be included among those fellowships that boast that their theology is broad enough, and their practices liberal enough, to accommodate members of all persuasions and practices. This remains true, even though people of these liberal persuasions and practices may have done many wonderful works in the name of Christ.

Hear Jesus on this matter: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:21-23).

Our congregational form of government places the responsibility for keeping our doctrines pure and our behavior righteous directly upon the shoulders of each individual member. We cannot "pass the buck."

# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Statistics Report

The report of the Church of God General Conference Participation Statistics for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1974, has been mailed to churches, pastors and Sunday school superintendents. Eighty-four churches, six hundred fifty-nine individuals, and twenty-one conferences and special groups contributed \$175,826.45 to meet the budget needs. About forty thousand dollars additional was contributed to special restricted funds during the same period.

We encourage each member to review this report and to note the development and progress that are being made in many areas of the work. We also want to express thanks to each one who has contributed to meet the needs of the Conference program.

## Report of Audit

The firm of Allan Ramsey, Warsaw, Indiana, has made the annual audit of the financial records of the Church of God General Conference. The Annual Report of the financial position of the Conference will be published in the January issue of *Progress Journal*.

## Conference Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met for a three-day session at Oregon, Illinois, November 14-16, 1974. All Board members—John Hearp; David Johnson; Kenneth Milne; Robert Smith; Dallas Demmitt; Russell Johns; Billie Kennedy; and Executive Director S. O. Ross—were present.

A contract has been signed with Wausau Homes for the superstructure of the new Dormitory for Oregon Bible College. Representatives of Wausau Homes met with the board and went over the plans. Bids on the various subcontracts will be submitted shortly. The total cost price will be available when these bids are in. We urge the membership to make a commitment to assist with the cost of this building project. The building will be placed on the vacant lot across the street (north) from the present Golden Rule Women's Dormitory, and just west of the present parking lot.

The committee to study the feasibility of a Youth Chorus book reported. Further study is being made as to copyrights and other matters before a decision to print can be made.

The General Conference is in process of setting up the mechanics to handle Unitrust matters. Under this plan, individuals or couples who deposit an amount of money with the Conference will receive a set amount of money each month during the balance of their lifetimes. Definite tax benefits accrue to the donor.

The Board voted an increase in annual payments for those who have Annuity Contracts with the Church of God General Conference, effective immediately.

Robert Smith, Chairman, Maurice Robinson, and Robert Hall were appointed to a committee to study the matter of dual ownership of church properties. Some churches elect to have joint ownership with a District Conference or with the General Conference. On occasion this results in legal problems. The delegates asked that the matter be studied for clarification.

A committee consisting of Russell Johns, David Johnson, Billie Kennedy, and S. O. Ross was appointed to plan the 1975 General Conference program. Any suggestions for the five-day program should be passed on to a member of the committee shortly.

The Audit report was accepted, reports from the various department heads were reviewed, and several items of long-range planning were discussed.

## Conference Finances

The giving for the month of November is more than \$8,000.00 short of the goal. The budget needs are set by the delegates in accordance with the programs approved. The staff then must operate the business of the Conference on the basis of these approved programs. When giving falls behind, it becomes necessary to borrow, or cut back on programs. We trust that the membership will make this a matter of prayer and respond to the need. May God bless.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for November	\$22,270.00
Given in November	13,562.00
November deficit	8,708.00
December needs	16,250.00

**Goal for December \$24,958.00**

# Missions News

By S. O. Ross

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



Pastor Eleodoro S. Ortiguero (photo above), supervisor of the Church of God Mission work in the Philippine Islands, is in critical condition after receiving thirty wounds in an ambush attack upon him. This word was received by cablegram from the Philippine Islands. Information was quite sketchy; however, the attack was perpetrated by a former pastor, Santiago Somera. Due to a number of differences, including some doctrinal understanding, Pastor Somera was removed from the ministry by the Philippine Conference about a year ago. Feeling was very strong at the time; however, it appeared to the Mission Board that recently all was going well in the matter.

We assume that the wounds were inflicted by knife, as that is the common weapon in the Philippines. Pray for Bro. Ortiguero, that he may recover from his injuries and be able to continue his fine leadership of the mission work in the Philippine Islands.

The building at Quezon recently constructed with assistance from Mission Builders Appeal number thirty-one was dedicated on October 15. Lunch was served at noon, and coffee with "native cakes" was served in the evening.

The Philippine radio programs are now coming from the city of Santiago, through a much more powerful station which can reach many more people. Bro. Eleodoro Javar is doing most of the radio ministry at present.

## **Nova Scotia**

Bro. and Sr. Raymond Brown continue to give good leadership to the mission work in Nova Scotia. September brought the highest average attendance of any September in the history of the church. An annual Mission Conference was held in October. Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser were guest workers in that conference. More than two thousand dollars was pledged during a Faith Promise service. Sr. Eunice Pearson is giving great assistance as a layworker in Nova Scotia.

## **Volunteer Service Program**

We want to again emphasize the Volunteer Service Program and solicit volunteers for this work. We urge married couples or individuals who can move quite easily to consider this program. You would go to an area where a new group, or congregation, is being organized and is holding services, to give assistance as needed. A small beginning church usually has need for teachers and helpers of all kinds; however, just moral support by way of additional numbers can be helpful.

Several churches would welcome such help at this time. Please contact Superintendent of Missions, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, for further information on this program.

## **Ghana**

Bro. Oliver K. Amani, pastor and leader of the mission work in Ghana, is taking the Christian Service correspondence course from Oregon Bible College. Bro. Amani is reaching many with the gospel by holding services in surrounding villages, and through the secondary school that he operates in the village of Nkwanta.

## **India**

Bro. P. M. Paulson and one of his helpers spent several days with Bro. S. S. Manoah in Bangalore. The time was spent in study of the true doctrines of the Church of God, in learning church leadership, and in fellowship. Bro. Paulson is the leader of five congregations in the Ravulapalem area.

Through a recent convert, Bro. Ananaprakash, Bro. Manoah has been invited to go to a village near Bangalore for services and study. Several in the village are wanting to hear the gospel message. Praise God for each new door of opportunity!

## **Nigeria**

A special meeting was held at the Golden Rule Church at Three Towns. A discussion was held by the Pastor J. A. I. Ekpo, on the subject, "Did Jesus Pre-exist?" At the close, a former Catholic man accepted Christ and was immersed in the waters of baptism. Praise God!

Attendance continues good in the ten churches in Nigeria. Four of them average a little over one hundred per service and a fifth one, Asarama, has more than two hundred most of the time. ●



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## **New Women's Dormitory**

We appreciate the sacrifice made by the girls and all the students who have lived with the inconvenience of inadequate facilities during the school year. Since the expansion of the library, students no longer have lounge or recreation facilities.

Now that the contract for the new dormitory has been signed, we anticipate that student recreational needs will be more adequately met. It is planned that a large, comfortable lounge will be provided on the ground level of the new dormitory.

We are trusting that the brethren of the church will meet this need for greater stewardship by providing adequate funds, so that the new girls' dormitory will not become a financial burden to the Church of God General Conference.

## **Gospel Teams—OBC Outreach**

Gospel teams have proven to be of great benefit to the churches, as well as to members of the teams. One reason they are so valuable is that they provide a time when people may meet people. OBC and the churches are interdependent, and the more communication that takes place between them the better will be our relationships.

We are thankful to Dale Ramsey, who has put much time and effort into directing these teams and arranging for them to go out. We also appreciate the warmth of the hospitality that the churches have so freely extended to the teams.

At the present time, concentrated effort is going into preparing a creative worship service. This service will involve a variety of music, dramatic readings, and a multimedia presentation, all directed toward the praise and worship of God. This service will be available through the first part of the year. Any churches interested in experiencing this worship are asked to please contact Dale Ramsey.

## **Adult Education**

During the fall term, John Lewis has had the opportunity to teach in the Oregon Adult Education program. He taught a class in New Testament Bible Survey to adults on Tuesday evenings. Classes were held at the local high school. We are glad that the Bible College had this opportunity to contribute to the enrichment of the Oregon community.

## **Dr. Huffer on Campus**

Dr. Alva Huffer arrived in Chicago on Thursday, October 31. There he attended the American Association of Bible Colleges Convention, in company with Stanley Ross and Dale Ramsey.

A main emphasis of the convention was on administration. It was of special interest to administration deans and Christian service directors.

Dr. Huffer began teaching Systematic Theology at OBC on Monday, November 4. In addition to teaching while here, Bro. Huffer prepared the schedule of classes for the winter semester, and assisted in enrolling students for the winter semester.

## **John Hearp**

During the week of November 11-16, John Hearp taught the Book of Acts. Through these concentrated hours of daily study, the students were able to grasp the positional importance of the Book of Acts in the New Testament. Using the early church as a model, they were able to discern the initial patterns of growth, development, and organization of the early Church of God. The Book of Acts is also obviously important because the events recorded in it provide the background for the remaining New Testament epistles.

Bro. John Hearp did some excellent teaching, revealing the importance of the Book of Acts to the students.

## **New Library**

Progress has become reality in the world of Oregon Bible College's fast-growing library. Under the direction of Bro. Eugene Stilson, the library has been steadily improving.

Along with the constant addition of new volumes, we have also made additions to the library area. It has been expanded to the lower level of the men's dormitory, increasing the present library space by 125%. The upstairs level of the library will contain only reference books. The listening center, which will be completed soon, will also be in the upper level. All other books have been moved downstairs. Study tables will also be on the lower level. A portion of the space has been set aside especially for Christian education materials.

This is an important area of growth for Oregon Bible College, and we appreciate the support that we have received for this project. ●



# BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

## Attention BYF Supporters

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the supporters of the Berean Youth Department for their giving during the 1973-74 fiscal year. The goal had been set at \$10,000. This was done at the 1973 Berean Youth Conference. Though we did not reach our goal (we were \$686 short) it was a tremendous endeavor. The giving for this year exceeded by \$1,236 the amount given during any one previous year. Of the total given during the year, \$1,987 was from offerings given at Youth Conference, \$1,301 was from Mission Dollar Club contributions, and \$1,750 was from contributions to the Coins-for-Christ Crusade. Contributions of \$4,275 were received from the various youth groups and individual supporters. If the early contributions for 1974-'75 are in any way indicative of things to come, this will surely be the year that we not only meet our budget, but exceed it!

## Midwinter Retreat

The annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat will be held at the Shipshewana Retreat Center, near Shipshewana, Indiana, beginning Sunday, December 29, 1974, and ending Wednesday, January 1, 1975. The retreat, in past years, has been held at Camp Mack, Indiana. Due to the large enrollment last year, it was decided at Youth Conference to move this year's retreat to a place with a larger capacity, in order to take care of all those wishing to attend. The Shipshewana Retreat Center has a capacity of eighty. We feel sure we can accommodate all Post-High and twelfth graders who apply. In the event that applications exceed our expectations, the twelfth graders will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The word "retreat" implies a time to withdraw. In the Christian sense, it is a time when one can be filled spiritually. In quiet surroundings with others who share the same desire, you may consider God and his infinite love. Once again, you may share in prayer the thoughts of your heart. The retreat is conducted in a rather informal and relaxed manner. We urge you to come.

Due to increased costs, tuition has been set at \$28. Applications are printed on the back of the September-October *Challenge*. The deadline for application is December 10, 1974. Begin now to pray earnestly for the retreat.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

## Christian Workers' Seminar

The second annual Christian Workers' Seminar will be held at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana, February 16-22, 1975. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 17, and will end in late afternoon on Friday, February 21.

Six classes are being offered each day. In addition, there will be devotions and worship, informal discussion periods, recreational activities, and Christian fellowship, which cannot be measured.

The entire Sunday School Board will be on the staff. Bro. E. Richard Smith, pastor of Hillisburg Church of God, Michigantown, Indiana, will be a guest teacher. Bro. and Sr. William Stine, members of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Church of God, will be host and hostess and in charge of meal preparation.

The entire cost of the seminar, including one textbook, is \$35.00. It is necessary that each person planning to attend *must* pay the enrollment fee of \$5.00, which is non-refundable. *No one* will be considered as enrolled unless this deposit has been received in our office. The number that can be accommodated is limited. The deadline for enrollment is January 31, 1975. See the full-page advertisement in *The Restitution Herald*. Use the enrollment blank provided.

Some Sunday schools are offering financial help to any of their members who will attend. Send in that enrollment form and deposit NOW. Do not wait, or depend on another to do it for you. Send it to Sunday School Department, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

## Sunday School Convention

Your Sunday School Director attended the Mid-America Sunday School Convention in Detroit, Michigan. It was held November 7-9. A total of eight instructive sessions and six general sessions were attended. The general sessions all had guest speakers. The theme of the convention was: "Communicating Christ to This Generation." It was a wonderful and enriching experience.

## New Publication

A Nursery Teacher's Guide will be available for use beginning March 1, 1975. This is a matter that has been in the planning of the Sunday School Board for more than two years. Sample copies will be in the mail soon.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**Eden Valley, MN.** On Sunday, September 29, 1974, at Long Lake Bible Camp, two young people gave their lives into Christ's keeping and were baptized. Reynold Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johns, of Little Fork, was baptized by Pastor Billie Kennedy, and Betty Brooks, of Darwin, was immersed by Pastor Stanley Lawrence.

On Sunday evening, October 13, at the Eden Valley Church, our hearts were gladdened by the immersion of four regular attenders and loyal church workers. They were Glynn and Harriet Miller, and Russel and Frances Blomker, of the Lake Koronis area. We rejoice in their decision, and pray that good health and God's richest blessings will be with them at all times. Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

**Casey, IL.** Patricia Lucille Shook of Willow Hill, IL, was baptized November 10, 1974, assisted by the writer. She came forward and accepted Christ as her Savior during the morning service at the Restitution Church of God. May God richly bless this new life in Christ.

S. O. Ross, pastor.

**Omaha, NE.** Edith Fern Hessman was baptized into Christ, October 27, 1974. Edith has been faithful in attendance at Sunday school, and would appreciate hearing from other teen-agers. Her address is: 5404 N. 78th St. Omaha, NE 68134. Emory Macy, pastor.

**Pelzer, SC.** Mary Ann Durham, 7 Whilden Dr., Williamston, SC 29697, and Jeff Smith, Rt. 1, Pelzer, 29669, came forward during the revival meetings and were baptized by the pastor, Sunday, October 6, 1974. We ask the prayers of the church for the blessing of the Lord on them as they serve him. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

**Troy, OH.** On October 6, 1974, Linda Adams was baptized into Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of her sins. The Troy View Church of God rejoices with Linda in her decision, and welcomes her into the body of believers.

Scott Ross, pastor.

**Maurertown, VA.** Mrs. Sue (Good) Barb, of Rt. 1, BX 46-L, Strasburg, Va., sealed her covenant with God in the waters of baptism, October 13, 1974, at the Royal Village Church of God in Front Royal. This unites Troy and Sue in the Lord. Troy is a deacon in the Maurertown church, and is always willing to help with any church project. May Sue grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

James Mattison, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** The Macomb Church of God of Abrahamic Faith announces the baptism of Miss Laura Potts, daughter of Robert and Bette Potts, of Macomb, on October 6, 1974. She will find her life to be wonderful and free from care with God to guide her according to his will.

Neva Sue Weaver, reporter.

**Lawrenceville, OH.** We praise the Lord that the following recently came forward and were baptized into Christ: Roy Stevens; Alberta Stevens (Roy's wife); Randy Stevens (their son), 76 S Main, N. Hampton, 45349; Miss Yvonne Givens, 8046 Ballentine Pike, N Carlisle, 45344. Milon Hall, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** Upon her confession of faith and trust in Jesus Christ, Miss Deborah Mae Wright was baptized into his saving name

October 27, 1974. We are thankful for another who has accepted God's plan of salvation and pray that she will always serve the Lord.

John Railton, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** The North Hills Church of God is happy to report the baptism of Mandy Halpin, Donald Payne, and Cheryl Berner by our pastor, Russell Dickerson. We pray God's blessings on them. Vileen Rowell, secretary.

**Fonhill, Ont.** Our hearts rejoiced as Deborah Lee, a young person, and Stella Smith, a senior citizen, confessed Christ as Savior. They were baptized in his name, for the remission of sins. How wonderful it is to see people of all ages responding to God's love for them!

John Hearp, pastor.

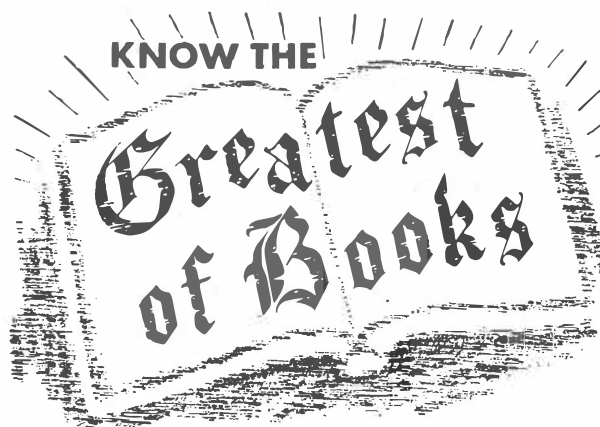
**Omaha, NE.** It was the writer's privilege to assist Jeffery Johns, Bennington, NE 68007, and Cathy Clark, 5927 N. 33 Ave. Omaha, NE 68113, to put on Christ by baptism, August 4, 1974. Both made the decision at the Berean Youth Conference. We rejoice with these fine young people, and welcome them into the church.

Emory Macy, pastor.

## MARRIAGES

Emily Eggleton and George Towers were united in marriage, September 7, 1974, by the writer. We pray God's richest blessing on these fine people, as they begin their life together.

John Hearp, pastor.



## BEREAN SCRIPTURE STUDIES

### Number Two

New! Completely new! Berean Scripture Studies Number Two will be available by January 1, 1975. It will contain fifty-two lessons and will sell for \$1.00 postpaid, if payment accompanies order.

This edition will set forth the Scriptural approach to morals, with lessons on: drugs, tobacco, sex, and dress. Family living is set forth in subjects having to do with divorce, abortion, marriage according to God's Word, clean living, and home responsibilities.

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### COMPLETE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Aaron Boykai; Betty Sue Lammers; Sharon Clark; Geneva Eldridge; Cheryl Brittingham; Roy Heaton; Mrs. Lena Carpenter; Evelyn Lewis; Paul B. Myles; Ambrose K. Deutch; Mrs. Sally Austen.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On October 20, 1974, the members of Faith Community Church of God, Minneapolis, MN, celebrated their tenth year in the present church building. The day was observed with our regular services in the morning, which were followed with a fellowship dinner. In the afternoon, a service of praise and thanksgiving was held. At this service, members and friends shared past memories, and testified of God's goodness. Following this service, pieces of a birthday cake were served to all.

During this decade, God has richly blessed our church. Our church building has been erected, and is almost paid for; a parsonage has been built; we have gone from part-time to full-time pastoral leadership; and our membership has more than doubled, as we have been active in preaching the gospel message.

As we look to the future, we anticipate more of God's goodness to us. On our part, we look forward to more fruit-bearing service for him. Our present church facilities have served us well, but because of our growth, a need is being felt for expanded facilities. We are waiting for God's guidance in this matter.

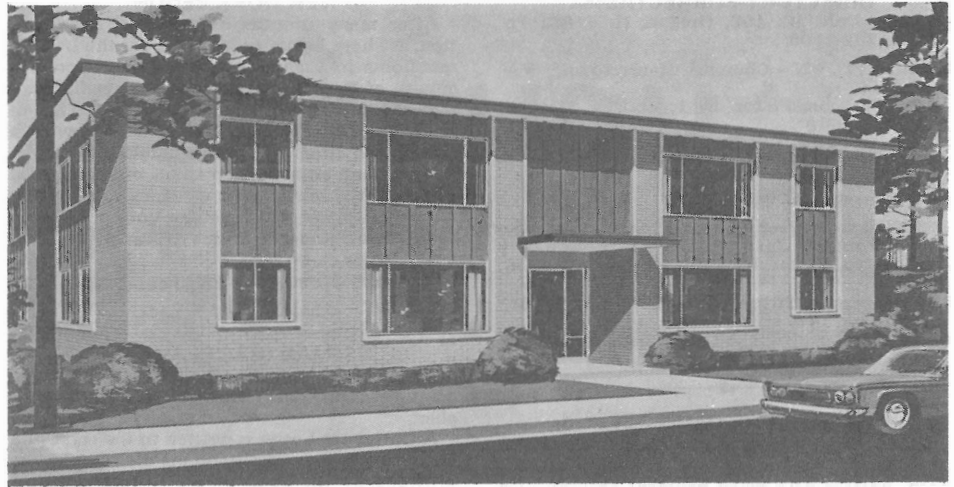
### OBITUARIES

Sr. Jeanette Ellen Reeves died August 3, 1974, in Carlsbad, NM, after a lengthy illness. Born in Meredosia, IL, October 6, 1892, she migrated at an early age, with her family, to New Mexico. She became the wife of Victor J. Reeves in 1920. Their two children, both of whom survive, are Victor J. Reeves, Jr., Roswell, NM, and Marion Reeves Anderson, Ridgewood, NJ. Sr. Reeves was baptized into the Church of God, Abrahamic Faith, about 1930, by Bro. S. J. Lindsay, as he traveled through El Paso, TX. She was isolated from other Church of God brethren thereafter, but never ceased to work, teach, and write about her blessed hope. Several of her articles have appeared in The Restitution Herald, and several in tract form. She conducted Bible classes among her neighbors, and exchanged hundreds of letters in newspapers, with local ministers. She was laid to rest, and to await her Master's call, by two local ministers. Victor J. Reeves, Jr.

James Paul Snyder and John Peter Snyder were infant twin sons of Robert and Janet Snyder. They were stillborn October 13, 1974, in Kokomo, IN. They are survived by: their parents; a brother, Matthew Lee; two sisters, Marsha Lynn and Debra Kay; and their paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Snyder, of Kokomo. Graveside services were held at Crown Point Cemetery, in Kokomo, October 16, 1974. We wait for the time when death will have no more claim. John A. Railton, pastor.

Sr. Olive Reed, a long-time member of the Church of God at Oregon, IL, died at the age of 83 years, following a long illness. We thank God that she is at rest. Sr. Reed was buried October 23, 1974, in Daysville Cemetery. She is survived by one brother, eight children, twenty-six grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren. She is resting till Jesus comes.

C. E. Lapp, pastor.



## Proposed Women's Dormitory Oregon Bible College

The delegates to the Church of God General Conference sessions in August, 1974, voted "That a structure be erected by September, 1975, in Oregon, Ill., to provide better housing for female students at Oregon Bible College; further, that the new building be designed in such a way that it could be sold readily in the future if it were so desired and be easily converted into a condominium, townhouses, or a series of apartments."

The picture above is an eight-plex building that would fulfill the above motion. It would be constructed with eight units. One unit would be an apartment for the dormitory director. The other seven units would each house six students, for a total of forty-two. Each unit would have three bedrooms, a bathroom and a study area. The building would include a basement for student lounge, storage, and other facilities. It would be 72 by 48 ft., with brick exterior.

The cost of this, or a similar building, would be approximately \$125,000.00 including equipment. There is at present about \$10,000.00 in the Building Fund. During General Conference in August commitments were made by several individuals in the total amount of \$14,750.00. About one hundred thousand dollars more will be needed to complete the project. Construction of such a building is expected to begin early in 1975. Find below a coupon which you may use to designate your willingness to help finance this project.

Please fill out and mail to:

Oregon Bible College Building Fund  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061

My intention is to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the expansion of Oregon Bible College Dormitory facilities. I will contribute these funds as follows:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed herewith
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**EMPHATIC DIAGLOTT**

Effective December 1, 1974, the Emphatic Diaglott by Benjamin Wilson will sell for \$2.50 each, postage paid when payment accompanies order. This excellent translation of the New Testament continues to be a best seller at the Church of God General Conference.

**SONGS OF TRUTH**

Songs of Truth, Number 2, has been reprinted and is now available at the new price of \$4.50 each, effective December 1, 1974.

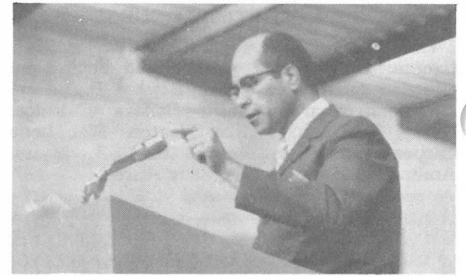
The looseleaf edition is also being reprinted and will be available soon. The cost is \$6.00 each. Place your order now to reserve your copy. They will be shipped as soon as they are received here. All books will be sent postage paid when payment accompanies order.

**NEW WORK BEGUN**

After many months of prayerful consideration, we have begun a new work for the Lord in our home in Englewood, OH. Englewood is a suburb of Dayton, ten miles to the north. Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays. The meetings are informal, with a class for children, and one for adults.

We extend an invitation to all of our Church of God brethren to visit us when you have an opportunity. We will welcome your prayers for the Father's guidance in this endeavor.

Roger Cupp,  
3628 Gorman Av, Englewood, OH 45322.



**RAYMOND BROWN**

Bro. Raymond Brown, pastor of the Lighthouse Mission Church at Dibby, Nova Scotia, Canada, died of an apparent heart attack on November 12, 1974. Bro. Brown and his family have served in the Nova Scotia mission field since September of 1967. Bro. Brown graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1950 and served several churches of the Church of God General Conference before going to Nova Scotia.

**CHRISTMAS TRACTS AVAILABLE**

Include a Christmas tract with your Christmas greeting card! The following tracts are available:

**A Christmas Letter** is written in the form of a letter to a friend, explaining the eternal benefits provided by the birth of the Christ, and how the friend can take advantage of God's generous gift. Can be enclosed with your greeting card or used separately.

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**PICTURE PRINTS FOR SALE**

We usually have a number of copies of the colored front pages of *The Restitution Herald* left after the issue is in print. These are without any printing on them. Copies of these pictures are available (as long as the supply lasts) at \$1.00 each, or 5 for \$3.00, when remittance accompanies the order. Order from *The Restitution Herald*, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. The pictures used on the September, October, November, and December issues are now available.

**Contributors to the General Conference: October, 1974**

Yvonne Reigelsberger	63.00	Alice Bassett	30.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00	Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00
Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	60.00	Anonymous	100.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	382.83	In Memory of A Wolfe by	
Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Sutfin	4.00	Frances Wood	105.00	Happy Woods Church	20.00
Mr & Mrs John Lewis	110.00	Otis Densmore	50.00	Bedford Church	43.06	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	10.00
In Memory of Mrs Louisa		Minn State Conf	381.54	Mrs Mabel Bell	15.00	Frances McCormack	3.00
Peck from her family	20.00	Omaha SS	69.75	Golden Rule Church	71.37	Linda Smith	12.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	80.00	Wayne Thompson	25.00	Hope Chapel Columbus	5.00	Margene Rager	20.00
Mr & Mrs S. O. Ross	80.00	Brush Creek Church	254.12	Lila Guiles	10.00	Kathy Lewis	3.00
Fremont SS	63.45	Anonymous	3.00	Pennellwood Church	143.86	Anonymous	5.00
Fremont Church	20.00	Mrs Gladys Volentine	20.00	Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell	25.00	Mrs F C Montross	25.00
Cora Siple	10.00	E Dorothy Magaw	14.00	Mr & Mrs Kent Ross	10.00	Ruby Stuckey	5.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Bormes	6.50	Happy Woods Church	81.00	South Bend Hope Chapel	247.84	Esta Starbuck	27.00
Zenas Murphy	20.00	Leota Hanson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Lowell Holt	50.00	Marge Mogle	5.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	30.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Columbia Church	439.54	Mr & Mrs Herb Kasper	20.00
Kathy New	12.00	Dan Dovenbarger	100.00	Ray McCormack	3.00	Neb-Co United Bereans	289.65
Pam Davis	12.00	Ruth Congdon	200.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	295.54	Illinois State Conference	200.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	1,000.00	Holbrook Church	99.65	Tempe Dorcas Soc	20.00	Mr & Mrs Randall Burkholder	3.00
Blanchard Church	181.06	Glad Tidings Outreach	140.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	50.00	Mr Harold McClain	3.00
Lawrenceville Church	212.45	Lawrenceville Sr Youth	5.80	N E Conf Youth	30.07	Raker Union SS	23.50
Muriel Hass	75.00	Glad Tidings SS	18.16	Truth Seekers SS	21.31	Hedrick Church	53.26
Ben Carpenter	50.00	Arlene Ekholm	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Moore	3.00	Oak Grove Church	15.00
Mr & Mrs Maurice Ratering	50.00	Macomb Church	81.38	Mr & Mrs Robert Hall	100.00	Ollie M. Cooper	10.00
Oregon SS	20.07	Pennellwood Miss Society	145.00	Anonymous	21.00	Women's Retreat	134.75
Northeast Conf	245.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mrs Alta Thrush	20.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	25.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	William Poland	25.00	Brush Creek Young People	36.54	Anonymous	200.00
Pleasant Hill	132.04	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00	Mrs W F Labhart	5.00
Pleasant Hill SS	21.00	S B Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Monica Salassi	1.00	Mr & Mrs Rollo Mosher	100.00
Fredericktown Church	54.10	Beaumont Church	18.05	Hildred Momen	15.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	50.00
Milo Magaw	13.35	Southlawn Church	314.41	Debbie Blanken	1.00	P G Coverstone	6.00
Telva Lippert	5.00	May White	19.00	Mr & Mrs L F Slocum	10.00	North Hills Church	145.74
Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	10.00	Everett Rogers	25.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Berry	52.00	Mrs Naomi Masei	5.00
Oregon Church	939.88	St Louis Church	79.23	Mrs Erwin Lussenden	44.00	Phoenix Bible Church	181.00
E L Macy Jr	100.00	Mr & Mrs R E Kaffen-		Macomb Miss Soc	105.00	Dorothy Siple	50.00
Jaynes St Comm Church	500.00	barger Sr	20.00	Mr & Mrs Don Needham	15.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	32.50
San Jose Church	37.00	Faith Comm Church-Mpls	105.00	Troy View Church	148.76	Craig Waggoner	12.00
Maurertown Church	29.59	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Blessed Hope Ch-Rockford	145.95	Sara Beddow	12.00
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Mr & Mrs Richard Lee	11.00	Nina Hatcher	2.00	Maurertown Dorcas Soc	10.00	Becky Durham	95.00
Jay St Church	53.85	Gary Hatcher	2.00	Edna Stander	14.00	Margaret Duval	50.00
Macomb SS	17.07	Calif Member	100.00	Edna Claypool	10.00	S P Dismukes	50.00
Mich Conf	62.19	Sue Walton	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00	Southwest Conf	95.00
Mildred Heyde	2.50	Eternal Hope Church	205.28	Arlington Church	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ed Dykstra	250.00
Ind State Conf	1,396.50	St Louis BYF	5.71	Pomona Dorcas Society	30.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	5.00
Valley Church	68.40	Cool Spring SS	63.92	Mr T A Sanders	5.00	Mr & Mrs David Stein	100.00
Morning Star Church	43.30	Annie Welch	16.54	Mrs Joe D Shelly	20.00	North Salem Church	16.00
La Contributors	77.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	55.00	Litchfield Church	26.38
Katherine Tackett	126.00	Mr & Mrs George Scott	20.00	Oregon Mary & Martha	12.50	Fonthill Church	162.92
Forest Hills Church	41.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Glad Tidings Ch: Dayton	185.00	Kosztz Church	36.00



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## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



### General Conference Board of Directors

The photo shows the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. They are, left to right; Robert Smith, treasurer, Blanchard, Michigan; David Johnson, vice chairman, Hector, Minnesota; Dallas Demmitt, director, Phoenix, Arizona; Billie Kennedy, director, Eden Valley, Minnesota; Russell Johns, director, Bennington, Nebraska; John Hearp, chairman, Fonthill, Ontario; and Kenneth Milne, secretary, Pelzer, South Carolina. These men give freely of their time, without compensation, to direct the work of the conference.

### OBC Dormitory

Plans for construction of additional dormitory facilities for Oregon Bible College are moving along. Bids are now being received for the subcontracts, and soon the total cost of construction will be known.

To date, contributions and commitments for funds to build have been slow. We encourage the membership to give prayer and concern to this matter, so the project can go forward. General Conference delegates approved a recommendation to construct the building by September, 1975. Less than twenty thousand dollars has been committed to date. Additional commitments are needed for about one hundred twenty thousand dollars. Use the commitment coupon found in this *Progress Journal*, or simply write to OBC Building Fund, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, and advise what amount you plan to contribute to this project.

### Money to Loan

If you as an individual have funds available to loan to the Church of God General Conference for construction of the Oregon Bible College dormitory, please get in touch with the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061. A private loan for any part of the funds will be most helpful by reducing the larger loan that is being negotiated with a local bank. Who will be the first to make such a capital investment in the progress of Oregon Bible College?

### Conference Finances

The work of the Church of God General Conference, through all of the various departments, is going well. Oregon Bible College has the largest enrollment ever. Mission work is reaching many for Christ. The Free Literature Campaign is continuing to take the message of salvation to many people of the world. For the first time, both the Youth and the Sunday School departments have full-time directors. Study materials are being up-dated and improved.

Delegates to the 1974 General Conference voted the largest budget ever, to carry out all of these fine programs. I am sorry to report that the needs are not being met. The giving for the month of December is several thousand dollars short of the need. It became necessary to borrow funds to meet the bills and the payroll for December. May each member make this a matter for prayer and concern. Happy New Year to each one!

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for December	\$24,958.00
Given in December	10,232.00
December Deficit	14,726.00
January needs	\$16,250.00
<b>Goal for January, \$30,976.00</b>	

# Missions News

By S. O. Ross

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

## Foreign Mission Director Appointed



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Sr. Rachel Krogh Carr (photo at left) as Superintendent of Foreign Missions for the Church of God General Conference, beginning January 1, 1975. Sr. Carr, the wife of Bro. John Carr, who is pastor of the Macomb, Illinois, Church of God, will continue to live in Macomb and carry on the work of Missions from there

on a part-time basis. She may be addressed at Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or at 614 Woodbury, Macomb, Illinois 61455.

Sr. Carr comes well qualified for the position, having been Superintendent of Missions for three years prior to her marriage in 1972. She also served as missionary to Mexico for three and one-half years.

We welcome Sr. Carr to this position, and pray God's blessing on her and the work of missions. This will relieve the writer from some duties, so that he may devote more time to other areas of the conference work. In future issues, this page will be written by Sr. Carr.

## Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett to Nova Scotia

Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett (photo lower right) will go to Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, early in January, to carry on the work of the Lighthouse Mission Church of God for several months. Due to the untimely death of Bro. Raymond Brown, a pastor was needed to fill the pastorate there. They will remain in Nova Scotia until General Conference time.

Bro. Burnett will continue to carry on his work as Director of the General Conference Sunday School Department during his stay in Nova Scotia. We appreciate the willingness of Bro. and Sr. Burnett to accept this added responsibility by assisting in this important work of missions. We are grateful to the Sunday School Board for its willingness to share the director to cooperate with this mission need until a permanent replacement can be found.

## News From the Field

Bro. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero is recovering satisfactorily from the many wounds inflicted upon him in an ambush attack on October 30. His head, face, shoulder, and arms each carried many wounds. Praise God that he has survived, and we pray that he will soon be able to assume full leadership of the Philippine Conference work.

Three were baptized during evangelistic services in the Philippine Islands following the dedication of the new Quezon Church building. A schoolteacher, a former pastor of a church of another faith, and a youth were immersed for remission of sins.

Pastor S. S. Manoah in Bangalore, India, baptized Bro. Fear and Sr. Pankajam at the Thomas Town Church on November 3, 1974. These are both from the Home for the Elderly, where Bro. Manoah conducts services each week. Bro. Manoah closes his letter with, "Our united Christian love and regards to all the members."

Eight were immersed in the waters of baptism in Liberia, as reported by Bro. Cornelius Boykai, the pastor and leader there.

A revival service was held in the Three Towns Church in Nigeria. Eight came forward and accepted Christ as their Savior and will be baptized. Bro. J. A. I. Ekpo is the pastor there.

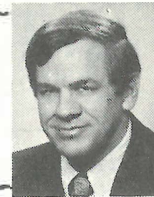
Sr. Alice Aldrich visited the work at Saltillo, Mexico, recently and then came across the border to renew her permit. She returned after a few days to her residence in Labor Vieja.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## **Pastoral Studies Planning**

In order to help with future planning and development in the Pastoral Studies Department, we recently sent a survey to forty-five different Bible colleges throughout the country. This survey asked the various colleges to respond to five specific questions concerning the internship and internship-like programs that they had in their schools.

Twenty-six of the forty-five colleges have responded at this writing. Five of these report that they have internship programs. One reported that it is in the process of developing an internship, and one reported a program similar to but not exactly like an internship.

Through careful consideration and study, we hope to discover and develop ideas that will help us in evaluating the internship idea. We believe that the program has merit. It exposes the student to real church problems and programs in conjunction with the theoretical study at school. Through this means, he can be better prepared to meet the real situation of leading a church.

## **Lenny Gibson Fund**

One of the greatest joys in a Christian experience is seeing a brother in need and being able to share with him. A very special brother to many students at Oregon Bible College is Lenny Gibson. We are thankful for Lenny and for the testimony that he shares with us. We are also thankful for the privilege of being able to share with him. Through a fund set up by the Student Council of Oregon Bible College, both students and people across the United States were able to share with him. The total amount given was \$441.36. We thank all those who have contributed, and most of all thank Lenny, who has given so much to us.

## **Prayer Day**

One of the very special highlights of the Fall Semester is Prayer Day. A special day is set aside, and all classes are postponed for the purpose of dedicating the whole morning to prayer and worship. Pam and Carl Jennings had charge of this Prayer Day, which was in November. The theme revolved around the five aspects of prayer: adoration, confession, thanksgiving, intercession, and petition. The morning was filled with a worship service, which consisted of special songs and devotional thoughts. This was followed by experienc-

ing the five aspects of prayer in groups. A time of sharing is important in the Christian family, and this prayer took place before a very inspirational Communion service. The morning was spiritually refreshing. We are thankful to Pam and Carl for their planning, and to everyone who shared of themselves.

## **Winter Registration**

Many students have registered for the Winter Semester, which begins January 6, 1975.

Dr. Alva Huffer will be teaching Archaeology and Art History, and team-teaching Systematic Theology II with John Lewis. John Lewis will teach Systematic Theology II, New Testament II, Bible Study Methods, Introduction to Doctrine, and Preaching IV. Eugene Stilson will be teaching Old Testament II, Biblical Introduction, Old Testament IV, Principles and Practice of Teaching, New Testament Greek II, and Intermediate New Testament Greek. In addition to these courses, Eugene Stilson and John Lewis will team-teach a Church Leadership Seminar dealing with church management.

Dale Ramsey will be teaching Church Music, Christian Service and Music Workshop, Chorale, Brass Ensemble, Piano, Voice, and Organ. Stanley Ross will teach Church of God History and Missions, and Modern Cults.

Ruth Lewis will teach Instructional Materials Workshop. Robert Jones will teach Hebrew II, and Connie Mongan will teach English II.

## **Jack Hearp on Campus**

The presence of Jack Hearp, November 11-16, provided students with an opportunity for growing in the areas of Bible knowledge and personal experience. Through more than a week of concentrated study, the students received new insight and understanding with regard to the strategic position of the Book of Acts in the New Testament. Through personal conferences with Bro. Hearp, and the exchanging of experience and ideas with him during free hours and in the classroom, the students were exposed vicariously to the pastoral experience. We are thankful to the Fonthill Church of God for allowing Bro. Hearp the freedom to come and help in our college program.



# BYF NEWS

*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

## Successful Youth Week

The Week of October 21-27 was a busy time for the Church of God Bereans! Historically, Youth Week has allowed the young people to exercise roles of responsibility within the church which would not ordinarily be open to them. This year was no exception. Judging from the Youth Week reports, all appeared to be quite successful. Youth Week can be a real learning experience for those involved. This, of course, is what the week is designed to accomplish—to learn by doing.

It has been our experience that only after visiting a home for the aged can we begin to understand the problems of the elderly. Young people, without exception, rise to the occasion. They put aside their own anxieties and let God lead them in this ministry. Many have their first "crack" at preparing and teaching a Sunday school class, as well as performing many other church-related duties during the week. (One has to marvel at the dedication and stamina exhibited by the young people and their leaders in carrying out all of the activities and Christian service projects which they cram into this one week. However, when the week is over, all seem to say, "It was a great experience.")

I tip my hat to every group which participated this year, and especially thank those who were kind enough to share their Youth Week experiences by preparing reports and sending them in.

## Youth Conference Staff

It is my feeling that the International Berean Youth Conference is one of the most fulfilling times of the year. I also feel that there are many qualified people who would like to share in this great experience, but do not know how to make it known. Therefore, a packet containing applications for membership in the Youth Conference staff was mailed to all pastors, who in turn made them available to members of their congregations.

We are pleased with the response. Still, we feel that there may be a few who are not aware of this opportunity. If you are interested in serving as a staff member, please secure an application from your pastor, or by writing to the Youth Department. Notification of selection will be by January 20, 1975.

**May this be the most blessed holiday season of your life!**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

*Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director*

## Vacation Bible School

The theme for the 1975 Vacation Bible School lessons is: **Know Your Bible**. A five-day Bible School is provided for. Many hours and much preparation have gone into these books, to the end that you may enjoy a highly successful school. The books contain ideas, suggestions, and materials that are Biblically correct and attractively presented. The overall purpose of this series of lessons is to teach the Bible by sections, and to help the pupil to get a general idea of what is in each section.

Sample copies of Book One and the Teacher's Manual have been mailed to each pastor and Sunday school superintendent. If you desire a complete set—books one, two, and three, and a Teacher's Manual, please send \$1.00 to *The Restitution Herald*, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. These materials constitute a valuable asset to the total teaching program in your Sunday school and church.

## Vacation Bible School Meeting

A very successful meeting was held in the Hope Chapel Church of God, in South Bend, IN, on Saturday, November 2, 1974. Invitations were sent to all of the Churches of God in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio to send representatives—persons who have been Vacation Bible School directors, or who have helped in other ways. A total of 15 people attended, representing seven churches. Two Sunday School Board members and the director were at the meeting. The discussion centered around needs of the future. If all plans materialize, a new approach will be used in developing materials, beginning with the books for 1976. A greater variety of ideas for all ages will be featured. A Director's Manual will also be provided.

## Sunday School Director to Nova Scotia

Information about the Nova Scotia work is on the Mission Page. We want the membership to be assured that everything possible will be done to carry forward the work of the Sunday School Department. It can be done with extra effort on my part, the help of personnel at headquarters, and of Sunday School Board members. It is the desire of the Sunday School Board that you continue with any plans that you may be developing for seminars or other meetings. Someone will be ready to assist you.

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1973 - September 30, 1974

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION General Fund

<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 148.11	
Cash in Bank—Savings	7,571.68	
Petty Cash Fund	200.00	
Accounts Receivable	1,248.59	
Inventory	6,337.62	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		\$ 15,506.00
<b>Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Land	\$ 24,241.91	
Improvements to Grounds	2,208.58	
Buildings	231,086.91	
Furniture & Equipment	41,781.62	
Motor Vehicles	9,298.33	
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		\$308,617.35
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$324,123.35</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,783.98	
Accrued & Withheld Payroll Taxes	1,224.21	
Accrued Hospitalization Premiums	5,902.53	
Accrued Salaries	2,727.20	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		\$ 13,637.92
<b>Net Worth</b>		
Surplus		310,485.43
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</b>		<u>\$324,123.35</u>

<b>Operating Income</b>		
Contributions—General	\$175,826.45	
Contributions—Designated	8,574.19	
Contributions—Devises & Bequests	6,000.00	
Tuition, Room and Board	47,323.77	
Services	96.00	
Interest	1,105.02	
Camps	7,351.02	
Miscellaneous	2,199.84	
<b>Total</b>		\$248,476.29

<b>Statement of Gross Profit (or Loss) on Sales</b>		
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Inventory—October 1, 1973	\$ 7,831.32	
Purchases	7,770.63	
Salaries & Wages	15,998.28	
Contract Printing	18,141.27	
Editorial	1,625.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 51,366.50	
Inventory—September 30, 1974	6,337.62	
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	\$ 45,028.88	
<b>Sales</b>	\$ 34,917.07	
<b>Gross Profit (loss) on Sales</b>		\$(10,111.81)
<b>Total Operating Gross Profit</b>		\$238,364.48

<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries	\$ 83,737.83	
Light & Fuel	6,133.12	
Telephone	2,470.65	
Insurance	2,962.04	
Postage & Freight	5,185.76	
Supplies & Expense	10,219.37	
Depreciation	7,416.89	
Advertising	217.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,235.23	
Travel	15,131.23	
Towel & Laundry Service	274.50	
Camp	7,911.39	
Printing (Departmental)	7,540.18	
Speakers	150.00	
Assistance to Mission Points	19,658.00	
Assistance to Churches	7,205.00	
Literature	25,563.64	
Food	10,900.84	
FICA Tax	5,900.43	
Rent	1,750.00	
Interest	44.31	
Professional Services	1,450.14	
Auto Expense	1,007.80	
Miscellaneous	993.08	

Staff Training	1,428.97
Special Missions Projects	7,073.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$234,560.40
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	\$ 3,804.08

## STATEMENT—OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

<b>Add:</b>		
Gain on Disposition of Equipment	\$ 991.01	
Depreciation	7,416.89	
<b>Total Net Operating Income &amp; Additions</b>		12,211.98
<b>Deduct: Other Expenses</b>		
Architects, etc.	1,410.00	
Annuity Benefits	6,291.51	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		7,701.51
<b>Net Cash Income</b>		\$ 4,510.47
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		
Additions to Buildings	\$ 3,514.48	
Additions to Furniture	266.25	
Additions to Motor Vehicles	5,170.40	
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>		\$ 8,951.13

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Restricted Fund

<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 483.42	
Cash in Bank—Savings	60,626.84	
Note & Contract Receivable	107,405.19	
Inventory	1,500.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		\$170,015.45
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,004.68	
Deposits—Dorm Room & Key	583.00	
Deposits—Car Registration	62.00	
Annuities	10,000.00	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		12,649.68
<b>Net Worth</b>		
Fund Balance		157,365.77
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</b>		<u>\$170,015.45</u>

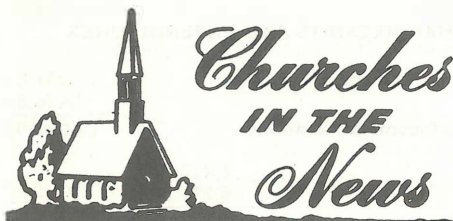
## STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions	\$ 39,813.80	
Interest	8,854.06	
Camp	17,494.59	
Miscellaneous	2,415.18	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 68,577.63	
<b>Gross Profit (or loss) on Sales</b>	(148.56)	
<b>Total Gross Profit</b>	\$ 68,429.07	

<b>Expenditures</b>		
Travel	\$ 16,792.76	
Camp	18,022.46	
Printing	1,016.00	
Assistance to Churches	13,737.50	
Assistance to Ministers	900.00	
Assistance to Students—Scholarships	500.00	
Supplies & Expense	1,761.34	
Miscellaneous	1,159.60	
Repairs & Maintenance	695.90	
Youth Caravan	154.12	
Special Missions Projects	4,996.00	
Annuity Benefit	600.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 60,335.68	
<b>Net Income Over Expense</b>	\$ 8,093.39	
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		
Additions to Buildings	\$ 1,441.34	
Additions to Furniture & Equipment	4,068.70	
Additions to Motor Vehicles	5,261.90	
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	10,771.94	
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES (or Loss)</b>		\$ (2,678.55)

The Annual Financial Statement above is a portion of the report of the firm of Allan M. Ramsey, Warsaw, Ind., accepted by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, November 14, 1974.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT FONTHILL

"Living Waters" was the theme of the third Annual Missionary Conference at Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, Ont., November 1-3, 1974. Everyone in Sunday school during October enjoyed slides of our mission fields in Nigeria, Ghana, Mexico, India, Philippines, and Nova Scotia, in preparation for the conference. Pastor Kent Ross, our guest speaker, presented deeply inspiring messages from God's Word, challenging us to have a burden on our hearts for the lost. He stressed the imminence of our Lord's return, and the urgent need to reach out now with Jesus and the message of salvation. We rejoiced as two young men responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We were thrilled as a goal of \$5,500, set for mission giving during 1974-75 was surpassed at our Faith Promise service on Sunday afternoon, as God's Spirit led his people to promise \$5,707.60 for missions. We thank God for blessing our Missionary Conference. We give him all of the honor and praise for this marvelous spiritual experience, and look forward to serving the Lord with greater effort and enthusiasm during the coming year, if our Lord tarries.

Viola Goit, missionary secretary.

## SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The fall meeting of the Southwest Conference convened at the Phoenix Bible Church on Friday evening, November 8, 1974, and concluded with the midday meal on November 10.

Bro. Paul McPherson, interim president, opened the meeting with the reading of a communication from the Hugh Harman family, now of Oregon, IL. Bro. Harman was president of the conference for many years. We miss him and his family very much, but rejoice that they are enabled to extend their work on an international basis.

The emphasis of the conference was concentrated on the Sunday school. Two capable and knowledgeable men were guest speakers and teachers. They were Pastor Scott Ross of Troy, OH, and Robert Petry of Springfield, OH. The sermons and sermonettes which these brethren presented were timely and much appreciated by the large number of people who attended, from the California churches, as well as from Phoenix and Tempe. The Southwest Conference recommends these two men, or other Church of God General Conference Sunday school workers, to assist in similar meetings at other churches or conferences. They are not only capable, they also "hold the truth in righteousness."

Pastors in attendance were: Mark Ryan, San Jose, CA; Ted Armes, Pomona, CA; Harold Doan, Valley Church, Van Nuys, CA; Hollis Partlowe, Phoenix, AZ; Warren Sorenson, Tempe, AZ. Other ministers present were:

Richard Dick; Dallas Demmitt; Lee McQuinn; Gerald L. Cooper, all of Arizona.

Approximately twenty-five people made the long trek across the desert to be present. At the business meeting, the Conference indicated its continued support for Oregon Bible College students, and possible internees at Arizona State University, by the extension of four separate scholarships. Officers elected to two-year terms each were: Paul McPherson, president, Tempe; Douglas Todd, treasurer, Tempe; John Bass, Pomona, and Alan Blanchard, Phoenix, board members.

The Phoenix Church and its various committees should be highly praised for the efficiency shown. Much love and labor went into their efforts.

The Phoenix choir, directed by Jonell Loeffler, sang at the Friday evening service, and again on Sunday morning. The Tempe choir sang Friday evening, and the "New Dimensions of Love," eight young people from both churches, presented a short concert at the Saturday evening service. Both of the latter groups are directed by Sharon Wilkins. Bro. Petry's solo, "The King is Coming," was much appreciated. Marilyn Evans and Shirley McQuinn were accompanists at the organ and the piano.

The Tempe Church will be in charge of the program at the next meeting, June 20-22, 1975, at Camp Maranatha in Idylwild, CA, followed by the youth camp. The Southwest Conference will observe its twenty-fifth anniversary at that time, and the youth camp its twentieth. Surely the Lord has blessed us abundantly through these years, and we thank him!

Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

## CAN YOU HELP?

The Berean Youth Department would like to put together a complete file of *Challenge* magazine, from the first issue until the present. Several issues are missing from the file. Those missing are: Vol. 1, Nos. 2, 4; Vol. 2, Nos. 1, 3; Vol. 3, No. 1; Vol. 4, No. 4; Vol. 6, No. 1; Vol. 7, No. 4; Vol. 8, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; Vol. 9, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6; Vol. 10, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; Vol. 11, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5.

If you have any of these issues and would like to contribute them, please send them to the Berean Youth Department, Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AT BEAUMONT

In the hope that some of the brethren will be encouraged to move to Beaumont, TX, and work with the young Church of God there, Bro. Dale Ward, pastor of the church, offers the following information: "This is one of the strongest employment areas in the nation. The reason is that oil is the largest industry. Unemployment was at 4.7% according to the last report that I saw."

Bro. Ward sent a clipping from the *Beaumont Enterprise* for December 1, 1974, which contains the following information: "Residential construction . . . has been holding its own, with new housing starting lagging only slightly behind last year's." Forrest C. Nelson, city building inspections director, "attributes the continued strength of construction here—contrasting with declines in other areas of the nation—to the continued health of the area's economy."

For further information, contact Pastor Dale Ward, 4175 Crow Rd, Beaumont, TX 77706.

## BAPTISMS

**Wyoming, MI:** The hearts of the worshipers at Southlawn Church of God were made happy when Jay Groendyk became obedient to the Lord by being buried in the waters of baptism, in the likeness of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. This action of obedience united Jay and his wife Bonnie in mutual faith.

Clyde E. Randall, interim pastor.

**Troy, OH:** On October 27, 1974, Dean Adams was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of his sins. The Troy View Church of God rejoices with Dean in this decision, and welcomes him into the fellowship of the body of Christ. Dean made his decision to accept Christ after dreaming of Christ's return, and then realizing that he was not ready. The nearing return of Christ ought to cause people to come to grips with the question, Am I ready for the Lord's return?

Scott Ross, pastor.

**Browntown, VA:** On Sunday, November 3, 1974, James Galloway of Browntown, and Howard Robinson of Front Royal were immersed in the waters of baptism, and began a new walk in Christ. We of the Cool Spring Church of God pray that God will bless and help them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

**Blanchard, MI:** Iola Latham was immersed into the body of Christ on November 14, 1974. We rejoice with her, and welcome her into membership of the Blanchard Church of God.

Don Needham, pastor.

**Bedford, OH.** The Bedford Church of The Open Bible gladly reports that Mark Alan Cheatwood was baptized into Christ the morning of December 1, 1974. We are happy to welcome him into the body of Christ and our fellowship. We ask your prayers for him and us, as we work together to tell others about God's love and their needs. Mark is the fortieth member at The Open Bible, and we hope that God will continue to give the increase. Thank the Lord!

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 16-22—Sunday School Christian Workers' Seminar at Camp Mack, Milford, IN.

Feb. 23-28—Special services at Oregon, IL, Church of God. Don Needham, guest speaker.

Mar. 15—Indiana State Conference at Hope Chapel, South Bend.

Aug. 11-16—Fifty-fifth Annual Church of God General Conference at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA.

## PASTOR NEEDED FOR NOVA SCOTIA

A permanent replacement is needed for the pastorate in Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, September 1, 1975, due to the untimely death of Bro. Raymond Brown. This position is now being filled on an interim basis by Bro. Francis Burnett.

The Digby brethren have a very fine church facility and a three-bedroom parsonage. The church has an active membership of 60 and attendance recently has been nearly 100.

Any pastor who feels a call to this work may write an application to S. O. Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Feel free to write or call him for further information.

**BRUSH CREEK, OHIO**

Several members of our youth group attended the youth retreat at Columbia Station, OH, October 11-13. On October 15, a skating party was held. All of the area churches were invited. The event was well attended, and there were no broken bones resulting from falls.

A canoe trip down the Stillwater River was enjoyed by all of the youth and their leaders. One overturned canoe left a few people a little chilly, but it was still an enjoyable experience.

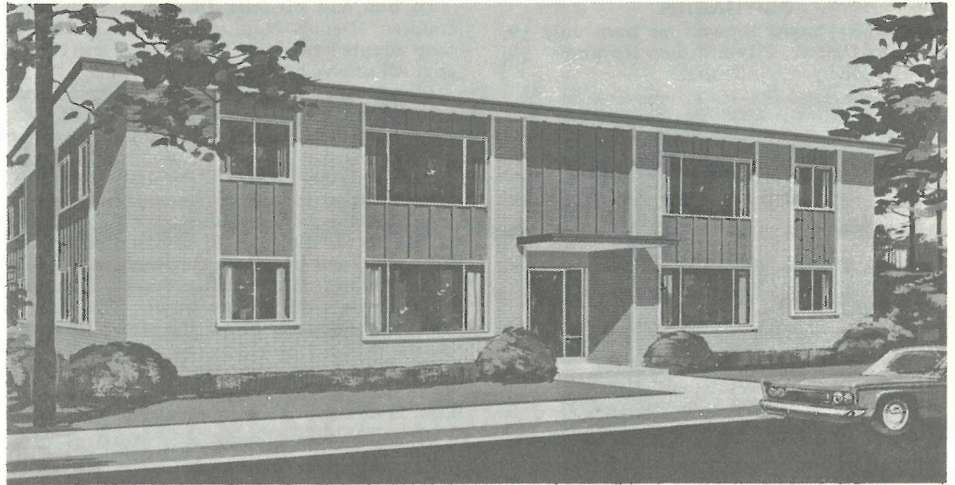
Rally Day was a huge success. If we reached an attendance goal of one hundred fifty, the Sunday school superintendent was to shave off his moustache. One hundred sixty people were counted at the end of our Sunday school service, so, after church, the barber chair was set up, and several of the children got their hands on scissors and helped with the clipping.

Two youth Slave Days were planned, with all donations sent to the Northeast Conference.

A field trip to a synagogue was enjoyed by the church congregation. Each learned more about the Jewish religion, and how the Jews hold their services. We plan to attend a service, and possibly a Jewish wedding, in the near future.

The film "Dust and Destiny" was shown one Sunday night. The lesson of the film concerned how irrelevant time is to God.

Betsy Moore, reporter.



## Proposed Women's Dormitory Oregon Bible College

The delegates to the Church of God General Conference sessions in August, 1974, voted "That a structure be erected by September, 1975, in Oregon, Ill., to provide better housing for female students at Oregon Bible College; further, that the new building be designed in such a way that it could be sold readily in the future if it were so desired and be easily converted into a condominium, townhouses, or a series of apartments."

The picture above is an eight-plex building that would fulfill the above motion. It would be constructed with eight units. One unit would be an apartment for the dormitory director. The other seven units would each house six students, for a total of forty-two. Each unit would have three bedrooms, a bathroom and a study area. The building would include a basement for student lounge, storage, and other facilities. It would be 72 by 48 ft., with brick exterior.

The cost of this, or a similar building, would be approximately \$125,000.00 including equipment. There is at present about \$10,000.00 in the Building Fund. During General Conference in August commitments were made by several individuals in the total amount of \$14,750.00. About one hundred thousand dollars more will be needed to complete the project. Construction of such a building is expected to begin early in 1975. Find below a coupon which you may use to designate your willingness to help finance this project.

Please fill out and mail to:

Oregon Bible College Building Fund  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061

My intention is to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the expansion of Oregon Bible College Dormitory facilities. I will contribute these funds as follows:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed herewith
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ before March 15, 1975
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month until paid
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year until paid

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**TAPE MINISTRY**

The Church of God General Conference offers a Tape Ministry, which can be used for Sunday school, church services, or in the home. The following tapes are available:

**Christian Living**

John Lewis: "What Will You Do With This Man, Christ Jesus?"

Rex Cain: "Only God Can Make a Worm a Butterfly."

Raymond Brown: "The Outs Got In!"

Clyde Randall: "Break Up the Fallow Ground."

Scott Ross: "Why Would They Die for God?"

Kent Ross: "I'm Going to Get Up."

**Doctrine**

Leon Driskill: "War With the Lamb."

Rex Cain: "The Kingdom and You and I."

Russell Magaw: "Mortal Soul—The Whole Man."

**Others**

Hollis Partlowe: "Jerusalem in Prophecy"; "I Can't Understand the Bible."

Harvey Krogh (deceased) "The Sunday School Teacher."

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If you have a special interest, please write to us, asking if we have a tape on that subject.

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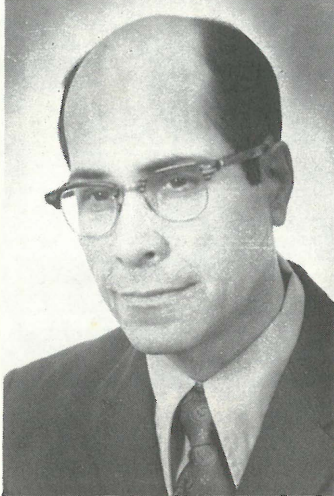
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**Junior Daily Bible Readings** is a small booklet of daily Bible readings especially designed for use by children and young people. It is attractively printed and encourages daily reading of the Word. It may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill., 61061, at 10 cents each, postpaid when payment accompanies order.

**OBITUARIES**

Pastor Raymond Brown was born July 19, 1925, in Detroit, MI, and died November 12, 1974, in Digby, Nova Scotia.



Bro. Brown served in the USA occupational forces in Italy following World War II.

In 1950 he graduated from Oregon Bible College, and was licensed as a minister of the Church of God General Conference.

During his approximately 22 years as a pastor, he served churches in Greytown, WI; St. Cloud, MN; Eldorado, IL; Arkansas City, KS; Morristown, TN; Hillisburg, IN; Waterloo, IA; Digby, Nova Scotia.

To him and his wife Doris were born two children: Dennis Ray and Laura Lee. Later, they adopted two little girls: Jeanie and Nancy Joy. All survive him.

Bro. Brown was well known and well loved among the churches of the Church of God General Conference. His cheerful enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

He loved the Lord, and awaited his return. While waiting for Jesus' coming, he loved to sing about his faith and the love of God. It was his joy to tell the story of salvation both from the pulpit, and in private conversation. He laid down his life as a sacrifice for his Lord and Master, whose call he now awaits. The grave in which he sleeps is across the street from the church in Digby, which he loved and served.

His funeral was conducted on November 16 by Pastor C. E. Lapp, of the Oregon, IL, Church of God. Pastor C. E. Lapp

Ernest Woodrow Rice was born April 1, 1913, and died October 28, 1974. He is survived by his wife, Althea; three sons, Edward of La Crescent, MN, Lavern of Salem, OR, Clair of Omaha, NE; and one daughter, Avis Linstrom of Omaha. He also leaves ten grandchildren. He was a faithful member of the Jaynes Street Community Church of God, Omaha. He was laid to rest in the Valley Cemetery, at Valley, NE, where he awaits the call of the Master.

Emory Macy, pastor

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Mr & Mrs S O Ross	85.00	Litchfield SS	11.10	Mr & Mrs Don Needham	10.00	Mr & Mrs Vaughan Hall	3.00
Mich Conf	106.76	Alice Bassett	30.00	Macomb Church	162.32	In Memory of Ray Brown by	
Mr & Mrs Will Hanson	275.00	La Contributors	78.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	10.00	Mr & Mrs Hollis Partlowe	5.00
Mr & Mrs Jim Ashley	62.00	Katherine Tackett	68.10	Mr & Mrs Dennis Riley	10.00	Margene Rager	40.00
San Jose Church	25.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Dunbar	94.80	Mr & Mrs Kent Ross	30.00	Mr & Mrs Melvin Malon	8.00
Minn State Miss Soc	500.00	Anonymous	100.00	Southlawn Church	231.63	Dale & Josie Koontz	30.00
Happy Woods Church	77.00	Marsha McQuinn	12.00	Mrs Sarah Kuehne	6.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	50.00
Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Reeves	20.00	Brush Creek Gospel		Mr & Mrs Ron Johns	50.00
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Bedford Church	36.46	May White	15.00	Minn State Conf	113.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	20.00
Open Bible Church		Cool Spring SS	72.70	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	200.00	Opal Nelson	150.00
Pomona	185.94	Becky Durham	5.00	Eternal Hope Church	97.98	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00
Dora Morgan	10.00	Anonymous	2.00	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth		Robert Ennis	5.00
Monica Salassi	2.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Moore	5.00	Frederick	50.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00
Flagg Center Church	63.00	Glad Tidings SS—Fonthill	12.46	Wilamette Valley Church	13.84	Mrs Pearl Bloom	1.00
Waterloo Church	80.00	La State Conf	198.40	Guthrie Grove	1,064.75	Mr & Mrs Frederick	
Sue Andrew	5.00	Salem Church—Martinsville	69.70	Hector Church	200.00	Claussen	5.00
Pennellwood Miss Dept	290.00	Jay St Church SS	47.87	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	115.00	Mrs Mildred Heyde	3.00
J Anon	40.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Garden Park Church	239.11	Keith Baird	100.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	N E Conf	215.00	Mr & Mrs Lester		Hazel Cripe	15.00
Mauertown Church	39.06	Bedford Agape Soc	16.55	Hollenback	19.00	Jaynes St Community	
Leota Hanson	10.00	Beaumont Church	28.10	Betty Hightower	5.00	Church	150.00
Kokomo Church	35.10	Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	30.00	Hector Dorcas	20.18	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	42.50
Digby Miss Soc	29.72	Mr & Mrs William Poland	25.00	Marjorie Mogle	10.00	Golden Rule SS	100.00
Mr & Mrs Kendall Coats	25.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	24.00	Inez Gordon	20.00	Dixon Dorcas Soc	5.00
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Shirley Corbaley	5.00	Gladys Volentine	20.00	Raymore Church	25.00	North Salem Church	12.58
Icel Stedman	5.00	Eva Modreske	5.20	Mr & Mrs Arthur Zobrist	5.10	Anonymous	175.00
Mabell Bell	25.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Althea Rice	200.00
Anne Weyrauch	75.00	Gary Hatcher	2.00	Mrs R D Stanton	7.00	Mauertown Dorcas	10.00
Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Nina Hatcher	2.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00	Wayne Thoms	8.00
Blanchard Church	253.24	Hope Ch Bereans—S Bend	5.00	Oregon Mary & Martha	12.50	Brian Thoms	2.00
Dan Dovenbarger	100.00	In Memory of Judy Harman by		Marjorie Bolhous	30.00	Oregon SS	10.18
Mrs Dwight Hale	6.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	25.00	Mr & Mrs William Bolhous	3.00	Betty Noble	5.00
Pennellwood Church	124.36	Yvonne Reigelsperger	95.00	Tempe Dorcas	10.00	S Bend Hope Chapel Miss	
Lawrenceville Church	208.66	Fremont Church	10.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	60.00	Soc	65.00
Brush Creek Miss Dept	60.00	Fremont SS	28.25	Susan Walton	10.00	Oregon Church	575.25
Hope Chapel—Columbus	5.00	Robert Tucker	10.00	Arlington Church	5.00	Donald Williams	12.00
Mrs Annie Welch	16.54	Lafayette Faith Chapel		Greg Demmitt	12.00	Oak Grove Church	10.00
Forest Hills Church	34.85	Lydias	15.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00	Holbrook Bereans	11.55
Ollie Cooper	10.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	Glad Tidings Chapel	70.00	Ruby Stuckey	5.00
Macomb SS	13.79	Mr & Mrs R E		Troy View Church	187.26	Mr & Mrs Herb Kasper	10.00
E Dorothy Magaw	14.00	Kaffenbarger	10.00	Glad Tidings Church	106.90	Esta Starbuck	12.00
Everett Rogers	25.00	New Hope Church	100.00	Dorothy Napper	10.00		



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## *Is Money Spiritual?*

**D**O spiritually minded people ever talk about money? Is it proper for a pastor to mention the finances of the church from the pulpit? Should church members adopt a systematic and businesslike approach to meeting the expenses of the church, or should this be left to chance or the whim of the moment? Should a prospective church member be told that systematic financial support is an essential part of his obligation and privilege as a member of the church? Would the Lord want a disciple of his to deprive himself in order to carry on the work of spreading the gospel throughout the world?

The generous manner in which member churches of the Church of God General Conference have supported its work is a clear indication that the brethren have considered these questions prayerfully, and have concluded that money is spiritual when it is used for spiritual purposes. They have clear Biblical support for this conclusion.

They have noted that Jesus made no apologies for dealing with money in a very straightforward manner. Every Christian is familiar with Jesus' comment when he observed a poor widow putting two mites into the treasury of the temple. When he had called his disciples to him, he instructed them about spiritual money. "Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:43, 44).

We well understand that it was not the minuscule amount of her contribution that the Master commended, but the sac-

rifice that she willingly made in order to present it to the Lord. She had to do without something that she *needed* in order to make this contribution! Her two mites (a mite would be less than two tenths of a cent) was the price of two sparrows (Matt. 10:29). In comparison, those who put in much larger amounts had not matched her contribution in the eyes of the Lord because it required no real sacrifice for them to give it.

By way of his loving commendation of the poor woman who had given of her want, the Master, in a parable, spoke rather sternly to the man who was overly concerned with laying up plenty for his retirement years. "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Then, lest his point should be missed or his words misinterpreted, he added: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:20, 21).

Even more familiar is the parable of the pounds, or the talents, in which a servant who didn't quite trust his lord to deal fairly with him, took the money which his lord entrusted to him and buried it in the ground. After commending the servants who had profitably invested their lord's money, and richly rewarding them, Jesus gave his attention to the one who had taken his trust and hidden the money in the ground. "And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds." He trusted his secret hiding place much more than he trusted the justice and mercy of his lord.

For several years the economy of the world has prospered and money has been

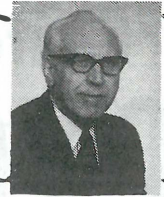
quite plentiful. At the present time, we are facing a different situation—an unlikely combination of inflation and depression. Many people find themselves without jobs, with a threat of even more unemployment to follow. In the meantime, prices of the items we must buy continue to rise. It seems obvious that we cannot continue to spend as we have become accustomed to doing. Many of us may find ourselves face to face with a severe test of our faith. Where shall we begin to retrench? Shall we decide to "wait until things are better" before continuing the missionary work that our Lord has entrusted to us? Dare we trust him enough to risk investing some of the funds that we have been laying aside for our retirement years by putting them into spreading the gospel? Financial experts would call this financial immaturity.

We know the answer. It is found in Matthew 6:31-34. "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

We are confident that the brethren of the Church of God will happily make material sacrifices in order to keep their money spiritual, meeting the challenge to invest it where the interest is high and certain—in the kingdom of God, for eternity! ●

# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Know Your Directors

Robert Smith, Conference Treasurer, from Blanchard, Michigan, was elected to the Board of Directors at the 1974 General Conference. He is married to the former Lois Baldwin and has four children. Gary is married to the former Debbie Kirkpatrick and is a junior at Oregon Bible College. Karen is a freshman at Oregon Bible College, and Robert and Gregg are at home.

Bro. Smith served on the Board of Directors one year previously, being elected to fill an unexpired term. He is an elder of the Blanchard Church of God, and has been active in the Michigan State Conference for many years. He spent some time in the armed services in his early years. After discharge he began work at the local bank in Blanchard. He is now the president. Bro. Smith is a dedicated Christian and a real asset to the Board of Directors.

## General Conference, 1975

The Church of God General Conference annual sessions will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 11 to 16, 1975. The program committee has met and the program is planned. Watch future issues of *Progress Journal* for further details.

## OBC Dormitory

Most of the subcontract bids are now in and the total cost of the dormitory facility will be

\$140,000.00. We urge the membership to make commitments or contributions soon, so that the Board of Directors can make definite plans for financing. Commitments may be made to be paid over a five year period. Each member should have received in the mail a brochure, details on the building plans, and forms for commitment. If you did not receive yours, please contact your Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. We ask for your prayers that the progress of building may go on to completion.

We do have one offer of a private loan for a sizeable amount. We encourage more such loans, to lower the total that will be needed in the bank loan.

## Trusts and Deferred Giving

Henceforth the Executive Director will be spending more time on Wills, Trusts, Unitrusts, and other deferred and tax-sheltered giving to the Church of God General Conference. Please contact him if you wish to receive further information on any of these programs.

## Conference Finances

We are sorry to report that the giving has fallen short of the budget needs for the month of January. We are pleased, however, to report that several thousand dollars of the December shortage has been recovered in extra sacrificial giving by many.

The budget is prepared on such a close margin that any shortage in giving puts a bind on the full operation of all of the conference programs. Our prayer is that the membership will make this a matter of prayer and concern that the needs will be met. Praise God for his good blessings to his people.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for January	\$30,976.00
Given in January	23,989.00
January Deficit	6,987.00
February Needs	\$16,250.00

**Goal for February \$23,237.00**

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# Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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

## Thank You

We want to express our appreciation to Bro. S. O. Ross for his fine work as Foreign Missions Director during the past two and one-half years. We know that this has been an extra load on him, along with all of his other responsibilities. We are glad that he was willing to handle this department.

I am looking forward to serving in this position, and ask your prayers for God's guidance and direction in the work of missions.

## Baptisms in Liberia

Cornelius Boykai reports 49 baptisms during the months of October and November. This brings the total membership of the Salala Church of God in Monrovia to 86. Pray for these new brothers and sisters in Christ. The work in Liberia is being sponsored by the Northeast Conference.

## Mexico News

After prayer and consideration, the Mission Board decided to discontinue the support of Pastor Francisco Martinez, in Saltillo, Mexico, after December 31, 1974. For some time the work there has seemed to be at a standstill, with little interest shown on the part of the people. Our mission efforts in Mexico will be concentrated in Labor Vieja, where Sr. Alice Aldrich and the Robert Badillo family live and work.

Recently, several members from Little Rock, Ark., traveled to Mexico for a visit. They took with them a refrigerator for Sr. Aldrich, which we are sure will be a big help to her.

## Minnesota Missionary Conference

November 30-December 1, 1974, the Annual Minnesota Missionary Conference was held in Minneapolis. Executive Director S. O. Ross, and Mission Board members Mardy Lawrence, Merle Patrick, and Rachel Carr were guest speakers and workers.

The program included: sharing sessions on conducting home Bible studies, using literature, and practicing personal evangelism. Slides and reports of the mission fields and challenging messages were also featured. Following the conference, the Mission Board remained in Minneapolis for its regular Board meeting.

Your Mission Board meets each spring and fall. It is available at those times to come to your area to partici-

pate in a missionary conference. For more information, write to: Rachel Carr, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Good News for New Readers

Most of us have had excellent opportunities to receive good educations, and the literacy rate in our country is high. However, this has not been the case in some other parts of the world. There are an estimated 783 million illiterate adults in the world, and this figure continues to climb as population increases.

Church- and government-sponsored programs are helping to correct this situation, but even after people begin to learn to read there is little material at their reading level available for them. For lack of practice, nearly 50% of the new readers lapse into their former condition.

For this reason, the American Bible Society has launched a new program called "Good News for New Readers." The purpose is to provide graded Scripture portions that the newly literate can read and understand. These selections tell an important Bible story, using colored pictures, short words, and short sentences. They have already been published in 84 languages. The plan is to provide them in a total of 200 languages. All American Bible Society material is printed without doctrinal note or comment.

We feel that this literature will have great value in our mission fields, and we want to make it available to our missionary workers. One dollar will provide 20 copies of some of the selections, or 33 of others. Your contributions to help supply this literature, as well as our own publications, are always welcome.

## Editorial Comment

Missionary work is the heartbeat of the church. The spiritual health of any congregation, or denomination, is directly related to the vigor with which it pursues its missionary goals. A strong missionary program today promises a strong healthy church tomorrow.

We find it a reason for great rejoicing that members of the Church of God are showing themselves to be greatly interested in spreading the gospel to others, even at the cost of much personal expense and effort. Our missionary pulse is steady and strong. We confidently predict that the returning Jesus will find us zealously laboring in his vineyard.—J.R.L.



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## **Church Leadership Seminar**

Eugene Stilson and John Lewis are team-teaching a seminar class each Monday evening during the semester. The course considers principles of leadership, management, group process, and communications applied to the local church. It should help the student to grow in leadership skills and will provide experiences in participation in and analysis of groups.

## **High Honor and Honor Rolls**

Congratulations to students who obtained recognition for their grade point average. Students can achieve High Honor by maintaining a 3.5 average or above. Those students were: Sue Andrew, 4.0; Michele Gaspar, 4.0; Debbie Lichliter, 3.94; Kathy Anger, 3.88; Greg Demmitt, 3.88; Scott Millard, 3.82.

A student may achieve a position on the Honor Roll by maintaining a 3.0 to 3.5 grade point average. Those students are: Mike Berry, 3.47; Karen Smith, 3.46; Phyllis Prussak, 3.43; Pam Jennings, 3.40; Linda Jones, 3.40; Sid Magaw, 3.40; Karen Circle, 3.36; John Mattison, 3.35; Dick Young, 3.20; Donna Weidensall, 3.13; Dick Alcumbrack, 3.0; Deirdre Kirkpatrick, 3.0; Nita Wyrick, 3.0; Ken Cook, 3.0.

## **Student Marriages**

The semester break and the beginning of the new year brought the marriages of several couples from Oregon Bible College. Kathy Jo Foretich and Dick Young were united in marriage in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on December 27. January 4 was the day that Debbie Lichliter and Benny Mattison were married in Front Royal, Virginia. Kenny Cook and Cyndy Maddock were married on January 18 in Burr Oak, Indiana. Congratulations go to these couples and our prayers are with them as they begin their lives together.

## **Winter Semester**

The winter semester started on January 6. We welcome one new student to the campus. Collyn Richmond from Grand Rapids, Michigan, entered as a freshman. During the opening chapel service, thirteen of the students received scholarships that are awarded annually. Greg Demmitt received the S. E. Magaw scholarship awarded by the Alumni Association. The James Patrick and Lea Doeden scholarships were awarded to Phyllis Prussak and Sue Andrew respectively. The

Booth scholarship was awarded to John Mattison and the Norman McLeod scholarship was given to David Wilsterman. The Lucian Murphy and Helen Overholser scholarships were given to Telva Lippert and Pam Jennings. Two scholarships provided by the Michigan State Conference were awarded to Dick Alcumbrack and Mike Berry. The Northeast Youth Conference scholarship was given to Sidney Magaw. Grants from the Indiana State Conference in memory of Otto E. Dick were given to Tom New, Steve Taylor, Kenny Cook, and Nita Wyrick. Minnesota grants were given to Kenny Walters, Dan Ryan, and Michele Gaspar. Kathy Anger won the BYF Scholarship on the merits of a Bible content test taken this past summer.

## **Board of Education**

The Board of Education is scheduled to meet February 28 and March 1. Those holding positions on the Board are: William Lawrence, Charles Pryor, Robert Johnson, Vernis Wolfe, Alva Huffer, and John Lewis. The Board will meet to consider further faculty and personnel development. This meeting will take place in Hammond, Louisiana.

## **Creative Worship Service**

The Creative Worship Gospel Team has been busy presenting several services at various churches throughout the Midwest. The purpose of this program is to explore new ways of worshiping God in relationship to giving of life. Praise to God is offered through the celebration of life.

Programs were presented in Eden Valley, MN, December 7, and Grand Rapids, MI, February 1.

We hope that experiencing this worship service has introduced people to some new ideas about how they can experience God more by just experiencing life. We also hope that ideas that were used may somehow be applicable to congregations for use in their worship services.

## **Junior-Senior Weekend**

High school juniors and seniors should make plans to attend the annual Junior-Senior weekend program at the Bible College.

Students are welcome to visit the Bible College April 10 and 11. They are invited to attend classes and engage in other activities with the college students during these two days.



# BYF NEWS



# SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

*Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director*

## Youth Week Winner Declared

Youth Week, 1974, was brought to a close at the Mid-Winter Retreat with the selection of a winner. This year the judging of the Youth Week reports was handed over to the Advisory Council. A criteria sheet was set up which took into consideration the following points: advance preparation; involvement of members; media used; literature dispersed; outreach; participation in their own church services; number of activities in the spiritual area; Christian service projects; and the fellowship area. Also, percentage of growth and the quality of the report were considered. Eighteen groups sent in reports. It was apparent that all had successful Youth Weeks. When the judging was over, the Lakeshore Bible Church of God, Tempe, Arizona, was declared the winner! Peoria won second place, and Burr Oak and Eden Valley tied for third. Others who ranked high were Hope Chapel and Blanchard.

Congratulations to the winning groups and their leaders. May the Lord continue to bless your endeavors during the coming year. We sincerely appreciate all of the groups which participated. We are keenly aware that all groups are really winners in the sight of God.

## Changes for Youth Conference, 1975

After much prayerful deliberation, it has been decided to again make some changes concerning the Youth Conference, which will be held July 20-26, 1975, at Camp Alexander Mack and the Shipshewana Retreat Center. This year, Camp Mack will host the 9th through the 12th grade group, thus becoming strictly a high-school camp. The Shipshewana Retreat Center will be strictly a post-high camp.

It is my feeling that we can provide a better quality program using this grade division. Plans are underway now for this most important time. I ask that you begin now to pray for the success of this important youth program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all who have indicated by their applications that they would like to become a part of this most important event. We are blessed with more applications than we have positions available, which shows fantastic response. Praise the Lord! Those selected for the 1975 camp will be notified by the end of January.

**Plan Now to Attend IBYC.**

## Quality Christian Education

Many Christian leaders are concerned about the matter of good teaching and training in our churches and Sunday schools. In reality, the concern is over the *lack* of such training. The problem of apathy—really putting forth little effort to assume leadership—is also a cause for concern.

The same attitudes and practices that are tolerated in many of our churches would bankrupt any business organization. Business organizations spend many thousands of dollars on training programs for employees and, in many cases, the employees are on full-time pay during such training. The training makes the employee so much more valuable to the business that the training costs are considered a good investment.

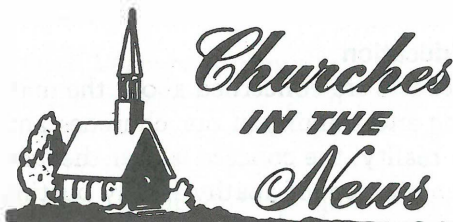
The apostles were in training during the time of Jesus' ministry. Because of this, the work of the church was able to proceed successfully after the ascension of Jesus. Paul instructed Timothy to train others. "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). *The Emphatic Diaglott* and the *New English Bible* both read, "Entrust to faithful men, who will be competent to instruct others." There can be no question that Jesus and Paul knew the value of trained leadership.

Several items are important to the success of a church or Sunday school. The most important of these is leadership. This does not come about of itself. Charles H. Spurgeon once said, "He who trains a soul-winner digs a well from which thousands may drink to eternal life."

At the root of failure to train church leadership lies lack of foresight—neglecting to plan three or more years in advance of an actual need. Churches and Sunday schools that promote continuous training programs never lack for teachers, leaders, and officers.

Some people in your congregation have ability to learn, and would be willing to serve in some capacity if they were encouraged and trained. Flexibility in the time of the training programs is important. Some of the options are: 1) A week of study, which would be a concentrated effort carried out in two or two and one-half hour sessions for four or five nights; 2) two nights per week for three weeks; 3) one night per week for five or six weeks, 4) a weekend retreat devoted exclusively to leadership training.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Phoenix, AZ.** Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lohr, Mrs. Lois Burns, Roger Mills, and Anne Churchill were baptized into Jesus Christ December 29, 1974. We praise God that he has added these five to his redeemed family, and to our local church.  
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Eldorado, IL.** In obedience to the commands of Scripture, Carlis Medley was baptized for the remission of sins December 29, 1974. The members of the Restitution Church are happy to welcome him into the body of Christ, and we pray God's blessing upon him in his new walk of life.  
David Krogh.

**Phoenix, AZ.** The following were baptized into Christ December 8, 1974: Mrs. Jo Sanseverino; Mrs. Sally Austen; Terrie DeLano; Mrs. Jane Rappelyea; Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Newell; and Jody Bond. We praise God for the gospel to teach and preach in these crucial days, and that he still adds to the church.  
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** We are happy to report the baptism of Kurt B. Hall, son of David and Betty Hall, who just moved to Oregon from Phoenix, AZ. Kurt is 12 years of age, and we are happy that he has made this decision to follow Christ while he is young. If the Lord tarries, he will have a lifetime in which to serve the Lord with no regrets.  
C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Lafayette, IN.** After expressing his desire for baptism, and giving his confession of faith, Mr. Gerry Powell was immersed on November 17, 1974. This decision unites him and his wife in Christ. We at Faith Chapel rejoice with them in their newfound life.  
Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**St. Louis, MO.** During the past few months several people associated with the St. Louis Church of God were immersed in the waters of baptism. They were: A. J. Zobrist, Debbie (Zobrist) Holcman, Arthur Bollinger, and Darrell Wagganer. We rejoice in their acceptance of Christ as Savior, and pray God's blessing upon them in their new walk.  
Michael Hale, pastor.

**St. Cloud, MN.** On Wednesday evening, November 13, 1974, at the Eden Valley Church of God, we watched with great joy in our hearts as Mrs. Betty Geiselhart, Ione Maehren, and J. Andrew Maehren, Jr., put on Christ in baptism. We pray that God will bless these people as they begin their walk on the straight and narrow road.  
Mrs. Jacob Maehren, secretary.

**Eldorado, IL.** Mrs. Lorene Morris, Rt. 2, Taylor St., Eldorado 62930, was baptized December 1, 1974, after confessing Jesus Christ as the Son of God and her Savior. We rejoice with her in her new walk of life, and will continue to pray for her and help her in any way that we are able.  
Pastor Walter Wiggins.

**Eden Valley, MN.** On Sunday, December 1, 1974, following the morning worship service, three young men accepted Christ as their Savior and were baptized by Pastor Billie Kennedy. They are: Greg Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Johns of Alexandria, MN; and Wesley and Ronnie Hamilton of Kimball, MN. We pray that these teen-agers will always follow in the footsteps of the Master. We rejoice with them in their decisions.  
Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

**Pelzer, SC.** On Friday, November 29, 1974, the following were baptized at the Guthrie Grove Church: Jan Desfalvy, her son Scott, and Milton Leopard. The pastor assisted them in this act of faith and obedience.

May the Lord bless them and keep them faithful until Jesus returns.  
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

## McGINTYTOWN CHURCH OF GOD

The dedication of the new addition to our church building was held November 24, 1974. The program included the dedication sermon by Bro. Alan McLain, songs of praise to the Lord, and lunch. Bro. John Humphreys spoke words of encouragement to the congregation. At the close of the services, one requested baptism.

Five have recently been baptized. They are: Garry Carter and Phillip Weaver of Russellville; Roger Jones of Jacksonville; Loyd McGinty of Conway; and Delmer Freeman of Greenbrier. We pray God's richest blessings on these men as they serve him.

Our group holds an all-day service the first Sunday of each month. The ladies of the church bring a lunch. The afternoon is spent in singing songs of praise, a sermon, and the fellowship with others of like precious faith.

Our annual Homecoming was attended by approximately three hundred fifty people this year. Homecoming is held the fourth Sunday of each August. People from several states were here. This is a day for old friends, relatives, and people who have lived here over the years to come back to visit and sing songs of praise to the Lord.

Our hearts were saddened when Randy Coney, son of Jerry and Carolyn Coney, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pete McGinty, was struck down by acute leukemia. He lived for two weeks. He died on October 11, 1974. Bro. Dan Landry of Gatesville, Tex., and Bro. Alan McLain spoke words of comfort to the family.

A Christmas program—under the direction of Mrs. Dean Cain, Mrs. Leona McGinty, Mrs. Kay Cardin, and Mrs. Suzanne Cardin—was presented. Everyone enjoyed the program. Ladies furnished refreshments, and small gifts were given to the children. As Christmas is in remembrance of Christ's birthday, a gift was set aside for his honor when we gave extra to start a carpet fund for our new sanctuary.

Our church is growing. We ask that you pray for God to continue to bless us in his work.

Our thanks to those who have sent donations for our building program. With this help, we were able to build our new addition without incurring a large debt. Our thanks go especially to Bro. Pete McGinty and Bro. Roy Cardin, who gave so much of their time to work on the inside of the building. May God richly bless them.  
Mrs. J. D. Moreland, reporter.

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## EDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA

The Eden Valley Church of God enjoyed helping to celebrate three golden wedding anniversaries during the summer. Honored were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mills in July; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hoskins in August; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett in September.

The visit of the gospel team from Oregon Bible College December 7, 8 was well attended, and enjoyed by everyone. This unusual program stirred all to the depths. These young people were a shining example to the entire community, and a credit to their college and teachers.  
Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

## ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference of the Church of God met at the Oak Grove Church, in Little Rock, Ark., July 11-14, 1974. Bro. Vernis Wolfe was guest speaker. The theme of the Conference was "Keeping the Faith."

Several changes came up for a vote. Because of poor representation, a petition was drawn up with the changes written in and sent to be voted on by the members of each church of the Conference. These changes included: changing the name to Arkansas Conference; updating the constitution; soliciting the spiritual and financial support of each church sending representatives to the Conference; and others.

We are trying to be a working conference. We feel that the changes made will be for the benefit of each group. Nine petitions were mailed. Six churches voted "yes" to all changes. Two voted "no." One failed to reply. Since the majority voted "yes," these changes will become effective at this time.

Sr. Louise Humphreys was elected to be our delegate at the General Conference meeting in 1974.

Although attendance was low at our Conference, we feel that we did accomplish something for the Lord's work. We pray that attendance will be larger and more will be done for our Lord next year.

Pray that God's will may be done in all of the work of this Conference. May God help us to put aside personal differences and to all work in unity for Christ.

Mrs. J. D. Moreland, secretary.

## ELDORADO, ILLINOIS

It was a very rewarding experience for us to visit our home church in Eldorado, IL, over the weekends of November 17 and December 1, 1974. It was a pleasure to preach for the brethren there again after several years of not having done so. Attendance at services was very good, and zeal for hearing the Word was far beyond our expectations. We thank our God for answered prayer on behalf of this congregation. We conducted six services for them on the two weekends.

On December 1, our cup of blessing was filled to overflowing when Lorene Morris (Mrs. Wiggins' sister) made a wonderful confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and her Lord and Savior. She was baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin. We rejoice with her in her new walk of life, and will continue to pray for her and to help in any way that we are able. We have witnessed the great truth of Paul's words to the Romans: "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

We see a need in many of our churches for someone to help them. The Eldorado Church surely was blessed in having the help of Bros. Randall, Ross, Laning, and others in an hour of need. As our health has improved, Mrs. Wiggins and I have come to this decision: we offer our help to churches which may have a need. The kingdom of God is at hand.

Walter and Grace Wiggins.

## SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Recently the Southwest Conference held, at the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ, its annual fall meeting. The theme was Sunday schools. We invited Scott Ross and Robert Petry to "do our program." Our pastor sent them a list of questions and problems that we had in relation to Sunday school. They took over from there, and what a spirit-filled, action-packed weekend! We were all blessed immeasurably!

We would like for all the churches of our General Conference to know about these two fellows and their expertise in Sunday school work. Maybe other churches or conferences will invite them, and be filled as we were.

William D. Lawrence, M.D.

## MARRIAGES

Miss Kathy Jo Foretich, Baker, LA, and Mr. Richard (Dick) Young, Dayton, OH, were united in marriage in a gazebo at the home of the bride's parents, December 27, 1974. They will make their home in Oregon, IL. We pray God's richest blessing constantly upon them in their new life together.

Pastor Daniel G. Landry.

## OBITUARIES

Howard Hamilton died at St. Cloud, MN, July 13, 1974. Funeral services were held at the Eden Valley Church of God July 16, with Pastor Billie Kennedy officiating. Howard was born June 3, 1908, a son of John and Louise Hamilton. June 7, 1932, he was united in marriage to Shala Hoskins. They lived in the St. Cloud area for several years, and for 23 years near Eden Valley. He is survived by his wife Shala; one daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Ellen) Allison of Prior Lake; two sons, Douglas of Garland, TX, and Harold of Kimball, MN; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Leslie of Maple Lake, and Ernest of Kingston; one sister, Mrs. Frank Savage of Lewistown, MT; and his mother, Mrs. Louise Hamilton of Litchfield. Interment was in the Eden Lake cemetery.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

Ernest Hamilton of Kimball, MN, died suddenly at his home near Kingston, November 27, 1974, at the age of 54. On December 7, 1953, he was married to Anna Burgstaler at Laguna Beach, CA. Funeral services were at a mortuary in Litchfield, with Pastor Lee officiating. He is survived by his wife, Ann; one daughter, Coreen at home; and one son, Gregory of Fort Sill, OK; one brother, Leslie of Maple Lake; one sister, Mrs. Frank Savage of Lewistown, MT; and his mother, Mrs. Louise Hamilton of Litchfield. Burial was in the Forest City cemetery.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

For the third time in less than a year, death came to the Hamilton family when Mrs. Leslie Hamilton, formerly Vernice Ruhn, died at St. Cloud, December 31, 1974, following a heart attack. Vernice was the oldest daughter of Herman and Alda Ruhn, and was born July 2, 1910. Funeral services were held in Litchfield, January 2, 1975, with Pastors Billie Kennedy and Stanley Lawrence officiating. Vernice was a lifelong member of the Eden Valley, and later of the Litchfield Churches of God. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Housman of Litchfield, Mrs. Iris Hogan of Maple Lake, and Mrs. Joan Fobbe, also of Maple Lake; several grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Stanley (Elna) Ross, of Oregon, IL, Mrs. Willard (Marjorie) Wood, and Mrs. Andy (Lois) Allen of Litchfield. Spring burial will be in the Forest City cemetery.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

On December 23, 1974, one of the three oldest triplet great-grandmothers in the U.S. died at Paynesville, MN, when Mrs. Edna Welliver Mills succumbed to several years of ill health. Funeral services were in her home church in Eden Valley, December 27, with Pastor Billie Kennedy officiating. Spring burial will be in the old Eden Lake cemetery. Edna was born March 31, 1896, to Alfred and Eliza Welliver, near Eden Valley. On May 3, 1910 she became the wife of Phillip Mills, who died in March of 1965. Surviving are four sons, Orris of Philadelphia, PA, Ivan and Lester of Paynesville, and Freeman of Lovell, WY; twelve grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and four sisters, two triplet sisters—Mrs. Edith Matheny of Paynesville and Mrs. Esther Thompson of Salem, OR—Mrs. Gladys Gilbertson of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Lillian Mills of Eden Valley. Her oldest son Norman preceded her in death, and also her youngest son, who died in infancy.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

Clinton Roy Appleby was born to James and Elizabeth Appleby at Elk City, NE, February 29, 1884, and died at Fremont, NE, December 29, 1974. He farmed for many years south of Blair, later moving to Arlington, and then to Fremont.

He was married to Lucille LeCrone, October 17, 1937. To this union was born one son, Donald Wayne. Besides his son and widow, Bro. Appleby is survived by three grandchildren; three brothers, Howard, Harley and Elza; and one sister, Mrs. Dick Ruggie. He was an active member of the Church of God for many years.

J. R. LeCrone.

L. Kirkwood McMinn, 55, died in his sleep at his home in Greenville, SC, November 9, 1974. He was a member of the Greenville Church of God of the Abraham Faith. He is survived by his wife Jean; two sons, Harry of Williamston, NC, and Larry Kirkwood of Sterling, VA; a step-daughter, Mrs. Haywood Davis of Fayetteville, NC; one brother, Jack of Asheville, NC; one sister, Awa Huffer, Tempe, AZ; and nine grandchildren. Services were held at the Guthrie Grove Church of God, with Pastor Kenneth Milne assisting the writer. He rests in hope.

T. M. Ferrell, pastor.

Sr. Zelma Weaver was born in Brodhead, KY, October 28, 1901. On June 8, 1920, she was united in marriage to Bro. Clifford L. Weaver. Five children were born to them.

In June of 1931, Sr. Weaver was baptized and became a member of the Brush Creek Church of God. Then, in 1950, a dream came true for her—a church in the city of Dayton. Many will be indebted to her efforts for eternity!

She fell asleep in death November 28, 1974. She is awaiting "the voice of the Son of God" (John 5:25) that will raise her from the grave to life.

Rex F. Cain, pastor.

Randal William Coney, age 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coney of Greenbrier, AR, died October 11, 1974, at the University Medical Center in Little Rock. He was born February 23, 1963. Surviving are his parents; a sister, Rhonda; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coney and Mr. and Mrs. Pete McGinty of McGintytown.

Funeral services were held at the McGintytown Church of God. Even at such a young age, Randy was an inspiration to all by his enthusiasm and love for the church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, after which Randy was laid to rest in the McGintytown cemetery, to await the resurrection call.

Pastor Daniel G. Landry.

Alvin R. Wolfe, age 79, died at the Gatesville, TX, Rest Home, September 28, 1974. He is survived by one son, Pastor Vernis Wolfe; one daughter, Mrs. Glenda Dwyer; two brothers; four sisters; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

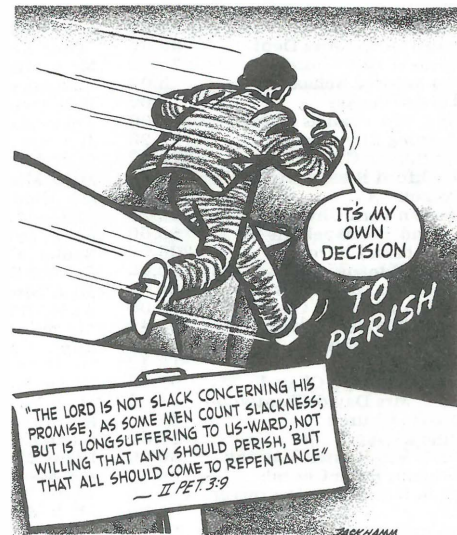
Funeral services were conducted October 1 by the writer. Bro. Wolfe's dedication to the church and its functions is rarely equaled today. Because of his hope of the resurrection, he had no fear of death. He was buried with comforting words of the resurrection and the day when death shall lose its sting.

Pastor Daniel G. Landry.

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"At the present time, many have come to believe that Jesus is God. The first step in this direction is to claim that Jesus is coequal and coeternal with God. The next step is to allow God to fade into the background of our thinking and worship."

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What is a soul? Does everybody have one? Of what is it composed? Where did it come from? What happens to it when we die?

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### TAPE LIBRARY

A recent newspaper article reports that Roman Catholic Churches are holding special services for homosexuals, and the Unitarian Church in California is holding "gay" services. False doctrines are being taught in the churches. Rex Cain, pastor of Dayton's Glad Tidings Church, presents a very good sermon entitled "Jude Tells it Straight!" Order tape CR-1 7106A27 from: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45416. The cost is \$3.00.

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## Weigh and Consider

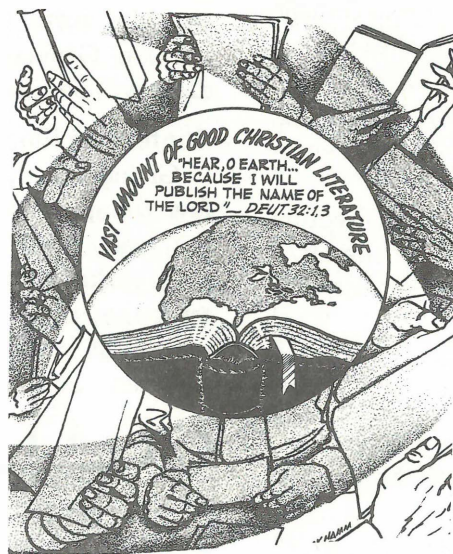
**S**OME read to believe and take for granted. Some read to deny and confute. The wise read to weigh and consider." The above quotation is a holdover from your editor's high school days. Probably, the quotation is not accurate, but it is faithful to the import of the quotation. It sounded like good advice then, and it is as basic to profitable reading now as it was then.

It is true that there is a flood of Christian literature available today. It is equally true that, except for the Bible itself, all of it is the work of men. Some of it is the work of upstanding, conscientious Christian people, who would not knowingly misrepresent the Bible in any way. Others seem to devote themselves to interpretations and applications of the Bible that are designed, not to reveal its truths, but to encourage people to buy their literature because it pleases them.

The problem for the average lay person is to distinguish between them, and to be able to recognize various degrees of these two extremes. There is no quick and easy way to do this. The only dependable method is to carefully consider the content of any piece of religious literature, and compare it with the Bible itself. If it adds to, or takes away from truths revealed in the Holy Scriptures, reject it out-of-hand. Remember the words of Revelation 22:18, 19: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

We respectfully suggest that the books of greatest value to the conscientious Christian are not those that seek to interpret the Bible according to someone's philosophical views, but rather those that help us to obey the command found in 1 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that

More Available Than  
Ever Before



needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Beware of "inspirational" books—those written with the purpose in mind of stirring the emotions of the reader. They sometimes permit the quest for emotional reactions to overshadow the necessity for truth. The reader should be aware of this danger.

Possibly the "Bible help" that the average Bible student will find the most useful over the longest period of time is a good concordance. It not only helps the student to find references that he has in mind, but does not know where in the Bible they are found, it also helps him to find other references that deal with the same subject.

Bible dictionaries are helpful in learning the meaning of many unfamiliar objects, rituals, or customs mentioned in the Bible. They often supply needed historical backgrounds which help to understand their significance.

Bible atlases supply valuable information regarding the location, terrain, and other physical characteristics of cities, countries, and areas mentioned in the Bible. They help to make the Bible stories "come alive."

As a Bible student matures, and begins to dig more deeply into the exact meaning of words in the Bible, he will find a Hebrew and Chaldee dictionary, and a Greek dictionary such as Strong's, most useful. This enables him to learn the meaning of the Hebrew and Greek words from which the Bible is translated, even though he cannot read these languages. Your editor has found many delightful surprises in this work.

The cross references found in the margin of many Bibles is often helpful in locating other passages where the same word, or a related thought occurs.

But over, above, and through all of your studies, remember that the Bible is your primary point of reference, by which you judge all religious literary efforts of men. Make it your daily companion. Only the Bible is God's Word! ●

# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Know Your Directors

Bro. Billie Kennedy was born, and grew up, in the state of Louisiana. He received his early religious training in the Blood River, Louisiana, Church of God. He married Irene Richardson, also of the Blood River Church of God. They have six children, three sons and three daughters. Laurie is married and the others are at home.

Bro. Kennedy graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1957. He has pastored churches in Harlingen, Texas; Blanchard, Michigan; Lawrenceville, Ohio; and presently is at the Eden Valley, Minnesota, Church of God. He is often in demand for special evangelistic services.

Bro. Kennedy was elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference at the 1974 Annual Conference, so he is serving his first year of a three-year term.

## Fifty-Fifth Annual General Conference

The fifty-fifth Annual Church of God General Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 11-16, 1975. The theme of the Conference will be, "Vision Is the Key."

The cost of the Conference this year will be \$7.75 per person per day, or \$37.00 for the entire Conference. The daily charges are broken down as follows: breakfast, \$1.25; lunch, \$1.85; dinner, \$2.50; lodging, \$2.00, and insurance and miscellaneous charges, 15¢. Meals are one-half price for children under eight.

Most of the cabins have cooking facilities, so families have the option to cook their own meals if they so desire. Reservations for Conference will be accepted *after* May first. This is a family camp, and families are urged to stay together in cabins.

## OBC Dormitory

Plans are progressing on schedule for the new dormitory facility for Oregon Bible College. The prime building will be placed on the lot the week of May 12, according to present schedule.

See the "thermometer" on page seven of this issue to note the progress of the Building Funds. Further commitments of about one hundred ten thousand dollars are needed to meet the goal.

Private loans of sixteen thousand dollars have been made available for the project. We encourage further offers of such loans. Contact the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, for either the offer of a loan or for a contribution or commitment to the fund.

## History Being Written

Bro. C. E. Randall is continuing to gather information and write "The Pages of History" for the Church of God General Conference. We trust that the first draft will be finished this summer.

## Conference Finances

Giving for the month of February appears to be a few thousand dollars short of the goal. We commend the many who have made sacrificial contributions to help make up the shortage of the past months. We trust that the membership will continue to make this a matter of prayer and concern that the total needs of the many Conference programs will be met.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 - September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for February	\$23,237.00
Given in February	18,361.00
February Deficit	4,876.00
March Needs	\$16,250.00

**Goal for March \$21,126.00**

# 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 Mexico

Sr. Alice Aldrich reports that they enjoyed a fine Christmas program in Labor Vieja, with over two hundred fifty in attendance. However, she asks for our prayers regarding a problem that has arisen recently. Other groups in the village are trying to influence some of our people by offering free gifts for attendance, and by condemning our group for not following certain practices that they feel are important. Pray that the people will see the importance of the truth, and that they will stand for it strongly.

Quite a number of the young people leave the village for larger towns, to find work. In order to keep in touch with those away, Sr. Aldrich would like to send them a paper with testimonies, items of interest, and other things to encourage them. If you have a testimony or any other item to contribute, please send them to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and we will see that they are sent to Mexico.

## Ghana BYF Busy

In January, the Berean Youth Fellowship in Nkwanta, Ghana, launched a clean-up campaign throughout their entire community. The exercise, which was directed by Bro. Oliver Amani, involved clearing small patches of bush, burning refuse, and counseling the illiterate folks on hygienic ways of life.

## Baptisms in Liberia

Bro. Cornelius Boykai reports that eight persons were baptized into Christ, January 5, 1975. Bro. Harold Domigan of the Lawrenceville, Ohio, Church, a member church in the Northeast Conference which sponsors the Liberia work, visited there in December and January and assisted with services.

## India Item

We would like for you to pray about a problem that has arisen in India in recent weeks. A man and his wife, dissatisfied with some decisions that were made concerning the medical clinic, threatened to take over the medical and religious work headed by Bro. S. S. Man-oah. The clinic was closed for a week because of the difficulty. Correspondence has been exchanged with these people in order to come to an understanding. However, it is difficult to iron out things when so many miles separate us. For this reason, Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence, Phoenix, Ariz., have offered to

travel to India to spend a month with the people, working out solutions and helping to stabilize the situation. At this writing, they plan to leave February 21. Pray for their safety, and for guidance from the Lord as they deal with this difficulty.

## Appreciative Student

We recently received a fine "thank you" letter from a young man who is attending Bro. Oliver Amani's school in Ghana. Dodoo Charles Gladstone, a Church of God member, is one of the recipients of a contribution of \$125.00 from some of our people in the United States. He says, "My main purpose for writing to you is to express thanks from the bottom of my heart to the people who have done this kindly deed to me and my other fellows. We are indeed grateful to you all for making it possible for us to be at this school, for the much-needed training. God will bless you all for your kindness to us."

If anyone is interested in supporting a student in Ghana, Nigeria, or India, please write to the Superintendent of Foreign Missions for more information.

## Changes in the Philippines

The radio work, headed by Bro. Eleodoro Javar has been transferred to Pangasinan until April 30. The annual Philippine Conference will be held there April 18-20, and the radio will be helpful in announcing the conference in that area.

Bro. Placido Ortiguero is requesting a transfer to another area where some of his members are now staying. His church, located on the bank of a river that recently flooded, is threatened, and his members have applied for resettlement by the government because of the situation. A decision on this will be made at the annual conference.

We are thankful that Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero has recovered and has returned to his work full time.

## Items from the Field

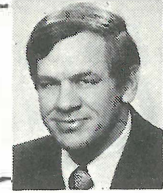
Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett are enjoying their ministry at the Lighthouse Mission Church of God at Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada. Sr. Eunice Pearson in Digby was ill but is reported much better at present.

Bro. and Sr. Solomon Idiong of Nigeria are finalizing their plans to arrive in the United States in August, 1975. Br. Solomon will enroll in Oregon Bible College to complete his education.



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## Spring Session

The Spring Session of OBC will begin April 28, and continue through May 23. Dallas Demmitt will conduct a seminar, 1 hour credit, in Pastoral Counseling, April 28 through May 2. Vernis Wolfe will conduct a 2 hour credit seminar in Pastoral Evangelism, May 5-23. David Krogh will teach a 2 hour credit class on Old Testament Poetry: Psalms, May 5-23.

## Prayer Day

The College sets aside one day per semester especially for the purpose of concentrating on prayer and worship. This semester's Prayer Day was held on January 30. It was under the direction of Linda Whaley and Linda Hollenback. The day began with devotions and a breakfast in the men's dorm. The first part of the morning was filled with songs, meditations, prayers, talks, and readings, with many of the College students participating. The students then divided into small groups, where thoughts, needs, and prayers were shared. The small groups then joined into one large group and shared in a Communion service. The entire morning was inspirational and refreshing to all the students.

## Gospel Teams

The gospel teams are continuing with their programs from the first semester. Their schedules include trips to North Hills, Ohio, March 9; Macomb, Ill., April 4-6; and Boswell, Ind., on May 11.

## Boosters

It is spring again, and we want you to think about OBC. It is a privilege for the College to be growing, and to have ever-increasing needs. Here, we are able to see the development and maturity of young Christians as they prepare for full-time service.

We ask that you pray for those in the Bible College, and that you contribute financially toward the Booster Campaign in your church. We also ask that you do all that you can to see that the campaign succeeds in your church. We do appreciate your support.

## Senior Recital

Michele Gaspar gave her senior organ recital at the Lutheran Church in Oregon, on Sunday, January 26. The hour-long program consisted of "Fanfare for Organ," by Richard Proulx; "Prelude, Fuge, and Variation," by Frank; "Fuge in G minor," by J. S. Bach;

"Amazing Grace" and "What Wondrous Love," by Gordon Young; "Praise to the Lord," by Walcha; "Reflections," by Watson; and "Toccatto for Organ," by Widor. About 75 people from the College and community attended the recital. A reception was given following the recital in the dining area of the men's dorm.

## Chorale

The Oregon Bible College Chorale has a heavy schedule before it for the remainder of the semester. The following is the Chorale's schedule of concerts: February 9, East Oregon and Dixon, IL; February 15, 16, Eden Valley, Hector, and Minneapolis, MN; March 2, Franklin Grove, IL; March 16, Mount Morris, IL; March 20, St. Louis, MO; March 21, McGintytown, AR; March 23, Blood River and Happy Woods, LA; March 26, Deltona, FL; March 28, Guthrie Grove, SC; March 29, Whitnel, NC; March 30, Lawrenceville, OH; April 11, Oregon, IL; April 18, Hedrick, IN; April 19, Hillisburg, IN; April 20, Kokomo and South Bend, IN. The Chorale is working hard and is anticipating sharing with people throughout the United States.

## Junior-Senior Weekend

It is exciting and delightful to welcome the juniors and seniors of the Church of God to Oregon each spring. The dates for the Junior-Senior Weekend this year are April 10, 11.

We urge qualified young people of the church to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the College. We hope that many will consider the College as part of their future.

## OBC Banquet

The annual social highlight of OBC was held at the Nachusa House, in Dixon, IL, on Saturday, January 25. About 70 people attended the banquet. A fine meal of Swiss steak was served. A program prepared by the Social Committee, under the direction of Dan Ryan, followed. Awards were given in appreciation of unique characteristics of students and faculty members. Entertainment was provided by Cindy Gransee, of Aurora College. She performed vocally, and accompanied herself on the guitar. It was a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

## Commencement

The 1974-75 commencement date is set for May 23.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

## New Development in Quizzing

In these troubled times, it is more than ever necessary to study the precious Word of God. I think often of the burning of Bibles in times past. Even today, we know of cases where missionaries suffer because of their belief. This, perhaps, is the greatest reason for my interest in the quizzing program throughout our churches and camps. There is no question that it does involve much time and effort. It is my strong conviction that participants gain knowledge they would not gain in any other way. Then there is the benefit of group interaction.

Interest in quizzing has grown since its inception in 1960 and, God willing, will continue to do so until Jesus returns. We are now providing a new facet to our quiz program.

In September of 1974 I became aware that there is a World Quiz Tournament. This tournament takes place in August, at Winona Lake, Indiana. Seven denominations competed in 1974 for the Interdenominational World Quizzing Championship. Contact was made with the sponsoring organization to see if there was a chance that our Church of God quizzers could compete in this tournament. The possibility seemed good that we could, and it was made known to all pastors and youth leaders that it was our intention to send a team to compete in the tournament, providing, of course, that we could work out the few problems which seemingly existed.

We have recently received word from the sponsoring organization that we will be allowed to compete in the 1975 World Championships! It is our hope that every quizzer who participates this year will have a desire to be among the quizzers who will represent the Church of God in this tournament.

It is the BYF's intention at this time to sponsor the All-Star Quiz team which will represent us in this tournament.

## Quiz Material

The quiz material to be covered in the World Tournament is the entire Book of 1 Corinthians. This is much more material than we will be using for our own competition at Youth Conference. We know, however, that our quizzers are more than up to meeting the challenge of learning the remainder of 1 Corinthians. What a challenge this is! Let us all get behind the Church of God quizzing program in 1975. ●

MARCH, 1975

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

## Sunday School Planning Meetings

As we were enroute to Digby, Nova Scotia, several meetings were held in Ohio and Canada with Sunday school officers and teachers. An especially important meeting was held on Saturday, January 4, at the Troy View Church of God. Twenty-seven brethren, all were teachers of adults, or had been at one time, assembled. The purpose was to discuss the adult quarterly with regard to its present arrangements of materials, and to gather suggestions for future publications.

Meetings with Sunday school officers and teachers were held at Pleasant Hill, North Hills (Springfield), and Columbia Station in Ohio, and Glad Tidings, at Fonthill, Ont. At each of these meetings attendance was excellent, and interest was high. Many questions were answered and some fine ideas presented. At each of these meetings most of the printed literature available (except tracts) was shown and its use explained and encouraged.

The fellowship experienced was very worthwhile. It is a good way by which to reach better and closer mutual understandings of the purpose and work of the Sunday School Department.

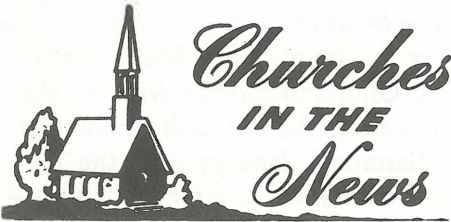
## Special Days

A common complaint is that "every Sunday is the same, and there is never any change in routine." The month of March is a time of some *very special days* already set. Easter comes on March 30.

What is to be gained by emphasizing these special days? Enlargement! 1) The vision can be enlarged by setting a goal and striving to attain it. The spirits of all are enriched as people work together to reach a goal. 2) It is a means to be used to *reach* the *unreached* in a community. Your locality is the home of many people who do not attend church. 3) It gives every member an opportunity to be more than a spectator. It is a way for the timid to evangelize without possessing an extensive vocabulary or superb knowledge of the Bible. 4) It is a time when the Sunday school can put into practice the teachings that it promotes with regard to expressing love to others.

Paul wrote, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3). This spirit should control us today. Our own close relatives are often neglected by members of the Church of God family. Use the *special days!* ●

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**L'Anse, MI:** We of the L'Anse Church of God are very happy to have shared the joy of seeing two people follow their Lord in baptism on Sunday, January 12, 1975. Following the morning worship, Gilbert Grant came forward and requested baptism. Sylvia Ambs also requested baptism at that time. It was the writer's privilege to baptize them in the name of Jesus Christ, and to encourage them as they begin their Christian walk.

Gilbert, brother-in-law of the late Bro. Raymond Brown, joins his wife and three of his children in Christ. Miss Ambs, who is a librarian at the Baraga, MI, high school, has been living with the Grant family this school year, and has been attending church services with the Grants. James Rencontre, pastor.

**Pleasant Hill, OH:** Mildred Vance responded to the gospel invitation and was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ January 19, 1975. We rejoice greatly over her decision for Christ. Mildred's two daughters, Lori and Mona, were baptized last summer. We pray for God's blessings upon Mildred in her new walk of life.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN:** Mrs. Mildred Wright confessed her faith in Jesus Christ, and was baptized into his saving name on January 26, 1975. May God be with and bless her always.

John A. Railton, pastor.

## DEDICATION

On December 22, 1974, Shawn Anthony Hansen, newborn son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hansen, and Chad Patrick Bormes, newborn son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bormes, were presented to the Lord in dedication by their parents. This service was a public expression of the parents' desire to rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We pray God's blessing on these families as they live for him.

Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

## PASTOR AVAILABLE

Joseph Duncan, 1847 Apache Blvd., No. 9, Tempe, AZ 85281

## NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful Church of God brethren who have been so thoughtful and concerned over our family and our needs during these past several months, for the many cards and letters of encouragement, the contributions to the memorial fund, and especially for your prayers. God has indeed blessed us, even in our sorrow, and we know that Romans 8:28 will hold true. Thank you, and God bless you.

Doris E. Brown.

## OBITUARIES



### ELLSWORTH O. ROUTSON

Pastor Ellsworth O. Routson was born in Dayton, Ohio, February 7, 1918. He died suddenly on January 31, 1975. Bro. Routson graduated from Oregon Bible College in the Class of 1942, which was the first graduating class from Oregon Bible College.

In his thirty-three years in the active ministry he held pastorates at Fredericktown, MO, Blanchard, MI, Eden Valley and Hector, MN, Burr Oak, IN, and was the pastor of the Lombard Community Church in Lombard, IL, at his death. Some months ago, Bro. Routson had open heart surgery. He had been back in the pulpit for the past month before his death. He is survived by his wife June, and three children; Mrs. Conrad (Etta Marie) Wetzel, Mrs. Charles (Elizabeth Ann) Poi, and Harold. He leaves three grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, and many other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted at the Lombard Church of God on February 2 by the writer, assisted by Bro. Vivian Kirkpatrick. A second service was held at the Burr Oak, IN, Church of God on February 3 with Bro. E. Richard Smith officiating. Interment was in the cemetery at Culver, where he awaits the call of the Master on that Great Resurrection Day. S. O. Ross

Mrs. Donna Jean Frymyer closed her eyes in death's restful sleep December 29, 1974. Born in Lorain, OH, May 6, 1939, she was a lifelong resident of the area. Her life was brightened by the fellowship that she enjoyed with her friends at Columbia Church of God. . . . Donna is survived by her husband Charles. She leaves behind: three daughters, Mrs. Toby (Reba) Bunn, South Amherst; Karen and Yvonne, both at home; a granddaughter, child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Riverview, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Roy (Vickie) Watkins and Mrs. Cally (Patricia) Watkins, both of Wellington; a son, James, died November 13, 1974. . . . On December 24, 1974, she gave her confession of faith in Jesus as her Savior, but her weakened condition did not permit baptism. She shared in the great truths of the Church of God. She was laid to rest in hope at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Lorain, OH. Russell Magaw, pastor.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer for Forest Long, January 17, 1975, at the Memory Lawn Mortuary, Phoenix, AZ. The writer had the privilege of baptizing Bro. Long into the saving name of Jesus September 28, 1969. We praise God for the assurance of resurrection to immortality for all who fall asleep in Christ. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Opal P. Nelson was born October 13, 1911, at Washington, NE, and died January 8, 1975, following a lengthy illness. She was married to Kenneth A. Nelson September 5, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1959. She was baptized by Bro. Sydney Magaw in May of 1926, and remained a faithful and loyal member of the church. She was a charter member of the Fremont, NE, Church of God, where she served as church treasurer until illness forced her to resign. . . . She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Charles Murphey, of Fremont; two sons, Travis of Fremont, and Kenneth E. of Estes Park, CO; six grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. May White; two sisters, Mrs. Russell Johns, Bennington, NE, Mrs. Harlan Dierking, Amelia, NE; and a brother, Gilbert White, of Tolleson, AZ. . . . Funeral services were conducted by the writer during a raging blizzard. The many friends who braved the storm to attend the service testified to the high esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. She now rests in Christ, awaiting her Savior's return. Lucille Appleby.

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

FONTHILL Church (Glad Tidings), Pancake Rd, Fonthill, Ont, Canada

John Hearp, Pastor, 8 Church St, Fonthill, Ont, Canada LOS 1E0

Mrs. Rosemary Shute, Sec, 2 Wychwood Rd, Welland, Ont, Canada L3C 5V3

Clyde Barnhart, Supt, 121 S Pelham St, Bx 11, Fonthill, Ont, Canada LOS 1E0

LAWRENCEVILLE Church, 4444 St Paris Pike, Springfield, OH 45504

E Milon Hall, Pastor, 4005 Willow Dale Rd, Springfield 45502

Barbara Garlough, Sec, 3908 Danell Dr, Springfield 45504

Larry Domigan, Supt, 5728 Willow Dale Rd, Springfield 45502

SALALA Church

Cornelius Boykai, Pastor, Salala, Lower Bong County, Bx 2393, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa

## YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mrs. Gladys Volentine is at home after sixty days in the hospital. She is a member of Oak Grove Church of God, Little Rock, AR. After suffering a stroke, Sr. Volentine is now able to walk with a brace on her left leg and a cane. Remember her in your prayers.

## HELP CLEAN UP TV

If you do not approve of the fare that is coming into your home via the television, address your protests and suggestions to: Senator John O. Pastore, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Senator Pastore is Chairman of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Communications. It is his office which is investigating the matter, and he needs to hear from those who would like to see a change in television programming. Write to him!

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Robert Lau; Mrs. Cleabert Robinson; Anthony Pollock.

**INVITATION**

Come to a "Happiness is Fellowship" happening at the Northeast Conference, to be held at Bedford, Ohio, April 25-27, 1975. A special feature will be a concert by the Brothers and Sisters of Fonthill, which will follow a banquet on Saturday evening. For reservations contact Mrs. David Cheatwood, 730 Washington St., Bedford, OH 44146.

Mary Ellen Jones, co-chairman.

**COMMENDATION**

It has never been my privilege to visit, or to be in the vicinity of one of your churches; still I consider your church to be the foremost searcher for the whole truth within all the world.

Claude H. Reid.

**THE MIRACLE OF PENTECOST**

**Unrepeated and Unrepeatable**

What actually happened on the Day of Pentecost? When the apostles were "all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4), were they talking in current languages that could be understood by those who heard them, or were they "unknown tongues"? Is the phenomenon of Pentecost being duplicated today?

The booklet, "The Miracle of Pentecost—Unrepeated and Unrepeatable," will help to answer many of your questions. Order it from: The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. The price is thirty-five cents each.

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

Wars and commotions among nations, widespread famines, Israel's military conflicts, worldwide decline in morality, apostasy within the churches—what does it all mean? For help in putting these in their proper perspective, order the tract "Signs of the Times" from the Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. It is free.

**THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE**

When God makes an agreement (covenant), we may be very sure that he will do exactly as the covenant provides. He has made some such covenants that are of vital interest to you. Read about some of them in the tract, "The Covenants of Promise," free from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

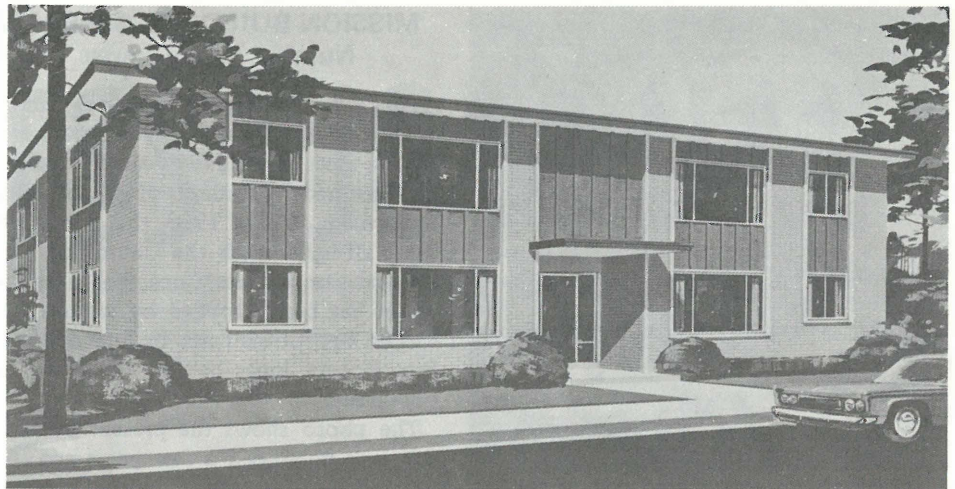
Many and varied are the theories concerning the nature and location of the Kingdom of God. Very often these theories are at variance with the teachings of the Bible concerning this vital topic. For guidance to Bible passages that deal with the Kingdom of God, order the tract "The Kingdom of God" from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. There is no charge.

**THE HISTORY OF BAPTISM**

Is baptism really necessary? Is sprinkling baptism? What about pouring, or multiple dipplings?

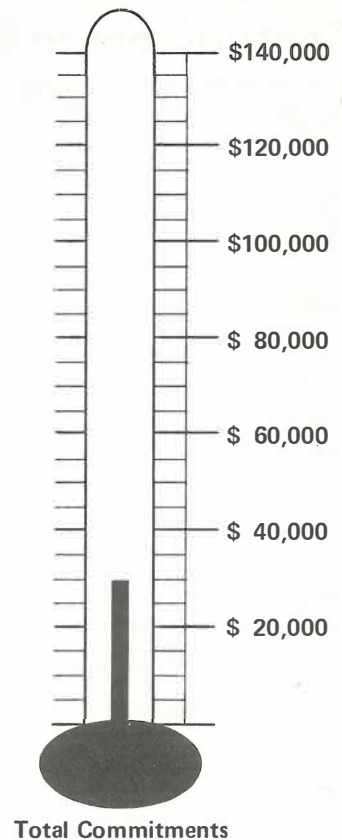
Vital information which will help you to learn the answers to these questions is to be found in the tract, "The History of Baptism," available from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. It is free.

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**New  
Oregon Bible College  
Dormitory**

The eight-plex building pictured above will be built with full basement and be ready to house Oregon Bible College students for the 1975-'76 school year. There will be one apartment for the dormitory director. The additional seven units will house six girls each for a total of forty-two students. One half of the basement will be a lounge for all students. The balance of the basement will be storage, additional restrooms, and possibly a laundry room. Students will continue to eat their meals at the dining facilities in the present dormitory. Total cost, \$140,000.00.



Please fill out and mail to:

Oregon Bible College Building Fund  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061

My intention is to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the expansion of Oregon Bible College Dormitory facilities. I will contribute these funds as follows:

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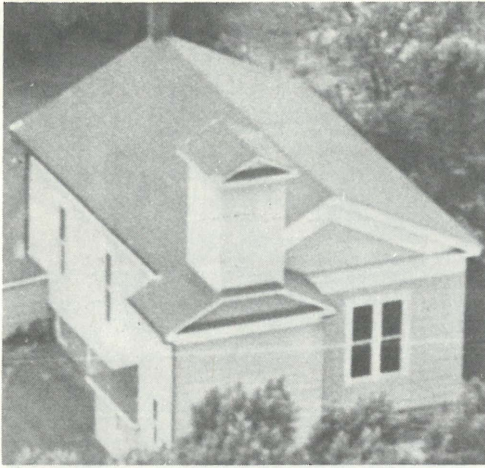
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month until paid

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year until paid

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## MISSION BUILDERS APPEAL Number Thirty-Three

The Flagg Center Community Church of God began about twenty-six years ago. During most of the early years the church was pastored by students of Oregon Bible College. In June of 1968, the church became affiliated with the Church of God General Conference. Since that time the pulpit has been supplied by various pastors on a part-time basis. In June of 1973, Bro. Robert Jones became the first full-time pastor.

The photo shows the present building that was purchased a few years ago. An

addition 16x42 feet is being added across the back. It will cost about \$25,000 and will include an entry, study, restrooms, kitchen facilities, an overflow for the sanctuary, and additional Sunday school rooms.

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.

Send your contributions to

The Mission Builders League,  
Church of God General Conference,  
Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Contributors to the General Conference: January, 1975

Mr & Mrs Doyle Ward	50.00	Mr & Mrs Gordon Hess	10.00	Anonymous	100.00	Glad Tidings Outreach Dept	120.00
Anna Johnson	200.00	May White	13.82	Anonymous	300.00	Fonthill Glad Tidings Ch	187.30
Illinois Conference	100.00	Digby Church	59.00	Indiana State Conf	218.00	Kate Ewbank	20.00
Mr & Mrs George DeForest	50.00	Jonita Strauch	32.00	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	50.00	Annie Welch	10.00
Dixon SS	5.00	Dorothy Siple	50.00	Mr & Mrs Russell		Eden Valley Ladies Aid	36.09
Mildred Stantal	300.00	Michigan Conference	112.25	Kaffenbarger Sr	20.00	Margaret Duval	112.75
Dorothy Goldquist	1.00	Grand Rapids Churches	51.81	Mr & Mrs Clarence Jones	2,000.00	Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	25.00
Pennellwood Miss Dept	290.00	Mr & Mrs John Railton	10.00	Robert Ennis	15.00	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	59.00
Mr & Mrs Walter Anderson	30.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Baldwin	50.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson	250.00	Mrs Margaret Castleman	5.00
Ben Carpenter	50.00	Dr & Mrs William		Mrs Joe D Shelly	20.00	J Anon	30.00
Dan Dovenbarger	300.00	Lawrence	4,033.25	Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell	40.00	Southwest Conf	80.00
Sue Andrew	11.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Pomona Ch of Open Bible	123.47	Ruth Fogle	5.00
J Anon	30.00	Mr & Mrs Dwaine Demmitt	100.00	Southeast Conf	239.11	Cool Spring SS	79.73
Mr & Mrs John Lewis	120.00	Nolan B. Orr	2.00	Columbia SS	99.49	Maurertown Dorcas Soc	10.00
Icel Stedman	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harry Sheets	150.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miles	300.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00
Willis Cline	3.00	Ripley Miss Soc	98.10	Blood River Willing Workers	6.95	Raker Union SS	22.00
Oregon SS	32.67	Sid Magaw	52.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Van Fleet	16.00	Evela Jordon	3.00
Lombard Church	65.44	La Contributors	50.00	Frances Wood	25.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00
Mr & Mrs Everett Kraft	250.00	Katherine Tackett	64.00	Mr & Mrs Ferris Zeckiel	45.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00
New Hope Church	100.00	Hiram Reid	3.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	55.00	Anonymous-R	114.00
Bedford Church	60.96	Valley Church	98.01	Elaine Shute	14.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	30.00
Fredericktown Church	65.00	Everett Rogers	25.00	Mr & Mrs David Hall	20.00	Mr & Mrs J N Fox	5.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Button	50.00	Maurertown Church	23.75	Mr & Mrs Cecil Patrick	100.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	250.00
Modesto Bible Church	10.00	Mr & Mrs Tom Pace	10.00	Mrs Elmer Ennis	5.00	Minneapolis Anonymous	50.00
Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	16.00	Mr & Mrs Edwin Werneke	42.73	Eternal Hope Church	105.08	Minn State Conf	108.61
Mr & Mrs Albert Rogers	12.00	Mrs S Kuehne	6.00	Mrs Robert Anderson	1.00	Lafayette Faith Chapel	105.77
Mr & Mrs Leonard Appleby	50.00	Fort Valley Church	621.46	Mrs A B Vines	2.00	Mr & Mrs David Johnson	120.00
Gladys Volentine	45.00	Mrs Phil Jefferies	7.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	La State Conf	306.62
Forest Hills Church	89.90	Henry Schutema	5.00	Golden Rule Church	63.79	Mr & Mrs Roy Whelpton	25.00
Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Routson	50.00	North Hills Church	186.90	M A Patrick	150.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	20.00
Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	17.00	Truth Seekers SS	18.61	Mr J W Newton	3.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	100.00
Mr & Mrs William Schmidlapp	20.00	Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	25.00	Zenas Murphy	20.00	Anonymous in memory of	
Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00	Lillian King	15.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Johnson	100.00	Drew Sisters	10.00
Oregon Mary & Martha	25.00	Mrs Rosie Wright	2.00	Ida Lapp	5.00	Fremont SS	19.00
Marjorie Bolhous	50.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	60.00	Ollie Cooper	10.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	458.73
Robert Morrison	5.15	Happy Woods Church	126.00	Minn State Miss Soc	475.00	Claude Reid	5.00
Peggy Rager	5.00	Conger St Church	25.00	Kosztka Church	36.00	Grace Blomquist	10.00
Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00	Mr & Mrs N H La Munion	80.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Flagg Center Church	96.00
Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills	500.00	Mr & Mrs Virgil Weber	10.00	Mr & Mrs Fred Barton	5.00	North Salem Church	15.82
Phyllis Prussak	7.00	Ripley Church	201.87	Jay St Church	44.90	S P Dismukes	50.00
Daisy Nokes	3.00	Robert Tucker	10.00	Lucy Fuson	5.00	Mr R D Stanton	10.00
E Dorothy Magaw	28.00	Mr & Mrs Kevin Dean	10.00	Bedford Agape Soc	8.09	Mr & Mrs Harry Lee	15.00
Mr & Mrs Given Cleek	20.00	Mr & Mrs John Kannmacher	25.00	Monica Salassi	1.00	Mr & Mrs Ron Riley	25.00
Mr & Mrs J Don Swartz	100.00	Gatesville Church	25.00	Tempe BYF	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	70.00
Oregon Church	1,267.38	Tempe Dorcas	10.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00	Guthrie Grove Church	150.00
Mr & Mrs Dean Vance	25.00	Mr & Mrs Nolan Gracey	3.00	Mabell Bell	15.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00
Pleasant Hill Church	70.97	Mr & Mrs Joe Astolfi	30.00	Dr & Mrs Lloyd Wood	6.00	Stephen Adams	5.00
Valerie Mowrer	25.00	Mrs Samuel Metheny	50.00	Effie Jones	10.00	Hope Chapel Ark City SS	60.00
Mr & Mrs Dan Landry	40.00	Mr & Mrs Gayle Somers	40.00	Mr & Mrs L B Punter	5.00	Mr & Mrs William Andrew	60.00
Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	24.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	25.00	Macomb Church	171.08	Anonymous	20.00
Harvey Adams	15.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Mr & Mrs Alfred Hetrick	100.00	Keith Baird	50.00
Becky Durham	25.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Mrs Tressie Snyder	5.00	Alta Thrush	20.00
San Jose Church	35.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Sutfin	4.00	Litchfield Church	25.46	Mary Krogh	50.00
Mr & Mrs Ed Bender	123.00	Blanchard Church	100.00	Faith Comm Ch-Mpls	446.18	Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	40.00
Mr & Mrs Elmo Gaspar	300.00	Lila Gardner	10.00	Jaynes St Church-Omaha	384.60	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	70.00
Anonymous	60.00	Leota Hanson	10.00	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	10.00	Mr & Mrs Melvin Malon	8.00
Pennellwood Church	144.65	Troy View Church	87.40	Mr & Mrs Earl Smith	10.00	Jeri Maas	12.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Helen McMurtrie	40.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	25.00
N E Conference	225.00	Arlington Church	5.00	Golden Rule Ladies Guild	29.82	Southlawn Church	381.58
Mr & Mrs Steve Moore	200.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	173.61	Brush Creek SS	72.14	Althea Rice in memory of Ernest	
Mrs William Foster	3.00	South Bend Hope Chapel	138.37	Digby Mission Soc	58.90	Rice, Opal Nelson, Clinton	
Cora Siple	10.00	Fonthill SS	15.48	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	32.50	Appleby	50.00
St Louis Church	43.62	Alice Bassett	30.00	Esta Starbuck	37.00	Mr Lowell Holt	40.00
Mr & Mrs Jeff Anderson	5.00	Blessed Hope Church	60.07	Ruby Stuckey	5.00	Mr & Mrs Wilsey McKnight	10.00
Macomb SS	15.08	Columbia Church	25.35	Anonymous	2.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Thoms	12.00
Mary Hale	9.00	Lawrenceville Church	282.01	Mr & Mrs Herb Kasper	10.00	Litchfield SS	9.71
Phoenix Church	4,170.00	Brush Creek Church	336.95	Pleasant Hill SS	19.24	Dean Johns	250.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00	Beaumont Church	22.49	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	65.00



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## Glad Tidings Chapel Goes to the Fair!

(Dayton, Ohio)

### Here's What We Learned

This was our first year to try anything like this. The following is what we learned. Perhaps it might encourage, or discourage, you with regard to trying the same. We hope that it will be the former.

- You should request booth space about five months in advance.
- Booth space comes in various sizes. Ours was ten feet by ten feet, and we found that to be adequate.
- The fair provided only the building. We had to supply, or set up, the booth on our 10x10 feet of floor space. We used pipes and drapes.
- The cost was \$100.00. Five days at \$20.00 per day. To have electricity brought to the booth cost another \$12.00.
- The fair opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 10:00 p.m. Therefore, we assigned couples to the booth for six hour periods—two couples for each day.
- We felt that a "gimmick" would help to draw people to our booth. We were right. We used an old-fashioned radio, running some old-time radio programs through from a tape recorder. We had a sign by the radio that said, "Can you guess this famous radio voice?" We used a cassette secured from the public library, that contained excerpts from 30 radio broadcasts. (Amos and Andy, Fibber McGee and Molly, Lum and Abner, and others.) We discovered that this worked out extremely well!

Next year we may use the same gimmick, improving upon it by offering a small prize to those who can guess the voice. (Fair contract may preclude the offering of prizes.) At any rate, we believe that something to draw people to the booth is a must.

- We discovered that selling books did

not go over very well. (See "Tangible Results," page 7.)

- At first, we felt that we should just have a "free" sign on free material, and let people pick them up for themselves. This didn't work. It was better to offer material if they approached the booth. Very few refused it, especially if they were interested enough to listen to the radio, and approach our table.

Other church booths had their attendants "buttonhole" people as they walked by, actually forcing material on them. Much of this was thrown on the floor around the next corner. We may not have distributed as much as they, but we didn't see ours on the floor.

- Our booth was in a coliseum. Next year we are going to try for the agriculture building. It would be much quieter. An organ company played organs, and a home alarm company sounded alarms. These were two of several noisemakers. Carrots, lettuce, and pumpkins don't make as much noise.

- The following is a list of supplies that we kept at the booth: tripod; radio; signs; tracts; two tables; two chairs; books and literature (on consignment from our General Conference); pins; scotch tape; fan; extension cord; money box; change; picture of local church.
- We had a meeting a week before the fair, to orient our booth workers on our church structure and history. We found that this wasn't too necessary. We preferred to hand inquirers our tract, "Your Introduction to the Church of God." We handed out our "Words of Truth" concordance booklet only to those who were sincerely interested. We gave out perhaps three or four in the five days.
- The tracts we found to go best were "One God," "What Happens After Death," and "Your Introduction to the Church of God."
- We had our own printed material to  
(Please turn to page 7)



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, IL, May 1-3. The program for the 1975 General Conference will be finalized and the reports and recommendations to be presented to the delegates will be approved. Any member who has an item of business that should come before the Board at that meeting should contact the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, or one of the Board members.

The present Board members are: John Hearp, chairman, Fonthill, Ont., Canada; David Johnson, vice-chairman, Hector, MN; Kenneth Milne, secretary, Pelzer, SC; Robert Smith, treasurer, Blanchard, MI; and directors, Russell Johns, Bennington, NE; Dallas Demmitt, Phoenix, AZ; and Billie Kennedy, Eden Valley, MN. This is a very representative Board, the members coming from six state or district conferences, and from various professions. There are three pastors, a banker, a farmer, a businessman, and a family counselor. Pray for these men as they meet and conduct the business of the Conference.

## OBC Dormitory

Contributions and commitments are coming in very well for the new Oregon Bible College Dormitory. Now the total is over sixty thousand dollars. This is about 45% of the total needed. Digging for the basement will begin in early April, and the basement walls will be in place prior to May 12 when assembly of the building will begin. The present schedule calls for completion of the building before the 1975-76 school year begins, August 26.

We trust that the total amount of one hundred forty thousand dollars will be committed so that payments on the loans can be assured as they come due. Pray for the progress of this building program.

## Annual Ministerial Conference

The Annual Church of God Ministerial Conference will be held in Oregon, IL, April 28 to May 2, 1975. This will be a Prophetic Conference. Most of the papers will be on prophetic subjects.

This annual gathering of the ministers is a time of fellowship, study, and spiritual blessings for each one who attends. Through the inspiration and refreshing

that the pastor receives, it eventually becomes a blessing to the local church as well. Travel expenses are pooled to even up the transportation cost, whether one comes from near or far. We trust that each church will assist the pastor with his expenses and encourage him to attend. Pastors from the same general area are urged to travel together to hold down the total pool expense.

## Department Boards Meet

The Sunday School Board met at Camp Mack, IN, during the Sunday School Seminar that was held there February 17-22. (From all reports the Seminar was most successful.)

The Oregon Bible College Board of Education met in Hammond, LA, February 28-March 2.

The Mission Board will meet in southern Ohio in April, during the Northeast Missionary Conference that will be held at the Pleasant Hill, OH, Church of God, April 11-13.

## Conference Finances

The cost of operation of the Church of God General Conference programs continues to go up. Food, postage, printing, and all other expenses are on the increase. We believe that each program of each department is important. Our prayer and concern is that the funds will come in so that all phases of the Conference work can go on to satisfactory completion.

Contributions have fallen short of the needs each month of this fiscal year. It appears that March is no exception. We do commend those who have made sacrificial contributions to help meet the needs. May God in his great wisdom move the hearts of all the membership to make up the deficit that all the programs may go on unhindered.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 - September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for March	\$21,126.00
Given in March	14,876.00
March Deficit	6,250.00
April Needs	\$16,250.00

**Goal for April \$22,500.00**

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# Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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



## India

The picture above depicts the dual ministry of the India clinic: to aid in healing physical illness and spiritual sickness. Bro. S. S. Manoah, leader of the India work, is pictured giving a tract to a non-Christian woman who has just received a bottle of medicine. Sr. Emily Manoah, Bro. Manoah's sister-in-law, who helps in the clinic, is standing behind.

At this writing, the India people are busy making preparations to have the dedication of their new clinic during the visit of Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence.

Bro. Manoah is conducting baptism classes for interested ones. He asks that we remember these persons in our prayers.

## Nova Scotia

During 1974, eleven persons completed the Systematic Bible Study Course and six completed more advanced courses. At the present time, ninety-one are enrolled in the Bible study courses by correspondence. Sr. Eunice Pearson takes care of the correcting of these lessons, and corresponding with those enrolled.

In December, 1974, Bro. Dennis Brown baptized the following: Marilyn Taylor, Crystal Taylor, Mark Cress, and John Pulsifer. We are glad for these new ones in the faith and pray God's blessing on them.

The Digby congregation is planning to purchase another van to replace the large bus.

We are thankful for the willingness of Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett to serve as interim workers in Nova Scotia. We are looking for someone to take the pastorate there, beginning September, 1975. If you are interested, write to S. O. Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

APRIL, 1975

## Nigeria

December 20-22, 1974, the Nigerian brethren held their National Conference at the Hope Chapel Church, Edienne No. 1, where Bro. Ephraim Udo is pastor. Over five hundred persons attended and received a blessing from the gathering.

New converts in Nigeria include Maggie Eyomah, Michael and Udo Akpaidiok, and Christopher Akpan. Pray for these persons in their new life in Christ.

Bro. John Obott praises the Lord for the healing of two of his sons who were seriously ill.

## Mexico

During the month of January, a total of 71 children attended the Church of God Sunday school in Labor Vieja. Average Sunday school attendance for the month was 51.

Roberto Badillo's two older sons, Leonardo and Nacho, as well as one of their friends, Jacinto, are showing more interest in the gospel, and Sr. Alice Aldrich asks that we pray that they may find the Lord.

Also, we ask that you remember Sr. Alice in your prayers, as she has been having difficulty with one of her eyes, which is not focusing well.

Sr. Alice has completed a chorus book in Spanish. The people are making good use of it in their services.

## Philippine Islands

Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero, leader of the work, is beginning to train a young man, Amante Floresca, to assist him in the leadership of the Church of God work. Bro. Floresca is an active member of the Uddiawan Church, having been baptized in April, 1973.

Ricardo Ortiguero, son of Eleodoro Ortiguero, is now pastoring the Uddiawan Church.

## Three Essentials

"Three things are essential for a vital Mission Program movement in our churches: *information* (communication), *prayer*, and *involvement*. The role of information must not be underestimated—involvement will happen only if there is a system for exposing everyone to the outreach program. Prayers will be offered regularly only if fuel for prayer is presented consistently."

—From *Missions and the Church*, by J. B. Henderson, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc.



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## Spring Break

The arrival of spring heralded the departure of the Oregon Bible College Chorale. South was the direction in which they headed. The twelve-day concert tour enabled them to sing at churches in St. Louis, MO; McGintytown, AR; Blood River, LA; Happy Woods, LA; New Port Richey, FL; Deltona, FL; Guthrie Grove, SC; Lenoir, NC; Fort Valley, VA; and Lawrenceville, OH. Between traveling and singing, there were a few spare moments when members of the Chorale were able to experience the warm sun and exciting things like Disneyworld. It means a lot to the members of the Chorale to be able to share Christ with people across the country.

## Enriching Chapel Services

The past month has brought variety and a deep spiritual significance to the students of Oregon Bible College. Bro. Don Needham, pastor of the Blanchard, MI, Church of God, was guest speaker in chapel during the week that he spoke at the Oregon church. James Westgate, Family Pastor of Circle Church in Chicago, was the speaker for the chapel services and the preaching class on March 10. Mr. Willie Hale of Minneapolis presented a concert of Negro spirituals in chapel on Friday, March 14. He also presented an evening concert the same day for the community, assisted by the Oregon Bible College Chorale.

We are thankful for the spiritual insight that was received from these guests, as well as the experience gained through their presence.

## Music Conventions

Bro. Dale Ramsey spent March 5-8 in St. Louis, where he attended two different national music conventions. The first was a national convention for church musicians. Some of the top Christian composers and directors in the country provided training and ideas for those involved in church music. The second was a national convention of choral directors. Directors of some of the top choirs in the country led in this seminar.

## Student Council Projects

The student body of Oregon Bible College each year decides on a unified project toward which to work. The offerings received in the chapel services make up a special fund for the project. The project decided upon

this year was the purchase of equipment, such as a 35mm camera and a camera stand for the new photo lab. It was also decided to purchase a cassette slide viewer for the Christian Education Department of the library. We felt that these were items that would add to the college equipment, and to the quality of the training received by the students. The goal set for this project was \$1,000.

## New OBC Dormitory

Progress is being made with plans for the new dormitory. April will be the time for the ground breaking, and completion is scheduled to take place by the end of the summer. It is exciting to see such a large improvement being added to the college facilities. We thank everyone for his concern for this building project and his support of it.

## New Catalogs

The 1975-76 catalog for Oregon Bible College is now at the printers and will soon be available for distribution. This catalog provides enrollment information as well as academic information for the coming year. To receive this catalog requires only that you let the college registrar know that you would like to receive one.

## May—OBC Month

The merry, merry month of May is the merry, merry month of OBC. When you think of May, we hope that you immediately think of OBC. May is Oregon Bible College Booster month. It is the month when OBC is especially emphasized and promoted among the churches. It is an extremely important month for us, and we hope that it will be for you as well. We hope that you will think about us and, in doing so, also support us with your prayers, as well as financially.

Solomon wrote that everything has its season. OBC's season is May—a season of encouragement from the churches to the members of the college community. It is a month when the lines of communication may be opened more widely between the college and the churches. This is important because we depend on each other for so much. Your support is important to us. It can make a world of difference to us! The growth and success of the Bible College are not only dependent upon Booster funds but we appreciate them especially because they are given directly.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

**Coins-for-Christ Crusade, 1975**

One of the major fund-raising projects of the Berean Youth Fellowship for the past sixteen years has been the Coins-for-Christ Crusade. This fund-raising project, coupled with the Mission Dollar Club, has provided almost half of the funds needed to meet the Berean Goal for Giving.

It is time for another Coins-for-Christ Crusade to take place, with April and May as the designated months. This is a project of stewardship in which all Bereans, both junior and senior, can take part. Thirty-eight groups participated in last year's Coins-for-Christ Crusade and raised approximately \$1,750.00. We hope that the Bereans of your church, including each of you, will enthusiastically participate in this project. This is the major fund-raising project of the Berean Youth Fellowship.

**International Berean Youth Conference, 1975**

Several changes are to be put into effect for the 1975 International Berean Youth Conference. We feel that these changes will improve our program.

As you know, Camp Alexander Mack will play host to the 9th through 12th grade campers, and Shipshewana Retreat Center will host campers of post-high classification through age 25. Married couples will be welcome at the Retreat Center if they meet the age requirements.

The tuition for this year's camp will be \$50.00. Each applicant will be required to submit a \$10.00 deposit (non-refundable) along with his/her application. In the event that the home church will pay the tuition, a \$10.00 deposit will not be required.

The registration procedures for this year's Youth Conference have also been changed. The campers will preregister for all classes and workshops. Applications are in the March-April issue of *Challenge*. Individual applications will also be sent to the churches for distribution. These applications contain the listings of all classes and workshops which are being offered at both camps, as well as all other information needed for young people to preregister. This procedure will save much valuable time and energy.

Needless to say, it is to one's advantage to register as early as possible, as all classes and workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please encourage early enrollment. •

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE**

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

**Successful?—Tremendous!**

There is no doubt in the mind of anyone who attended the Christian Workers' Seminar at Camp Mack, February 16-22, 1975, that it was successful in every way. In the judgment of the Sunday School Board members, it was tremendous! Twenty-five persons were enrolled. Each attended all six fifty-minute class sessions taught each day. In addition, Sunday school and church work was discussed during free periods, mealtimes, and evenings.

The following are the names of those who attended: Steven and Norma Knapp, Dorothy Siple, Sue Holsinger, Diane Noorman, Larry Noorman, and Chuck Powers from Garden Park, Grand Rapids, MI; Paul and Ruth Overholser, Harold and Bonnie Domigan, Joan Hall, and Hope Errett from Lawrenceville, OH; David and Miriam Johnson, and Dan Stone from Hector, MN; Cecil Rademachir, Dianna Gallagher and Clara Small from Troy View, Troy, OH; Art Bollinger and Craig Wagganer from St. Louis Church of God, St. Louis, MO; Judy Hively and Harold Parks from Blanchard, MI; Margaret Duval from Lombard, IL; Marjorie Overmyer from Burr Oak Church of God, Burr Oak, IN.

Take special note of the following testimonies:

"This year's Christian Workers' Seminar was a great fellowship and learning experience for me. The things that we learned could be of value to any Christian. The people one meets and the ideas that are exchanged are great.

"The Christian Workers' Seminar is a wonderful place to *catch a vision* of what can be done to make the Church of God grow."—Cecil Rademachir.

"This has been my second visit to Camp Mack. On each visit, my life has been touched or changed. The love and kindness that I have experienced this week are beyond description. You have to *experience* it to understand it. This experience has been the highlight of the year for me. Through a combination of Scriptures read and studied, things learned in the classes, and the opportunity to share with others whom I love and trust, the Lord has answered many prayers and questions in my life. Although I know that life in the world has not changed, I will be able to face life with a different attitude."—Dan Stone. •

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## Churches IN THE News

### BAPTISMS

Garden Park, MI: It was my privilege and joy to assist Chuck Powers in putting on Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism, December 20, 1974. Chuck has been an avid student of God's Word, and has come to greatly appreciate all that the Lord has done for him. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless Chuck in his new walk of life. Ray Hall, pastor.

Garden Park, MI: On March 2, 1975, Larry Noorman, upon his confession of faith, was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. We praise God for the enthusiasm that Larry brings with him, and pray that it will continue, and be guided and blessed by the Lord throughout his life. Ray Hall, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, May 5, 1974, it was my privilege to gather with a faithful and interested group at the Eden Valley Church of God to witness and to share the inspiration of the immersion into Jesus of Miss Kathleen Randall. Praise the Lord for his influence in her life, as she desires to walk closely with him. Kathleen's address is: 876 Lincoln Av, St. Paul, MN 55015. John Denchfield.

Nova Scotia. Praise the Lord for the joy he gives to his followers. At the waters' edge, on a cool autumn evening, October 2, 1974, a small group of faithful ones rejoiced together as two among them were immersed into Jesus, thus entering upon a closer walk with him. Those baptized were Mrs. Ruth Smith and Roger Smith (mother and son). Both are of R.R. 2, Mount Uniacke, Hants County, Nova Scotia, Canada. John Denchfield.

Kokomo, IN. On Sunday, February 23, 1975, we rejoiced when Mrs. Jean Moos came forward following the service, to indicate her decision to accept Jesus as her Savior. She was baptized that afternoon, putting on Christ as Lord and Savior. God be with her. John A. Railton, pastor.

Colorado Springs, CO. The following baptisms took place at the First Church of God in Denver, but the people are from Colorado Springs.

Arlene Muhe was baptized October 20, 1974. On February 9, 1975, all six members of the Paul Curtis family were baptized, including Paul, Kay, Paula Kay, Leslie, Orville, and Donald. Their address is Rt. 2, Colorado Springs, CO 80809. Mrs. Jean Willard.

Lombard, IL. It was the writer's privilege to assist Mary Routson in baptism at the Lombard Church of God, Lombard, IL, February 4, 1975. Mary is the daughter-in-law of June Routson. She had recently completed the Systematic Bible Study Course, with the late Pastor Ellsworth Routson. Her address is 1440 16th St. So., Fargo, ND. Pastor Emory Macy.

Tempe, AZ. The Lakeshore Bible Church of God is thankful to report two baptisms which took place in the baptistry of the Phoenix Church building, February 9, 1975. Those baptized were Mrs. Charles (Juanita) Dimmick and Mr. Mark Corich. We pray that the Lord will bless these young people as they begin a new life in Christ, and that their example may encourage others to take the same necessary step, which leads to eternal life in God's kingdom. Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

Pelzer, SC. Robert N. Wilson came forward and requested baptism. He was baptized Sunday, January 26, 1975. We are pleased that one more has accepted Christ, and has been added to the body of Christ.

Edward Garrison came forward and presented himself for baptism. On Sunday, February 9, 1975, the pastor baptized him in the name of Jesus for the remission of his sins. We pray that the Lord will guide him and use him in his service. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Bedford, OH. January 26, 1975, Ronald F. Kochis and Lowell W. Jones were baptized into Christ. On February 2, 1975, Gale P. Whaley put on Christ in baptism. We thank God for his blessings, and ask your prayers for your new brothers in the faith.

Lawrenceville, OH: We praise God for his blessing in the baptism of the following: Mr. and Mrs. (Terry and Diane) Bowers, 4100 Troy Rd., Springfield, OH 45502; Miss Jean Ann Ellison, 8025 Barnes St., St. Paris, OH 43072; Mr. and Mrs. (Jerry and Janet) Shambaugh, 4047 St. Paris Pk., Springfield OH 45504. May the Lord richly bless as they progress in his service. Barbara Garlough, secretary.

East Oregon, IL: Mrs. Hejen Boyden confessed her faith in Jesus Christ, and was baptized into his saving name December 15, 1974. May God be with her and bless her always. Timothy New, pastor.

### CHOIR ROBES NEEDED

The Garden Park Church in Grand Rapids, MI, is interested in securing used choir robes. If any church has robes which could be made available to this church, please write to Betty Alters, 234 Nora St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

### MARRIAGES

On Saturday January 18, 1975, the Church of God in Burr Oak, IN, was the scene of the wedding of Cynthia Sue Maddock and Kenneth Wayne Cook. The wedding was a double-ring, candlelight ceremony, performed by the bride's father, who also gave her hand in marriage to the groom. Scott Millard and Linda Jones, from Oregon Bible College, sang solos during the exchanging of rings and, as a prayer at the end of the ceremony, sang, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Over two hundred guests attended, to help Kenneth and Cynthia celebrate this wonderful occasion. They are making their home in Oregon, IL, where Kenneth is continuing his studies at Oregon Bible College. May God be the foundation of their home and our Lord Jesus Christ the ever-present guest in their hearts. May the blessings of the Lord be upon their road of life together. Darrell Maddock, pastor.

### NORTH HILLS CHURCH

Dear Church of God Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

The North Hills Church of God is now under construction. A well has been drilled, and the lower walls of the church are taking shape. New materials are arriving at the location each week.

Because of the help, both financial and spiritual, given to us by our Northeast Conference churches and our General Conference through its Mission Builders Program, this construction is made possible. We at North Hills wish to thank everyone who has participated in the Mission Builders Program. Also, very special thanks go to those members of the conference staff who administer the program.

In the months ahead, we ask all Church of God brethren to remember this new work in your prayers. We are presently engaged in a Bond Program, to finance approximately sixty percent of the construction costs. The Lord has met all our needs in the past, and we know that he will meet our needs in the future.

May God continue to bless the work in your area. In his service, Robert G. Petry.

### HILLIARD, OHIO, CHURCH OF GOD

A new church work has been established in Hilliard, OH. Presently, meetings are held in a home and the membership is looking for a church lot. The group extends thanks to the brethren of the Hope Chapel Church of God in Columbus and their Pastor, Bro. C. F. Pryor, for assistance with chairs, encouragement, and direction in establishing this work on the proper basis. Bro. C. F. Roth is serving as pastor.

Recent baptisms here have been Ann Holloway, Pam Hartley, and Christiana Sapp. Pray for these as they begin their Christian walk of life. We ask your prayers for the growth and development of this new work. Sharon Talbott, secretary.

### DEDICATION

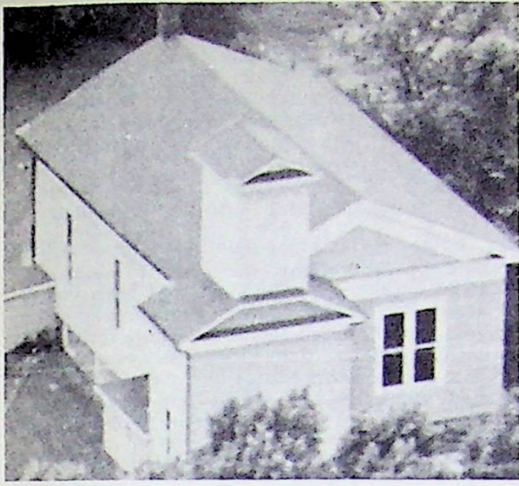
On the evening of October 2, 1974, there was rejoicing as Mr. & Mrs. Roger Smith, with their lovely four-month-old daughter Shelly Ann in their arms, dedicated themselves to her Christian training by their Christlike example and teaching.

Praise the Lord for his goodness expressed in the love of parents, grandparents, and friends concerned with the life and spiritual welfare of children. John Denchfield.

### COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. D. A. McCoy; Hazel Gallagher; Mary Melvin; John Pulsfer; Mrs. Virginia Mencer; Bill Lammers; Mrs. Ila Harris; Mrs. Guy O'Bannon; Jane Rappleyea.

Milestone. Mrs. Ila Harris, listed as having completed the Systematic Bible Study Course, is the firstfruit of Bro. Ralph Childs' translation of the Systematic Bible Course into braille. Our congratulations to both Bro. Childs and Mrs. Harris, who is blind. We pray that this effort will bear many more such fruits in the lives of the blind.



## MISSION BUILDERS APPEAL Number Thirty-Three

The Flagg Center Community Church of God began about twenty-six years ago. During most of the early years the church was pastored by students of Oregon Bible College. In June of 1968, the church became affiliated with the Church of God General Conference. Since that time the pulpit has been supplied by various pastors on a part-time basis. In June of 1973, Bro. Robert Jones became the first full-time pastor.

The photo shows the present building that was purchased a few years ago. An

addition 16x42 feet is being added across the back. It will cost about \$25,000 and will include an entry, study, restrooms, kitchen facilities, an overflow for the sanctuary, and additional Sunday school rooms.

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.

Send your contributions to

The Mission Builders League,  
Church of God General Conference,  
Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Currens of Burr Oak, IN, observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 12, 1975, with an open house, held at the Burr Oak Church of God. Bro. and Sr. Currens highlighted the occasion with a double-ring ceremony renewing their vows, performed by their pastor at the beginning of their open house. The couple's daughter, Mrs. Robert McGinnis, was matron of honor. The bride was escorted down the aisle by their son Joseph. Granddaughters were bridesmaids and junior bridesmaids. A grandson was ring bearer. Many friends from the community came to help them commemorate this milestone in their life together. We pray God's blessing upon them and their family as they continue their lives together, ever looking for the coming of their Lord.  
Darrell Maddock, pastor.

### BRUSH CREEK

A New Year's Eve watch was enjoyed by all of the churches of God in this area. Games, food, and a devotional period filled the evening. All agreed that Christian fellowship is the best kind.

Recent guests of our Sunday school include "Charley the Tuna," and "The Great Fisherman." We learned that if one puts the right bait on his line, he can become a fisher of men. A tract from the church is good starter bait.

The month of February was set aside as visitation month—a month in which to invite others to our church to help it grow. A small model of a church building was put at the back of the sanctuary. As each visited another, the name of the person visited was put inside a brick, and we began to watch our church grow.

To complete the church, we needed two hundred bricks with the names of people inside them who had been visited. We are proud to announce that our church is almost complete. We hope to fill our sanctuary the same way, and with God's guidance we will.

At this time our young people are busy studying for the Bible quiz. We know that this will give them a better knowledge and understanding of God's Word.  
Betsy Moore, reporter.

### FROM THE TAPE LIBRARY

John R. Gribbins and Stephen H. Plagemann wrote a book, "The Jupiter Effect." It is a study of the solar system, and their calculation of an earthquake scheduled for the future.

An interesting tape, "Climatic Conditions" by Richard LeCrone, speaks of earthquakes near the end of time—a suggested listening.

Order tape LJR-1 690121 from: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, OH 45416. The cost is \$3.00.

### GLAD TIDINGS CHAPEL

(Continued from page 1)

advertise our radio broadcast. This was the main reason that we used the radio to draw attention. Generally, we handed each one a *Restitution Herald*, the radio leaflet, and the tract, "Your Introduction to the Church of God."

● Two days after the fair closed, and after the Wednesday Bible study, we held a "brainstorming session" for the booth workers. We gave coffee and treats to the booth workers, and discussed and reflected upon our experience. Everyone felt that it was well worth the effort, and that we should do it again next year. Only a few minor changes were suggested: Move the booth location to a quieter building; improve the tract rack (so the wind cannot blow the tracts off); improve the booth by removing the side curtains—too hot.

● The following are tangible results of the fair booth:

- 1) Gave out 700 *Heralds*—recent issues;
- 2) Sold one record album;
- 3) Sold three plastic-bound Home Bible Study books;
- 4) Sold four "Russia, Israel, Christ, and You" booklets;
- 5) Distributed many tracts;
- 6) Signed up seven for Home Bible Study course;
- 7) Signed up 28 homes to receive *The Restitution Herald*;
- 8) We may have two families who will fellowship with us as a result of the fair.

In summary, we believe this to be a relatively inexpensive way to advertise your church, expose others to our doctrines and involve your church members in witnessing, distributing our literature, securing relatively permanent contacts through *The Restitution Herald* and Home Bible Study courses, and possibly finding some who will attend our services and hopefully accept Christ as Lord.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write to our Christian Outreach Department, which spearheaded this effort, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, OH 45416.

Rex Cain and  
Christian Outreach Dept.

### SEEKING PASTOR FOR NOVA SCOTIA

The Mission Board of the Church of God General Conference is still seeking a pastor to fill the vacancy at the Lighthouse Church of God, at Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, beginning September 1, 1975. Francis Burnett is serving as interim-pastor until General Conference.

Any pastor who is interested in this pastorate is urged to contact Sr. Rachel Carr, Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Director. Either can be reached at Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

### NEW STUDY COURSE

A new study guide for small discussion groups is now available. Its appearance and format are similar to the course on "How to Enjoy an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life" and "The Christian Family." The cost is 50¢ each. Send your order to *Restitution Herald*, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The 1975 Vacation Bible School material is entitled "Know Your Bible." It is the goal of these five lessons to encourage our children to read and study the Bible on their own and to learn to love, respect, and obey it. The lessons are well prepared and Biblically sound.

Many orders have already been filled, but a good supply is still available. Order early to assure plenty of time for shipment. Please use the order blank on the back of *The Restitution Herald*.

### PASTOR AVAILABLE

Bro. Dale Harshman is now available for a pastorate. He may be contacted at: 1217 S. Float, Freeport, IL. His phone number is 815-232-2541.

### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

On January 19, 1975, Frank and Gladys Perkins transferred their membership from Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, OH, to the Bedford Church of God, in Bedford, OH.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 25-27—Spring Retreat for Minnesota Jr. Bereans, Long Lake Bible Camp.

April 25-27—Northeast Conference, Bedford, OH.

April 28-May 2—Ministerial Conference, Oregon, IL.

May 2—Dedication of Sunday school addition at Columbia Station, OH. 2:00 p.m.

June 6-8—Minnesota Conference, Long Lake Bible Camp.

June 22-27—Minnesota Sr. Berean Camp, Long Lake Bible Camp.

July 13-18—Minnesota Jr. Berean Camp, Long Lake Bible Camp.

July 31-Aug. 3—Missouri State Conference, Fredericktown.

Aug. 11-16—Fifty-fifth Annual Church of God General Conference at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA.

Sept. 12-14—Minnesota Sr. Berean Fall Retreat, Long Lake Bible Camp.

Sept. 26-28—Minnesota Fall Conference, Long Lake Bible Camp.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

The 1975 Women's Retreat will be held at Epworth Forest, IN, Oct. 3, 4. Women are urged to send their reservations to Carol Schmidlapp, Rt. 2, Argos, IN 46501. Phone 219-936-9216.

## OBITUARIES

Funeral services were conducted by the writer for Juanita Hitchcock, February 1, 1975, at Oregon, IL. We praise God for the assurance of resurrection to immortality for all who fall asleep in Christ. Timothy New, pastor.

John Baxter, son of Benjamin and Elveretta Baxter, was born March 16, 1884. He moved with his parents to Holbrook, NE, in 1886, where he made his home for the rest of his life. He died January 7, 1975. He was united in marriage to Janie Story in June of 1903. To this union two sons were born: Leslie and Francis. They also reared an adopted daughter, Virginia. He leaves to mourn his passing, his son Leslie and wife, and daughter Virginia; three grandsons; six granddaughters; and twenty-six great grandchildren. He was a member of the Church of God from an early age. He was the last surviving board member at the time that the

church was built in 1928, and had served as a board member since that time. He was a faithful attendant at services, although he was not always able to hear. Funeral services were held at the Holbrook church, with Pastor Wayne Ewald assisting the writer. Burial was in the Holbrook cemetery, where he awaits, in "that blessed hope," the call of his Master.

Pastor Clyde M. Long.

Mrs. Nancy Smith Gowen, 21, died January 31, 1975, as the result of an automobile accident. She was born in Front Royal, Va., June 16, 1953, a daughter of Archie Lee Smith and the late Mrs. Marjorie Cooper Smith. She is survived by her father; two brothers, David Lee Smith and Victor Vermillion; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Cooper; and her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Ada Updike, with whom she made her home. She was baptized August 14, 1966, by Bro. Cecil Smead. Words of comfort concerning God's care for us today and the promise of the resurrection were spoken by Bro. Smead and the writer. She was laid to rest February 3, to await the Master's call. James D. Ritch, pastor.

On January 26, 1975, Mrs. Thomas Ellis, Columbia Station, OH, closed her eyes in death's restful sleep after a one-week illness.

She was born in Cleveland, May 24, 1932, and lived most of her life in Columbia. Surviving are her husband Dennis; two sons, Dennis Jr., and James; three daughters, Elaine, Suzanne, and Diane; two grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Mary Witt; a sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Bassak; and a brother, George E. Pavlick. Funeral services were conducted in Columbia Church of God, January 30. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted. Russell Magaw, pastor.

Edgar W. Harbert, a member of the Church of God of Moorefield, NE, died December 30, 1974, at the age of 73. He had been in poor health for several years. Funeral services were held in the United Methodist Church in Curtis, with the writer delivering a message of assurance and comfort from the Word of God. Interment was in the Moorefield Cemetery.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Delbert Thomas Stedman died January 9, 1975, after a long illness. Delbert was a member of the Church of God at Moorefield, having been baptized when he was a boy by Almus Adams. Funeral services were held in Curtis, with the writer officiating. With confidence in the promises of Christ's coming and the resurrection of the dead, he was laid to rest in the Moorefield Cemetery. Leon Driskill, pastor.

## Contributors to the General Conference: February, 1975

Phyllis Prussak	8.00	Cora Siple	10.00	Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	40.00	Hazel Cripe	15.00
Garden Park Church	165.84	Leota Hanson	10.00	Mrs Gene Friday	2.00	Liz Lyons	6.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Smith	12.00	Mr & Mrs Jim Lippert	10.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	252.56	Robert Tucker	10.00
Hope Chapel Bereans		Mr & Mrs Topsy Manuel	3.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Shelly	5.00	Mr & Mrs Leo Rager	35.00
South Bend	10.00	E L Macy Jr	20.00	Mrs Otis Lippincott	20.00	Anonymous	100.00
Mr & Mrs Wayne Miller	41.00	Eleonor Mitchell	6.00	Don Schauwecker	20.00	Fredericktown Ladies	
Mr & Mrs John Carr	160.00	Minneapolis Bereans	12.00	Mr W F Preslar	1.00	Miss Soc	1.66
Illinois State Conf	100.00	Alice Bassett	30.00	Anna Cullen	5.00	Mrs Earle Mogle	100.00
Fonthill SS	16.36	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Graytown Dorcas Circle	10.00
Lawrenceville Sr Youth	5.00	Brush Creek Berean Soc	10.00	Karla Macy	52.00	Mrs J W Rexford	5.00
Greg Demmitt	50.00	Mr & Mrs Milton Hall	10.00	Glad Tidings Chapel	200.00	Ollie M Cooper	10.00
Hillisburg Miss Soc	334.00	Happy Woods Church	104.00	Lori Miesse	12.00	Muriel Hass in memory of	
Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke	12.00	Michigan Conference	85.70	J Anon	35.00	Ellsworth Routson	3.00
Mrs Margie Lichliter	2.50	Mr & Mrs Don Smith	4.00	Beth Tackett	12.00	Keith Baird	50.00
Mr & Mrs Bud Goodwin	10.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Bergeson	3.00	Burr Oak Church	340.00	Mr & Mrs Verl Wyrick	2.00
Hope Chapel Miss Soc		Mr & Mrs Jack Sutfin	4.00	Mrs & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	100.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Clopton	5.00
South Bend	65.00	South Bend Hope Chapel	82.71	Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine	20.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00
Milo Magaw	71.00	Terrie Baldwin	12.00	Mr & Mrs Gene Steele	5.00	Anonymous	25.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Randy Baldwin	12.00	Columbia Church	402.91	C D Shaw	10.00
Northeast Conference	215.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Baldwin	12.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Keckley	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00
Ruth Reid	30.00	Jeff Werneke	1.05	La Contributors	56.00	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	50.00
Phoenix Bible Church	384.00	Mr J H Brown	3.00	Katherine Tackett	93.00	S P Dismukes	50.00
Mrs Blanche Harland	25.00	Clara Birch	10.00	Mr Perry Crone	2.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Chapman	20.00
Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	13.00	Nina Hatcher	8.00	Anonymous	12.00	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	46.00
Mildred Heyde	5.00	Gary Hatcher	4.00	Pomona Dorcas Soc	30.00	New Hope Chapel	50.00
Anonymous	85.00	Oak Grove Church	20.00	Ann Lunderby	5.00	Mrs Esther Jenkins	20.00
Mr & Mrs John Lewis	120.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	La State Conference	71.52	Barbara Abel	50.00
Blanchard Church	308.64	Mr & Mrs T R Meier	5.00	Mrs Lori Goetz	5.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	5.00
Adaline Wood	300.00	Beaumont Church	23.58	Indiana Conference	386.00	Mr & Mrs C F Pryor	5.00
Clara Joynt	1.00	Charlotte Strauser	3.00	Eternal Hope Church	67.09	Mr & Mrs Emory Macy	100.00
Sara Lewis	12.00	Arlie Polston	2.00	Cecil Smead	30.00	Faith Chapel Church	20.00
San Jose Church	40.00	Everett Rogers	25.00	Pomona Open Bible Church	64.37	Faith Community Ch Mpls	50.00
Omaha SS	72.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	25.00	Anna Mae West	3.00	Verna McCorkle	100.00
Mr & Mrs Dale Ward	25.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Sprague	5.00	Fonthill Church of God	135.50	Mr & Mrs R E Kaffenbarger	
Pleasant Hill Church	42.08	Bedford Ch of Open Bible	43.09	Mrs C Dilamarter	10.00	Sr	10.00
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Mary Jackson	30.00	Howard Kugler	20.00	Mr & Mrs G Coverdale	5.00	Maurertown Dorcas	10.00
Dean Harman	2.00	Joseph Duncan	45.00	Mr & Mrs L Harrod	3.00	Ripley Co-Workers	25.00
Litchfield Church	28.23	Mr & Mrs John Drang	10.00	Mr & Mrs Doug Elliott	3.10	Holbrook Church	82.10
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Mr & Mrs Jay Bossard	20.00	Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Mrs Faye Brown	10.00	Earl Alexander	5.00
Koszta Church	36.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00	Mrs D Napper	7.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00
May White	22.82	Anonymous	75.00	Mr Harry Jones	5.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	1,236.61
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Maurertown Church	27.72	Mrs Elaine Poole	5.00	Mrs James Olson	15.00	Mr & Mrs Loie Jones	100.00
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Janice Tierney	12.00	Arlington Church	5.00	Becky Durham	38.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	80.00
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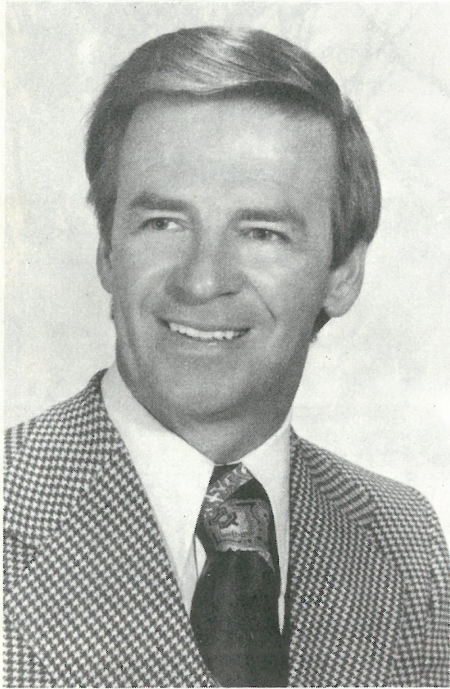


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## Finding Purpose

By John Lewis

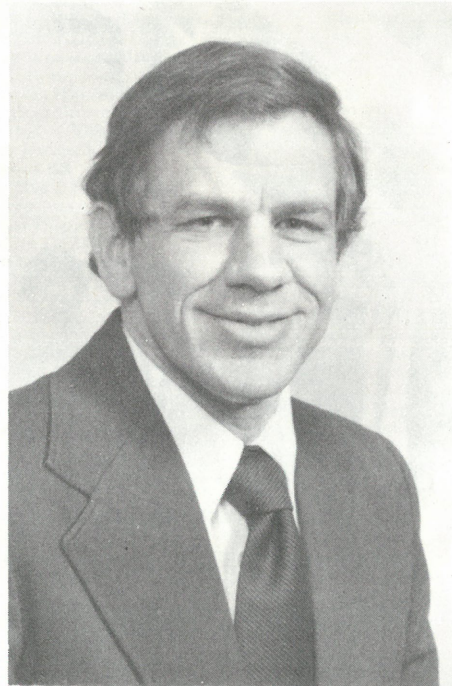
As strange as it may seem in an age when man has walked on the moon, large segments of society seem bound and captivated by boredom and routine. "Is that all . . . is that all there is?" is the unspoken question on the lips of many. Apparently much of society has lost meaning and direction beyond cursory dedication to work and the pursuit of happiness. There is a desire to return and find a satisfying sense of accomplishment. Mankind has never been busier and, at the same time, never emptier.

This hunger of man is a spiritual hunger. It is a longing to find purpose and meaning in something greater than himself. Jesus Christ never felt empty or bored a moment in his life. For us the solution is the same as it was for Jesus. Phillips

Brooks has remarked, "We never become truly spiritual by sitting down and wishing to become so. We must undertake something so great that it cannot be accomplished unaided."

At the Bible College we believe that. The task and function of the church is greater than the individual. In discovering the church in today's society we are learning about believers in relationship to one another and in relationship to the Lord.

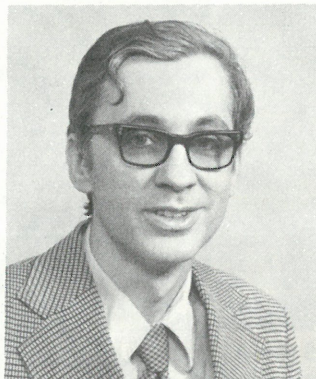
Through Scripture study, students develop a sense of identity. In learning, purpose is discovered and goals are established. To be dedicated to work or anything else is not enough. We must be dedicated to life and to him who is the giver of life. Through Christ we are exposed to the possibilities of living—to new experiences and to new worlds—discovered only by a few.



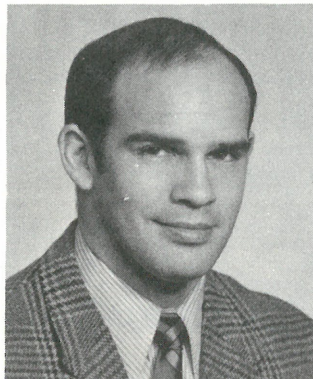
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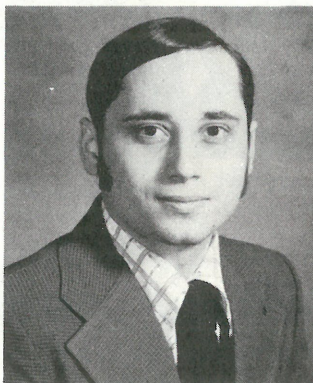
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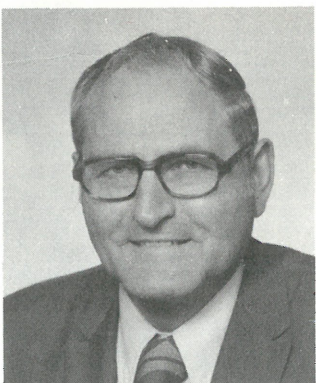
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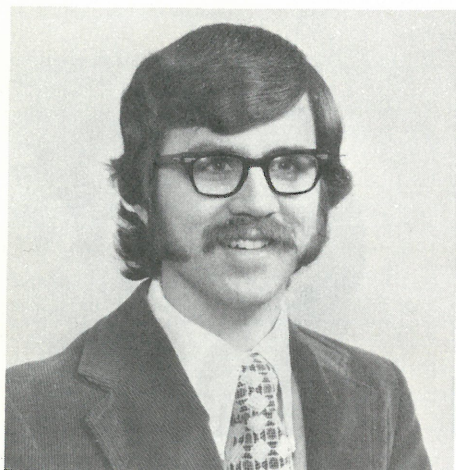


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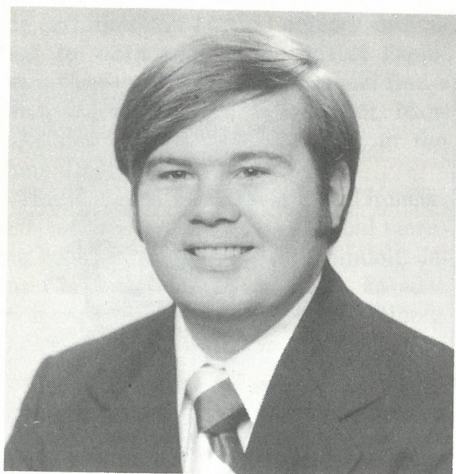
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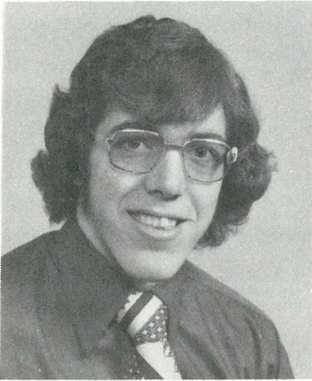


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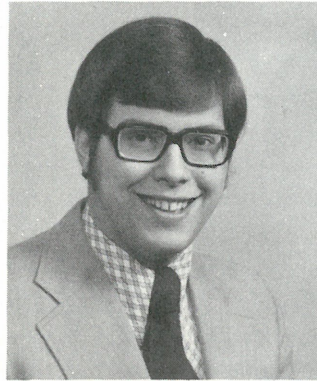


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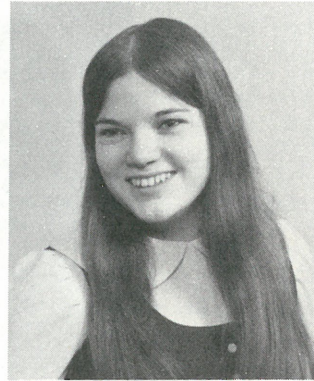
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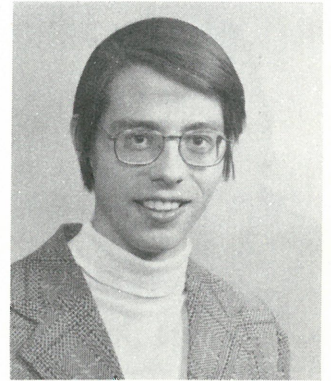
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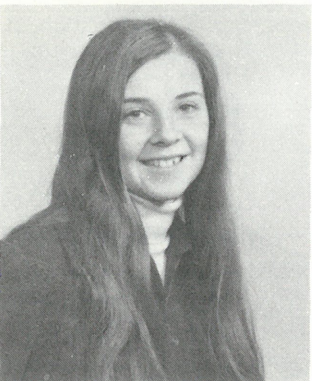
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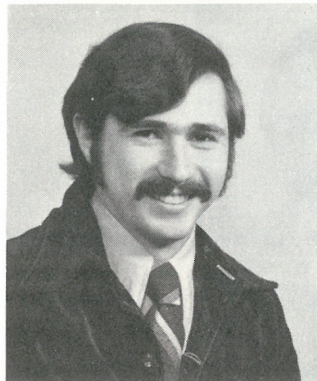
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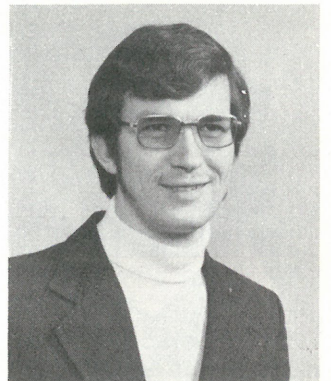
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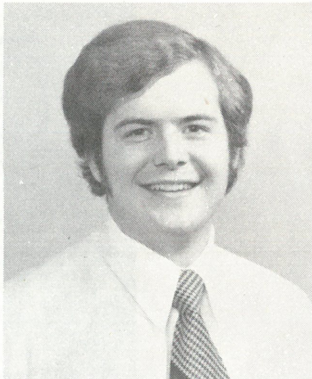
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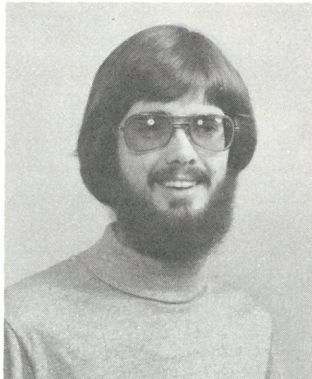
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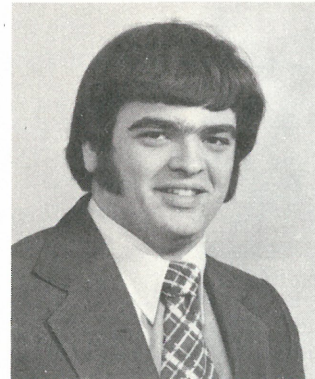
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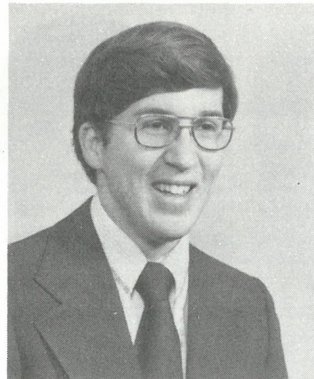
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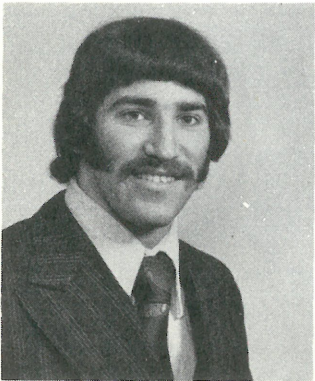


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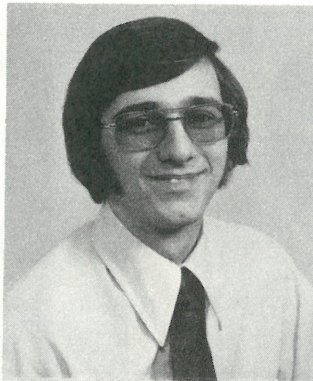


Linda Whaley

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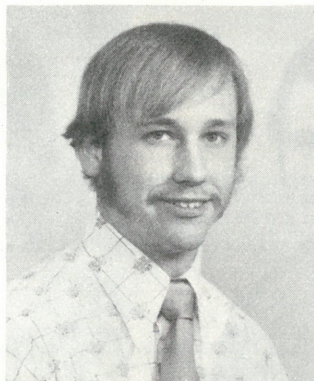
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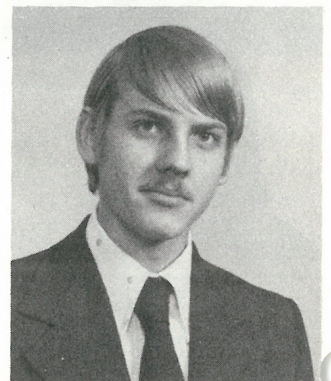
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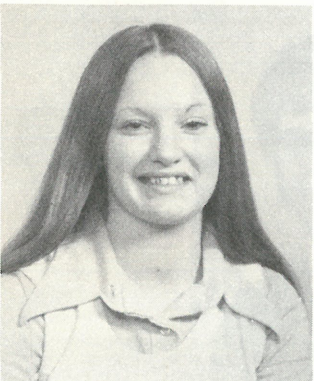
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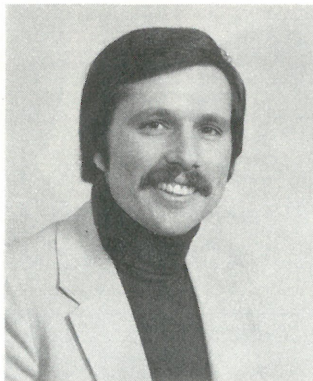
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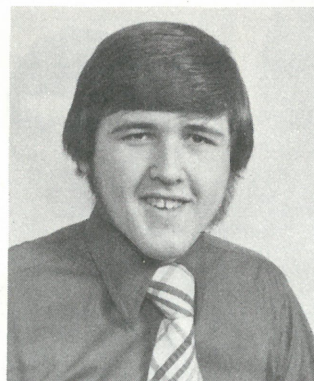
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Sue Andrew



Kathy Anger



Karen Circle



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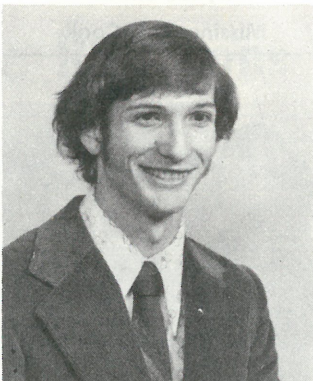
Tom New



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Donna Weidensall



Nita Wyrick

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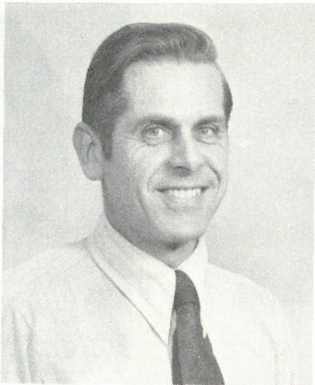
Deb Burnett



Mary Harman



Sandy Jobe



Gordon Landry



Lynda Smith



Janis Wilsterman

Missing: Deb Cook



Creative Worship Service Gospel Team: Row 1, left to right: Michele Gaspar, Telva Lippert. Row 2: Janet Voorhies, Pam Jennings, Donna Weidensall, Linda Jones, Deb Burnett. Row 3: John Lewis (sponsor), Carl Jennings, Ken Walters, Lynn Boyer, Dan Ryan, Scott Millard. Article on page 10.



## Student Council



Row 1, left to right: Michele Gaspar, President; Telva Lippert; Linda Hollenback; Linda Jones; Rick Williams; Larry Mayberry; Mike Berry; John Lewis; Kenny Cook.  
Row 2: Dan Ryan; Greg Demmitt; Tom New.

## Student Council

By Michele Gaspar

Communication is a key word in all types of relationships. It is a necessary word, for without communication, there can be no relationship. It is communication from which ideas are evolved and through which ideas are seen to become reality. It is through verbal contact that any problem within a relationship may be discovered and resolved. Communication is what the Student Council of Oregon Bible College is all about. The need for communication is the very need that brought the Student Council into existence. The Student Council is the key of communication for both the students and the faculty of Oregon Bible College.

One-half hour is set aside for representatives of the student body and Bro. Lewis, the faculty advisor, to meet and share. This is an important thirty minutes because ideas are created and suggestions for improvements are made for both the individual student within the College and for the College as a whole within the community and the Church of God. It is through the Student Council that other vital organizations are formed. The Social Committee works through the Student Council to provide fun and activities for the College community. The Public Relations Committee was created by the council to improve communications between the College, church, and community. The Christian Service Committee was formed by the Student Council to provide new opportunities for Christian service. The Student Council, in all its functions—from student jam sessions to promoting Oregon Bible College—is a vital organ in the living and dynamic Oregon Bible College body.

## Public Relations



Kenny Walters, David Huffer, Dennis Brown

## Social Committee



Left to right: Rick Williams, Telva Lippert, Dan Ryan (chairman), Linda Hollenback, Ken Walters, Phyllis Prussak, Linda Whaley.

## Gospel Teams



Left to right: Steve Taylor, Greg Demmitt, Karen Circle, Kathy Cooper, Sue Andrew, Phyllis Prussak, Rick Williams, Linda Whaley, Linda Hollenback, Christie Simpson, Kathy Anger, Nita Wyrick, Tom New, Susan Foster, Collyn Richmond, Dennis Brown.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Dan Ryan

First John 1:7 states, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have *fellowship* with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

One word in this verse describes what the Social Committee is all about. Fellowship! We are able to share with one another in the many activities of life. It helps us all to become unified in sharing and working together for one goal.

Working with the people that were in the Social Committee was a real blessing for me. They were all willing to do things that needed to be done for organization. We all shared ideas freely and felt the Lord was with us in our planning.

The annual fall breakfast was held at White Pines State Park. Another opportunity for social activities is the annual Labor Day picnic. The activities of that day ended with a campfire at Blackhawk. The annual OBC banquet was held at the Dixon Nachusa House.

Different weekends throughout the semester the Social Committee sponsored movies for the student body.

These are a few of the enjoyable activities at OBC during the past year.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

By Dale Ramsey

The Christian Service Program is one of the most active areas of Oregon Bible College life. Almost all of the OBC students were involved in some type of Christian service this past year. There were several avenues in which the students chose to become involved in this program.

Several students pastored churches this year. From this a student gains some insight into what the ministry is and can be. Several men were actively involved in a jail ministry at the Ogle County Jail. Once a week these men ministered to the inmates there. God is to be praised for the work that he accomplished through these students. Many prayers were answered and men's lives were changed.

Gospel teams were very active in ministering to churches and nursing homes. This year there were two gospel team organizations: one headed by Shelly Gaspar and the other by Dennis Brown. Both of these students are to be commended for the fine work done in organizing and presenting programs. Over forty gospel-team programs were presented. The warm reception given our students in each church was truly a result of real Christian love and fellowship.

## OBC CHORALE

By Dale Ramsey

The Oregon Bible College Chorale continues to experience much of God's grace and mercy. Each time a concert is performed we trust God to give us strength to glorify him and edify the brethren. God is to be praised for his traveling mercies, for it is a miracle that each time we go out he brings us back safely. Truly God's richest blessings were poured out this year.

About twenty-five concerts were performed in churches and high schools this spring. Our first tour was a weekend trip to Minnesota where three concerts were presented. Besides the wonderful fellowship, the group got to go snowmobiling. Our spring tour took us to churches in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Ohio. The experiences that are received on tour are priceless. We meet new friends and the fellowship in each church is warm and inspiring. We had the chance to see much of God's beautiful scenery besides visiting New Orleans, Disney World, and many other attractions. Our last trip was over a weekend to Indiana. A wonderful time was spent with the brethren there.

Besides the traveling opportunities and the great fellowship, the students involved in Chorale receive training in music fundamentals and are exposed to a wide variety of choral literature. The concentrated effort that is put into the ensemble helps develop students musically and spiritually for further Christian service. The desire for good blend, balance, and beautiful harmony is twofold, in that it is achieved both musically and spiritually. This is the most distinguishing characteristic of the OBC Chorale.

Truly God's Spirit was manifested in the OBC Chorale this year.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

By Mike Berry

The primary goal of the Christian Service Committee is to develop leadership qualities in the lives of the students and to assist in preparing them for leadership responsibilities in their future vocations. One of the purposes is to help the Christian Service Director. The specific functions of the committee are to help the director solicit and assign Christian work activities; to communicate the objectives, procedures, and policies of the program to students, faculty, and outside persons and agencies engaging students for service; to evaluate the program and seek improvements in keeping with student needs and changing opportunities; and to promote Christian service through every possible means.

MAY, 1975

## Chorale



Left to right: Linda Jones, Shelly Gaspar, Susan Foster, David Huffer, Nita Wyrick, Dick Young, Linda Hollenback, Dick Alcumbrack, Pam Jennings, Scott Millard, Sidney Magaw, Christie Simpson, Deb Cook, Deb Burnett; kneeling: Dennis Brown, Carl Jennings.

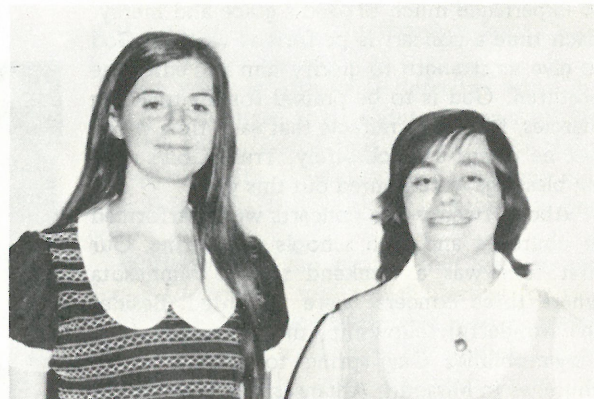
## Christian Service Committee



Linda Jones, Nita Wyrick, Mike Berry, Rick Williams.



**Connie Ramsey, Cook; Kathy Cooper; Linda Jones; Rick Williams  
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**Linda Hollenback, Linda Whaley  
Librarians**



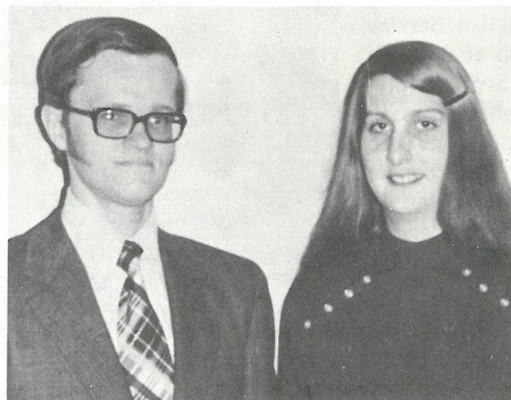
**Mike Berry, David Huffer  
Janitors**



**Shelly Gaspar, Student Assistant  
Janis Wilsterman, College Secretary**



**Dale and Connie Ramsey  
Men's Dorm Directors**



**David and Lynne Krogh  
Women's Dorm Annex Directors**



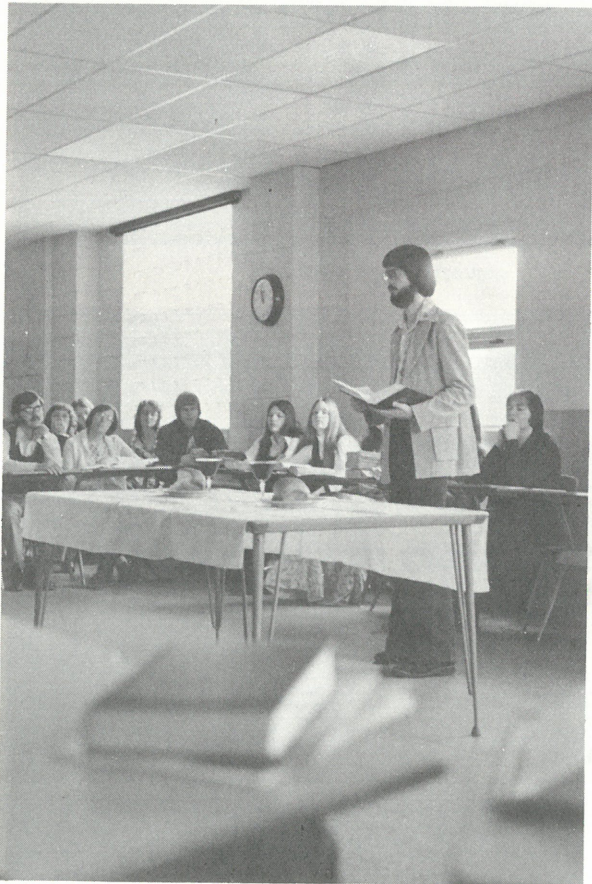
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Women's Dorm Director**



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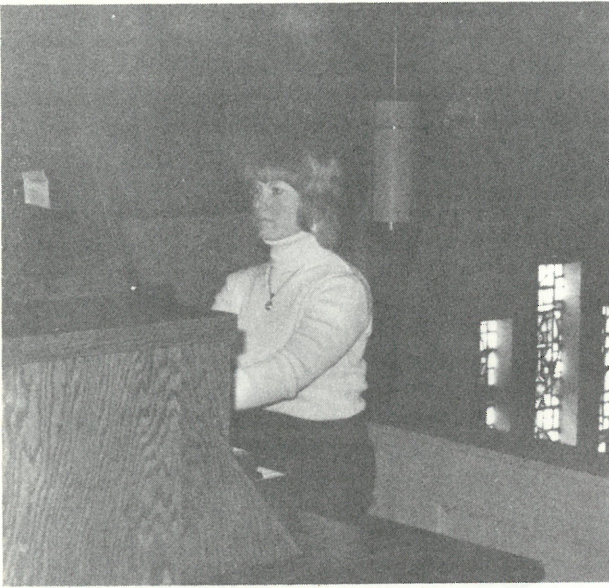
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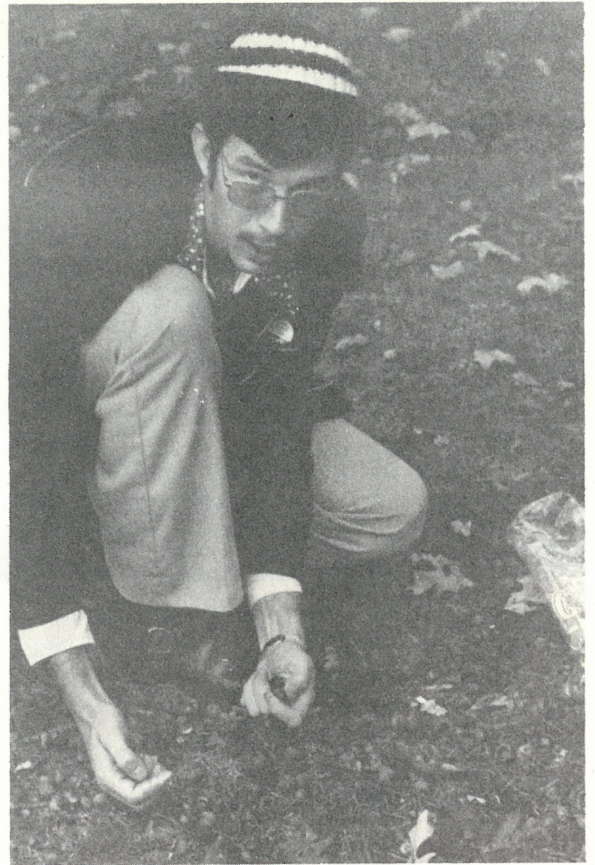
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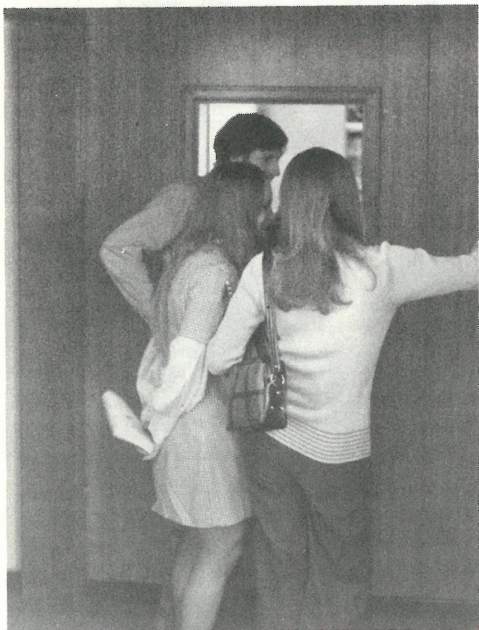
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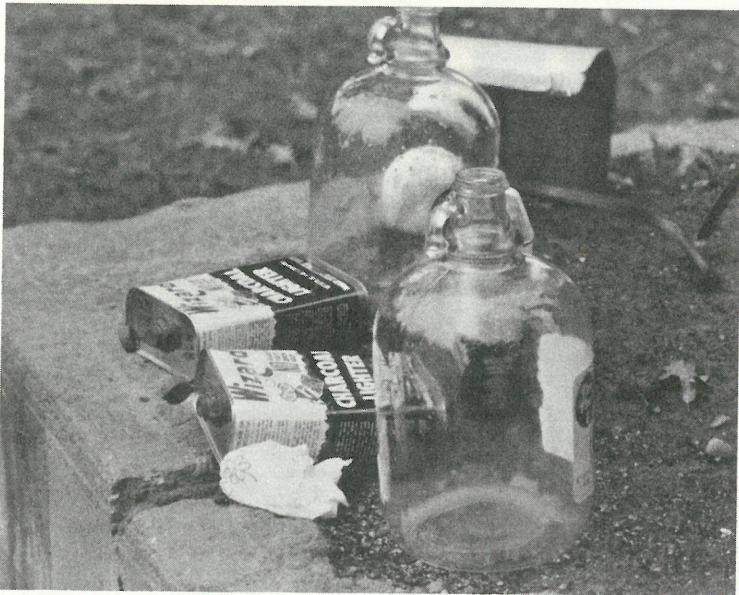
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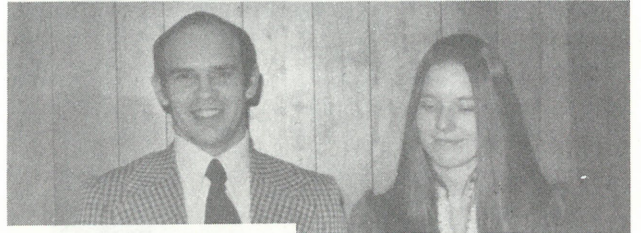
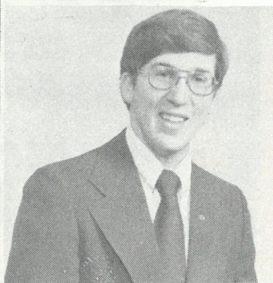
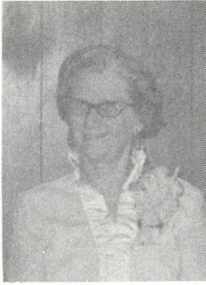
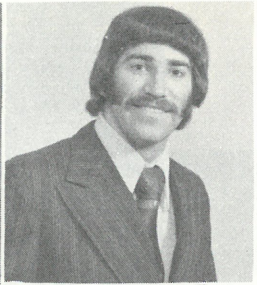
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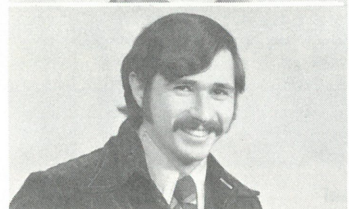
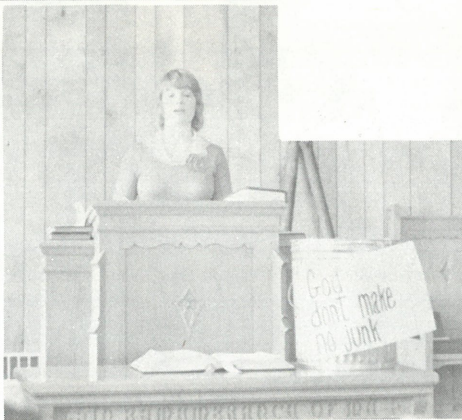
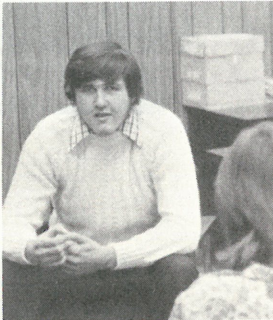
**Fall Breakfast Leftovers**



**Monday Morning Chapel**



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# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Annual General Conference Reservations

Cabin reservations for the Annual Church of God General Conference are now being accepted. The Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 11-16, 1975. Cabins will hold from four to twenty people. Families are urged to stay together. If the family is small, you are encouraged to make arrangements to stay with another family of your choosing.

The cost this year will be \$7.75 per person per day, or \$37.00 for the entire Conference. The daily charges are broken down as follows: breakfast, \$1.25; lunch, \$1.85; dinner, \$2.50; lodging, \$2.00, and insurance and miscellaneous charges, 15¢. Meals are half price for children under eight. Most of the cabins have cooking facilities, so families have the option of cooking their own meals if they so desire.

Write to Cabin Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, and give the number in your family or party that will be staying together. We can then set aside a cabin to fit your needs.

More details on the Conference, including the daily program, reports, and recommendations, will appear in the June issue of *Progress Journal*. There will be mini-courses, sharing sessions, Bible study, prayer groups, worship, fellowship, and business sessions. Make your plans now to attend.

## Oregon Bible College Graduation

Commencement exercises for five Oregon Bible College seniors will be held at the Oregon Church of God Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. The graduates are: Michael Berry, Michele Gaspar, Deirdre Kirkpatrick, Sidney Kirkpatrick, and Telva Lippert. Bro. Berry will be serving in an intern associate pastor position next year. Bro. and Sr. Sydney Kirkpatrick are already serving in the pastorate of the Blessed Hope Church of God, Rockford, Illinois. The future plans of Srs. Gaspar and Lippert are not certain at present.

## OBC Dormitory

The basement is dug and the basement walls poured for the new dormitory facility for Oregon Bible College. The building will be going on the lot beginning May 12, according to present schedule.

Contributions and commitments to the building fund are now at seventy thousand dollars. This is one half of the total cost. We ask for your continued

prayers and for more commitments and contributions toward the total amount of \$140,000.00, so that the total cost may be met within five years. May God continue to bless in this effort.

One of the larger churches of the Church of God General Conference is urging its membership to use their income tax rebates as contributions to the OBC Building Funds. This is a grand suggestion and we trust that others will feel led to do likewise.

## Home Missions

We are now well into the third year of the Free Literature Distribution. About ten thousand *Restitution Heralds* are printed and distributed each month. Over one hundred thousand tracts have been printed the first six months of this fiscal year. We encourage the membership to continue this effort of spreading the gospel message of salvation to the people of the world. Many churches are having organized programs to distribute the written Word. It is producing results. Church attendance is increasing in many churches through the use of literature, prayer groups, bus ministries, and the verbal sharing of God's Word.

Six churches are on the Pastoral Aid Program. One is receiving Special Church Aid assistance through the Church of God General Conference. May God bless the outreach of every local church in the General Conference.

## Conference Finances

We are sorry to report that the giving for the month of April is about six thousand dollars short of the goal. We are thankful to each church, state conference, and individual member who is contributing to try to meet this need. We ask for your prayers and concern that the deficit will be made up, that all the programs of the General Conference may go on to completion.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for April	\$22,500.00
Given in April	16,390.00
April Deficit	6,110.00
May Needs	16,250.00

**Goal for May \$22,360.00**

# Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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

## India

Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence spent six weeks in India, helping to solve some difficulties among the people. When they arrived, they found the problems to be more complicated than was at first suspected. We believe that the Lord has guided them in their discussions. We hope to have a full report soon. The new church-clinic building was dedicated to the Lord, March 9, 1975, while the Lawrences were present.

## Nova Scotia

The Digby brethren have traded their 36-passenger bus for a 1972 General Motors station wagon to be used for bringing people to the church. Pray that drivers may be found to help with this work.

The financial situation of the Digby Church is presently the best that it has ever been. We are grateful for the Lord's blessing and for the people's willingness to give to his work.

## Philippines

The annual conference of the Philippine Church of God was held at the San Nicolas Church March 27-30 instead of April 18-20. (Many of the young people could not attend at the later time.) The radio work was transferred back to the area of Isabela following the annual conference. Bro. Placido Ortiguero directed the radio work while it was in his area and used it to advertise the conference.

The Agbannawag brethren have erected a church building (made of wood and grass) with a capacity of 100. Bro. Domingo Valdez is the pastor. Bro. Cornelio Orpresio, a public school principal, was in charge of the building project.

Pray for the family of Bro. Rogelio Concepcion of the Cordon Church. Bro. Rogelio died in February from stab wounds received from a man who is persecuting the Cordon brethren. Pray also for the strength of these persecuted brethren, that they may stand firm in their faith in God.

## Nigeria

The Nigerian Easter Conference was held at one of their new churches, Ibesit Ekoi. Twelve persons accepted the Lord and were baptized at the conference.

Bro. Ephraim Udo reports that he has had opportu-

nity to enter the primary schools to distribute tracts, and to teach "Steps Towards Salvation." He asks that we pray for more opportunities to get into schools, colleges, and public organizations.

The members of the Community Church of God, whose pastor is Bro. John Obott, express their thanks for the money that was sent from here to help them put a permanent roof on their church building.

## Ghana

In a recent letter Bro. Oliver Amani informs us of a fruitful ministry among some pagan fishermen on the shores of Volta Lake, some miles from Nkwanta. Twenty-seven persons were baptized into Christ in March.

## What Does the Future Hold?

All of us are probably familiar with some of the predictions that Jeanne Dixon has made concerning the future. There are others, too, who have given their ideas about what is going to happen in the world.

Over many of the events that will take place we have no control at all, for the future is God's, and he holds it in his hands. But there are some things that he has left for us to determine. We remember the words he spoke to the people of Israel, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil" (Deut. 30:15). God sent Jonah to the people of Nineveh with an important message and a choice for them to make. "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." But not if the city repents!

This same choice is ours today. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We can take the one we want, and what we choose will, to a great extent, determine what kind of a life we will experience now.

When we have made the choice in our own lives, we then have the opportunity and responsibility to present this choice to others. There are many who are not aware of the fact that they have an important choice to make. They are not aware of what a difference the right choice would make.

This is what missions and evangelism are all about—sharing the news that man can choose life and good if he wants it. And this, in turn, will bring him a marvelous future—far beyond his expectations—when Christ comes to reign forever.

*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

### **Total Freedom?**

What does a teen-ager talk about more than any other? *Freedom!* Different? Not at all. We all want freedom. It has been said: "Freedom is man's most precious asset." In America, we enjoy freedom of religion, politics, speech, press, and other basic rights. The one that our teens are crying out for is personal freedom. It is the very same freedom that we cried out for at their age. Perhaps not as verbally, but in a more reserved way; but deep down in every heart is the need to be who we want to be, and to act as we want to act. This, of course, is where we ask, "Just how free is a person (teen-ager) to do his own thing?" What can we, as adults, do to help them to grow into maturity, without permanently damaging them in some way?

First, we can communicate with these teens at every time possible, asking them, "Is there such a thing as 'absolute freedom' for anyone?" Next, we may speak to them in the light of Scripture and personal discipline. We must ask them, and ourselves, what standards we must have and exercise concerning our freedom in Christ. Christian freedom is restricted by our relationship with God through Christ (1 Pet. 2:16). We may instruct them that personal freedom is not to "do your own thing," with no concern for the effect that it may have on others. No one lives in complete isolation from others, and our actions do affect others! We can all learn to consider the other person's point of view before we speak or act. We need to educate youth that a Christian is always a witness—either for or against the cause of Christ. We need to take special note of 1 Corinthians 8:9.

Most important, we need to help our teens to realize that Christian freedom allows us to look at ourselves and not condemn ourselves because we are not "just like" someone else. God has given each of us a unique personality. He lets us operate within that personality to the best of our ability (with his help), remembering that liberty to act does not become license to act anyway we choose (1 Cor. 10:23).

Let's help our young people to understand that freedom involves alternatives and choices. Let's help them to learn to make wise choices (while we allow them to make mistakes, and to grow from those mistakes).

Last, but not least, let's help our kids to understand that freedom is not something that you begin with. It is something that you end with. ●

*Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director*

### **Sunday School Board Meeting**

The Sunday School Board met two different evenings of the Christian Workers' Seminar. The first of these meetings was held on the night of Wednesday, February 19, 1975. Bro. David Johnson, a student at the seminar and also a member of the Board of Directors of our General Conference, met with the Sunday School Board at this meeting, to explain his understanding of the relationship that should exist between the two boards. Though he acted in an unofficial capacity, he was able to answer many of the questions that were asked of him. The Sunday School Board appreciated his help.

One member of the Sunday School Board, Bro. James Babcock, was not able to attend the first meeting, but did attend the meeting on Thursday night. At this meeting the Board discussed conducting a Sunday School Conference in Virginia, attending the Illinois State Conference in July, and planning the program for Wednesday at the General Conference. The work being done on Sunday school quarterlies and vacation Bible school helps was also examined and discussed.

### **Sunday School Conference in Virginia**

The second Sunday School Conference will be held May 9 and 10, 1975, at the Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, VA. All members of the Sunday School Board expect to be there to conduct the conference.

### **Vacation Bible School and You**

Experience and statistics indicate that vacation Bible schools can contribute significantly to increasing Sunday school attendance. Every member of the Sunday school has an opportunity to help. Even though you feel unable to be on hand to teach, or to help a teacher, there are still many things that you can do. At your own convenience, you can help to advertize vacation Bible school by visiting homes and personally extending invitations. Telephone calls and letters are also good ways of doing this. Perhaps you can devise a method of your own that is novel and effective.

Teachers and leaders will appreciate help in gathering and preparing needed materials, again at your own convenience. Cookies and Kool-Aid will need to be provided for refreshments. Extra money for expenses will be greatly appreciated. Seek out your director and ask what is needed. There is much to be done. ●

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**Hillard, OH.** Martin and Patricia Kelly, after responding to the gospel invitation and confessing their faith in Jesus Christ, were baptized into his saving name by Bro. C. F. Roth, January 28, 1975. We pray for God's blessing upon this couple in their new walk with Christ.

Cathy Writesel, treasurer.

Richard Kent Chockley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Chockley of Macomb, IL, was baptized February 16, 1975, at the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith of Macomb.

Neva Sue Weaver, reporter.

**Oregon, IL.** Earl Warmolts was baptized in the whirlpool at Orchard Glen Clinic in Dixon, March 19, 1975, with only the members of his immediate family present. He will be a member of the Church of God at Oregon. Bro. Warmolts has been an invalid for approximately two years as the result of a falling freight elevator. At first, he was not expected to survive, but has recovered somewhat, and is still struggling to regain his strength and the proper use of his limbs. We ask your prayers that God will perform a miracle on his behalf.

Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick, Sr.

**Royal, AR.** On February 9, 1975, at the close of the morning worship service, Mike Munderlin came forward and requested baptism. It was our privilege to assist Mike in putting on Christ by immersion, after which we gave him the right hand of fellowship, and partook of Communion. May God bless and keep Mike in his service.

John R. Humphreys, pastor.

**San Gabriel, CA.** We are grateful to report that several people associated with the San Gabriel Church have recently been immersed into Jesus Christ. They are Mrs. Lucy Vidal, Mr. William De La Torre, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hernandez. These brothers and sisters, together with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Garza, who were previously immersed, had all been poured as infants, but felt the necessity for following our Lord's example. "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Daniel Judy.

**Dayton, OH.** Charles Sorah came forward Sunday, March 16, 1975, to give his young life over to Christ. Our prayers go with him as he walks this new road of life.

Rex F. Cain, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** On the evening of March 30, 1975, a large number of brethren gathered to witness the baptism of Bro. and Sr. Edsil V. Harrole, and their granddaughter, Kelly Ann Wright. We are thankful for their confession and obedience to our Lord's command, and pray that they may now grow in grace and in knowledge of the Word. They join the other brethren in looking forward to the day when Jesus shall come and make them his own in its fullness. Communion followed their baptism.

C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** We rejoiced Sunday, March 16, 1975, when Mrs. Ruth Elkins and Terry Lauderdale came forward to confess their faith in Jesus Christ. Mrs. Elkins had been baptized previously, and had believed for a long time the truths that we hold so dear. She had been praying that she would find a church that would teach these truths. Terry joined the family of God the following Sunday, March 23, when he was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. May God be with them both.

John A. Railton, pastor.

**Pelzer, SC.** Melody Jones came forward and was baptized March 29, 1975, by her father, Loie Jones.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

**Oregon IL.** It was a privilege to witness the confession of her faith, and to assist Cathy Jo Kastner, of Rt. 1, Dixon, IL, to put on the name of Christ in baptism March 2, 1975. After much study, she came to the realization that this is the way of obedience for her life. For this we praise God.

C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** On Sunday, March 16, 1975, Kenneth S. Zeitler, 8020 Wildwood Dr., Apt. 202, Oak Creek, WI 53154, confessed Christ as his Savior, and was baptized. Immediately following his baptism, all present received the Communion emblems with him. We rejoice when one more turns to Christ with a desire to serve him.

C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Oak Grove, AR.** During the past year, the writer had the privilege of assisting the following young people from the Oak Grove Church in putting on Christ: Stephanie Daniels, Anita Mitchell, and Sharon Mitchell; Tanya Adkinson of the New Hope Church in Little Rock, Beth Uzzell of the Oak Grove Church, and Marlene Muehreg of California all requested baptism while attending the Arkansas Youth Conference.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

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## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Guy O'Bannon; Mrs. Freda Davis; Mrs. Ruth Mayberry; Beth Reaker; Pearl Veal.

## MARRIAGES

Miss Lucinda Rae Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potts of Macomb, and Rudy Edwin Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gray of Bardolph, IL, were married February 22, 1975, at the Faith Chapel, Lake Tahoe, NV.

Neva Sue Weaver, reporter.

Patty Kay and Steve Gibson were united in marriage at the writer's home on the evening of February 27, 1975. After a short honeymoon at Charleston, the young couple is at home at Rt 1, Pelzer, SC 29669.

T. M. Ferrell, pastor.

Diane Findlay and George Haynes were united in marriage at the Lighthouse Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, March 22, 1975, by Pastor Francis Burnett. We pray God's richest blessings constantly on them in their new life together.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

On May 25, 1974, Brenda Mathews became the bride of David Perry. These young people have made their home at 1011½ W 47th St., North Little Rock, AR. It has been our privilege to have them become faithful workers for the Lord in the Oak Grove Church. They have recently been appointed youth leaders of our Arkansas young people.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

December 30, 1974, was a time of happiness for Tena Mathews and Tom Clark, as they pledged their lives as man and wife. At present, they are living at 10 Regina Circle, Little Rock, AR.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

## OBITUARIES

Devere Larington died March 13, 1975, at the age of 68. He was a member of the Holbrook NE, Church of God, Abrahamic Faith. He and his wife Doris met with our Bible study group in McCook, and opened their home to some of these studies. A message about the sleep of the dead and the resurrection was preached before nearly 200 friends and relatives. He was laid to rest in the McCook cemetery until the coming of Jesus Christ.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Mrs. Frankie Ethel Long died March 7, 1975, at Cambridge, NE. Funeral services for the instruction and comfort of her family and friends were conducted at the Holbrook Church of God. Resurrection hope from both the Old and New Testaments was called to their attention. She was laid to rest beside her husband Ora in the Holbrook cemetery.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Hearts were saddened by the death, February 25, 1975, of William Walker Hicks of Front Royal, VA. He was a charter member of the Royal Village Church of God, having welcomed it to its site across from his home, and having worked diligently for the Lord in this community. Bro. Hicks had waged a valiant fight against a persistent illness. For eight and a half months, sustained by the prayers of many, he had ever drawn closer to his Lord. He is survived by his wife Vera; his son, William Thomas Hicks of Marlton, NJ; his daughter, Mrs. Juanita Hofer of Encinitas, CA; and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted February 28, from the Royal Village Church. Pastors Cecil A. Smead and James H. Mattison officiated. He believed the promise that his life is hid with Christ in God. He awaits the Master's call. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

James Russell Jewell of Glendora, CA, fell asleep in death February 7, 1975, at the age of 80 years. Bro. Jewell, a member of the Church of God, was preceded in death by his wife Pearl. Both were born and reared in Bear, AR. He leaves a son, Bruce T. Jewell, Ph.D., two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Muncrief and Mrs. Crystal Lee of Hot Springs, AR., and a brother, Clarence of Royal, AR. May the Lord soon return and reward his faithful saints.

Pastor Delbert A. Jones.

Mrs. Elizabeth Adamson died, following a short illness, February 24, 1975. She had reached the age of 89. Mrs. Adamson, born in Yorkshire, England, had resided in Pomona for the past 63 years. For all of those years, she was the wife of Bro. George Adamson, and a faithful member of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Wilson of Pomona; a son, Ray of Chino; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Pastors Ted Armes and Delbert Jones. She is awaiting the call of the Lord; may he come quickly.

Pastor Delbert A. Jones.

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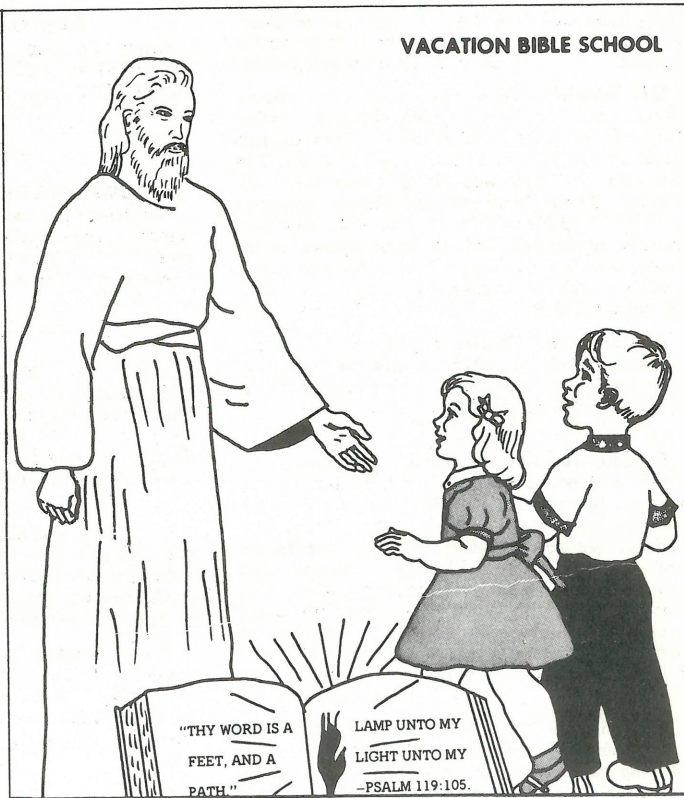
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well worn out. If one of you ladies would go and offer to keep the children for a couple of hours to give her some rest, that would be a better sermon than your pastor could preach, and it would do more good. We must develop the habit of looking for opportunities to show concern for people.

Retired people would have a lot of time to get acquainted in the neighborhood. Go for a walk; it will do you good! If a man is out mowing the lawn, stop and talk to him. Ask him how he raises such good plump tomatoes, or something. Get acquainted with people. Then if you go back to invite them to church, they will be more likely to come.

Remember that this is a continuing program, not a one-shot deal. People are observing you every day of every year of your life. For some of them, you may be their only contact with Christianity. They will form their opinions of your religion and its potential benefits by what they

see in you. If they see that it brings "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" into your life, it will make them thirsty. They will want to partake of the same healing water of life that makes you the sort of person that you are.

This is a church project which includes every member, young and old. It is, and should be, a way of life. There is a piece of the action for everybody!

#### WHY WORSHIP REGULARLY?

Is it really worthwhile to delay or forgo such innocent pleasures as picnics, fishing, golfing, visiting, or simply resting in order to attend the worship services of your church?

Unless you face this issue squarely and resolutely follow the right path, you may eventually find that you have traded your birthright for a mess of pottage. The tract "Why Worship Regularly?" is designed to help you to make your own decision on the basis of pertinent facts. The rest is up to you. Order the tract from The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061. There is no charge.

#### DEDICATE NEW FACILITIES

Congratulations are in order to the Church of God at Columbia Station, Ohio, on the dedication of an addition to their church building, April 6, 1975. Since September of 1963 when this congregation was formed, they have more than doubled their membership, and have become a real spiritual force in the community. In addition to building a new and beautiful church several years ago, they have now added a 40x64 foot educational and social wing.

This kind of growth does not come about by accident, but demands much prayer, labor, and sacrifice. This new facility is but another step in their plans to continue to labor ever more effectively in the fields that are ripe for harvest. May God continue to bless their efforts.

#### COOL SPRING CHURCH

Cool Spring Church of God, near Browntown, VA, will celebrate its 76th Anniversary on May 25, 1975. Bro. C. F. Pryor will be guest speaker. Bro. Pryor was this congregation's first full-time minister. A Communion service will be held on Saturday, and a commemorative service on Sunday afternoon.

A special invitation is extended to all who would like to help us celebrate these years in the Lord. Mrs. James D. Ritch, secretary.

## Contributors to the General Conference: MARCH CONTRIBUTORS

Illinois State Conference	100.00	Cool Spring SS	72.86	Litchfield Church	28.18	Keith Baird	50.00
Mr & Mrs Don Needham	35.00	Sheila Sheeley	10.00	Morning Star Church	60.98	Troy View SS	13.12
Mr & Mrs S O Ross	75.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Worley	12.00	Faith Ch Lafayette Jr Class	30.44
Blanchard Sr Bereans	22.00	Icel Stedman	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ken McClain	20.00	L'Anse Bereans	5.21
Faith Ch Lafayette Lydia	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dickey DePue	5.00	Richard Williams	8.25	Lafayette Faith Ch Miss Dept	42.80
Oregon Church	421.80	St Louis Church	38.70	Christie Simpson	1.00	Dean Sogge	12.00
Mr & Mrs Francis Durham	1.00	Leota Hanson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00
L K Punter	5.00	Garnett Caudle	10.00	Alice Marshall	20.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	70.00	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Happy Woods Church	109.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Anderson	50.00
Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton Sr	20.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	13.00	Ava Kelley	2.00	Mr & Mrs John Carr	100.00
Mr & Mrs Herb Kasper	20.00	Blanchard Church	211.47	Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	40.00	Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	32.00
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Fonthill SS	13.68	Mr & Mrs Ivan Seman	30.00	Mrs Gladys Volentine	25.00	Guy Bagwell	150.00
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Mr & Mrs Chester Kendra	3.00	Southwest Conference	197.40	Fremont SS	39.25	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	10.00
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Mr & Mrs John Lewis	60.00	Annie Welch	16.54	Anonymous	500.00	D Harrington	2.50
Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Zizert	15.00	Fort Valley SS	118.97	Eternal Hope Church	76.81	Graytown Dorcas Circle	5.00
Pat Lawrence	20.00	Pleasant Hill Church	58.81	La State Conf	156.72	Ind State Conf	100.00
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Michigan State Conference	70.09	Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell	30.00	Mrs J F Paustian	30.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	15.00
Mr & Mrs John Huston Jr	50.00	Mrs Ruth Reid	15.00	Mr & Mrs William Hanson	200.00	Kosztal Church	36.00
Yvonne Reigelsperger	70.00	Mr & Mrs W C Poland	25.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Berry	64.00	Ethel Berry	50.00
Bedford Ch of Open Bible	37.32	Everett Rogers	25.00	Mae Turnbow	20.00	Mabel Andrew	20.00
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Mr & Mrs Jess Williams	20.00	Macomb Church	1,161.55	Ind State Conf	200.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	700.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	35.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Knapp	24.00	Milo Magaw	37.00
Ben Carpenter	50.00	Alice Bassett	30.00	Oliver Amani	5.00	Mrs Waldron Stewart	26.00
Pennellwood Miss Dept	145.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	10.00	Mary Krogh	30.00	Mr & Mrs V A Cunningham	50.00
Garden Park Church	257.25	Margaret Duval	90.00	Mrs Lillie Martindale	2.00	Anonymous	32.50
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	Blessed Hope Church	128.10	Mr & Mrs Everett Kraft	250.00
Northeast Conference	225.00	May White	23.82	S P Dismukes	50.00	Harry Magnuson	1.00
Sue Andrew	5.00	Mrs Dwight Hale	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	65.00
Ruby Bolhaus	3.00	Joseph R Duncan	16.00	Golden Rule Church	56.04	Ollie Cooper	10.00
Jay St SS	41.21	Vena Logsdon	5.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00	Mr & Mrs Melvin Malon	8.00
Maurertown Church	13.09	Daisy Nokes	5.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Patrick	100.00	Mr & Mrs Durward York	5.00
Oregon Mary and Martha	25.00	Anna Fogelstrom	5.00	Cecil Smead	15.00	Edna Claypool	20.00
Marjorie Bolhaus	15.00	Anonymous	78.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Millard	50.00	Mr & Mrs Hollis Neal Jr	20.00
Hope Chapel Miss Soc		Glad Tidings Outreach Dept	120.00	Sue Andrew	5.00	George Procter	5.00
South Bend	65.00	Mr & Mrs Ferris Zechiel	50.00	New Hope Church	50.00	Katherine Wirth	5.00
Lila Guiles	10.00	Mrs Turner Whitworth	25.00	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	59.77	South Bend Hope Chapel	87.73
Mr & Mrs Jim Ashley	10.00	Mrs Lee Partlow	3.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	254.35	Mr & Mrs John Taylor	200.00
Southlawn Church	228.25	Beaumont Church	18.29	In memory of Opal Nelson by Mrs		North Salem Church	12.81
Flagg Center Church	54.00	R D Stanton	6.00	Josephine Swihart & daughter	2.00	Mr H M Bausom	3.00
Ripley Bereans	12.00	Macomb SS	11.38	Mr & Mrs Joe Martin	24.00	Mr & Mrs Bobby Partain	12.35
Hillisburg Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	40.00	Mr & Mrs Ron Johns	50.00	Mr & Mrs Bobby Thomason	10.00
Anonymous	100.00	Wayne Thoms	8.00	Vinnie Tyler	10.00	Eden Valley Church	150.00
Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	Brian Thoms	4.00	Robert Ennis	5.00	Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Spencer	5.00
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	20.00	Batesville Bereans	1.40	Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	25.00	Mr & Mrs Wilfred Baggarty	1.00
Golden Rule SS	100.00	Cora Siple	20.00	Hazel Cripe in memory		Mrs Althea Rice	35.00
Brush Creek SS	37.92	Mr & Mrs V M Orndorff	2.00	of Elaine	10.00	Hector Dorcas	15.90
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**CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERS CONFERENCE**



# THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Vision is the Key"

## Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross  
 Camp Director: David Krogh  
 Worship Program Directors: R. Johns, D. Johnson, B. Kennedy, S. O. Ross  
 Children's Class Co-Directors: Lorraine Gaspar, Marjorie Wood  
 Head Usher: Charles Jones  
 Music Directors: Stephen & Joyce Bolhous  
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser  
 Reception: Don and Marj Overmyer  
 Room Assignments: Margaret Duval, Edith Eades, Mildred O'Neil  
 Desk Clerks: Isie Jenkins, Mary Ellen Jones, Mary Krogh  
 Ministers' Meetings: C. F. Pryor  
 Priscillas' Meetings: Grace Cain  
 Business Office: Deborah Burnett, Dorothy Siple, Lois Smith  
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew  
 Photographer: J. Richard LeCrone

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 11

2:00 Registration begins  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service  
 Conference Board of Directors, Opening and Song Service; John Hearp, Chairman, speaker, "Vision is the Key"  
 8:45 Reception  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Tuesday, August 12

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Clark Ballentine; Ministers: E. Milon Hall; Youth: Carl Jennings; Priscillas: Charlene Graham)  
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: J. Richard LeCrone, "Foundation of Faith"  
 Youth Class: Sydney Kirkpatrick  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth attend business session (Youth Day)  
 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, David Johnson  
 Financial Report  
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship Business  
 11:45 Recess for Lunch  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service:  
 Youth Advisory Council  
 2:15 Minicourse, Dale Ramsey, "Music in the Church"  
 Minicourse, John Lewis, "Distinctive Doctrines"  
 2:15 Sharing Sessions  
 1. Lay-leadership in the Church, Robert Petry

2. Church History, C. E. Randall  
 3. Family Life, Family Life Committee  
 4. Youth in the Church, Jim Babcock  
 2:15 Board of Directors Meeting  
 3:30 Dismissal from Sessions  
 3:30 Alumni Business Meeting (OBC)  
 3:30 Planned Youth Activities  
 4:00 Choir Practice  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:00 Communion Service, C. E. Lapp and Vivian Kirkpatrick  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Song Leader; G. Gordon Landry, speaker, "The Gospel Must Be Published"  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Wednesday, August 13

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Willis Turner; Ministers: Stanley Lawrence; Youth: Pam Jennings; Priscillas: Carola Landry)  
 9:00 Adult Class: Sunday School Department  
 Youth: Russell Reye  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth Class, John Railton, "Putting on Christ"  
 10:00 Business Session, reading of Tuesday's minutes  
 Publishing Department Business  
 Sunday School Department Business  
 Election of two Sunday School Directors  
 11:45 Recess for Lunch  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Sunday School Department  
 2:15 Minicourse, Dale Ramsey, "Music in the Church"  
 Minicourse, John Lewis, "Distinctive Doctrines"  
 2:15 Sharing Sessions  
 1. Accepting the New Pastor, Elmo Gaspar  
 2. Power of Positive Prayer, James Mattison  
 3. The Bus Ministry, Kent Ross  
 4. Sunday School, Sunday School Board  
 5. The Duties of the Local Missionary Committee, Mission Board  
 2:15 Board of Directors Meeting  
 3:30 Dismissal from Sessions  
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth  
 4:00 Choir Practice  
 4:30 OBC Alumni Banquet  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Song Leader: S. O. Ross, speaker, "Here Am I"  
 9:00 Camp Fire for all ages, John Carr  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Thursday, August 14

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Loie Jones; Ministers: Emory Macy; Youth: Diane McClain; Priscillas: Gayle Ross)  
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Rex Cain, "Vision Is Not Looking Back"

Youth Class, Daniel Landry  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth Class, Vivian Kirkpatrick II  
 10:00 Business Session, Reading of Wednesday's minutes  
 Nomination for two Directors  
 Mission Business  
 Election of two Mission Board Members  
 11:45 Recess for Lunch  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:25 Ordination Service, C. F. Pryor  
 2:15 Minicourse, Dale Ramsey, "Music in the Church"  
 Minicourse, John Lewis, "Distinctive Doctrines"  
 2:15 Sharing Sessions  
 1. Developing the Babe in Christ, Edward Bender  
 2. Fulfillment of End-Time Prophecy, Albert Harper  
 3. Sunday School, Sunday School Board  
 4. "Growing Up" in Foreign Missions, Mission Board  
 2:15 Board of Directors Meeting  
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions  
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth  
 4:00 Choir Practice  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Musicale, Stephen and Joyce Bolhous  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Friday, August 15

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: William Andrew; Ministers: Linford Moore; Youth: Donna Kennedy; Priscillas: Peggy Winner)  
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Russell Magaw, "Conditionalism, Truth Key to Vision"  
 Youth, Paul Moore, "Think Big, Burn Bridges"  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth Class, Hugh Harman  
 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, C. F. Pryor  
 2:15 Continuation of Business Session  
 General Business  
 Adoption of a Budget  
 3:30 Adjournment of Business Session  
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Song Leader; Billie Kennedy, speaker, "Loose Him and Let Him Go"  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Saturday, August 16

7:00 United Prayer Service  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 9:00 Camp Should be Vacated

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# Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

Theme: "Vision is the Key"

This report of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference was approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors May 1, 1975. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1975 General Conference business sessions (Aug. 11-16, 1975, Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa) can become familiar with it and can be instructed by their church or state conference regarding same.

This is an eight-month report and any special items of interest in the interim will be reported orally at General Conference. The progress and activities of the several departments are reported herein, with some additional comments on the work as a whole.

The physical facilities of the Conference are in good shape and the addition of the New Dormitory now under construction will further enhance this aspect. The Literature Campaign continues to be a blessing to those who are involved in this program and also it is a means of changing lives for Christ.

Each Monday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock the conference staff gathers in the college chapel for a devotion and joint prayer service. These sessions are a spiritual uplift to the staff members and hopefully a blessing to the work of the conference as many aspects of the conference work are lifted up to the Lord in prayer. We are thankful to God for his rich blessings and direction throughout each department of the conference.

## Berean Youth Department

We are happy to report that the work of the Berean Youth Department is progressing satisfactorily. Several programs sponsored by the Youth Department have been successfully completed and others are in the planning stages at this time.

Youth Week, 1974, according to all reports received, was very successful. Eighteen groups sent in reports for judging and I'm sure there were those who honored Youth Week but did not report it.

The first-place traveling trophy went to the Lakeshore Bible Church of God Bereans in Tempe, Ariz. The second-place traveling trophy was awarded to the Faith Chapel Bereans of East Peoria, Ill. Burr Oak, Eden Valley, Blanchard, and Hope Chapel also ranked high. This year, the Advisory Council was given the responsibility for judging Youth Week. It is the Youth Department's intention to get the Advisory Council to be an active board. It is our feeling that this youth-elected board should be more involved.

The annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat was held December 29 - January 1, at Shipshewana Retreat Center, near Shipshewana, Ind. Thirty-nine young people and four staff members attended this retreat. A spiritual blessing was obtained by all in attendance.

The slide-sound set of the 1974 International Berean Youth Conference was prepared and put into circulation in November of 1974. This presentation of our Youth Conference has been

viewed by thirty-one churches up to this time and we hope to have many more requests by 1975 conference time.

The editorship of *Challenge*, a publication of the Youth Department, is now in the hands of Youth Director Hugh Harman. This change in editorship took place with the January-February issue. Bro. Kent Ross of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the former editor.

Another publication of the Youth Department is the *Junior Berean Lesson Manual*, edited by Bro. Edward Bender. Beginning with the next issue, this manual will be printed, and contain 27 lessons. We are planning to publish this manual twice a year.

International Prayer Day and International Communion Sunday have become annual programs of the Bereans of the Church of God. International Communion Sunday was held on November 24, 1974, and International Prayer Day on March 24, 1975.

Plans have been completed for the use of two camps, operating concurrently, for the 1975 International Berean Youth Conference, July 20-26. Camp Alexander Mack will be occupied by those young people entering the ninth grade, through the twelfth grade. The Shipshewana Retreat Center, located approximately thirty-five miles from Camp Mack, will be occupied by those who have graduated from high school, through age 25. Due to rising costs the tuition for this year's Youth Conference has been set at \$50.00.

We are thankful to God for his blessings and continue to ask for his direction in the planning of all youth-related activities.

## Publishing Department

The Publishing Department of our Church of God General Conference continues to operate at, or near, capacity. By reason of the very nature of the work, it is never quite "caught up." Always there are quarterlies, lesson books, tracts, and other literature, in addition to *The Restitution Herald* and *Progress Journal*, to be done as soon as possible. The addition of Bro. Gordon Landry to the department as assistant to Bro. Paul Johnson has done much to ease the burdens of Bro. Johnson and your editor, J. Richard LeCrone. His previous experience in printing, as well as in writing and pastoral work, make his services invaluable.

The brethren continue to use literature in ever-increasing amounts. Between October 1 of 1974 and May 1 of 1975, 109,000 tracts were printed and made available for free distribution. Several new tracts and booklets have been printed during the past eight months. Among them:

Miracle of Pentecost—Unrepeated and Unrepeatable

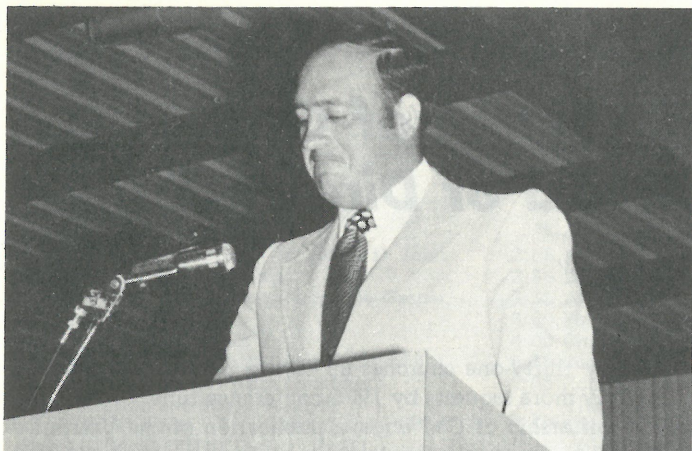
Need a Friend?

Something Got You Down?

The Truth About God

Does 2 + 2 = 5?

The need for new tracts lies chiefly in the field of brief but



**Bro. Scott Ross in the Pulpit**

clear and pointed messages, to be used as "attention getters" for evangelistic use. As this is being written, two tracts and a booklet are in process of preparation.

Distribution figures for *The Restitution Herald* are:

October	10,000
November	10,350
December	10,000
January	9,750
February	9,750
March	9,500
April	9,750
May	11,000
Total	80,550

This is an average monthly distribution of 10,070 copies, which is about 400 more per month than last year. The brethren are making increasing use of special back pages on *The Herald* for the purpose of advertising missionary meetings, state and district conferences, revival meetings, and other special events. This is an excellent means of advertising both the local church and the broader work of the Conference.

Our experiment with providing our own color pictures for the cover of *The Restitution Herald* appears to be working out satisfactorily, both as to quality and cost.

The series of brief histories, pictures, an article by the pastor, and comments about the reasons for the success of the church appear to have been well received, though at the present time, our supply of such material is running low. For some reason, the smaller churches have responded more readily than the larger ones. This series can continue only as long as you supply us with material for it.

A prophetic issue of *The Restitution Herald* is in the planning stage. It should appear in late summer or early fall. You will be notified through the pages of *Progress Journal*, in case you may wish to order extra copies.

We are noticing signs that governmental forces are considering placing "roadblocks" in the way of the distribution of religious literature and broadcasts. Let us take full advantage of the opportunities that are still ours!

#### **Sunday School Department**

A full-time Sunday School Director, Francis Burnett, began his duties on September 1, 1974. It was the fulfillment of a desire of many Church of God brethren.

A Sunday school conference was held, September 27-29,

1974, during the Northeast Fall Conference at Lawrenceville, Ohio. The entire Sunday School Board was present and responsible for the program. This was a "first" in Sunday school history.

Your director attended the Mid-America Sunday School Convention in Detroit, Mich., November 7-9, 1974. He received many ideas and valuable helps.

Due to the death of Bro. Raymond Brown, the Mission Board asked your director and wife to assume the pastoral duties at Digby, Nova Scotia, for a period of time. This was in addition to carrying on the work of the Sunday School Department. The journey began on January 3, 1975. On the way, meetings were held in southern Ohio; Columbia, Ohio; and Fonthill, Ont., with Sunday school officers and teachers. In addition, there was a meeting in Troy, Ohio, with adult Sunday school teachers, and one with Sr. Ruth Overholser, editor of the primary quarterly. These meetings proved valuable both to the director and those attending.

The Christian Workers' Seminar held at Camp Mack, Ind., February 16-22, 1975, was a tremendous success. Twenty-five persons were enrolled. There was a staff of 6 teachers. Space is not available to describe its worth. Plans are already being made for another in 1976.

Two tracts have been printed for junior-age young people. These are advertised in the spring issue of the Junior Quarterly. An Elective Bible Study course of 13 lessons on the Book of Romans was prepared and is available.

Regular features of the Sunday School Department are: News column in *Progress Journal*, Sunday School Monthly, Continual Teacher-Training lessons, and much correspondence. Also available are filmstrips on teacher training, and others on various subjects, tapes from the Tape Library, and various helps. Several of these have been used during this past year.

The present Sunday School Board is: Joyce Knapp; Scott Ross; James Graham; Jim Babcock; and Francis Burnett, who is Sunday School Director and chairman.

#### **Foreign Missions Department**

The following persons are presently serving as your General Conference Mission Board: Robert Hall; Mardy Lawrence; M. A. Patrick; S. O. Ross, Home Missions Superintendent; and Rachel Carr, Foreign Missions Superintendent. They meet three times yearly to discuss and make recommendations concerning the mission work. Two of their meetings are held in conjunction with a missionary conference at a local church.

Sisters Alice Aldrich and Mary Jo Brewer conducted Bible schools in Mexico last summer, and General Conference delegates approved the recommendation that Sr. Aldrich remain to work in Mexico. She is living in Labor Vieja and assisting Roberto Badillo and his wife with the Sunday school and church. It was decided to discontinue supporting Bro. Francisco Martinez (who had been in Saltillo) as of December 31, 1974.

Our mission work in Ghana, West Africa, is located in Nkwanta and is headed by Bro. Oliver Amani. Converts during the past year have included a district postman, a police sergeant, students, and teachers. The Northern Volta Business College is operated by Bro. Amani, with 45-50 students who study the Bible, as well as commercial and general education courses.

We were saddened in November by the death of Bro. Raymond Brown, pastor of the Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, church. His son Dennis helped with the work until January, when Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett went there to serve as interim workers until General Conference. Sr. Eunice Pearson continues to be a

big help in this field, correspondence courses being one of her responsibilities. Activities during the past year include the annual Maritime Conference, a missionary conference, literature distribution campaigns, and the building of a baptistry. 1974 closed with the church in the best financial condition since its organization.

In the Philippine Islands, ten churches and their pastors are under the leadership of Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero. In 1974 the Quezon Church building was constructed with Mission Builders League assistance, and a new building was erected in the village of Pallago. The 13th annual Philippine Conference was held in April and was followed by a one-day Berean Youth Conference. The radio work continues under direction of Bro. Eleodoro Javar. We were shocked in November to learn of an attack on Bro. Ortiguero by a former pastor. He was in the hospital for some time, recovering from the wounds he received.

Bro. S. S. Manoah continues to oversee the work in Bangalore, India, where services are conducted in six areas. In 1974 the Thomas Town Church observed its seventh anniversary and the Chinnayanapalyam group its fourth. The new medical-church facility was constructed and dedicated in March, 1975. Some problems arose concerning the work in India, and Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence went there in February, 1975, to meet with the people and help in working out the difficulties. Bro. P. M. Paulson continues to work in the Hyderabad area, and has spent time with Bro. Manoah in intensive study.

Bros. Ephraim Udo, Solomon Idiong, and John Obott continue to guide the work of nine churches in Nigeria, West Africa. Bro. Idiong is Youth Director and a youth camp was held in August. In December, five hundred attended the annual Nigerian Conference. It was decided to have Solomon complete his studies at Oregon Bible College, and he and his wife plan to arrive in August.

Bro. Cornelius Boykai, a registered nurse, continues to conduct a clinic and spiritual work in Liberia. Present membership in the church is ninety-four. The Liberian work, a mission effort of the Northeast Conference, was visited in the last year by Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser and Bro. Harold Domigan, Northeast Conference members.

#### Home Missions Department

Most local churches have a Mission Director. These people have been very helpful in the mission and evangelistic efforts of the local church and of the Church of God General Conference. They, together with their committees and the pastors, are responsible for the planning of missionary conferences, mission banquets, and various mission promotions. They have also spearheaded many of the literature distribution campaigns that have been so successful in sharing the message of salvation with the written Word.

This year six churches: (Lombard, Ill.; Eternal Hope, Herndon, Va.; East Oregon, Ill.; Raymore, Mo.; Arlington, Tex.; and Gulf Coast, Fla.) have received assistance through the Pastoral Aid Programs of the General Conference. One is in the Special Church Aid Program that went into effect in September, 1974. Two churches (Flagg Center, Ill., and Lafayette, Ind.) have received funds through the Mission Builders program.

Many inquiries continue to come into General Conference headquarters as a result of literature. These inquiries come from many countries of the world in addition to the United States and Canada. Home Bible studies are carried on in many churches and communities. These classes, the Systematic Bible Study Courses, and the Free Literature Distribution are all sharing in

the spreading of the gospel message of salvation to many. May God continue to richly bless all the efforts in evangelism and missions throughout the Church of God General Conference.

#### Oregon Bible College

Oregon Bible College has experienced another wonderful year as the institution of higher education for the Church of God General Conference.

The 1974-1975 academic year began with 60 students: 41 were returning students and 19 were new students. Fifty students were enrolled for the second semester. College commencement was held May 23. Five seniors were graduated: Michael Berry, Michele Gaspar, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Deirdre Kirkpatrick, and Telva Lippert. Total number of OBC graduates is now 139: 120 men and 19 women.

Administration and faculty during the year included: Alva G. Huffer, president; John R. Lewis, administrative vice-president and registrar; Stanley O. Ross, director of business affairs; Eugene E. Stilson; Dale F. Ramsey; Robert L. Jones; Dallas R. Demmitt; and Connie Mongan, who taught English courses. Mary Krogh was director of the women's dorm; Dale Ramsey was director of the men's dorm.

Our college program was enriched through the service of several guest instructors. Joe James, Greenville, S.C., was Christian Emphasis Week speaker and instructor for a sociology seminar. John Hearp, Fonthill, Ont., taught a course for freshmen on the "Acts of the Apostles." Vernis Wolfe, Hammond, La., taught two courses during the Spring Session: "Pastoral Evangelism" and "Creative Worship Workshop." David Krogh taught "Old Testament Poetry."

Michele Gaspar was president of the Student Council. Dan Ryan was chairman of the Social Committee. Michael Berry was chairman of the Christian Service Committee. Telva Lippert was editor of the Student Voice and Linda Hollenback was editor of the Maranatha issue of the *Progress Journal*. Special OBC Days of Prayer were held November 7 and January 30. Junior-Senior Weekend was held April 10, 11.

*Director of Student Recruitment.* David Krogh, who is Business Office Manager for the College and the General Conference, has been appointed Director of Student Recruitment and is promoting an effective program to interest prospective students in the College.

*Professional Development of Faculty.* Dale F. Ramsey has nearly completed his Master of Arts degree in Music at Northern



Sr. Rachel Krogh Leads the Conference Choir



Bro. Ralph Childs and Son

Illinois University. He hopes to finish his one remaining course this summer.

Eugene E. Stilson is nearing completion of an additional graduate degree, the Master of Arts in Bible and Theology, with specialization in Greek and New Testament Studies. He will be in residence at Wheaton College during the spring and summer quarters.

Robert L. Jones is being encouraged by the Board of Education to acquire a similar graduate degree at Wheaton College, the Master of Arts in Bible and Theology, with specialization in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies. He has completed his Hebrew courses. Through assistance from the Joseph D. Lawrence Scholarship, it is hoped that he will be able to complete his graduate degree during the next academic year.

John R. Lewis is being encouraged by the Board of Education to pursue further graduate work in the area of Pastoral Studies. Chairman of our Pastoral Studies Department, John Lewis already has a Master of Arts degree in Speech.

We will need an additional faculty member in the future, to head our Christian Education Department.

*Music Department Progress.* Our Music Department continues to develop under the direction of Dale Ramsey. Plans are completed for the addition of new music courses to our curriculum. Students now will be able to be graduated with a major in Bible and a minor in music. A music minor will require a minimum of 25 semester hours in that field. Two gospel teams, one led by Michele Gaspar and one by Dennis Brown, presented at least 40 gospel team services during the year. All students have the opportunity to be on a gospel team. Some students serve as student pastors on a regular basis for local churches. The OBC Chorale presented at least 25 sacred concerts during the year in local churches, before high school assemblies, on television, and in churches in various parts of the United States.

*Library Enlargement.* The library has doubled its floor space

during the past year. The south half of the men's dorm basement has been carpeted, attractively finished, and connected with the upper level through a new stairway. Library stacks are now located on the lower level. We now envision the carpeting of the upper level and the addition of air conditioning units. The number of books in our College Library now is 9,277. The goal established by General Conference delegates for September, 1978, is 15,000 volumes in our library. We were unable to purchase many books for the library during the past year due to lack of funds. The Board of Education is recommending that a larger sum be included in our annual budget for the purchase of books, so that our goals can be attained.

*New Dormitory Facility.* An attractive new dormitory facility is being erected on campus and will be ready for the 1975-1976 academic year. The new dormitory will house forty-two women students and will include an apartment for the dorm director. A comfortable student lounge, designed for the use of all students, will be located on the basement level of the new building.

*The Board of Education* consists of Robert D. Johnson, William D. Lawrence, Charles Pryor, Vernis Wolfe, and Alva G. Huffer. John R. Lewis, campus administrator, attends meetings also. The Board of Education met in August at General Conference, in March in Hammond, La., and in May at Oregon, Ill. The board continues to perform an important work in an advisory and promotional capacity and in making recommendations regarding Oregon Bible College to the Board of Directors.

#### General Services

Staff members of the Church of God General Conference perform many services in addition to the departmental activities reported in the preceding reports. Staff members are available for special meetings, dedications, state conferences, and other activities. They also fill pulpits when local pastors are ill or on vacation.

Your Executive Director works closely with local churches in finding replacements for vacant pulpits. He has an information file on pastors and their families, and usually knows when a pastor may be available for a "call." Churches seeking pastors are encouraged to contact the Executive Director for assistance in this area. He also administers the Ministers Retirement program and the Ministers Insurance program. He is required to complete many forms and questionnaires from various governmental, civic, and religious agencies. He is responsible for all personnel, for promotions and public relations, for the upkeep and maintenance 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.

Your Board of Directors, Executive Director, department heads and staff workers of the Church of God General Conference covet your prayers, encouragement, criticism, and concern, as they endeavor to carry out the policies and programs that the delegates set out for them to accomplish.

#### General Conference Finances

The Church of God General Conference, in this current fiscal year, is operating on the largest budget in the history of the conference. In the early months of the year giving did fall behind. We are thankful that at the midyear the goals have been met. We do find, however, that expenses are running somewhat above the amount anticipated. The items of expense that are showing the most drastic increase, and which are going over the budgeted amount, are departmental printing, light and fuel,

food (for Oregon Bible College), and the Free Literature costs.

The General Conference Board of Directors and the staff members appreciate the dedicated sacrificial giving of many. God has wonderfully provided for his people. May the membership, individually and through the local churches and district conferences, continue to meet the needs, that the expanded work of the conference can go on to completion.

In these last days, may we all keep our hand to the plow, our eyes on the goal, and, with the Apostle Paul, "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

#### Recommendations For 1975-76

1) We recommend the adoption of "Goals—Reaching Forth to Eighty."

*Explanation:* The Reaching Forth to Eighty goals (see page 9) have been prepared by the various departments and are realistic and obtainable.

2) We recommend that we accept the Church of God in Salala, Liberia, into the fellowship and membership of the Church of God General Conference.

*Explanation:* This work in Liberia was started a few years ago and has been supported solely by the Northeast Conference of the Church of God. At the request of the Northeast Conference, it is the recommendation to make this progressing mission congregation a part of the Church of God General Conference.

3) We recommend that the members of the Mission Builders League contribute \$10.00 to each appeal granted by the Board of Directors. (No more than two appeals per year.)

*Explanation:* Building costs have doubled since the league was formed in 1958. It is therefore recommended that the contribution be increased from the present \$5.00 per appeal to \$10.00.

4) We recommend that the Pastoral Aid to a local church under the Pastoral Aid Program of the Church of God General Conference begin at \$125.00 per month, effective September 1, 1975.

*Explanation:* Pastoral aid now begins at \$100 per month and graduates down one-fifth each year. Under the proposal it would begin at \$125 per month the first year and graduate down one-fifth each succeeding year.

## 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 Director of the Church of God General Conference. The fund is supported entirely by special contributions and is used for loans or gifts to ministers, or their families, in times of emergency.

At the last annual report, total assets in the fund were \$666.50. Two are receiving monthly assistance from this fund in the total amount of \$600.00 a year. There are no outstanding loans at this time. We are grateful to those who have contributed this past year, especially to the Felida, Wash., Church of God for a large contribution. The present fund balance is \$4,528.57. We encourage contributions that this fund may grow so more would be available should an emergency arise.

S. O. Ross, secretary.

### Board of Counseling and Arbitration

It should be emphasized that the primary purpose of this board is that of counseling. The services of the board are not used in an official capacity for counseling as much as they should be. If they were, usually the need for the board to mediate would not be necessary. While individual members of the board oftentimes are asked for guidance, the board, set up by the General Conference as a counseling agency, has not been used in its full potential.

Thus far, the main usage of the board by ministers and churches has been as a last resort, when problems have developed an acute condition. Counseling usually could have prevented such conditions from developing to a point where arbitration was necessary.

This past year, the board has served at the request of a congregation to act on its behalf. When called upon to act, the board endeavors to protect both the immediate and future welfare of both congregation and pastor.

Board of Counseling and Arbitration, Clyde E. Randall, Chm.; S. O. Ross, Sec.; Wayne Laning, member.

### Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association continues to grow and become more stable each year. There are fifty-one ministers, fifty churches, six state or district conferences, and the General Conference participating in the program.

The assets of the Association now total nearly sixty thousand dollars, an increase of thirteen thousand over the past year. Special contributions are encouraged to help strengthen the fund even more.

Five ministers are presently receiving retirement assistance. The members of the association increased the retirement benefits to sixty dollars per month at the Bi-Annual meeting last August. The increase took effect January 1, 1975. The Board of Trustees of the Association continues to study ways to improve the plan to the benefit of our elder ministers as they retire from active service.

C. E. Randall, Chm.; S. O. Ross, Sec.; Willard Naylor, Director.

### License and Ordination Committee

The names of one hundred nineteen ministers of the Church of God General Conference were published in the November, 1974, issue of *Progress Journal*. A correction to the list should have included the name of Bro. Dale Ramsey. This would make a total of one hundred twenty ministers who received their ministerial license from the Church of God General Conference.

It should be noted that the name of Bro. Daniel Fyfe was added, at his request, after having been omitted for some time. Bro. Stanley Lawrence was granted a license, following a request from Bro. Lawrence and an interview by the License and Ordination Committee. Two graduates of Oregon Bible College were added: Bro. Benjamin Mattison; and Bro. Mark Ryan. Bro. Mattison is now pastor at the Morning Star Church of God in South Bend, Ind., and Bro. Ryan is pastoring the San Jose Church in Campbell, Cal.

It is with deepest regrets that we must report the loss of two of our devoted pastors: Bro. Raymond Brown and Bro. Ellsworth Routson, both by unexpected death. Both of these men

were dedicated to the work of the Lord and had served successfully in the Church of God ministry. Their absence from the ministerial body will be felt for many years to come.

Again we will remind all ministers that their licenses must be renewed annually. Some names may have been omitted from the ministerial list published because they failed to return their applications. Application blanks for license renewal are mailed to all ministers from headquarters about July 1. If you do not receive an application blank, and have been previously licensed, write to headquarters and request one. Recognition cards will be issued from applications received and will be presented during the General Conference meetings at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Cards will be mailed to those not attending conference.

C. F. Pryor, Chm.; C. E. Lapp; Hollis Partlowe.

#### Dual Ownership Committee Report

The Committee on Dual Ownership, acting on the motion made at the 1974 General Conference "that a person or com-

mittee study the use of dual ownership or other means to avoid loss of facilities due to splits in congregations," makes the following recommendation:

The policy of dictating how member churches should hold title to real estate (sole ownership vs. joint-ownership with State or General Conference) is not within the scope, purpose, and function of the General Conference. Believing there are more dangers involved in dual ownership than benefits—until a better means or method becomes available that would prevent loss of church facilities due to splits in congregations—the owners of such properties could (with the advice of legal counsel) deed the property owned to the General or state conference. The said conference would then deed the property back to the local church with the clause or reservation that the property described would revert to the grantor in the event of dissolution.

Further explanation and information will be presented at General Conference by this committee.

Robert Smith, Chm.; Maurice Robinson; Robert Hall.

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## Additional Conference Information

**Site:** The 1975 Church of God General Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 11-16. 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 (on Division Street) 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 cost at Riverview Park in 1975 will be \$7.75 per person per day (\$37.00 for the Conference). The daily costs are: breakfast, \$1.25; lunch, \$1.85; supper, \$2.50; lodging, \$2.00; insurance and miscellaneous, \$.15. (Meals are half price for children under age 8.) 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. 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 dormitories. Cabins will house four 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. Water and electrical hookups are available, but no sewer. Two public camping facilities are located in the area. Tents on the grounds are discouraged.

**Note to Teachers and Leaders:** Teachers of General Conference adult and youth classes and leaders of Christian sharing sessions are reminded to prepare mimeographed copies of their lessons or outlines. Enough copies should be prepared to permit those not able to attend a particular session to secure copies.

**Elections During General Conference:** Board of Directors: Two members will be elected to the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. The terms of John Hearp and Dallas Demmitt will expire at General Conference. (These can-

not be reelected.)

**Sunday School Board:** Two members to be elected. The terms of Joyce Knapp and James Graham will expire this year. (These may be reelected.)

**Mission Board:** Two members to be elected. The term of Robert Hall expires. (He may be reelected.) The second member will be for the three-year unexpired term of Sr. Rachel Carr. Sr. Carr was elected to a four-year term on the Mission Board in 1974. January 1, she assumed the position of Superintendent of Missions. In this position, she is a member of the board and automatically its chairman. This leaves a vacancy for the three-year unexpired term.

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 and to be sure that they are free and able to attend the meetings of the particular board to which they may be elected.

**Young People:** The youth are expected to stay with their families in cabins and thus be under the direct supervision of their parents.

**Children's Classes:** Lorraine Gaspar and Marjorie Wood will be in charge of the children's classes for ages over two through sixth grade, 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 refreshment breaks during the class periods. 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 far away 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.

# GOALS--REACHING FORTH TO EIGHTY

Department

By September, 1977

By September, 1980

<p><b>FOREIGN MISSIONS</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Each mission field visited by a Conference representative at least every three years.</li> <li>2) Strive for more doctrinal stability and spiritual maturity in present fields.</li> <li>3) Teach leaders on the mission fields to conduct church affairs in a more efficient and business-like manner.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) An experienced pastor or missionary representative to spend an extended period of time in a training program for the missionaries in a particular field.</li> <li>2) Prepare courses to help above people accomplish this goal effectively.</li> </ol>
<p><b>HOME MISSIONS</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Five new churches in the General Conference.</li> <li>2) Fifteen hundred mission builders.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A full-time pastorate in at least 80% of our local churches.</li> <li>2) Ten new churches in the General Conference.</li> </ol>
<p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Each Sunday school increase attendance by 25%.</li> <li>2) Five new Sunday schools added to the 1975 number.</li> <li>3) Acceptance and use of Teacher-Training programs in all Sunday schools with help from Sunday School Director, Sunday School Board members, and other capable leaders.</li> <li>4) Continued updating and revision of the curriculum in the Sunday School Department.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Ten new Sunday schools added to the General Conference as per the 1975 count.</li> <li>2) Increase the number of Christian Workers' Seminars to at least three each year by having them in different locations.</li> <li>3) Initiate a Sunday School Superintendents' Conference of three days or more.</li> </ol>
<p><b>BEREAN YOUTH DEPARTMENT</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Equal representation of high school and post-high on the Youth Advisory Council.</li> <li>2) Monthly publication of <i>Challenge</i>.</li> <li>3) Annual Youth Leaders Seminar.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Full responsibility of the departmental budget.</li> <li>2) Development and publication of materials related to Youth Ministry.</li> </ol>
<p><b>PUBLISHING</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase sales by at least 20 percent outside our own fellowship.</li> <li>2) Promote tract distribution through organized efforts of conferences and local churches; concentrate on fundamental teachings of the Bible.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase the monthly circulation of <i>The Restitution Herald</i> to 20,000 per issue. Establish and maintain an organized effort denomination-wide for monthly distribution of the paper as an evangelistic outreach.</li> </ol>
<p><b>OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Graduates during two-year period—25</li> <li>2) Student body size—70</li> <li>3) Volumes in library—12,000</li> <li>4) Have at least two instructors with Master Degrees in Bible and Theology</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Graduates during three-year period—40</li> <li>2) Student body size—80</li> <li>3) Volumes in library—15,000</li> <li>4) An additional instructor with Master Degree as Head of Christian Education Department</li> </ol>



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Conference Issue

This issue carries the program, reports, recommendations and other pertinent information regarding the annual Church of God General Conference for 1975. The Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 11-16. The theme of this fifty-fifth Annual Conference is: "Vision Is the Key."

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to all church and conference secretaries. Secretaries are urged to complete these forms promptly and return them in the envelope that was enclosed. Churches and conferences would do well to select their delegates soon, and instruct them how to vote on proposed recommendations and other conference business. We would urge also that consideration be given to selecting nominees for the positions to be filled by election, as listed in this issue.

## Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Ill., May 1 and 2. The Reports and Recommendations to be presented to the delegates at the 1975 General Conference were approved. The Conference program was finalized. The committee to study the church-conference joint-ownership possibilities made its report (see full report in this issue).

A committee was appointed to study the possible revision of the *Songs of Truth* hymnal. This will be a rather lengthy task and important to the future of the music in the Church of God. The names of the committee members will be published when the appointments have been accepted by the individuals.

Bro. C. E. Randall reported that the writing of the history of the Church of God is progressing well. Hopefully, the copy will be ready and price estimates available by General Conference time. The Church of God, Blanchard, Mich., was granted Mission Builders Appeal number thirty-five, which will go into the mail about November 15, 1975. The North Hills Church of God, Springfield, Ohio, was granted Pastoral Aid, beginning September 1, 1975.

The Board of Education of Oregon Bible College also met in Oregon, Ill., on May 1 and 2. The Board of Education recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following: That Dr. Alva G. Huffer be employed during the next academic year, beginning September, 1975, as Special College Consultant, and

that Bro. John R. Lewis be appointed President of Oregon Bible College, beginning September, 1975.

We commend Dr. Huffer for the many fine accomplishments achieved during the seven years he has served as President of Oregon Bible College. He will continue to pursue academic research and development functions for the college. As Special Consultant, Dr. Huffer will serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Education.

Bro. John Lewis has served as Vice-President of Oregon Bible College for several years and comes well qualified to the position of President. May God bless and direct both Bro. Lewis and Dr. Huffer in their new positions.

The Board of Directors also approved the recommendation that the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College organize itself by choosing its own chairman and other necessary officers each year after new appointments or reappointments have been made.

Many other items were discussed by the Board of Directors and considerable time was given to long-range planning of future goals for the Church of God General Conference.

## Cabin Reservations

Reservations for cabins at General Conference are now being accepted. Write to Cabin Reservation, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and state the number in your family or group that wish to stay together. Space will be reserved for you. The cost is \$7.75 per person per day, or \$37.00 for the entire conference.

## Conference Finances

Contributions have fallen short of the goal for May. We do thank the members and churches that are making a dedicated effort to help meet these needs. We ask for your prayers and concerns that the total needs will be met.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 - September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for May	\$22,360.00
Given in May	19,996.00
May Deficit	2,364.00
June Needs	\$16,250.00

**Goal for June \$18,614.00**

PROGRESS JOURNAL

# Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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

## India Report

Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence recently returned from nearly a month in India. For two months preceding, we received many letters and cablegrams attempting to explain the problems which were disrupting the functioning of the churches and clinic. The causes of these problems were many and varied, but were briefly summarized by the Lawrences as:

Jealousy over prestige and money was a major item. In a country such as India, with marked poverty and unemployment, people are constantly searching for some means of support and feel that anyone with a tie to the United States has a direct line to Santa Claus. There were also many misunderstandings concerning authority, with tremendous competition to gain recognition in any way. The work in India has grown from small size and humble beginnings to one involving several churches, several separately located Sunday schools, and two medical clinics. Due to a lack of sharing of information, there was much suspicion relating to financial matters, school children's education, contacts with the United States, etc. There was even found to be thievery by one of the church officers. Overshadowing all the specific problem areas is the rapidly increasing negative attitude of the Indian Government toward Christianity. As you can imagine, these difficulties have caused terrific pressure on Bro. and Sr. Manoah.

Suggested solutions include, first and foremost, more prayer, both in India and America, for wisdom and guidance concerning specific problems, plus the submission to do God's will. In some areas, legal advice was obtained and acted upon. Financial records are to be improved by advice and auditing by a Chart-Accountant, who was selected and started on the educational process while the Lawrences were there. These account books will be available for inspection by members, in order to allay their suspicions. Outlines and ideas about Bible study were also offered by the Lawrences, and they recommend sending more teaching materials and aids to help them with their Bible knowledge and spiritual growth.

Since the Lawrences' report was reviewed and considered, and appropriate actions were initiated, the Mission Board feels that the work in India will be strengthened, and will have a bright future.

## New Church in Ghana

Bro. Oliver Amani writes, "I am happy to announce to you that an important milestone has been reached in my missionary work here by the opening of a church at Kwamikrom, 60 km. from Nkwanta. Thirty-six candidates were baptized on Sunday, March 15, 1975, in this fast-growing fishing village on the banks of Volta Lake." We praise the Lord for this new group and ask that you pray for these new Christians and for Bro. Amani as he works with them.

Back in Nkwanta, the people have been working on a chapel building, meeting the cost of construction with their tithes and offerings. There is still some finishing work to be done, such as plastering, roofing, and painting, and Bro. Amani has requested some financial help for this. If your church is looking for a missionary project, we recommend that you consider helping to build this house of worship. Send contributions to Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Philippine Conference Held

The 14th Annual Church of God Conference was held at the San Nicolas Church, March 27-30, 1975, and was followed by the Berean Conference March 31. Because of fear of persecution, the Conference was attended by only 166 persons, the lowest attendance they have had. The Conference theme was "Enduring Persecution," and this was emphasized in all services. Flordeliza Pascual of Cordon was immersed into Christ.

Pastor Sibayan, of the Quezon Church, was recently kidnapped and threatened with death because of his work with the Church of God. His kidnappers released him when they learned that his wife was very ill. We are sorry to report that Sr. Sibayan, who has been in ill health for some years, died following the above incident. We offer our sincere sympathy to Bro. Sibayan and pray that the Lord will comfort him.

## Nigeria News

We offer our congratulations to Bro. and Sr. Solomon Idiong, who have a new son born April 15, 1975. Plans are still being made to bring Solomon and his family here for study at Oregon Bible College.

## General Conference Seminars

The Mission Board members will be conducting two seminars on Home and Foreign Missions at our General Conference in August.



## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



### **Alva G. Huffer to Become Special Consultant**

Dr. Alva G. Huffer will become Special College Consultant for Oregon Bible College, beginning September, 1975. John R. Lewis will become President of OBC.

During the past seven years, Alva G. Huffer has served as President of Oregon Bible College. Employed part-time by the General Conference, he has resided in Tempe, Arizona, where he had served eight years as pastor of the Bible Church of God and, in 1971, completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education-Administration at Arizona State University. Several times each year, he has been at the campus in Illinois for periods of two to four weeks. During these visits, he served as chief college administrator and taught courses on the college block plan.

As president, Dr. Huffer has been in charge of college planning, policies, programs of study, personnel selection and utilization, professional development of faculty, and promotion of the college. He has served as chairman of the Board of Education and has represented the college in its relation to the State of Illinois Commission on Higher Education and the American Association of Bible Colleges.

During these seven years, Oregon Bible College has experienced tremendous progress as a result of the Lord's blessing in the systematic organization and enrichment of the curriculum, professional growth of faculty members, increase in size and quality of the college library, development of college facilities, and growth of the student body.

Dr. Huffer feels that the college has now grown to the place that it may be desirable for the president of the college to be employed full time by the General Conference and be in residence near or at the campus.

Dr. Huffer indicated to the Board of Education and the Board of Directors that he could not at this time accept the invitation to become the full-time resident president of the college. In some future year, he may be willing to move to Illinois in a full-time capacity; at the present time, however, he is unable to do so.

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Huffer and the recommendation of the Board of Education, John R. Lewis was appointed by the Board of Directors to become President of the College in September, 1975. Alva G. Huffer was appointed as Special College Consultant.

As Special College Consultant during future years, Dr. Huffer will continue to pursue the academic re-

search and development functions of the college. He will also serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Education.

During the next year, he will be involved in the planning of the curriculum, preparation of the catalog and class schedules, academic advisement of students, consultation with faculty members concerning courses and course enrichment, professional development of faculty members, preparation of audio-visual programs, and will begin research for future development of college-level correspondence courses.

John R. Lewis, who will become President of Oregon Bible College in September, has served during the past seven years as Vice-President, Campus Administrator, Registrar and Director of Admissions, and full-time Instructor in the Pastoral Studies Department and New Testament courses.

### **Robert L. Jones in Graduate Degree Program**

Arrangements have been completed for Robert L. Jones to receive assistance from the Joseph D. Lawrence Scholarship Fund to attend Wheaton College full time during the next academic year in order to complete his Master of Arts degree in Bible and Theology, with specialization in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies. He would then be added to our full-time faculty at Oregon Bible College, beginning August, 1976.

Robert L. Jones is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree with honors, May, 1970. He then attended Oregon Bible College, where he was graduated in May, 1973, as a straight-A student and one of the rare recipient's of the Silver Disc Award. Upon encouragement of the Board of Education, he began his graduate degree program at Wheaton and completed all of his required Hebrew courses.

He served as pastor at Martinsville, Illinois, part time, 1971-1972; pastor at Freeport, Illinois, part time, 1973; and full-time pastor at Flagg Center, Illinois, 1973-1974. He taught a science course at the college in 1971. During the past academic year, he taught courses in Hebrew both semesters, 1974-1975. Students in his course were enthusiastic about his classes. During the Fall Semester, 1976-1977, he will be teaching Hebrew I, Bible Survey, Old Testament I, and Old Testament III. During the Winter Semester, he will be teaching Hebrew II, Bible Study Methods, Old Testament II, Old Testament IV, and a science course.



# BYF NEWS



*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

## Senior Caravan

This year's Senior Caravan will be traveling to Fredericktown, Missouri. There they will take part in the daily vacation Bible school sponsored yearly by the Fredericktown Church of God. Members of this caravan will serve as teachers and be responsible for providing special music. Members will also take part in the services presented at the Missouri State Conference. There will also be time for some sightseeing and outdoor recreation in the beautiful Big Springs region of this state.

This will be a week-long caravan, beginning on July 27, and ending on August 2, 1975. The sponsors will be Hugh and Mary Harman. There will be no tuition charge for this caravan, but its members will be responsible for their own transportation, both to and from Fredericktown. Any caravan member who is in attendance at the International Berean Youth Conference will be provided transportation one way, as the caravan sponsors will leave for Fredericktown immediately following Youth Conference. Each member will also be responsible for any meals eaten during the day, unless they are graciously furnished by members of the congregation at Fredericktown. Lodging will be furnished by the host congregation.

This caravan affords a beautiful opportunity for young people entering eleventh grade through post-high age. We will be actively involved in Christian service, and at the same time receive a real spiritual blessing from the sharing of God's Word and fellowshiping with those of like precious faith.

If there is some young person that you are aware of who has been thinking about applying, please encourage him/her to do so. I'm told by past caravan members that it is a meaningful experience—not only for the present, but for many years after.

Applications for this caravan were mailed to all youth leaders and pastors. If for some reason there is not one available, please write the Youth Department and one will be sent to you.

## Berean Youth Conference Classes

It is not too early to begin to promote IBYC in your local church. Remember, this year we are pre-registering campers. There is a greater chance of getting a first-choice class if the application is received early.

## International Berean Youth Conference Is July 20-26.

JUNE, 1975

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

*Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director*

## Sunday School Day at General Conference

In this issue you will find a report by the Sunday School Director, along with reports from other departments of our General Conference. We especially ask that you read and understand the Sunday School Report. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask any member of the Sunday School Board for the answers.

We urge you to attend the General Conference this year, and that you be on hand Wednesday, August 13, when Sunday School business will be considered, and members of the Sunday School Board elected. The present members of the Board are: Francis Burnett, Director; Scott Ross; Joyce Knapp; James Graham; and Jim Babcock. The term of office for James Graham and Joyce Knapp expire. Members of this Board are eligible for reelection. Careful and prayerful consideration should be given to the requirements of membership on this important board, and the understanding and consent of the candidate be secured before a nomination is made. Members of this board will be in charge of the 1:25 p.m. session entitled, "What's Right With the Sunday School!" The Sunday School Department will also be in charge of the adult class at 9:00 a.m., and the workshops on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 2:15.

We suggest that you discuss the Sunday School Department's report in your Sunday school meetings. Be sure to have your delegate in all of the Sunday school meetings. Request that they discuss your Sunday school, your needs, and your desires with the Sunday School Board members.

## Board Members to Illinois Conference

Three of the Sunday School Board members will be guest leaders and teachers at the Illinois State Conference, at Lake Bloomington, Illinois, July 11-13. We urge the Illinois members of the Church of God to be present if at all possible.

## Board Activities

Sunday School Director Francis Burnett, interim pastor at Lighthouse Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, attended the Ministerial Conference. While in the States, he and three of the Board members conducted a Sunday School Conference at the Cool Spring Church, Browntown, VA. Board members held a meeting at Troy, OH, on May 8.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## MARRIAGES

Neva Sue Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Weaver of Macomb, IL, and Richard Kent Chockley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Chockley, also of Macomb, were joined together as one in Christ, March 28, 1975. The couple is residing at Macomb, Rt. 4, BX 5.

Neva Sue (Weaver) Chockley, reporter.

Gaye Loree Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wood, and Harold Jerome Dilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dilley, both of Litchfield, MN, were united in marriage by the writer on April 19, 1975. The wedding and reception took place at the Eden Valley Church of God. After a short honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Litchfield, where the groom conducts a woodworking shop. Pastor S. O. Ross.

## BAPTISMS

East Oregon, IL. We praise God as we report that the following have put on Christ in baptism during the months of March and April, 1975: Brendan and Annie Hoople, March 16; Hank Taft, March 30; Kelly Little, and Paul Murray, April 13; Scott Hoople, Mary Shook, Margaret Clapper, Lori Clapper, April 27.

Timothy New, pastor.

South Bend, IN. We praise God for four recent decisions for Christ which led to baptisms at Hope Chapel Church of God. Making decisions were: Tobie Smith; Louis and JoAnne Heyde; and Wally Van Dusen. We ask that God will bless their decisions for his Son.

James Graham, pastor.

Columbus, OH. Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, April 6, 1975, the congregation of Hope Chapel Church of God in Columbus, drove to the Hilltop Church of God to witness the immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, of Joseph Ennemoser and his wife Jacqueline. This fine young couple accepted the Lord into their lives by coming forward to request baptism. They sealed their covenant with God in baptism and each was presented with a beautiful gift Bible by their brother-in-law, Bro. Adolph Morczek. The baptism was performed by Pastor C. F. Pryor.

Lombard, IL. Mrs. Effie Stolz was raised a new creature in Christ, April 6, 1975. She has been attending Lombard Community Church of God for about one year. In that time she has been a diligent seeker of the truths found in God's Word. Sr. Stolz was baptized by this writer during the morning worship service. It caused the congregation to praise and thank the Lord for his loving mercy. Sr. Stolz was welcomed into the church family during a fellowship dinner following the services.

David L. Wilsterman, interim pastor.

Pomona, CA. We of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona rejoiced when Bro. Ted Armes assisted Gerald and Shirley Lundquist in putting on the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism. They started their new walk in Christ March 23, 1975. We pray God's richest blessings on this young couple. They live at 11053 Rosewell St., Pomona, CA 91766. Bertha Perkins, secretary.

Blanchard, MI. Karol Davis was baptized March 16, 1975, following her confession of Christ as her Savior. She came forward during revival services which were conducted by Pastor Scott Ross.

Don Needham, pastor.

Omaha, NE. The Easter Sunrise Service, March 30, 1975, at the Jaynes Street Church of God was made a time of rejoicing. The resurrection of Christ was celebrated by the baptism of Mrs. Avis Linstrom, 4041 Jaynes St., Omaha, 68111. Like Christ, who came from the tomb with a new life, she stepped from the waters of baptism into a new life. May the Lord be her guide in her Christian life, and keep her a worthy example to all. Emory Macy, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. During the morning worship service, April 20, 1975, Scott Bennett was baptized in the name of Christ for the remission of sins. We welcome Scott into the membership of Christ's body and God's church. May the Spirit of our God uplift him in Christian growth and character.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. On April 17, 1975, Margaret Gray and Diane Kelly were baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. On May 4, Carol Mazick went forward, accepting Jesus as her Savior. She was baptized May 8, 1975.

We pray God's blessing upon our three new sisters in Christ, in their new walk in life.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

Gatesville, TX. On Sunday, April 20, 1975, we rejoiced when Benjamin Smith was baptized upon his confession of faith. We thank God for his blessings, and for Benny's example of faith.

Daniel Landry, pastor.

## CHURCH SEEKING PASTOR

The Raymore Church of God, Raymore, MO, is seeking a pastor for the church year beginning September 1, 1975. Any pastor interested in this pastorate is urged to contact Mrs. Doris Elkins, secretary, BX 117, Raymore, MO 64083.

## ETERNAL HOPE CHURCH

The Eternal Hope Church of God at Herndon, VA, has purchased a used school bus for Sunday school use. A dedication service for the bus was held March 23, 1975.

On February 16, a church birthday dinner was celebrated. Mrs. Gerry Macy baked a cake in the shape of an open Bible.

A youth rally of all of the Virginia churches was held April 12. Tracts were handed out in the afternoon; a good time was enjoyed by all.

A Sunday school promotion is being planned for May and June. It is to be called "The Family of God." Each Sunday, a different member of the family will be honored. Pastor Ron Macy is planning to begin the publication of a bulletin. An audio system, to be used in the sanctuary of the church, has been purchased.

Debbie Fletcher, corresponding secretary.

## OBITUARIES

Mrs. Thelma Deadwyler of Liberty, SC, died at her home at the age of 53 years. She was the widow of Dr. L. H. Deadwyler. Thelma was an active member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God. At the time of her death, she was serving as church secretary. She is survived by a stepson, a stepdaughter, five sisters, stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at McDougald's Chapel, with burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Anderson, SC. Her pastor conducted the funeral. She is resting until Jesus shall call her. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer for Mrs. Jo Anne Heyde, March 20, 1975, at Plymouth, IN. She was baptized into the body of Christ, February 2, 1975, and quickly became active in the Lord's work at Hope Chapel in South Bend. At the time of her death, she was secretary to the writer. She is survived by her husband Louis. We share with Jo Anne the hope of the return of Jesus Christ, when she will answer the Master's call to the resurrection of immortality.

James Graham, pastor.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer for Lillie Elizabeth Anderson, March 3, 1975, at Modesto, CA. She was born January 25, 1894, in Texas, and died February 25, 1975. She was buried in Acacia Memorial Park. We thank God for the witness of this saint to her friends and family in Modesto. We also thank God for the promise of her resurrection to eternal life.

Mark D. Ryan, pastor.

Seventy-nine years of service to her Lord ended for Adeline Wood, when she closed her eyes in the sleep of death, April 24, 1975, at the age of 95. She was a faithful member of the Church of God near Hillisburg, IN, having been baptized in 1896, the year of the construction of the older part of the present church building. She was laid to rest at the side of her husband, Dr. Waldo Wood, who preceded her in death in 1971. Together they await the resurrection call, when Jesus returns.

Richard Smith, pastor.

Jones Henson, who lived in Easley, SC, died March 31, 1975, at the age of 64 years. He is survived by his wife Bernice; an adopted daughter, a daughter, and a stepson. Funeral services for Bro. Henson were held at the Guthrie Grove Church, with burial in the church cemetery, where he awaits the resurrection of the dead. The services were conducted by his pastor.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Lloyd A. Erdman, 54, of St. Cloud, MN, died March 27, 1975, of a heart ailment. He was a member of the St. Cloud Church of God. He is survived by his wife Marian, a daughter, two sons, one grandson, two sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, with pastors Kim Hodge and Billie Kennedy officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Fairhaven cemetery.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22-28—Arkansas Youth Camp, Camp Bradford, Cleveland, AR. Don Needham guest speaker.

More dates under this heading are in *The Restitution Herald*.

**ARKANSAS RALLY DAY**

The Arkansas Rally Day was held April 12, 1975, at the McGintytown Church of God. About 125 people were in attendance. The theme of the Rally was "Christian Service." During the morning, teachers from the churches gave demonstrations and talks concerning the methods they use in teaching their classes and winning others to Christ. The McGintytown Church presented several musical selections, and Mrs. Freeman played a beautiful piano solo. After a wonderful dinner and time of fellowship, we assembled for a time of singing praises to our Lord, led by the Forest Hills Church of God, of Royal, AR.

The Arkansas Youth Camp will be held June 22-28, 1975, at Camp Bradford, Cleveland, AR. Bro. Don Needham will be guest speaker.

We invite you to come to visit us at any time that you find yourself in our area.

J. Roy Humphreys, Rally Day director.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCorkle observed their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 8, 1975, by holding open house in Gatesville. The couples' children are Wilda Hammer, Dorothy, James, Bill, and Anita Zirkelbach. Many friends and relatives from the community and from out of town came to help them commemorate this milestone in their lives together. God's blessing be with them as they continue their lives together, until the return of the Lord.

June Sanders, secretary.

**LAWRENCEVILLE CHURCH**

The church membership enjoyed the following activities during the past month: the marriage of Bonnie Kaffenbarger to David Heffner; the marriage of Pamela Heminger to Douglas Ellison; the organization of a men's fellowship, which is to meet monthly; an inspiring concert by the Oregon Bible College Chorale; an active participation in the Northeast Conference Sunday school contest, which produced an average increase of 22 in attendance; a gospel team program, presented by the youth of the Church of the Open Bible, Bedford, OH. We pray God's blessing upon the newly married couples, and the young men who are in the service of their country.

Ruth Overholser, reporter.

**COMPLETE STUDY COURSE**

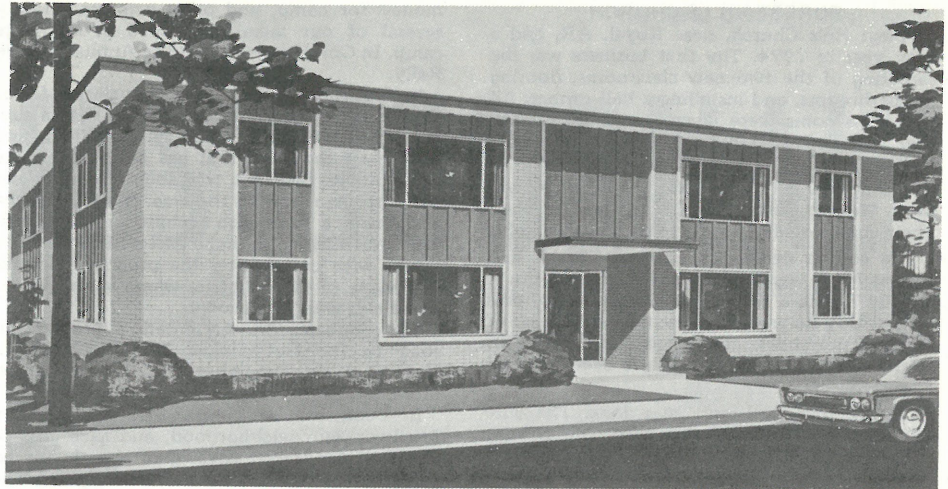
The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Lelia Croker; Susan Reid; Gail Bremner; David S. Shaikalee (Ghana); Minor Smith (braille); Sandra Seig; Barbara Rose; Sarah Kennard. Ninety-four people from the Phoenix, AZ, area have completed the course. Can any of our other churches top that record? Mr. Minor Smith is the second to have completed the course in braille.

**GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM**

The future of the nation of Israel, and that of Christianity and Christians as well, is closely linked to promises that God made to the patriarch Abraham more than four thousand years ago.

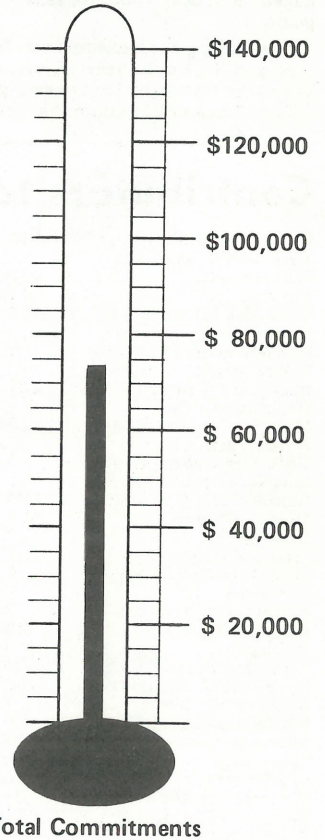
An understanding of this covenant and what it involves will place you in a position to look with understanding upon the threatening events in the Middle East, and to follow the workings of the covenant as it affects your own salvation.

You are invited to send for this tract from The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061. It will demand more than a casual reading, but the results are well worth it.



**New  
Oregon Bible College  
Dormitory**

The eight-plex building pictured above will be built with full basement and be ready to house Oregon Bible College students for the 1975-'76 school year. There will be one apartment for the dormitory director. The additional seven units will house six girls each for a total of forty-two students. One half of the basement will be a lounge for all students. The balance of the basement will be storage, additional restrooms, and possibly a laundry room. Students will continue to eat their meals at the dining facilities in the present dormitory. Total cost, \$140,000.00.



Please fill out and mail to:

Oregon Bible College Building Fund  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061

My intention is to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the expansion of Oregon Bible College Dormitory facilities. I will contribute these funds as follows:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed herewith
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month until paid
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year until paid

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### FOREST HILLS CHURCH

Forest Hills Church, near Royal, AR, had a busy year in 1974. The first business was the carpeting of the two new classrooms, flooring the bathrooms, and installing a hall runner. All four classrooms were given a new look, with new bookshelves, tables, and other attractive additions.

In May, we held our VBS. The response was good. We also hosted the OBC Chorale in May. Their visit provided us with a wonderful night.

The church decided to form a library, and shelves for it were placed in two classrooms. It already boasts a set of Bible storybooks, plus other study helps. It also includes a large set of flannelgraph stories that once belonged to Sr. Verna Thayer. Other books have been donated and promised.

Considerable yard work was done. The outside of the church was painted. The Dorcas Society donated the paint, and the men of the congregation did the work. Our Dorcas women baked and sold food to raise money for the paint.

The Singing Ambassadors was formed by Bro. Roy and Sr. Louise Humphreys, with 14 young people as members. We are very proud of them.

The Bereans conducted a carnival to raise

money for camp, and other projects. In July several of our members helped at our state camp. In October we hosted the Annual Church Rally.

In November, the Dorcas Society of our church emphasized Mission Month with a supper. Each woman chose a mission field, and researched the work that has been done since its founding. She then told about the work and the customs native to the area. In addition, she also made a food dish common in that area. The ladies chose to make desserts. These were served with coffee after the program. Pictures and maps of the countries where we have mission fields were also shown.

Our Ambassadors presented a program in song to the Gethsemane Baptist Church in November. In December the Baptist Church presented a program in our church.

In December, we became aware of a needy family in our neighborhood, and gave gifts of clothing, food, and toys. Our church has received a blessing from all of these activities. The spiritual uplift that they gave us makes us rejoice, even now. We have plans for an even busier and more profitable year, spiritually, in 1975.

Pray for us.

Anita Howell, assistant secretary.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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### WHERE DO I FIT?

Now that you have been baptized, and have become a member of a Christian congregation, just where do you fit into the organization? What are your rights, privileges, and responsibilities?

Most new church members, and not a few not-so-new ones are more or less hazy on these points. Help is available, in the form of a booklet, prepared by Pastor Hollis Partlowe. Its pages deal with the following topics:

- Life After Birth;
- The Church;
- Learn to Pray;
- How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit;
- Five Areas of the Church Program;
- God's Will for Your Life;
- What You Can Expect of the Church;
- What the Church Should Expect of You.

This booklet is recommended for class study under the direction of your pastor, but will also be valuable for study at home. Copies may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061. The price is 35¢ each.

## Contributors to the General Conference: APRIL, 1975

Pennellwood Miss Dept	145.00	Mr & Mrs Fred Rose	10.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	25.00	Anonymous	100.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Reye	6.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc		Brush Creek Young People	40.00	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	53.00
Pat Lawrence	10.00	South Bend	65.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Zimmerman	10.00	Glad Tidings Church	170.00
Fonthill BYF	42.00	Anna Fogelstrom	5.00	Mr & Mrs C J Miller	1.00	Minn State Conf Miss Soc	400.00
Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke	15.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	25.00	Glad Tidings Ch Fonthill	177.59	Yvonne Reigelsperger	110.00
Anonymous	12.06	Mr & Mrs Edgar Harvey	100.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Nettie Nichols	5.00
Lawrenceville Sr. Youth	7.74	May White	21.82	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	10.00
Lawrenceville Church	323.72	Everett Rogers	25.00	Hope Chapel South Bend	152.16	Pomona Dorcas Soc	30.00
Blanchard Church	201.57	George Simmons	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ronald Alban	5.00	Maurertown Dorcas	20.00
Holbrook Church	65.25	La Contributors	73.00	S P Dismukes	50.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Morrison	50.00
Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers	10.00	Katherine Tackett	129.00	Wayne Thoms	20.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Powell	3.00
Peoria Faith Chapel	94.00	Margaret Duval	90.00	Brian Thoms	4.00	Mrs Joe E Shelly	20.00
Mr & Mrs George Saunders	5.00	Burr Oak Church	170.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Astolfi	45.00
Lakeshore Bible Church	877.57	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Phoenix Bible Church	337.00	Mrs H J Black	10.00
Illinois State Conference	100.00	Jaynes St Community Ch	450.00	Litchfield Church	31.60	Mr & Mrs Ed Bender	25.00
Oregon Church	517.58	Mrs J F Paustian	10.00	Ripley Miss Soc	550.43	Columbia Church	475.15
Oregon SS	10.69	Mr & Mrs John Shuey	1.00	Anonymous	45.00	Blessed Hope-Rockford	95.07
Margene Rager	35.00	Mrs Tina Bigler	.50	Pomona Church	108.36	Mr & Mrs Wallace Tierney	100.00
Mr & Mrs Ken Howe	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Millard	3,000.00	Mr & Mrs Eugene Smith	5.00	Ollie Cooper	10.00
Edward Wyss	1.00	Hedrick Church	67.63	Gordon Thom	1.00	Fremont SS	31.40
Raymond Whittaker	2.00	Mr & Mrs Will Hanson	180.00	Bedford Church	57.04	Fremont Church	20.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00	Cool Spring Church	75.95	Mr & Mrs Melvin Malon	8.00
Anonymous	15.00	Mr & Mrs Sylvan Richey	10.00	Mabell Bell	20.00	Ind State Conf	200.00
Greg Demmitt	40.00	Felida Church	3,470.45	Mr & Mrs Holley Salley	3.00	Graytown Dorcas Soc	5.00
Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	60.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Hall	100.00	Russell Blomker	10.00	Mr & Mrs R E Kaffenbarger Sr	10.00
Kathryn Snyder	2.00	Oliver King	2.00	Arlington Church	5.00	Mr Robert Robinson	1.00
Leota Hanson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Clement Richey	100.00	Fonthill SS	17.93	Gatesville Church	25.00
Michigan Conference	119.92	Conger St Church	91.00	Eileen Johns	25.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	5.00
Mrs Raymond Vander Molen	5.00	J - Anon	30.00	Alta Thrush	20.00	M A Patrick	100.00
Macomb SS	16.81	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	35.00	Mr & Mrs Gayle Somers	70.00	Bobby Sanders	12.00
Maurertown Church	25.02	Alice Bassett	30.00	Dan Dovenbarger	100.00	Cindy Zirkelbach	12.00
Mr & Mrs Bill Gaspar	15.00	Arnet Gutshell	2.00	Inez Gordon	40.00	Rebecca Zirkelbach	12.00
Anonymous	5.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Van Fleet	16.00	Mrs Jane Pirtle	10.00	David McCorkle	12.00
Brush Creek Church	271.37	Golden Rule Church	80.90	Mrs Gladys Volentine	25.00	Peggy McCorkle	12.00
Jay St. Church	85.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	35.00	Robert Ennis	10.00	Kathy Hammer	12.00
Troy View Church	63.48	Flagg Center Bereans	12.00	Beaumont Church	11.17	Cherry Hammer	12.00
Mrs Betty Lammers	5.00	Scott Millard	20.00	Annie Welch	16.54	North Salem Church	17.00
Anonymous	50.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Zeller	25.00	Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell	30.00	Patsy Zimmerman	10.00
Mary Krogh	20.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Laning	25.00	Bert Decker	40.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00
Mr & Mrs Loie Jones	50.00	Koszta Church	86.00	Mrs Dwight Hale	10.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Fridley	60.00
Truth Seekers SS	29.20	Tempe-Phoenix		New Hope Chapel	50.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey	50.00
Mr & Mrs Wallace Stone	25.00	Easter Service	69.52	Tempe Dorcas	5.00	Rockford Members in	
Mr & Mrs William Andrew	50.00	Harlingen Church	46.51	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	memory of Mae Randall	10.00
Macomb Church	365.35	Brush Creek SS	46.34	Rachel Morris in memory		Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	40.00
Fredericktown Church	73.14	Ben Carpenter	25.00	of Mike Morris DeBolt	50.00	Joseph Plantner	5.00
Forest Hills Church	25.00	Doris Reye	25.00	Anonymous	5.00	Alice Plantner	5.00
Lillie Martindale	13.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	Southern Ohio Miss Conf	134.90	Keith Baird	50.00
St Louis Church	40.32	Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	40.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Smith	15.00	Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	20.00
North Hills Church	103.31	Mr & Mrs Jim Ashley	10.00	Monica Salassi	1.00	Anonymous	56.59
Verna Freeman	25.00	Southlawn Church	478.02	Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	10.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	65.00
Northeast Conference	225.00	Grand Rapids		Ruth Reid	15.00	Mr & Mrs Keith Kaiser	5.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Pre-Easter Services	95.75	Gulf Coast Church	10.00	Frances Wood	50.00
Mrs Turner Whitworth	25.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Digby Miss Board	24.80	Valerie Mowrer	25.00
Eden Valley Church	259.62	Eternal Hope Church	92.88	Hope Chapel Bereans		Mrs & Mrs J Don Swartz	100.00
Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	16.00	Mr & Mrs Elmer Werling	2.00	South Bend	15.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Glover	20.65
Mpls Faith Community Ch	100.00	Verna McCorkle	150.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	332.10	Mr & Mrs Earl Martin	125.00
Valley Church	103.44	Edna Waterman	25.00	Happy Woods Church	84.00	Stephen Adams	10.00
Garden Park Church	185.67	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	25.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Raker Union SS	16.00	Marjorie Bolhaus	20.00	Fred Beavon	5.90
Cecil Smead	15.00	Wayne Thompson	25.00	Oregon Mary & Martha	12.50	Lucille Appleby	80.00

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## How Good It Is!

**E**ACH August, member churches and conferences of the Church of God General Conference send delegates to participate in the reporting and planning that are a part of the business sessions. Not only do these delegates express their views and ask questions concerning any part of the Conference business; they may also initiate a discussion of any actions or changes that they deem advisable by presenting a motion from the floor, and eventually voting on it. They also help to select the members of the General Conference's Board of Directors.

All of this is important to the successful operation of the Conference, and should by all means be promoted zealously among the brethren. After all, it is their Conference. Its success or failure is determined by the extent to which the brethren participate in its projects and support them.

But the number of nondelegates who come to these gatherings far outnumber the delegates year after year. It seems evident that they also gain from the Conference something that makes it very worthwhile to attend. Some have not missed a Conference in many years, even though they often must travel long distances at their own expense. Why do they do it?

Probably, if we were to interview a number of these brethren and ask them why they attend, we would receive a wide variety of answers. It also seems highly probable that most of these answers would be in some way related to the Psalm quoted at the beginning of this editorial. They find it "good" and "pleasant" to share the "unity" of "brethren" who have come together in love to share a common faith and purpose. The expe-

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*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garment; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore (Psa. 133).*

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rience refreshes their faith and stimulates their spiritual zeal.

The comparison becomes even more meaningful when we remember that the "precious ointment" poured on the head of Aaron was a very special ointment, to be made according to a recipe prescribed by the Lord God himself (see Ex. 30:22-31). It was to be used for no other purpose than to sanctify (make ceremonially, or spiritually, clean) the tabernacle, its contents, and those who served therein. Aaron and his sons were to be consecrated (filled full of the power or authority of the Lord) by its use. The reference to its being used so lavishly that it ran down upon Aaron's beard and onto the skirts of his priestly garment indicates that God's supply of these was unlimited.

Apparently the inspired psalmist could think of no other comparison for the blessings that flow when brethren dwell together in unity. The dews of Zion speak of comfort and refreshment after the heat of the day, bestowing their blessing on every living thing.

Spiritual sanctification and blessing are experienced whenever and wherever brethren dwell together in union with God and with each other, though it be but a short

time—even for only a few days.

In addition to this precious fellowship, those who attend the General Conference have the privilege of sharing in Bible studies, "How-to" classes, worship services, and musical programs. They are permitted to benefit from the experiences and knowledge of others, and encouraged to put them to work for themselves, their families, their churches, and their neighbors, in the name of Jesus and to the glory of God.

Naturally, some are questioning whether, in the light of current high prices (the cost of living on the grounds has gone up, along with the cost of food, clothing, and travel) it would be good economy to miss General Conference this year, and save the money for something "more practical." Each, of course, must answer this question for himself, as between him and God. May we presume, however, to suggest that you make this decision only after a great deal of prayer and careful consideration. It is still true that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

It is entirely possible that, for some at least, the decision to attend this Conference must be made at the cost of the sacrifice of other satisfactions, possibly some of the "necessities" of life. Ask for God's guidance.

"How rare it is, how lovely, this fellowship of those who meet together!—sweet as the sacred oil poured on the head, that flows down Aaron's beard, down to the very collar of his robe; vital as dew of Hermon, that falls on the hills of Sion. For in this fellowship has the Eternal fixed the blessing of an endless life" (Psa. 133, Moffatt). ●



# THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Vision is the Key"

## Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross  
 Camp Director: David Krogh  
 Worship Program Directors: R. Johns, D. Johnson, B. Kennedy, S. O. Ross  
 Children's Class Co-Directors: Lorraine Gaspar, Marjorie Wood  
 Head Usher: Charles Jones  
 Music Directors: Stephen & Joyce Bolhaus  
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser  
 Reception: Don and Marj Overmyer  
 Room Assignments: Margaret Duval, Edith Eades, Mildred O'Neil  
 Desk Clerks: Isie Jenkins, Mary Ellen Jones, Mary Krogh  
 Ministers' Meetings: C. F. Pryor  
 Priscillas' Meetings: Grace Cain  
 Business Office: Deborah Burnett, Dorothy Siple, Lois Smith  
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew  
 Photographer: J. Richard LeCrone

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 11

2:00 Registration begins  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service  
 Conference Board of Directors, Opening and Song Service; John Hearp, Chairman, speaker, "Vision is the Key"  
 8:45 Reception  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Tuesday, August 12

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Clark Ballentine; Ministers: E. Milton Hall; Youth: Carl Jennings; Priscillas: Charlene Graham)  
 9:00 Adult Bible Class: J. Richard LeCrone, "Foundation of Faith"  
 Youth Class: Sydney Kirkpatrick  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth attend business session (Youth Day)  
 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, David Johnson  
 Financial Report  
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship Business  
 11:45 Recess for Lunch  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service:  
 Youth Advisory Council  
 2:15 Minicourse, Dale Ramsey, "Music in the Church"  
 Minicourse, John Lewis, "Distinctive Doctrines"  
 2:15 Sharing Sessions  
 1. Lay-leadership in the Church, Robert Petry

2. Church History, C. E. Randall  
 3. Family Life, Family Life Committee  
 4. Youth in the Church, Jim Babcock  
 2:15 Board of Directors Meeting  
 3:30 Dismissal from Sessions  
 3:30 Alumni Business Meeting (OBC)  
 3:30 Planned Youth Activities  
 4:00 Choir Practice  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:00 Communion Service, C. E. Lapp and Vivian Kirkpatrick  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhaus, Song Leader; G. Gordon Landry, speaker, "The Gospel Must Be Published"  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Wednesday, August 13

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Willis Turner; Ministers: Stanley Lawrence; Youth: Pam Jennings; Priscillas: Carola Landry)  
 9:00 Adult Class: Sunday School Department  
 Youth: Russell Reye  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth Class, John Railton, "Putting on Christ"  
 10:00 Business Session, reading of Tuesday's minutes  
 Publishing Department Business  
 Sunday School Department Business  
 Election of two Sunday School Directors  
 11:45 Recess for Lunch  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:25 Afternoon Worship Service, Sunday School Department  
 2:15 Minicourse, Dale Ramsey, "Music in the Church"  
 Minicourse, John Lewis, "Distinctive Doctrines"  
 2:15 Sharing Sessions  
 1. Accepting the New Pastor, Elmo Gaspar  
 2. Power of Positive Prayer, James Mattison  
 3. The Bus Ministry, Kent Ross  
 4. Sunday School, Sunday School Board  
 5. The Duties of the Local Missionary Committee, Mission Board  
 2:15 Board of Directors Meeting  
 3:30 Dismissal from Sessions  
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth  
 4:00 Choir Practice  
 4:30 OBC Alumni Banquet  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhaus, Song Leader: S. O. Ross, speaker, "Here Am I"  
 9:00 Camp Fire for all ages, John Carr  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Thursday, August 14

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: Loie Jones; Ministers: Emory Macy; Youth: Diane McClain; Priscillas: Gayle Ross)  
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Rex Cain, "Vision Is Not Looking Back"

Youth Class, Daniel Landry  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth Class, Vivian Kirkpatrick II  
 10:00 Business Session, Reading of Wednesday's minutes  
 Nomination for two Directors  
 Mission Business  
 Election of two Mission Board Members  
 11:45 Recess for Lunch  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:25 Ordination Service, C. F. Pryor  
 2:15 Minicourse, Dale Ramsey, "Music in the Church"  
 Minicourse, John Lewis, "Distinctive Doctrines"  
 2:15 Sharing Sessions  
 1. Developing the Babe in Christ, Edward Bender  
 2. Fulfillment of End-Time Prophecy, Albert Harper  
 3. Sunday School, Sunday School Board  
 4. "Growing Up" in Foreign Missions, Mission Board  
 2:15 Board of Directors Meeting  
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions  
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth  
 4:00 Choir Practice  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Musicale, Stephen and Joyce Bolhaus  
 10:30 Lights Out

### Friday, August 15

6:30 Minicourse, Dallas Demmitt, "Enriching Family Life"  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults: William Andrew; Ministers: Linford Moore; Youth: Donna Kennedy; Priscillas: Peggy Winner)  
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Russell Magaw, "Conditionalism, Truth Key to Vision"  
 Youth, Paul Moore, "Think Big, Burn Bridges"  
 Children's Classes  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 10:00 Youth Class, Hugh Harman  
 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, C. F. Pryor  
 2:15 Continuation of Business Session  
 General Business  
 Adoption of a Budget  
 3:30 Adjournment of Business Session  
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhaus, Song Leader; Billie Kennedy, speaker, "Loose Him and Let Him Go"  
 10:30 Lights Out

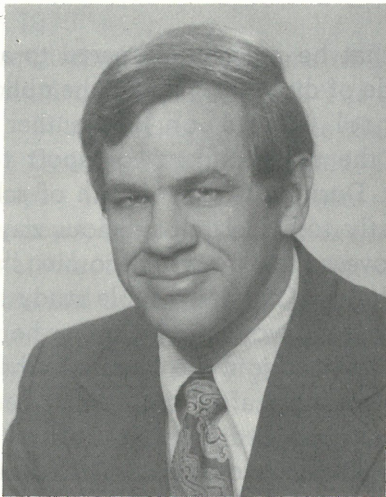
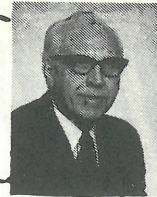
### Saturday, August 16

7:00 United Prayer Service  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 9:00 Camp/Should be Vacated

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# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## New OBC President Appointed

Bro. John R. Lewis has been appointed President of Oregon Bible College, effective September 1, 1975. This appointment was made by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, on the recommendation of the Oregon Bible College Board of Education.

John Lewis grew up in the Ripley, Illinois, area and graduated from the Hillsdale, Illinois, High School. He is married to the former Ruth Savage, of Waite Park, Minnesota. They have two children: Kathy, sixteen and Wesley, five. Bro. and Sr. Lewis both graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1958. He pastored the Eldorado, Illinois, Church of God for five years, and the Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio, for five years.

Bro. Lewis took graduate work at Southern Illinois University and at Miami University of Ohio, and graduated with a Master of Arts Degree from Northern Illinois University.

In September, 1968, Bro. Lewis was appointed to the position of Registrar and Instructor at Oregon Bible College. A short time later, he was given additional responsibility as Vice President of the College. He has served the College well in these varied and responsible positions for the past eight years. Bro. Lewis comes well qualified to the new position as President of Oregon Bible College. May God bless and direct all the work of Oregon Bible College under his able leadership.

Dr. Alva G. Huffer, present President, will serve Oregon Bible College as a Special Consultant for the next school year.

JULY, 1975

## Conference Program

The full program for the 1974 General Conference sessions appears in this issue. The evening speakers will generally introduce the activities of the following day. Monday night, Bro. John Hearp, chairman of the Board of Directors, will keynote the conference when he speaks on the theme, "Vision is the Key." Tuesday night, Bro. G. Gordon Landry will introduce Sunday School and Publishing Day. Wednesday night, Bro. S. O. Ross will keynote Missions Day, Thursday. The Musicales will be Thursday night. Friday evening, Bro. Billie Kennedy will bring the final message as a "wrap up" of the whole Conference.

## Minicourses at General Conference

The Conference program again provides several mini-courses for those who want to take advantage of them. At 6:30 each morning, Tuesday through Friday, Bro. Dallas Demmitt will conduct a course on "Enriching Family Life."

At 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, two other courses will be offered. Bro. John Lewis will teach a course on "Distinctive Doctrines," and Bro. Dale Ramsey will teach on "Music in the Church." Anyone interested in either of these courses (one hour fifteen minutes a day for three days) can enroll upon registration at Conference, or by writing to Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, prior to Conference. These two classes may be limited in size. Several sharing sessions will be offered at the same time, for those not enrolled in a minicourse.

## Conference Finances

The Goal for Giving for the month of June has been met. Praise God! We are thankful to each church, State Conference, and individual who has made this possible. May God, through his servants, continue to meet the needs in the months ahead.

There will be no *Progress Journal* in August, hence the needs for two months in the Goal for Giving.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 – September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for June	\$18,614.00
Given in June	\$18,621.00
July-August Needs	\$32,500.00
<b>Goal for July and August</b>	<b>-\$32,500.00</b>

# Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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



## Liberia

Pictured above are Bro. and Sr. Cornelius Boykai of Monrovia, Liberia. Bro. Boykai was working in a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, when he met Church of God people. He attended the Golden Rule Church, studied the Systematic Bible Study Course, and was immersed into Christ by Pastor J. R. LeCrone. The Ohio people became interested in this young man and his desire to go back to Liberia to provide a clinic for his people. At that time the National Mission Board did not feel we could take on another mission work, and the Northeast Conference was desirous of providing aid for this young man. They helped him in setting up a clinic, and also have sent support to him as he has carried on the additional work of teaching the gospel. Over ninety have accepted Christ and are now members of the Salala Church of God.

At this time, the Northeast Conference feels that it would be wise to have this mission work under the direction of the General Conference. The Mission Board has agreed to this, and at our General Conference sessions in August a recommendation to that effect will be presented to the delegates.

## Ghana

*Below is the story, written by Bro. Oliver Amani, of the conversion of one of the students in the Northern Volta Business College in Nkwanta:*

Iddrisu Suleiman was a Moslem youth of seventeen when he came to our school office and asked to be enrolled for our four-year Business Training Program. I explained to him that the school was a Christian insti-

tution and that he must be prepared to abide by the Christian code of discipline. To this he obliged.

When school opened on September 21, 1973, Iddrisu was the third student to report to the boys' housemaster. During the first month of school Iddrisu adhered strictly to his Islamic religious way of life. But he soon discovered that he was becoming "a square peg in a round hole." Our daily Bible study and worship service set his mind wondering whether he should leave the Islamic faith and join the Christian Church of God.

Then one morning after the normal devotional service, Iddrisu approached me in my office and told me that he had decided to forsake "the hollow Islamic religion" (his own words) and that he needed baptism—that same day! At 4:30 p.m. of that day the whole student body, other church members, and staff of the school watched as Iddrisu, who now has taken the Christian name of Barnabas, was immersed in the waters of baptism.

Barnabas Suleiman is now a Christian, zealously working for the Lord and witnessing to his tribal people who still cling to animism and Islam. Through his instrumentality, three men and a woman have accepted Jesus Christ. They also have since been immersed in the waters of baptism. Barnabas Suleiman is also leader of the student Berean Youth Fellowship drama group.

## So You're the New Missionary Chairman!

Perhaps you've recently taken the position of Missionary Chairman in your local church and you are wondering just what you should do first. Or you may have been serving as Missionary Chairman for awhile but are looking for new ideas. We have something for you. On Wednesday of General Conference, the Mission Board will be in charge of a sharing session that will deal with the duties of the local Missionary Chairman. If you hold this position in your church or conference, be sure to attend, to gain new ideas and to share what you have done.

On Thursday the Mission Board will have another session which will be entitled "Growing Up in Foreign Missions." In the past twenty years or so, the Church of God has been involved in foreign missions. Much has been learned through this experience. We want to share some of the things we've learned and discuss the future of our foreign work.



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

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



## Graduation 1975

After completing their programs of study, five seniors graduated on May 23, 1975. The graduating seniors were: Michael Berry; Michele Gaspar; Deirdre Kirkpatrick; Sydney Kirkpatrick; and Telva Lippert. Michele Gaspar welcomed those who had come to honor the seniors; Sydney Kirkpatrick gave the invocation; Eugene Stilson talked of his personal knowledge of the seniors and of the special strengths he came to appreciate in each of them as he has known them in the past years. Michael Berry gave the Scripture reading and John Lewis gave the commencement address, speaking of the need of Christian leaders today to arouse the insensitive element of the Christian Church to the real needs of those around them. The church must not be an institution that exists only for the institution. It must exist for the people. Its ministry must be to, for, and through people. Christian people are called upon to risk opening themselves to the needs of others. Only through spiritual, personal interaction can the defects of the church be discovered.

S. O. Ross presented diplomas to the graduating seniors; Telva Lippert responded for the senior class; Dale Ramsey led the Chorale in two selections; and Deirdre Kirkpatrick gave the benediction.

Congratulations to Michele Gaspar for winning the Silver Disc Award. The Silver Disc is given to a graduating senior who has maintained a 3.85 or better grade-point average while attending OBC. Again, congratulations to Michele for maintaining a 3.96 grade-point average.

## Spring Session

The Spring Session started May 28. Dallas Demmitt conducted a seminar on "Pastoral Counseling." The class emphasized the usefulness of transactional analysis for Christian leaders.

Also serving as guest instructor, Vernis Wolfe conducted two classes on "Pastoral Evangelism" and "Creative Worship." John Lewis taught Christian Ethics and David Krogh taught Old Testament Poetry.

## Student Service

As a service project, the student body began raising money for a new OBC photo lab. By means of offerings given by the students, nearly one thousand dollars was raised for purchasing new cameras and camera stands. Some of the money will also be used to pur-

chase an audio-cassette for the Christian Education Department. We appreciate the willingness of the students to give these funds to contribute toward improving the quality of education for future students.

The students also chose to use activity fee funds to provide lounge equipment for the new dormitory facility. They will purchase a new color television and a stereo AM-FM radio for the lounge area of the new dorm.

## Drama

During the spring, the students presented three productions of the one act satire, "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops."

They presented the play during Junior-Senior Weekend, for the Oregon Church of God, and during Ministerial Conference.

Congregations interested in having a gospel team present a play in their church should write early for fall dates.

## Fall Semester

The Fall Semester will begin with the dormitories opening for students August 24. Returning students can register for classes on Monday the 25th, and all other students can register on Tuesday, August 26. Classes will end on Wednesday, May 27.

## New Dormitory Facility

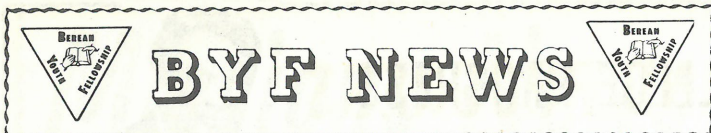
Now that work has started on the new dormitory, the building program is proceeding according to schedule. At this writing the roof is being put on the building and workers are doing the finish work inside.

## Alumni Association Project

The Alumni Association of Oregon Bible College has undertaken the special project of furnishing and decorating the student lounge in the new dormitory facility presently under construction. Its goal is to raise \$2500 for this project. All members of the Association are encouraged to support this special project, which will benefit all students of the College.

## Social Activities

In the annual basketball game between OBC students and the Alumni Association, the students won by a two-point margin when Dick Alcumbrack made two free throws in the last seconds of play. This is the first time in many years that the students have won the game.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

### New Junior Berean Lesson Manual

The Junior Berean Lesson Manual, which was formerly published twice a year by our Youth Department, and sent free of charge to all pastors and youth leaders, has now been revised. It was felt that a revision was necessary, since our information indicated that only a few of our churches were using the manual.

This manual is now available in a 5½ x 8½ inch printed form, very similar to the Berean Scripture Studies Book. This first edition contains 27 lessons. These lessons are written specifically for juniors and are left undated, so that the series may be started at anytime. The lessons fall into three categories, and are titled:

#### *Your Relationship With Jesus*

1) Physical or Spiritual Food; 2) Assurance of Our Hope (Faith); 3) Turn Around (Repentance); 4) Why Immersion?; 5) Obedience; 6) Humility; 7) Prayer Preparation; 8) Talking with God; 9) In the world, BUT; 10) "Led by the Spirit"; 11) "Seek Ye First"; 12) Your Verbal Witness; 13) Giving to God; 14) Joy in Trials; 15) "In Remembrance of Me."

#### *Your Relationship With Others*

16) You and Your Parents; 17) You and Your Friends; 18) Don't Be a Hypocrite; 19) The Real You, Part 1; 20) The Real You, Part 2; 21) Love Your Enemy; 22) Forgiveness.

#### *You, Looking at Yourself*

23) You and Your Tongue; 24) You and Your Body; 25) Your Example; 26) The Conclusion of the Whole Matter; 27) An Invitation.

Our plans at this time are to publish this Junior Manual twice a year, but this will depend entirely upon the call for this first edition.

Remember, it is available now at \$1.00 per copy, and we do hope that you will encourage its use in your Junior Berean groups.

Send your orders to The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

### Youth Conference, 1975

The 1975 International Berean Youth Conference begins on Sunday July 20 for all youth entering ninth grade through age 25. Enroll now.

### Virginia Sunday School Conference

This Sunday School Conference was held in the Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, Virginia, May 9 and 10, 1975. It was well attended. A time of sharing experiences, teaching, leading and great fellowship was much enjoyed. A good representation from all of the Virginia churches was present.

Following Bro. James Graham's message on Friday evening, the congregation was divided into two groups, Under the leadership of Sunday School Board members, each group discussed several of the points brought out in the message. The theme was "How to Make Your Sunday School Grow."

On Saturday morning, Bro. James Ritch, pastor of the host church, conducted a devotional period. The congregation then divided into three groups, each of which attended sessions at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Sr. Joyce Knapp led sessions on "How to Be a Better Teacher." Bro. James Babcock's sessions were about "Making Classes Come Alive." Bro. James Graham had as his subject "Reaching Absentees." At 2:30 p.m. Bro. Francis Burnett led a session for all, called "Why Teacher Training." At 3:45 he led a discussion concerning vacation Bible school materials and helpful ideas for conducting such schools.

Sunday School Board members and director Francis Burnett express thanks to the Virginia Conference for giving us the opportunity to emphasize the importance of Sunday school work.

### Seminar at St. Louis

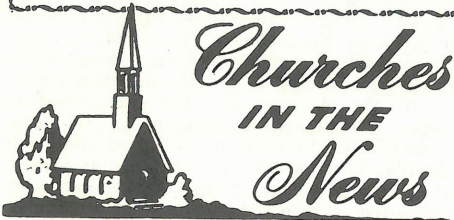
Church of God Sunday school leaders and teachers of St. Louis held a one-day seminar on Saturday, May 17, 1975. Sr. Joyce Knapp, a member of the Sunday School Board, was guest leader and teacher. We appreciate every opportunity to be of service in promoting effective Sunday school work.

### Come Alive in Seventy-Five

The above is to be the theme of the Annual Illinois State Conference, July 11-13, 1975. Sunday School Board members Scott Ross, James Babcock, and Joyce Knapp will be guest teachers Friday night at 8:30. They will conduct four sessions on Saturday, and a planned Sunday school opening on Sunday morning.

Thank you, Illinois, for the invitation.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**St. Louis, MO.** On April 20, 1975, the St. Louis Church of God witnessed the baptism of Shirley Mogensen. We rejoice with Shirley in her decision, and pray God's blessings on her as she begins her new life. Michael Hale, pastor.

**Lafayette, IN.** We at Faith Chapel, Lafayette, IN, are most happy to report that two more people have accepted Christ as their Savior. Carol Gray and her daughter Teresa were immersed in the saving name of Jesus May 4, 1975. Praise God for their decision and may he bless their lives always. Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**Hilliard, OH.** On April 17, 1975, Margaret Gray and Diane Kelly were baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. On May 4, Carol Mazick went forward, accepting Jesus as her Savior. She was baptized May 8. We pray God's blessing upon our three new sisters in Christ as they enter their new walk in life.

On May 11, 1975, Melissa Ann Bennett went forward, accepting Christ as her Savior, and was baptized May 16. Her husband, William Bennett, accepted Christ as his Savior May 25, and was baptized May 26. We pray God's blessing on this young couple and their two children in this new walk of life. Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Oregon, IL.** We are happy to report that Walter Bolhaus accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized May 18, 1975, into his all-saving name. This unites the family in God. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Pelzer, SC.** The following came forward April 27, 1975, and were baptized May 4. They are Terry McCall and Debra McCall (not related). We wish them well as they serve their Master. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

**Fonthill, Ont.** We rejoice in the recent baptisms of Donna Shirton and Marty Verburg in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins. May God richly bless them as they grow in grace and share their faith with others. John Hearp, pastor.

**Phoenix, AZ.** Mr. and Mrs. William K. Lambers were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, May 11, 1975. That God will continue to lead them into fruitful lives for him is our prayer. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Fort Valley, VA.** On May 18, 1975, Sherry Powell, 17, and Michael Painter, 19, were baptized by the writer in Passage Creek, Fort Valley. May both Sherry and Mike grow in faith and grace. James Mattison, pastor.

**Eden Valley, MN.** On Sunday, April 27, 1975, Allan Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Albright, was baptized in the saving name of Jesus at the Eden Valley church by his pastor, Billie Kennedy. On May 18, Cheryl Thyen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Thyen of Paynesville was baptized by Bro. Kennedy. Both of these young people are faithful in at-

tendance, and will follow closely in the teachings of their Savior. We pray that the older ones may set a good example for them.

Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

**Hedrick, IN.** Lisa Townsend confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior, and was baptized May 18, 1975. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Townsend. May the Lord continue to bless her as she grows in him. Wally Winner, pastor.

**Omaha, NE.** The Jaynes Street Community Church of God welcomes Paul Johns, Rt. 1, Bennington, NE, into the church. Paul was baptized into Christ May 4, 1975, by the writer. Emory Macy, pastor.

## STUDY COURSE COMPLETED

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Jean Moos; Mrs. Shirley Kelly; John C. Sprowles, Ayewudz Gavor Simeon; Mary Lohr.

## MARRIAGES

On Saturday, March 22, 1975, the Blanchard, MI, Church of God was the scene of the wedding of Larry Mayberry and Karen Smith. Larry and Karen are both students at Oregon Bible College. They will live in Oregon, IL, as Larry continues his preparation for the ministry. May God's richest blessing rest upon their marriage and their home. Don Needham, pastor.

The brethren at the Church of God in Oregon, IL, had the privilege of witnessing the wedding vows of Bro. Dennis Brown and Sr. Susan Foster, May 24, 1975. The closing part of the wedding service consisted of dedication, in which the newly married couple dedicated themselves to their Lord and to his service. Sr. Doris Brown, mother of the groom, came from Digby, Nova Scotia, to be present at the wedding. May the Lord lead this fine young couple as they continue in his service. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

## WHERE DO I FIT?

The lesson booklet, "Where Do I Fit?" by Hollis Partlowe, is designed to help meet the needs of an often-neglected or overlooked area of Christian education. It deals with ways and means whereby a newly baptized Christian, and hence a new church member, may best relate to the organization and activities of the congregation to which he belongs. In short, it seeks to lead him to know the answer to a question that is in his heart, though he may not verbalize it. "Now that I am a church member, where do I fit into the organization?"

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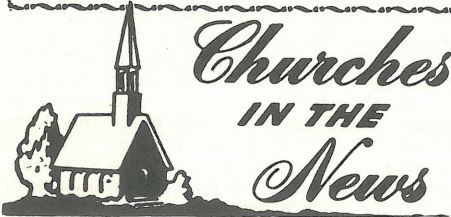
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**St. Louis, MO.** On April 20, 1975, the St. Louis Church of God witnessed the baptism of Shirley Mogensen. We rejoice with Shirley in her decision, and pray God's blessings on her as she begins her new life. Michael Hale, pastor.

**Lafayette, IN.** We at Faith Chapel, Lafayette, IN, are most happy to report that two more people have accepted Christ as their Savior. Carol Gray and her daughter Teresa were immersed in the saving name of Jesus May 4, 1975. Praise God for their decision and may he bless their lives always. Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**Hilliard, OH.** On April 17, 1975, Margaret Gray and Diane Kelly were baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. On May 4, Carol Mazick went forward, accepting Jesus as her Savior. She was baptized May 8. We pray God's blessing upon our three new sisters in Christ as they enter their new walk in life.

On May 11, 1975, Melissa Ann Bennett went forward, accepting Christ as her Savior, and was baptized May 16. Her husband, William Bennett, accepted Christ as his Savior May 25, and was baptized May 26. We pray God's blessing on this young couple and their two children in this new walk of life. Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Oregon, IL.** We are happy to report that Walter Bolhaus accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized May 18, 1975, into his all-saving name. This unites the family in God. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Pelzer, SC.** The following came forward April 27, 1975, and were baptized May 4. They are Terry McCall and Debra McCall (not related). We wish them well as they serve their Master. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

**Fonthill, Ont.** We rejoice in the recent baptisms of Donna Shirton and Marty Verbung in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins. May God richly bless them as they grow in grace and share their faith with others. John Hearp, pastor.

**Phoenix, AZ.** Mr. and Mrs. William K. Lambers were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, May 11, 1975. That God will continue to lead them into fruitful lives for him is our prayer. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

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tendance, and will follow closely in the teachings of their Savior. We pray that the older ones may set a good example for them.

Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

**Hedrick, IN.** Lisa Townsend confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior, and was baptized May 18, 1975. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Townsend. May the Lord continue to bless her as she grows in him. Wally Winner, pastor.

**Omaha, NE.** The Jaynes Street Community Church of God welcomes Paul Johns, Rt. 1, Bennington, NE, into the church. Paul was baptized into Christ May 4, 1975, by the writer. Emory Macy, pastor.

## STUDY COURSE COMPLETED

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Jean Moos; Mrs. Shirley Kelly; John C. Sprowles, Ayewudz Gavor Simeon; Mary Lohr.

## MARRIAGES

On Saturday, March 22, 1975, the Blanchard, MI, Church of God was the scene of the wedding of Larry Mayberry and Karen Smith. Larry and Karen are both students at Oregon Bible College. They will live in Oregon, IL, as Larry continues his preparation for the ministry. May God's richest blessing rest upon their marriage and their home. Don Needham, pastor.

The brethren at the Church of God in Oregon, IL, had the privilege of witnessing the wedding vows of Bro. Dennis Brown and Sr. Susan Foster, May 24, 1975. The closing part of the wedding service consisted of dedication, in which the newly married couple dedicated themselves to their Lord and to his service. Sr. Doris Brown, mother of the groom, came from Digby, Nova Scotia, to be present at the wedding. May the Lord lead this fine young couple as they continue in his service. C. E. Lapp, pastor.

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A piano was dedicated at the Lighthouse Church of God, Digby, N.S., April 17, 1975, in memory of Bro. Raymond Brown, who died November 12, 1974, after having served as pastor of the Digby church for seven years. This memorial was chosen because it had been Bro. Brown's dream for several years that the church might somehow acquire a new piano. This purchase was made possible by memorial gifts from relatives, members of the church, friends from all of the churches and the unchurched in Digby, merchants, business men, and from Church of God groups in the United States and Canada. The dedication took place at a semi-annual sacred concert at the Digby church, with eighty-five people present. Sr. Brown and her daughter Laura both used their musical talent in the concert.

The photograph shows Sr. Doris Brown handing the plaques to Bro. Francis Burnett, who is serving as pastor pro tem until August 1. The plaques read, "Dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Raymond L. Brown, pastor, September, 1967, to November, 1974," together with the quotation: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7).

"The minister is to be a live man, a real man, a true man, a simple man, great in his love, great in his life, great in his work, great in his simplicity, great in his gentleness."—John Hall.

## Contributors to the General Conference: May, 1975

Mr & Mrs John Carr	80.00	St Louis Church	35.27	Resurrection Hope Church	100.00	New Hope Church	50.00
Margene Rager	20.00	Anonymous	20.00	Roddy Pike	10.00	Garden Park Church	159.12
Pennellwood Miss Dept	145.00	Mr & Mrs John Waid	5.00	Tempe Dorcas	5.00	Flagg Center Church	72.00
Cecil Smead	30.00	Gigi Landry	12.00	Nan Barney	6.00	Mrs Turner Whitworth	50.00
Hugh & Mary Harman	80.00	Pam Drew	175.00	Zenas Murphy	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ward	40.00
Pennellwood Church	191.76	Mr & Mrs Charles Pryor	64.73	Mrs Walter Bolhous	10.00	Mr & Mrs Melvin Malon	8.00
Blanchard Church	212.70	Happy Woods Church	104.00	BYF	6.00	Mrs Luther Benge	6.00
Jay Street Church	49.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	80.00	Terri Huddlestun	15.00	S B Hope Chapel Bereans	5.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Smith	100.00	Mr & Mrs Wilbert Fink	5.00	Pennellwood Church	143.31	Mr & Mrs John Huston Jr	25.00
Catherine Smith	10.00	Anonymous	40.00	Gladys Volentine	25.00	Guthrie Grove Church	587.18
Betty Armstrong	15.60	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	65.00	La State Conf	242.77	Brush Creek SS	41.86
Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	17.00	Fremont SS	21.00	Waterloo Church	143.00
Alice Marshall	10.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	10.00	Fremont Church	20.00	Cora Siple	20.00
Mr & Mrs Ron Johns	50.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	25.00	Southlawn Church	217.66	Mr & Mrs L A Anderson	5.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00	Anna Fogelstrom	5.00	Anonymous	200.00	Lombard BYF	38.56
Mich State Conf	113.57	Macomb Church	153.55	Ind State Conf	410.00	Lombard Church	100.00
Ruby Stuckey	5.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	82.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Ashelford	100.00	Blessed Hope Church	
Mr & Mrs Herb Kasper	35.00	Edith Eades	12.00	Eternal Hope Church	226.61	Rockford	92.16
Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke	5.00	Gary Hatcher	5.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	75.00	Monica Salassi	2.00
Forest Hills Church	30.65	Nina Hatcher	5.00	Golden Rule Church	57.75	Mary Krogh	130.00
Mr & Mrs K Zimmerman	2.00	Lawrenceville Church	223.41	Jay Ramsey	60.00	Mr & Mrs David Hall	66.70
Lakeshore Bible Church	186.27	Bedford Church	42.37	Minnesota State Conf	135.17	Mrs Nell Drury in memory	
Fonhill SS	14.85	Annie Welch	16.54	Fonhill Church	141.96	of William Hanson	10.00
Maurertown Church	46.85	Hope Chapel SS, Ark City	60.00	Dorothy Napper	10.00	Kay Vancil	12.00
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Columbus	10.00	Koszta Church	36.00	Shilah Richmond	37.00	Raymore BYF	61.10
Northeast Conf	225.00	Ripley Church Miss Soc	100.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	100.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	12.00
Leonard Brady	5.00	Alice Bassett	30.00	Mr & Mrs Lynn Stocum	20.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00
William Loy	6.00	Arlington Church	5.00	Mr & Mrs Gayle Somers	40.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	287.50
Oregon SS	9.64	Lila Guiles	10.00	Fonhill Miss Soc	267.63	Rita Doughman	6.00
Mr & Mrs R E		Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Macomb Miss Soc	120.00	Neil Richardson	12.00
Kaffenbarger Sr	20.00	Dr & Mrs Wm Lawrence	2032.87	Ben Carpenter	25.00	Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	50.00
Mr & Mrs N H LaMunion	40.00	Troy View Church	143.44	Litchfield SS	9.24	Mrs R D Stanton	10.00
North Hills Church	150.26	Mrs Ben Lardy	10.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	3,000.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	25.00
Peoria Faith Chapel	125.00	Anonymous	78.00	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	10.00	Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	15.00
Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	75.00	Pomona Ch of Open Bible	90.49	St Louis Church	111.49	Grace Marsh	5.00
Omaha SS	63.38	Hope Chapel South Bend	86.27	Margaret Duval	90.00	N E Conference BYF	21.88
Litchfield Church	32.97	Ruth Reid	15.00	Lillie Martindale	5.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Hall	100.00
Pleasant Hill Church	147.01	Ida Lapp	5.00	Scott Millard	2.50	Raker Union SS	45.55
Mr & Mrs Harry Sheets	50.00	Bedford Agape Soc	1.81	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	40.00	Almeda Long	2.00
Anonymous	4.00	Mr & Mrs Don Ward	54.60	Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	120.00	Maurertown Dorcas	20.00
Brush Creek Church	213.83	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Emory Macy Jr	60.00	Sara Beddow	10.00
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South Bend	65.00	of Thelma Deadwyler	10.00	Phyllis Prussak	5.00	Sue Andrew	4.00
Mr & Mrs Michael Channell	100.00	May White	20.82	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	75.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	120.00
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Katherine Tackett	64.00	Helen McMurtrie	40.00	Brush Creek Young People	20.00	Illinois State Conference	170.00
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## I CAME TO HELP

By Eunice M. Pearson

*"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation" (Psa. 95:1).*

We sing for the joy of singing praises to God. We sing because certain catchy tunes appeal to us. Sometimes we particularly like the words of a song. But we cannot fully appreciate a song until we have experienced what the song is all about.

It was this way with me that day, fifty years ago, when public confession of faith was made and I went down into the waters of baptism. We were singing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or vale or sea. I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord. I'll be what you want me to be." Every word that we were singing was my promise. But I had no idea what they entailed, or of how many times I would fail. But going where the Lord wanted me to go brought me to beautiful Nova Scotia, four years ago.

I came to help with the work at Lighthouse Church of God. It has been a rich and wonderful experience for me. God has blessed us abundantly. I have received much more than I have been able to give. God has opened many unexpected doors to people who do not know Jesus and the way of salvation. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2).

Working with Bro. Raymond Brown was both a real blessing and a challenge. He was forever coming up with a new idea for serving. He would persuade us that, with the help of God, it could be accomplished. He was so right!

We were all encouraged to visit, not only the sick, but also the lonely, members of the church who had become in-

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*The following article is printed here for the inspiration of Church of God members, of any age, who are sometimes tempted to say to themselves, "There is nothing that I can do to help to spread the gospel." Even though you may be unable to move to a new field, as Sr. Eunice Pearson did, you can still do many of the things that she mentions, right where you are. By exhibiting her concern for others, you can "by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22), and so experience the obvious joy of serving which shines through her article, and help your church to grow in the process.*

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active, and anyone who was in need of help of any kind, even though it was just a little cheer. We began looking around for these folk. It was surprising how many were found, and how many and varied things could be done for them in the name of Jesus.

These visits offered an opportunity to introduce the Systematic Bible Study Course. Many were enrolled. Some finished. Often these people persuaded members of their family and friends to enroll in the course. Praise God, a few were led to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and were baptized. They are now active members of the church. We sowed the seed. God gave the increase. First Corinthians 3:6, 7 says: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

"I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matt. 25:36b). By answering an ad in a

paper, seeking someone to correspond with a Christian who was in prison, our prison ministry was started. This one man, who completed the Bible Course, introduced other prisoners to it, and they yet others. Through these people, we obtained the names of others who might be interested.

When one of the men was transferred to another prison, he enrolled men there. And so, this work has grown. Prisoners are enrolled from three provinces and three states.

There is now the Christian Prisoners Association (CPA), incorporated in Canada, with headquarters in Digby, Nova Scotia.

As part of our home missions work, we visit the local jail regularly. Here is an opportunity to tell what the Lord has done for us. We have Bible reading and prayer. Good Christian literature is given out, along with some cookies or candy for snacks.

The Bible Course is offered, and has never been refused. A Bible is furnished if the prisoner does not have one. The jail-keeper stands and listens when we visit.

Another part of the home missions work is taking recorders and tapes to the blind.

The church regularly puts on a program at a local nursing home, three times each month. These are greatly appreciated. Some of these people attend our services when they are able. One man, after discussions, and counseling with Bro. Francis Burnett, was baptized June 19, 1975.

Bible school is held in July, youth camp in August, and missionary conference in the fall. We have a full schedule and a happy time serving God by serving our fellowmen. ●

# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## 1975 General Conference

The fifty-fifth Annual Church of God General Conference was held August 11 to 16 at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa. It was a most inspiring five days of fellowship, study, business, sharing, instruction, and spiritual uplift.

The four proposed recommendations all passed without change. The report of the Committee to Study the Louisiana Property was accepted and the delegates instructed the Board of Directors to appoint a Subsidiary Board to further evaluate and make plans for possible use of the property (see report on page 5 of this issue). Each member of the Church of God General Conference is asked to complete the questionnaire on page 12 of this issue and mail it to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, before October 1. We need your answers, favorable or unfavorable, so that a realistic evaluation can be made.

Action was taken to set in motion provisions for expansion of the Mission Board to include both a Home and Foreign Board.

Joyce Knapp and James Graham were reelected to the Sunday School Board. Warren Sorenson was elected to a four-year term on the Mission Board. Paul Overholser was elected for three years to fill the unexpired term of Rachel Carr. Sr. Carr was appointed Superintendent of Missions January 1, 1975, so is automatically on the Board as chairman.

The delegates did adopt a budget for the next fiscal year which will require contributions in the amount of \$220,000.00. The full minutes of the delegate sessions and the budget will appear in the October issue of *Progress Journal*.

## Board of Directors

Bro. John E. Fauntleroy of Hammond, LA and Pastor Hollis Partlowe of Phoenix, AZ were elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. The Conference Board organizes itself. Its officers for the coming year are Chairman, Billie Kennedy; Vice-Chairman, David Johnson; Secretary, Kenneth Milne; Treasurer, Robert Smith; and Directors, Russell Johns, Hollis Partlowe, and John Fauntleroy.

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bros. John Hearp and Dallas Demmitt, retiring Directors, for their faithful and dedicated service over the

past three years. Bro. Hearp served as Board Chairman during the past year.

## Board Actions

McGintytown Church of God, Greenbrier, AR and North Salem Church of God, Plymouth, IN, were approved for Pastoral Aid, beginning September 1.

Bro. Hugh Harman will serve as Dean of Students of Oregon Bible College, in addition to his duties as Youth Director of the Church of God General Conference.

A study is being made of the Golden Rull Dormitory to determine structural soundness for possible future use. The History of the Church of God is ready for publication and will be available in book form soon at \$4.95 per copy. We express our thanks to Bro. C. E. Randall for authoring this fine book.

Final reports were accepted from the following: Tithing Committee, Council of Christian Education, and Committee to Promote Mission Builders Membership. The Song Book Committee made a preliminary report and was directed to continue working on a new hymnbook for the Church of God. The committee is David Krogh, Chairman, Louise Lapp, Beth Vancil, Dale Ramsey, and Steven Bolhaus. Approval was given to continue membership in Chaplaincy Commission of the Armed Services. Bro. Orville Westlund is presently serving in the Chaplain Corps.

## Conference Finances

The giving for the months of July and August has fallen about a thousand dollars short of the needs. We trust that the membership will make this a matter of prayer that the deficit will be made up in the month of September, as this is the end of the fiscal year. We are thankful for each one who has so generously given and may God bless that the needs will be met.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1974 - September 30, 1975

**\$195,000.00**

Goal for July-August	\$32,500.00
Given in July-August	31,363.00
July-August deficit	1,137.00
September Needs	16,250.00

**Goal for September \$17,387.00**

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# Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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

## Change of Plans

After much discussion and prayer concerning our mission work in Nigeria, the Mission Board decided it would be best not to bring Bro. Solomon Idiong to Oregon Bible College for study this fall as was originally planned.

We have not received any completed papers or any authorization from either the Nigerian or the United States governments to allow Solomon to come to Oregon Bible College. The Mission Board is considering sending short-term missionary workers to our mission fields to assist in teaching and training. If this plan can be implemented in the near future, it will not be necessary to bring persons from other countries over here. One of the reasons that Solomon and his wife were selected to come here was that they had no children and could come more easily than the other men who have families. It was also thought that his wife could receive some education while here. Now the Idiongs have a child and could possibly have more children while here which would add to the expense of their stay and their return home.

These reasons, along with several others, helped to bring about the change in our plans.

## Missions Month Is Coming

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to begin planning mission-centered activities for November, which is Missions Month throughout the Churches of God.

Perhaps you need ideas on how to promote missions in your church. Here are some suggestions:

1) Obtain a large world map (can be ordered from National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C. 20036). Each Sunday have it in front and feature one or two of the countries where we have a mission work. Give the missionary leader's name and a few facts about his work.

2) Have your young people prepare two or three short skits based on Bible missionaries. Examples: *Philip and the Eunuch*—Philip walking through the desert; Philip sitting with the eunuch; both of them going down to the water for baptism. *Paul and Silas at Philippi*—being followed by the girl; healing her; taken to prison; singing in prison; conversion of jailer. *Jonah*

—running from God's call; thrown from the boat; thinking in the whale; going to Nineveh.

3) Give each one in Sunday school or church a tract and ask him to give it to someone during the week. The next Sunday allow time for anyone to tell of the response that came from doing this.

4) Have a beans-and-rice dinner. Serve beans and rice *only* since this is what many in other countries have to eat. Receive an offering for missions, encouraging people to give the amount they would have spent on a regular dinner.

5) Order extra copies of the free monthly publication, *Missionary Newsletter*. Prepare a display and have someone there to encourage people to take a copy and sign up to become a regular "missionary prayer partner." (Order extra copies by *October 5* by writing to Missionary Newsletter, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.)

6) Use your own imagination, but be sure that the people in your church know that November is Missions Month!

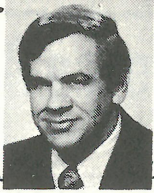
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There are many prophecies in God's Word concerning the end of time and the second coming of Jesus. Some of the scriptures speak of evil things that are to come at the end, while others tell of good things.

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3 about men who will be covetous, boastful, proud, unthankful, unholy, and lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. In 2 Thessalonians he speaks of a falling away that will precede Christ's coming. If we so choose, we can be a part of this problem. We can forsake the way we have known and allow temptations to lead us away from the Lord.

But how much better to be a part of the solution! Jesus said in Matthew 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come." We can certainly choose to have a part in the preaching of the gospel to speed the Lord's return. We can submit to his will and give our time and resources so the preaching can be done. If we do, we have the promise of living forever with our God and his Son on this glorified earth.

Would you rather be a part of the problem or a part of the solution?



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*John R. Lewis, President*

## Further Education

Eugene Stilson and Dale Ramsey continue to work toward graduate degrees at Wheaton College and Northern Illinois University. Eugene Stilson is working toward a degree in New Testament and Dale Ramsey will receive a Masters degree in Music.

## Christian Emphasis Week

Christian Emphasis week will be October 6-10. Scott Ross, pastor of the Troy View Church of God in Troy, Ohio, will be the guest instructor. During that week, Brother Ross will teach a class on pastoral work and give chapel talks each day to the student body.

## Booster Funds

We appreciate the response to the Booster drive that started in the month of May. At this writing more than three thousand dollars have been received. These funds are used for special projects of the College. We appreciate the financial support and prayers of all friends of the College.

## New Dean of Students

We are happy to announce the appointment of Hugh Harman as Dean of Students for the coming year. He is well qualified for this position and will perform a valuable service for both the College and the students as they adjust to college living.

## Honor

Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Honor during the winter semester last year. To achieve high honor a student must maintain a 3.50 or better grade point average. Sue Andrew 4.0, Michele (Gaspar) Millard 4.0, Kathy Anger 3.79, Karen Circle 3.73, John Mattison 3.71, Scott Millard 3.67, Dick Young 3.60, Sid Magaw 3.60. The following students had a 3.0 or better grade point average. Nita Wyrick 3.40, Tom New 3.36, Telva Lippert 3.33, Ken Walters 3.33, Phyllis Prussak 3.32, Linda Jones 3.31, Mike Berry 3.31, Pam Jennings 3.17, Donna Weidensall 3.13, Deirdre Kirkpatrick 3.10, Kenny Cook 3.20, Greg Demmitt 3.23.

## Student Marriages

Congratualtions to several students who were recently married. Larry Mayberry and Karen Smith were

married in March. Dan Ryan and Sarah DeForest were married in early June. Michele Gaspar and Scott Millard were also united in marriage early in June.

## Education

God is the author of truth. He has revealed himself to mankind in several ways. Nature, the conscience of man, Jesus Christ, and the Scriptures all reveal to us the many aspects of the nature of God. By coming to a knowledge of God we come to a knowledge of truth. By studying arts and sciences and having these studies integrated with the study of God's Word a proper emphasis is placed upon the student's spiritual, mental, social, and physical life. This kind of Bible education leads to the development of the whole person.

As a student is able to understand God, Jesus Christ, and himself he is able to discover the meaningfulness of life and place the authority of God in his life in proper perspective. By knowing God philosophically and in the arts and sciences, the student has the opportunity to develop a relationship with him that can move from knowledge to experience.

This knowledge and experience relationship is important to the full development of the student. Through the study of Scripture he can know the higher life which he has been called to reproduce in himself and others. Through the receiving of knowledge he can learn the ideal application of his life ministry, and through the practice of practical skills he experiences the application of the higher calling of the Christian life in the everyday life of human beings.

As we keep proper emphasis upon Bible study, and support this study with the study of life and relate it to practical experience, the student will grow and develop into a professional person who provides a maximum ministry for the gospel and Jesus Christ.

## OBC Chorale and Gospel Teams

Interest in the OBC Chorale and gospel teams is high again this year. Both organizations are preparing to present programs in our churches in the upcoming months. If your church would like to engage the Chorale for this year, please write soon. They will be touring churches and high schools the second semester. Gospel teams are available all year, so write to Dale Ramsey, Christian Service Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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- (2) It has a sandy loam topsoil with clay subsoil. Some of it has been cleared cultivated land in past years, and since then it has been allowed to restore itself to a forest of natural beauty consisting of magnificent Southern Pine, Magnolia, Pecan, Gum and Oak trees. It contains many mature marketable trees, many of which are in need of harvesting for lumber or some will soon spoil.
- (3) It is located only a mile south of the city limits of Hammond, and has a secluded setting of a rural area with all the conveniences and facilities of city living. It is 42 miles east of Baton Rouge, and 60 miles north of New Orleans, near the intersection of Interstate Highway 12, running east and west, and Interstate Highway 55, running north and south.
- (4) It is available to electricity and running water for immediate hookup. No sewer facilities are available beyond the city limits of Hammond. It has a drilled well, once artesian, on the property which needs only a hookup with pump equipment for immediate use. It is divided by a canal running north and south through the entire length of the property. The Parish will build and maintain a suitable bridge across the canal.
- (5) The adjoining property on the same side of the road would probably remain in the hands of owners who would not be selling to real estate developers. Very little of this land will probably change hands in the foreseeable future, except through family succession. A small strip adjoining the General Conference property in the rear is landlocked with no available convenient access, except over the General Conference property. The strip of land is considered to be of little value to the present owner because of being locked in with no feasible access. Land directly across the road (Range Road) will probably be sold by the present owners in the foreseeable future, and probably would be developed into residential.
- (6) Any project begun by the General Conference, on the land presently owned, would be limited to the present acreage at this time. It would appear that there would be little chance to acquire adjoining land for any substantial expansion in the future if

expansion would be necessary or desired. The general area appears to be very much underdeveloped at this time, and land ownership is a cherished possession.

- (7) The Happy Woods Church of God has leased 6.4 acres fronting on Range Road, on which has been built a beautiful church building, which is an asset which enhances the neighborhood. The church enjoys good community relations, and was commended by one public official, with whom we conferred, for the planning and quality of this addition to the neighborhood. Many other churches would like to locate in the immediate area, but are unable to acquire the needed land.
- (8) It is the considered opinion of the local officials of the City of Hammond, with whom we conferred, that the city limits of Hammond would probably not, in the foreseeable future, extend beyond Interstate Highway 12 on the south side of the city. Interstate Highway 12 lies between the present city limits of Hammond and the General Conference property. Accordingly, it is difficult to project at this time the future possibilities of this property being annexed into the City of Hammond.
- (9) The considered opinion of local government officials the committee contacted, is that within the next twelve to eighteen months, public hearings will begin on a new Parish-wide building code and zoning ordinances. At the present time no building permit is required to build on the General Conference property, and there are no governing zoning ordinances. The only control is in installing private septic or other sewage disposal facilities needed to build, which requires a permit. It is the opinion of a key local government official that the very worst restrictions the contemplated new zoning ordinances would place on the property, would be to restrict it to church-related ecclesiastical use.
- (10) The cost of construction, in general, in and around the Hammond area appears to be much lower than in the areas where the members of this committee reside. One local government official with whom we conversed is a former builder. He is now the Building Official for the City of Hammond. He estimates present construction costs to contractors in that area to be about \$13 per square foot, without land costs. Notice, this is the cost to the builders, and does not include any profit. This leads us to bring attention to other considerations on types of housing facilities. Considering a cost of \$13 per square foot, permanent housing without a lot of extras would not be extremely expensive. The cost of mobile homes has increased drastically the past two years. Accordingly, the desirability of mobile homes as the frontrunner may become deemphasized.

## INITIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT

In order to begin a plan to develop and use this property for the purposes allowed under the terms of the ACT OF DONATION, the committee believes that the initial requirements and considerations are:

- (1) Develop a set of preliminary engineers' plans and drawings of the property and layout of arrangement of proposed improvements to be constructed.
  - (a) Take into account the natural terrain elevations, landscape, and trees, and determine the trees and natural landscape which can remain as part of the original natural beauty.
  - (b) Lay out the main access road from the front property line at Range Road to the rear of the property. Use suitable winding road to fit into the terrain and preserve the natural beauty and seclusion. Arrange homesites in an artistic arrangement which fits into the natural terrain, and avoid straight streets or roads and arrange home sites not in straight lines.
- (2) Lay out a plan for adequate and acceptable sewage and drainage. The cost of an open pond treatment system is from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for any initial occupancy. A mechanical system would cost up to \$20,000 to \$25,000. At the present time the open pond system is preferred by the local parish health officer, but there is no guarantee just how long they will be allowed by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. The mechanical system, which is more costly, would not be subject to future changes.
- (3) Clear right-of-way for main access road to be constructed, without removing any more trees or shrubs than absolutely necessary.
  - (a) If kept a privately owned and maintained road and not dedicated to the Parish, there would be no requirements on width of right-of-way or width of roadbed or pavement.
  - (b) If built to Parish requirements, it can be dedicated to the Parish after one year, and the Parish will maintain it as a public road forever without cost to General Conference.
  - (c) Requirements for a Parish-dedicated road is a 50 ft. right-of-way and 20 ft. width of pavement.
  - (d) The estimated cost to clear a right-of-way is considered to be about \$2,000 for clearing and grading, \$1,000 for gravel, and an additional \$7,000 for paving a 20-ft. width with asphalt. Concrete instead of asphalt would probably be about the same cost.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That a concerted effort be made to enlighten all Church of God people of the findings of this committee, and the preliminary requirements to begin a

sound long-range development of the property.

- (a) Prepare a suitable brochure of information and distribute to every Church of God member.
  - (b) Prepare a questionnaire and distribute to every member, soliciting members' specific interests and opinions.
  - (c) Use the response to the questionnaire to determine areas of interest which would be a guide to planning.
  - (d) Schedule a time on the 1975 General Conference agenda to present this report to the delegates and others attending General Conference, and distribute the report to all present. Then schedule a time for discussion on a succeeding day with the three committee members sitting as a panel to discuss and answer all questions of delegates and members.
- (2) That, in the opinion of the committee, the property is most suited for development into a limited retirement facility, including a possible travel trailer park, a mobile home park, single and multiple dwelling permanent housing, apartments or condominiums, with suitable recreation facilities.
    - (a) The adjoining property and the immediate area is primarily residential.
    - (b) There would be very limited opportunity to acquire adjoining land for expansion.
    - (c) The Happy Woods Church of God provides the ideal spiritual center for a retirement and recreational center.
    - (d) The Happy Woods Church enjoys a prestigious location and position in the community. Any development must be of a nature and quality to preserve, complement, and enhance that standing, both for the quality of a development as well as its operation.
    - (e) Even though there are no building codes or zoning ordinances pertaining to this property now, both building codes and zoning ordinances are almost a sure thing before any development can be started.
  - (3) That a plan for financing be developed, if and when it is foreseeable that work would begin on the property.
    - (a) There are trees which are ready to be cut for lumber before they reach the timber spoiling point.
    - (b) Timber cut off the property could be cut and sawed into lumber by a local sawmill, and the lumber stacked and cured for use. Or, the timber could be sold and the money used for preliminary clean-up work.
    - (c) A plan of financing will need extensive study, due to the expressed explicit provisions of the ACT OF DONATION.
    - (d) Financing plans study would include consideration of the provisions of the ACT OF DONATION, as to whether the property can be en-



- cumbered as a security for borrowing money to use for development.
- (e) Since no occupant would presumably have any economic ownership in the land, nor could he acquire one, only the General Conference could pledge the property as security, if at all.
- (4) That an approved development plan include:
- (a) A preliminary set of plans drawn by a professional engineer, taking into account and utilizing the natural terrain of the land.
  - (b) A suitable permanent structure, properly located, for a full-time manager. This building should be located so that it is a control point for traffic ingress and egress to the entire development, owned by the General Conference.
  - (c) An outside perimeter fence of wood, wire, or growing plants for keeping outside persons from crossing the property or unnecessarily being present on the property.
- (5) That the development be directly operated by a subsidiary of the Church of God General Conference.
- (a) The subsidiary to be governed by a set of regulations and by-laws to be written.
  - (b) The subsidiary to have a separate Administrative Board, which would be responsible for the entire day-to-day operating activities and controls, through the manager.
  - (c) The Administrative Board would be directly responsible to the Board of Directors of the General Conference.
  - (d) At least one member of the Administrative Board should be from the Happy Woods Church of God.
  - (e) Under present existing circumstances, with Bro. Vernis Wolfe being a key man on the spot, a long-time resident and pastor, extremely knowledgeable about the property and keenly interested in the development of the property, a personal ambassador between the General Conference and the donors of the property, that Bro. Wolfe be an ex-officio member of the Administrative Board. The advisability of a successor pastor of Happy Woods Church of God being considered for the same position on the Administrative Board, should be determined at such time as Bro. Wolfe's tenure of office would terminate.

Respectfully submitted, Allan M. Ramsey, Chairman  
Merle Patrick  
David Johnson

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

*Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director*

### Thank You Card

The following message was received a few weeks ago. It has been an inspiration to the Sunday School Board members and the director. We quote: "Dear Bro. Burnett: A note to let you know our teachers who have used the teen-age quarterly supplement really appreciate it! Can it be enlarged and expanded for other ages? All that many teachers need is an idea starter—and this supplement may be just the beginning of something great in our Sunday schools."—Rex Cain, pastor of Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton, Ohio.

### Sunday School Conference

Members of the Sunday School Board and the Sunday School Director have been asked to take charge of the program for the Minnesota Fall Conference at Long Lake Bible Camp, September 26-28, 1975. Plans for the program were developed during the Sunday School Board meetings at General Conference time.

This will be the third such conference to be held since the employment of a full-time Sunday School

Director. The first was at Lawrenceville, Ohio; the second was at Browntown, Virginia. The Sunday School Board appreciates these opportunities to promote training and an exchange of ideas. We anticipate great fellowship with the brethren in Minnesota.

### Christian Workers Seminar—1976

Soon after the end of the Christian Workers Seminar held in February of 1975, the Sunday School Board began making plans for another. The tentative date is February 29-March 6, 1976.

The following testimony tells some of the reasons why such a seminar is important. We hope that it may help to guide any decision that you may be making.

"We appreciate having the information, which we may have known intellectually, expressed and impressed upon us in such a way that we may use it in personal and practical practice. We are confident that our service to the church, to the community, and to God will be more effective.

"We much appreciate all of the courses offered this year. As a development of this year's work (that is, for 1976), we would suggest that Creative Bible Teaching be offered in specific areas."—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Overholser.

The Overholsters are members of the Lawrenceville Church of God, Springfield, Ohio. They have been active leaders and teachers for several years.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**Kokomo, IN.** On June 15, 1975, Mrs. Dorothy Cardwell, her son Michael Pressy, and Darrell Cardwell responded to the gospel invitation. They put on Christ in the waters of baptism the following Sunday afternoon. This unites the Gene Cardwell family in the body of Christ. . . . On July 6, 1975, Becky Wright responded to the gospel invitation and was baptized that afternoon. . . . We pray God's blessing upon all of these as they begin their walk in Christ.  
John Railton, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** The Macomb Church of God of Abrahamic Faith has three new members of the family of God. They are Mr. and Mrs. David Carol Hill, 713 E. Calhoun, Macomb; and Steve Spencer, Plymouth, IL, who were baptized June 22, 1975, by Pastor John Carr. Praise God that he has answered prayers and blessed us all abundantly.  
Neva Sue Chockley, reporter.

**Kissimmee, FL.** Cecil Patrick has been a very able leader of Bible studies held at the L. F. Slocum mobile home this winter. Resulting from these studies, Mrs. Susan Moyette has accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized June 4, 1975. Due to the absence of Bro. Patrick, the service was held at the Orlando Advent Christian Church, with pastor Ronnie Fordham officiating. Please add your prayer to ours for guidance and strength for this young wife and mother as she walks in the new life in Christ. . . . A neighbor, Mrs. Vera Thompson, becoming aware that immersion is the Bible way, was baptized at the same service.  
Bee Slocum.

**Pomona, CA.** We rejoice that Sr. Dollie Hepler, 933-194th Pl., Chicago Heights, IL 60411, asked to be baptized and to become a member of Christ's body. Bro. Ted Armes assisted her in putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, April 23, 1975, at the Church of the Open Bible. . . . We thank God for prayer answered also when Raymond and Nancy Perkins requested baptism. They were immersed into Jesus' name May 17, 1975. . . . We pray God's richest blessings on these as they start their new walk in Christ Jesus.  
Bertha N. Perkins, secretary.

**Browntown, VA.** Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 15, 1975, the Cool Spring congregation witnessed the immersion in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins of Jerry Mathews and his wife Louise. This couple accepted the Lord into their lives by coming forward to request baptism, and sealed their covenant with God by being baptized. We of the Cool Spring Church of God praise God for their decision and pray that the Spirit of our God will uplift them in their Christian growth.  
James D. Ritch, pastor.

**Holbrook, NE.** The Holbrook Church of God is happy to announce the baptism of Miss Robyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valerian Miller of North Platte, NE, June 4, 1975. Robyn went forward to accept Christ at the NEBCO Berean Youth Rally. She was baptized a week later, after studying with the writer and confessing her faith in the teachings of God through Christ. Her address is 1516 W. 2nd St., North Platte, NE 69101.  
Leon Driskill, pastor.

**Tempe, AZ.** Six persons were baptized into the name of the Lord during the first worship service to be held in the sanctuary of the new Lakeshore Bible Church of God. They were:

Jack Helwig; Mr. and Mrs. (Jean) William Morrison; Mark Anderson (all of Tempe); and Mr. and Mrs. (Diane) Jim Roberts of Scottsdale, AZ. We praise the Lord for their decision and earnestly pray that many others will follow as we continue our efforts in our new facilities and location.  
Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

**Front Royal, VA.** The Royal Village Church had the joy on June 8, 1975, of witnessing the baptism of Mrs. Ann Lewis and Mrs. Shirley Goodiel during the morning worship service. We are happy to introduce these new members to you. Mrs. Goodiel lives at 711 W. 13th St., Mrs. Lewis lives at 10 W. Prospect St., both of Front Royal, 22630. We praise God for their obedience to faith in God by taking Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.  
Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

**Eden Valley, MN.** We all rejoiced on Sunday, June 22, 1975, when a large crowd gathered at the Long Lake Bible Camp to witness the baptism of three young ladies. Cindy Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adcock, and Tammie Blomker and her sister Larae, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blomker, were immersed in the saving name of our Savior. May God ever be with them.  
Blanche Brossard, reporter.

**Raymore, MO.** We rejoiced with the angels in heaven when Phil Shoemaker, Topeka, KS, came forward, expressing his desire for baptism. Phil was baptized May 25, 1975, following the morning worship service. We pray that God will richly bless Phil as he begins his new walk in Christ.  
Rex L. Shaw, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** The North Hills Church of God would like to report the following baptisms by Pastor Russell Dickerson: April 20, 1975, Lee Ann Gorey, 5161 Ridgewood W., 45503; May 11, 1975, Pete Petry, 252 S. Belmont, 45505; and Denise Petry, 252 S. Belmont, 45505. May 11, 1975, Alice Petry (transferred by letter), 45505.  
Vileen Rowell, secretary.

**Fonthill, Ont.** Ruth Mires was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins June 1, 1975. We rejoice as another of our young people begins her life for him. May God richly bless her.  
John Hearp, pastor.

**Hector, MN.** Our hearts were full of joy as Jennifer Johnson, Bx 753, Hector, and Gary McGuire, 1074 W. 7th St, Winona, confessed Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives and were baptized into his name. They were baptized in Long Lake by the writer and Joe Duncan, respectively, June 27, 1975.  
Edward Bender, pastor.

**Hilliard, OH.** On June 15, 1975, Mrs. Jody French accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. On June 19 she was baptized by Pastor Carl Roth, for the remission of sins. We pray God's blessing upon her in her new walk of life.  
Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Browntown, VA.** Melvin E. Partlowe, 76, Rt 1, Bentonville, VA, father of Pastor Hollis A. Partlowe of Phoenix, AZ, and Clifton A. Updike, Rt 1, Bentonville, father of Sr. Hilda Partlowe, were baptized July 30, 1975, into the saving name of Jesus Christ. Pastor Partlowe assisted his father and father-in-law in this act of faith and obedience. We at Cool Spring Church of God, with our pastor, James D. Ritch, rejoice with them in their newfound life.  
Cordelia Manuel, secretary.

**Oregon, IL.** On Sunday, June 22, 1975, we at Oregon were made happy when Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Stone, and Tom Gertman stepped forward to confess Christ as their Savior, and were baptized the same evening. We pray God's guidance on these new ones in Christ.  
C. E. Lapp, pastor.

**Denver, CO.** On July 6, 1975, we were privileged to share in the baptisms of Michael, Steven, and Bradley Pierce. With their mother Loree, the three brothers traveled all the way from Kent, WA, to be baptized in our church. Loree has been a member for many years.  
Joseph L. Myers, pastor.

**Pelzer, SC.** On Sunday, August 3, 1975, eight were baptized. Baptized by the pastor were: LaJuan Masters, Mike Stargel, Glenis Partain, and Horace Seigler. Baptized by Bro. Jones were: Norman Chandler, Lisa Smith, Mark Durham, and Mack Durham.  
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Baldwin, Dennis J, Rt 7, Bx 698, Monroe, NC 28110.

Perkins, Bertha N, 7161 Garnet St, Alta Loma, CA 91701, Secy Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, CA 91767.

## LAKESHORE BIBLE CHURCH OF GOD

On April 26, 1972, the Bible Church of God (Tempe, AZ) voted to sell the property that the congregation then owned, and was using, and to obtain a suitable site and erect a new church on it. During the interval between this decision and the building of the new sanctuary, the name was changed to Lakeshore Bible Church of God, to more nearly conform to the new site, which is known as "The Lakes."

The old property was sold for cash to the Salvation Army.

After numerous delays, ground breaking took place October 13, 1974. The congregation was able to move to a part of the new building (the fellowship hall) May 18, 1975, after having held services in a nearby high school for approximately seventeen months.

June 15, 1975, was a day long to be remembered by all of the members and friends of the congregation who gathered in the new sanctuary for the first service held there. Quite fittingly, the service included the baptism of six people and Communion. Even those who had been deeply involved from the beginning had difficulty in realizing that this goal had been achieved. Once more we thanked the Lord. Our motto has been, and continues to be: "Except the LORD Build the House, It Shall Be Built in Vain." Much prayer guided the planning committee and the building committee in their leadership and long, long hours of loving toil. Situated as it is at the corner of Lakeshore Drive and Guadalupe Road, the building dominates the area in three directions. The address is 6415 S. Lakeshore Dr., Tempe.

We long to have any who read these words to visit us for as long as they can. You will find a rich blessing, even if you drive a hundred or more miles off your normal travel route in order to visit us.

The dedication of the new facilities will take place on an as yet undetermined date in early fall. The date will be announced in *Progress Journal*.  
Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

## ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

In 1922 the writer attended the Oklahoma-Arkansas Conference which was held at Bristol, OK. The purpose of the trip was to organize an interstate Berean society.

Fifty-three years later, Mrs. Randall and the writer trailed to Little Rock, AR, to serve as guest speaker at the same Conference. It was an entirely different gathering—not only as to location but also in member attendance. The only similarity between the two meetings was the spirit which pervaded the gatherings. The Little Rock Conference was motivated by a determination to move forward. The Oklahoma membership had dwindled to the point where no one was attending from that state. Therefore the Conference name was changed to the Arkansas Church of God Conference.

Two highlights of the Conference stand out in our minds: first, the inspiring music in song and instrument presented the first night by the McGintys from the McGintytown Church; second, the hour-long musical program rendered by the Bereans from the Forest Hills (Royal) Church under the direction of Bro. and Sr. Roy Humphreys.

The theme of the Conference was "Holding Fast." This theme not only concerned being steadfast in service, but holding fast to the great truths of the gospel of the kingdom, which truths made us a separate people.

Under the leadership of Bro. John Humphreys, who was reelected president, I believe the work in Arkansas will move onward. We look forward to being with them again next year. May the Lord richly bless the work and workers in Arkansas. Clyde E. Randall.

"There is no difference between knowledge and temperance: for he who knows what is good and embraces it, who knows what is bad and avoids it, is learned and temperate."—Socrates.

## OBITUARIES

Harold "Punk" Good, age 16, fell asleep in death June 30, 1975, following a short illness. He was a member of East Oregon Chapel, Oregon, IL. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, July 3, 1975. Timothy New, pastor.

Funeral services were conducted at Cambridge, NE, for Minnie K. Long, 72, who died May 24, 1975. She was united in marriage to Clyde M. Long of Cambridge, June 5, 1934. To this union were born two daughters. Minnie attended the Holbrook Church of God, was active in the church's Ladies Aid, and entertained Bible study groups in her community. Survivors include her husband Clyde Long, daughters Mary Alice Park, Lincoln, NE, and Vivian Chilcote, Lake Oswego, OR; four grandchildren; one brother; and four sisters. Scriptures concerning the hope that God gives us through the resurrection of the dead were given by the writer in consolation for those who mourn her death. Commitment was in the Cambridge cemetery. Leon Driskill, pastor.

Elizabeth Upton Clark of Vancouver, WA, died May 14, 1975, at the age of 58. She was the daughter of Mrs. Elmer Upton, and a faithful worker in the Felida Church for many years. Mrs. Clark is survived by: her step-father, Elmer Upton; a son, Roger; and a daughter, Janet Skellenger. Burial was in Parkhill Cemetery, Vancouver, where she awaits the call of the Master. Archie Loether, reporter.

Daisy Opal Perry, 77, of Ripley, IL, was born August 2, 1898, to Ella Mae and Oscar Burnett. She died April 11, 1975, at Rushville. She was a member of the Ripley Church of God. She is survived by her husband James, and three nieces. Services were conducted by the writer. She is buried in the Ripley cemetery. James A. Fyfe, pastor.

## NEW MEETING PLACE

### Valley Church, Los Angeles

The Valley Church of God, Los Angeles, CA, now meets in the Van Nuys Womens' Club, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. Services are conducted each Sunday morning, with Sunday school at 9:30 and the worship service at 10:45.

## FIFTEEN YEARS OF HERALDS

Bro. Clyde Long has a rather complete set of *Restitution Heralds*, from about 1960 to the present, which he is willing to give to anyone who would like to have them. Anyone interested in these copies should address Bro. Long at Holbrook, NE 68948.

## BIBLE STUDY COURSE COMPLETED

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Lori Clapper; Margaret Clapper; Brenda Hoople; Joseph G. Walsh; Paul Titchenell; Sylvester F. Akpan; Edgar Pyne; Mrs. Una M. Sub; Lanny McAlister; Fye Guthrie; Mallory Miller; Edna Haynes.

## MARRIAGES

Pamela Pounds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pounds, Cedarville, VA, and Michael Grove, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Robert Grove, Front Royal, VA, were joined together as one in Christ, March 22, 1975. The couple is residing on Strausburg Rd., Front Royal, VA. James D. Ritch, pastor.

Rebekah Sue Partlowe, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Hollis Partlowe, and David Michael Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hall, Oregon, IL, were united in marriage at the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ, June 14, 1975. The father of the bride officiated. After a honeymoon to Disneyland and other points in California, the young couple will be at home at 909 S. 4th St., Oregon, IL 61061. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Miss Connie Ragle and Mr. Robert Coffman were united in holy matrimony Saturday, July 26, 1975, at the Flagg Center, IL, Church of God. They will reside in Rochelle, where Robert is employed at the Del Monte food processing plant. We pray God's richest blessing upon them. Gordon Landry, pastor.

Mary Ann Flury was united in marriage to Alan Shaffstall in an early evening ceremony at Columbia Church of God, Columbia Station, OH, June 18, 1975. Family and friends wished them well, as they made their lifetime vows to each other. May God strengthen their love for each other with his love.

On Friday, July 18, 1975, Susan Anne Bagwell and Perry Michael Moorehead were united in marriage at the Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC. The marriage was solemnized by the pastor. Following a short trip to Gatlinburg, TN, they have made their home in Spartanburg, SC. We pray for the Lord's blessing upon them. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Barbara Urban became the bride of Richard Tavenier at an early evening candlelight ceremony, held at Columbia Church of God, Columbia Station, OH, on May 31, 1975. In the double ring service, the couple spoke their vows to each other, promising a lifetime of love. This took place in the presence of many friends and relatives. May God bless their union with his love and care. Russell Magaw, pastor.

Miss Sarah DeForest and Mr. Dan Ryan were united in a double ring ceremony at the Oregon Church of God, July 8, 1975. They will live in Oregon while Dan continues his education at Oregon Bible College. John Lewis.

## PROPHECY ISSUE OF HERALD

The November, 1975, issue of *The Restitution Herald* will be devoted to articles which deal with various phases of Biblical prophecies. We have articles along this line from several of our ministers, and more promised. If we receive more such material than we can use in one issue, we will plan another prophecy issue in the not too distant future.

If you would like to have extra copies of this special issue, order them promptly. The November issue will be sent to the printers on or near October 1. We *must* have your orders by that time. After the issue is in print, it is too late to order more!

## OBITUARIES

Orland Fred Marsh, 87, died at Dixon, IL August 8, 1975. He was married to Ethel Webster of Rockford, Iowa, March 24, 1913. Four children were born to this marriage: Wendell, Doris, Donald, and Raymond. The latter died in infancy.

They moved to Mt. Morris, IL, in 1930, and to Oregon in 1968, where they were residing at the time of Orland's death.

He is survived by his wife; three children; one great-grandchild; one brother, John of Ontario, Canada; and a sister, Leona Conrad of Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris, IL. He is buried in Plainview Cemetery in Mt. Morris.

Clarence E. Lapp, pastor.

Edward E. Merzdorf, 81, died July 29, 1975, at St. Petersburg, FL. He was a brother to Sr. Edna Tavenier of Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH who died in 1974. Mr. Merzdorf spent 34 years with the Cleveland, OH Police Department. A police honor guard assisted with the funeral services, which were conducted by the writer. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland. J. Arlen Marsh.

## BAPTISMS

Blanchard, MI. The following have recently been baptized into the body of Christ: Rusty Rogers, June 18, 1975; Scott Parks, July 13, 1975; and Colleen Scheese, August 3, 1975. We praise God for these new members of his family. Don Needham, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. On Sunday, August 3, 1975, five young people gave their lives into Christ's keeping through baptism at Long Lake Bible Camp. Immersed by Pastor Billie Kennedy were: Karen Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kirkpatrick of Hutchinson; Jeff Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Meyer of Eden Valley; Daryl and Jerry Wendroth, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wendroth, also of Eden Valley; and Diane Otto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Otto of Minneapolis. Brother Kennedy was assisted by Scott Millard, assistant pastor. We pray that they will always follow the steps of their Master. Mrs. Blanche Brossard, reporter.

Denver, CO. Jamie Pike was baptized into the name of Christ on August 3, 1975. We pray that God will guide and strengthen him all of the days of his life, and that he may be a strong and faithful worker in the vineyard of the Lord. Joe Meyers, pastor.

Eldorado, IL. It was the writer's privilege to immerse Fern Marie Wiggins in the saving name of Jesus Christ, April 13, 1975. She will hold her local membership at Eldorado.

We ask the Lord's blessing upon her as she begins her new walk of life in the body of Christ, and ask that you remember her in your prayers. Albert D. Harper, interim pastor.

## RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Terry and Sharon Pike (husband and wife) and Mrs. Wilma Wilson were received by transfer of membership into First Church of God, Denver, CO, August 3, 1975. We are confident that God will make them valuable working members of his church. Joe Myers, pastor.

# Contributors to the General Conference: JUNE and JULY

Mr & Mrs Ken Vancil	3,000.00	Anna Butts	5.00	Joseph Plantner	5.00	Pennellwood Church	263.13
Oregon SS	22.25	Pomona Bereans	5.62	Oregon Church	638.58	Golden Rule Church	378.96
Mr & Mrs. Gene La Croix	1.00	Marie Livingston	3.00	Macomb Church	358.01	Pennellwood Miss Dept	290.00
Mr & Mrs. Joe Astolfi	15.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	40.00	Burr Oak Church	170.00	Ollie Cooper	20.00
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Mrs Esther Jenkins	15.00	Mrs Gladys Valentine	50.00	Pleasant Hill Church	179.85	Blessed Hope Church	73.29
Mr William Callison	5.00	Nancy McCarson	5.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	50.00	Beth Kinsey	10.00
Hillisburg Miss Soc	40.00	Agnes Lussenden	40.00	May White	17.48	Ben Carpenter	50.00
Morning Star Church	39.58	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	70.00	Pomona Ch of Open Bible	130.45	Mr & Mrs John Carr in	
Mr & Mrs N H LaMunion	40.00	Hillisburg Youth	20.80	Mr & Mrs Roy Longanecker	10.00	memory of Myrtle Carr	80.00
Stephen Adams	15.00	Guthrie Grove BYF	220.10	Kathy Lewis	9.00	Pleasant Hill SS	40.50
Mr & Mrs Ken Taylor	5.00	St Louis Bereans	8.50	Mrs Don Brennick	20.00	Anonymous	21.00
Blanchard Church	515.16	Clara Hoke	25.00	Ginny Routson	10.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	1,323.23
Mr & Mrs James Mattison	10.00	Troy View Church	82.96	Hector Dorcas	7.77	Mr & Mrs Jay Grossard	40.00
Fort Valley Jr Bereans	11.37	Shilah Richmond	100.00	Alice Bassett	60.00	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	20.00
Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ron Johns	50.00	Brush Creek Miss Dept	120.00	Marjorie Mogle	5.00
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Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	70.00	Blood River Sr Bereans	75.00	Mr & Mrs Given Clerk	40.00	Mr & Mrs Herman Lewis	15.00
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Mr & Mrs Wilber Coulter	10.00	In Honor of Mr & Mrs Elza Appleby		Jaynes St Church	530.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Dickerson	68.68
Mrs Frances Wood	45.00	by anonymous donor	200.00	Columbia BYF	35.12	Elaine Shute	12.00
Mr & Mrs Jerry Mathews	5.00	Mabel Alexander	25.00	Columbia Church	820.69	Wade Tierney	12.00
Katherine Tackett	142.00	Charles Half	1.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	200.00	Steve Young	6.00
Beth Tackett	2.00	Anna P Johnson	50.00	Glad Tidings Ch Dayton	200.00	Mr & Mrs Mike Mattison	12.00
William & Karl Glueck	5.00	Fredericktown Bereans	40.00	Forest Hills Church	37.86	Jean Berry	12.00
Holbrook Church	201.10	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	30.00	Alan McLain	2.00	Mr & Mrs Ben Mattison	12.00
Koszta Church	72.00	Garden Park BYF	77.24	Ethel Berry	100.00	Liz Lyons	10.00
Dean Harman	3.00	Morse Mill Church	500.00	Minnesota State Conf	272.17	Myra Hamilton	12.00
Macomb Church	155.01	Anonymous	50.00	Annie Welch	33.92	Doug Supinger	12.00
May White	36.06	Mr & Mrs Robert Hall	100.00	Fairy Lyon	10.00	Theresa Dochstader	12.00
Patsy Zimmerman	10.00	Rachel Alexander	50.00	Ripley Miss Soc	100.00	Lois Newnam	6.00
Sue Andrew	10.00	S B Hope Cha Bereans	5.00	Macomb Miss Soc	40.00	BYF Camp Offerings	2,383.00
Alice Wingo	7.00	Glad Tidings, Fonthill	359.16	Truth Seekers SS	21.33	Oregon 1st & 2nd Grade	
Hope Chapel Miss Soc		Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	41.21	Bedford VBS	27.96	SS Class	11.60
South Bend	130.00	Mr & Mrs Roger Mattus	86.00	Lillie Martindale	20.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	539.53
Raymore Church	75.00	North Salem Church	42.23	John & Edna Waterman	25.00	Icel Stedman	10.00
Mr & Mrs Ken Millard	50.00	Margene Rager	55.00	Litchfield SS	11.59	Tempe Dorcas Soc	15.00
Joe Duncan	12.00	Brian Eldred	6.00	Hope Chapel Columbus	10.00	Mrs Joe Middleton	23.00
Mrs Elmer Riggie	5.00	Louise Lawson	12.00	Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	80.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Bower	100.00
Ruth Reid	30.00	Penny Winner	12.00	Cora Siple	10.00	Anonymous	15.00
Bedford Bereans	59.27	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00	Pomona Dorcas Soc	30.00
Fonthill BYF	10.00	Terri Huddleston	12.00	Mr & Mrs Doug Elliott	19.00	Virginia Humphreys'	8.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Thomas Lewis	10.00	Mrs Dorothy Napper	16.00	Robert Jolly	5.00
Clifford Atchison	3.00	Mr & Mrs Melvin Malon	16.00	Golden Rule SS	100.00	Mrs D W Cronin	7.00
Fonthill SS	34.28	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	70.00	Louisiana State Conf	126.24	Richard Williams	27.00
Harlingen SS	8.04	Joseph Cox	5.00	Mrs Hazel Cripe	15.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	195.00
Beaumont Church	21.66	Dwayne Gremler	12.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Parks	12.00	Mrs G C Guiles	20.00
Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	40.00	Ione Franklin	12.00	Arlington Church	10.00	Mr John Prak	60.00
Cool Spring Dorcas	35.42	Eden Valley Church	125.94	Leota Hanson	40.00	Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum	5.00
Donald Williams	47.00	Terri Baldwin	10.00	Mary Hale	15.00	Jay Street Church	193.45
Mr & Mrs Francis Van Fleet	32.00	John Gizen	5.00	Cool Spring SS	78.01	Mrs Bruce A they	2.50
Mr & Mrs Don Ward	88.57	North Hills Church	191.25	Margaret Duval	180.00	Wallace Stone	50.00
Mrs Ernest Rice	20.00	Oregon Mary and Martha	37.50	South Bend Hope Chapel	240.81	Ann Umphlett	3.00
Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine	60.00	Oregon Beginners SS Class	3.50	Southlawn Church	521.72	Fremont SS	36.85
Mr & Mrs John Carr	180.00	Oregon Kindergarten Class	10.00	Hedrick Church	66.51	Fremont Church	35.00
Eden Valley Bereans	200.00	Maurertown Dorcas Soc	10.00	Rita Doughman	6.00	Mr & Mrs Herb Kasper	30.00
Troy View BYF	41.90	Yvonne Reigelsperger	115.00	Mrs William Hanson	300.00	Mrs Lorraine Withey	5.00
Cool Spring Bereans	49.36	Brush Creek Berean Soc	80.39	Vickie Wyrick	13.00	Bedford Church	140.38
Morse Mill BYF	25.16	Alice Marshall	40.00	Mary Krogh	80.00	Phoenix Bible Church	2,587.50
Mr & Mrs Gayle Somers	40.00	Brush Creek SS	42.86	Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke	25.00	St Louis Church	78.76
National Clothing House	10.00	Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell	200.00	Hope Chapel Bereans Class	25.00	Raker Union SS	37.00
Nan Barney	17.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Anderson	7.00	Mr & Mrs Mike Berry	41.00	Brush Creek Church	903.46
Maurertown Bereans	7.45	Marty Hart	12.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	93.00	Lawrenceville Sr Youth	58.61
Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	David Stein	25.00	Denver Church	97.00	Anonymous	10.00
Everett Rogers	65.00	Frances Boyle	25.00	Inez Gordon	20.00	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	200.00
Peggy Rager	3.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	660.00	Verna Freeman	25.00	Illinois State Conference	300.00
Mr & Mrs Ernest Ransom	10.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	130.00	Keturah Perkins	10.00	Muriel Hass	65.00
Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	144.00	Susan Walton	10.00	Mr & Mrs Eugene Steder	10.00	Faith Community	
Indiana State Conf	530.00	Bud Campbell	12.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	150.00	Church Mpls	113.00
Minn State Miss Soc	350.00	Lawrenceville Church	498.67	S P Dismukes	150.00	Conger St Church	51.05
Mr & Mrs Frank Johnson	30.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	100.00	Columbia SS	116.89	Shellee Ballentine	12.00
Lafayette Faith Chapel	139.73	NE Conference	450.00	Columbia VBS	48.05	Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	2.00
Renae Sogge	12.00	Lawrenceville Esther Soc	12.00	Go Ye Miss Soc - Hope		Mr & Mrs Roy Whelpton	25.00
Troy SS	13.14	Maurertown Church	25.54	Chapel, Columbus	15.00	Mr & Mrs Ronald Alban	10.00
Anonymous	60.00	Virginia State Conference	300.00				
L'Anse Church	5.00	Litchfield Church	69.14				
Mrs Fredine Page	.50	Hedrick Dorcas	3.17				
Eternal Hope Church	201.72	Lombard Church	65.53				
Brush Creek Young People	134.36	Milo Magaw	171.25				
Mrs Otis Lippincott	5.00	Mr & Mrs Leonard					
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	20.00	Appleby	100.00				
J Anon	35.00	La Contributors	136.00				
Lynda Tate	12.00	Arthur Poe	12.00				
Janet Tate	12.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Smith	15.00				
Blanchard Sr Bereans	252.10	Monroe Elton	15.00				
Fern Kennedy	5.00	Garden Park Church	287.70				
Mabell Bell	35.00	Flagg Center Church	80.00				
Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	31.00	Cecil Smead	50.00				
Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	30.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	60.00				
Ripley VBS	26.00	Macomb SS	30.50				
Glad Tidings Outreach		Michigan Conference	161.45				
Dept	240.00	Alice Plantner	5.00				

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Oregon, Illinois

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Church of God General Conference solicits your help in determining how to proceed to put to church-related use the land near Hammond, Louisiana, which was received as a donation in 1967. On one corner of the land, the Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, built a new church about six years ago. The Happy Woods Church provides the spiritual center around which the land can be developed.

The Church of God General Conference sincerely solicits your carefully considered answers and opinions. The information asked for is a basis from which decisions shall be made as to the use, timing, and organization of the development. The answers to the questions are not a commitment and will be used only for a source of information. The questionnaire can be returned anonymously, or you may sign it or identify yourself if you so desire.

Are you ready for relocation, near retirement, or retired? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in: A Single Residence? \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Home? \_\_\_\_\_  
Retirement Home? \_\_\_\_\_ Rental? \_\_\_\_\_  
Other? (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a cold winter climate? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do, are you satisfied living in a cold climate? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in living in the Hammond area? \_\_\_\_\_

If you would be interested in living in the area, would you be interested in:

A Mobile Home? \_\_\_\_\_ An Apartment? \_\_\_\_\_  
A Single Dwelling? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are retired and go south for the winter only, are you interested in a travel trailer lot? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not in the near retirement, or retired category, but would retire within the next five years, would you have any prospective desire to live in the Hammond area? \_\_\_\_\_

If you were interested in living in the area when you retire, would you be interested in living in:

A Mobile Home? \_\_\_\_\_ An Apartment? \_\_\_\_\_  
A Single Dwelling? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not retired and not retiring within the next five years:

Do you travel south? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you use any kind of travel trailer or camper? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have children who travel with you? \_\_\_\_\_  
What time of year do you travel south? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long do you stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in moving to the Hammond area, seeking employment there, and making it your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, would you be interested in living in:

A Mobile Home? \_\_\_\_\_ An Apartment? \_\_\_\_\_  
A Single Dwelling? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You may either submit anonymously or sign your name if you wish to be identified with this questionnaire.

Please return completed questionnaire to:

Louisiana Property, Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061