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Minutes of the 1975 General Conference

Kenneth Milne, Secretary

Tuesday, August 12

The Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference convened at Riverview Park, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Tuesday, August 12, 1975. John Hearp, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and Clarence Lapp, Pastor of the Church of God, Oregon, Illinois, opened the session with prayer. Bro. Hearp welcomed the delegates to the General Conference.

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

The Denver, Colorado, Church of God was represented this year for the first time. Those delegates serving for the first time were introduced, and also new ministers.

Chairman Hearp called attention to the Special Reports on pages 7 and 8 of the June, 1975, issue of *Progress Journal*. A further report on Dual Ownership was presented by Robert Smith. Charles Jones moved and Charles Graham seconded the motion that the special reports be accepted. Motion carried.

David Johnson, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, reported on the activities of the Board. He explained to the delegates how the Board functions and how policies are developed.

Executive Director S. O. Ross reviewed the nine-months Financial Report included in the delegate folders. This report covered the period from October 1, 1974, through June 30, 1975. Bro. Ross carefully reviewed each item. The report included: a General Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities (\$353,864.13 and \$28,351.74 respectively); a Statement of Income and Expense General Funds

(\$248,980.95 and \$233,953.99 respectively); a Statement of Assets and Liabilities Restricted Funds (\$327,226.83 and \$123,085.07 respectively).

S. O. Ross gave a report on the progress of the Oregon Bible College women's dormitory. He stated that \$85,000 has been received in commitments and cash. It was moved by Delbert Jones and seconded by John Huston that the Financial Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Chairman Hearp called on Hugh Harman to report on Berean Youth work. Bro. Harman stated that the most important program of the Youth Department is the Youth Conference. This year Camp Mack became strictly a high school camp, and housed 298 campers and 35 staff members. The Shipshewana Retreat Center became a strictly post-high camp and housed 67 campers and 19 staff members. The young people of the Church of God should be commended for their giving at Conference, which totaled more than \$2,300 for the six-day period. The Senior Caravan traveled to Fredericktown, Missouri, where it helped with the daily vacation Bible school and presented an evening service for the Missouri State Conference.

Allan Ramsey gave a report on the Louisiana property and answered questions from the floor.

Ruth Overholser reported for the Credentials Committee that 157 delegates had been seated: 8 Board of Directors; 49 ministers; and 100 church and conference delegates. This compared with 143 delegates last year.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m. with prayer by Tessie Laning of the Ripley, Illinois, Church of God. The chairman stated that Sr. Laning had attended every General Conference except one.

Wednesday, August 13

The second business session of the 1975 Church of God General Conference was called to order by Chairman Hearp at 10:00 a.m., August 13, with the singing of "Standing on the Promises." The prayer was led by Roy Humphreys, Pastor of the Oak Grove Church of God, Arkansas.

The secretary read the minutes of Tuesday's session.

J. R. LeCrone, editor of *The Restitution Herald*, reported on the activities of the Publishing Department. He stated that he was pleased with the interest of the membership in their response of sending in copy for *The Herald*. Bro. LeCrone stated that the cost of the *Heralds* when bought in bulk quantities was approximately 25 cents per copy. About 8-10 churches outside our fellowship are receiving our Sunday School Quarterlies. It was suggested that there be a column in *The Restitution Herald* with responses from people around the world.

Bro. Francis Burnett, Director of the Sunday School Department, reported on the activities of that department. He stressed the importance of the Sunday school seminars. Dan Stone, Margaret Duvall, and Steven Knapp gave testimonies concerning the Christian Workers' Seminar and the benefits they derived from the Seminar.

Nominations were opened for two Sunday School Board members. The terms of Joyce Knapp and James Graham are expiring. For Board Member No. 1, Joyce Knapp was nominated. Moved by Margaret Duvall and seconded by Dallas Demmitt that the nominations cease and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Joyce Knapp. Motion carried. For Board Member No. 2, James

Graham was nominated. Moved by Delbert Jones and seconded by Edith Eades that the nominations cease and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for James Graham.

Chairman Hearp asked for the Committee on Louisiana Property to serve as a panel for questions and answers on the report given to the delegates. Allan Ramsey, David Johnson, and Merle Patrick answered many questions regarding the use and desirability of the property. Many suggestions as to its use were presented by the delegates. Moved by Russell Johns and seconded by Joe James to accept the Louisiana Property Committee report. It was further requested that the committee make an evaluation of questionnaires as they come in and make recommendations on how to proceed. Motion carried.

Ruth Overholser gave the report of the Credentials Committee: 8 Directors, 53 ministers; and 104 delegates. This was a total of 165 compared with 150 one year ago.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and Elmo Gaspar dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Thursday, August 14

The third business session of the Fifty-Fifth General Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Hearp. The session was opened by singing "We Have an Anchor," followed with prayer by Edward Goit, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, Church of God.

The secretary read the minutes of the Wednesday session.

Bro. Clyde E. Randall moved that the representative of the Advent Christian General Conference, Nelson Melvin, be extended the glad hand of Christian fellowship, seated as a fraternal delegate, and given the freedom of the floor to address the Conference in assembly. Seconded by Hollis Partlowe. Motion carried. Mr. Nelson Melvin addressed the Conference delegates. He commended us for our vision and our work in proclaiming the gospel.

Chairman Hearp opened the business with nominations for two Directors of the Executive Board of Directors. Nominations for Director No. 1: Bro. Wolfe nominated Mr. John Fauntleroy of Louisiana; Russell Magaw nominated Russell Reye of Ohio. Russell Johns moved and John Huston seconded the motion that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Nominations for Director No. 2: William Lawrence nominated Bro. Hollis Partlowe of Arizona; Robert Petry nominated Milton Hall of Ohio; Daniel Stone nominated Joe James of South Carolina. It was moved and seconded by Edward Goit and David Swartz that the nominations cease. Motion carried.

S. O. Ross gave a brief report on the chorus book that was to be studied. All things considered, it was decided that it was not feasible to print a chorus book for our youth.

A report was given from the committee appointed to study the new hymnbook; and the committee was instructed to continue its study.

Sr. Rachel Carr, Director of Foreign Missions, thanked the churches for their support of our mission fields. She restated the reasons of the Mission Board for not bringing Solomon Idiong to Oregon Bible College. She expressed gratitude to Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett for helping in the Nova Scotia work after the death of Bro. Raymond Brown. She asked our people to pray for someone who will pastor the Digby Church. Alice Aldrich of the Mexico work was present, and was recognized.

Sr. Carr expressed to the Conference the need to strengthen the mission work that we now have, instead of expanding ourselves further. There is a definite need to strengthen the churches in our own land also, both spiritually and numerically.

S. O. Ross presented our home missions work. Two new churches were affiliated with the General Conference—Gulf Coast Church of God, New Port Richey, Florida, and Willamette Valley Church of God, Albany, Oregon.

The floor was opened for nominations for members of the Mission Board, one for four years and one for three years. Hollis Partlowe nominated Warren Sorenson of Tempe, Arizona. It was moved by Marge Overmeyer and seconded by Russell Reye that nominations cease and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Warren Sorenson for Missions Director No. 1 to a term of four years on the Mission Board.

Nominations were opened for Director No. 2. Milton Hall nominated Paul Overholser; Richard Worley nominated John Huston. It was moved by Delbert Jones and seconded by Emory Macy that nominations cease. Bro. Paul Overholser was

elected as Missions Director No. 2 on the Mission Board for a term of three years.

Recommendation No. 2, that we accept the Church of God in Salala, Liberia, into the fellowship and membership of the Church of God General Conference, was presented. Moved by Ronald Macy and seconded by Patricia Beam that the recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Russell Johns moved that Recommendation No. 3, which states that the members of the Mission Builders League contribute \$10.00 to each appeal granted by the Board of Directors, be adopted. Seconded by Joe James and carried.

Recommendation No. 4, that pastoral aid to a local church under the Pastoral Aid Program of the Church of God General Conference begin at \$125 per month, effective September 1, 1975, was presented to the delegates. Charles Graham moved and Alton Shaw seconded that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Kent Ross presented the following motion before the delegates: "That the present Mission Board be renamed the Foreign Mission Board, and that a Home Missions Board be established, to apply itself directly to our home mission opportunities." Motion was seconded by Delbert Jones. After some discussion, William Lawrence moved that this motion be tabled until the Friday session. Joe James seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Merle Patrick made the motion that the delegates give a rising vote of thanks to Robert Hall for his service on the Mission Board. Motion was seconded by David Johnson. All did rise.

The Credentials Committee gave its report for the Thursday session: 8 Directors; 51 ministers; 104 delegates—a total of 163 delegates compared with 151 at the same session last year.

Ronald Macy, Eternal Hope Church of God, Herndon, Virginia, dismissed with prayer at 11:40 a.m.

Friday, August 15—Morning Session

The fourth business session of the Fifty-Fifth General Conference was called to order by Chairman Hearp with the singing of "Stand Up," and was led in prayer by Pastor Linford Moore of the Waterloo, Iowa, Church of God.

The minutes of Thursday's session were read by the secretary.

The Chairman of the Board explained

to the delegates that the fraternal delegate from the Advent Christian Church attending our General Conference in no way indicates that there is any attempt to merge the two fellowships.

The Credentials Committee seated the delegates for the election of Board Directors. Those nominated were introduced to the delegates.

Bro. C. F. Pryor introduced to the delegates Dr. William E. Kammin from Savannah, Georgia, as a new member and minister of the Church of God. Dr. Kammin then addressed the delegates.

Dr. Alva Huffer reported on Oregon Bible College business. He introduced the College Staff and the Board of Education. Bro. Vernis Wolfe, Chairman of the Board of Education, outlined the operation of the Board of Education. Dr. Huffer explained his resignation as President of Oregon Bible College, and stated that he would be an acting consultant to Oregon Bible College in the coming year. He presented John Lewis, as the new President, to the delegates. Bro. Lewis announced that Hugh Harman will become Dean of Students beginning this fall. Bro. Huffer answered questions from the floor. Delbert Jones moved and Edward Goit seconded that a rising vote of appreciation be given Dr. Alva Huffer for his years of service in the College work. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee reported the results of the election: for Director No. 1, John Fauntleroy; for Director No. 2, Hollis Partlowe.

Recommendation No. 1, the adoption of "Goals—Reaching Forth to Eighty" was introduced. It was moved by John Huston and seconded by Ronald Macy that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Russell Johns spoke concerning the banners that have carried out the theme of each Conference for several years and moved that Cleo Dixon of the Omaha, Nebraska, Church be recognized with ap-

preciation for his good work. Seconded by William Lawrence and carried.

Chairman Hearp asked the membership in session to stand in silent tribute to the two ministers who fell asleep in death since last General Conference—Raymond Brown and Ellsworth Routson.

The Chairman asked for all who had attended General Conference regularly for fifty years to go to the front of the tabernacle and recognition was given to each.

Edward Bender moved and William Lawrence seconded that the motion that was tabled from Thursday's session be brought to the floor. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Kent Ross presented the following motion: That the present Mission Board be divided into a Foreign Missions Board and a Home Missions Board; implementation to be handled by the Board of Directors in conjunction with the present Missions Board, and be presented at the 1976 General Conference. Motion seconded by Delbert Jones. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee reported that there were 159 delegates in the morning session: 8 Board of Directors; 51 ministers; and 100 delegates. This compared with 150 last year.

The morning session was recessed with prayer by Emory Macy, Pastor at Omaha, Nebraska, Church of God.

Afternoon Session

The fifth business session of the Fifty-Fifth General Conference was called to order by Chairman Hearp at 2:20 p.m. C.D.T. We were led in singing by Pastor Stephen Bolhous with the song "To God Be the Glory." Dallas Demmitt of the Church of God, Phoenix, Arizona, led the session in prayer.

Executive Director S. O. Ross presented a plaque to Dr. Alva Huffer in appreciation of his service as President of Oregon Bible College for seven years.

Bro. Ross announced the officers of the Executive Board: Chairman, Billie Ken-

nedy; Vice-Chairman, David Johnson; Secretary, Kenneth Milne; and Treasurer, Robert Smith.

Allan Ramsey gave further information concerning the Louisiana property and made the following motion: That a three-member Administrative Board be appointed under the jurisdiction of the General Conference Board of Directors, to supersede the committee that had been serving. This board will study the use of the property and continue necessary work on this project. The motion was seconded by Ronald Macy. Motion carried.

Clyde Randall moved and Edward Goit seconded that a rising vote of appreciation be given to the two retiring Board Members, Bros. John Hearp and Dallas Demmitt. Motion carried.

Paul Overholser moved and Dallas Demmitt seconded a rising vote of thanks to Joyce and Steve Bolhous for their fine work with the music of this Conference. Motion carried.

S. O. Ross presented the proposed Budget for October 1, 1975, to September 30, 1976. Budget of \$277,000 with needed contributions of \$220,000. Edward Goit moved and David Cheatwood seconded that the proposed budget be adopted. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee gave the final report: Directors, 8; ministers, 32; delegates, 84; total, 124; last year, 121.

Russell Johns moved and Dallas Demmitt seconded that the final report of the Credentials Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Arnold Johns and seconded by Robert Jones that the minutes of the Conference be approved as read. Carried.

Ronald Macy moved and Clyde Randall seconded that the Fifty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Church of God General Conference be adjourned. Motion carried.

John Hearp, retiring Chairman and Board member closed with prayer. This was followed with the singing of one verse of "God Be With You."

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET
October 1, 1975 to September 30, 1976

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

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| Tuition, Room and Board (OBC) | \$49,000.00 |
| Gross Profit from Sales | |
| (Sales less printing & purchases) | 8,000.00 |
| Total Anticipated Income | \$57,000.00 |

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

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| Salaries | \$124,000.00 |
| Utilities & Telephone | 14,000.00 |
| Insurance | 2,500.00 |
| Social Security | 7,000.00 |
| Postage & Freight | 5,500.00 |
| Supplies & Expense | 8,000.00 |
| Depreciation & Repairs | 4,000.00 |
| Departmental Printing | 8,000.00 |
| Food | 11,000.00 |
| Auto & Travel | 11,000.00 |
| OBC Library | 2,000.00 |
| Professional Services | 1,500.00 |
| Golden Rule Contract | 6,000.00 |
| Advance Education (staff) | 800.00 |
| Emergency Reserve Fund | 700.00 |
| Literature Campaign | 27,000.00 |

MISSIONS:

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| Nova Scotia | \$ 7,000.00 |
| India | 2,400.00 |
| Mexico | 3,000.00 |
| Philippine Islands | 6,000.00 |
| Nigeria | 3,000.00 |
| Ghana | 1,000.00 |
| Liberia | 1,200.00 |
| Pastoral Aid | 7,000.00 |
| Special Church Aid | 10,800.00 |
| Board Expense | 2,000.00 |
| Mission Opportunities | 600.00 |
| | 44,000.00 |

Total Anticipated Expense \$277,000.00

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

(Goals for Giving) \$220,000.00

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



General Conference Minutes

The minutes of the delegate sessions of the 1975 Annual Church of God General Conference appear in this issue. Each member of the Church of God should carefully read these minutes. The actions taken and the recommendations passed set the policies and the goals of the conference for the next fiscal year (October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976). It is now the duty of the Board of Directors and the staff to carry out these programs and recommendations.

Annual Budget

One of the actions of the delegates was the approval of the budget (see copy in this issue) for the fiscal year. The budget was presented item by item and as approved will require giving in the amount of \$220,000.00 for the year (\$18,333.00 per month). On behalf of the Board of Directors, department heads, staff workers and myself, we commend the membership for meeting the needs of the conference during the past fiscal year. May God continue to bless and provide that all of the conference programs may go on to completion and bear fruit for the Master.

Pastoral Changes

A number of pastors have changed pulpits beginning September first. The new Directory of Churches, Ministers and Staff Workers will appear in the November issue of *Progress Journal*. The new location of several pastors will be evident at that time.

New Dormitory

The new dormitory at Oregon Bible College is completed and presently is occupied by twenty-one female students. The facility is very fine and is being enjoyed by the residents. The lounge area is available to all OBC students.

It appears that the total cost of the building will exceed the estimates by about ten thousand dollars. This is due mostly to the cost of the lounge and other improvements in the basement. These were somewhat unknown items at the time of the estimates. God has blessed in the progress of the construction of the building.

Dormitory Furnishings

The furniture for the rooms in the new OBC Dormitory will cost about nine thousand dollars. Offerings were taken at the evening services during General Conference. About two thousand dollars was received.

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Suggestion has been made that women's groups in the local churches be encouraged to have projects and raise funds to help furnish one or more rooms. The furniture cost is about \$500.00 per room, or \$250.00 per student.

The Alumni Association of Oregon Bible College has a project to raise the funds for the lounge furniture. We greatly appreciate this effort of the Alumni.

Dormitory Dedication Services

Dedication services for the new OBC Dormitory Building will be held in the Dormitory Lounge on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 1975. There will be an open house afterward. Plan now to attend this event and see the new facility.

Boards Meet

The Sunday School Board of the Church of God General Conference met in Minneapolis on September 26. The Board was in Minnesota to be guest workers in the Minnesota State Conference that weekend.

The Mission Board will meet in Macomb, IL, on October 24. Members of the Mission Board will be guest workers in the Southern Illinois Conference October 24 and 25.

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference and the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College will meet in Oregon, IL, on November 14 and 15 and attend the dedication of the Dormitory on the 16th.

Conference Finances

As this is written in mid-September, it is apparent that the goals for giving (\$17,387.00) for September will be reached. We are thankful that the total needs for the fiscal year were met. In addition, over sixty thousand dollars have been contributed and thirty-six thousand provided in loans to the Oregon Bible College Building Fund. These amounts, plus the special restricted contributions of the membership and churches, speak most highly of the stewardship of Church of God people. Praise God, and may he continue to bless as we all serve him.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

Needs for October

\$18,333.00

Goal for October \$18,333.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr

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

Are You Interested?

Your General Conference Mission Board has been thinking about the Church of God mission work and the direction we should go. It is the Board's feeling that we should take on no new foreign fields until we can maintain more supervision and control over our present work. Instead of spreading *out* more, we want to help our present foreign congregations to grow *up* spiritually.

Our recommendation is that we focus our primary efforts on helping our congregations abroad and at home to grow spiritually, as well as numerically.

We want to work toward the time when we can have people from here go to our foreign fields to assist them in their understanding of God's Word and in their spiritual development.

Therefore, now is the time when we need to learn who might be interested in possibly serving in a foreign field, either as a career or for a short period of time.

We have a Prospective Candidate Information Form which is for the purpose of learning who might be interested in mission work in the future. This is not a commitment, but simply a declaration of interest.

If you have an interest in foreign work, please write to the Mission Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and we will send you the Prospective Candidate Information Form.

Home Missions

Seven churches are receiving assistance through the Pastoral Aid Program of the Church of God General Conference and three churches, Pomona, California; North Hills, Ohio; and Eldorado, Illinois, through the Special Church Aid Program this church year. This will help to fulfill the above-described purpose of strengthening the local church. May each of these churches grow both numerically and spiritually.

Nova Scotia

The Mission Board is still looking for someone to take the position of pastor of the Digby congregation. Bro. Francis Burnett has consented to remain until January, 1976, but after that, this growing and active group of people will be without a pastor. If you are interested in this position, or are in need of more information about it, write to the Missions Dept., Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Philippines

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero and his family on the death of his sister, Mrs. Leonora Estigoy. She was stricken with a heart attack, and was buried in San Nicolas, July 14. She is survived by three sons and a daughter. Her husband preceded her in death.

The church building at Gattaran, which was destroyed by a typhoon last October, has been replaced with a new building and was dedicated to the Lord July 20.

Missions Month

We trust that plans are well under way for emphasizing missions in your church during November.

If you are interested in obtaining such things as missions napkins, placemats, favors, educational aids, or creative ideas, write to: Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

A "GO" button (an arrow pointing to a globe forms the word GO), which can be distributed to and worn by your people, can serve as a reminder of the Great Commission. These may be obtained from the Conservative Baptist Mission Society, 25 West 560 Geneva Blvd., Wheaton, IL 60187, for about 6¢ each, plus postage.

The Local Missionary Chairman

At the 1975 General Conference, the Mission Board was in charge of a session on "The Local Missionary Chairman and His Committee." Those attending received an outline, plus supplementary papers giving the "how-to" of some of the ideas.

In September, copies of these papers were mailed to missionary chairmen and pastors who were not at Conference. If, for some reason, you did not receive them, please write and request them.

Directory

This year when your church receives the form to complete for the annual Church of God Directory (which will appear in the November Progress Journal) there will be a space for you to give the name and address of your missionary chairman. If your church does not presently have a missionary chairman, we suggest that you appoint or elect one, and send for the papers mentioned in the above item as a help to that person in his new position.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Christian Emphasis Week

One week during the fall semester is especially set aside for Christian Emphasis Week. This week is set aside for a special class and daily chapel services with a guest instructor. Scott Ross will be our guest, as he will be teaching and speaking to us on October 6-11. Pastor Ross, Troy, Ohio, will teach a special course on the practical aspects of Pastoral Work. He will emphasize the pastor's activities in conducting baptisms, funerals, weddings, Communion services, visitation, etc. Bro. Ross will also speak to the students each day during a special chapel service on topics of special interest. A graduate of Oregon Bible College, he is now serving the pastorate in Troy, Ohio. We are looking forward to having him share with us during this special week.

Dorm Dedication

The dedication for the new women's dormitory is being planned for Sunday, November 16. We anticipate that many people from the local area of Oregon, as well as throughout the Church of God, will attend both the dedication and the open house.

A New Year, a New Start, and New People

The last week of August was the first week of a new year at Oregon Bible College. There were many returning students, as well as many students who were new to the college. It makes no difference whether new or returning; all students look forward to a new year with excitement and anticipation, to a new challenge and a new growth experience. Those students who are new to Oregon Bible College are: Laura Brown, Digby, Nova Scotia; Pam Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.; Kristine Fischer, St. Louis, Mo.; James Hill, Royal, Ark.; Michael Hoffman, Tempe, Ariz.; Edmund Howland, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Eileen Johns, Fredericktown, Mo.; Donna Kennedy, Eden Valley, Minn.; David Kizer, Plymouth, Ind.; Karla Macy, Omaha, Neb.; Brian O'Neil, Granger, Ind.; Rebecca Otto, Maple Grove, Minn.; Charles Powers, Kentwood, Mich.; Howard Robinson, Front Royal, Va.; Michael Ross, Digby, Nova Scotia; Alan Shaw, Montrose, Mich.; Ron Sorenson, Tempe, Ariz.; Debbie Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.; Kay Vancil, Bushnell, Ill.; Craig Wagganer, St. Louis, Mo.; Shirley Wagganer, St. Louis, Mo.; Wendell Weaver, Macomb, Ill.; Allen Wegener, Kentwood, Mich.; Kenneth Walls, Blood River, La.; Jim Williams, Kentwood, Mich.; Penny Winner, Mt. Sterling, Ill. We

pray that these new students will find a rewarding and enriching year as students at Oregon Bible College.

Student Body Leadership Positions

The students of Oregon Bible College have elected people to fill positions of leadership. Congratulations are due them as they fulfill these responsibilities. The Senior class has chosen Scott Millard as president, Rick Williams as vice-president, Linda Whaley as treasurer, and Pam Jennings as Student Council representative. Chosen by the Junior class were Sid Magaw, president; Dick Young, vice-president; Phyllis Prussak, secretary-treasurer; and Kenny Cook, Student Council representative. The Sophomores elected the following: Steve Taylor, president; Tom New, vice-president; Sue Andrew, secretary-treasurer; and Greg Demmitt, Student Council representative.

OBC Outreach

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

New Television

To add to the new facilities in the lounge of the women's dormitory, the Student Council has decided to purchase a new color television. The students will enjoy this purchase during their free time.

Alumni Support

We are still receiving funds from members of the Oregon Bible College Alumni association toward the purchase of lounge furniture for the new facilities at the college.

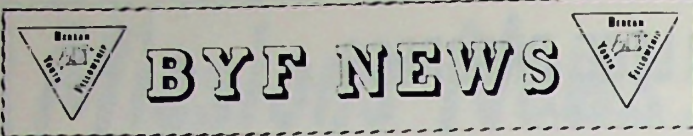
We appreciate the sacrificial giving on the part of the Alumni members and will welcome any additional support toward this project.

Coming Events

The Board of Education will meet near the time of the dedication of the new dormitory—all day Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15.

The Board will consider such items of business as the Internship Program and future library development.

John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, and Hugh Harman will attend the annual AABC convention in Chicago October 31.



BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

World Quizzing Tournament

On August 21-23, 1975, the World Quizzing Tournament was held at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

The Church of God was represented in this tournament by the All-Star team which was chosen at our Berean Youth Conference, at the conclusion of our own quizzing program. This team was made up of: Neil Richardson, Hammond, Louisiana; Greg Demmitt, Troy, Ohio; Karen Mitchell, Blanchard, Michigan; Bobby Morrison, Lafayette, Indiana, and Vicki Ring, Peoria, Illinois. Their coach was Bro. Don Needham, pastor of the Church of God, Blanchard, Michigan.

Eighteen teams from seven denominations made up the competition for this tournament. Included in these were Nazarene, Brethren in Christ, National Fellowship of Brethren, The Christian Union, Evangelical Free Church of America, Evangelical Mennonite, and several Youth for Christ organizations and teams.

The quizzing material covered the entire book of 1 Corinthians. This meant that our All-Star team had approximately three weeks to learn an additional 237 verses of material, as we only used 200 verses of 1 Corinthians for our own quiz program. The rules governing this tournament were somewhat similar to ours; however, in this competition three teams quizzed at a time and the scoring was different.

We found the competition to be spirited but friendly and our own quizzers rose to the occasion and placed fifth among the 18 teams. It was a good experience and our quizzers are certainly to be commended for their dedication and fine showing. The young people of the Church of God just can't be beat. Congratulations again, All-Stars; and thanks again for sharing your God-given talents.

Thanks also to those people who took the time to come down and cheer us on. Several people were in attendance each day and we do appreciate your support of our young people. We had the best cheering section there.

Congratulations also to Neil Richardson for his being selected second chair on the World Bible Quiz All-Star Team.

The winners of this year's tournament were: (1st) Huron Valley Youth for Christ; (2nd) Grantham Brethren in Christ; (3rd) Olivet Nazarene; (4th) Mountain Top Youth for Christ; (5th) Church of God; (6th) Berrien County Youth for Christ.

Busy and Happy

Your Sunday School Director and Board Members were very busy during the recent General Conference held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Each member had some responsibility with regard to Sunday school during the week. Sunday school business was considered by the General Conference delegates on Wednesday. Elected to the Sunday School Board for two years were: Joyce Knapp, Garden Park Church of God, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and James Graham, pastor of Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, Indiana. Both had previously been members of this board. Holdover members are: Scott Ross, pastor of Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio; and James Babcock, superintendent of Pennellwood Church of God Sunday School in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

These board members are very interested in Sunday school—your Sunday school. They would be pleased to have you make suggestions as to how they can better serve you. Feel free to write to: Sunday School Department, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or to one of the members personally.

During free time at General Conference, all were busy answering questions and discussing the needs of Sunday schools with teachers and workers who were attending. It is a thrill to see that so many are vitally interested in improving their Sunday schools, that they may lead as many as possible into the truth and the way of salvation.

One very important meeting was held with those who are preparing lessons for the 1976 Vacation Bible Schools. As of September, 1974, preparation of Bible School materials is supervised by the Sunday School Department. In an effort to provide materials that will produce the best possible results, a meeting was held in South Bend, Indiana, in October of 1974. Representatives from our churches in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio were invited to meet together. Several ideas were presented and discussed at length. Your director also talked with many who are experienced in VBS work.

As a result of the meetings and interviews, the material for 1976 will include a Director's Manual and Teachers' Manuals. These are being written for 6 age levels: preschool and kindergarten; first and second grades; third and fourth grades; fifth and sixth grades; seventh and eighth grades; and high school.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

BAPTISMS

Bedford, OH. We of the Open Bible Church of God give thanks to God for the decision of Chris and Connie Keirnan and Diana Peters to put on Christ and live for God. Chris and Diana were baptized at Camp Mack, and Connie was baptized at the Jones pool. May God add his blessings to their decisions.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Cleveland, OH. We of the Golden Rule Church of God thank God for the decision of Cindy Stonebraker to repent of her sins and live for God. She put on Christ at the Golden Rule Church. We rejoice with the angels in heaven for our new sister.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Beaumont, TX. It was the writer's privilege to assist Michael Shaw in putting on Christ in baptism, July 23, 1975. He has been thinking about taking this step for some time, and reached his decision to do so at the Arkansas Camp. He was baptized in the Gulf of Mexico. On July 27, he shared Communion with the Christian brethren in Front Royal, VA. I rejoice to see my children's children make their confession of faith. May God help them to continue in this faith.

Pastor Dale H. Ward.

Eden Valley, MN. On Sunday, August 31, Robin and Renae Goering, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goering of Eden Valley, MN, were baptized at Long Lake Bible Camp, by their pastor, Billie Kennedy. A large crowd witnessed this service on a beautiful summer day. May these girls walk hand in hand with their Savior is our prayer.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

Kokomo, IN. Miss Brenda Obermeyer responded to the gospel invitation August 10, 1975, following the message delivered by guest speaker, Pastor Austin Railton. She was baptized the following Sunday by the writer. May God bless her in her new walk.

John Railton, pastor.

Fremont, NE. Charles Strunk was baptized by the writer June 15, 1975. May God bless him richly, and may his enthusiastic start on his new life continue as long as he lives.

Lucille Appleby.

Royal, AR. Miss Susan McCallion came forward June 15, 1975, and confessed her belief in Christ as her Savior, requesting baptism. It was the writer's privilege to assist her in putting on Christ by baptism that afternoon. May God bless her in her decision.

John R. Humphreys, pastor.

St. Louis, MO. Todd Kugler, after responding to the gospel invitation and confessing his faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized July 27, 1975. We pray God's blessings upon Todd as he begins his new Christian walk.

Michael Hale, pastor.

South Bend, IN. Mr. and Mrs. Galen Richert and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beauchamp, both of South Bend, IN, recently responded to the gos-

pel invitation and put on Christ in baptism. We pray that God will bless these two families as they live for him.

James Graham, pastor.

MARRIAGES

On July 12, 1975, Shirley Mogensen and Craig Waggener were united in marriage in a beautiful double-ring ceremony. They have established their new home in Oregon, IL, where both Shirley and Craig plan to attend Oregon Bible College. May God richly bless them in their new life together.

Michael Hale, pastor.

On the night of June 20, 1975, the Forest Hills Church of God met to witness the marriage of Mr. Jerry Hill and Miss Susan McCallion. It was the writer's privilege to assist them in making their vows before God. May God bless them in their life together.

John R. Humphreys, pastor.

Tall elm trees made a cathedral-like setting at the Long Lake Bible Campgrounds, north of Eden Valley, MN, June 15, 1975, for the wedding of Michele Gaspar and Scott Millard. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Gaspar of Eden Valley, MN, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Millard of Omaha, NE. The service, completely planned by the young couple, included: vows concerning taking leave of parents; a discourse by Pastor Billie Kennedy; their personal vows; Scripture by John Lewis, and sharing of Communion. After a short honeymoon at Colorado Springs, they spent the summer at Eden Valley, where Scott served as intern pastor. They will make their home in Oregon, IL, where Scott is a senior at Oregon Bible College. Michele graduated from OBC in May.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

Miss Martha Wright and Mr. Terry Lauderdale were united in marriage, August 2, 1975, at the Jay Street Church of God, in Kokomo, IN. May God bless this newly married Christian couple with many years of happiness.

John Railton, pastor.

May 22, 1975, was the date of the wedding of Mr. Clarence Butler and Mrs. Mellie Trongeau, both of South Bend, IN. The new Mrs. Butler is the former Mellie Anderson, lifelong member of the Church of God, and daughter of Pastor J. H. Anderson. May God bless the union of Clarence and Mellie.

James Graham, pastor.

June 21, 1975, was the date of the union of Mr. Phil Powell and Miss Jane Nichols. This young couple was united in a lovely ceremony at Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, IN. May God bless this new family as they continue to seek his favor in their lives.

James Graham, pastor.

Bro. James Koryta and Sr. Cheryl Marsh, daughter of the writer, were united in marriage at the Columbia, OH, Church of God, August 2, 1975. Pastor Russell Magaw of the Columbia Church assisted the writer in the ceremony, which, at the request of the couple, emphasized the union of the two with God and Christ, as well as with each other. A reception for the 175 guests immediately followed the afternoon wedding. Following their honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple may be addressed at 3489 W. 134th St., Cleveland, OH, 44111. Bro. Koryta is an electrical engineer; his wife teaches in the North Ridgeville, OH, schools. May God's blessings attend them both.

J. Arlen Marsh.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Isabel O'Flaherty, of Arlington, VA, was buried August 23, 1975, in the National Memorial Park cemetery, Falls Church, VA. Services were held previously at the United Methodist Church, Arlington, conducted by Pastor Lester Nave, assisted by Pastor James Mattison. Isabel, who was 76, was a member of the Fort Valley Church of God, but had lived in Arlington for many years. She was a daughter of Sylvanus Boyer, one of the original seven Boyer men who began the Church of God work in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia. She is survived by her husband Dan, a daughter Mrs. Barbara Jean Camp, and a son Dan. She now awaits the resurrection call of her Master.

James Mattison, pastor.

Mrs. Florence Landes Boyer, 70, of Woodstock, VA, died August 31, 1975, after a long illness. Services were conducted by her pastor, Gerald Wise, of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, assisted by Pastor James Mattison. Florence was very active in both churches, and in the Maurertown Church of God Dorcas Society. Surviving with her husband are three sons, Charles, Richard, and Donald, all of Richmond. Florence now awaits the Master's call in Sunset View Memorial Gardens, west of Woodstock.

James Mattison, pastor.

Evelyn Harsch Austin was born October 9, 1880, at Plymouth, IN, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Harsch. She died at Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris, IL, September 3, 1975. Sr. Austin taught in schools in northern Indiana for a number of years. She moved to Chicago in 1918, where she taught school and made her home with Sr. Leila Whitehead. Their home was headquarters for the National Berean Society of the Church of God from 1913 to 1923. Because of her work in the National Berean Society and as the wife of an active Church of God minister, Sr. Austin had come to be well known among the Church of God fellowship. On December 21, 1928, she was married to Bro. F. L. Austin. He preceded her in death in 1952. A step-daughter, Mrs. Ruby (John) Railton, also preceded her in death. Two step-daughters, Mrs. Mary (Leland) Hanson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Mrs. Ethel (Paul) Johnson, Oregon, IL, survive. She also leaves grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial services were at the Oregon Church of God, September 6. In the absence of Pastor C. E. Lapp, Bro. David Krogh was in charge. Graveside services and interment were in Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL, September 8. There she will await the great Resurrection Day. The Bible on her casket was opened to Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Paul Johnson.

Ida Bell Jeffrey died in Herrin, IL, August 22, 1975, at the age of ninety-eight years and twenty-two days. She was a member of the Restitution Church of God, Eldorado, IL, most of her life. Her husband James, a daughter, and a step-daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters: Irena Margrave, with whom she made her home for many years, and Valeta Ives; and a step-daughter, Ethel Foehr. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Warren Robbins of the Herrin Christian Church. She was laid to rest in Tower Grove Cemetery, Murphysboro, IL, to await the call of the Master.

Pastor S. O. Ross.

SERMON ABOUT SAMSON

It is seldom that a pastor uses Samson as a topic for his sermon, but Bro. Rex Cain has done so because Samson is mentioned among the faithful. The tape containing this message is CR-3 7201A23, *The Judge of the Universe* is not on Trial! (Samson's Life) Order from: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Av., Dayton, OH 45416. The cost is \$3.00.

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Claude H. Reid, author of the series of articles, "The Wise Will Understand," which was completed in the September issue of *The Restitution Herald*, has moved from Ocala, FL, to Morrilton, AR. He gives his address as 406 Railroad Ave., Morrilton 72110. He comments, in part: "This will most likely be my address for some time to come. A Church of God (Abrahamic Faith) is located at the little community of Cleveland, some twenty miles to the north, which I attend. . . . I am proud of the opportunity to receive your magazine. It is the only published periodical that I know that impresses me as being in constant search for the truth, and the whole truth. May God bless the effort behind that work."

The editorial, "God Considers Victims," which appeared in the June, 1975, issue of *The Restitution Herald*, was copied in the September, 1975, issue of *The Truth*, which is published monthly at Cowden, Illinois.

At the request of the delegates at the 1975 General Conference, we will try to keep you abreast of developments such as those reported above.

SEVEN RULES TO OBSERVE

True success, not necessarily wealth, will come to those who assiduously live in accordance with these precepts:

1. Whosoever will be great among you, let him minister unto the people's needs; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him give service in that field in which he is most skilled.

2. Serve thy neighbor as thyself.

3. For unto every efficient one shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that is not efficient shall be taken away all the talents and all the money which he hath.

4. One cannot drive himself to success; one must be driven by a dominant, constant, and enduring emotion or mood; and there must always be constancy of purpose.

5. People will distrust what you offer them unless they feel that you are one of them, familiar with their daily lives and problems, even their weaknesses and foibles.

6. Create a love for people until your greatest desire is to make them happy. When this desire becomes an enduring passion for serving them, you will be driven to do everything necessary to attain success.

7. To do your best in giving service to your fellowmen is a duty you owe to your God, to your own sense of self-respect, and to your neighbors.

—Calvin L. Bacon in *Sunshine Magazine*.

DEDICATION AT TEMPE

On November 23, 1975, the congregation of the Lakeshore Bible Church of God in Tempe will dedicate their newly completed buildings to the service and glory of God. We take this opportunity to express our thanks to God for his blessing and leadership, and to extend an invitation to all readers to attend the dedicatory services of the Lakeshore Bible Church of God, 6415 Lakeshore Drive, Tempe, AZ.

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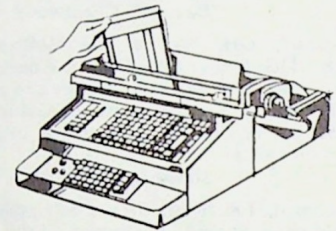
OBITUARY

William Hanson was born November 22, 1891, and died May 19, 1975. Bro. and Sr. Hanson were charter members of the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, MI, where Will served as elder for several years. He also served as President of the Michigan Conference. He is survived by his wife Rhoda; three sisters, Miss Leota Hanson, Mrs. John (Florence) McGaw, Mrs. Janice Floyd; and two brothers, Leland and Chloris. Funeral services were held at the Pennellwood Church May 22 by the writer. Interment was in the Blain Cemetery, where Bro. Hanson awaits the return of Jesus.

David Krogh.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 6, 7—Minnesota Missionary Conference at Eden Valley Church of God.

Feb. 29-Mar. 6—Christian Workers Seminar at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, IN.

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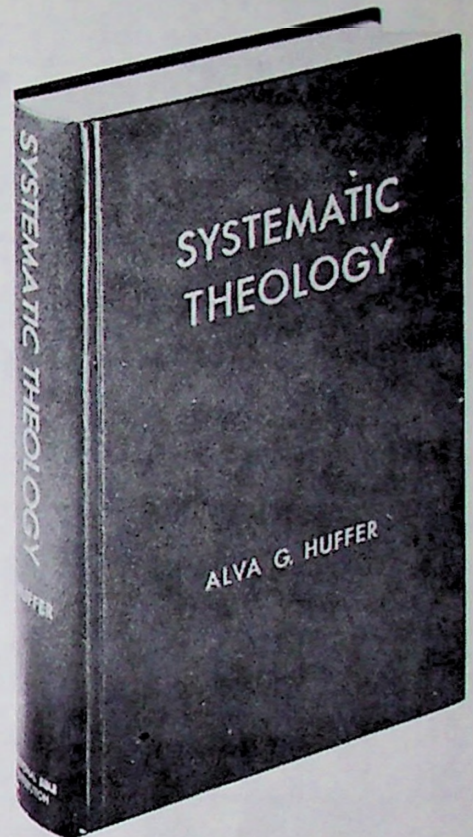
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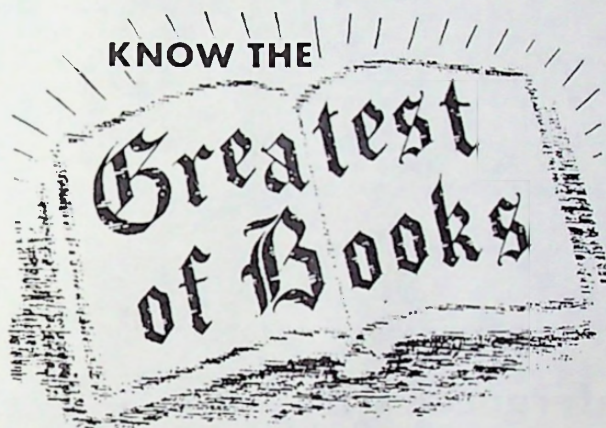
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DEDICATION, OBC DORMITORY

Dedication services for the new Oregon Bible College Dormitory will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 1975. A fine dedication service is planned. Open house will follow the service. All are invited to come and see this fine new building, and have part in the service and fellowship.

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OBITUARY

On Friday, July 25, 1975, Bill Stine suffered a fatal heart attack. Bill had been a faithful member of the Church of God for many years, helping to establish Glad Tidings Chapel in Dayton, and more recently the Church of God in Pleasant Hill, OH. In the Pleasant Hill Church, he was serving as elder, deacon, greeter, and custodian. He is survived by his wife Verna, six children, and several grandchildren. Funeral services were held July 29, with Pastors Fred Pensyl, Rex Cain, and Richard Worley officiating. Bill will be missed by all, but we rejoice in the hope that he embraced, the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Richard Worley.

HIGH PLAINS CONFERENCE

After many years of absence, it was a real pleasure to return to Holbrook, NE, and join with the brethren there in conference. The Holbrook Church has been the center of church life in western Nebraska for almost a century. Long before the advent of travel by automobile, people who were dedicated to the truths concerning the gospel of the kingdom traveled days on end to attend conferences.

One such conference was held at Cambridge, NE, nine miles from Holbrook. The meetings were held in a large tent. People attending the conference slept in small tents. In publicizing the conference, the site was described as a "beautiful park, with a fine well and plenty of hay for the horses." The longest distance that any traveled to get there was two hundred fifty miles.

Though the present conference does not have such a large membership, the spirit of dedication remains. Pastor Leon Driskill radiated a warm spirit of Christian fellowship, and Pastor Joe Myers, of the Denver, CO, Church, stirred people with his youthful, enthusiastic fervor for the Lord's work. It was a good conference. May the Lord's blessing continue upon the efforts of the brethren. Clyde E. Randall.

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November Is Missions Month

By Superintendent of Missions Rachel Carr

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The budget for missions this year is \$44,000.00. We know that you will rise to this new challenge, as you have in the past.

Many churches have made plans to emphasize the work of missions in their programs and activities this month. We hope that you are among them. Please do not let the emphasis stop when the month is over. Keep missions before your people all through the year, as we all continue to work together, to help our foreign missionaries, and to tell the gospel in our own communities ourselves.

Nova Scotia News

The new baptistry in the church has been completed and is ready for use. Pray that it will be used often.

Pastor and Mrs. John Hearp of Fonthill, Ontario, spent their vacation here and served the Digby people by conducting preaching services, teaching Sunday school classes and Bible studies, providing music, and calling in the homes. Their giving of their time in this way to help the congregation was much appreciated.

Pastor and Mrs. Francis Burnett have purchased a new washer and dryer for the parsonage. Thus, all of the major appliances will be furnished for any pastor who will be serving here. We thank them for this fine contribution.

Evangelization Forum

My husband John and I are grateful for the opportunity we had to attend the Evangelization Forum in Kansas City, September 29 and 30. About 150 delegates from all over the country met together to discuss the work of evangelism, especially during this Bicentennial Year. The sessions were enthusiastic and stimulating. We were glad to be a part of the forum.

Permit me to share a couple things that we heard while there. A pastor by the name of Lucian Robinson spoke to us concerning the place of prayer in evangelism. At one time, in his church, the people were asked to mark on a prepared sheet the activities in which they wished to become involved as part of the work of the church. Many different levels of involvement were included, so everyone could mark something. One was simply: "I want to want to become a soul winner." Also included was: "God helping me, I will endeavor in the next three years to lead to Christ twelve people, and endeavor to mature them in the faith." That was a man-sized commitment!

A fellow named Tom came to the pastor and said that he wanted very much to sign his name to this commitment, but he just didn't know where he would start. He didn't feel that he came into contact with that many people. His pastor told Tom to go ahead and sign the commitment, and that he would pray with him that God would put someone in his path.

As a result of this, the pastor and Tom came up with a little morning prayer recipe: Get up every morning and pray:

1. God, I'm available. I want you to use me today.
2. Please put someone in my path. (Cause me to sit down by the right person in the bus. Cause me to meet somebody on the street. Let somebody walk through the door. Send me to the right place so I can talk to somebody about Christ.)
3. Use your Holy Spirit to go in front of me to get that person ready to listen, and then let your Spirit work through me to teach me what to say.

The first week that Tom and his pastor prayed that way together, Tom found out that his garbage collector was not a Christian. This led to a visit in the home, where he discovered that the wife was not a Christian either. Tom never did win the garbage collector, but he won the wife. The number of people

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



NEW OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE DORMITORY

Dedication services for the new Oregon Bible College Dormitory will be held in the Lounge of the building on Sunday, November 16, at 2:30 p.m. Members of the General Conference Board of Directors, the Oregon Bible College Board of Education, the staff, and the student body will all participate in the service.

Following the dedication, a coffee fellowship will be held in the dining room of the Men's Dormitory. There will be Open House in both dormitories and in the General Conference building, which houses the chapel, classrooms, mailing department, and most of the conference and college offices.

Make plans now to attend this service, and see firsthand the various facilities of the Church of God General Conference.

The Board of Education of Oregon Bible College will meet on Friday and Saturday prior to the day of dedication.

General Conference Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, Illinois, on November 14 and 15. This will be the first regular 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 in this two-day session. If a church or an individual member has a matter of business to present to the Board, please bring it to the attention of the Executive Director, or one of the Board members, before that date.

Church of God Directory

The Church of God General Conference Directory

for the current fiscal year appears in this issue. We urge the membership to file this issue for future use. Addresses and phone numbers of pastors, and general locations of churches, are listed. This will be helpful when wanting to contact a pastor or visit a church. When traveling, it is urged that one take the Directory with him to find 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 be noted in the next issue.

Conference Finances

The contributions received each month go toward the Goal for Giving to meet the total budget of the year. Your contributions help to provide the funds to publish about ten thousand Restitution Heralds each month, and other free literature (about one half million tracts per year.) The contributions also subsidize about one half the cost of education of each Oregon Bible College student, and provide the support for twenty-two missionaries and their families. The giving also assures the work of the Youth Department, Sunday School Department, and many general services of the Church of God General Conference, and subsidizes the cost of Sunday School Quarterlies and other sale items of the General Conference.

As this is written in mid-October, the giving is far short of the needs to date. We believe that the membership will make this a matter of prayer and concern, and will meet the needs. May God continue to richly bless each church and each individual member as they unite their efforts to carry out all the programs of the Church of God General Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for October | \$18,333.00 |
| Given in October | 10,742.00 |
| October deficit | 7,591.00 |
| November needs | \$18,333.00 |
| Goal for November | \$25,924.00 |

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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Christian Emphasis Week

A spiritual highlight of the year arrives with Christian Emphasis Week. This special week consists of classes and chapel services, with a guest instructor. Oregon Bible College has been privileged to have with us for that week, Pastor Scott Ross of Troy, Ohio. Pastor Ross taught a two-hour class every morning, entitled "Pastoral Leadership Seminar." The course emphasized the crises that a young pastor must face in the first years of his ministry. The objective was to equip ministerial students to handle situations that they very possibly will face in the ministry. To those not prepared for them, they often prove to be difficult and discouraging. Pastor Ross also shared with the students in a chapel setting, where he spoke of various aspects of discovering the will of God. Oregon Bible College is thankful for the experience and insight that Pastor Ross has shared with us in this time together.

Fall Breakfast

The crisp autumn morning of September 26 found the Oregon Bible College students and faculty at White Pines State Park. It has become traditional to set aside one day for the purpose of fellowship within the college community at an outdoor breakfast. The morning began with devotions, led by Bob Bernheisel. The breakfast prepared by the Social Committee soon disappeared, as the crisp morning air increased appetites. The students enjoyed the ultimate fellowship in a Communion service, as they sat under beautiful, tall pine trees. The morning was completed with games, hiking, and a rousing game of football. The students and faculty all appreciated this time together.

Oops

Unfortunately, we made a mistake. We forgot a name in the list of new students this year at Oregon Bible College. Connie Scott of Rockford, Illinois, has been with us all year, and we are glad that she is here.

Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops

The dramatists of Oregon Bible College are once more busy practicing. The title of their production is "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops." The play is a satirical comedy, and gives us an added insight and a new perspective of our churches and their lives. This drama group will be available to visit your church and to share this fun time with your congregation. Please con-

tact Bro. John Lewis, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, if you would be interested in being a part of this provocative play.

Nursing Home Ministry

The Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, in Mount Morris, Illinois, has invited Oregon Bible College to be involved in their devotional periods each morning. They have invited individual students to help begin the elderly people's days by providing songs and a devotional thought. We are thankful that they have invited us to take part in this opportunity to serve. It will give the students personal, professional growing experiences.

Involvement With the Local Church

Oregon Bible College is thankful for the working relationship that exists between us and the Oregon Church of God. The local church has provided for the preaching students to fill the pulpit one Sunday evening per month. We feel that this experience is extremely valuable to the student, as it provides a real situation in which he may learn to preach. We are glad that the two groups are willing to share with each other and to grow together.

Student Council Project

The student body of 1975-76 has decided to work toward the goal of purchasing a video-tape machine for use within the college. Video-tape equipment will be valuable in many areas, including Christian Education and Preaching. The money will be provided through the offerings given in the chapel services throughout the year.

Professional Development

Hugh Harman and Eugene Stilson attended the Theological School Inventory Seminar, October 24, in Chicago. They learned how to score the test, and how to use the results as a counseling device. We feel that this will be an asset to the educational development of Oregon Bible College.

Learning Resource Center Development

There is great potential in the development of a learning resource center for Oregon Bible College. Shelly Millard traveled to Houston, Texas, to research a successful center at the University of Texas. Plans are now under way, with Eugene Stilson to lay the groundwork for such a center here at Oregon Bible College.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Recreation and the Church

Have you ever wondered why many teen-agers become church drop-outs? In a recent survey of teen-age drop-outs, the above question was posed. The answer most frequently given was: "Not enough activity for youth." Yet another survey revealed that the youth are directly influenced by the degree of awareness of, and concern for them which adults in the congregation display.

There has come into existence an increasing awareness of the needs of youth. In response to this need, many churches are instituting recreational opportunities for their young people and adults. The question: "Does recreation have a place in the church?" I think that it does! Some may ask, "What does recreation include?" It includes sports, games, parties, retreats, fellowships, socials, banquets, and camping.

Recreation brings people together. It is an activity that allows people, young and old, to be themselves: to drop social and age barriers and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians. You may say, "We're together on Sunday for services, isn't that all that should be necessary?" Certainly, we are but, let's face it, this really provides very little opportunity for members to get to really know each other. To get to really know someone requires the time and opportunity to share activities and interests in a relaxed atmosphere. Recreation promotes this kind of exchange. It encourages friendships and wholesome fellowship. It provides an opportunity for people to work together, play together, and come really to know each other in an informal atmosphere.

I recently read: "Recreation in the church promotes contact; contact leads to friendships; friendships contribute to a satisfying experience at church." Recreation also provides an opportunity for Christian outreach into the community. People have a habit of bringing others to share the things that they enjoy. Recreation frequently attracts people who are unresponsive to other influences, and brings about contact with them in a church setting. This makes it easier for them to "zero in" on the fact that the church is not a place where people pretend to be something which they are not, but is a place where people can be, and are, real people.

I believe that the congregation of any church can benefit from a well-planned and executed recreational program.

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

Christian Workers' Seminar—1976

Guest teachers at the 1976 Seminar will be Dallas Demmitt and S. O. Ross. Other teachers will include: Joyce Knapp, James Graham, Scott Ross, and Francis Burnett.

The Seminar will be held in Sarah Major Hall, at Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana. This hall has been remodeled to allow for semi-winter housing. This facility permits a much larger group to be accommodated.

The Seminar will begin Sunday evening, February 29, with registration and the assignment of sleeping accommodations. Classes will begin Monday at 9:30 a.m. Each person will have opportunity to attend a two-hour class session with Bro. Demmitt each day, in addition to four classes led by other teachers. Attendance at all classes is not required, but it is recommended.

Classes will endeavor to meet the needs of all who attend. Those who have attended either of the previous Seminars will be pleased to learn that two special classes will be conducted for them.

Tuition cost will be \$35.00 per person. Any books used by the instructors and put into the hands of students will be charged to the students.

Classes will be offered under the titles: "Personal Development," Dallas Demmitt; "Church History and Organization," S. O. Ross; "Creative Bible Teaching," Joyce Knapp; "Advancing Smaller Churches," James Graham; "Use of Bible With Helps," Francis Burnett; "Creative Bible Teaching No. 2," Scott Ross; "Misused Texts Workshop," Francis Burnett. The two last classes listed are for returning students. In addition, there will be informal discussions during free periods of the day, evening services, and superb Christian fellowship. Begin NOW to plan to attend the third Annual Christian Workers' Seminar. It will be well worth the time, effort, and cost.

Largest Conference Ever Held

This was the sentiment of many who attended the Fall Conference of the Minnesota Church of God. The entire Sunday School Board and the Director were present. The Sunday School Board spent most of Friday in a Board meeting, and then went to the Long Lake Conference grounds to open the Conference program that evening. The Sunday School Board was responsible for the full program. A special thanks to the Minnesota brethren for the invitation.

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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that he won in three years went far beyond twelve.

One of the men who was scheduled to present a session at the forum was a black minister from Los Angeles. Several days earlier, he had called to say he wouldn't be able to come. Another black minister, who headed a Christian day school in the area, had been beaten by a gang. The next day, he died from the wounds. Our scheduled speaker needed to be at the funeral of his fellow worker. A militant group took the credit for the beating, and said that they had a list of others who would get the same treatment. Our speaker was on that list, and had been advised by the FBI to remain close to home.

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Pelzer, SC. On Sunday morning, September 7, 1975, Sara Farr came forward to accept Christ in baptism. The same afternoon she was baptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ. Sara's address is: Rt. 1, Pelzer, SC 29669. She will be a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God.
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Pomona, CA. We are happy to accept Miss Janine Norton into our membership. Pastor Ted Armes assisted Janine in putting on the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism, July 13, 1975. Janine's address is: 16774 Bushard St, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Many of Janine's relatives were with us for this happy occasion.
Bertha N. Perkins, Secretary.

Ripley, IL. We rejoice that Marilyn and Donna Robins came forward at the close of the morning service, August 3, 1975, and confessed their belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior. They were immersed in the waters of baptism that afternoon. May God bless them in their new walk of life. We rejoice that Roger and Teresa Moody and Beth Porter came forward at the close of the morning service, August 17, 1975, and confessed Christ as their Savior. They were immersed in the waters of baptism that afternoon. May God bless them in their new walk of life.
James Fyfe, pastor.

Digby, Nova Scotia. Miss Nancy Joy Brown, youngest daughter of the late Raymond Brown and his wife Doris, having responded to the gospel invitation, was baptized Sunday, September 14, 1975. It was a glorious occasion for the Lighthouse Church of God, since the baptism was being used for the first time. Before the baptism, a dedication service for the baptism was held. We pray that Nancy's example may lead others to accept Jesus.
Francis E. Burnett, pastor.

Hector, MN. On July 20, 1975, the brethren met at Kandiyohi Lake, to rejoice with three persons who confessed the name of Jesus Christ, and were immersed in his name for the remission of sins. They were: Miss Haley Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson; Miss Kim Brossard and Clifford Brossard, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brossard. On Wednesday evening, July 23, 1975, the brethren met at the church to extend their joy and thanksgiving to God for the confession and immersion of Mr. Rodd Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson. After this baptism, a Communion service was held, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to those immersed in the saving name of Jesus.
Edward Bender, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. Mr. Fred Bergmann, Mrs. Elma Rider and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Knickerbocker were baptized into Christ at the Phoenix Church, September 28, 1975. We welcome them into our church family and praise God for them.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Omaha, NE. The Jaynes Street Community Church of God in Omaha welcomes the following into the church fellowship: Paul Johns, Bennington, NE, was baptized into Christ, May 4, 1975. His baptism united the entire Dean Johns family in Christ. Nancy McNew, Fort Calhoun, NE, accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the 1975 Youth Conference, and was baptized on August 10, 1975. Eileen Hessman, Omaha, was baptized into Christ on September 7, 1975. There is always joy within the family and within the congregation of believers when young people request baptism and express their willingness to serve the Lord. We pray God's blessing upon these fine young people as they study God's Word, increase their faith, and grow up in Christ.
Emory Macy, pastor.

Burr Oak, IN. On Sunday afternoon, September 21, 1975, Mrs. Viola Gilley confessed her need for Jesus Christ as her Savior and was immersed in his name for the remission of her sins. We welcome Sr. Viola into the family of God and the fellowship of the body of Christ. We pray God's blessing upon her in the new life before her.
Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Blanchard, MI. On September 28, 1975, following his confession of faith that morning, Keith Eldred, Jr., was immersed for the remission of sins. We welcome him into membership in the Blanchard Church of God.
Don Needham, pastor.

Flagg Center, IL. We are happy to report the baptism of five persons on October 5, 1975: Ray Beach, Rt. 4, Rochelle, IL; Marsha Bullard, 405 S. 8th St., Oregon, IL; and Joel, Jennifer, and Barry Landry, 1010 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL. Marsha went forward at the International Berean Youth Conference, and the others indicated at later times that they wanted to accept Christ as their Savior. In the expansion program of the church a baptism was included, and this was the earliest we could schedule the baptisms and use the baptism. We are thankful to God for the decisions of these five, and pray that their lives will evidence their conversion.
Gordon Landry, pastor.

BAPTISTRY DEDICATED AT DIGBY

On Sunday evening, September 14, 1975, a baptism was dedicated to the service and glory of God. To make the dedication complete, Nancy Brown, daughter of the late Bro. Raymond Brown and Doris Brown, was immersed for the remission of her sins, in the saving name of Jesus. May God continue to bless in her life.
Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

OOPS! SORRY!

It has been called to our attention that on page 1 of the Adult Quarterly now in use we inadvertently combined the names of the writers for one issue with the lesson numbers from another. To make the proper corrections, proceed as follows: In Lesson 8, change the name Michael Mattison to James Mattison; in Lesson 9, change James Mattison to Michael Mattison; in Lesson 11, change Cecil Patrick to Curtis Simpson; in Lesson 12, change Curtis Simpson to Cecil Smead; and in Lesson 13, change Cecil Smead to Cecil Patrick.

Our apologies to both the writers and the users of the Quarterly. We will try to remember to double check in the future.

MARRIAGES

Miss Robin Trautman was united in marriage with Mr. David Nagle before a church full of friends and relatives, July 29, 1975. The bride and groom included in their vows a special commitment to Jesus Christ as the Lord of their married life together. They also participated in fellowship with their risen Lord by partaking of the Communion emblems during the service. May God provide them with the riches of his love as they go down the path of life together.
Russell Magaw, pastor.

Ruth Grant and Steven Morris were united in marriage, August 23, 1975, in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, in Baraga, MI. The service was a double-ring ceremony performed by the writer. The couple are making their home near Mass, MI. Ruth is a member of the L'Anse Church of God. We wish them happiness in their life together.
James Rencontre, pastor.

Miss Leslie Gallagher and Mr. James Talkington were joined in marriage before many relatives and guests on August 9, 1975. A candle-lighting ceremony was a highlight of their wedding service. May the joys of the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord enter into their life together.
Russell Magaw, pastor.

On Saturday afternoon, August 23, 1975, Judy Miller became the bride of James Teak in a ceremony performed in the sanctuary of the Lakeshore Bible Church of God, by the pastor. Jim and Judy are now living in Spain, where Jim is stationed in the Air Force.
R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

Diane Miller and William Bruce Pitzer were united in marriage by the writer during a candlelight ceremony in the sanctuary of the Lakeshore Bible Church of God, in Tempe, AZ, October 4, 1975. Bruce and Diane will reside in Tempe.
R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

On the night of September 19, 1975, Kinney More and Carlyon Simpson made their marriage vows in the Grand Avenue Methodist Church. It was the writer's privilege to assist them in making their vows. May God richly bless them in their life together.
Pastor John R. Humphreys.

On the night of September 5, 1975, the Forrest Hills Church of God met to witness the marriage of Mike Wunderlin and Cathy Hill. It was the writer's privilege to assist them in making their vows before God and the congregation. May God richly bless them in their life together.
John R. Humphreys, pastor.

Friday, September 19, 1975, at 7:00 p.m., Miss Joyce Bressler was given by her father in marriage to Mr. Steve Rager, at the altar of the Oregon, IL, church. After the vows, a reception was given, to wish them God's blessing. May our heavenly Father direct their lives into his coming kingdom.
C. E. Lapp, pastor.

Miss Maxine Smith became the bride of Mr. Richard Patterson in a double-ring ceremony at the Flagg Center, IL, Church of God, Friday, October 10, 1975. The wedding took place before a select number of family and friends. We pray God's richest blessings to be with them in their life together.
Gordon Landry, pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 17-23—Special services at Ripley, IL, Church of God. Gordon Landry, guest speaker.

HILLISBURG HOMECOMING

It was my privilege to join with the Hillisburg Church, near Michigantown, IN, in a series of homecoming meetings, September 10-14, 1975. It was my first work with this church, but it was a homegoing for Mrs. Randall.

The Hillisburg Church has a long history. Its beginning was quite typical of many of our earlier churches. A few families left Rush County, in Indiana, and settled in Johnson Township, Clinton County. On December 2, 1888, they met in Plummer Schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing a church. Before starting to build a house of worship, they worshiped in several different schools.

On April 28, 1896, this congregation met to start a building program, which resulted in their house of worship being dedicated October 18, 1896. This building is still their place of worship, although remodeled and added to with a kitchen, washrooms, and a large educational wing.

This congregation has remained steadfast to the basic teachings that prompted the early members to separate themselves and become a strong Church of God.

It was a pleasure to worship with these fine people, and to speak in the same house of worship that Bros. J. M. Stephenson, J. T. Wagoner, J. S. Hatch, and D. T. Halstead founded, and who developed the church in the early years. The ancient landmarks which these fathers in the gospel of the kingdom set are still in evidence.

Bro. and Sr. Richard Smith, as pastors, are doing a fine work in this field, and the future of the church is bright. Clyde E. Randall.

NEW PASTOR AT GOLDEN RULE

Dr. William E. Kammin of Savannah, Georgia, first became acquainted with the Church of God when he found a *Systematic Theology* by Dr. Alva Huffer in a library. He then enrolled in, and successfully completed, the Systematic Bible Study Course.

As a Presbyterian minister, he became interested in our requirements for the ministry, and sought assistance from me, as chairman of the Board of License and Ordination. While conducting meetings at Anderson Chapel, in July of 1975, I had the privilege of baptizing Dr. and Mrs. Kammin. Bro. Kammin was able to attend General Conference in August. He has been licensed, and has now moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is pastoring the Golden Rule Church. Pastor C. F. Pryor

JUNIOR BEREAN LESSON MANUAL

A new Junior Berean Lesson Manual is now available. It contains twenty-seven lessons, which are divided into three groups: "Your Relationship With Jesus"; "Your Relationship With Others"; and "You, Looking at Yourself."

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COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: David Hurlless; C. E. Q. Gyamboe, H. A. Eluwa; Eleanor Yandell; John Onego Cisco; Mrs. Gertrude Labhart; Willard Naylor; Margie Hudson.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Southwest Conference will be held at the Lakeshore Bible Church of God in Tempe, AZ, November 21, 22. Those who attend are invited to stay over for the dedication of the new church buildings November 23.

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"Yes, I'd like to continue *The Restitution Herald*. Among the many Christian books and papers, I find this one of the best. I am uplifted by it and just want you to know. Thank you." Mrs. E. J. Stuart, 220 Palmer Dr., Fairborn, OH.

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OBITUARIES

Funeral services for Bro. Francis Van Fleet were conducted by the writer, August 28, 1975, in Grand Rapids, MI. Francis was a long-time member of the Southlawn Church of God. During my pastorates, he was a member of the church board and a regular attender at all services. The Van Fleets retired a few years ago and made their home in Florida, where he died suddenly, August 23, 1975. He had enjoyed fair to good health up until the time of his death. We miss him. He was a good member. He awaits the fulfillment of the hope that made him what he was. Walter Wiggins, pastor.

John Maurice Thurst died September 28, 1975, in Terre Haute, IN, at the age of 62 years. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; a son, Larry of Woodland Park, CO; a brother, Russel of Martinsville, IL; and three grandchildren. Services were conducted by the writer at the Maxwell Funeral Home, Casey, IL. He was laid to rest in the Church of God cemetery, Casey, to await the resurrection day. S. O. Ross, pastor.

DOES TWO PLUS TWO EQUAL FIVE?

This is a very thought-provoking little tract concerning a family that was "fussy" about what their children were taught in public school. It is pointed out in this work that we need to be equally concerned about what our children are taught in Sunday school. Much of what is being taught in many Sunday schools simply does not "add up" according to principles laid down by God in the Bible. Whether or not you have children, you will enjoy this one, and benefit from it.

This delightful little tract is yours for the asking. Address your request to The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

DEDICATION, OBC DORMITORY

Dedication services for the new Oregon Bible College Dormitory will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 1975. A fine dedication service is planned. Open house will follow the service. All are invited to come and see this fine new building, and have part in the service and fellowship.

MARRIAGE

October 4, 1975, at 7:30 p.m., in the Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, VA, JoAnn Coverston of Fort Valley became the bride of Michael Painter of Toms Brook, VA. JoAnn is the daughter of Garnett and Alva Coverston of the Fort Valley church. Mike is the son of Glenn and Nancy Painter. He was recently baptized. We look forward to their establishing a Christian home and continuing to be good and faithful workers in the church. James Mattison, pastor.

FIRST PRINCIPLES

The tract "First Principles" by G. E. Marsh is not an "attention getter" to be handed out on the streets. It is an excellent study guide to be put into the hands of any who are interested in an easily understood survey of the doctrines on which the Church of God is founded. It answers the question, "What does your church believe?" We recommend that you obtain a supply of these to have on hand for just this purpose. It is an "oldie but goodie."

SERMON ABOUT SAMSON

It is seldom that a pastor uses Samson as a topic for his sermon, but Bro. Rex Cain has done so because Samson is mentioned among the faithful. The tape containing this message is CR-3 7201A23, *The Judge of the Universe* is not on Trial! (Samson's Life) Order from: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Av., Dayton, OH 45416. The cost is \$3.00.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY AT BLOOD RIVER



At the Blood River Church of God, near Springfield, LA, we honored our elder members, August 3, 1975. Of a list of persons sixty-two years of age or over, about seventeen attended. Included on the list were seven couples and seventeen individuals over sixty-five years of age.

We made ribbons of patriotic colors for all of those honored. Special ribbons were presented to Mrs. Ruth Shandors (84) as the oldest; Mr. Carroll Hutchinson (75) was recognized as the oldest active member of the church; Mrs. Annie McKinney received recognition as mother of the most children (10); and Mr. Jim Forrest as the one with the most grandchildren (24).

A beautiful plaque was presented to Mrs. Annie McKinney for successfully rearing her children in the admonition of the Lord.

The young people presented a musical special in honor of our elders. One of our honored elders, Ellsworth Richardson, played a guitar and sang. He is also an elder of the church. We sang from some old hymnbooks, too. Bro. Paul

Moore delivered a wonderful message that just fit the occasion.

As an added spot of interest, our first elder of the church, Melvin Richardson, was honored in a "This Is Your Life" presentation. A tape from his eldest daughter, Irene Kennedy, was played, since she could not attend. His second daughter, Ophelia Jenkins, sent a telegram. His other living children, Betty Bauerle, Bea Simon, Doug Richardson, and Lorraine Richardson, were present to see their father honored. During this time, Melvin was informed of his first great-grandchild, a boy, who was born in the early morning hours of that day. You could see the real pleased look on his face.

After the service, all were invited to attend a dinner. The honored elders were escorted to the annex, where they were seated and served. We had some open Bible ceramic figurines as place cards on the tables for the honored elders. After the meal, some impromptu singing took place. The day was enjoyed by all.

The Planning Committee.



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| Mr & Mrs W Winner Sr | 10.00 | Ripley Miss Soc | 70.00 | A J Zobrist | 3.00 | Mr & Mrs David Krogh | 65.00 |
| Jan Cheek | 1.00 | Raymore Church | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs A G Townsend | 50.00 | Nancy Johns | 50.00 |
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| Lawrenceville Church | 241.52 | Litchfield Church | 38.35 | Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Leonard Biggs Sr | 1.00 |
| Mr & Mrs B Thomason | 10.00 | Litchfield VBS | 32.92 | Anonymous | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Don Ward | 102.59 |
| Alice Bassett | 30.00 | Happy Woods Dorcas Soc | 15.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer | 75.00 | Maurertown Dorcas | 10.00 |
| Macomb SS | 15.49 | Pomona Open Bible Church | 40.52 | New Hope Church of God | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Ray McCormak | 4.00 |
| Macomb Church | 162.22 | Oak Grove Church | 16.00 | Mr & Mrs Edgar Harvey | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp | 40.00 |
| Phoenix Bible Church | 104.00 | Mr & Mrs Bert Decker | 20.00 | Tempe Dorcas | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum | 15.00 |
| Peggy Rager | 3.00 | Minnesota State Conf | 111.42 | Mr & Mrs James Lippert | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer | 5.00 |
| Mabell Bell | 25.00 | Hope Chapel South Bend | 107.74 | Garden Park Church | 160.58 | Eden Valley Ladies Aid | 30.00 |
| Anonymous | 15.00 | Happy Woods Church | 116.00 | Fort Valley SS | 118.21 | S P Dismukes | 50.00 |
| Brush Creek Miss Soc | 60.00 | Doris Rouch | 66.00 | Brush Creek SS | 49.36 | Vivian Park | 5.00 |
| May White | 20.00 | Nina Hatcher | 5.00 | Cecil Smead | 25.00 | Fred Murfin | 10.00 |
| Nancy Johns | 100.00 | Mrs Audrey Jett | 85.45 | Mr & Mrs Dale Ward | 40.00 | St Louis Church | 73.66 |
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Church Entrepreneurship

By David Johnson

MATTHEW 25:14-30 contains Jesus' famous story of the talents. The main character in this story is the master, who is taking a journey into a far country. When we compare this text with Mark 13:34, we learn the exact identity of the master. "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch." So the master, in the parable of the talents, represents Jesus. He was leaving on a long journey, and decided to leave his wealth in the care of his servants. He wanted them to develop and increase it. To the first servant, the master gave five talents; to the second servant, three talents; and to the third, one talent.

Matthew 25:15 says that he gave "to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey." The master differentiated between three levels of ability: five talents, two talents, and one talent. A talent could be worth from \$10,000 at the time of the Babylonians to \$1,000 at the time of Christ and the Roman Empire. Whatever the value of the talents, the master recognized among these men differences in their abilities and attitudes.

In the same way, the Master sees each one of us as endowed with different types of gifts. We possess different measures of ability to handle responsibility and consequent stress. Such capacities differ from person to person. I define capacity as the ability to develop, or perform, useful work. That was the difference between the three servants dealt with in the parable of the talents.

Such differences in capacity are much in evidence in our lives today. Throughout my lifetime, I have been able to ob-

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serve great differences in levels of capacity, especially in relation to my farming experiences.

When I was a young man, I lived on the home farm. We raised cows, chickens, and pigs. My brothers—Frank, Bob, Dale—and I were in charge of the care of these animals. We would get up at 5 a.m. to milk the cows by hand; clean the barn, by hand; shovel manure, by hand; and bed the cows, by hand! We had to work awfully hard in those days, upon which we tend to reflect so often.

In contrast, I now have a friend who feeds and milks fifty cows, all alone. A machine milks the cows and sends the milk up a pipeline into a cooling tank. It is entirely automated. Gutter cleaners can clean the barn electrically. In fact, gutters can now be eliminated through the installation of slats in the barn floor. The capacity of a man in a dairy barn to complete many tasks in a short time has been greatly increased. This has been the result of the genius of man's mind. Man has learned how to take his arm out of work, and to put his mind into it, thereby increasing his capacity.

All of these discoveries have come about in my lifetime. We used to plow with a two- or three-bottom plow. Work was slow because it would unhook every time it hit a rock. The engines did not have much power. I now have a tractor that has a 225 horsepower diesel engine and an air-conditioned cab. It has twelve

forward speeds and can pull an eight bottom plow. It has an automatic reset. When it hits a rock, it trips up and then falls back into place. In a day's time, I can plow five times as much as I did before.

Man's genius has put this tractor together, to give it the gears and mechanical leverage to make use of the capacity of the huge engine. We have increased our capacity. That's what this parable of the talents is talking about. It is all included in the word "entrepreneurship." This is a special word to farmers because it means the ability of a farmer to recognize opportunity and to assume the risk of developing it.

As we work in our various churches, perhaps "entrepreneurship" should be added to our vocabulary. We need to see our opportunities and to take advantage of them. I talked to a young minister at the Christian Workers' Seminar. I thought that this man would bubble over when he talked about promotion. He could see many opportunities to promote the work of the Lord. He talked about turning loose balloons in a community, and of having a parade to promote vacation Bible school. These are outlandish things for a church to do, but they work. We need to spread the Word.

At times, many of us are like an egg. We are covered with a shell—wrapped up in a kind of cocoon. In this condition, we have not let our light reach very many people. Now is the time to peel off the shell and to let our lights shine to those around us.

That is what Christ was telling us in the parable of the talents. He was talking about peeling off the shells and using our opportunities. Regardless of the amount

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois, November 14, 15, 1975, and then remained in Oregon for the dedication of the new Oregon Bible College Dormitory, November 16. The work of each department was reviewed.

The Mission Board made a recommendation regarding the rearrangement of the Mission Board into Home Mission and Foreign Mission segments, both under one Superintendent of Missions. Final details need to be worked out, and a recommendation will be presented to the 1976 delegates for approval. It was noted that Brother Francis Burnett will return from Nova Scotia January 15, having completed one year of interim pastorage there.

Brother and Sister John Carr have been given a two-month leave from the Macomb, Illinois, Church, to go to Nova Scotia to lead the work there for two months. We express our thanks to the Macomb brethren for so graciously agreeing to this arrangement, so that the mission work in Digby will continue to have pastoral leadership. We trust that other churches will be willing to do the same, that the pulpit in Digby can be supplied until September 1, 1976, on such temporary basis. The Mission Board has "called" a pastor to Digby, beginning September 1. Announcement concerning this pastor will be made when all arrangements have been completed.

The committee to study the use of the Louisiana Property gave a final report, after reviewing the completed questionnaires. In accordance with the action of the delegates at the 1975 General Conference, a board of three members was appointed to further study and evaluate this property and the use for it. The board is Brothers Allan Ramsey, Chairman, John E. Fauntleroy, and Vernis Wolfe.

Brothers Kenneth Milne, John E. Fauntleroy, and S. O. Ross were appointed as a committee to plan the 1976 General Conference program. They will be meeting early in 1976. Any suggestions regarding the program will be appreciated.

Action was taken at the meeting to receive one half section of land in the State of Utah. This property is being deeded to the Church of God General Confer-

ence by Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence of Phoenix, Arizona. We do extend our thanks to Brother and Sister Lawrence for this fine contribution to the Church of God General Conference.

The Annual Audit Report for the past fiscal year was presented to the Board by Brother Allan Ramsey of Warsaw, Indiana. The report was duly approved and accepted, and will be published in the January issue.

The Board toured the Golden Rule building, but no action was taken concerning future use of the building.

Dedication O.B.C. Dormitory

The New Dormitory at Oregon Bible College was dedicated on Sunday, November 16. About two hundred fifty attended the dedication, open house, and tour of the buildings. All of the Conference and College facilities were open during the afternoon.

Several churches sent special greetings by letter and telephone, and we do appreciate the many folks who traveled from various parts of the United States and Canada to attend this very special event.

Christmas Greetings

We take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff and workers of the Church of God General Conference, to express best wishes for a Merry Christmas to the membership of the Church of God. May the New Year of 1976 bring many blessings in Christ Jesus.

Conference Finances

We are sorry to report that the contributions have fallen far below the needs. In fact, less than half of the goal for November was reached. We have had to borrow over ten thousand dollars to continue the operations of the Conference. We trust that the membership will respond and meet the goals for December. May God bless and direct in this need.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

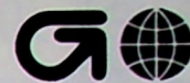
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| Goal for November | \$25,924.00 |
| Given in November | 12,141.00 |
| November deficit | 13,783.00 |
| December needs | 18,333.00 |

Goal for December \$32,116.00

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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).

Results From Radio

A former Church of Christ minister recently heard the Church of God radio broadcasts in the Pangasinan area. This man visited with Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero and told him that he and his church were convinced of the truths they had heard. After further Bible studies, this minister and his church desire Church of God affiliation.

Bro. Ortiguero and one of the Philippine churches have been experiencing more trouble caused by the man who attacked Bro. Ortiguero a year ago. But he writes: "These are not to be feared because Jesus prophesied that his followers will suffer these things (Matt. 10:16-22). The Lord is always on the side of his followers. Please pray for us."

Literature Distribution also Brings Results

In July, Ghana Christians conducted a literature distribution campaign which resulted in the baptism of seven. Pray for these new ones in their growth.

This fall, 106 students enrolled in the Northern Volta Business College, headed by Pastor Oliver Amani. The Bible has a prominent place in this school.

Two Kinds of Healing

The clinic work in Bangalore, India, is helping many people, both physically and spiritually. During August, 782 patients were treated. Some non-Christians have started attending the Laljinagar Church. The building is used for the clinic on week days and as the church's meeting place on Sundays. In September, a Thanksgiving service was held and many of the new ones took part.

Mission Board Meets

October 24 and 25, the Macomb, Illinois, Church hosted the Southern Illinois Missionary Conference. Members of the Mission Board were guest workers who took part in many sessions and workshops. The Board also had its regular meeting during this time.

New Name

Beginning with the January, 1976, issue, the "Missionary Newsletter" will become the "Praise and Prayer Calendar." It is mainly a calendar to help in praying for specific items among our churches at home and abroad, and in praising God for what he has done among us. If you do not receive this publication regularly, please write and request it.

We Want Your Ideas

Many churches have emphasized the work of missions during November. We are interested in what you have done, as well as in things that you plan to do in the area of home and foreign missions. The Mission Department wishes to serve as a clearinghouse for any ideas or programs that you have found workable. Please share them with us.

"I Have Nothing to Give"

Tonight was to be the big night! The little mission church would be packed with people. It was always so on Christmas Eve when everyone gathered for the special service held to honor the Lord Jesus.

But Antonio was not very happy. Oh, yes, he wanted to go to the service; he always did like to go to the mission church where he learned so many things about Jesus. But tonight he knew that, as they always did on Christmas Eve, everyone would go to the front of the church and give his special offering to Jesus. Antonio wanted to go to the front and give something, too, but he thought, "I have nothing to give."

It was true. Antonio's family was poor and had very little of this world's goods.

The time for the service soon came. Should he go or not? Yes, he would, even if he couldn't take something to give in the special offering.

Once again the church was packed, and Antonio enjoyed singing the Christmas carols and watching the play presented by the children. Then it was time for the offering. Baskets were placed at the front and, one by one, the people started toward them.

One man had a chicken to give; a woman came up with a fancy cloth she had woven. Another young man had two shiny pieces of money to give. But what about Antonio? Yes, there he went, right up to the front with all the rest.

What did Antonio have to give? When he reached the front he took off his sandals and stepped right into one of those baskets! He looked at the pastor and said, "I have nothing to give to Jesus but myself. I give Jesus Antonio as my special offering."

What an offering that was! Jesus is looking for others to give themselves to him. He is not nearly as interested in our ability as he is in our availability. What will YOU give to Jesus for his birthday present this year?



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Prayer Day

Each semester, one day is set aside especially for Prayer Day. The purpose of this day is to concentrate on the spiritual growth and devotional life of the college students.

This semester's Prayer Day, held on November 11, was planned and organized by Gary Smith and Dick Alcumbrack. They chose as their theme, quite appropriately, "Prayer." They concentrated on the complete prayer life of an individual. Students shared thoughts on the different aspects of prayer, such as adoration, confession, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession.

The morning began with a college breakfast and devotions. This progressed into a service which consisted of talks and special music. The students then formed prayer groups, and closed the morning by enjoying the fellowship found in Communion. The students were thankful for this day in which they experienced spiritual refreshment. It is easy for students to have their time become completely taken up with the activities of college life. Much time is required for study, for music, and for extracurricular activities. For that reason, Prayer Day is greatly enjoyed by the college community. It provides an entire morning in which to just concentrate on their relationship with God and his Son.

OBC in Competitive Basketball

The athletes of Oregon Bible College have emerged under the watchful eye of Coach Hugh Harman. Oregon Bible College has decided to sponsor its own basketball team, to compete in the town league. Wearing bright jerseys bearing the name of Oregon Bible College, the basketball team will compete with local town teams. We wish the members success as they enter this year's exciting basketball season. Basketball provides a worthy outlet for their Christian witness.

AABC Convention

The American Association of Bible Colleges met in Chicago, Ill., on October 30 - November 1. Hugh Harman and Eugene Stilson went to the convention, representing Oregon Bible College. The convention featured guest speakers, workshops, and entertainment for those attending. There was special emphasis on workshops for Academic Deans and Student Deans. These conventions are important for the professional growth of Oregon Bible College.

Drama Group on Tour

The OBC play group is busy preparing the play, "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops" for its touring season. They will be presenting this thought-provoking satire at Omaha, South Bend, Columbia Station, and Dayton. Drama is just another means of communicating Christian growth and we are thankful for these opportunities to present this play.

Dedication of Women's Dormitory

The new Women's Dormitory was dedicated on November 16 in a very meaningful ceremony held in the lounge of the dormitory. The service consisted of music by the Chorale, greetings from city officials, and words from the various departments of the General Conference. The service focused on the participants in the new building: the Board of Education; the Board of Directors; the Faculty and Staff; the Student Body; and the Congregation. The building was presented to God by the participants in the various ways in which they were involved in the building. We are extremely thankful for the new building and for the unique and meaningful ways in which everyone has contributed to it.

Rocky Mountain Fever

Eleven members of the Oregon Bible College student body were struck with the wonderful disease of "Rocky Mountain Fever." This occurred during the long weekend of October 30 - November 3. The gospel team undertook a long but productive journey to the beautiful State of Colorado. Led by Shelly Millard, they went via Omaha, where they provided a service for the people and enjoyed staying in their homes. They then traveled on to Denver, where they spent two busy days sightseeing and conducting services. They were led on a cadet-escorted tour of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, climbed rocks in the Garden of the Gods, enjoyed the scenery of Cheyenne Canyon and the Continental Divide, and were fascinated by the wonder of Red Rock Amphitheatre. The most beautiful part of Colorado, they discovered, went far beyond the scenery of the mountains, into the fellowship found in the homes and at the church. They conducted two services for a warm and receptive audience and met many wonderful people. The trip, returning again through Omaha, ended with a tired but extremely satisfied and spiritually filled group.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

The role of youth leaders and their responsibilities seem to vary from congregation to congregation. The expectations seem to fluctuate from teacher, to entertainer, to disciplinarian.

It seems to me, however that, as youth leaders, we really want to insure that something is accomplished in the lives of our young people. Only through deep involvement of youth leaders and the churches can this really be accomplished.

Adolescence is a time of transition between childhood and adult ways of living and feeling. We need to help to facilitate this transition, as well as to guide young people into a meaningful and maturing relationship with Jesus Christ.

How do we accomplish this? We begin by taking the time to listen to them and try to understand them, not reacting to their questioning and probing by becoming intolerant and critical. Our school system teaches our young people to question and probe. The act of learning is no longer thought to consist of memorizing information, but of constantly reevaluating and searching out new truths and ideas. Our young people bring this concept into our churches. On many occasions we as adults, or youth leaders, are unwilling to take the time to aid them in their search for the answers to their doubts; or, we may misunderstand the intent of their doubts, and fail to meet their need. Unconsciously, we communicate to them, by our attitudes, that we consider them to be something less than Christian if they have doubts.

I strongly feel that we should accept their feelings of doubt as normal, encourage their questioning, guide them in searching for answers, share with them our faith in God and his Son, and allow them to discover their own personal commitment. This is when Christianity really becomes relevant to them.

We can learn a great deal from young people. When we accept a teen-ager as a person, and share our opinions and experiences with him in mutual love and trust, we find that our own needs are met as well as his. We, too, will mature spiritually. Teens need the opportunity to *share* with adults, not simply to listen to them. We function best as youth leaders when we involve our teen-agers in meaningful exchanges and responsibilities in the church setting. We must strive to meet them where they are, and to help to guide them into a wholesome relationship with our God. ●

New! Different! Exciting!

These words summarize the goal of the Sunday School Director and Sunday School Board members. The writers of the manuals which are being printed are fully cooperative with the Sunday School Board. Sample copies of Lesson One of each manual should have reached your pastor and Sunday school officers by now.

For several years, Vacation Bible School leaders and teachers have been requesting changes in the material being produced. Change should be made cautiously, after careful study and consideration. The Sunday School Board has followed this rule. Procedures to be followed were carefully studied. Persons who have led and taught in Vacation Bible Schools were interviewed.

One goal was to decrease the overall cost of materials. This will be accomplished in the 1976 material. Manuals are being produced for the Bible School director and teachers.

Seven Manuals!

There will be seven manuals. One is for the Bible School director. It will contain many ideas for openings, helps for promoting the Bible School, suggestions for closing programs, and other suggestions to help make Bible Schools successful. Six manuals are available for various age groups: Number One is for pre-school and kindergarten; Two is for first and second grades; Three is for third and fourth grades; Four is for fifth and sixth grades; Five is for seventh and eighth grades; and Six is for high school. The material has been written by those who are experienced with the age group for which they wrote.

Preplanning Meetings

It is our desire that Vacation Bible School preplanning meetings be held in the Spring of 1976, either with local churches or with district meetings. Your Sunday School Director or one of the Board members would like to be invited to attend, in order to explain the new materials. Write: Sunday School Director, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061, to arrange a date.

Successful vacation Bible schools do not "just happen." Invariably they are the result of informed, thorough, and painstaking planning and preparation beforehand. When the last class has been held, and the pupils sent home, the work of the teachers and leaders is not yet over. The follow-up must be equally carefully planned and executed.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Holbrook, NE. Not only "joy in heaven" (Luke 15:7-10), but the church also rejoiced last Sunday as three came forward requesting baptism. They were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barnett of Holbrook, and Mr. Leo Davis of Cozad. They were baptized into Christ September 7, 1975. This unites two families in the Lord and the work of the Holbrook Church of God. We ask your prayers for their Christian walk and witness, that they will continue to grow until the coming of Jesus Christ. Leon Driskill, pastor.

Lawrenceville, OH. Jerry Stevens, Steven Garloush, and Trudi and Billy Maurer (twins) were baptized during the summer. These young people of the Lawrenceville Church of God Sunday School made their decision to obey and follow the example of Jesus in baptism while they were attending national or local youth camps. May their lives in Christ be fruitful ones. On November 2, 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patten were immersed in the cleansing water of baptism. May they, too, enjoy the blessing of new life in Christ. Ruth Overholser, reporter.

South Bend, IN. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams and their son Jeff were baptized into the body of Christ October 19, 1975. We sincerely welcome them into the fellowship of Morning Star Church of God. Benjamin Mattison, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stevenson and their four children—Connie, John Jr., Patty, and Michael—were baptized into Christ for remission of sins, October 26, 1975. It was a real blessing to have this whole family baptized at the same time. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Eldorado, IL. On Sunday morning, October 19, 1975, Lisa Cronan came forward to accept Christ in baptism. She was immersed November 2, 1975. We pray that God will bless her in her new walk of life. Rex Shaw, pastor.

Springfield, OH. On September 7, 1975, Brenda Current, Angie Dickerson, and Kim Petry were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ. Angie was immersed by her father Russell, and Brenda and Kim by their pastor. These three girls symbolize the optimism and energy of the people of the North Hills Church of God. May God's blessings be with them as they begin this new life. Joseph Duncan, pastor.

Fremont, NE. Julie Johns, Susan Lingle, and Mark Lingle were baptized by the writer on September 3, 1975. We pray that they will enjoy rich spiritual blessings while serving their Lord. Lucille Appleby.

Phoenix, AZ. On November 9, 1975, Cindy Wilkerson, Jennifer Ross, and Jackie and Robert Maas were baptized into Christ. We praise God for this outward testimony of their inward faith concerning the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. At the September 21, 1975, evening service—the first night of our Harvest Festival celebration—the congregation witnessed the baptism of Jim O'Malley into the body of Christ. Jim had made his decision at Berean Youth Conference this summer. His address is 10120 Bryant, Columbia Station, OH 44028. We praise God for Jim's addition to the Church of God; may the Lord bless his every step of faith. Russell Magaw, pastor.

Harlingen, TX. On Sunday, August 24, Gale Williams and Mrs. Karen Williams were rebaptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ. Both felt this need, since their first baptism had been at such a young age. Harry Goekler, pastor.

MARRIAGE

On October 18, 1975, Deborah Durham and Robert Grove Jr. were united in marriage in a lovely ceremony at Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, VA. Pastor Cecil Smead assisted the writer in the ceremony. May God richly bless them as together they walk life's pathway. James D. Ritch, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Arthur Barnett, son of Thomas and Della Barnett, was born September 21, 1877, near Bloomfield, IA. He died at Cambridge, NE, September 8, 1975. He was united in marriage to Ethel McClintick, March 3, 1904. To this union four children were born: Charlotte Tomlin, Lloyd, Paul, and Maxine. He is survived by his son Lloyd; two grandsons, Max: Tomlin of Cambridge and Vaughn Barnett of Cozad; one granddaughter, Donna Liggett of Cambridge; and nine great-grandchildren. He was baptized by Bro. Almus Adams in 1915, and was an active member of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Funeral services were held September 11, 1975, in the Holbrook Church of God. The beauty, honesty, and accuracy of God's words from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 were used to give real comfort and hope to those who believe them. Bro. Barnett is buried in the Miller cemetery, near Holbrook. Leon Driskill, pastor.

Mrs. Cathrine Picklesimer Shaw of Williams-ton, SC, died Monday, October 6, 1975. She was a member of Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC. She is survived by her husband and three children. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor. She was laid to rest in Greenville Memorial Gardens. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Esther C. Peterson died October 18, 1975, at eighty years of age. She grew up on a farm near Hector, MN, the youngest of eight children. She later moved to Minneapolis to seek employment. She was baptized into Christ by Almus Adams in 1920. She was a charter member of Faith Community Church of God, and continued faithful and loyal to her God and church. She was known for her Bible knowledge, and loved for the thoughtful remembrance of cards she sent to all her acquaintances. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Edward Bender, at the Hector Church of God. She was laid to rest in the Hector cemetery, to await the return of the Master whom she loved and served. Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

Thomas Sprouse, a long-time member of the Lawrenceville Church of God, died April 19, 1975, as the result of a serious illness. Ruth Overholser, reporter.

Everett Circle, husband of Sr. Ruth Circle, and father of Terry, Karen, Jill, and Cindy (Circle) Wilson died suddenly on September 13, 1975. Ruth Overholser, reporter.

NOVA SCOTIA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Annual Missionary Conference of God in Digby, Nova Scotia, November 1, 1975. The theme of the conference was "Reach Out With the Gospel." In keeping with the Missionary Conference, the Missionary Board of the church promoted a special literature distribution campaign in Digby and surrounding areas.

Ten persons met on Thursday afternoon, October 16, and packaged a *Restitution Herald* and three tracts in plastic bags of doorknob style. During the week of October 19, approximately twenty-five young people and adults distributed 1,000 bags of literature. *The Restitution Herald* was a special issue, containing the history of the Lighthouse Church of God, and a back page that advertised the Missionary Conference as well as the regular services of the church.

The Conference opened Saturday morning with a time of singing which was led by Allie Small. Pastor Burnett led devotions, which were followed by prayer. During the day, various members participated in song. The junior choir sang "Be a Missionary" and "We've a Story to Tell." A young ladies' trio, consisting of Judy Winchester, Alice Mary Haynes, and Elta States, sang "Get All Excited." Pastor Burnett sang "The Conflict of the Ages." We were also favored with two songs sung by Mrs. Barnes from Tideview Terrace.

In the morning, Eunice Pearson showed slides of the other areas of mission work connected with the Church of God. Following this, Betty Armstrong gave a report of the activities of the Mission Board for 1975.

Pastor Burnett explained the Faith Promise Pledge, a very important part of the Missionary Conference. The Faith Promise Pledge is an amount above regular tithes and offerings pledged to God. Those who participate in this believe that God will bless them with this extra amount pledged for his work. Several people gave testimonies of how God had met this need in the past.

The afternoon session resumed with a time of singing and devotions. The young people of the church presented a skit entitled "Being a Missionary."

A report of the Prison Ministry was given by Elaine Handspiker. In the report, it was mentioned that the Christian Prisoners' Association is now recognized by the Canadian government as a nondenominational, nonprofit organization, with headquarters in Digby, Nova Scotia.

Pastor Burnett presented a talk about Home Bible Studies.

A film entitled "Just a Stranger" was shown Sunday evening for the closing service of the Conference. The film had a good evangelistic message which inspired every Christian to want to witness for Jesus Christ. This thought-provoking story proves again that the church as a corporate body, and Christians as individuals, must be alert to every opportunity to win men to Christ. Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

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LAWRENCEVILLE CHURCH OF GOD

Births: The names of Nicole Louise Smith, daughter of Sonja and Jerry Smith; and Glen Allen Kaffenbarger, son of Jerry and Jack Kaffenbarger, have been added to our Cradle Roll. Items of interest: To celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Pat and Curt Simpson, their children invited the church membership to a surprise party.

A church photo directory is being prepared. An outside bulletin board of beautiful natural stone work has been constructed.

All elders of the church attended the Church of God General Conference in Iowa.

Ruth Overholser, reporter.

RESTITUTION CHURCH OF GOD

We, the congregation of Eldorado, IL, want to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks to all the ministers who filled our pulpit during the time we were without a pastor. We were encouraged by your efforts and your messages from God. We thank you for your labor of love, and ask that God may richly bless each of you for ministering to us.

Wilma Kittinger, secretary.

FREMONT, NEBRASKA, CHURCH OF GOD

The Fremont Church of God celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the establishment of the church in the present location, November 9, 1975. Bro. S. O. Ross was guest speaker for the occasion. Services were held in the morning and in the afternoon. A tasty and bountiful meal was served by the ladies of the church at noon.

It was a rainy day, but the enthusiasm of the brethren was not dampened. A fine delegation from the Omaha Church of God came to swell the attendance. Bro. Ross delivered two inspiring and challenging messages.

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FOREST HILLS CHURCH

The Primary Class of Forest Hills Sunday School decided that they wanted to contribute to mission work. They worked and saved their money for a period of six months. At the end of that time, they had saved \$25.75. They have requested that this be used for children in foreign mission fields.

Their teacher, Frances Rainwaters, who was born in the Philippines, was instrumental in promoting the enthusiasm that was shown during their period of earning and saving.

May God bless them in their effort to help in the mission fields.

Mrs. John R. Humphreys, treasurer.

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CHURCH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(Continued from page 1)

of talent that we possess, he wants us to use it to the utmost.

Continuing with the parable, we note that two of the servants went out and worked. They used their business sense and increased their talents. When the master came back, he checked on their progress. One reported that he had traded and increased his five talents to ten. The servant with two talents also reported an increase in his. The master's reaction to these two successful servants was, "Enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

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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: Kenneth Milne, Secretary, Pelzer, South Carolina; David Johnson, Vice Chairman, Hector, Minnesota; Russell Johns, Director, Bennington, Nebraska; John E. Fauntleroy, Director, Hammond, Louisiana; Hollis Partlowe, Director, Phoenix, Arizona; S. O. Ross, Executive Director, Oregon, Illinois; Robert Smith, Treasurer, Blanchard, Michigan; and Billie Kennedy, Chairman, Eden Valley, Minnesota. The seven elected members of the Board give freely of their time, without compensation, and must be commended for their dedication to the leadership of the work of the Conference.

License and Ordination Board

Action was taken by the Board of Directors to appoint members of the License and Ordination Board to six-year terms. Heretofore, appointments to this Board were on a continuing basis. Now, as an appointment expires, the matter will be reviewed. A member may be reappointed at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The current Board members are Bros. Kenneth Milne (six years), James Mattison (four years), and C. F. Pryor, Chairman (two years). As these terms expire, they will be appointed for six-year terms. Bros. Milne and Mattison replace Bro. Hollis Partlowe, who resigned from the Board, and Bro. C. E. Lapp, who will be leaving the active pulpit ministry in August, 1976. We commend these two who have given diligently of their time and effort during their years of service on this important Board.

Lombard Church Property

Many are aware that the Department of Highways of the State of Illinois has been negotiating with the Lombard, Illinois, Church of God for about five years regarding "the taking" of the church and parsonage property for road purposes. We can report to you now that settlement has finally been agreed upon. The congregation has retained the parsonage and the pews, and can continue services in the present church building for one year rent free.

Happy New Year

May the New Year of 1976 bring God's rich blessings upon the membership of the Church of God General Conference. May our hearts be in tune with the Revelator (Rev. 22:20), "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Conference Finances

HELP! HELP! Contributions for the month of December have fallen nearly twenty thousand dollars below the needs. It has become necessary to borrow that amount to continue operation. The budget approved by the 1975 Conference delegates provides the funds to support the twenty-two missionaries in the field, the cost of free literature, subsidizing the Sunday school quarterlies and other sale materials, pastoral aid programs, staff salaries, one half the cost of operation of Oregon Bible College (one half cost is provided by room, board, and tuition), and the general expense and upkeep of the General Conference work. We covet your prayers and concern that the needs will be met.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for December | \$32,116.00 |
| Given in December | 13,946.00 |
| December deficit | 18,170.00 |
| January needs | 18,333.00 |

Goal for January \$36,503.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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



Group of Sunday school children at the Salala Church of God in Liberia, with teacher, Bro. Omega (right).

Baptisms in Liberia

We praise the Lord for five persons in Salala, Liberia, who have accepted Christ their Savior and were baptized November 2, 1975. This brings the total membership of the Salala Church of God to one hundred. Pray for all of these brethren as they grow in their Christian lives, and for Bro. Cornelius Boykai as he works with them.

Nova Scotia to have New Pastor

We are happy and grateful to announce that Pastor Dale Swartz and his wife Cheryl of East Peoria, Illinois, plan to begin the pastorate of the Digby Church of God, September 1, 1976. Pray for them.

In January Bro. Francis Burnett will be returning to Oregon, Illinois, after having served the Digby congregation for one year. We have appreciated the fine work that he and his wife Iris have done during their stay there. Plans are being made to have interim workers go to help the Digby congregation from January until September. Pastor and Mrs. John Carr of Macomb, Illinois, will be serving from January 15 to March 15.

He Said to "Go"

God had a special work for his servant Jonah to do. The wicked city of Nineveh needed to know that God's judgment would fall unless the people changed their ways. But when God asked Jonah to go there, Jonah was not willing. He turned his back on these people of the world, and went instead out to sea.

On his journey, however, something changed Jonah's mind. He was thrown overboard and found himself inside a great fish prepared for him by the Lord. It was there that Jonah came to his senses and decided to obey. So when the fish vomited him up on dry land he turned around and went to Nineveh, gave them God's message, and saw them repent of their evil ways.

This story is told in symbol in the upper right corner of this page. First, Jonah went away from the world, but after the fish experience, he turned around and went back to the world with God's message.

The arrow pointing to the globe spells "GO." The same command was given to all of Christ's followers before he ascended to his Father in heaven. He said to GO into the world to teach, preach, and baptize people.

Let's keep this "GO" emblem in our minds as a reminder of the task that Christ has given to us. Then let's obey!

God Speaks in Many Languages

An old blind woman who lived in the Latin American country of Guatemala, sat every day in the sun outside her simple adobe hut. One day her little dark-eyed granddaughter came running home excitedly. Down in the marketplace, someone had given her a small copy of the New Testament in the Spanish language. The little girl sat down at her grandmother's feet and began to read. The old woman's eyes filled with tears. As she took her granddaughter in her arms and hugged her, she said, "I didn't know that God could speak such beautiful Spanish."

God speaks many other languages, too. People all around the world have had the experience of hearing God speak to them in their own language.

We are thankful for the free literature that is available to any and all through the Church of God General Conference. We are grateful for the pastors and leaders overseas who are preaching the Word.

Your contributions make it possible for us to send Bibles and other literature overseas, and to support the workers who are sharing the Word of God. Thank you for helping to bring the words of God to many in their own language.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Junior-Senior Visitation

It has been decided that the format for the Junior-Senior Weekend at Oregon Bible College this year will be completely different from what it has been in former years.

We will not have one weekend in which we invite all of the high school juniors and seniors to visit Oregon Bible College. There are several reasons for this. First, so many students were coming that it doubled our population and placed a strain on our physical capacities and personnel. The visitors influenced our program so much that we felt we were not able to give them a true picture of college life. We also felt that many visitors were coming to be with their friends, and not to visit the college.

We are instituting a new system that we hope will solve many of these problems. For this new system to work, it will require much promotion at the local level. Therefore, we are depending on the individual help of pastors, youth leaders, and members of the congregation to promote this idea.

Instead of having one weekend in the spring for all students, we are designating special weeks throughout the winter semester for certain areas or states. Only students from the designated states may visit that week.

During the week of February 1-7, we will invite all of the students from Illinois to visit. Any time during that week, juniors and seniors from Illinois can visit the campus one night, and visit classes the next day. During the week of February 8-14, students from Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, and Wisconsin are invited to visit. February 15-21 is the week for Michigan and Missouri. February 22-28, students will come from Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana. February 29 through March 6, the Indiana young people will receive a special invitation. The states of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina will receive special attention March 7-13. Ohio and Fonthill, Ontario, will complete the visits for the year during the week of March 21-27.

We will be sending special invitations to each of the churches. Please respond by letting us know when you would like to visit OBC. If there are those who would like to attend and have not been designated in this letter, please contact us.

Board of Education

The Board of Education gathered in Oregon to meet

on November 14 and 15. Board members are: Vernis Wolfe, Chairman; William Lawrence; Charles Pryor; Bob Johnson; Alva Huffer; and John Lewis. They spent a great deal of time discussing the proposed future internship program that is to be instituted in the fall of 1976. It was also agreed to have Dr. John Mostert, executive director of the American Association of Bible Colleges, visit OBC as a consultant and evaluate our college program. Future faculty development was considered. The Board also decided to implement the Theological Studies Inventory test at Oregon Bible College. This will be administered to the sophomores and seniors, and will be helpful as a counseling tool.

Pastorless Churches

OBC has come to the aid of two pastorless churches this semester. Students have been traveling to Raymore, Mo., and Omaha, Neb., to participate in the services at these places. Students are appreciative of the opportunities and the experience that these congregations have offered to them. At the same time, it is gratifying to know that they are giving themselves at a time when the church has a need.

Gospel Teams

The past month has seen gospel teams traveling to different areas to share their talents with various congregations. The dramatic gospel team, presenting "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops," has presented the play in Omaha, Neb., Flagg Center, Ill., and South Bend, Ind. A musical gospel team, led by Dale Ramsey, has visited churches in Ohio, Macomb, Ill., and Blanchard, Mich.

Thankful for Thanksgiving

Among all of God's blessings, students always find themselves extremely thankful for Thanksgiving and for a much needed break. School is enjoyable, but school is also very demanding. Vacation time in which to relax with families is much appreciated.

Student Council Project

Bit by bit, the Student Council project comes closer to becoming reality. The student body voted to work toward purchasing a video-tape machine for the college. Money is being brought in through offerings taken in the chapel services. So far this year, \$557.00 has been raised toward this goal. It is an exciting project because a video-tape machine will be beneficial to many areas of study in the college.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Church of God Bible Quizzing

A large percentage of our churches are involved, in one way or another, in our Bible quizzing program. This program has been successful since its inception, and continues to grow from year to year. The enthusiasm that it generates among our young people is something to behold.

For the benefit of those who do not know, we will provide an overview of how the Church of God Bible Quiz program operates.

On January 1 of each year, information concerning the material to be used is sent out to all pastors, youth leaders, and the known quiz coaches. This packet contains not only the material to be used, but also the quiz manual and sample questions. Quiz teams are then formed in the local churches, and regular practice sessions are set up. Often these teams will compete with those of nearby churches for practice purposes. In the case of an isolated member, or only one young person in a congregation who desires to quiz, accommodations are made by the state youth leader to allow that young person to practice and compete.

For several years, it has been the practice to have a state or area team to represent that state or area in the competition at the International Berean Youth Conference. The criteria used for the selection of this team are determined by the state youth leader, in conjunction with the team coaches. Usually, these criteria involve some form of quiz-off, in which members of the various teams, along with isolated members, compete against each other for the highest scores. The four highest scorers then become representatives at Youth Conference, where the championship is determined.

We are making some changes in the National play-offs in 1976, and they promise to be exciting. These changes include: 1) three teams quizzing at one time, with the aid of an electronic system; 2) every team playing at least five games; 3) a winner's and consolation bracket after three matches, with trophies for each division; 4) six teams in finals on Tuesday; 5) competition held in the tabernacle with outside spectators invited to come and cheer their team on.

To operate this system properly, we need at least twelve teams involved. Last year there were nine. We need them back, plus three more. How about state teams again from Arkansas, Iowa, Virginia, and Canada?

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

That You May Know!

During the last several years, considerable interest has been shown among the Church of God brethren in the Sunday School quarterlies and their makeup. Surveys have been taken and the results revealed that many felt a definite need of some change in the teaching content of the quarterlies.

Through the advice and help of the Council of Christian Education Committee, changes were made in the Beginner's Quarterly. And there has been considerable change made in the Junior and Teen-Age Quarterlies.

Such a process is not done in a matter of weeks. The quarterly materials, such as lesson topics and Scripture texts that will be used, are selected and/or revised as much as nine months to one year before they are used in our Sunday schools. Editors of the quarterlies send out the assignments at least six months before they are used.

One of the problems is communication. It is not easy to put something on a piece of paper and have it understood by the reader as the writers or the editors intended. In August, during the 1975 General Conference, the Sunday School Board and the Director met with Sue Hall concerning the editorship of the Beginner's Quarterly. Sue had prepared two sample lessons and had submitted them to the Board. In early October, 1975, two Board members met with Bro. Jesse Pestle, editor of the Adult Quarterly, and discussed the future of that quarterly and needed changes.

Plans include a meeting of all quarterly writers and the editors in Oregon, Illinois, on Friday, April 30. This will be an 8- or 10-hour meeting, with discussion on how to write, and what to write. One member of the staff of the Printing Department will have time to explain editing.

The Sunday School Board and your Director want you to know that much thought is being given to updating our quarterly materials. And we desire that you make known your likes and dislikes. It may not be possible to meet all of them, but each and every idea will be given consideration. Most important of all is that you pray for God's guidance to be upon the Sunday School Board, editors, and writers. Only God can know, with any degree of accuracy, the ultimate outcome of alterations in the style and content of our Sunday school literature. With his help, progress will be made.

Church Entrepreneurship

By David Johnson

WE COME NOW to the servant with one talent. He was full of fear. He said, in effect, "Lord, you are not fair. You expect to reap grain, but you put out no seed. I was afraid to take the first step. I could not justify the risk, so I buried the talent, and that is exactly what I am returning to you now."

The master replied, "Well, you lazy servant, you didn't even take it to the bank and get interest. What kind of a fool are you?" So the master took the talent and gave it to the one with ten, and cast the lazy servant away. Fear can, and does, cause us to not take the first step in profiting by our opportunities. We will not reach any goal until that first step is taken. Jesus expects us to risk the first step. He will then give the increase.

Looking very specifically at our General Conference, we feel sure that there are ways in which we may increase our capacity. I believe that our Lord has great plans for the Church of God in coming years. Hopefully, in twenty years we will have twelve thousand members and two hundred churches. Then we can look back and remember when we had eighty-five churches and five thousand members. I believe that God has that plan for us, if we are willing to step out and take the risks.

We need to develop the skills, and to develop and work the plans. We must find the tools through which this can be brought about. Oregon Bible College is the springboard to the future. This has been the evidence of the past. The students that pass through Oregon Bible College will be imbued with the attitude of progress or with the attitude of regress, depending upon the quality of the education they receive. Oregon Bible College has the potential for becoming the center of learning for our entire General Conference. Vast amounts of study could, and should, be done in and through the resources of the College. Because of very hard times in 1939 when the College was reconvened, a policy of conducting classes only in the mornings has been standard practice. It is now time to modify this

This article was taken from a recording of an address delivered by Bro. David Johnson at the 1975 Oregon Bible College Alumni Banquet. Bro. Johnson is a member of our Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. His address is challenging and thought provoking. This is Part Two of two parts.

policy, and to develop ways and means to permit the College to conduct a full day of classes. The depression is over.

Oregon Bible College needs to think about a five-year program, which must be completed before a graduate is licensed to preach. Hopefully, the extra year of schooling—studying the humanities and the relationships that exist in our terribly complex culture—would prepare and mature our young people more adequately. I certainly believe that a period of internship should be included in that extra year of training.

We should begin to think about building a new administration building. The time when the school is in one part of town, and the students live in another part of town should come to a close. I truly believe that the evidence that we have seen in the past year, the outpouring of \$85,000—much of it sacrificial giving—is the greatest compliment that could be given by our people in support of our General Conference. But perhaps the philosophy behind this kind of development is not entirely right. Maybe we should be thinking about paying for these buildings over a longer period of time. Possibly we have allowed our priorities to be a little tilted. It is great to have things paid for, but I think that future generations also have a responsibility to bear part of the cost. We should, perhaps, be looking at a five- or ten-year cash flow analysis that will demonstrate the ability to carry a debt load of X, whatever that may be.

Certainly, with the number of trust funds that exist, and the amount of support that is forthcoming in our organization, the money is available to produce

and develop a new administration building. If we can pay for it over forty years, I do not see why we must wait for five or ten years before we build it. This would be a major step toward making of our College campus something of which all of us, and especially the students, can be proud.

I believe that a task force should be assembled to study the problems of the small church. Something like fifty of eighty-five supporting churches have less than fifty supporting, or active, members. This, perhaps, is a generality, but nevertheless the condition has existed too long. We have not grown as rapidly as we should have. My home church is a small church, and I appreciate the problem. We do not know the answers. Too often, we have used the "shotgun" approach in seeking the solution to our problems. We have not identified the exact problem.

I believe that a task force should include men from larger churches; from smaller, struggling churches; and from the academic community. They should study this problem in relation to all existing parts of the Church of God organization, researching to find a recommendation that will solve the problem. Should the findings be applicable, our small churches will grow and mature. Our economic base will be higher, salaries for pastors will be higher, and our whole organization will be stronger.

I see, in some of these churches, the eternal struggle to stay alive. I also see some that are not making it, and falling by the wayside. The necessity exists for this proposed task force to work with the churches that are dead. Perhaps life can be breathed into the situation. If they are truly dead, let's bury them, and develop a process which will prevent this from happening in the future. It does no good to grieve over a dead church, sinking time and talent into it for years. Let's go on and develop a new work.

I believe that it is incumbent on each of us to grow and mature, increasing our capacity to do more useful work for the Lord.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1974 - September 30, 1975

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION General Fund

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| Current Assets | |
| Cash in Bank—Checking | \$ 268.42 |
| Cash in Bank—Savings | 21,396.65 |
| Petty Cash Fund | 200.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 333.50 |
| Inventory | 15,293.81 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 37,492.38 |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | |
| Land | \$ 63,316.91 |
| Improvements to Grounds | 2,028.39 |
| Buildings | 382,601.48 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 54,250.55 |
| Motor Vehicles | 7,211.87 |
| Total Property, Plant & Equipment | \$509,409.20 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$546,901.58</u> |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 4,266.65 |
| Notes Payable | 6,000.00 |
| Accrued & Withheld Payroll Taxes | 1,103.17 |
| Accrued Hospitalization Premiums | 7,015.41 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 18,385.23 |
| Net Worth | 528,516.35 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH | <u>\$546,901.58</u> |

STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE

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| Operating Income | |
| Contributions—General | \$195,003.39 |
| Contributions—Designated | 9,878.31 |
| Contributions—Devises & Bequests | 27,468.47 |
| Tuition, Room & Board | 53,573.34 |
| Services | 68.44 |
| Interest | 662.94 |
| Camps | 9,312.93 |
| Miscellaneous | 869.16 |
| Total | \$296,836.98 |
| Statement of Gross Profit (or loss) on Sales | |
| Cost of Sales | |
| Inventory—October 1, 1974 | \$ 6,337.62 |
| Purchases | 18,126.85 |
| Salaries & Wages | 19,687.15 |
| Contract Printing | 23,844.64 |
| Editorial | 1,900.00 |
| Total | \$69,896.26 |
| Inventory—September 30, 1975 | 15,293.81 |
| Cost of Sales | \$54,602.45 |
| Sales | \$37,399.39 |
| Gross Profit (loss) on Sales | \$(17,203.06) |
| Total Operating Gross Profit | \$279,633.92 |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Salaries | \$103,486.21 |
| Electric & Fuel | 8,149.25 |
| Telephone | 4,147.46 |
| Insurance | 3,843.50 |
| Postage & Freight | 5,842.90 |
| Supplies & Expense | 8,452.76 |
| Depreciation | 8,171.45 |
| Advertising | 152.00 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 2,782.36 |
| Travel | 13,430.83 |
| Towel & Laundry Service | 341.00 |
| Camp | 9,191.39 |
| Printing (Departmental) | 8,876.55 |
| Speakers | 750.00 |
| Assistance to Mission Points | 18,444.48 |
| Assistance to Churches | 9,060.00 |
| Literature | 28,735.53 |
| Food | 11,774.31 |
| F.I.C.A. | 8,401.75 |
| Rent | 1,650.00 |
| Professional Services | 1,752.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Operations | 1,357.44 |
| Miscellaneous | 345.68 |
| Bad Debts | 59.40 |

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| Staff Training | 1,053.13 |
| Special Missions Projects | 9,536.03 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$269,787.41 |
| Net Operating Income | \$ 9,846.51 |

STATEMENT—OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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| Add: | |
| Depreciation | \$ 8,171.45 |
| Total Net Operating Income & Additions | \$ 18,017.96 |
| Deduct: Other Expenses | |
| Annuity Benefits | 6,365.84 |
| Net Cash Income | \$ 11,652.12 |
| Capital Expenditures | |
| Buildings | 127.51 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 1,235.99 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | \$ 1,363.50 |
| Net Cash Received in Excess of Expenditures | <u>\$ 10,288.62</u> |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Restricted Funds

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash in Bank—Checking | \$ 16,505.82 |
| Cash in Bank—Savings | 27,465.85 |
| Investments—Bonds | 2,000.00 |
| Note & Contract Receivable | 114,123.69 |
| Inventory | 435.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$160,530.36</u> |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 17,673.12 |
| Notes Payable | 96,000.00 |
| Deposits—Dorm, Room, & Key | 714.50 |
| Deposits—Auto Registration | 68.00 |
| Annuities | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$124,455.62 |
| Net Worth | 36,074.74 |
| Fund Balance | <u>\$160,530.36</u> |

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

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| Receipts | |
| Contributions—General | \$ 38,281.08 |
| Contributions—New Building | 52,274.33 |
| Interest | 8,761.09 |
| Camp | 20,003.39 |
| Miscellaneous | 56.70 |
| Total Receipts | \$119,376.59 |
| Gross Profit on Sales | 497.29 |
| Total Gross Income | <u>\$119,873.88</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Postage | \$ 259.27 |
| Travel | 10,515.00 |
| Camp | 21,420.21 |
| Printing | 2,060.64 |
| Assistance to Churches | 17,343.36 |
| Assistance to Ministers | 600.00 |
| Assistance to Students—Scholarships | 1,330.00 |
| Supplies & Expense | 1,737.96 |
| Interest | 944.52 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,511.70 |
| Staff Training | 57.00 |
| Special Missions Projects | 7,260.00 |
| Annuity Benefit | 650.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 65,689.66 |
| Net Income Over Expense | \$ 54,184.22 |
| Capital Expenditures | |
| Buildings | \$144,445.19 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 6,406.49 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | \$150,851.68 |
| NET CASH RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OR (LOSS) | <u>\$ (96,667.46)</u> |

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, 1975.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Eldorado, IL. We rejoiced with the angels in heaven when Mrs. Bobbie Patton came forward November 9, expressing her desire to put on Christ. Bobbie was immersed in the waters of baptism November 16, 1975. We pray that God will richly bless her in her new walk with Christ.
Rex L. Shaw, pastor.

L'Anse, MI. We are pleased to announce six baptisms in the L'Anse Church of God. On October 5, 1975, Jeanette Swartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Swartz, Sr., and Laura Rencontre, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. James Rencontre, were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins. October 26, four more young people were immersed. They were Joanne Swartz and Warren Swartz, Jr., daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Swartz, Sr.; Linda Thompson, daughter of Delores Thompson; and Edward Rencontre, son of Pastor and Mrs. Rencontre. We pray that these young folks realize the seriousness of such a decision to serve the Lord, and that he may guide them in their lives.
James Rencontre, pastor.

Pomona, CA. We were happy to welcome into the body of Christ, Stanley Rhobacker, October 12, 1975. Bro. Ted Armes assisted Stanley in putting on the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism. Stanley lives at 362 N. Greer Av., Covina, CA 91722. He is a dedicated young man. We praise God for blessings bestowed, and pray God's richest blessings on Stanley as he enters his new walk of life.
Bertha Perkins, secretary.

Cleveland, OH. On Sunday, October 12, 1975, Tamara Elaine Speer and Gladys Beam responded to the gospel invitation to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, to repent and confess his name. Sr. Sylvia Daniels also came forward on that date to rededicate her life in humble recognition of her indebtedness to God's mercy. Miss Speer and Miss Beam were examined by the elders of Golden Rule Church of God and were found sound in doctrine and faith, and were baptized by Pastor William E. Kammin on Sunday, October 26.

Front Royal, VA. The Royal Village Church of God rejoiced to witness the baptism of three of its young people into Christ, Sunday, November 9, 1975. Those baptized were: Tommy and Carol Campbell, Box 402, and their cousin, Vickie Wines, 1315 Madison Ave., all of Front Royal, 22630. Being justified by faith and sanctified by the Spirit, may they be ready to be glorified when Jesus returns.
Cecil Smead, pastor.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

SPRINGFIELD Church (North Hills), 2950 Moorefield Rd, Springfield 45502
Joseph Duncan, Pastor, 1531 Regent St, Springfield 45503
Mrs Vileen Rowell, Sec, 4610 N Plateau Dr, Springfield 45503
Robert G Petry, Supt, 2550 Casey Dr, Springfield 45503

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Pres: Joe James, 11 Pattie Dr, Greenville, SC 29611
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SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Southwest Conference of the Church of God held its Fall Meeting in the new facilities of the Tempe Church, November 21, 22, 1975.

The Conference theme was "Bible Prophecy and Present-Day Conditions," with pastors of visiting churches in charge of a panel discussion and classes. These pastors were Delbert Jones, Mark Ryan, and Ted Armes—all from California. Sermons were delivered by Pastor Hollis Partlowe and two guest pastors, Vernis Wolfe and Stanley Ross. The presentations were well received, and were a blessing to all.

On Friday evening, the Tempe Junior Choir, directed by Sharon Wilkins, presented a musical—"Rock on the Head"—which told the story of David and Goliath. This was so realistically presented that some were wondering if "Goliath" would "make it." He did!

Special music was presented by the choirs of the Arizona churches. Both groups sang on Saturday evening. The Phoenix choir is directed by Jonell Loeffler, and Sharon Wilkins directed the Tempe group. It was a real blessing to hear these splendid choirs.

New officers, elected for two years are: vice president, Lauren Stiener (Pomona); board members, Gerald Graham (Phoenix) and Shirley McQuinn (Tempe). Holdovers are: Paul McPherson, president (Tempe); Douglas P. Todd, treasurer (Tempe); and John Bass, board member (Pomona). Pastor Mark Ryan (San Jose) was selected as Conference Youth Director.
Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

TEMPE, ARIZONA

On Sunday, November 23, 1975, congregation and friends of Lakeshore Bible Church greatly appreciated an event long anticipated, the dedication of the church's new facilities.

Following a meditation by Pastor Warren Sorenson, and a Communion service, the Tempe choir presented the cantata, "Jesus is Coming," by John Peterson. Keith Huffer was narrator, and Shirley McQuinn was pianist. Close to three hundred fifty people were in attendance.

With another capacity attendance, the afternoon dedication began at 2:00 o'clock. Greetings were given by Dr. William Lawrence from the Phoenix Church, whose charter membership mostly transferred from Tempe ten years ago. Bro. S. O. Ross brought greetings and congratulations from our General Conference. A communication was read from Bro. and Sr. Clyde Randall. Bro. Randall pastored the Tempe Church, 1948-1954. Other former pastors of this congregation who took part in the program were: Gerald L. Cooper, 1947, 48; Vernis D. Wolfe, 1954-60; Dr. Alva G. Huffer, 1961-69; and C. Lee McQuinn, 1969-72. Pastors Jones, Partlowe, and Ryan assisted with Scripture readings. Elder Don Huffer gave the invocation.

After Building Committee Chairman Paul Trimble presented the keys to Trustee Chairman Leonard Hoffman, Pastor Warren Sorenson led the congregation in dedicating the building. Pastor Sorenson then led in rededicating the members of the church, and Elder Gerald Cooper led the prayer of dedication.

The choir then sang the closing number of the cantata, "Jesus Is Coming Again." Elder Almus Dimmick offered the benediction, thus ending one of the most solemn and dramatic days in the history of the Tempe Church.
Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE FONTHILL, ONTARIO

The Fourth Annual Missionary Conference of Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, Ont., was held November 7-9, 1975. Pastor Don Needham presented four challenging sermons, entitled: "Pitching Toward Sodom," "The Cause and Cure of Discouragement," "So Send I You," and "The Bad Samaritan." More than one hundred fifty people participated in the conference, and enjoyed special music at every service.

Our hearts rejoiced as a babe in Christ responded to the invitation to accept him as her Savior, at the close of the Sunday morning service. A most impressive Faith Promise Service was held on Sunday afternoon, when each one individually rededicated himself to the Lord for blessing us during a very inspiring weekend of worship and Christian fellowship.

Viola Goit, missionary secretary.

ANNEX DEDICATION, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

On Sunday, November 9, 1975, during special services, the new church annex of the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, was dedicated to the Lord's work. The educational wing includes new classrooms, a fellowship hall, and a kitchen.

Greetings were brought from the Southwest Conference by President Paul McPherson, and words of dedication were spoken by the church elders. Bro. Dallas Demmitt spoke concerning proofs in today's world that Christ lives; including the fact that our calendar is based upon his birth, and the living church, its building, its people, and its program. Bro. Gene Davis based his thoughts on Romans 11:33-36: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" He reminded us that though the new addition is a source of pride, we must also remain humble before our God. Bro. William Lawrence spoke concerning the work of the church as a source from which we may become filled with the Spirit, sent out to reach others, and find answers to questions of theology and faith.

The congregation participated in responsive readings of praise, thanksgiving, and dedication. A time for personal rededication followed. Special music was provided by the choir, under the leadership of Jonell Loeffler and our organist, Mrs. John H. Evans.

It was truly a special day for our congregation. Our church was first organized in the summer of 1965, with twenty-seven charter members. Our sanctuary was dedicated in November of 1968. We have truly been blessed during the past ten years. We pray that the Lord will continue to use us for his work in this community.

MARRIAGE

On November 28, 1975, Kathy Rankin and Samuel Foster were united in marriage "in the Lord," which is as it ought to be. Their parents are Bro. and Sr. James Rankin, Cashmere, WA, and Bro. and Sr. Raymond Foster, Flagg Center, IL. The candlelight ceremony was in the Cashmere Church of God (Arbahamic Faith). Marriage admonitions were spoken by Bro. Lyle Rankin, the bride's grandfather, prelude the exchange of lifelong vows, administered by the writer. May our God keep them faithful in his service in their new home together, one in flesh, one in spirit, one in faith.
Delbert Rankin.

MARRIAGES

Kathryn Anderson and Harold Elliot were united in marriage September 27, 1975, at Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, Ont. The service was performed by the writer. We pray God's blessing on them, and wish that much happiness will be theirs. John Hearp, pastor.

Judith Matthews and Donald Bradley were united in marriage October 4, 1975, at the First Baptist Church in Welland, Ont. The service was performed by the writer. We wish them every happiness and God's richest blessing.

John Hearp, pastor.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Clementine Roberson, Cleveland, AR, died October 12, 1975. She was born July 3, 1890, in Cleveland, and was the widow of William J. Roberson. She was loved by many relatives and friends. She reared her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She was a faithful member of the Cleveland Church of God. On October 14, funeral services were conducted in the church that she loved so well. Words of comfort and hope were brought to family and friends by the pastor. Survivors include two sons, Jerry of Cleveland, and Jessie of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Stincy Scroggins of Morrilton, and Mrs. Mary E. Bradney of Oklahoma City, OK; two sisters, Mrs. Una Roberts of Tulsa, OK, and Mrs. Louise Lynch of California; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. Burial was in the city cemetery.

C. Alan McLain, pastor.

HISTORICAL WAYMARKS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

The History Book of the Church of God (Abrahamic Faith), entitled "Historical Waymarks of the Church of God," is now in the process of printing. Brother Clyde E. Randall is the author of this fine book. It has one hundred twenty pages with many pictures. It includes the history and background of each state or district conference, of each mission field, and of the very early efforts of the Church of God in the United States and Canada, and much more.

This is the first real written history of the Church of God. It will be ready for distribution early in 1976. This fine book will sell for \$4.95, postpaid when payment accompanies the order. We encourage you to send in your prepublication order, and the book will be delivered immediately upon receipt from the printers. Early orders will be appreciated to help supply the funds for the publication costs.

Order Form

Please send me _____ copies (\$4.95 each) of the History Book, "Historical Waymarks of the Church of God."

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Contributors to the General Conference: November, 1975

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| Steve Taylor | 27.00 | Forest Hills Church | 30.46 | Eunice Cleo Orr | 100.00 | Anonymous | 40.00 |
| St Louis Church | 33.29 | Omaha SS | 53.87 | Kris Fischer | 10.00 | Ollie Cooper | 10.00 |
| Oregon Church | 310.70 | Sue Andrew | 10.00 | Mrs William Hanson | 19.05 | Omaha Ladies Bible Class | 20.00 |
| Bedford Ch of Open Bible | 38.05 | Mr & Mrs Norman Tierney | 10.00 | Glad Tidings—Dayton | 200.00 | Frank Roper | 20.00 |
| Pleasant Hill Church | 73.25 | Everett Rogers | 28.00 | Forest Hills Primary Class | 25.74 | Bedford Agape Soc | 12.85 |
| Morning Star Church | 38.16 | May White | 22.48 | New Hope Bereans | 35.30 | Grace Blomquist | 20.00 |
| Happy Woods Church | 77.74 | Macomb Church | 159.03 | Flagg Center Church | 99.00 | Mr & Mrs Loie Jones | 100.00 |
| Mr & Mr Steven Knapp | 90.00 | Mr & Mrs Thomas Daniels | 5.00 | Fonthill Church | 153.59 | Brush Creek Berean Soc | 28.19 |
| Tempe Dorcas Society | 30.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer | 10.00 | Annie Welch | 17.64 | Mr & Mrs Dean Johns | 500.00 |
| San Jose Church | 30.00 | Hope Chapel—South Bend | 93.13 | Ruth Reid | 30.00 | Eternal Hope Church | 96.66 |
| N E Conference | 325.00 | Nan Barney | 7.00 | Golden Rule Church | 66.48 | Mr & Mrs Chris Fedde | 100.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser | 50.00 | Mr Joe D Shelly | 15.00 | Cora Siple | 25.00 | North Salem Church | 18.64 |
| Wayne Thoms | 20.00 | E Dorothy Magaw | 30.00 | Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller | 10.00 | Minn State Conference | 250.00 |
| Milo Magaw | 143.75 | Mr & Mrs Gayle Somers | 45.00 | Beaumont Church | 5.11 | Eugene Myers | 10.00 |
| Jay St Church | 43.30 | Ivy Millsap | 5.00 | Fremont Church | 30.00 | Pennellwood Church | 137.45 |
| IN State Conference | 246.00 | Dan Dovenbarger | 100.00 | Fremont SS | 16.55 | Mr & Mrs Gary Myers | 22.00 |
| Litchfield Church | 35.48 | LA State Conference | 107.26 | Mrs Bessie Huffer | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Willis Turner | 60.00 |
| Oregon SS | 8.79 | New Hope Church | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke | 25.00 | Esther Jenkins | 10.00 |
| Macomb SS | 16.03 | Ruth Fogle | 15.00 | L'Anse Church | 56.50 | Ripley Church | 607.97 |
| Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood | 12.15 | Maurertown Church | 34.63 | Mr & Mrs Harold Doan | 75.00 | Mr & Mrs Leo Rager | 50.00 |
| Pomona Ch of Open Bible | 175.40 | Karla Macy | 5.00 | Southwest Conference | 112.00 | Anna Schier | 5.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell | 45.00 | Lawrenceville Sr Youth | 4.00 | Ben Carpenter | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Wagganer | 5.00 |
| Mrs Waldron Stewart | 26.00 | Mr & Mrs David Krogh | 65.00 | Lafayette Lydias | 20.00 | Calif Members | 150.00 |
| Cool Spring Dorcas | 5.00 | Hope Chapel Miss Soc, S Bend | 65.00 | David Rector | 15.00 | Mr & Mrs John Prak | 50.00 |
| IL State Conference | 125.00 | Peggy Rager | 3.00 | Icel Stedman | 5.00 | Guthrie Grove Church | 992.33 |
| Blanchard Church | 325.14 | John Raymond | 5.00 | Mrs R D Stanton | 5.00 | Cecil Smead | 50.00 |
| Southlawn Church | 228.02 | Debbie Blanken | 1.00 | Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone | 60.00 | Kokomo Youth | 10.32 |
| Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs A E Karnett | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Carl Heiser | 25.00 | Maurertown Dorcas | 20.00 |
| Sara Lewis | 12.00 | Mr & Mrs Warren Sorenson | 36.00 | Becky Durham | 48.00 | Mr Harvey Krogh, Jr | 130.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall | 25.00 | Fremont Church | 170.00 | Fonthill Miss Soc | 250.92 | Men's Retreat | 28.20 |
| Garden Park Church | 167.77 | Mrs G C Guiles | 10.00 | Arlington Church | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs S O Ross | 97.00 |
| Michigan Conference | 102.90 | Mr & Mrs Bert Decker | 20.00 | Alice Marshall | 10.00 | Cora Rank | 1.00 |
| Dorothy Siple | 25.00 | Yvonne Reigelsperger | 100.00 | Blanchard Miss Soc | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Lawrence W Keys | 50.00 |
| Macomb Co-Workers | 100.00 | Anonymous | 20.00 | Brush Creek SS | 44.02 | Paul Cripe | 10.00 |
| Hector Dorcas | 8.80 | Mr & Mrs Robert Johns | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Clement Richey | 100.00 | Pearl Bloom | 1.00 |
| Brush Creek Miss Soc | 60.00 | S P Dismukes | 50.00 | Christie Simpson | 7.00 | Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine | 30.00 |
| Alice Bassett | 30.00 | Cool Spring Church | 83.65 | Mrs Lillie Martindale | 10.00 | Mrs Gladys Volentine | 25.00 |
| Conger St Church | 33.00 | Columbus Hope Chapel | 5.00 | Helen Thompson | 50.00 | Shilah Richmond | 80.00 |
| Lawrenceville Church | 201.00 | Dora Morgan | 5.00 | Keith Baird | 50.00 | Don Schauwecker | 25.00 |
| Katherine Tackett | 97.00 | Clara Barnett | 3.00 | Hilliard Bible Church | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Charles Pryor | 110.00 |
| La Contributors | 75.00 | Blessed Hope Church | 77.23 | Happy Woods Dorcas | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Charles Jones | 70.00 |
| Kosza Church | 211.00 | Mrs Agnes Lussenden | 50.00 | Blanchard Ladies Aid | 30.00 | Mr & Mrs T E Morgan | 5.00 |
| Lakeshore Bible Church | 774.21 | Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey | 62.00 | Anonymous | 20.00 | Mrs Frances Wood | 45.00 |
| Ripley Miss Soc | 50.00 | Janet Simpson | 12.00 | Eldorado Restitution Ch | 173.26 | Mr & Mrs Howard Moore | 50.00 |
| Pennellwood Miss Dept | 150.00 | Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Harry Sheets | 50.00 | Mrs Fairy Lyon | 25.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Wm Poland | 35.00 | Oregon Mary & Martha | 12.50 | James Hill | 4.00 | Mr & Mrs Earl Smith | 20.00 |
| Leota Hanson | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs C E Lapp | 40.00 | Pam Davis | 16.00 | Troy View Church | 171.10 |
| Burr Oak Church | 85.00 | Mr & Mrs Don Needham | 15.00 | Mrs Grace Marsh | 25.00 | North Hills Church | 198.99 |
| Eden Valley Ladies Aid | 5.00 | Mr J H Footitt | 9.00 | J Anon | 35.00 | Mr & Mrs John Lewis | 140.00 |
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Mission Builders League

By S. O. Ross, Executive Director



THE above photo is the Garden Park Church of God in Grand Rapids, Michigan, constructed with the assistance of Mission Builders Appeal Number Twenty-five. This is one of thirty-four congregations that have built, purchased, or remodeled church buildings with assistance from the Mission Builders League. There have been thirty-five appeals, two of which were for the Lighthouse Mission Church of God in Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada. Because this is a mission church, appeal number three was used to build the basement (which was used as a church for a few years). Appeal number eight helped to build the superstructure.

The Mission Builders League was organized in 1958 by action of General Conference delegates. Individuals, churches, classes, and various organizations signed up, agreeing to pay \$5.00 or more to each appeal approved by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, with not more than two appeals per year. On occasion, there have been well over one thousand members in the league. Due to deaths, classes becoming nonexistent, and various other reasons, the membership does drop off and change from time to time. At present there are 863 active members.

In 1971 the General Conference delegates voted to encourage members to increase their giving to each appeal from \$5.00 to \$10.00, due to the increased costs of construction since the league was formed. Delegates at the 1975 General Conference approved the following motion: "That the members of the Mission Builders League contribute \$10.00 to each appeal granted by the Board of Directors." Construction costs have more than doubled since the league was begun, so the increase is just.

Guidelines have been established for determining who will be approved for an appeal. A congregation must be a member church of the Church of God General Conference, organized, have a record of doctrinal and of spiritual stability, and employ a full-time, or nearly full-time pastor, who is licensed by the Church of God General Conference.

Paragraph eight of the guidelines states: "The Mission Builders League will be used primarily for those congregations buying or constructing church buildings which have not owned a building previously and, secondarily, for those congregations which are meeting in a building of their own that is not specifically suitable for worship and are buying or con-

structing church buildings. In the event that no appeals have been received from either of the two categories mentioned, the following will be considered: those congregations which are remodeling, repairing, or enlarging their present building; those congregations relocating to a more desirable site; and those congregations which have outgrown their present facilities and are buying or rebuilding. The last three categories are not listed according to priority. Priority will be given to the congregation which is least able financially to proceed with such plans unaided."

Churches that have received assistance from Mission Builders to date, in order, are Dayton, Ohio; San Jose, California; Digby, Nova Scotia; Bedford, Ohio; Peoria, Illinois; Hector, Minnesota; Troy, Ohio; Whitnel, North Carolina; Denver, Colorado; Omaha, Nebraska; Columbia Station, Ohio; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Uddiawan, Philippine Islands; Raymore, Missouri; Lombard, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Eternal Hope, Virginia; Phoenix, Arizona; Macomb, Illinois; L'Anse, Michigan; Pomona, California; Happy Woods, Louisiana; Graytown, Wisconsin; Garden Park, Michigan; Columbus, Ohio; Royal Village, Virginia; Bangalore, India; Rockford, Illinois; Pleasant Hill, Ohio; Quezon, Philippine Islands; North Hills, Ohio; Flagg Center, Illinois; Lafayette, Indiana; and Blanchard, Michigan.

Anyone who is not a member of this league of church builders is urged to join now. Send your name and address to: Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061. When Appeal Number 36 goes in the mail in May, for the Litchfield, Minnesota, Church of God, you will be notified.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



General Conference, 1976

The 1976 annual sessions of the Church of God General Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 9 to 14. The Program Planning Committee will meet on February 9 and 10. Watch future issues of *Progress Journal* for further details. Make your plans now to attend.

OBC Graduation

The Oregon Bible College graduation exercises for 1976 will be held at the Oregon Church of God on Friday, May 21. Ten students will graduate at that time, the largest class in the history of the college. The graduates are: Richard Alcumbrack, Cathy Cooper, Gary Smith, and Richard Williams of Michigan; Carl Jennings from Missouri; Pam Jennings and Linda Whaley of Ohio; Larry Mayberry of Arkansas; Scott Millard of Nebraska; and Daniel Ryan of Minnesota.

Two of the graduates, Brothers Larry Mayberry and Gary Smith, will entertain a call to a pulpit. At this writing, the others plan to enter internship training, go on to further schooling, or have indefinite plans. Any church interested in "calling" a graduate to a pastorate may write to him at Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, or contact the Executive Director, as Senior Student Adviser.

Volunteer Christian Service Program

A few years ago, the Volunteer Christian Service Program was instituted by the General Conference delegates. Under this program, any willing member is encouraged to move to the area of a new or small church, to volunteer his/her services. Volunteers may be used as teachers, or in any position in which they are qualified to serve.

The Gulf Coast Church of God, at New Port Richey, Florida, is presently in need of someone to take responsibility in the Music and Youth Programs of this newly organized church. They have recently begun to hold services in a new Civic Building in the area, and attendance has increased considerably.

Your Executive Director acts as a clearing house in this fine Volunteer Program. Any individual who might be interested can contact him by addressing a letter to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, or by writing directly to

the pastor, who is Brother Austin Railton, 183 Parkwood Acres, New Port Richey, FL 33552.

The Fremont, Nebraska, Church of God is also seeking volunteer help in an effort to go to more regular and full-time services.

We earnestly solicit the help of dedicated men or women to this urgent need.

Lawrences to India

I am pleased to report that Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence of Phoenix, AZ, are in India at the request of the Mission Board. They plan to stay about six weeks, and will be teaching doctrine and practical Christian service courses to several of the leaders. They will assist in further organization and in the business activities of the church work. They will help to stabilize the work of the medical clinic in Bangalore.

Sr. Mardy Lawrence is a member of the General Conference Mission Board. She and her husband Bill are both very dedicated to the work of Missions. We commend them for taking time from their busy medical practice and from the many activities of the Phoenix Church of God to carry out this important assignment in the India Mission field.

Conference Finances

I am happy to report that considerable progress has been made in making up the deficit in giving to the budget needs. We are still nearly \$11,000 short of the goal, but this is a gain of eight thousand dollars over the deficit at the end of December. We are thankful to each church and state conference, and to each individual member who has made the extra effort to meet these needs. We trust that the balance of the shortage can be made up during the month of February.

GOAL FOR GIVING

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| Goal for January | \$36,503.00 |
| Given in January | 25,546.00 |
| January Deficit | 10,957.00 |
| February Needs | 18,333.00 |

Goal for February \$29,290.00

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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).

Nigeria News

At the Edienne Church, pastored by Ephraim Udo, special activities were conducted during November. The first week was spent in Bible lessons for laymen and Sunday school teachers. Prayer meetings were held each night. The following week, a house-to-house campaign was conducted. Pray that fruit may come from this and similar efforts.

During the last week of November, Bro. Udo went to the city of Calabar, capital of the Southeastern State, where a new group has been started. We trust that it will grow to become a strong witness in that city.

The foundation stone for the new church building in Edienne was laid in January. The building is expected to be completed sometime in the next eighteen months.

Ghana Update

This school year is seeing the largest enrollment ever in the Northern Volta Business College at Nkwanta. With one hundred six students, the enrollment is about double that of last year. The students began their second term last month. The first term runs from September through December, and the third from May through July.

The school has a four-year program. In addition to Bible classes, there are classes for students who study science, art, and business. Students in each branch are expected to complete four years of study, to prepare for examinations which will lead to the General Certificate of Education.

Members of the school's staff, headed by Pastor Oliver Amani, are mostly graduates of senior high school, and specialists, who teach specialized courses in certain subjects. Some of these teachers are people whom Bro. Amani met while conducting evangelistic efforts in various towns. Four of the six teachers are baptized members of the Church of God.

Each month, Bro. Amani visits the new group of Christians in Kwamikrom. In his latest letter, Bro. Amani said that a major evangelistic effort was being planned for that village, to be conducted during the month of January.

With Faith . . . Growth

Bro. Cornelius Boykai, in a recent report, states: "With faith in Christ Jesus, our church will grow like

an elephant in Liberia." We are glad for the growth that the Salala Church of God has experienced in the past two years. Including recent baptisms, the total membership is now one hundred one.

Services at the church are usually conducted in two languages, English and Kpelle. If there are more English-speaking people present, Bro. Boykai will use that language, with an interpreter to repeat in Kpelle what he says. If more Kpelle-speaking people are there, the reverse will be true.

Hindu Festivals

Pastor P. M. Paulson, located near Hyderabad, India, writes of an opportunity for literature distribution. From January through May, 1976, many Hindu festivals are being planned. Bro. Paulson says that the churches need much literature to distribute among the many people who will be on pilgrimages. Pray for this outreach plan.

Three weekly services are held in the Ravulapalem Church, and four co-workers of Bro. Paulson hold services in six other locations.

Philippine Activities

During November, Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero and some of the other workers went on a "church tour," on which they visited all but two of the outlying churches.

At the Lupao Church, there was evangelistic outreach preaching, and one person accepted Christ and was baptized. Although most of its members have moved away, attendance at the Lupao Church is beginning to increase.

Outdoor assembly and preaching are strictly prohibited in the area of the Agbannawag Church, so all services there were held indoors.

The Liwan group was very glad to have the visitors come. These people requested that the radio work be moved to their area again. This request is likely to be granted. (From time to time, the radio broadcast is sent out from different stations. Bro. and Sr. Eleodoro Javar are presently in charge of the radio work.)

The tour group could not reach two of the churches because of swollen rivers, and also of deteriorating peace and order in the area.

Bro. Ortiguero asks that we pray that he may be able to overcome the harassments and persecutions that are still threatening.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

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. Students who accomplished this were: Sue Andrew, 4.0; Pam Davis, 3.93; Kathy Anger, 3.85; Michael Hoffman, 3.75; Karen Circle, 3.71; Greg Demmitt, 3.68; Richard Young, 3.65; David Kizer, 3.64; Robert Bernheisel, 3.63; Craig Wagganer, 3.50.

A student may achieve a position on the Honor Roll by maintaining a 3.0 to 3.5 average. Students on this roll are: Sidney Magaw, 3.47; Kay Vancil, 3.43; Phyllis Prussak, 3.35; Kenny Cook, 3.31; Karla Macy, 3.31; Donna Kennedy, 3.29; Donna Weidensall, 3.29; Laura Brown, 3.20; Kris Fischer, 3.13; Tom New, 3.0.

Internship Program

The Board of Education and the administration continue to plan, evaluate, and prepare to implement the Internship Program this fall.

The program will first be implemented on a voluntary basis. The 1976 graduating seniors will be placed in cooperating churches at various locations in the Church of God.

The internship program is still on a developmental, experimental basis. As we implement the program, we feel that we will continually update it. This will be a successful step in further preparation of students.

New Students

The winter semester began January 5, and we welcomed two new students to the campus. Joining us are Sharon Edwards of Springfield, Louisiana, and Jill Anger of Fonthill, Ontario, Canada. Both are entering the college as freshmen.

Scholarships

During the opening chapel service of the winter semester, twenty-two students received scholarships that are awarded annually. Craig Wagganer received the S. E. Magaw scholarship awarded by the Alumni Association. The James A. Patrick and the Lea Doeden scholarships were awarded to Richard Young and John Mattison, respectively. The Glen and Violet Booth scholarship was given to Sid Magaw, and the Norman McLeod scholarship was awarded to Michael Hoffman. The S. J. Lindsay and the Harold Doan scholarships were given to David Wilsterman and Pam Davis. The C. E. Randall scholarship was presented to Linda Jones,

and the Lucian Murphy scholarship was awarded to Bob Bernheisel. Pam Jennings received the Helen L. Overholser scholarship, and Ed Howland was the recipient of the BYF scholarship. Two scholarships, provided by the Michigan State Conference, were given to Gary Smith and Rick Williams. Kathy Anger received the Northeast Youth scholarship. The Indiana State Conference provided the Otto E. Dick scholarship that was given to Karla Macy and Kenny Cook. The Minnesota State Conference scholarship went to Donna Kennedy. Greg Demmitt received the Troyview, Overholser, Demmitt scholarship, and Karen Circle was awarded the Lawrenceville, Overholser scholarship. Sue Andrew was the recipient of the Illinois BYF scholarship, given in honor of Harold Good. The Harry and Emily Berry scholarship was awarded to Phyllis Prussak. The Hedrick Church has provided a scholarship for Steve Taylor.

Social Committee

Mike Hoffman has now stepped in to fill a co-leadership position on the Social Committee with Linda Whaley. These two will plan the various social events of the college throughout the next semester. Plans for the immediate future include a banquet and films for the college community's enjoyment.

OBC Evaluation

Dr. John Mostert, the American Association of Bible Colleges Executive Director and Editor, visited Oregon Bible College January 15, to examine and evaluate the program of the college. He focused his examination on the curriculum, the library, the staff, and the general program. The resulting information will greatly aid in planning and development of the college program for the future.

Dallas Demmitt on Campus

Bro. Dallas Demmitt, a marriage and family counselor from Phoenix, Arizona, is spending ten days at OBC as a guest instructor. He is teaching a seminar entitled "Christian Growth and Maturity." He is also spending time meeting with freshmen to aid them in their personal growth and orientation. In addition, he has made himself available for personal sessions with any of the students. We are thankful for the willing sacrifice that he has made by giving of his time and knowledge to aid college students with their personal life and growth.



BYF NEWS



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Post-High Midwinter Retreat Concluded

The Annual Post-high Midwinter Retreat, held December 29 - January 1, 1976, was a tremendous success. The number attending this year was twenty-six, thus becoming one of the smallest midwinter retreats that we have had for some time. However, the majority of those who attended agreed that it was an extremely meaningful experience. Hugh and Mary Harman, and Jim and Charleen Graham served as the staff for this retreat.

The midwinter retreat was originally arranged for post-high young people, but they have not been able to fill it out. As a result, it has been expanded to include twelfth graders. Eighteen post-high and eight twelfth graders made up the number attending. The retreat was held in the Ulrich Retreat Center, at Camp Alexander Mack, near Milford, Indiana. This center is equipped to accommodate forty people, so we have some room for growth.

It is difficult to describe the experience and fellowship that one can enjoy at a retreat such as this. In three nights and two days, some meaningful relationships are developed that will last forever. I believe that it can safely be said that there is no better way to spend time over the New Year holidays.

The retreat is very loosely structured. It allows time to do things just because you enjoy doing them, like sitting around talking, enjoying a game of checkers or chess, gathering around the fireplace to sing, ice skating, or maybe building a ten-foot snowman or indulging in a good snowball fight. We were fortunate that there were five inches of snow on the ground and that the lake was partially frozen. Everyone also enjoyed the roller-skating party, which was held during one afternoon of the retreat. This year, the roller rink in Winona Lake was rented. We had the rink all to ourselves and the roller rink staff accommodated us with several games, races, and other special events. Everyone seemed to have a real good time.

The study program was centered around a workshop from Serendipity, entitled "Destiny." This material was related to "Discovering Your Call." It involves what Serendipity refers to as "conversation starters," "icebreakers," and "Scripture heavies." These are considered by small groups of six or eight, which are referred to as "families." Two-hour sessions were held each morning and evening.

FEBRUARY, 1976

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

For some as yet undetermined reason, Bro. Francis Burnett's column failed to arrive in time for inclusion in this issue. Your editor takes this opportunity to express some thoughts concerning Sunday school work.

Word of Appreciation

Our General Conference Sunday School Board is working diligently to improve both the Sunday school materials available to our Sunday schools and the talents of the teachers who will use them. We take great satisfaction in observing that they are making every effort to keep the teaching in our Sunday schools both attractive and doctrinally sound. They are helping our Sunday schools to grow in attendance, but have carefully avoided the pitfall of sacrificing quality for the sake of quantity. They see no reason why our Sunday schools cannot have both. Neither do we.

Sunday School Attendance Promotions

A bus ministry is now considered to be vital to the attendance increase of any Sunday school. It is a very valuable tool, but it also has its dangers. Bus pastors, competing with those of other churches, sometimes yield to the temptation to go to ridiculous extremes in seeking to entice children away from other congregations, and to their own. A newspaper clipping that came to me begins: "'Unethical and unscriptural gimmicks' by competing churches have forced a Des Plaines (IL) church to halt its five-year-old bus service for those attending its Sunday services."

The pastor of the church discontinuing its bus service charged: "The church offering the most sensational gimmick or entertainment of the week won. I shudder to think what conception of the church and the Christian gospel some of those children now have." He said that his church "had provided breakfast, refreshments, toys, special parties, incentive prizes and the like" to attract bus riders.

The great danger in such promotions is that the means sometimes becomes an end in itself. The purpose of the Sunday school is not to entertain but to instruct and inspire. A huge enrollment and large attendance do not necessarily mean that a Sunday school is fulfilling the purpose for which it was created. We are sure that our Sunday school leaders recognize that a child who switches from Sunday school to Sunday school in response to enticing promotions is not likely to receive a sound spiritual foundation upon which to build his life. We are sure that the growing bus ministry of the Church of God is wisely used.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Digby, Nova Scotia. On Sunday evening, November 23, 1975, Bro. Jim Ross was immersed in baptism for the remission of his sins. May the Lord bless him as he starts his new life in the Lord. Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

Lafayette, IN. Faith Chapel Church of God, Lafayette, IN, would like to report the following baptisms. On October 26, 1975, Nadine Carlson, Jim Morrison, Lenny Powell, and Trent Scott were immersed in the waters of baptism. On November 5, 1975, Rhonda and Sheryl Morrison took this same step of salvation. Mrs. Cathy Tschaenn, and her son and daughter, Mark and Donna, obeyed this same command of Christ on November 16, 1975. We pray that God may continually guide their daily walk with him. V. E. Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

Ripley, IL. Cleone Swanson was baptized November 16, 1975. As a young lady, Sr. Swanson attended the Ripley Church of God for many years with her mother. She has often felt the need to be baptized, but never took that step. We now rejoice with her that she has made her walk with Christ full. Her address is: Modern Manor Home, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353. May God bless this new child of his. Dale Harshman, pastor.

Springfield, LA. Following the morning service November 9, 1975, many of the congregation of the Blood River Church of God gathered by the side of Lizard Creek to witness the baptism of Harvey Wren into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. May the Lord richly bless Harvey as he begins a new way of life in Jesus Christ. . . . November 30, 1975, again brought us to the waters of Lizard Creek for a service of baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Breeland confessed Jesus as their Savior and accepted him in baptism; also Jeanne Gainey, wife of our Sunday School superintendent, Richard Gainey, confessed her need for baptism, and was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. . . . December 14, 1975, Debbie Richardson, wife of Douglas Richardson; James Raymond; and Debbie Hedgeth put on Christ in baptism. We pray God's blessings upon all of these babes in Christ. C. F. Pryor, pastor.

Dayton, OH. On December 14, 1975, Bro. Robert Harris came before the congregation to express his faith in God. He was baptized the same morning as a public testimony of his faith in the atoning work of Jesus upon the cross. Rex F. Cain, pastor.

St. Louis, MO. On Sunday, December 7, 1975, Earl Juelfs was baptized into Jesus Christ. We pray that God will bless Earl in his new walk. Michael Hale, pastor.

Springfield, OH. Noel Macy, son of Laurel and Margaret Macy, was baptized into the name of Jesus Christ on January 4, 1976. Noel joins a growing body of believers at the North Hills Church of God. Joseph Duncan, pastor.

MARRIAGE

Miss Charlene Lovae Burnett was united in marriage with Ronnie Wayne Morgan before a group of friends and family, November 28, 1975. The couple spoke their vows in a double-ring ceremony before the writer at the Ripley Church of God. May God bless their new life together. Dale Harshman, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Alma Stone, Lynn Albert, Mrs. Derick Winship, Dawn Thorndill, Donald Overmyer, Stan Reinhold, Betty Reinhold, Doris Vermillion, Linda White, Robert E. Morrison, Kevin Williams, Tim McLain.

CHURCH SEEKS PASTOR

Due to the resignation of Bro. Ted Armes, the Pomona Church of the Open Bible is seeking a new pastor, to take charge September 1, 1976. Anyone interested in this pastorate is asked to contact Bro. Hal Stilson, 585 E. McKinley, Pomona, CA 91767. The Pomona church will have a new parsonage, located on the same grounds as the church building, available for use near the middle of February.

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LOUISIANA PROPERTY

This is the first of a series of articles designed to better inform you concerning the Board's future plans to put to use the Louisiana Land, and to answer many questions which have been asked.

Introduction

The Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, at the November 15, 16, 1973, meeting, appointed a committee of three to study the possible uses of the 51.2 acres of land located a short distance south of the City of Hammond, La. This land was donated to the General Conference on June 21, 1967, by Carl E. Bottolfs and Hattie Bixler Bottolfs.

A detailed preliminary report was presented by the committee to the Board of Directors and the General Conference last August. Even though the committee felt that the report presented at the 1975 General Conference completed the work of the committee, the Board of Directors asked the committee to continue until the distributed questionnaires could be received and evaluated.

The committee evaluated the questionnaires which had been received prior to the Board of Directors meeting, November 14, 15, 1975. A report on the results of the questionnaires was presented to the Board of Directors at that meeting.

At the 1975 General Conference, the delegates passed the following motion:

That a three-member Administrative Board be appointed under the jurisdiction of the General Conference Board of Directors to supersede the committee that had been serving. This Board will study the use of the property, and continue necessary work on the project.

Accordingly, at the November, 1975, meeting, the Board of Directors appointed an Administrative Board of three members to continue the work begun by the committee. This Board will be disseminating information to you through the Progress Journal concerning its work with the Louisiana land.

Administrative Board
Allan M. Ramsey, Chairman
J. E. Fautleroy
Vernis Wolfe

HAMMOND AREA TELEVIEWED

Seven places in the Hammond, LA, area have been televised by the ABC network, to be used in an upcoming program, "Almost Anything Goes." The segment in which the Hammond area appears will be aired in late February or early March. Though the General Conference property south of Hammond will not be included, Church of God members who are interested in forthcoming plans for the property will see typical shots of the town and countryside. Sites to be shown are: Zemurray Park; Peter Hammond's grave; Cate Square; the Casa de Fresa; Railroad Avenue, taking in the post office; McGehee Hall and Strawberry Stadium at Southeastern Louisiana University; and the Industrial Park.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

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BIBLE READING MARATHON

The Flagg Center, IL, Community Church of God began a Bible Reading Marathon at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, December 28, 1975. Our intention was to read the Bible aloud night and day, beginning with Genesis, and reading through Revelation. We wanted at least two people present in the church at all times—one to read, and at least one to listen. When one person finished reading, another immediately continued from the place where he stopped. We had planned a New Year's Eve fellowship and watchnight service to begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday, December 31, so we read as rapidly as possible. We allowed ourselves 81 hours, but finished in 76.

To prepare for the marathon, a chart was made which sectioned off the hours, and volunteers were requested to fill in their names as readers or listeners. Thirty persons volunteered to read, and Bros. S. O. and Kent Ross joined with us to make thirty-two. Alphabetically by families, the volunteer readers were Ray Beach; Gladys Bearrows; Robert and Connie Coffman; Ward and Grace Countryman; Ray Foster; Peg Huntley, Rose Johnston; Gordon, Barbara, Joel, Gigi, Jennifer, and Barry Landry; "Bud" and Betty Mickey; Jim, Mary, and Monte Mickey; Vern, Barb, Lance, Gwen, and Corey New, Ruth Patterson; Vicki Roberts; Jerry and Bonnie Seebach; and Mable Stadelbe.

We were a little slow in recognizing the advertising potential of the marathon. We did send a notice to a Rochelle paper and the local radio station. It was not until after the marathon had started that the paper was asked if it did not think there was something newsworthy in the program. A photographer was sent out and a picture of Mable Stadelbe reading and Vicki Roberts listening was subsequently featured on the paper's front page. The story was picked up by a Rockford paper on New Year's Day. A quick call to a Rockford TV station after the marathon ended at 5 o'clock got us a two- or three-sentence mention on the 6 o'clock news. We would advise others who might want to try this program to take full advantage of the advertising potential. It's an excellent way to call attention to your church.

The Sunday following the marathon we asked participants to write their impressions of the program without signing their names. Here are some of the solicited testimonials:

"Great thing."

"I thought the Bible marathon was well worth while, and it did a lot of good for many people."

"A project like the Bible reading marathon brings the participants into closer fellowship with each other than would be experienced by other methods."

"It was a unique experience with God which I will never forget. I thought it would be boring, but it was not. There was never a dull moment. I was tired, but it was a good tiredness. I recommend it on, at least, a biennial basis (every other year). Please do it again!"

"I thought the marathon was good. It brought those that participated closer together and closer to God. But it was almost too much because of busy schedules. To do it once every two or three years would be good. The days before Easter would also be a good time to hold it."

"Very inspiring. Absolutely great."

"I was sorry not to be able to be here more. Thought it very inspiring and helped to give me more understanding of the Bible."

"Very refreshing! It was a wonderful experience to see how people came to read and listen and take part in this privileged thing."

"It was OK."

"It was a tremendous blessing for all who took part. Made us feel closer to God."

We urge you to institute a Bible Reading Marathon in your church program for this year.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Thomas W. Lewis, eldest son of Albert H. and Permelia Lewis, was born in Ripley Township, Brown County, IL, April 11, 1899. He died October 28, 1975. He married Helen Fey, November 3, 1923. They were blessed with one child, Harold L. Besides his wife and son, survivors include one sister, Thelma Ransom, two grandsons, and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Susie Kirkman and Lena McDaniels, and two brothers, Herman and Lawrence. Thomas was a lifelong active member of the Ripley Church of God. A service of remembrance and hope was held at the Ripley church. Bro. John Lewis spoke a message of hope, stressing the reality of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Christ led the way for us. Thomas was laid to rest in the Ripley cemetery to await the return and call of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Dale Harshman, pastor.

Mrs. Geneva Stone Coker, 81, of Williamston, SC, died December 17, 1975. She was a long-time member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God. Survivors include her husband John, Sr.; four daughters and two sons; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; two sisters; three half-sisters; three brothers; and two half-brothers. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor at Gray Mortuary in Pelzer, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Benjamin Harrison Stephens was born December 27, 1888, and died December 26, 1975. He was married to Tincie Cooley in 1914. They lived on the same farm the entire sixty-one years of their marriage. Bro. Stephens was baptized early in his married life, and remained a faithful member of the Restitution Church, Casey, IL. He was superintendent of the Sunday school at the time of his death, having

served in that office for many years. Surviving him are his wife Tincie; one son Noble; nine grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Thornton and Felix. Four brothers preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Greenwell Funeral Home, Martinsville, IL. Bro. Stephens was laid to rest in Partlow Cemetery, south of Casey, to await the call of the Master.

S. O. Ross, pastor.

A TRIP SOUTH

It was a pleasure for Mrs. Randall and me to be at Hedrick, IN, for meetings November 17-21. The services had been well advertised and attendance was consistent from the beginning of the series to the end. One couple in their eighties, who live thirty-eight miles from the church, attended every night.

The Hedrick Church has a long history of cherishing the faith and contending for it. This faith plays an important role in the Indiana Conference, under the fine leadership of Bro. and Sr. Wally Winner. This is their first pastorate, and the excellent condition of the physical church plant is evidence of the spiritual well-being of the church body.

Another stop-off en route south was with the Guthrie Grove Church, Pelzer, SC. We were greeted by fine audiences both morning and evening. Two hundred three were present for Sunday school, and two hundred twenty-five for worship.

This congregation has one of the most utilitarian church plants in the General Conference. Under the pastoral leadership of Bro. and Sr. Kenneth Milne, this congregation is spiritually alive and standing firm for the gospel which is the "power of God unto salvation."

Clyde E. Randall.

HISTORICAL WAYMARKS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

The History Book of the Church of God (Abrahamic Faith), entitled "Historical Waymarks of the Church of God," is now in the process of printing. Brother Clyde E. Randall is the author of this fine book. It has one hundred twenty pages with many pictures. It includes the history and background of each state or district conference, of each mission field, and of the very early efforts of the Church of God in the United States and Canada, and much more.

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NOTE OF THANKS

I am slowly recovering from a near fatal heart attack, so it is difficult to write. I also had a light stroke. My thanks for the prayers, and for the cards sent to me from Oregon, Tempe, and San Jose brethren.
Mrs. Mabell E. Bell.

TAPE LIBRARY

The General Conference has a growing audio-tape library maintained at Glad Tidings Chapel Church of God in Dayton, Ohio.

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DOES TWO PLUS TWO EQUAL FIVE?

This is a very thought-provoking little tract concerning a family that was "fussy" about what their children were taught in public school. It is pointed out in this work that we need to be equally concerned about what our children are taught in Sunday school. Much of what is being taught in many Sunday schools simply does not "add up" according to principles laid down by God in the Bible. Whether or not you have children, you will enjoy this one, and benefit from it.

This delightful little tract is yours for the asking. Address your request to The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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How to Disagree

TO BE able to disagree agreeably seems to be one of the most difficult skills for zealous Christians to acquire. The more strongly we feel about a doctrine, a policy, a course of action, or an attitude, the greater becomes the temptation to allow our feelings to cause us to deal unkindly with those who cannot grasp truths that seem clearly evident to us. Failure to seek the help of the Lord in overcoming such temptations may bring tragic consequences. Friends may be turned into enemies. Potential friends may be led to reject our friendship, and along with it the Christianity that was not strong enough to permit us to control ourselves.

This is not to imply that anyone should pretend to agree when he does not. It is to insist, however, that each one should prayerfully seek to express his feelings in a way that will not wound others. When we disagree in a kindly and considerate manner, we leave the door open for further amiable discussion of the issue at stake at some future time. When we allow our comments to become acrid or insulting, we slam a door that we may *never* be able to open again! To be able to disagree without uttering disparaging remarks is a skill that not only helps to gain and keep friends; it will also help to spare you high blood pressure and ulcers. To allow a disagreement to make us insensitive to the needs and feelings of others is a luxury that none of us can afford. In the end, it may destroy us.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness" (Prov. 15:1).

Think of the times that you have lost your temper and "told somebody off." Are you glad now that you did? Were the

results worthwhile? What did you gain by it? What did you lose? Are you a better and more effective Christian now because you lost your temper? You are not trying to convince somebody else of how right you were, so be honest with yourself in evaluating your outbursts.

If another's opinions and the way that he expresses them irritate you, begin by forgiving him for disagreeing with you. This will open the way for you to calmly and objectively consider what he believes to be true. If you cannot accept his views, tell him so kindly and acknowledge his right to disagree with you. After all, you are claiming the right to disagree with him! Be fair! You may find that you didn't understand his view to begin with.

The Apostle Paul's charge to the Ephesian brethren was: "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil" (4:26, 27). The New English Bible expresses the same thought: "If you are angry, do not let anger lead you into sin; do not let sunset find you still nursing it; leave no loop-hole for the devil."

But how does one so quickly overcome his anger against one who has rejected his opinions, refusing to even give them a fair hearing? Jesus has the answer: "I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:44, 45). It is a spiritual impossibility to pray for one who has provoked our anger and still be angry with him. If you are presently angry with someone, you are challenged to prove this principle by giving it a test. Pray for him!

Assuming that a brother has used you so unjustly that you feel that a settlement is demanded, Jesus outlined a procedure

for a faithful follower of his to pursue. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican" (Matt. 18:15-17). It is absolute disobedience to Jesus to skip the first two steps of this procedure and go directly to the last two. If we do, our case may be even worse than that of the brother who has offended us.

Another word of caution: Do not go beyond the first step of this procedure unless you are willing to uncomplainingly accept the judgment of the one or two brothers of the church, or of the church as a whole. They *may* conclude that *you* are the one who is in the wrong, and the one who should make amends! Are you humble enough to do this?

Be very sure that the issue you are raising is really worth the risk before you pursue it. Evidently those who pray for them that spitefully use them belong to the same category as peacemakers, for Jesus promised them the same reward. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).

James pointed out that "where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace" (Jas. 3:16-18).

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Directors

Hollis Partlowe, pastor of the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, Arizona, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference at the annual Conference session in August, 1975. He is married to the former Hilda Updike. Brother and Sister Partlowe were born, and grew up, in the Browntown, Virginia, area. They have two daughters, Rachel (Mrs. Paul Newell, Phoenix, Arizona) and Becky (Mrs. Michael Hall, Oregon, Illinois).

Following service in the U.S. Army, and after working a few years in secular work in Virginia, Brother Partlowe felt the call to attend Oregon Bible College. He graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1958. He served as pastor of the Macomb, Illinois, Church of God for seven years, and is now serving his eleventh year in the Phoenix pastorate.

Brother Partlowe previously served one term on the Board of Directors, and was a member of the License and Ordination Board of the General Conference for four years. Brother Partlowe is a wonderful asset to the Board of Directors, and adds additional strength and stability to this important Board.

General Conference, 1976

The Church of God General Conference annual sessions will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 9 to 14, 1976.

The cost of the Conference this year will be \$8.10 per person per day, or \$39.00 for the entire Conference. This is for those who take all their meals in the dining room. Daily charges this year are broken down as follows: breakfast—\$1.50, lunch—\$1.85, dinner—

\$2.50, lodging—\$2.00, and insurance and miscellaneous—\$.25. The only increase is in breakfast and the miscellaneous charges, due to increased costs of insurance. 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.

Watch future issues of the *Progress Journal* for further information on the Conference Program. Reservations for Conference will be accepted *after* May first. This is a family camp, and families are urged to stay together in cabins. Make your plans now to attend.

Ministerial Conference

The Annual Ministerial Conference of the Church of God will be held at the Oregon Church of God, April 26 to 30. We trust that each church will encourage its pastor to attend, and to enter into the pool expense. The pool equalizes the cost, so that those attending from a distance need pay no more than those from nearby.

This Conference is always a time of fellowship, worship, and detailed study of God's Word, to the edification of all.

Conference Finances

Praise God! We are pleased to report that the membership has responded to the financial needs in a wonderful way. I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each church, conference, and individual who has made special contributions to help overcome the deficit. We have paid off all but \$7,500 of the loan. We trust that this remainder will be met shortly. May God continue to richly bless each member of the Church of God.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for February | \$29,290.00 |
| Given in February | 21,899.00 |
| February Deficit | 7,391.00 |
| March Needs | 18,333.00 |

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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).



Pictured above is the church building at Roxas, Philippine Islands, with some of the members who were present when Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero visited there in December. Pastor of the church, Placido Ortiguero, is at the extreme right.

Visitors in India

You will remember that in March of 1975, Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence of Phoenix, Arizona, spent some time with our Indian brethren. February 4, 1976, the Lawrences arrived in Bangalore for a six-week follow-up visit. During their stay, they plan to conduct intensive Bible study and spiritual growth classes for all who can understand English. We are grateful to the Lawrences for their willingness to make this important trip. Sr. Lawrence is a member of the Mission Board and Bro. Lawrence is a member of the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College. Both are well qualified to give the needed help. Won't you pray for them as they minister to our brothers and sisters in India?

Information on India

Here are some facts about India and its religions which may be of interest to you.

India has a population of 584,704,000, which places it second only to China, but its area is less than half that of the United States. Most of the people live in small towns and villages, with only 18 percent dwelling in cities. Bombay is the largest city, but New Delhi is the capital. The people earn their living mostly from agriculture, but there is some mining and manufacturing. The average per capita income is \$90 per year.

The official language is Hindi, and English is an associate language. In addition, the constitution recognizes 14 national languages. It is estimated that a total of

1,652 languages and dialects are spoken. Sometimes a husband and wife each speak and understand a different language, and must communicate in a third language which they both know.

The Christian community makes up 2 to 3 percent of the total population, and 40 percent of all Christians live in the southwestern state of Kerala. There are great areas of this country that are unevangelized, and in some places even Indian missionaries are prohibited.

Of the total population, 83 percent is Hindu, 11 percent Muslim, and 2.6 percent Christian (including Roman Catholics). Christianity is the third largest religion among India's many groups, and has the largest rate of increase (33 percent between 1961 and 1971). Most of its converts come from the lower caste and tribal peoples. There are approximately 5.5 million Protestants (about 1 percent of the population), belonging to over 100 denominations.

We are grateful to God for the workers that we have in India. Pastor S. S. Manoah and his fellow-workers minister to those in the city of Bangalore, and Pastor P. M. Paulson and his helpers work with people in towns and villages farther north.

Ghana

Tract distribution in Ghana is conducted by giving a number of tracts to certain members, to be distributed in house-to-house visitation on Sundays after church services. Tracts are even given to illiterate people, who then give them to relatives who are able to read to them. This way, the message reaches all segments of the community. They also enclose tracts in letters to friends and relatives.

Missions Superintendent in Nova Scotia

Pastor and Mrs. John Carr arrived in Digby, Nova Scotia, January 16, 1976, to begin Bro. Carr's work as interim pastor for eight weeks. They are glad for this opportunity to serve, and are grateful to the Macomb Church for granting them leave of absence.

At this writing, plans are being made for future interim pastors to work here. Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick of Oregon, Illinois, who pastors the Graytown, Wisconsin, Church, will be here for the months of May and June. In July, Pastor John Hearp of the Glad Tidings Church in Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, will come to serve. We are glad for the willingness of those servants of God to come and minister.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Professional Preparation

Each student at Oregon Bible College who is preparing a minor in Pastoral Studies is required to take five hours of a course called "Pastoral Work." This class is designed to bring together the theoretical ideal of pastoral responsibility and the practical aspects of its administration.

The course will acquaint the student with the various problems, responsibilities, and work of the ministry. It includes: the nature of the call to the ministry; the nature of the pastoral office; the minister's private devotional life; his relationship to the church and his parishioners; and also his relationship to the denomination and the community. It explores the areas of: worship, religious education, and ministerial etiquette. In addition to these areas, the student will study: church organization, church finance; working with young people in the church; the role of men's and women's organizations in the church, the responsibilities of pastoral visitation, medical counseling, and the proper way to conduct weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

Not only does the student come to understand the theory of how best to lead in these activities, he also gets a very practical knowledge by actually participating in and practicing directing baptisms, funerals, weddings, and counseling sessions.

Prayer Day

Michael Hoffman and Kathy Anger were in charge of this semester's Prayer Day, held January 29, 1976. The theme chosen for the day was "Power in Prayer." The morning began with breakfast, but no food was served. Instead, the group fasted, and spent the time in prayer for each other and in devotions. The college family then met at the chapel for a time of worshipping God together. There was worship in songs, specials, talks, and readings. The entire group participated in creatively expressing the meaning of prayer in pantomime.

Prayer groups met following the service and prayed specifically for Betsy Moore, who was injured in an automobile accident.

The morning climaxed in a time of testimonies and a meaningful Communion service, administered to each student by another student.

Each member of the college community who participated in Prayer Day experienced a time of refreshing and enrichment which will long be remembered.

Gospel Teams

The play cast of "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops" completed the season with performances in Columbia Station and Dayton, Ohio. Both performances were enjoyed by large audiences.

The gospel teams were also completed by the end of January. A choir, under the direction of Dale Ramsey, has been formed, and will perform a patriotic cantata during the second semester.

Social Activities

The Social Committee has been busy planning social activities for the college students. They've ordered several movies to be shown on weekends. Several students enjoyed a skiing trip and are planning another. The students also had fun at a swimming party. A banquet is planned for February 21.

Spring Schedule

The schedule for the Spring Session of 1976 is: Pastor James Graham, as guest instructor, will teach a course in "Church Evangelism"; Alva Huffer will teach "Art History and Humanities Survey"; "Misused Bible Texts" will be taught by John Lewis; a "Christian Education Seminar" will be taught by Eugene Stilson; and Dale Ramsey will teach a class in "Music Theory."

The Spring Session is from April 26 to May 21, including the Ministerial Conference.

1976 Choral Concert Season

The Chorale, under the direction of Dale Ramsey, began its season with performances at Flagg Center and Rockford, February 8. The rest of its itinerary is: February 13, Morse Mill, MO; February 15, Raymore, MO; February 15, Omaha, NE; February 29, Macomb, IL; February 29, Oregon, IL; March 7, Franklin Grove, IL; March 12, South Bend, IN; March 13, Columbia Station, OH; March 14, Cleveland, OH; March 14, Bedford, OH; March 15, Fort Valley, VA; March 16, Front Royal, VA; March 17, Herndon, VA; March 19, Font-hill, Ont., CAN; March 20, Grand Rapids, MI; March 21, Blanchard, MI; March 31, Aurora, IL; April 2, Lafayette, IN; April 3, Troy, OH; April 4, Springfield, OH; April 11, Lombard, IL; April 11, Aurora, IL.

OBC's Basketball Team

The students have sponsored a college basketball team. It consists of 13 members, plays in a town league, and presently has an 8-6 record.



BYF NEWS



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Youth Week—1975

The annual Youth Week competition was brought to a close at the Post-High Midwinter Retreat, with the selection of the winners from within the competing groups.

This is an event that has been observed in the majority of the Churches of God. The purpose continues to be to allow the young people some experience in leadership roles that are not ordinarily open to them in the churches. To permit them to actively participate in Christian service projects—such as many forms of visitation, witnessing, literature distribution, and community outreach—is beneficial to all concerned. We feel that our churches, as well as our young people, have been blessed through this program.

The suggested date for last year's Youth Week was October 20-26, with the 26th as Youth Sunday. The theme was: "Growing Together in the Lord." Most of our Berean groups observed the suggested week. There are those, however, which, because of conflicting dates or activities, must observe a week other than the one suggested. A total of 18 groups submitted reports to this office. We know of several others who had special activities which involved young people during the week, but failed to report. The following are the groups which sent in reports for consideration: Fredericktown Bereans, Flagg Center Bereans, Pennellwood Intermediate Bereans, Forest Hills Bereans, Oregon Bereans, Blanchard Bereans, McGintytown Bereans, Lawrenceville Senior Youth, Garden Park Bereans, Morning Star Bereans, San Jose Bereans, Morse Mill Bereans, New Hope Bereans, Bedford Bereans, Tempe Bereans, Blood River BYF, Columbia BYF, Hope Chapel Bereans, and the East Peoria Bereans.

The judging of Youth Week reports was handed over to the members of the Youth Advisory Council who were present at the midwinter Retreat. The reports were judged by considering the following points: advance preparation, involvement of membership, media used, literature distributed, outreach, home church participation, activities undertaken in the spiritual and fellowship areas, and Christian service projects.

The Blood River BYF, Springfield, Louisiana, emerged as first-place winner, followed by the Columbia Church of God Bereans, Columbia Station, Ohio. Third place was a tie between the Hope Chapel Bereans, South Bend, Indiana, and the East Peoria Community Bereans, East Peoria, Illinois.

MARCH, 1976

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School manuals, seven in all, have been printed and assembled. They are now ready for mailing. Several orders have already been filled. The cost of each manual is \$1.25, which adds up to a full set cost of \$8.75. These manuals include volumes for: 1) director; 2) preschool and kindergarten; 3) first and second grades; 4) third and fourth grades; 5) sixth and seventh grades; 6) seventh and eighth grades; and 7) high school. Each manual is especially prepared for the director and teacher, with many ideas and helps for each group. There will be no book for each child as in the past, but rest assured that there is much work outlined for each child. The elimination of a book for each child was carried out upon the advice of many Sunday school and vacation Bible school teachers.

Each pastor and Sunday school superintendent should have received a sample copy in the mail. The printing in the finished manuals is much better than that in the sample. Why not order a full set now, and examine them? The cost of \$8.75 is about what a sample set would cost from any publishing house. The Sunday School Board members are of the opinion that these manuals are what many have been asking for for the past five years. Please support your Sunday School Board and the Church of God General Conference by using these materials.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meetings

Directors and teachers from the central Indiana churches—Hillisburg, Kokomo, and Lafayette—are having a meeting on Friday night, February 27. There may be a similar meeting at Hedrick on Thursday, February 26. A planning meeting is also scheduled for Saturday, February 28, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Lawrenceville Church of God. Area churches—Brush Creek; Columbus; Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton; Pleasant Hill; North Hills; and Troy View—have been invited. Your Sunday School Director will have charge of the meetings in Indiana, and will be assisted at Lawrenceville by Scott Ross, a member of the Sunday School Board. These meetings are helpful to all of us.

Sunday School Board Busy

Three members of the Sunday School Board and your Sunday School Director taught in the Christian Workers' Seminar, held at Camp Mack, February 29 - March 6. On Monday night, March 1, a board meeting was held, with all members present.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Litchfield, MN. It was my pleasure to baptize Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wetherall, January 23, 1976, for the remission of their sins. Gary and Mary Ann were received into fellowship at the Litchfield Church of God by Pastor Stanley Lawrence. This young husband and wife hold to high moral standards and exhibit sterling qualities. They will be valuable additions to the Litchfield Church of God. We pray that God's blessings and his Holy Spirit will be with them to give them triumph over all evil as they walk the Christian life together. Harry Sheets.

Raymore, MO. Jack, Fran, and Robin Morris responded to the invitation of Christ and entered into him in the waters of baptism, January 11, 1976. We are happy for them and with them in the gracious provision of God. May their lives continue to witness of his goodness unto the day of Christ's coming, which will unfold the "exceeding riches of his grace." Don Ward, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. Kevin Kelly was baptized July 27, 1975; November 25, 1975, Ronald Rockey was baptized; and on December 30, 1975, Brian Smith was baptized. All were immersed by Bro. Carl Roth. We pray God's blessing on these young men in their new walk of life. May God continue to work with them and through them. Margaret Ware, secretary.

Phoenix, AZ. Jimmy Boley and Colette Loeffler were baptized into Christ for remission of sins, January 25, 1976. Praise God for these two additions. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Brush Creek, OH. On December 7, 1975, Rose Wright confessed her faith in Jesus Christ by means of baptism. We rejoice with her and pray that God will use her in his service in the coming years. Dick Worley, pastor.

Bedford, OH. The Bedford Church of the Open Bible is happy to tell you of our joy in the Lord. Faith Taylor and Karl Schuld were baptized into Christ by the pastor the morning of January 18, 1976. This brings our membership to 48. We rejoice with God and his heavenly angels for these new friends in the faith. Dave Cheatwood, pastor.

Troy View, OH. Sheila Gallagher, Mark Gallagher, and Kevin Rademachir were baptized December 14, 1975. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holapeter, Yvonna and James Lucas, Daniel and Dennis Brewer, Karl and Kevin Burnside, and David Demmitt were baptized December 21, 1975. All were received into the fellowship of Troy View Church of God at a special candle-light Communion service, January 11, 1976. Scott Ross, pastor.

MARRIAGES

Beverly Bartkoski became the bride of David Schroeder in a double-ring ceremony at the Bible Church of God in Phoenix, AZ, January 31, 1976. That God will richly bless them and help them to establish their home on the Lord Jesus Christ is our prayer. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

In a beautiful and touching ceremony, January 31, 1976, Mrs. Lucille Appleby and Mr. Ernest Boyer were united in marriage at the Fort Valley Church of God, with only the family attending. Various family members took part in the service and the reception which followed. We wish them a very happy life together. James Mattison, pastor.

MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE

January 24, 1976, was the date of a very busy and inspiring day, when the Michigan State Conference Board officers met. The day started with a 7:30 breakfast at the Garden Park Church.

The Board awarded a scholarship to Rick Williams of Grand Rapids and Gary Smith of Blanchard.

The OBC internship program was discussed at length. Suggestions as to what we would like to see accomplished in the area were made.

A review of the Michigan Conference's ten-year plans was made, with plans for future goals to be submitted at our next meeting, which is to be March 19, 20 at Pennellwood.

The annual business meeting will be June 5, at Southlawn.

The state constitution was revised, with several amendments to be presented at the annual meeting.

The day was concluded with a 5:30 supper. Frances Wood, 2nd vice-president.

OBITUARIES

Funeral services were held at the Church of God in Eden Valley, MN, Monday, December 9, 1975, for Esther Luella Jones, who died Friday, December 5, at the Paynesville hospital. Had she lived another ten days, she would have reached her one hundred first birthday.

Mrs. Jones was born in Olmstead County, December 19, 1874, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Matheny. She was brought to Eden Valley at the age of five years, before Eden Valley was a town. She was united in marriage December 31, 1895, to John W. Jones. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Irma Coasairt of Paynesville; Fay W. Jones of Eden Valley; and Mrs. Iris Erickson of Minneapolis. Also surviving are five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

She taught school in Meeker and Stearns Counties when young, sang in the Church of God choir for over fifty years, and taught Sunday school for forty years. She spent much of her life on the home farm, just north of Eden Valley, except for a few years near the end of her life when she lived in rest homes.

Pastor Billie Kennedy officiated at the funeral. Spring interment will be in the Old Eden Lake Cemetery.

She wrote the following poem, which Pastor Kennedy read at her funeral:

I'm nearing the end of my journey,
I'm on the last mile of the way;
But I can glimpse a beautiful sunset
That will come at the close of my day.

I have loved the bright golden morning,
I have toiled in the noonday sun;
But now at the close of the evening,
I'm glad that my work is done.

So I'll fold my robes around me,
Lie down and sleep for awhile.
In God's beautiful morning he will wake me,
And I'll greet you all with a smile.

Blanche Brossard, reporter.

Ivan Seman fell asleep in death on December 31, 1975, following an illness of several weeks. Ivan was a faithful member and worker of the Brush Creek Church of God, near Tipp City, Ohio, serving as evangelism chairman, trustee, and working on any job that needed to be done. He had a deep faith in his Lord and was looking for his return. We sorrow now, but look

forward to that day when "the dead in Christ shall rise first." Dick Worley, pastor.

C. ALAN McLAIN



Bro. C. Alan McLain of Russellville, AR, died January 23, 1976, at his home in Russellville. Born April 5, 1911, at Mount Sterling, IL, he was the son of the late Lenvil McLain and Alta Moody McLain. His church membership was with the McGintytown Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. He is survived by his wife Doris; one daughter, Miss Alana McLain; and one brother, James McLain of Alliance, Nebraska; also many other relatives and friends.

He was one of the first four graduates of Oregon Bible College, Oregon, IL. After his graduation, he served the Dixon, IL, Church of God for six years. During this time, he was president of the National Ministerial Association, president of Oregon Bible College Alumni Association, and vice-president of the Dixon Ministerial Association.

He later served a church group near Russellville, for one year. From 1949 to 1952 he pastored the Oak Grove Church, the Twin Lake Church, and the Bear Church. Since then, he has served the Cleveland Church, the Lord's Schoolhouse Church near Morrilton, the Walnut Grove Church of Havana, the Clark's Chapel Church near Magazine, and the McGintytown Church, where he served as pastor for twenty-five years. He helped inspire this congregation to construct a new church building. He served as president of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference of the Church of God for three years. He traveled and ministered to all of these congregations, even though at times he did not receive enough money to pay his gasoline expense. At the time of his death, he was serving the groups at Cleveland and the Lord's Schoolhouse.

Bro. McLain was highly respected and dearly loved by many, many people throughout the Church of God and in the communities where he lived and served. He trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and dedicated his life to the service of God. He found God's grace and blessing, and rejoiced in them. He looked forward with joy to the return of Jesus and the establishment of God's kingdom throughout the world. He was laid to rest near Russellville, to await the coming of the Lord and resurrection to immortal life.

Dean H. Moore.

OBITUARIES

Sr. Addie McConnell Jones of Little Rock, AR, died January 1, 1976. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Ammie McDougal of Little Rock, and Mrs. Vinnie Leffingwell of Cabot; one brother, Dave McConnell of Little Rock; one sister, Mrs. Ola Hughes of North Little Rock; seven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. She was baptized by Bro. C. J. Shaw, and became an active member of the Oak Grove Church of God, and later of the New Hope Church of God in Little Rock. She looked forward to the coming of Christ and the establishment of the kingdom of God. She was laid to rest in the Pine Crest Cemetery near Little Rock, to await the fulfillment of God's promises. Dean H. Moore.

CHRISTIAN PRISONER'S ASSOCIATION



The Christian Prisoner's Association is an organization of people who are concerned about the spiritual welfare of those who are incarcerated in local jails, penitentiaries, or other correctional institutions. This organization came into being by reason of the efforts of Eunice Pearson and Elaine Handspiker of Digby, N.S., and Walter Johnson, then an inmate of Stony Mountain Penitentiary. After three years, in which much work was done and many letters written, the C.P.A. (Christian Prisoner's Association) was officially recognized by the Canadian government, and a charter issued, September 1, 1975.

The purpose of the C.P.A. is to present the gospel to those in correctional institutions, to visit them when possible, to encourage them with letters and Christian literature, and to show kindness and love, that they may know that others care.

Anyone who would be interested in joining the C.P.A. should write to Christian Prisoner's Association, Box 803, Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, B0V 1A0.

There is much that can be done: such as writing letters; visitation; and kindred other things. Inspiration for forming this organization came about through finding a great interest expressed by prisoners who want correspondence with people who are living everyday lives outside of institutions. Many also responded to the promotion of the Systematic Bible Study Course. Several have taken the course; others are continually being enrolled.

To the readers of *Progress Journal*, we present the basic concepts of the organization. We ask you to consider becoming a part of a growing spiritual fellowship, dedicated to the purpose of sharing Christ and his teachings with men and women who are behind bars; to show them that he cares for and loves them, and wants their love in return.

MARCH, 1976

BICENTENNIAL TRACT

An attractive Bicentennial tract is now in the hands of the printer and should be available very soon. It boasts a two-colored cover and a message that is brief and to the point. It will be available free, as a part of your General Conference's free literature distribution program. Order from: The Restitution Herald, Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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FROM OUR MAIL

From Welling, England

The following is taken from a letter which Bro. S. O. Ross received from A. O. Hudson, editor of *The Bible Study Monthly*, published in Welling, Kent, England: "We recently received from one of our readers in the United States a few leaflets published by your good-selves, including one entitled 'Your Introduction to the Church of God,' from which we perceive that your outlook in the Scriptures and the doctrines of the Faith are very much in line with that for which our own journal stands and which we, in our very small way, are trying to promulgate in this country." Mr. Hudson then suggested an exchange agreement between *Bible Study Monthly* and *The Restitution Herald*. He also extended to us the privilege of copying from publications which he edits, provided only that we give proper credit for them.

From Jersey, Channel Islands

"The article by Hazel Cramer in December's magazine was a very sound warning on the evils of divorce." The letter was signed by F. B. Murfin, Holly Lodge, Five Oaks, Jersey, Channel Islands. He approved of Sr. Cramer's article, but insisted that the Bible does not permit divorce for any cause. It is not our purpose to argue the question here, but merely to point out how far the printed word travels, and the influence that it may have.

From Decatur, Michigan

Typographical errors travel just as far as does the literature which contains them. This letter starts out: "I read *The Restitution Herald* from cover to cover each month. For some time I have felt that a problem should be corrected." The letter goes on to point out that scriptural references are sometimes given incorrectly, i.e., are not found where the article designates. It ends with the words: "Our *Herald* carries such a wonderful message. Please, let's have it perfect."

Not wishing to embarrass the writer, we have withheld the name. We have assured the writer that we will be extra careful about this. However, as long as *The Herald* is prepared and published by imperfect people, it will likely be imperfect in some respects. These references are carefully checked at least three times, but still errors slip through. Unlike misspelled words, which usually don't "look right," numbers can be transposed, left out, or incorrectly written, and still the result is not easily detectable because they look OK, especially to tired eyes that are weary from reading much proof. We promise to be careful, but we cannot promise no mistakes.

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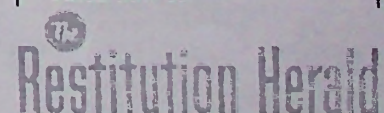
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HONOR CHURCH PROGRAM

Unless more of our churches are interested in making their church a bit more familiar to the readers of *The Restitution Herald*, the May issue will be the last one to contain this feature. The purpose of this feature has been to make the member churches of the General Conference a bit better acquainted with each other. We have given as much attention to the small struggling churches as to the larger, more prosperous ones. It is your editor's conviction that, in the eyes of the Lord, there are no small unimportant churches. Neither should there be in our eyes. Only a small percent of our churches have responded. If your church has not yet done so, we urge you to respond before the feature is terminated. We wish as many of the following as are available. A picture of your

first church building; a picture of your present building; a picture of your first pastor; a picture of your present pastor; a brief history of your church; an as-yet unpublished article by your present pastor.

Make the pictures black and white if possible. As alternative, send the negative of a color picture. As a final resort, send a picture in color.

HAMMOND AREA TELEVISED

In the February issue of *Progress Journal*, mention was made of the Hammond, LA, area having been televised for a segment of the ABC program, "Almost Anything Goes." The exact date of that airing has been determined. It will be shown Saturday, March 13. If you are interested in the Louisiana property owned by the General Conference, you will see nearby spots.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Jane Gufstafson; Tammy Smith; Terri Sue Cooper; Lisa Cooper; Lucille Kennard; Mrs. Cathy Griffin; Mrs. Nelson Wag-ganer; Browne B. Toe; Sheila Gallagher; Mrs. Ruth Elkins.

ROUND TUITS AVAILABLE

Round tuits are available for \$1.00 per 100, postage paid when payment accompanies order. Order from J. Don Swartz, 5832 McKensie Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070.

Editor's note: In case you are not familiar with round tuits, they are for people who are going to work for the Lord just as soon as they get around to it.

Contributors to the General Conference: January, 1976

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| Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey | 60.00 | Eldorado Church | 102.71 | Mr & Mrs Wilfred Cambre | 21.30 | Anonymous | 31.00 |
| Lawrenceville Senior Youth | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs A E Karnett | 220.00 | Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell | 80.00 | Anonymous | 75.00 |
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| Oregon Church | 756.90 | Mrs John Waterman | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Doan | 80.00 | Bedford Church | 99.73 |
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| Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson | 50.00 | Mildred Somers | 45.00 | Mr & Mrs John Hearp | 257.00 | grade SS class | 6.81 |
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| Mrs John Prak | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood | 13.50 | Oregon Mary & Martha | 75.00 | Mrs Ruth Reid | 15.00 |
| Southeast Conf | 271.48 | Cool Spring Dorcas | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous | 95.00 | Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners | 20.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Elmo Gaspar | 300.00 | Mrs Gladys Volentine | | Mr & Mrs Richard Fridley | 61.50 | Golden Rule SS | 78.46 |
| Rkfd Blessed Hope Church | 82.15 | in memory of Addie Jones | 15.00 | Mr & Mrs C E Randall | 30.00 | Phoenix Bible Church | 2,246.00 |
| Lawrenceville Church | 260.55 | Mrs Gladys Volentine | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs C E Lapp | 60.00 | Mr & Mrs William Tierney | 100.00 |
| Clayton Browning | 15.00 | Edith Eades | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback | 76.35 | William Loy | 1.00 |
| Graytown Dorcas Circle | 10.00 | Eden Valley Dorcas | 5.00 | Litchfield SS | 18.81 | Mrs Leland Wendroth | 5.00 |
| May White | 22.98 | Linda Jones | 20.30 | Anonymous | 40.00 | San Jose Church | 66.00 |
| Conger St Church | 27.00 | Mrs Frank Fauntleroy | 3.00 | Mr & Mrs Mike Hall | 58.00 | Pleasant Hill Church | 136.82 |
| Mr & Mrs John Huston, Sr | 50.00 | Minn State Miss Soc | 375.00 | D Elaine Poole | 55.26 | Tessa Laning | 100.00 |
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| Beth Tackett | 15.00 | Leota Hanson | 10.00 | Verne Berry | 5.00 | Gladys Emigh | 5.05 |
| Verna Freeman | 30.00 | Tim Hover | 2.50 | Hazel Cripe | 25.00 | Evelyn Barr | 15.00 |
| Happy Woods Church | 105.62 | Nina Hatcher | 5.00 | Blanchard Miss Soc | 25.00 | Mrs Mabel Bell | 35.00 |
| Burr Oak Church | 655.00 | Debbie Blanken | 1.00 | North Hills Church | 86.36 | S P Dismukes | 50.00 |

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Given to Hospitality

An Editorial

ONE OF THE THINGS that often impresses strangers when they visit one of the Churches of God is the evident love and esteem that the members have one for the other. This is good, and highly commendable. It should be encouraged. But, unfortunately, it sometimes seems equally evident to these same visitors that the membership is only mildly interested in, and sometimes distinctly cool toward, visitors with whom they are not acquainted. The members do not deliberately snub them; they simply gather together in little groups with their close friends and ignore the visitors. The result is that the visitors leave with the distinct impression that no one in the church really cared whether they were there or not. This is inhospitality!

Though the Bible contains many fine examples of hospitality, the word itself appears in our King James Version of the Bible only four times. Twice it is pointed out as one of the characteristics of one who is qualified to be a bishop (overseer), and twice it appears as an admonition to all Christians. (Read 1 Tim. 3:1, 2; Titus 1:7, 8; Rom. 12:9-13; 1 Pet. 4:8-10.)

According to the Greek word that is translated "hospitality" in each case, simply inviting people into our home or into our church is not, in and of itself, hospitality. In the New Testament the word "hospitality" is translated from the Greek word *philoxenos*, or *philonexia*. About the nearest that we can get to an exact translation of the word is "the love of guests." We are not really exercising hospitality until that love becomes clearly evident to our guests. The same word is translated as "entertain strangers" in Hebrews 13:1, 2. When this same passage

speaks of entertaining angels, another Greek word is used. It is *xenizo*, which means "to be a host."

It would be possible to entertain guests in our homes regularly and well, without ever once being hospitable. This could come about if we were entertaining them even though we were doing so reluctantly. Having guests does not necessarily make us lovers of guests.

We all know, from experience, that entertaining guests in our homes is a family project. We depend upon every member of the family to help make the guests feel welcome and comfortable in our midst. Even when the guests are people we love, it requires thoughtfulness and consideration to accomplish this.

When we transfer this principle to our "church home" and "Christian family," we begin to understand that extending hospitality to visitors in the church is the privilege and responsibility of every member. We are not exercising our hospitality when visitors are in Sunday school or worship services simply because we invited them there. Only when we happily assume responsibility for helping them feel welcome and comfortable in our midst are we being hospitable. We must remember that they feel strange. They are not familiar with the routines that have become so much a part of us. They are fearful of feeling embarrassed because they don't know which class to attend, where the class meets, or even the name of its teacher. It is up to us to help. The same is true of the worship service. Visitors, typically, are unsure of their status and ill at ease. They will appreciate our kindness and volunteer assistance.

Some of us are naturally shy in the pres-

ence of strangers. We are afraid to speak, lest we say the wrong thing and so offend them that they will never come back. This is, of course, a remote possibility, but highly unlikely if we remember the Golden Rule, and seek to treat them as we would want to be treated if we were in their place.

This is not the time to interrogate our guests with regard to their doctrinal convictions, and much less to seek to correct any views that the guests may express which we feel are in error. When they feel sure of our regard for them, and comfortable in our companionship, they will much more readily and comfortably discuss doctrine with us. At the moment, they are gaining impressions of us as a church family. Do they want to make ours their church home? Have they been sufficiently impressed with our attitudes and behavior to want to come back next Sunday? For the time being, they are much more concerned about our attitudes than they are about the doctrines which prompt them.

We will get to know them much faster in an informal atmosphere. Let us invite them to our homes if we would love the situation thus brought into existence, welcoming the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with some newly found friends. When we have established with them a mutual love and trust, we will still want to continue our hospitality toward them, and hopefully enjoy their hospitality as well. In any event, because we were lovers of guests, we have made spiritually profitable contacts.

"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God" (Rom. 15:7).

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Directors

John E. Fauntleroy of Hammond, Louisiana, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference at the annual Conference session in August, 1975. He is married to the former Eliska Anthon, and they have three sons and one daughter.

Brother Fauntleroy was born in Springfield, Louisiana, to Sherman and Allie Fauntleroy. He was baptized at the Blood River Church of God early in his life, and was a member there for some years. He graduated from the Ponchatoula High School, and studied for two years at Southeastern University and one year at Louisiana State University.

After their marriage, Brother and Sister Fauntleroy moved to the Hammond area. They are now members of the Happy Woods Church of God, where Brother Fauntleroy has served as an elder for several years.

Jay, as he is generally called, is an instrument specialist with the Shell Oil Company, and works with the oil drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Brother Fauntleroy is a dedicated Christian, a diligent worker in the Happy Woods Church, and is a strong addition to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

General Conference Theme

The Program Committee for the 1976 Church of God General Conference sessions has met. The theme for the Conference will be "Heritage of Our Faith." The evening messages will deal with the heritage of the Church of God, from Abraham to the coming of the Lord and the establishment of the kingdom of God. A musicale on Thursday night will be on "Our Heritage in Music."

The June Progress Journal will carry the full program, the recommendations to the General Conference Delegates, and all other pertinent information to the

Conference. Reservations for cabins at General Conference will be accepted after May 1.

Board of Director's Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, IL, April 29 and 30. The program for the 1976 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 this meeting should contact the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, or one of the Board members, prior to the meeting.

The seven members of the Board of Directors come from six states: Minnesota, Michigan, South Carolina, Nebraska, Arizona, and Louisiana. There are three pastors, a farmer, a banker, a businessman, and an instrument specialist, which makes for a very representative Board.

Department Boards Meet

The Sunday School Board met during the Christian Workers' Seminar at Camp Mack, in Indiana, in March. It also will meet during Ministerial Conference. The Oregon Bible College Board of Education will meet during Ministerial Conference, and the Mission Board will hold a meeting at that time also. Each of the members of these boards gives generously of his time to study the needs and promote the work of the Church of God General Conference.

Conference Finances

Giving for the month of March has dropped back somewhat, and is nearly nine thousand dollars short of the goal. We trust that the membership will make this a matter of prayer and concern, that the total needs will be met. We express our thanks to all who do contribute regularly to provide the Conference finances.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for March | \$25,724.00 |
| Given in March | 17,205.00 |
| March Deficit | 8,519.00 |
| April Needs | 18,333.00 |

Goal for April \$26,852.00

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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).

Nova Scotia Storm

The worst windstorm remembered hit the Maritime Provinces February 2, 1976. Hurricane-force winds, up to 118 miles per hour, buffeted Nova Scotia, causing damages estimated at close to \$50 million.

The Digby Neck area (a peninsula and several islands southwest of Digby) was declared a disaster area. Many fishermen lost their boats and thereby their livelihood. Buildings and wharves were washed away, as well as thousands of lobsters and traps.

Our Lighthouse Church of God stands on the highest point in Digby, and feels the effects of the wind, even on ordinary days. It lost half of the heavy plastic siding on two sides of the building. Insurance will be of help in repairing the damage.

We are grateful to the Lord for his protection and are thankful that there were no serious injuries or deaths.

Interim Workers

My husband and I enjoyed our time spent in Digby. We are glad for the opportunity to become acquainted with the brethren of the Lighthouse Church of God.

We are grateful that Bro. V. E. Kirkpatrick was able to go to Digby earlier than planned. He was able to begin serving March 21, and will continue through June.

Baptisms in Ghana

We are happy to report the recent baptism of two men, Bonasultra Blavo and Daniel Addeh. Bro. Blavo is registrar in the Ghana Judicial Service. He has been studying our Sunday school quarterlies, booklets, and tracts for nine months. Bro. Addeh is at the Teacher Training College in Jasikan. Both of these men are presently enrolled in the Systematic Bible Study Course. Pray for them, as they continue their study and grow in the Christian faith.

The Kipsigis

Recently, I read an interesting article written by Richard Adkins, missionary to the Kipsigis tribe in Kenya, East Africa. He had made a trip through the dense bamboo forest with two porters and two guides from this tribe. In the evening, they sat around the campfire and talked about the various customs and religious beliefs of the Kipsigis people. Some very interesting things were revealed.

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Nearly every grouping of mankind has in its history the story of a flood covering the earth. The Kipsigis do also. In fact, they can trace the migration of their people from the site of Noah's ark, through Canaan, and up the Nile Valley into East Africa! But they tell an additional story. Long ago, their enslaved ancestors escaped their captors. As they were fleeing, they came to a large body of water. When they thought that all was lost, the waters parted and the fugitives crossed over. As their enemies began to pursue them, the waters closed and drowned them. The Kipsigis people say that their leader was named "Musa" (Arabic derivative for Moses)! It is interesting to recall that the Bible says a "mixed multitude" went up out of Egypt at the Exodus.

The Kipsigis consider the pig unclean, and offer blood sacrifices for wrongdoing. They do not worship idols or carved images, but believe in a Supreme being, Creator of the world. Their prayers are addressed to Asis, the sun, who represents that Power. Asis has a son, who shall some day come to rule the earth as a Prince, bringing peace to all nations and tribes.

But these things are about all that remain of what their ancestors learned from their Israelitish neighbors. The events of Romans 1:18-25 happened to this people. They chose to forsake righteousness and go their own way. They began to attribute bad things that happened—drought, flood, sickness—to evil spirits. This people became fearful and felt obligated to appease these spirits. So the first missionaries to the Kipsigis found them in spiritual darkness, having lost the light and the way back to God.

Mr. Adkins told his four companions about the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, who had come. He told how Christ had died for their sins and rose from the dead, and that he wants to save them.

The four Africans did not accept Christ that night. Prayers continue to go up to God for them, as missionaries labor to bring the saving knowledge of our Savior.

Circumstances

Circumstances may provide a convenient excuse for not sharing the gospel with others. But circumstances seem to favor those who, through dedication to God and his Word, are prepared to share it when opportunities arise. Learn the way of salvation well, and God will open the way to teach it to others.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Spring Session

The Spring Session of the Oregon Bible College school year begins Monday, April 26, and continues until Friday, May 21. During this block of time, students will have opportunities to participate in the following classes: Ministerial Conference Sessions; Church Evangelism, taught by James Graham; Art History and Humanities Survey, taught by Alva Huffer; Christian Education Seminar, with Eugene Stilson; Misused Bible Texts, with John Lewis; and Music Theory, taught by Dale Ramsey.

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet during the week of April 26-30. They will be discussing the internship program, developmental goals, and long-range planning and development.

Graduating Students

Ten students will be graduating from Oregon Bible College May 21. These students are: Richard Alcumbrack; Kathy Jo Cooper; Carl Jennings; Pam Jennings; Larry Mayberry; Scott Millard; Dan Ryan; Gary Smith; Linda Whaley; and Richard Williams. Commencement will be held at the Oregon Church of God.

Annual Banquet

The Oregon Bible College annual banquet was held at Bishop's Cafeteria in Rockford on February 21. The college community enjoyed a fine meal, and then gathered at the women's residence for fellowship.

Juniors and Seniors Visit Oregon Bible College

High School juniors and seniors from around the country have been visiting Oregon Bible College. Instead of visiting as one group, each state or area was assigned one week, during which qualifying students could visit the college, stay in the dorms, and attend the classes. This program began in February and ended in the middle of March. We enjoyed the visits of those who came, and hope that Oregon Bible College may be part of their future.

Spring Break

The entire college enjoyed the spring break, March 13-21. Students involved in the Chorale headed east on a tour that included Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, Fonthill, and Michigan. Other students traveled to their homes to enjoy their families. Still others remained in Oregon to fulfill job responsibilities. The break from studies

and a busy schedule was needed and welcomed by everyone.

Pastoral Internship Program

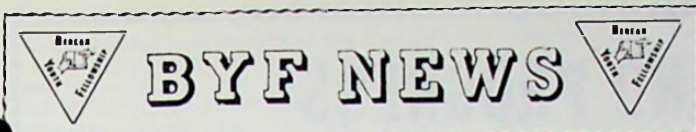
The Pastoral Internship Program of Oregon Bible College is a pilot project, initiated this year for the purpose of giving graduate students practical experience as they prepare to enter the ministry of the Church of God. It is our hope that, through this program, students will gain much practical knowledge and many skills directly related to pastoral abilities. Through this program, the students will learn to apply the theoretical knowledge they have gained during their four years of Bible College education. The internship program places the student in a one-to-one relationship with a professional pastor. Through this close personal contact and guidance, he will receive direction and encouragement, while testing his own abilities.

The college will maintain complete administration and control of the program, asking for the cooperation of ministers and churches. The college will select the churches and ministers to participate in the program. Those selected will be asked to participate on a year-by-year basis.

A pastoral internship manual will serve as a guide for both students and cooperating pastors. The manual outlines the specific duties and areas of participation in which the student is to be involved in the local church. Initially, the internship program will be entered voluntarily. We hope that soon we may require it of all graduating pastoral studies majors.

The means for financing the internship program has not been determined. In these first years, we are asking the churches that cooperate in the program to provide some funds for the support of the students who intern in their church. We feel that churches should not think that they are hiring an assistant pastor when a student interns at their church. Certainly, both students and churches will benefit from this internship program. However, any funds that they provide should be considered a gift on the part of the church, not viewed as payment for work that the student is doing. We feel that this arrangement is necessary, to maintain the freedom and integrity of the internship program.

This year, Scott Millard will be interning at the Happy Woods Church in Hammond, LA; Dick Alcumbrack will intern at Pennellwood in Grand Rapids, MI; and Carl Jennings will be interning in Oregon, IL.



BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Love One Another As I Have Loved You

The above is the theme for the 1976 International Berean Youth Conference, to be held July 18-24 at Camp Alexander Mack and the Shipshewana Retreat Center. Camp Mack will again be an all high school camp, grades 9-12, and the Shipshewana Retreat Center will host the post-high through age 25.

This year's camp staff, 48 in number, is already formulated and I know that they are eagerly awaiting this great week. The staff includes Jim and Karen Babcock, Mike and Denise Berry, Jim and Charleen Graham, Milon and Joan Hall, Ray and Sue Hall, Hugh and Mary Harman, Carl and Pam Jennings, Loie and Martha Jones, Danny and Carola Landry, Scott and Shelly Millard, Don and Becky Needham, Charles and Lois Pryor, Russ and Gayle Reye, Mark and Debbie Ryan, Norman and Mary Tierney, Joe and Jeanette White, David and Janis Wilsterman, Joe Astolfi, Francis Burnett, Dallas Demmitt, Joe Duncan, Betty Hall, Myra Hamilton, Billie Kennedy, Lynne Krogh, John Lewis, Telve Lippert, Joe Myers, Willis Turner, Pat Warner, and Sharon Wilkins.

We certainly appreciate the willingness of these folks to take time out of their busy schedules to work with our young people.

We also appreciate the many others who have expressed their desire to be involved at this year's camp by sending in an application. We were blessed this year with a large number of applications. Unfortunately we were not able to use them all. We do want to encourage those who applied this year to apply again next year, as our intent is to involve as many in this unique experience as we can.

The conference program is, for the most part, already worked out. We are planning to do some new and exciting things. I am sure that all the young people, as well as the staff, will be blessed in more ways than one. We are asking everyone to help us to promote this year's Berean Youth Conference by talking it up in the local churches, as well as with the young people themselves. You might give a great deal of encouragement by offering some financial help to a young person. We not only appreciate your help in promoting Youth Conference; we also solicit your prayer support for this most important youth program.

Dates: July 18-24, 1976

Registration Begins: 2:00 p.m. on July 18

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

Praise God! Praise God!

The third annual Christian Workers' Seminar, held at Camp Alexander Mack, February 29 through March 6, 1976, was fabulous. The learning and unique fellowship in Christ made for a most rewarding week.

Forty-eight persons, representing nine states and twenty-two churches and Sunday schools, were in attendance. Ohio sent the most people, with eighteen present. Garden Park Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, had the largest enrollment from one congregation, with seven. Attending from Garden Park were Ken and Sue Holsinger, Dale Elzinga, Dianne Noorman, Dorothy Siple, Shirley McClain, and Ray Hall. From Blanchard, Michigan, came Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eldred; from Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton, Ohio: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Jay, Ila Harris (and lead dog), Suzanne Teske, Grace Cain, and Elaine Magaw. From Troy View, Troy, Ohio, were Gayle Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rademachir, Sheila Gallagher, Betty Newnam, and Linda Lucas. Lawrenceville, Ohio, sent Joan Hall and Judy Domigan. Representing Columbia Station, Ohio, were Joyce Magaw and Merle Patrick. Attending from the Brush Creek Church, Tipp City, Ohio, was Dorothy Demmitt. Verna Stine came from Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Indiana sent the following: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harvey of Kokomo; Ben Mattison of Morning Star Church; Marj Overmyer from Burr Oak, and Mildred Macy of North Salem. Missourians in attendance were Nina Hatcher, St. Louis; Don Ward, Joe Sheely, and Mr. and Mrs. George Sheely, of Raymore and Kansas City. Two were from Arkansas: Dan Landry of McGintytown and Jeanette White of the New Hope Church at Little Rock. The two from Nebraska were Kay Johns of Omaha and Nancy Johns of Fremont. Illinois contributed four: Margaret Duval of Lombard; and Peggy Ross, Margene Rager, and Iris Burnett of Oregon. From Virginia came Ron Macy and Wayne Carroll, representing Eternal Hope Church at Herndon. Carroll Bennett was from Eden Valley, Minnesota.

Mrs. Carol (Ruby) Bennett and Edith Eades from Eden Valley, Minnesota, were cooks. Instructors were: Joyce Knapp, "Creative Bible Study"; Scott Ross, "Creative Bible Study Number Two" (class for returning students); Dallas Demmitt, "Growing Teachers Lead Growing Students"; S. O. Ross, "Church of God History and Organization"; James Graham, "Advancing the Small Church"; Francis Burnett, "How to Use the Bible With Helps" and "Misused Texts."

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



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The following are available for a call to a pastorate:

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BAPTISMS

Bedford, OH. The Church of the Open Bible gladly shares with our brethren at large the baptism of Miss Teri Polzer into Christ. Earlene Polser, Jeri Handershot, and Richard Richter were also accepted into our fellowship by letter. This brings our membership to fifty-two. A record attendance of fifty-seven in Sunday school was set on the Sunday of February 1. We thank God for the blessings to us, and to you.
 David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Wyoming, MI. We rejoice and thank God for the baptism of Sandy Quint on January 25, 1976, and Mrs. Shirley Kruis, on February 1.
 Mike Berry, pastor.

Blanchard, MI. Our church has experienced the thrill of watching five persons receive Christ as their Savior in the past two weeks. On February 15, 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Malish (LuAnn) were immersed. On the following Sunday morning, Bradley Eldred, Timothy Fish, and Toni Helmer came up from the waters of baptism as new creatures in Christ. Don Needham, pastor.

Fonthill, Ont. Our hearts rejoiced as Ine Devries confessed Christ as her Savior, and was baptized in his name for the forgiveness of sins. May God's richest blessing be upon her as she begins her walk with him. John Hearp, pastor.

Front Royal, VA. At the close of the morning service, February 8, 1976, Brother Francis E. Fletcher was baptized before the congregation, to signify his being buried with Christ and risen with him through faith of the operation of God, who raised Christ from the dead. We pray God's blessings on him and his family, who have been faithfully attending the services of the Royal Village Church for many months.
 C. A. Smead, pastor.

Pelzer, SC. On Sunday morning, January 11, 1976, Jerry and Elizabeth Epps came forward and presented themselves for baptism. That afternoon, they were baptized by the pastor into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins. Jerry and Elizabeth live at Rt 1, Bx 177, Williamston, SC 29687. Sunday, February 1, 1976, Alvin Day came forward for baptism. He was baptized that same afternoon. Alvin lives at Pelzer, SC. We pray the Lord's blessing on these ones as they serve the Lord with us.
 Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. Beverly Schroeder was buried with Christ in Christian baptism February 29, 1976. Beverly was united in marriage with

David Schroeder January 31, 1976, and we are especially thankful that they are now united in the Lord.
 Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

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FROM OUR MAIL

From Victoria, Australia

After mentioning a contribution for the new dormitory building, and for the expense of publishing *The Restitution Herald*, Bro. Ron Bray comments:

I am sure you will be interested to know that the magazine is still very welcome to its recipients. Pastor J. H. Finch reads it always with great interest, as do the other folk to whom I give it. On several occasions, extracts from messages contained in *The Restitution Herald* have been quoted in the bulletin of Mooroolbark Baptist Church.

I would love to see you all again, but such opportunity does not seem to be probable, as my wife's health is rather poor—heart trouble, I'm afraid. She is soon ill if she is too active. We are hoping to go to New Caledonia for a holi-

day soon. That is a French possession, about three hours by jet from Sydney, which is about as far as we dare go at present.

We are just in our summer and the weather is quite abnormal in much of the continent. This morning's news mentioned a ranch in western Queensland, where in two days there fell a normal two years rainfall. Alice Springs, in our 'dry heart' is cut off by flood waters, and even the city of Townsville on the coast is isolated. Down here in Victoria it is more normal, but the temperature goes up and down like a yo-yo! The last couple of years, the southeast monsoon seems to have come much further south than usual; it usually only reaches to the top of the continent.

My wife joins with me in sending our love in Jesus to you all in Oregon; you are in our prayers.

Sincerely,
 Your brother in Christian service,
 Ron Bray

From the United States Coast Guard Training Center:

CAPE MAY, NJ, FEBRUARY 4, 1976—Chaplain Orville "Wes" Westlund, USN, assigned to the US Coast Guard Training Center, here, as Senior Chaplain, has received his second Coast Guard Unit Commendation award from the Commandant of the Coast Guard for his services during 1975.

A portion of the Citation reads:

"For meritorious service from 7 October 1974 to 15 April 1975 while engaged in fulfilling a broad spectrum of educational commitments in its primary mission of recruit training and in many peripheral administrative and support activities. During this period, personnel of the Training Center, through their sincere and inspired leadership, developed in all hands an exceptional degree of motivation, dedication, and pride in their command. In this endeavor, personnel of the unit innovated procedures which expedited determinations as to physical qualifications of recruits, thus reducing appreciably the number of those in an uncertain status; produced a course content refinement even more responsive in preparing today's youth for service in the Coast Guard; and accorded more dignity to recruits which enhanced their morale at the Training Center and thereafter throughout the Service."

Chaplain Westlund represents the General Conference of the Church of God as a minister to the Armed Forces of the United States.

From Kalamazoo, Michigan

I am enclosing a check . . . as a contribution to your work and also in appreciation of the many blessings I receive from the visit of *The Restitution Herald* you so kindly send me every month.

Wishing you the Lord's richest blessing as you try to serve him. With much Christian love to you all. I remain

Your brother by his grace,
 Dickey A. Depue

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.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Janet Snyder; Mrs. Ruth Tullis; Mr. Steven Johnson; Tamara Speer; Edith Speer; Brenda Speer; Carlis Medley; Alice Curtis; Juanita Storts; Roger Mattus; Gary Bushaw; Mrs. Margaret Polhemus; Dolores Madonna; Mrs. Dorothy Cardwell; Mr. Donald Cardwell; Mrs. Maxine Elkins; Mrs. Tom Glassburn; Mrs. Betty Armstrong.

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OBITUARIES

Ezekiel Albert "Zeke" Durham of Williams-ton, SC, died suddenly February 7, 1976. He was the son of the late George and Bessie Durham. Zeke was a lifetime member of Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, and had served as deacon and trustee of the church. He is survived by his wife and daughter, three sisters, and two brothers. Services were conducted by the pastor, at Guthrie Grove Church, and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Greenville, SC. Our church has lost a faithful member. He will be missed by all who knew him. He rests in the Lord to await the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Will M. Derry of Macomb, IL, died Friday, February 13, 1976, at Cottage Hospital in Galesburg. Funeral services were held on Monday, with Pastor Jesse Pestle officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Mr. Derry was born January 23, 1882, in Fulton County, the son of Moses and Phoebe Hopping Derry. He married Fannie Ellis on April 8, 1906. She preceded him in death. He later married Bessie Church, March 22, 1917. She survives. Also surviving are three sons: Russell, of Kansas City, MO; Virgil, of Macomb; and Sanford, also of Macomb; seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Nora Hopping of Hamburg, IA.
Neva Sue Chockley, reporter.

Mrs. Rubye Moore, of Ed Couch, TX, died at Weslaco, TX, February 28, 1976. She leaves to mourn her death two sisters: Carrie May Robbins of Dallas, TX; and Leila Vohringer of Colorado Springs, CO; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. John G. Hayse of Harlingen, TX. She was laid to rest in the Weslaco, TX, Cemetery to await the call of the Master.
Mrs. John Hayse, reporter.

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OBITUARIES

Clarence E. Manken, who was born in Sand Ridge, IL, June 1, 1882, fell asleep in death, January 31, 1976. He was a longtime member of the Denver First Church of God. Survivors include: his children, Nina Campbell of Fredericktown, MO, Mary Bittner and Barbara Alexander of Arvada, CO, and Grace Walsh of Denver; his sister, Maude Graham of St. Louis, MO; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted. Joseph L. Myers, pastor.

Clyde Lewis was born February 17, 1889, near Argos, Indiana, to William and Elva Lewis. He died February 10, 1976, at the age of 86. In September of 1914, Clyde was married to Hilda Railsback, with whom he shared more than 60 years of marriage. On March 15, 1915, they were both immersed in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. Clyde was originally a member of the old Church of God in Argos,

and later transferred his membership to the Jay Street Church of God in Kokomo. He is survived by his wife Hilda, two sons, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is buried in Lincoln Memory Gardens Cemetery in Indianapolis, where he awaits the resurrection. John Railton, pastor.

Mrs. Bernice Ritenour, 72, a member of the Fort Valley, Virginia, Church of God, died February 18, 1976, after a long illness. She was baptized in the waters of Passage Creek by Bro. S. J. Lindsay, November 28, 1921.

Words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer at a funeral which was held in Front Royal. She was buried in Dry Run Cemetery, beside her husband Roy, who died in 1960. James Mattison, pastor.

Jean Beatrice Christianson was born March 12, 1899, in Story County, Iowa. She was married to Endre Osland in 1917. To this union were born eight children: Opal; Theodore; Olin;

Endre Burtel; Leo; Norma; Milford; and Irene. She was preceded in death by Endre Osland in 1932. In 1941 she married Howard Appleby, in Arlington, Nebraska. A daughter, Shyrl, was born to this union. She leaves to mourn her death her husband; children; and four step-sons, Richard, Leonard, Glen, and Lloyd; twenty-seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; brother Marion of Eugene, Oregon; sister Stella from California; step-mother Emma Christianson; half-brother Jonas; and half-sisters Elgina and Sylvia. Sister Appleby was baptized in the saving name of Jesus in 1942, and was an active and long-time member of the True Gospel Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, in Fremont, Nebraska. Services were conducted by the writer in Fremont. Words of comfort from the Scriptures, relating to our hope of resurrection, were called to the attention of relatives and friends. She was laid to rest in Ridge Cemetery in Fremont to await her Master's call. Albert D. Harper.

Contributors to the General Conference: February, 1976

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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

FROM THE SIDELINES

UNQUESTIONABLY, Oregon Bible College is *one* of the most popular, if not *the* most popular, of all of the continuing activities of the Church of God General Conference. When we consider how closely the college is bound up with the future of both the young people who attend, and of the teaching of those precious truths upon which our faith is based, this is not surprising. The brethren have demonstrated that they believe this by encouraging young people to attend Oregon Bible College, and by liberally contributing to the financial needs of the college. This is highly commendable. They are entitled to a realistic appraisal of what they may logically expect of the college in return.

Your editor is not directly associated with the college (i.e., not on the staff or any of the committees that deal with it). I am, however, in a favorable position to make certain observations from the sidelines.

It is a foregone conclusion that when we send our young people to a Bible college, we want them to develop an intimate, working knowledge of what the Bible contains. We also agree that specialized courses should prepare those who plan to enter the Christian ministry to deal effectively with the opportunities and problems that they will encounter after graduation. It is our hope that those who do not intend to devote their lives to the ministry will, nevertheless, gain special skills that will enable them to better serve in the congregations with which they may become associated. This is the practical part.

Overshadowing the practical aspects of their experiences as students at Oregon Bible College are the spiritual values that

they will carry with them when they leave. For the most part, these are "caught" rather than "taught." The personality and attitudes of the members of the faculty influence this much more than any information that a course of study can cause them to store in their minds. They also are susceptible to "catching" such values from fellow students. More than most of them realize, older students have a powerful influence on the younger.

For the most part, freshmen at OBC have just graduated from high school, and for one reason or another have decided to attend here. We need to remember that when they arrive, they are just that—high school graduates who have come to college. The attitudes and practices that their homes, churches, and schools have begotten in them are not left in storage at home. Therefore, these students must be met where they are, and be led into spiritual experiences that will serve to enrich and mature their attitudes. These gains will stay with them long after the information they gained in class has been forgotten. As a product of the Bible Training Class, which was the forerunner of Oregon Bible College, I know this to be true in my own experience. My teachers and fellow students have powerfully influenced my life ever since.

Occasionally, a student may arrive who seems determined to alter the rules and regulations to make them more to his liking, or, failing this, to disregard them altogether. Obviously, if this attitude persists, with no real effort at improvement, there is no alternative but to dismiss that student from the college. It would be unfair to all concerned to permit such an attitude to grow, develop, and bear its

evil fruits. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (1 Cor. 5:6). Fortunately, such occasions are rare.

It is a pleasure to watch the students develop and mature from month to month and from year to year. As their insights deepen and they become spiritually more confident, their horizons broaden. No longer is their chief concern to satisfy their own desires, but to follow that which is right in the sight of their heavenly Father, and to encourage others to do so as well. They have a message to share, and they have learned to share it with confidence, knowing that the Lord will bless them in this.

Not a few of them have found their life's mates at Oregon Bible College. This is not the purpose of the college, but we can safely say that it is an important by-product that quite often appears. No one would deny that a zealous Christian mate is a priceless asset to anyone who wishes to devote his life to serving the Lord. To my knowledge, beyond accepting the responsibility of keeping their courtship within prudent Christian limits, and emphasizing the advantages of having a mate who will encourage their Christian service, no effort is made to guide these choices.

Though new graduates commonly believe that they are competent to handle any situation that may arise, they soon come to the knowledge that they are still maturing, and need sympathetic and understanding help. Indeed, my personal experience indicates that forty or fifty years later, they will still be of the same opinion.

We older students can say and do much that will either encourage or discourage them. The Christian way is to encourage.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Annual General Conference Reservations

Cabin reservations for the 1976 annual Church of God General Conference are now being accepted. The Conference will convene at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 9-14. Cabins will hold from 4 to 20 people. Families are urged to stay together. If a family is small, you are encouraged to make arrangements to stay with another family of your choosing.

Write to Cabin Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061, and give the number in your family or party that will be staying together. We will then set aside a cabin to fit your needs.

The cost at General Conference this year will be \$8.10 per day per person, or \$39.00 for the entire Conference. The daily charges are broken down as follows: Breakfast, \$1.50; Lunch \$1.85; Dinner, \$2.50; Lodging, \$2.00; and Insurance and Miscellaneous, \$.25. Meals are one half price for children under eight. Most of the cabins do have cooking facilities, so families do have the option of cooking their own meals, if they so desire.

More details on the Conference, including the daily program, reports, and recommendations, will appear in the June issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. There will be Bible study, sharing sessions, prayer groups, worship, business sessions, music, and a wonderful time of fellowship. Make your plans now to attend.

Staff Changes

Brother Francis Burnett has resigned his position as Director of the Sunday School Department, effective August 31, 1976. Brother Burnett has been Director of this Department for the past three years. We do express our thanks and appreciation to Brother Burnett for his dedicated service in this capacity, as well as his years of service as Youth Director and Instructor at Oregon Bible College. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Burnett in whatever capacity the Lord directs in their future years.

Sister Mary Krogh will terminate her position as Director of the Women's Dormitory, effective August 1, 1976. Sister Krogh has been in this capacity for the past four years, and we express our thanks and appreciation to her for her untiring efforts in this position. Brother Hugh Harman, Dean of Students at Oregon Bible College, and his wife Mary will move into the apartment facilities of the Women's Dormitory and serve as Directors for the coming year.

Brother Dale Ramsey has resigned his position as Director of the Men's Dormitory, effective August 1, 1976. Brother Ramsey will continue as Director of the Music Department of Oregon Bible College. Brother David Wilsterman, a senior at Oregon Bible College, and his wife Janis will move into the apartment of the Men's Residence, and Brother Wilsterman will serve as Dormitory Director in the Men's Residence.

Business Firm Tithes

The Church of God General Conference has received a sizable check from a recently established business firm.

When this firm was established, the tithe was figured into the cost of production, and is taken out of every check received for sales. The president of this firm states: "We know that God has blessed us greatly in our business. It might be good for others who are in business to start a tithing program, also." We are thankful for this testimony, and for the Lord's blessing to this firm.

Jewelry for Sale

The Church of God General Conference inherited several pieces of jewelry at the death of Sister Evelyn Austin. See item on news page of this issue regarding the pieces that are for sale.

Conference Finances

I am sorry to report that the giving for the month of April has run over seven thousand dollars short of the needs. This has caused real concerns with the staff and Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. We are making every effort to keep the expenses at a minimum; however, it is very difficult to stop or curtail programs in midyear. We covet your prayers and trust that God will bless and provide the financial needs of the Conference work.

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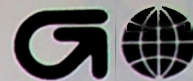
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| Goal for April | \$26,852.00 |
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| April Deficit | 7,512.00 |
| May Needs | 18,333.00 |

Goal for May \$25,845.00

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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).

Philippines

At this writing, our brethren in the Philippines are making plans for their Annual Conference, to be held at Uddiawan, April 15-18, 1976.

India

Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence returned from India March 22, 1976. While they were in Bangalore, they conducted classes each evening and twice on Sunday—Bro. Bill at the Thomas Town Church, and Sr. Mardy at Laljinagar (where the clinic is located). Home Bible study booklets and Systematic Theology were the main materials used. A more detailed report will be given later.

Nigeria

In Nigeria the weather has been very hot and there has been a lot of dust. Along with this has come an epidemic of measles, which has claimed the lives of many children.

February 13, 1976, the Nigerians lost their head of state by assassination. A new man has been appointed. There are now nineteen states instead of twelve. Our churches are located in the Cross River State (formerly South Eastern State). Pastor Ephraim Udo asks that we pray for peace in his country.

For Your Information

The Missions Department has several books and tapes that are available to you on loan. These materials have been gathered, for the most part, at missionary seminars, and have to do with the work of both home and foreign missions. We urge you to make use of these for improved education, ideas, and motivation in your own local missions program. Write to the Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, with your request.

Books

1. *Baptizing Missions in the Local Church*. Dr. Bob Pierce.
2. *Missions Idea Notebook* (Promoting Missions in the Local Church), compiled by Kerry Lovering.
3. *Missions and the Church*, Jack Henderson.
4. *A Successful Missionary Program in Your Church*, Willis E. Garrett.
5. *Triumphant Missionary Ministry in the Local Church*, Norman Lewis.

6. *Building Blocks for the Missionary Program of the Church*.
7. *One Race, One Gospel, One Task*, World Congress on Evangelism (Official Reference Volumes, Papers, and Reports).
8. *The Reluctant Witness*, Kenneth Chafin.
9. *The Philippines in Pictures*, Visual Geography Series.
10. *Faith Promise, Challenge to Churches*, Norman Lewis.

Tapes

1. *Effective Suburban Ministry*, John Wimber (cassette).
2. *What Denominational Leadership Can Do to Help the Local Church Grow*, Paul Benjamin (2 cassettes).
3. *The Place of Prayer in Evangelism*, Lucian Robinson (cassette).
4. *Conversational Prayer*, Rosalind Rinker (cassette).
5. *How Christ Trained Leaders*, Howard Hendricks (reel to reel).

A Home Mission Opportunity

The Department of the Interior has granted permission to the Eternal Hope Church of God, Herndon, Virginia, to set up a booth on the grounds of the Washington Monument during the Bicentennial celebration in Washington, D.C., June 20-26, 1976.

The brethren have plans to:

- 1) Distribute 50,000 tracts;
- 2) Sell Church of God publications;
- 3) Use enrollment cards for home Bible study courses;
- 4) Display early Church of God literature;
- 5) Invite singers, gospel teams, etc., from around the country to come and share their message;
- 6) Invite "tree stump" preachers and laymen to come and preach the Word.

We commend this group for foresight in planning for this excellent opportunity to share the gospel. Pray for this congregation and its efforts.

Other groups are urged to investigate the possibilities of participating in local Bicentennial celebrations. If it is too late to become involved with a booth, or to be in a parade, you can always order a large supply of the new Bicentennial tract printed by the Church of God General Conference, stamp your church name on it, and distribute it to the many people who will be attending the various celebrations.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

In Appreciation to Mrs. Krogh

After serving four years as Dorm Mother, Mary Krogh has resigned. Mrs. Krogh moved into the Golden Rule Women's Dormitory in 1972, to begin her work with the women at Oregon Bible College. The entire college community wishes to express deep appreciation to Mrs. Krogh for her time, dedication, and deep devotion she has given to her responsibilities. We wish her a special "God bless you" as she moves into different areas of service. Thank you, Mrs. Krogh.

New Dormitory Personnel

Both dormitories will see new dormitory parents moving in this next school year. Hugh and Mary Harman, with their children Dean and Heidi, will be moving into the women's dormitory to begin their work as dorm parents. David and Janis Wilsterman will be replacing Dale and Connie Ramsey as the men's dormitory parents.

Maranatha Appreciation

Success of the Maranatha issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL is due to the hard work and creative thinking of Linda Hollenback. The college wishes to thank her for the fine job she has done with this college publication. The photographers who worked with Linda were Ken Heeren, Gary Smith, and Carl Jennings.

Chorale Travels East

Oregon Bible College Chorale experienced a successful tour during Spring Break as it traveled east. The Chorale gave concerts in Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, Ontario, and Michigan during its ten-day tour. Also included in the tour was sightseeing in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Niagara Falls. Members of the Chorale enjoyed the experience of meeting new people, seeing new places, and re-acquainting themselves with the familiar, as they shared their faith through music.

Senior Banquet

The Student Council is sponsoring a banquet for the graduating students and their families on the evening of graduation. This is a special gift from the student body to the seniors, in appreciation for what they have given to the school in their four years as students.

Ramseys Leaving the Men's Dorm

Dale and Connie Ramsey have decided to resign as the men's dormitory parents. They have acted in this

capacity for five years. They will be living in the community as Dale continues as an instructor at the college. Connie will continue as the cook for the college. We appreciate the years they served in this way as they gave of their time and concern. We wish them happiness in their new home.

Surveys

In recent months, the administration of Oregon Bible College has conducted several studies and surveys among the brethren of the Church of God. This information was collected with two goals in mind.

First, the information sheets received from churches and alumni were for the purpose of helping students in the area of vocation and career planning. Students that graduate, but do not plan to become pastors or attend the college for a few years, need guidance in their career planning. Those under this definition can locate near churches that would be greatly assisted by their professional training. By living near our churches that can benefit from their Christian education, we hope these prepared students will help to accelerate church growth and development. If there are churches that cannot pay for their services, we hope that they will be able to find employment in an area that is compatible with their church work.

The second study, conducted by Charles Pryor, was for the purpose of gathering ideas from the church leadership concerning long-range goals for Oregon Bible College. It is necessary that we have the ideas and thinking of many people to make sound decisions and judgments. This information will assist the Board of Education in its program development and planning for OBC.

Fall Curriculum

On April 26, students will be preregistering for fall classes. John Lewis will be teaching New Testament III, Systematic Theology I, Preaching III, and Speech. Robert Jones will be teaching Bible Survey, Old Testament I, Old Testament III, and Hebrew I. Eugene Stilson will be teaching Biblical Hermeneutics, Bible Geography, Christian Education of Children, Greek I, Greek III, and Acts of the Apostles. Dale Ramsey will be teaching Repertoire, Music Theory I, Choir, Chorale, Brass Ensemble, and Private Piano, Voice, and Organ. Stanley Ross will be teaching Missionary Principles and Practice. Connie Mongan will be teaching English I.

FACULTY

SENIORS



John Lewis



Stanley Ross



Eugene Stilson



Dale Ramsey



David Krogh



Dallas Demmitt



Connie Mongan



Hugh Harman

SENIORS



Kathy Jo Cooper



Richard C. Alcumbrack



Carl Jennings



Linda Hollenback



Pamela Jennings



Larry Mayberry



Scott Millard



Dan Ryan



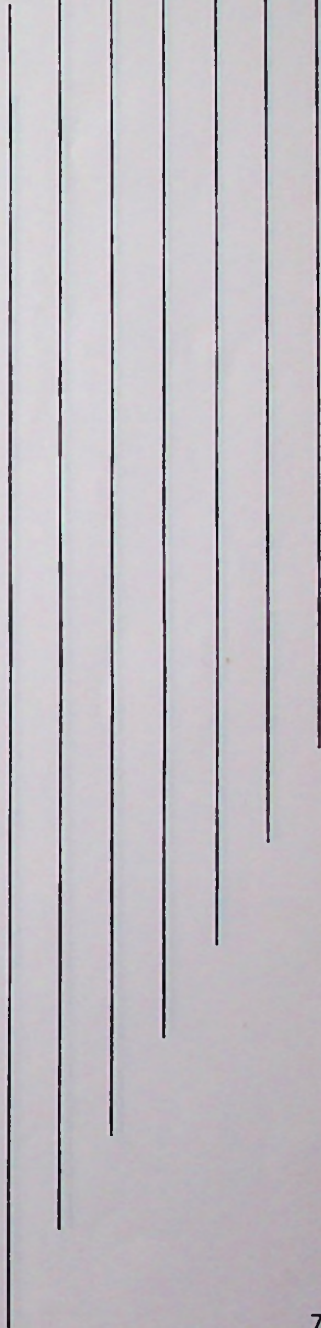
Gary Smith



Linda Whaley



Richard R. Williams



JUNIORS



Robert C. Bernheisel



Lynn Boyer



Kenny Cook



Linda Jones



Sid Magaw



John Mattison



Phyllis Prussak



Christie Simpson



Dave Wilsterman



Richard Young

SOPHOMORES



Susan Andrew



Kathy Anger



Karen Circle



Greg E. Demmitt



Kristine L. Fischer



Thomas M. New



Steven Taylor



Donna Weidensall



Nita Wyrick

FRESHMEN



Jill Anger



Laura Brown



Pam Davis



Sharon Edwards



James Hill



Michael Hoffman



Edmund Howland



Eileen Johns



Donna Kennedy



Dave Kizer



Karla Macy



Brian O'Neil



Howard Robinson



Connie Scott



Alan Shaw



Ron Sorenson



Kay Vancil



Craig Waggener



Wendell V. Weaver, Jr.



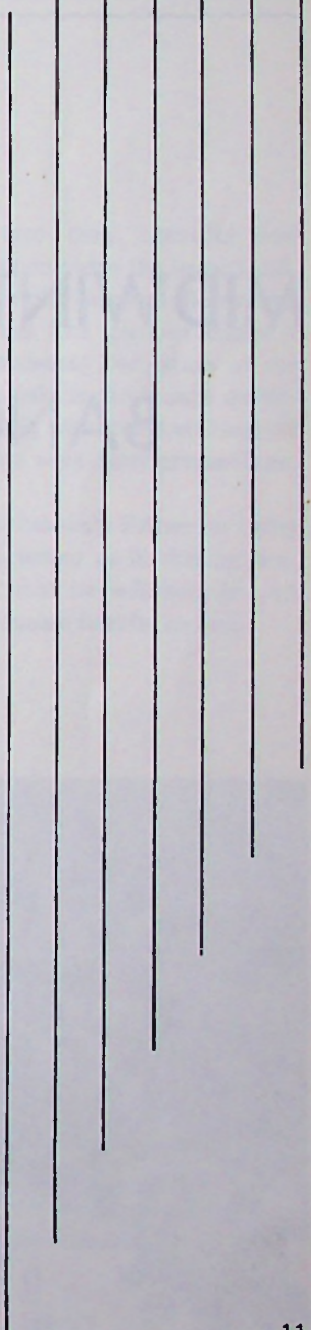
Allen C. Wegener



Jim Williams



Penny Winner



PART-TIME STUDENTS



Hugh Harman



Karen Mayberry

MIDWINTER BANQUET



FROM PAST TO PRESENT



GOLDEN RULE HOME



WOMEN'S DORMITORY

By Mary Krogh

The large home pictured above was originally used as a grade school for the city of Oregon. In 1922 it was purchased by National Bible Institution and after some remodeling it was used for elderly Church of God members. It was dedicated on December 31, 1922. On the same afternoon the name "Golden Rule Home" was chosen by those assembled to be the official name.

In 1956, boys who attended Oregon

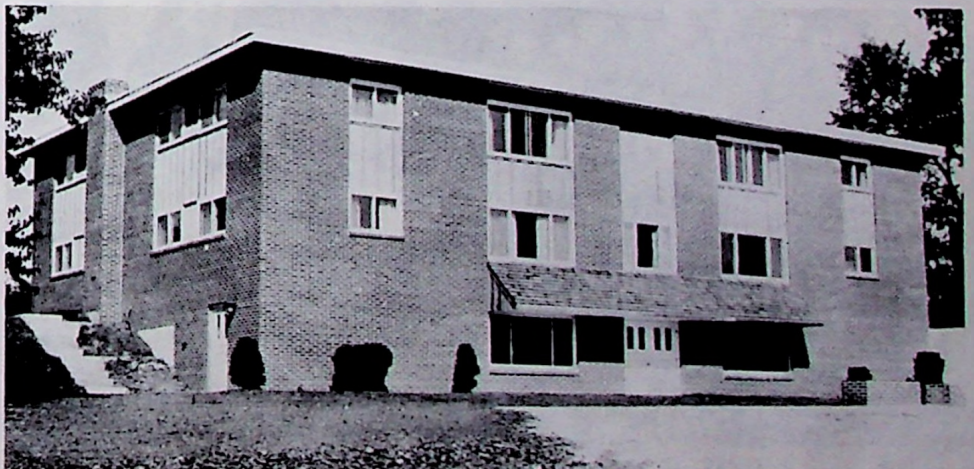
Bible College lived here. In 1958 the boys lived at the Magaw home and the girls took residence here while attending the College.

When I came to Oregon in 1972 as Dormitory Director, there were thirteen girls living here. In 1973, there were seventeen girls living here and six lived at the Dorm Annex at 710 Washington Street. We have many happy memories of living here.

Early in April, 1975, construction was started on the new dorm at 710 Franklin Street. The last of August, twenty-one

girls moved into their beautiful new home. They are enjoying the larger facilities and the lovely carpeted floors and large study areas. The spacious lounge is used by all students. Dedication of the new dorm was held in the lounge on November 16, 1975, with over two hundred attending. There were many present from out of state.

We thank our heavenly Father for being with us and directing us in this project, and we know that he will continue to guide us if we remain faithful to him.



TODAY'S MODERN FACILITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Student Council—(kneeling, l to r) Howard Robinson, Kenny Cook, Greg Demmitt; (standing) John Lewis, Sid Magaw, Steve Taylor, Dave Wilsterman, Dick Young, Gary Smith (president), Michael Hoffman, Linda Hollenback, Scott Millard, Donna Weidensall, Pam Jennings.



Social Committee—Steve Taylor, Phyllis Prussak, Wendell Weaver, Karen Circle, Donna Weidensall, Michael Hoffman, Eileen Johns, Kathy Anger, Linda Hollenback, Linda Whaley, Kathy Cooper.

STUDENT COUNCIL By Gary Smith

The student government at Oregon Bible College has been organized into a Student Council. The main function of this Council is to represent the student body to the administration and vice versa. Students are encouraged to channel their opinions, grievances, and suggestions through the Student Council. The Council is expected to consider these matters and take appropriate action.

The Council assists in arranging extra-curricular activities. The Student Council constitution provides for various standing committees—such as Social Committee and Christian Service Committee—to plan many of the activities. These committees are responsible to the Student Council.

The Student Council meets regularly to carry out its business. On especially important matters, it may decide to call the student body together to vote on a proposed action. If the Council does take some course of action with which the students do not agree, the student body may reverse the Council's decision by a two-thirds majority vote.

The Council president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer are elected by the student body during the semester preceding the school year in which they take office. In addition to these officers, each class has two representatives on the Council. One of these is the class president and the other is an elected representative. Committee heads and a faculty advisor make up the balance of the Council's members.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE By Linda Whaley

Our first activity of the year was a Labor Day picnic. This picnic was to serve as an ice-breaker because we were still trying to get to know each other. On September 26, we had the day off school for our annual fall breakfast. We went to the White Pines Park for the event. We ate, had Communion, and then played a few games.

We had a Halloween party and quite a few people dressed up in some way or another. Food and games were enjoyed by all and we even had a special singing group come in for it, called the "Self-Righteous Brothers." We've rented the White Pines roller rink several times, gone swimming, and shown movies. This year we had our banquet at Bishop's restaurant in Rockford.

The main functions of the social committee are to provide student activities where each individual can become involved and, as we interact with other students, we hope that we may have a closer relationship with the Lord.

STAFF



Mary Krogh
Women's Dorm Director



Dale and Connie Ramsey
Men's Dorm Directors



Linda Jones, Pam Davis, Connie Ramsey, Kathy Cooper, Kathy Anger
Kitchen Staff



Scott Millard, Ed Howland
Janitors



Linda Whaley, Linda Hollenback
Librarians



Shelly Millard, Janis Wilsterman
College Secretaries

MUSIC--MUSIC--MUSIC

CHORALE

The Oregon Bible College Chorale has just completed another successful year of music ministry. The 1975-'76 Chorale was composed of 17 students, nine being first-year members. Twenty-five concerts

By Dale Ramsey



Chorale—(sitting, l to r) Connie Scott, Scott Millard, Nita Wyrick, Dick Alcumbrack, Kris Fischer, Steve Taylor, Linda Jones, Carl Jennings, Kay Vancil, Greg Demmitt, Pam Jennings; (standing) Christie Simpson, Pam Davis, Wendell Weaver, Ed Howland, Karla Macy, Laura Brown.



Choir

were performed primarily in churches, but one was heard over radio and another was before a high school assembly.

An extended tour of ten days was taken in March to the states of Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, and Michigan. A concert was also performed in Fonthill, Ontario. Besides presenting 11 concerts on tour, the Chorale visited many historical sites in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, Pa.

God is to be praised for his power, for it is through his strength that others are affected by this ministry. The primary emphasis of the Chorale program is to worship and encourage others to worship God through music.

CHOIR

The Oregon Bible College Choir functioned during the second semester of this school year. Most of the students involved in the choir program participated in gospel teams during the first semester.

As a choral ensemble, students work to achieve a unified sound through blending and balancing their voices with other singers. Emphasis is also given to learning basic music fundamentals. For many, part singing is a first-time experience in the choir. It is hoped that through this experience the student can more efficiently minister by the avenue of music in a future ministry.

This being our bicentennial year, special emphasis was given to the celebration from a Christian perspective. The Choir performed a cantata, "I Love America," composed by John Peterson and Don Wyrzten.

GOSPEL TEAMS

Gospel teams were very active during the first semester and the beginning of the second semester. About 35 students participated in the organization. The students were divided into two teams, one headed by Dale Ramsey and the other by Shelly Millard. The two teams were involved in the presentation of over twenty services. Programs were presented in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Gospel teams seek to involve every interested student and bring together the many different abilities of the participants. Whereas the Chorale and Choir emphasize the music ministry, gospel teams include not only music, but also art, reading, drama, preaching, and other abilities possessed by the body of Christ at the Bible College. Many interests are cultivated and we can always be assured God will use those who desire to serve him.

DRAMA

By Pam Davis

During the first and second semesters at OBC, twelve students presented the play, "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops." The play visited several churches and was directed and sponsored by John Lewis, the College president. The twelve students involved were Dan Ryan, Michael Hoffman, Carl Jennings, Pam Jennings, Donna Weidensall, Howard Robinson, Allen Shaw, Kris Fischer, Nita Wyrick, Pam Davis, Donna Kennedy, and Phyllis Prussak.

Practice and preparation began in the fall and the first production was put on at the church in Omaha, Nebraska, in November. The play takes a satirical look at the church (any church) and how, through its committees and becoming systematized, Christ and the purpose of the church are sometimes forgotten. The play portrays the different organizations in the church that have taken precedence over its true purpose: preaching the gospel of



The minister of the Little Church in the Middle of the Block and the innocent bystander.

Christ. The characters making up the members of this imaginary church try to convince an interested bystander to join. It's their annual membership drive, so they go through their whole routine and involve him in all the activities—a men's board meeting, the women's group, the Sunday school board, and many more committees. The play soon takes on the aspect of a "country club minus the golf course."

The play is humorous, but it has a serious message to all churches and to those who make up the church. It serves to point out how we can become involved in our committees and activities to the extent that they become more important than God and his Word. The play also serves to influence members of the audience to evaluate themselves and their individual church, to see how they fit in. In one portion of the play, the bystander asks the chairman of the board why the church always had a cross, and who that Christ-fellow is. The chairman looks uncomfortable and then quickly passes the buck to the congregation which, in turn, pretends not to hear. Finally, two men stumble through an answer. It becomes

apparent to everyone that such a church is inadequate. All had forgotten the true message of the gospel, and so they were at a loss at delivering the message to others.

The individual members tell the newcomer the different reasons they go to church, which range from wearing new clothes to being forced to go by one's own spouse. Finally, they persuade the visitor to join and they all rejoice as the chairman says, "Always does my heart good to see another soul saved!"

After the final bow, the program was opened up for discussion with the audience. They were asked to give their opinions on how they felt about the play and whether or not it applied to the church. It was very interesting to note the different remarks and we were glad to discover that not one church took offense at the play.

The play cast enjoyed each other's company so well that we had a party at the Jennings' home to celebrate. We hope to put on more plays in the future for the benefit of the students and especially for the ministry of our churches.



The children of the Sunday school.



The Ladies' Aid.



The Congregation.

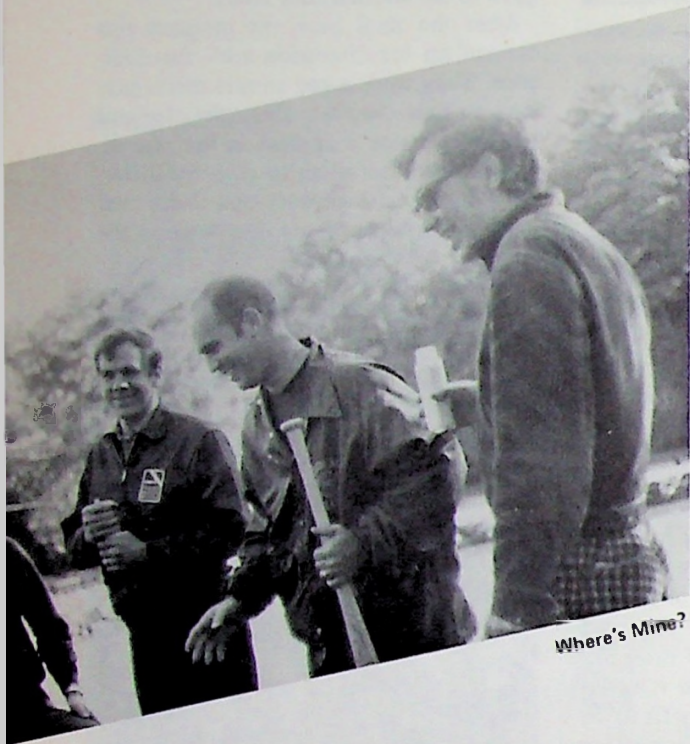


The Board meeting.

FOOLIN' AROUND



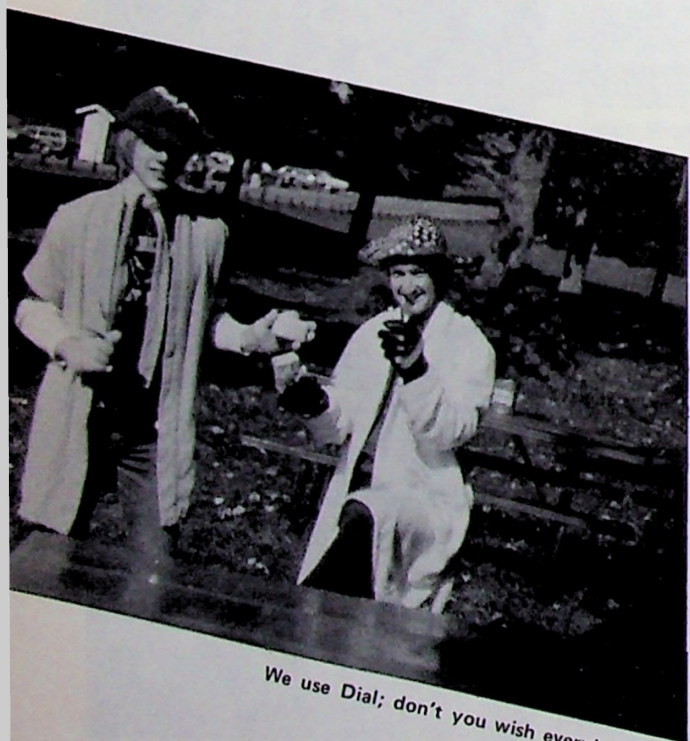
The Self-Righteous Brothers.



Where's Mine?



Just look at us now.



We use Dial; don't you wish everybody did?



Communion, Fall Breakfast.

BASKETBALL

By Michael Hoffman

The Oregon Bible College basketball team had a very successful season, but it does not make sense. To achieve a winning season, experienced players and a lot of practice are essential. Right? OBC had neither. Yet the team finished the regular season with a record of eleven wins and seven losses, an excellent achievement



Basketball Team—(kneeling, l to r) Lynn Boyer, Dick Alcumbreck, Dick Young, Michael Hoffman, Scott Millard, Wendell Weaver, Hugh Harman (coach), Craig Wagganer, Dale Ramsey, Tom New, Dan Ryan, Dave Kizer, Sid Magaw.

considering only three practices were held and only one player of twelve had high school experience.

The team was involved in a town league in which ten teams competed. The team had a very slow start, winning only one of the first five games. The problem seemed to be attitudes. There were seven referees on the floor instead of two. All the guys learned that a player must concentrate on playing to do his best. He cannot worry about the ref's job; he has enough responsibility as a player. Once this valuable lesson was learned, the team smiled at the refs more and talked less, while putting together a six-game winning streak that turned the season around into a successful effort. The players learned about themselves, each other, and God, while enjoying what must be considered a highly successful season.

The fans also enjoyed the season. Students, faculty, and other friends showed up every game to cheer. Each player wishes to express his sincere gratitude, on behalf of the team, to each and every person who came to the games and gave the team the support and lift it often needed. The team was supported through good times and bad by many people, and concluded the season with a winning record. What made the season most successful, though, was the spirit of unity which drew us all closer to each other.



MEMORIES



Don't we look like angels?



Oh, what a morning!



Am I on Candid Camera?



That ball is outta sight.



Just wait; I'll get ya.



Just hold your horses!



They're the ushers?

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

How Important Is Good Adult Leadership?

A nationwide survey, conducted a few years ago among teen dropouts from church, indicated that more than half of them had complaints directly related to the teachers and leaders to whom they were exposed. They also expressed dissatisfaction with adult leaders who show either a lack of interest or a lack of understanding.

On the opposite side, literally hundreds of Christian young people have cited the help rendered to them by adult leaders to whom they were exposed as the major reason for their still being strong, effective Christian workers.

Strong, close, spiritually healthy classes and youth groups can, to a great degree, be directly tied to mature, strong, understanding, and spiritual adult leadership. Strong, healthy youth leadership is also necessary for classes and groups, to a large degree; however, this is developed through the adult leadership. Young people need, and desire, adults with whom they can talk and confide, as well as follow their examples.

What kind of persons are qualified to be leaders of youth? Should they be young or older? Does age make a difference? I think not!

The basic endeavor of a good youth leader is to guide young people toward spiritual maturity. To accomplish this, leaders must know, love, and follow Christ. This is absolutely necessary if they are going to lead others to know, love, and follow our Saviour. They must be knowledgeable about the Bible, and familiar with doctrines and truths as set forth in God's Word. This is not to say that they must necessarily be advanced students of the Bible, but knowledgeable. A youth leader must be dependable. Consistency plays a major role in the presentation of any program. If the leaders are not dependable in fulfilling their responsibilities, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to lead youth to be dependable and responsible.

Time and hard work are primary requirements for successful workers with youth. There must be a willingness to learn along with the teens for whom they are responsible. It is essential that they be mature, both spiritually and emotionally.

If a youth leader says, "Who is sufficient for these things?" let him be reminded that these are desired goals toward which they may work, as the Lord enables them to do so.

MAY, 1976

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

What Others Say

It has been less than two months since the ending of the Christian Workers' Seminar for 1976. While the advertising (promotion), the jubilation associated with a large attendance, and kindred items concerning the seminar are still fresh in our minds, let us hear some comments by those who attended.

"I enjoyed just knowing my brothers and sisters in Christ. The seminar gave me a new outlook and refreshed my life. I enjoyed the entire week, and am looking forward to next year." . . . "Just wish to thank each of you for the time and effort which you bestowed on us. How nice it is to belong to a denomination in which we can personally know our leaders." . . . "I'm sure that I can speak for everyone when I say that I deeply appreciate the planning and dedication that all of the teachers put into the seminar. I don't think that there are better teachers anywhere! I'm sure that their influence will be felt in a positive way throughout our church." . . . "God's love, and love of God in action, was strongly felt. General Conference sessions are always a good week, but nothing tops this week." . . . "I could never say enough good about my experiences at the seminar. It was filled with God's spirit and love. I thank God that I was given the opportunity to attend and be a part of the family of God." . . . "A terrific time of spiritual renewal, encouragement, sharing, feeling needed, and being aware of God's love flowing through others! A week which was crammed full of Christian activities and study, yet passed so quickly!" . . . "It was one of the most valuable weeks of my Christian life."

The preceding comments are from six of the forty-eight who attended. We urge that those of you who have contemplated attending, but for one reason or another have hesitated, begin now to make plans to enroll in the 1977 Christian Workers' Seminar. The seminar is becoming a most important help to enriching the lives of those in Sunday school work.

Sunday School Board Meets

The Sunday School Board met on Monday, March 1. The agenda included: planning the program for the Indiana Conference, April 24, at Morning Star Church; the program for the meeting of the Adult Quarterly editor and writers, April 30; the program for Thursday, August 12, during General Conference sessions; and kindred other matters.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4-6—Minnesota State Conference at Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley. James Mattison, guest speaker.

June 14-20—Brush Creek Church (OH) Bible School and Annual June Meeting. Gordon Landry, guest teacher and speaker.

July 4-7—Special gospel meetings at Denver Church of God, 8330 W Mexico Ave, Lakewood, CO. Gordon Landry, guest speaker.

July 9-11—Arkansas Conference at McGinty-town Church, Greenbrier. Clyde E. Randall, guest speaker.

July 9-11—Annual Illinois Summer Conference at Lake Bloomington.

July 9-11—Virginia State Conference, Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal. Guest speaker, Pastor William E. Kammin of Cleveland, OH.

July 18-24—International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack (9th-12th grades) and Camp Shipshewana (post-high through age 25).

Aug. 4-8—Iowa State Conference, Waterloo. Guest speaker, John Hearp. Leaders of music, Roy Humphreys and family.

Aug. 9-14—Fifty-Sixth Annual Church of God General Conference at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA.

FROM OUR MAIL

"I look forward very much to reading your magazine each month. I agree with the teachings of your magazine, that our Lord's coming is very near. I don't see how anyone who reads the Bible and studies the world situation could deny it. It looks to me like the prophecies of the Bible are being fulfilled very fast now."
—Fred E. Hikox, Rt 2, Casey, IL 62420.

The following, from the mail of Pastor Leon Driskill, of Moorefield, NE, was forwarded to our office. Bro. Driskill, who corrected her papers, commented: Mrs. Smith "lives over 150 miles from our church. I enclose a note from her, indicating her delight in the course and help from it. Pleasant remarks of gratitude are always an encouragement to all. Thought you would like to hear it."

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Mitchell Johnson; Hubert Perry; Mrs. Eva Williams; Debbie Dean; Fred A. Davidson; Suzanne E. Froelich; Robert Kelly, Jr.; Darrell Cardwell; Mrs. Ellen Martin; Charles H. Martin; Mike Pressey.

BAPTISMS

Springfield, OH. On February 15, 1976, Darlene Current was immersed in the waters of baptism. We truly praise God for Darlene's witness and personal commitment to our Lord. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Current of Springfield.

Joseph R. Duncan, pastor.

Wyoming, MI. We rejoice and thank God for the baptism of Simone Smally, February 29, 1976.

Mike Berry, pastor.

Lafayette, IN. On January 4, 1976, Heidi Anes and Laurie Powell were immersed in the waters of baptism. We of Faith Chapel praise God for their decisions and pray that he will guide their Christian walk.

V. E. Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

Troy, OH. On February 15, 1976, James Lucas was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. On February 29, Boyd, Ella, Theresa, and Alan Tucker were baptized. On March 14, Donna and Greg Shiltz and Beverly Hackett were baptized. The Troy View Church of God rejoices in all of these decisions and welcomes these new brothers and sisters into fellowship with our church.

Scott Ross, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. It was a happy day when Claude (Bud) Carroll, 20984 Negaunee Rd., Southfield, MI 48076, put on Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in the waters of baptism, January 4, 1976. Bud had been contemplating this step for some time while he was still living in Columbia Station. May God bless his witness for Christ and his teachings. . . . Again our joy was great when Rodney Horn, 10210 Emerson (P. O. Box 991), Columbia Station, OH 44028, responded to the invitation to accept Christ. This he did at the conclusion of John Lewis' message, January 18, 1976. After counsel and Bible study, Rod was immersed in Christ's saving name February 1, 1976. God be praised for having given these two additions to his church.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. On March 11, 1976, Alicia Ann Frazier was baptized by C. F. Roth into the saving name of Christ Jesus for the remission of sins. We pray God's blessing upon her in her new walk in life.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

Waterloo, IA. James Anders Downing of 1552 Longfellow, Waterloo, was baptized into Christ August 21, 1975. His brother, Daniel Carl Downing, was baptized into Christ February 29, 1976. We welcome these brothers as brothers in Christ in the household of faith. We pray that God will help them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ.

Dale H. Ward, pastor.

Front Royal, VA. The congregation of the Royal Village Church of God at Front Royal was happy to witness two baptisms at the close of the morning worship service March 21, 1976. Miss Joyce Mills and Mrs. Robert (Nellie) Campbell confessed Christ at the close of the Saturday evening service of the special meetings, with Bro. S. O. Ross as speaker. These two were baptized into Christ for the remission of sins by the writer. They have come forth from the waters of baptism to walk with him in newness of life, and when he comes in his glory, they shall also appear with him in glory.

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

SO YOU WILL KNOW

Occasionally, some confusion concerning the time necessary to get material to us in order to have it included in any specific issue becomes evident. The time lag seems unduly long to one who is not familiar with the schedule that we follow.

We plan to have *The Restitution Herald* ready to send to the printers as nearly as possible by the first of the month preceding the month for which that issue is dated. As an example, material destined for the July issue should be in our hands not later than the middle of May. This is necessary because we do not do our own printing, and so must get the completed issue to the printer in time to permit him to work it into his schedule.

For *Progress Journal*, announcements, reports, etc., can be a little later, but to be sure, try to get them to us by the first of the month previous to the one for which the issue will be dated. For the July issue, this should reach us no later than the first of June.

To keep this schedule in mind will help to avoid disappointments.

JEWELRY FOR SALE

The Church of God General Conference has four items of jewelry for sale. These are an inheritance from the late Sr. Evelyn Austin. The items have been evaluated by two highly responsible jewelers. They have quoted a "replacement value," and an "estate value." The replacement value is the actual cost of the item if it were assembled today. The estate value is the present value one would use in figuring their worth to an estate. The actual resale value would be something more than the estate value. The items and their value are:

1. One 10% iridium platinum engagement ring, containing one full-cut diamond.
Replacement value: \$890
Estate value: \$245
2. One 10-kt. yellow gold lady's ring, containing two full-cut white synthetic spinels, and one oval white opal with play of color.
Replacement value: \$90
Estate value: \$15
3. One 14-kt. yellow gold with platinum top fancy ring, containing seven fresh-water pearls and eight single-cut round diamonds weighing .03ct. each.
Replacement value: \$525
Estate value: \$80
4. One 14-kt. yellow gold pendant and log chain with medium blue brilliant-cut Briolette style, synthetic spinel.
Replacement Value: \$145
Estate Value: \$20

These items are being offered for sale to the membership of the Church of God General Conference. If interested in one of these items, please send your offer to purchase to the Executive Director, Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, prior to June 1, 1976. All offers received will be kept confidential until June 1, and the item will then be sold to the one who makes the highest offer. In submitting an offer to purchase, please give item number and your offer price. Include your name and complete address.

OBITUARY

Sr. Irene Kidder fell asleep in death February 28, 1976. On March 2, she was buried at Albert City, IA. She was 97 years of age. She is survived by six children, twenty-four grandchildren, fifty-six great-grandchildren, and twelve great-great-grandchildren. Two husbands, Clifford Garton and Charles F. Kidder, preceded her in death. She had been a member of the Church of God for many years. Our hope for her is that she will be raised in that "better resurrection" at the coming of Christ. We are comforted in this hope. Dale H. Ward, pastor.

TAPE LIBRARY

Will our country continue to be great? Will our churches always be free? Have we, as a nation, forgotten God? Order "A Good Nation is a Great Nation," No. CR-1 7107A04, by Rex Cain. The cost is \$3.00.

Send check or money order to: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45416.

ROUND TUITS AVAILABLE

Round tuits are available for \$1.00 per 100, postage paid when payment accompanies order. Order from J. Don Swartz, 5832 McKensie Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070.

Editor's note. In case you are not familiar with round tuits, they are for people who are going to work for the Lord just as soon as they get around to it.

BIBLE STUDY COURSES

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| ... Bible Panorama | | .50 |
| ... How to Enjoy An Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life—10 lessons | | .50 |
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ROYAL VILLAGE CHURCH OF GOD

We were privileged to have special services at the Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, VA, March 18-21, 1976. Bro. S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, delivered four wonderful messages. The messages were titled: "Getting Involved," "Successful Christianity," "Jesus Is Coming Again," and "Now Is the Time."

We had a truly uplifting kick off for the week of meetings when the Oregon Bible College Chorale gave an inspiring concert March 16. This was a great week in Royal Village history, as two accepted Christ during the special meetings. This was a fitting climax, as we welcomed two newly baptized members into the body of Christ, and into the Royal Village Church of God membership. Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

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Pastor Harry Goekler, 2001 Barcelona, Harlingen, TX 78550 Ph 512-423-9264

Pastor Stephen Bolhous, 6639 Bryant Av. N, Minneapolis, MN 55430 Ph Off 612-561-7569, Res 561-0480.

YOUTH CONFERENCE ENROLLMENT FORM

International Berean Youth Conference is just around the corner. The dates are July 18-24, 1976. If you are in need of enrollment forms, check with your pastor, or write to Youth Department, Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

NORTH HILLS ENTERS NEW BUILDING Springfield, Ohio

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the North Hills Church of God began holding services in their new building March 7, 1976. This group began work just three and a half years ago as an evangelistic outreach of the Lawrenceville Church of God. They wish to thank every member of the Church of God General Conference for their prayers and financial support.

Joseph R. Duncan, pastor.

NORTH SALEM CHURCH OF GOD

The North Salem Church of God, near Plymouth, IN, held its first daily vacation Bible school in twenty years, March 22-26, 1976. Each evening between 7:00 and 8:30, seven classes were held. The classes were followed with a cookie-coolade break.

General Conference materials were used, and the school was a huge success.

Eighty-four enrolled. The average attendance was 57½, with 36 achieving a perfect attendance record—22 were children and 14 were adults. The Bible school staff included: Mary Lou DeMien, Charlene Williams, Don Miller, Sandy Miller, Marjory DeMien, Shirley Pearson, Timothy Pearson, Mildred Heyde, Bonnie Schmidt, Emory Macy, Carol Schmidlapp, Alane Schmidlapp, Woody Talcott, and Iris Kirkley.

Special thanks are due to all who worked so diligently to make the school the success that it was. A number of people used their automobiles to bring others to the sessions. Volunteer kitchen help was much appreciated.

The Green Giant Company, Le Sueur, MN, graciously supplied three six-foot-tall green giants and thirty metal ones, six inches in height.

The Lord blessed the efforts of the workers of the North Salem Church. We are eternally grateful to him for this.

Mrs. Emory Macy, DVBS director.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

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LAFAYETTE Church (Faith Chapel), 2307 State Rd W, Lafayette, IN 47905
Vivian E Kirkpatrick II, Pastor, 1201½ Central St, Lafayette 47905
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Contributors to the General Conference: March, 1976

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Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

Theme: "Heritage of Our Faith"

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 on April 29, 1975. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1976 General Conference business sessions (August 9-14, 1976, Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA) can become familiar with it and can be instructed by their church or state conference regarding same.

This report is for the first eight months of the fiscal year, 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 new dormitory at Oregon Bible College has been used since school began in August, 1975. The building is working out very satisfactorily, and is a tremendous asset to the work of Oregon Bible College. All of the physical facilities of the General Conference are in good repair. The literature campaign continues to be a blessing to the churches and individuals who are involved in this program of distributing the written Word.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all members of the General Conference staff for their dedicated service. Following is a report of each of the several departments of the Church of God General Conference.

Berean Youth Department

At the time of this writing, several programs sponsored by the Berean Youth Department have been successfully completed. Others are in the planning stage.

The major program of the Berean Youth Fellowship is Youth Conference. A very successful Conference was held July 20-26, 1975. Camp Alexander Mack and Shipshewana Retreat Center played hosts to our young people. Camp Mack became an all-high-school camp. Two hundred ninety-eight young people and 33 staff members were present. Shipshewana Retreat Center became an all-post-high camp. Sixty-seven campers and 18 staff members were present at this facility.

The same two camps have been obtained for the 1976 Youth Conference, to be held July 18-24, 1976. Camp Mack will again be an all-high-school camp and the Retreat Center will host post-high through age 25. Married couples of the right age will again be allowed to attend. Plans for this program, for the most

part, have been completed and the staff for 1976 has been established.

Again, due to increased costs passed on to us by the site owners, we have had to raise the tuition cost to \$53.00 for 1976.

There was no Junior Caravan during 1975, but the Senior Caravan traveled to Fredericktown, MO, where it conducted the annual vacation Bible school and participated in the Missouri State Conference. The Caravan was sponsored by your Youth Director and his wife, and was held July 27-August 2, 1975.

The slide-sound set of the 1975 International Berean Youth Conference was prepared and put into circulation in January of 1976. At this time, the set is scheduled to be shown to some 28 churches.

Youth Week was conducted October 20-26, 1975. There were 18 groups which participated by sending in reports for judging. Again this year, the responsibility for judging was given to the Youth Advisory Council. This was accomplished at the annual meeting of the Council during the Midwinter Retreat.

The first-place traveling trophy was awarded to the Blood River Bereans of Springfield, LA. The second-place traveling trophy went to the Columbia Bereans of Columbia Station, OH. East Peoria, IL, Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN, and the Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, AZ, also ranked high. It was apparent from the reports received that a great deal of planning and work had been put forth by the Bereans and their leaders.

The annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat was held December 29-January 1 at Camp Alexander Mack. Thirty-two young people were in attendance. Hugh and Mary Harman and Jim and Charlene Graham served as staff for this retreat.

Publications of the Youth Department include *Challenge* and the *Junior Berean Lesson Manual*. The *Junior Lesson Manual*, containing 27 lessons, was put into printed form in July of 1975 and was made available to the churches. Very few copies were used, and it was decided to hold off on the publication of another manual until a future time. *Challenge*, edited by your Youth Director, continues to be published on a bi-monthly basis. Also, *Youth Workers Memo* and other literature are sent out as needed.

We are, as always, thankful to God for his blessings, and
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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Heritage of Our Faith"

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Camp Director: David Krogh
 Worship Program Directors: Kenneth Milne, John Fauntleroy, S. O. Ross
 Children's Class Director: Lynne Krogh
 Head Usher: Harold Domigan
 Music Director: Dale Ramsey
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
 Reception: Don and Marge Overmyer
 Room Assignments: Mildred O'Neil, Diane Hus-ton, Wilma Petry
 Desk Clerks: Doris Reye, Cheryl Swartz
 Ministers' Meetings: R. Warren Sorenson
 Priscilla Meetings: Grace Cain
 Business Office: Becky Hall, Mary Krogh, Lois Smith
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew
 Photographer: J. Richard LeCrone

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 9

2:00 Registration Begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service
 Conference Board of Directors, Opening and Song Service; Kenneth Milne, Speaker, "Our Heritage From Abraham"
 8:45 Reception
 10:30 Lights Out

Tuesday, August 10

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (all Adults, Ministers, Youth, and Priscillas in joint session), Billie Kennedy, Chairman
 9:00 Joint Session (Adults, Ministers, Youth, and Priscillas), OBC Board of Education
 9:00 Children's Classes
 10:00 Youth attend Business Sessions (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, Russell Johns
 Financial Report
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship Business
 Publications
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Mission Board Presentation
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 1. Mission Board, Building a Firmer Foundation in Home Missions
 2. Mission Board, Building a Firmer Foundation in Foreign Missions
 3. A Biblical Study, Paul McPherson
 4. Multi-Media Presentation, John Lewis
 5. Implications of Contemporary Education, Charles Pryor
 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. Randall and Cecil Smead
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; Warren Sorenson, Speaker, "Christ and His Church"
 9:00 Youth Film
 10:30 Lights Out

Wednesday, August 11

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, William Lawrence; Ministers, David Cheatwood; Youth, Michael Berry; Priscillas, Enid Maddock and Mildred Macy)
 9:00 Adult Class, Eugene Stilson
 Youth, Edward Bender
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Waldon Winner, Jr.
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
 Mission Business
 Election of Mission Board Members
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Board of Education Presentation
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 Oregon Bible College Board of Education
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal From Sessions
 3:30 Planned Activities for Youth
 4:00 Choir Practice
 4:30 OBC Alumni Banquet
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; Kent Ross, Speaker, "The Church of God Today"
 9:00 Bi-annual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association
 10:30 Lights Out

Thursday, August 12

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Joe James; Ministers, John Railton; Youth, Joe Duncan; Priscillas, Charlene Graham and Debbie Mattison)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, E. Milon Hall
 Youth Class, Daniel Landry
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Robert Jones
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
 Nomination of Three Directors
 Oregon Bible College Business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Worship Service, Michael Mattison
 2:15 James Graham (SS Board)
 2:25 Sharing Sessions
 1. Opportunities for the Older Adult, Francis Burnett
 2. Advancing the Smaller Sunday School, James Graham
 3. What Makes a Good Sunday School Teacher? Joyce Knapp

4. The Pupil's Responsibility, Scott Ross
 5. The Youth Role in the Sunday School, Gordon Landry
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 3:30 Planned Activities for Youth
 4:00 Choir Practice
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Musicale, "Our Heritage in Music," Dale Ramsey
 10:30 Lights Out

Friday, August 13

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Willis Turner; Ministers, James Ritch; Youth, Dale Harshman; Priscillas, Louise Humphreys)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class (SS Board), Scott Ross, "A Meaningful Heritage"
 Youth, Ray Hall
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Ronald Macy
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Thursday's Minutes
 Election of Three Directors
 Sunday School Business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Installation of the new Board of Directors, R. Warren Sorenson
 1:40 Ordination Service, 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, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; James Mattison, Speaker, "Consummation of Our Heritage"
 10:30 Lights Out

Saturday, August 14

7:00 United Prayer Service, Russell Johns
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The annual Church of God General Conference is a time of fellowship and sharing with brethren from many parts of the United States and Canada. It is a time of study, prayer, worship, instruction, beautiful music, Conference business, and timely and inspiring messages from God's Word.

In this bicentennial year of the United States, it is a time of reflection and recalling of our historical heritage. The theme of the Conference, "Heritage of Our Faith," also denotes a time of reflection and recalling the great heritage that we of the Church of God cherish. We are most grateful to the patriarchs of old who have brought to us the truths of our faith.

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continue to pray for his leading in the planning of all youth-related activities.

Publishing Department

The Publishing Department of the Church of God General Conference is in a healthy condition. In addition to the regular editions of *The Restitution Herald* and *Progress Journal, Challenge*, quarterlies for all age groups, the Oregon Bible College Catalog, and the *Maranatha Issue* each year, several tracts and booklets have been published and made available. These have been well received and widely used by the brethren. The demand for literature has been sufficient to keep the staff members of the department fully occupied.

We should like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the editors and writers of our various publications. They are putting forth great effort to insure that the material submitted is of high quality, and that we receive it early enough to permit getting dated material out on time, with no frantic rush at the last minute. This contributes greatly to making it possible to give each publication the unhurried attention which helps to promote good quality, both in the actual printing of the publications and in their content.

No doubt you have noticed that an increasing number of people are contributing material for *The Restitution Herald*. It is encouraging to note that we have several very promising writers among the younger men and women. Sometimes their early efforts require considerable editing, but they learn by experience and usually improve rapidly. We find great satisfaction in the knowledge that, should the Lord tarry and the older writers pass from the scene, an abundance of literary talent will still be available. Literary talent knows no age limits.

Two or three of our state or area ministerial conferences have undertaken to supply an article each month from one of their particular group, with the responsibility for producing the article of the month rotating among the members of that conference. A number of lay people are also contributing. We encourage this, feeling that the work of lay people often has a broad appeal to other laymen which surpasses that of full-time Christian workers.

Brethren who do not themselves write for publication often make valuable suggestions. Some good ones we cannot use immediately because of other factors that must be taken into consideration. Some we can use very soon, or in some cases immediately.

The "Honor Church" page, which was designed for the purpose of promoting a better acquaintance with the location and background of our churches, will be discontinued for lack of fresh material. It has been a disappointment to your editor that so many of the congregations failed to respond, but we sincerely thank the many who cooperated so beautifully.

The following are publication figures for the period between October 1, 1975, and February 29, 1976:

Restitution Herald Quantities

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| October | 9,150 | March | 9,350 |
| November | 11,500 | April | 9,650 |
| December | 9,500 | May | <u>9,450</u> |
| January | 9,700 | | |
| February | 9,500 | Total | <u>77,800</u> |

This is an average of 9,725 copies per month, which is down about 345 per month since last year.

During this period, 138,500 tracts were printed. This is an increase of 29,500 over the figure for last year.

New publications since the last report:

1. Book—*Historical Waymarks of the Church of God*
2. *Growing in Christ*—Home Bible Study Book
3. Bicentennial tract—*Shall Not Have Died in Vain*
4. *The Nature and Destiny of Man*—13 study lessons
5. Other tracts:
 - What's His Name?*
 - First Steps in Bible Study*
 - Here's My Tip*
 - The Second Coming of Jesus Christ*
 - One Step From Death*
6. *Where Do I Fit?*—Study Book for New Members

Our printed message reaches into places that we cannot go, and introduces the precious truths of the gospel to people that we will never, in this age at least, meet. Let us increase our use of it!

Foreign Missions Department

The Mission Board of the Church of God General Conference presently consists of the following persons: Mardy Lawrence, Merle Patrick, Warren Sorenson, Paul Overholser, S. O. Ross, Superintendent of Home Missions, and Rachel Carr, Superintendent of Foreign Missions. The Board meets three times each year to discuss and make recommendations concerning home and foreign mission work.

During the past year, Sr. Alice Aldrich has lived in Labor Vieja, Mexico, with the Roberto Badillo family. She has conducted a vacation Bible school, prepared a hymnbook and Sunday school materials, and assisted with the regular services of the Labor Vieja Church. Bro. Badillo has continued to help with the preaching and teaching in the church.

The Nigeria work continues under the leadership of Ephraim Udo, John Obott, and Solomon Idiong. The brethren there gathered in December for their annual conference. Attendance was over 500. Plans are underway for the construction of a new church building in Edienne. During the past year, it was decided by the Mission Board that it would be best to alter our plans to bring Bro. Solomon here for further study, and he did not come to enter Oregon Bible College in September.

As a result of delegate action at last year's General Conference sessions, the Church of God in Liberia, led by Pastor Cornelius Boykai, R.N., came under the direction of the General Conference. Previously the work had been a project of the Northeast Conference. Present membership in the Salala Church of God is one hundred one. In addition to his church work, Bro. Boykai operates a successful clinic.

Our mission work in Ghana is under the direction of Pastor Oliver Amani. A literature campaign, held last summer, resulted in the baptism of seven. A "first" for the Church of God members occurred last year when they gathered for a conference with the theme: "Getting to Know Each Other in the Faith of Abraham." The Northern Volta Business College has about doubled in size, with one hundred six students enrolled this past year. Work continues on the church building in Nkwanta, with much of the expense being covered by the tithes and offerings of the people. Bro. Amani visits monthly the group of Christians in the fishing village at Kwamikrom.

In February and March of 1976, Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence visited and worked with the people in India. They held classes in Bangalore each evening and twice on Sunday, using home Bible study materials and Systematic Theology. Response

was good. A more detailed report will be given later. Pastor P. M. Paulson and his co-workers continue to work near Hyderabad. They have recently been teaching and practicing tithing in the various groups and have found it a new and exciting experience. Many pamphlets have been purchased for distribution during the Hindu festivals.

Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero oversees the work of eight churches and their pastors in the Philippine Islands. In November, he and his wife and Sr. Aguinaldo visited all the churches except two which were inaccessible. Two new church buildings have been dedicated since our last report, the Agbannawag Church in May and the Gattaran Church in July. The radio ministry continues under the able direction of Bro. Eleodoro Javar.

During the past year, a pastor for the Digby, Nova Scotia, congregation was sought. Pastor Dale Swartz plans to assume the pastorate September 1, 1976. In the meantime, interim workers have been serving the congregation. Francis Burnett was there for all of 1975; John Carr served for two months at the beginning of 1976, followed by Vivian Kirkpatrick, who will remain through June. John Hearp will go for the month of July. Since our last report, the Christian Prisoners Association has been formed by Eunice Pearson, Elaine Handspiker, and Walter Johnson. Other activities include the annual Maritime Conference and Bible School, literature distribution, and a missionary conference where faith promises totaled \$1,750.00.

Home Missions Department

This year we have six churches receiving pastoral aid from the Church of God General Conference. The churches are: Eternal Hope, Herndon, VA; East Oregon Chapel, East Oregon, IL; Arlington, TX; Gulf Coast, New Port Richey, FL; McGintytown, AR; and North Salem at Plymouth, IN. Three churches (Eldorado, IL; North Hills, OH; and Pomona, CA) were on the special church aid program. Due to the resignation of the pastor at the Pomona, CA, Church, assistance to that church was discontinued on February 1. Two churches (Blanchard, MI, and Litchfield, MN) have received funds through Mission Builders Appeal Numbers 35 and 36.

The free literature distribution campaign continues to be emphasized in many local churches. We express our thanks to the local missionary directors, and to all those who are cooperating in this program of distributing the written Word to the people of their communities.

Many inquiries continue to come to General Conference as a result of literature. These inquiries come from many countries of the world, in addition to the United States and Canada. Many people are enrolled in the Systematic Bible Study Course, both at home and abroad. These Systematic Study Courses, the free literature distribution campaign, and the Home Bible Studies that are carried on in many churches and communities, are cooperating to spread the Gospel Message of Salvation to many.

A proposal will be made to the delegates at the 1976 General Conference to reorganize the Missions Board of the General Conference. If the proposal is adopted, there will be both a Home Missions and a Foreign Missions Board. We feel that much study and development can be made in the home missions area with such a Board directing the work. May God continue to richly bless all the efforts of the Church of God General Conference in evangelism and missions throughout the world.

Oregon Bible College

It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience to see the steady growth and development of the Lord's work in the Bible College.

Sixty-two students attended Oregon Bible College during the 1975-'76 academic year. The student body represented thirteen different states and Canada. With few exceptions, they represented Church of God family backgrounds. Ten seniors graduated in May: Richard Alcumbrack, Grand Rapids, MI; Kathy J. Cooper, Grand Rapids, MI; Carl Jennings, St. Louis, MO; Pam Jennings, Springfield, OH; Larry Mayberry, Royal, AR; Scott Millard, Omaha, NE; Dan Ryan, Minneapolis, MN; Gary Smith, Blanchard, MI; Linda Whaley, Chagrin Falls, OH; and Richard Williams, Grand Rapids, MI. Twenty-one female students lived in the Women's Dormitory and twenty-one male students lived in the Men's Dormitory.

John Lewis served as president, registrar, and instructor; S. O. Ross was director of business affairs and instructor; Eugene Stilson was library director and instructor; Dale Ramsey, music and Christian service director and instructor; Connie Mongan, English; Hugh Harman, director of student affairs; Dale Ramsey and Mary Krogh, dormitory directors; David Krogh, student recruitment.

In October Eugene Stilson and Hugh Harman attended a seminar in Chicago conducted by the Theological School Inventory organization. They also attended the American Association of Bible Colleges convention held in Chicago in October.

Three guest instructors conducted seminars during the year. Scott Ross was speaker for Christian Emphasis Week in October and also taught a course on Pastoral Leadership. Dallas Demmitt taught a course on Christian Growth and Maturity during the first week of the winter semester, and Jim Graham taught a course on Church Evangelism during the first week of spring session.

Gary Smith served as president of the Student Council during the year. Steve Taylor and Linda Whaley were co-chairmen of the social committee. During the winter semester, Steve Taylor turned over his responsibilities to Michael Hoffman. November 11 and January 29 were set aside as prayer days.

Dale Ramsey has completed the requirement for the Master of Arts degree in music at Northern Illinois University. Eugene Stilson has plans to finish the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in New Testament Studies, this fall, at Wheaton. Robert Jones, with a Master of Arts in Old Testament Studies, will join the faculty this fall. We hope to improve our program by adding a full-time Christian Education instructor in the near future.

Students were busy in Christian service and gospel team activities through the year. More than thirty students were involved in two gospel teams, directed by Michele Millard and Dale Ramsey. The play cast visited several churches during the winter months, presenting the play "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops." The Chorale made weekend trips during winter semester, and toured the eastern part of the United States during spring break.

Under the direction of the Board of Education, we planned and developed an internship program for graduating Pastoral Studies students. Initially the program is working on a voluntary basis. The students serve in a church during the school year under the guidance of a cooperating pastor. In the near future we plan that every graduating Pastoral Studies student will enter the internship program. A manual has been prepared that will serve as a guide for the student and cooperating pastor. Through the use of this manual, a student's progress can be checked and encouraged as he takes part in various pastoral responsibilities.

The Board of Education asked Dr. Mostert of the American Association of Bible Colleges to visit our campus and investigate

our organization, program, and curriculum, that he might evaluate and advise for future planning. Through the advice and information given to us by Dr. Mostert, we are more able to make wise decisions in our short- and long-range planning.

The Board of Education consists of: Chairman Vernis Wolfe; Robert Johnson; William Lawrence; Charles Pryor; and John Lewis. Alva Huffer is serving as special consultant to the Board of Education and Oregon Bible College. The Board of Education met in August in Cedar Falls, IA, in Oregon, IL, in November, and again in Oregon during April.

Sunday School Department

The Sunday School Department is progressing well in developing its program. Several new things have been accomplished in addition to the routine duties. August 31, 1976, will end two years of service for the first full-time director. It should be pointed out that one year out of the two, the director worked as full-time pastor in Digby, Nova Scotia. However, 75 to 80 percent of the Director's work was done from there, in addition to the work of being the pastor.

Three Board members were guest teachers in the Illinois State Conference, July, 1975. During General Conference, the Board had several sessions of meetings. The Quarterly editors present, and the vacation Bible school writers present, met with the Board in some of its sessions.

Minnesota State Conference hosted the Board in a full Sunday School Conference, September 26-28, 1975. All members were present and had complete charge of the program. All sessions were well attended. A Board meeting was held on Friday, the 26th, prior to the beginning of the Conference.

The vacation Bible school books, and planning for the same, are under the Sunday School Department. The Board planned the lesson titles, texts, themes, and some suggested ideas for writing the lessons. A chairman was selected to supervise the writing of material for each of the seven manuals. That chairman was encouraged to ask others to help. In all, seven manuals were written—one for the VBS director, and six for different age groups. The manuals have been received with commendation and praise by many who are using them.

The third annual Christian Workers' Seminar, February 29-March 6, 1976, was held at Camp Alexander Mack. Forty-eight students enrolled, and a staff of 8. During General Conference, please see one of the persons who will be wearing a button, "I Was There," and ask his reaction to the Seminar. It was tremendous!

A third new tract, "Meet My Friend," for junior age in Sunday school, was printed in the late summer of 1975. This makes a series of three tracts, all of which are especially for juniors to use in inviting friends to Sunday school, or, better yet, to know the Lord. Also printed in the fall of 1975 was an elective study course entitled "Growing in Christ." It has 13 lessons.

The Board had charge of the program for Indiana State Conference, April 24, at Morning Star Church in South Bend. There also was a meeting of the Adult Quarterly editor and writers in Oregon, IL, on April 30, 1976. The evaluation of the present Adult Quarterly, its material and usefulness, and the discussing of ways to make it better, will result in some improvements in time to come.

Your Director attended "Step Two Dynamic Church Seminar," in Kansas City, MO. Many good ideas in regard to materials and procedures are learned in such meetings.

The Sunday School Department is responsible for the news column in *Progress Journal*, and the *Sunday School Monthly*, JUNE, 1976

which is mailed to pastors and superintendents, encouraging the use of teaching materials such as film strips, tapes, and lesson plans. There is also much correspondence in connection with the planning and supervising of many activities, as well as to answer many questions and give information about the Sunday school.

Present Sunday School Board Members are Joyce Knapp, Scott Ross, James Babcock, and James Graham. Bro. Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director for the past three years, has resigned, effective August 31, 1976.

General Services

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 is the administrator of the Ministers Insurance Program, and the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. 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.

The Executive Director and the staff members of the Church of God General Conference perform many services in addition to the departmental activities related in the preceding reports. They are available for special meetings, dedications, state conferences, and other activities. They also fill pulpits when local pastors are ill or on vacation.

We want to extend our appreciation to Clement Richey, who is in charge of the maintenance and general repair of the Church of God General Conference facilities. His services are done gratis, and his efforts in this area are greatly appreciated by all.

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 attempt to carry out the policies and programs that the delegates set out for them to accomplish.

General Conference Finances

The General Conference Board of Directors and the staff members appreciate the dedicated sacrificial giving of many churches and their membership. God has wonderfully blessed the work of the Church of God.

The current fiscal year was begun October 1, with a deficit of \$6,000. The current budget is the largest in the history of the Church of God General Conference. These funds are used to provide the free literature, and to subsidize all of the publications of the General Conference, carry on the mission work, both at home and abroad, support the work of the Youth and Sunday School Departments, and provide about half the cost of the education of each student at Oregon Bible College.

At midyear, we find that our deficit is a few thousand dollars more than it was at the beginning of the year. We trust that the membership, individually and through the local churches and district conferences, will meet the needs and provide the funds to completely carry out the expanded work of the Church of God General Conference.

Let us, each one, be busy in the Lord's work, as we look for the soon return of our Savior and coming King. Let us be pre-

pared and be mindful of the words of Paul, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28b).

Recommendations for 1976-77

I. We recommend that the Missions Board of the Church of God General Conference be reconstructed as follows:

- a. That there be a Foreign Missions Board of three members elected by the General Conference delegates. That one be elected each year, for a term of three years. That immediately after the election each year, the Board elect one of its number to act as Foreign Missions Board Chairman.
- b. That there be a Home Missions Board of three members elected by the General Conference delegates. That one be elected each year for a term of three years. That immediately after the election each year, the Board elect one of its number to act as Home Missions Board Chairman.
- c. That a Superintendent of Missions be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, either on a part-time or full-time basis as the need requires.
- d. That both the Foreign Missions Board and the Home Missions Board serve, together with the Superintendent of Missions, as the Missions Board of the Church of God General Conference. That the Superintendent of Missions be the chairman of that full Board.

Explanations: The delegates at the 1975 General Conference passed the following motion: "That the present Missions Board be divided into a Foreign Missions Board and a Home Missions Board: implementation to be handled by the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the present Missions Board, and be presented at the 1976 General Conference." Upon consultation with the Missions Board, the Board of Directors makes the foregoing recommendation.

In practice, the Home Missions Board could meet alone or with the Superintendent of Missions. The Foreign Missions Board could meet alone or with the Superintendent of Missions. On some occasions, the two Boards would meet together, under the chairmanship of the Superintendent of Missions, to discuss like problems, and to keep a continuity in the mission work of the General Conference.

To institute the new Missions Boards, to preserve the term of office of the present Missions Board members, and to set up the continuity of henceforth electing the Board members for three-year terms, the following procedure for the 1976 General Conference is proposed:

Home Missions Board:

1. M. A. Patrick to serve out his unexpired one-year term.
2. Elect a Home Missions Board member for a two-year term.
3. R. Warren Sorenson to serve out his unexpired three-year term.

Foreign Missions Board:

1. Elect a Foreign Missions Board member for a one-year term.
2. Paul Overholser to serve out his unexpired two-year term.
3. Elect a Foreign Missions Board member for a three-year term.

The fourth member of the present Missions Board is Mardy Lawrence, whose term of office expires this year. She may be reelected.

Duties and Guidelines of Home Missions Board: Study, evalu-

ate, and make recommendations in the following areas:

1. Pastoral Aid
2. Special Church Aid
3. Mission Builders requests
4. Ways to stimulate local church growth
5. Ways to start new Sunday schools and churches in areas where there is now no Church of God witness
6. Ways to make greater use of literature and personal witness
7. Solicit workers in new and small churches
8. Stimulate the membership to propagate the gospel and make disciples for Christ

Duties and Guidelines of Foreign Missions Board: Study, evaluate, and make recommendations in the following areas:

1. Present mission field operations and their needs
 2. Present national workers
 3. Christian and business principles to be used in mission fields
 4. Amount of support in each field
 5. Building and equipment recommendations in present mission fields
 6. New fields of mission operation
 7. Missionary personnel prospects
 8. Stimulate the membership to greater mission concerns
- These guidelines are very general. A more specific job description will be prepared later, in cooperation with each elected Missions Board.

II. We recommend that we discontinue financial support to the Mexico mission work at the present time (September 1, 1976) due to a lack of interest on the field there.

Explanation: Due to the cultural attitudes in Mexico, it is extremely difficult for a woman to build a mission work with any measure of success. Further consideration of mission work in Mexico may be given when conditions merit.

III. We recommend that a qualified General Conference representative be sent to each of our mission fields to remain as long as feasible for the purpose of administration, teaching, and preaching.

Explanation: Recognizing the need for more supervision in our mission fields, and recognizing the value of having an American representative in the field, the foregoing recommendation is proposed. It is suggested that money be raised by special appeal each time such a trip is made.

IV. We recommend an amendment to the Constitution.

Article II (delegates) Section 3 now reads: "The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates at large and have the same powers as the delegates from the churches."

We recommend that Section 3 read as follows: "The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with licensed and/or ordained ministers of the Conference who are pastors of a church, co-pastors of a church, serving on the Conference staff, retired pastors, or associate pastors, and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates at large, and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches."

Explanation: This amendment would give General Conference delegate status only to those licensed and ordained ministers who are in a ministerial capacity. Any other licensed or ordained minister could be a delegate if so appointed as a regular delegate of a church or district conference.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

The biennial meeting of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association will be held during the upcoming General Conference at Cedar Falls, IA. Some important decisions affecting the Association will be up for discussion and decision, which will have to do with increase in retirement benefits and a slight increase in membership payments.

This recommendation by the Board was made because of repeated requests of member pastors and churches. This is the first recommended increase in contributions from members since the beginning of the voluntary organization, although an increase in retirement benefits has been made.

Cooperation in this voluntary effort has been widespread, and each year as men enter the Church of God ministry, they seek partnership in this brotherly sharing. Likewise, churches and conferences have felt responsibility in assisting this retirement benefit for their spiritual shepherds.

At the present time, there are five ministers receiving retirement benefits. Clyde E. Randall, Chm.; S. O. Ross, Sec'y-Treas.; Willard Naylor, V-Chm.

Ministers' Fund

The Ministers' Fund of the Church of God General Conference is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon (IL) Churches, the dean of students of Oregon Bible College, and the Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference. The Fund is supported by special contributions, and we are thankful to those who have contributed to the Fund during this past year. The fund 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 \$4,528.57. Two are receiving monthly assistance from this Fund in the total amount of \$600 a year. There is at present one outstanding loan in the amount of \$300. The present Fund balance is \$4,762.20. We encourage contributions to this Fund so that help will be available for a pastor or his family should an emergency arise.

S. O. Ross, Sec'y.

Counseling and Arbitration Board

The Counseling and Arbitration Board has not been called to serve in an official capacity this past year. The members of the Board have individually been active in lending encouragement and advice to pastors and churches.

It is the feeling of the Board that nearly all cases of internal problems can be resolved before they develop into divisive situations, if proper guidance is given and received. The Board much prefers to be called upon to provide such leadership before conditions develop which create difficult situations. Maintaining the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" is our prime objective.

Clyde E. Randall, Chm.; S. O. Ross, Sec'y.;
Wayne Laning, Member.

License and Ordination Board

We begin our report with personal thanks and a note of appreciation to those faithful men and women who serve the Church of God as pastors and leaders. In the November, 1975, issue of *Progress Journal*, a list of 118 names was published. Of these 118 ministers, 23 were listed as inactive, having preached

fewer than 20 sermons during the church year. The list also included 10 licensed foreign mission workers. This would leave a total of 85 pastors who are serving the Church of God in America, and have presented more than 20 sermons.

Our records show that of the 85 active ministers receiving annual recognition cards, only 28 have been ordained by the General Conference. We do encourage pastors to consider this, and give more thought and prayer to the ordained ministry. All Church of God licensed ministers who have served in active work as pastors or evangelists for approximately three consecutive years may apply for ordination. Recommendation of at least two elders of the church in which one has served, or from two leaders in the community in which he has worked, is required.

We are happy to report the addition of: Bro. Michael Berry, who is pastoring the Southlawn Church of God in Grand Rapids, MI; Bro. Sidney Kirkpatrick, who is pastoring the Blessed Hope Church of God in Rockford, IL; and Bro. William Kammin, who is pastoring the Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, OH.

Again we must express our deepest regrets at the loss of a devoted fellow-minister, Bro. C. Alan McLain of Russellville, AR.

We commend each of our ministers for the immediate and almost complete response to the annual renewal of applications. We must state again that, if your name was not included in the November *Progress Journal*, it was because you did not respond. Application blanks are mailed out from headquarters about July 1. If you do not receive an application form, and have previously been licensed, write to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and request one. This helps greatly in keeping our records, and in making an accurate directory of Church of God ministers for the November issue of *Progress Journal*. Recognition cards will be issued from applications received, and will be presented, if possible, during the General Conference meetings at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA. At present, it is still necessary for ordained as well as licensed ministers to make annual applications.

C. F. Pryor, Chm.; Kenneth Milne; James Mattison.

Family Life Committee

The Family Life Committee is composed of two couples, Dallas and Nancy Demmitt and Charles and Lois Pryor. They are appointed by the Board of Directors, and serve a three-year term. Bill and Mardy Lawrence have been serving on this committee until recently when they resigned because of their heavy involvement in other Conference programs, i.e., the India mission work.

Mardy and Nancy were primarily responsible for the writing and original publication of the study guides, "How to Enjoy an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life," and "The Christian Family." Another booklet for leaders on how to use the discussion guides was written by them. Both Bill and Mardy deserve our thanks and appreciation for the outstanding work they have done on this committee.

The committee has received many expressions of gratitude from those who have used the discussion guides in the Home Bible Studies for which they were designed. Some Sunday school classes have used the booklets. Usually, Sunday school

class time is much too short for participation and discussion of the discoveries that individuals are making as they prepare in advance for the time together. The committee would continue to urge the use of the two booklets in Home Bible Study situations. A thorough knowledge of the Leader's Guide, which needs to be purchased separately, is highly recommended. The booklets are not intended to be used in a teacher-centered lecture style.

Since the last written report of the committee was given, a number of churches have had a "Family Enrichment Seminar" for their local congregations. Seminars have been held at the churches in Hector, MN; Louisiana Conference; Oregon, IL; St. Louis, MO; Burr Oak, IN; San Jose, CA; Blood River, LA; and Phoenix, AZ. At least five other new churches are, at the time of this writing, attempting to establish dates. Some churches have had, or are planning, a second seminar.

The interest in these programs began with the Family Life Committee presentations at General Conference over the past years. A 6:30 a.m. class has been much talked about by its loyal participants and "other observers." From this have developed the weekend programs that, it is expected, will become even more widely used by General Conference churches. The Committee does not receive any dollars at this time from the Conference budget. It would seem appropriate that there be a consideration of the funding of this program. At the present time, the leader of the seminar asks churches to be responsible for the transportation costs. Sometimes, additional monies are given directly to the leader or, generally, to the Family Life Fund. The Fund is intended to allow the support of programs where the local congregation is not able to pay the transportation expense.

The chairman of the Family Life Committee has met with the Sunday School Board to establish lines of communication and cooperation in providing ideas, materials, and programs to

strengthen family life in our churches. Churches of the Conference will be no stronger than the families that make up our congregations. So very little has been done to help family members! I believe that the Sunday school will be in a position to do more as the needs and opportunities are recognized.

I think that the emphasis on strengthening family life should begin to get special attention in our Conference and church programs. The committee members will welcome your comments and suggestions.

Dallas R. Demmitt, chairman.

Louisiana Property

The Administrative Board for the development of the Louisiana Property was appointed by the General Conference Board of Directors at its November, 1975, meeting in Oregon, IL. The members of this Board are Allan M. Ramsey, Chm., Vernis Wolfe, and John Fauntleroy.

The members of this Board have been asked to do preliminary work on drafting proposed by-laws under which it will organize and function. In the near future, the Board will meet and complete its first draft of proposed by-laws, which will be given further consideration and study.

The questionnaires which were filled out and returned to the predecessor committee have been given much consideration for the information and comments contained therein. The comments on these questionnaires will be used as a basis for much information for general consideration by the Board in the preparation of its preliminary planning.

The work to be done by this Board is long-range planning, and the work will be pursued step by step, thoroughly and cautiously, prayerfully seeking the Lord's guidance all the way. Remember us often in your prayer life.

Administrative Board, Louisiana Property

Allan M. Ramsey, Chm., Vernis Wolfe, John Fauntleroy.

Additional Conference Information

Site: The 1976 Church of God General Conference will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA, August 9-14. This camp is owned by the United Methodist Church, and is located on the west edge of Cedar Falls, just a block off US Highway 20. Watch for the Camp signs (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 1976 will be \$8.10 per person per day (\$39.00 for the entire Conference). The daily costs are: breakfast, \$1.50; lunch, \$1.85; dinner, \$2.50; lodging, \$2.00; and insurance and miscellaneous, \$.25. (Meals are one-half price for children under age eight.) In addition to the actual charges made by the camp, there are many other costs to the Church of God General Conference for promotion, travel, supplies, and miscellaneous materials for the Conference activities.

Your General Conference Board of Directors is asking that camp costs be paid at the desk upon registration. 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 4 to 14 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.

Due to city zoning regulations, camping trailers *will not* be permitted on the campgrounds. Two public camping facilities are located in the area.

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: Three members will be elected to the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. The terms of David Johnson, Kenneth Milne, and Russell Johns will expire at General Conference (these cannot be reelected).

Sunday School Board: Two members to be elected. The terms of Scott Ross and James Babcock will expire this year (these may be reelected).

Missions Board: If the proposed recommendation for reconstruction of the Missions Board is approved, three members will

be elected. One will be elected to the Home Missions Board, and two will be elected to the Foreign Missions Board. If the recommendation for reconstruction is rejected, there will be one Missions Board member elected. The term of Mardy Lawrence expires at this Conference. (Missions Board members may be re-elected).

This information is given so churches and 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 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. The youth are expected to attend the youth classes, and the other activities planned for them during the Conference.

Children's Classes: Sister Lynne Krogh will be in charge of

the children's classes. Each day, Tuesday through Friday of General Conference, there will be classes from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for all children two years of age through sixth grade. In the afternoon, there will be classes from 1:30-3:30, *only for those children from second grade through sixth grade.* Parents, please note that no provisions will be made for those children under second grade during the afternoon sessions. Parents 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 of those from far away and those who live 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. ●



INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS—left to right: Billie Kennedy, Robert Smith, Hollis Partlowe, John Fauntleroy, David Johnson, Russell Johns, Kenneth Milne, C. F. Pryor.



ORDINATION SERVICE at which Billie Kennedy was ordained into the work of the ministry. Left to right: Emory Macy, Billie Kennedy, C. F. Pryor, C. E. Lapp, Hollis Partlowe.



CONFERENCE CHOIR

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



This issue carries the programs, reports, recommendations, and other pertinent information regarding the annual Church of God General Conference that will be held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 9-14, 1976. The theme of this fifty-sixth annual Conference is "Heritage of Our Faith."

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to all church and conference secretaries. Secretaries are urged to complete these forms and return them promptly in the envelope enclosed.

No Trailer-Campers on Conference Grounds

Due to city zoning regulations, campers and trailers will not be allowed on the Conference grounds at Riverview Park this year. See the July issue of *PROGRESS JOURNAL* for a complete list of camping facilities in the area. There are several near the Conference grounds.

No Contribution Receipts

It has been the custom to mail a receipt for each contribution received by the Church of God General Conference. Due to the higher postage rates, it is the decision of the Board of Directors that beginning July 1, 1976, a receipt *will not* be sent unless requested by the contributor. Each contributor will receive a notice at the end of the year for income tax purposes, stating the amount contributed during the year. This will bring about a big savings in postage costs, and also in the cost of envelopes, receipts, and the time to prepare same.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, IL, April 29 and 30. In addition to the item regarding no receipt for Conference contributions, it was decided to reprint the book *Systematic Theology*, by Dr. Alva G. Huffer, in both hard-cover and paperback. The sale price of each will be announced later.

The program, reports, and recommendations for the annual General Conference were approved. Reports were received from the Louisiana Property Board and the committee to study guidelines for license and ordination.

Robert Jones will join the Oregon Bible College staff August 1, 1976. Dr. Alva G. Huffer will be used in Oregon Bible College consultation only as needed on a

project basis. The board approved the general restructure plans of the Oregon Bible College Internship Program. Students will work for two semesters with a pastor in the field, under supervision.

Boards, Committees, and Ministerial Conference

The Sunday School Board, the Oregon Bible College Board of Education, the Missions Board, and the License and Ordination Board all met during the ministerial meeting, April 26-30. Several other General Conference committees met also. Many people are involved in all these activities and are to be commended for their time and effort to help carry out the Lord's work.

The Ministerial Conference was most successful, with the highest attendance ever (68 registered). The program committee presented a well-rounded program for the ministers.

Cabin Reservations

Cabin reservations for General Conference are now being accepted. Please write Cabin Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and state the number in your family or party that want to stay together.

Commendation for Giving

I want to express thanks and commendation to the membership of the Church of God General Conference for generous giving to the Conference work. It is true that we have been somewhat short of the goals for the budget needs the past months; however, at the same time, nearly twenty-five thousand dollars has been contributed to the Oregon Bible College building fund during the first seven months of this fiscal year. The overall giving has been the highest ever for any seven-month period. Praise God!

Budget contributions for the month of May are \$5,000 short of the goal. We ask your prayers and concerns for this need.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for May | \$25,845.00 |
| Given in May | 20,598.00 |
| May Deficit | 5,247.00 |
| June Needs | \$18,333.00 |

Goal for June \$23,580.00

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).

Missionary News

Ghana. Things have been going well in the church and school work in Ghana. The only serious problem is the eight-month drought which has caused crop failures, animal deaths, bush fires, and scarcity of drinking water. Students at the school must walk several miles to a stream for their water. Bro. Oliver Amani asks for our prayers.

Nigeria. We were sorry to learn that Pastor J. A. I. Ekpo recently lost a daughter to the enemy death after a brief illness. Also Bro. A. A. U. Idiong lost his 21-year-old son. Pray that God may comfort these who mourn, with the hope of the coming day of resurrection.

Philippines. March 14, 1976, seven persons of the Quezon Church were baptized into Christ. Pray that they may grow strong in their new faith.

As you know, there has been persecution directed against Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero and several other ministers in past months. Prayers for overcoming these troubles are requested by Bro. Ortiguero.

Mission Board. Members of the General Conference Mission Board met in Oregon, Illinois, April 29 and 30, to discuss the mission work and to make recommendations for this summer's Conference.

Your Call?

"But I don't feel that the Lord has called me to be a missionary," said the young man to the missionary worker who was home on furlough. Perhaps his words express the feeling of others in regard to missionary service. When we speak of a missionary call, some people may think of a special vision or some other kind of unusual experience, which they would know to be a definite call to service on the mission field. But such experiences are not common.

Actually, there are two aspects of the missionary call, the first of which is general. This is synonymous with the Great Commission that Jesus gave; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." It is the call that Christ gave to all those who follow him. Just as the invitation to accept salvation is general and given to all sinners, so is the call to service given to all Christians.

The call to salvation is incomplete until the sinner

responds by coming to Christ. The call to witness is also incomplete until the Christian freely offers himself for service.

Then there is the particular aspect of the missionary call. It is here that we run into the question of where, and in what capacity, a person will serve. This aspect of the call is more a matter of guidance—letting God lead us into that place where he needs us.

As we can see, the first call is fundamental to the second. If we have not responded to the Great Commission, then certainly there is no need to discuss any further aspects of missionary service.

The need is great! It has been estimated that people are being born into the world thirty times faster than the church is making converts. Right now, on Church of God missions fields, there is a need for men to go to teach and preach for the spiritual upbuilding of the work that has been begun.

Consider again, very carefully, the command of Christ. Then let God have complete control and be sensitive to his wishes. It may be that he is calling YOU into his service!

Practical Pointers

From time to time you have read on this page about the work of our mission fields in using the printed page to share the gospel. This is a way that each one of us can help to get the Good News out to others. Our General Conference continues to provide, free of charge, a variety of tracts for distribution. If you are interested in having some, contact your pastor, and he will order them for you.

Here are ten practical pointers to help you in your literature distribution:

The Christian should use tracts:

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| 1. Prayerfully | 6. Practically |
| 2. Politely | 7. Pointedly |
| 3. Pleasantly | 8. Personally |
| 4. Plentifully | 9. Presently |
| 5. Persistently | 10. Purposefully |

Think of these ten "P" pointers as you prepare to distribute gospel literature. (List taken from the pamphlet, "Ten Practical Pointers on Effective Leaflet Evangelism," *American Tract Society*.)



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who received high grade point averages for the Winter Semester: Sue Andrew; Jill Anger; Kathy Anger; Robert Bernheisel; Karen Circle; Pam Davis; Greg Demmitt; Michael Hoffman; Pam Jennings; David Kizer; Karla Macy; Scott Millard; Gary Smith; Donna Weidensall; and Richard Young.

OBC Choir

The Oregon Bible College choir has spent the last semester working on the patriotic cantata, "I Love America." This cantata, under the direction of Dale Ramsey, conveyed tribute and love to God during our bicentennial year. Carl Jennings prepared a slide show depicting life in America that was shown during the musical presentation. The choir performed at St. Louis, Peoria, and Oregon.

Student Council Officers Elected

Under a new amendment to the constitution, the students elected their officers from among the student body. Those elected were: David Wilsterman, president; Greg Demmitt, vice-president; Phyllis Prussak, secretary; Sue Andrew, treasurer.

Steak Fry

The Social Committee planned a steak fry for April 23, but the weather didn't cooperate. Because of the cold rainy weather, the steak fry was moved from Lowell Park to the cafeteria. A makeshift grill was built under a canopy, and the steaks were done out-of-doors, but eaten indoors. Everyone enjoyed the large steaks, rolls, salad, and strawberry shortcake. The recreation committee, foiled in its plans for outdoor games, had recreation doing the dishes.

Spring Entertainment

The Social Committee provided an evening for Oregon Bible College students to share their talents (or lack of talents) in front of the student body. It was a fun night, with time for the ham in everyone to come bursting through. The acts were entertaining and enjoyable, even though not too edifying!

May was movie month, with the Social Committee ordering two Walt Disney films for the enjoyment of the student body and to occupy those Oregon Friday nights.

Honors Banquet and Commencement

The ten graduating seniors were honored at a banquet preceding the graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 21. The banquet, sponsored by the Student Council, was held at Maxson Manor for the graduates, faculty, student body, and families of the graduates. Willie Hale, guest soloist from Minneapolis, Minnesota, involved everyone in his singing.

Following the banquet, the commencement of the 1976 graduating class of OBC was held at the Oregon Church of God. Those students who graduated were: Richard Alcumbrack, Kathy Jo Cooper, Carl Jennings, Pam Jennings, Larry Mayberry, Scott Millard, Dan Ryan, Gary Smith, Linda Whaley, and Richard Williams. Students and faculty participated in the ceremonies: Dale Ramsey provided the organ music; Gary Smith shared the welcome, and Scott Millard gave the Seniors' Response; Pam Jennings read the Scripture; Eugene Stilson and Rick Williams led the congregation in prayer; Stan Ross presented the diplomas; and John Lewis gave personal remarks concerning the seniors.

The special guest speaker for the commencement was Pastor Vernis Wolfe of Hammond, Louisiana. Willie Hale of Minneapolis, Minnesota, shared his music as guest soloist.

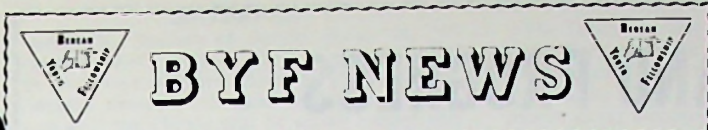
Congratulations to the seniors, and a special "God bless" as each begins a new aspect of life as he leaves Oregon Bible College.

Board of Education

The Board of Education spent many hours planning for the summer General Conference at its meetings in Oregon, Illinois, April 28-30. Through use of the time given to Oregon Bible College for the summer conference, we hope to communicate to the delegates the full message of the Bible College program.

We plan to further consult with Dr. Mostert of the American Association of Bible Colleges concerning the needs of our own program in the areas of general education as well as in our specialized programs. We feel that Dr. Mostert can give valuable advice concerning our future planning.

The internship program will start this fall. We will give this program further study and make adjustments in it as the need arises.



BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Berean Youth Conference

The 1976 International Berean Youth Conference is just around the corner. The program has been worked out and the staff stands ready.

Bro. Jim Graham of South Bend, Indiana, will direct the high school camp, and Bro. Charles Pryor of Houston, Texas, will direct the posthigh camp. I, as National Youth Director, will be codirecting both camps.

Youth Conference begins with registration on Sunday, July 18, at 2:00 p.m., and ends on Saturday, July 24, at 9:30 a.m. Registration will take place at the respective facilities, so if you are planning to transport someone to Youth Conference, plan to travel directly to the appropriate camp.

We are going into a "Learning Activities Curriculum" this year. This program is for twelfth graders and posthigh campers. This type of curriculum enables one to become aware of his own creative potential and to develop a spirit of cooperation among members of his group. This spirit of cooperation comes through involvement in inductive Bible study, communication games, and creative experiences which are based on ideas from developmental education, group process, and behavioral psychology. Classes for the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades will be centered around doctrine ethics and personal growth.

We will not be able to accommodate visitors during any part of the camp week, except Tuesday, July 20, between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. These visiting hours were set for the purpose of allowing interested adults to be able to witness the quiz play-offs and quiz finals.

No meals or lodging will be furnished for those who choose to visit, and we must ask that no one shall show up prior to 2:30 p.m., and that all visitors plan to leave right after the conclusion of the quiz finals.

Due to the number of campers and the nature of our program, we have no other way to handle visitation. We will be most appreciative for your full cooperation. This afternoon of visitation applies to Camp Alexander Mack only.

Speech Contest at Youth Conference

Trophies will be awarded to male and female contestants at both camps. There is no set title. All contestants must make their intent known by marking the appropriate box on the enrollment form. •

JUNE, 1976

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

What Has Been Done

Discussion often arises concerning the advancement of work that has been planned. Projects or departments of our General Conference are given careful scrutiny by interested people. Others seem not to be interested enough to keep abreast of what, if anything, is being done.

The Sunday School Department of the Church of God General Conference has been the object of great interest during the past decade. Many hours of volunteer time have been spent in committee and board meetings for the purpose of promoting the work of the Department and of Sunday schools throughout North America and other parts of the world. Many laymen have made valuable suggestions to committees and board members. These suggestions have led to new ideas being incorporated into the Sunday school program.

The Sunday School Department of the Church of God General Conference is advancing. It is making progress toward better programs for training Christian workers, including teachers. The literature is being improved. A new Nursery Teacher's Guide has been added to the curriculum materials. All of the quarterlies have been improved, especially the Beginners Teacher's Guide, which is using a different approach for the Summer Quarter of 1976. Three tracts for those of junior age have been developed and printed in the past two years. Teachers' supplements have been added in the junior and teen-age sections. Two elective study courses—"Study of Romans" and "Growing in Christ"—have been prepared. Each consists of 13 lessons.

Vacation Bible School material, and the development of same, was put into the hands of the Sunday School Department when a full-time director was appointed. More churches are using the 1976 VBS manuals than at any time in the past five years. For the first time ever, the material covers the ages from preschool through high school. In addition, a special manual is provided for the VBS director.

Sunday School Conferences, with the entire Sunday School Board planning and producing the program, have been successfully presented in three areas since September, 1974.

Progress may seem slow, but much has been accomplished in the past two years. Praise to our God! •

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

South Bend, IN. Our church has experienced the thrill of witnessing the recent baptisms of Mrs. Roberta Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Carol) Rand, Mrs. Lucy Spainhower, and George Overlease. We pray that the Lord will bless these five as they begin the new life in Christ.
James Graham, pastor.

Royal, AR. On April 7, 1976, we at the Forest Hills Church of God were made happy when Miss Lora King and Susan Mayberry came forward for baptism. It was the writer's privilege to assist them in putting on Christ. May God bless and help them.
John R. Humphreys, pastor.

South Bend, IN. We were glad to rejoice with the angels in heaven, as Mark Richards was baptized by the pastor into the body of Christ, April 11, 1976. We welcome Mark as a Christian, and pray for his continued Christian growth as a member of Morning Star Church of God.
Ben Mattison, pastor.

Flagg Center, IL. Our hearts were overjoyed on Easter Sunday (April 18, 1976) when, in response to the gospel invitation, Terri Lewandowski came forward to dedicate her life to Christ. She was baptized immediately following her acceptance of Christ.
Gordon Landry, pastor.

Springfield, OH (North Hills Church). On April 24, 1976, Melvin and Ruth Stabler were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ. Their witness testifies of the Lord's power to work in our lives if we but open our minds to his saving grace.
Joseph Duncan, pastor.

MARRIAGE

On Monday, April 12, 1976, Pamela Mayberry and Roger Harman were united in marriage at the Forest Hills Church of God, Royal, AR. It was the writer's privilege to assist them in making their vows before God. May God bless them in their work together.
John R. Humphreys, pastor.

NEW HOPE-OAK GROVE MERGER

On February 15, 1976, the congregation of Oak Grove Church, Little Rock, AR, voted unanimously to join in worship and service to the Lord and fellowship with the New Hope Church of God of Little Rock.

The two groups became one at their first meeting together on February 19, 1976, with the regular Sunday morning program and a dedicatory service.

The Oak Grove building (only 1½ miles from New Hope) is being used in the Sunday school program, and as a Berean Fellowship Hall.

We are now constructing a parsonage on the church property. We are looking forward with great anticipation to the coming of our full-time pastor, Joseph L. Myers, in September.
Jeanette White, secretary.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Course, and have been awarded certificates: Mrs. Donna Blankenship; Harold Hazen; Joseph Jetteh Nelson; Susie Johns; Mrs. Julia McDaniels; Raymond Mooney; Jeanette Bennett; Paul Titchenell; Chuck Jones; Willie L. Edmonds; Nancy Ratering; Pam Holquist; Leslie Martindale; Helen Brewer; Larry Noorman;

Al Waggoner; Mrs. Barbara Glassburn; Mrs. Maxine Elkins; Pam Hughes.

SOUTHLAWN CHURCH OF GOD

We of the Southlawn Church of God cordially invite all of our friends to be a part of our 50th Anniversary, Sunday, October 24, 1976.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES

To the Rules and Regulations
of the
Church of God
Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

This notice has been duly sent to each member minister, member church, and member conference in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, of the Rules and Regulations of the association, pertaining to changes in the rules.

On November 11, 1975, the Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association met in Oregon, Illinois. At that meeting, motion was made, seconded, and carried to propose several changes in the Rules and Regulations of the Retirement Association. These proposed recommendations will come before the bi-annual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, which will be held during the annual General Conference in August, 1976, at Riverview Park in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Article IV, Section 1—Ministers, A, now reads:

"Member ministers agree with membership to contribute to the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association a sum equal to one percent (1%) of their gross earnings. Gross earnings include all income from wages, both ministerial and secular, and the value of parsonage or housing facilities, and utilities, and/or board and/or room when provided by the church, provided that a minimum of \$30 per year must be paid."

The Board of Trustees proposes the following changes in the above Section.

That the percentage of contribution be changed from one percent (1%) to 1 and 1/2 percent (1 1/2%) of their gross earnings.

Article IV, Section 2—Churches of God, A, now reads:

"Each member church agrees with membership to contribute at least one percent (1%) of its gross operating income per quarter. Gross income will include all contributed funds except for special funds, provided that a minimum contribution of \$50 per year must be paid."

The Board of Trustees proposes a change in this Section as follows:

That the one percent (1%) be changed to 1 and 1/2 percent (1 1/2%) of its gross operating income per quarter.

Article V—Payment of Benefits, Section 1—Amount of Benefit, A, now reads:

"Member ministers who have met the requirements specified above will, upon retirement, receive \$60 per month, but not before the member reaches sixty-five years of age, or later."

The Board of Trustees proposes that the

above Section be changed to read as follows:

"Member ministers who have met the requirements specified above will, upon retirement, receive \$75 per month, but not before the member reaches sixty-five years of age, or later."

Article V, Section 1, C, now reads:

"Widows of member ministers will, upon reaching the age of 65 years, unless remarried, be paid twenty-five dollars per month until death or remarriage."

The Board of Trustees proposes that the above Section and paragraph be changed to read as follows:

"Widows of member ministers will, upon reaching the age of 65 years, unless remarried, be paid \$37.50 per month until death or remarriage."

Article II—Membership, Section 1—Ministers, E, now reads:

"A minister who voluntarily withdraws from the Association will not thereafter be eligible for membership and forfeits all interest in the Association and funds except by contributing \$75 per year for each year his membership lapsed and being reinstated by the Board of Trustees."

The Board of Trustees proposes that in the above paragraph that the amount of \$75 per year be changed to \$125 per year.

The Board of Trustees further proposes that the above changes be made, effective January 1, 1977.

Explanation: Various members of the Retirement Association have urged the Board of Trustees to consider higher retiring benefits, and also higher contributions to the fund. For this reason, the Board of Trustees has taken action to present the proposed changes to the bi-annual meeting on August 11, 1976, at 9:00 p.m. during the annual Church of God General Conference.

The proposed changes, or any changes in the Rules and Regulations, may be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any duly held bi-annual meeting, provided proper notice has been given. Such notice has been duly given by mail. We trust that each minister member and each appointed delegate from a church or district conference who will be present at the bi-annual meeting will have given much thought, prayer, and due consideration to this matter prior to the bi-annual meeting.

Clyde E. Randall, Willard Naylor, S. O. Ross, Board of Trustees, Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association.

OBITUARIES

Keith K. Doolen of South Bend, IN, fell asleep in death April 4, 1976, at the age of 73. He was baptized into Christ in 1963 by Bro. Timothy Pearson. His faith and spiritual influence at Hope Chapel will be sorely missed and long remembered. He is survived by his wife Gladys and children: Don of California; Lonny and Ward of South Bend; and daughter Virginia Rockhill of Fort Wayne, IN. We share with them the hope of the soon return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of all who sleep.

James Graham, pastor.

George Dewy Chandler, 76, of Simpsonville, SC, died April 7, 1976. He was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God of Abrahamic Faith. He is survived by his wife Kitty; three daughters; and one son. He also left 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He has two living sisters: Mrs. Ruth Pickelsimer of Guthrie Grove Church and Mrs. Ellie Pierce of the Greenville Church of God. The funeral was held April 10 at the Guthrie Grove Church. The pastor conducted the service and Bro. and Sr. T. M. Ferrell sang. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery, to await the resurrection call.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Funeral services were held on February 6, 1976, for Alvin Bennett, at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God, with Pastor Billie Kennedy officiating, assisted by Russell Rankin. Bro. Bennett was born September 18, 1886. He was baptized into Christ at Eden Valley, and was a member of the Eden Valley Church of God. He is survived by his wife Gertrude and three children: Carroll of Paynesville; Vivian (Mrs. Ivan Mills); and Lyndon of California. He was laid to rest in the Eden Lake Cemetery, to await the call of Christ.

Betty Coulter, reporter.

Arthur Clay Staggs was born December 2, 1901, in Marshall, IL, to Newton and Cora Willison Staggs. He died at his home in Casey, IL, April 13, 1976, after a long illness. On March 31, 1930, he was married to Dorothea Hickox. He is survived by his wife; a brother John, of Marshall, IL, one daughter, Mary Jane Fisher of SC, and one grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and he was laid to rest in the Restitution Cemetery to await the call of the Master.

S. O. Ross, pastor.

INEXPENSIVE AWARD BIBLE: American Bible Society, King James Version, hard cover, red edges, black letter edition. \$2.75, postage paid when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Oregon, IL 61061.

JUNIOR BEREAN LESSON MANUAL

A new Junior Berean Lesson Manual is now available. It contains twenty-seven lessons, which are divided into three groups: "Your Relationship With Jesus"; "Your Relationship With Others"; and "You, Looking at Yourself."

A number of writers have spent a great deal of consecrated effort in preparing this manual. It may be just what you are looking for to use with your Junior Berean class. It is not dated, so you can start the series at any time.

It may be ordered from: The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061. The cost is \$1.00 per copy.

TAPE LIBRARY

Will our country continue to be great? Will our churches always be free? Have we, as a nation, forgotten God? Order "A Good Nation is a Great Nation," No. CR-1 7107A04, by Rex Cain. The cost is \$3.00.

Send check or money order to: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45416.

FROM OUR MAIL

The following was originally written to Bro. Hollis Partlowe, who forwarded it to us:

"My reason for writing this letter is: For the first time, today, one of my fellow inmates passed along a copy of *The Restitution Herald*, Vol. 65, No. 6, March, 1976. I read it from cover to cover, and especially enjoyed your 'Where Do I Fit?' and 'Occupy Till I Come,' 'Love—What Is It?' by Beth Briggs, and very especially the article by Hazel Cramer, 'Be Ye Followers of Me.' The whole publication is just terrific."

The writer identified himself as a prisoner, who is also chaplain, in a Canadian prison. He requested literature to be used in his prison ministry, which has been sent.

Bro. S. O. Ross has written to him. We will try to keep you abreast of further developments.

"Greetings in the name of Jesus. Just a note to let you know how much our family enjoys *The Restitution Herald*. It has helped to enlighten us on many subjects."—Vicki Bailey, Fredericktown, MO.

"Good Morning:

"I would appreciate receiving your Bible Study Course.

"Also, on our station we do give some Public Service time to Christian organizations, so, if you have some material you can send us regularly, we will use some of it on our free air time.

"Hope to hear from you soon.

"Your Brother in Christ
Hank Hudson, Public Service Director
Radio Station WCMR, Elkhart, IN."

BICENTENNIAL TRACT

An attractive Bicentennial tract is available. It boasts a two-colored cover and a message that is brief and to the point. It will be available free, as a part of your General Conference's free literature distribution program. Order from: The Restitution Herald, Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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HISTORICAL WAYMARKS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

The History Book of the Church of God (Abrahamic Faith), entitled "Historical Waymarks of the Church of God," is now available. Brother Clyde E. Randall is the author of this fine book. It has one hundred twenty pages with many pictures. It includes the history and background of each state or district conference, of each mission field, and of the very early efforts of the Church of God in the United States and Canada, and much more.

This is the first real written history of the Church of God. This fine book sells for \$4.95, postpaid when payment accompanies the order. We encourage you to send in your order, and the book will be delivered immediately. Orders will be appreciated to help supply the funds for the publication costs.

Order Form

Please send me _____ copies (\$4.95 each) of the History Book, "Historical Waymarks of the Church of God."

Enclosed find \$ _____ .

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THE RESTITUTION HERALD

Oregon, Illinois 61061

FIVE REASONS YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO GO TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. There is a lot of beautiful country between here and there. We all know that can cause a strain on your eyes!
2. You get there and meet a lot of Christians walking around happy, with smiles on their faces, and they act friendly all the time. That certainly is a jolt to your system, especially a whole week of it.
3. You get a chance to meet dedicated church members, studying ideas to help our churches, and you get a chance to pray together and share your problems with others. You hear the Word of God preached every day. That is apt to leave a scar on your personality.
4. Then there are three good meals a day. You go through the line to pick up your food, and then find a table where you can chit-chat with some good Christians while you eat. That is hard on your digestive system. I took my indigestion pills with me, and never got a chance to take one.

5. Then you have some time to relax; maybe sit around a campfire, maybe just visit with old friends, or perhaps go out for pizza or ice cream. That is hard on you; it might even keep you awake nights.

So, unless you can stand that kind of living, I wouldn't advise you to go to General Conference.
Lyle Walkington, Blanchard, MI.

BICENTENNIAL-ORIENTED RECEPTION

Many communities throughout the nation will be having bicentennial events and activities all during this year. Since the theme for the General Conference is "Heritage of our Faith," it seems quite fitting that those who have costumes relating to historic events bring them to wear to the Monday night reception. This is a time set aside for greeting each other, welcoming first-timers, and sharing in fellowship together, so the committee urges you to wear your costumes and add to the festivities.

Don & Marj Overmyer, reception committee.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Indiana

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Dr William Lawrence, Supt, 32 E Marshall, Phoenix 85012
Jerry Madorsk, Miss Chair, 7759 N 33 AV, Phoenix 85021

Contributors to the General Conference: April, 1976

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| Wayne Ewald | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Russell Johns | 100.00 | Fremont Church | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Doan | 80.00 |
| Margene Rager | 50.00 | E G Carpenter | 1.00 | Mr & Mrs L Appleby | 100.00 | Eternal Hope Church | 106.51 |
| Cool Spring Church | 52.50 | Columbus Hope Chapel | 5.00 | Macomb Miss Soc | 20.00 | Flagg Center Church | 41.20 |
| Golden Rule SS | 3.73 | Blanchard Miss Soc | 75.00 | Hedrick Church | 79.60 | Mr & Mrs Louis Policz | |
| Blanchard Church | 246.04 | North Hills Church | 222.95 | Mr & Mrs George Haberer | 20.00 | (in memory of | |
| Fred Hickox | 10.00 | Brush Creek Miss Dept | 60.00 | David Rector | 15.00 | Josephine Swihart) | 25.00 |
| Litchfield Church | 36.81 | Omaha SS | 46.71 | Hilliard Bible Church | 50.00 | Arlington Church | 5.00 |
| Raker Union SS | 27.50 | Conger St Church | 40.00 | Lawrenceville Miss Soc | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Wilfred Cambre | 30.00 |
| Oregon Church | 550.25 | Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones | 75.00 | Cool Spring SS | 68.20 | Blood River Willing Workers | 15.52 |
| St Louis Church | 38.46 | Mr & Mrs C E Lapp | 40.00 | North Salem Church | 26.30 | Anonymous | 107.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Edgar Harvey | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Stephen Bolhaus | 80.00 | Eldorado Church | 92.80 | Cecil Smead | 25.00 |
| Mrs B Balatti | 1.00 | Elaine Shute | 20.00 | Brush Creek SS | 38.54 | Mr & Mrs Lee McQuinn | 35.00 |
| Pomona Ch of Open Bible | 92.22 | Mr & Mrs Douglas Elliott | 7.00 | Oregon BYF | 39.66 | Dale & Josie Koontz | 26.00 |
| Brush Creek Church | 272.50 | Dorothy Napper | 10.00 | Sheila Sheeley | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Richard Hess | 10.00 |
| Keith Baird | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Ross Anger | 10.00 | Mary Hale | 15.00 | Southlawn Church | 539.28 |
| Mich Conf | 94.51 | Fonthill Church | 144.27 | Mr Joe D Shelly | 20.00 | Anonymous | 11.00 |
| Dorothy Siple | 25.00 | Mrs Charlotte Strauser | 5.00 | Mrs Clinton Cox | | Anonymous | 80.00 |
| Macomb SS | 15.22 | Mrs Myron Krienke | 5.00 | (in memory of Laura Hood) | 5.00 | Janet Tate | 12.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Cecil Patrick | 100.00 | Miss Almeda Long | 2.00 | Mr & Mrs Mike Hall | 40.00 | Mary Krogh | 70.00 |
| Kathy Cooper | 25.00 | Elaine Magaw | 17.50 | Anonymous | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs John Lewis | 150.00 |
| Frances Wood | 100.00 | S Bend Hope Chapel Bereans | 15.00 | Jan Check | 1.00 | Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills | 500.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Topsy Manuel | 5.00 | Mr Gladys Volentine | 25.00 | Leland Freeburg | 3.00 | Gulf Coast Church | 20.35 |
| George Procter | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs C L McCorkle | 200.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer | 10.00 | Macomb Miss Soc | 50.00 |
| Blessed Hope Church | 124.59 | Maurertown Church | 21.87 | Truth Seekers SS | 18.34 | Anonymous | 62.00 |
| Mr & Mrs D Cheatwood | 10.62 | Kyle Faison | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Robert Ennis | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Leland Wendroth | 5.00 |
| Royal Village | 78.55 | Mrs Lee Partlowe | 3.00 | Mr & Mrs Ronald Alban | 15.00 | Mrs Waldron Stewart | 26.00 |
| San Gabriel Church | 20.90 | Anonymous | 50.00 | Ellen Tierney | 12.00 | S P Dismukes | 50.00 |
| Troy View BYF | 20.00 | J Anon | 75.00 | Morse Mill Berean Group | 37.00 | Eden Valley Ladies Aid | 5.00 |
| LA Contributors | 55.00 | Icel Stedman | 5.00 | Tempe Dorcas | 15.00 | Yvonne Reigelsperger | 123.00 |
| Beth Tackett | 10.00 | Elsie Massey | 2.00 | Russell Blomker | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke | 30.00 |
| Katherine Tackett | 176.60 | MN State Miss Soc | 200.00 | Macomb Church | 158.88 | Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum | 3.00 |
| Morning Star Church | 11.34 | Pleasant Hill Church | 205.59 | Mr & Mrs Bert Decker | 20.00 | Wendy Payne | 20.00 |
| May White | 24.12 | New Hope Church | 50.00 | Hattie Vander Molen | 5.00 | Dixon Church | 96.93 |
| San Jose Church | 35.57 | Hope Chapel Miss Soc | 65.00 | Mr & Mrs Burton Smith | 25.00 | Ben Carpenter | 25.00 |
| Mr & Mrs W Fisk (in memory of Mary J Van Antwerp) | 400.00 | Mrs John Colaw | 4.00 | Garden Park Church | 165.16 | Bedford Church | 132.95 |
| IN Conference | 266.00 | Blood River Church | 136.88 | Mr & Mrs J O Paek | 30.00 | Lombard Church | 43.87 |
| Young Lures, Inc | 213.20 | Forest Hills Church | 48.26 | Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossen | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs N H LaMunion | 120.00 |
| Mr & Mrs L Hollenback | 100.00 | Doug Supinger | 12.00 | Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver | 100.00 | Pennellwood Church | 133.62 |
| Geneva Adkins | 3.00 | Kris Fischer | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey | 60.00 | Lawrenceville Church | 527.14 |
| Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs William Poland | 30.00 | Mr & Mrs S O Ross | 60.00 | Phoenix Bible Church | 3,681.63 |
| Milo Magaw | 143.75 | David Lewis | 3.00 | Connie Ross | 25.00 | Lakeshore Bible Church | 439.50 |
| Mr & Mrs Ken Howe | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson | 10.00 | In memory of Beatrice Appleby: | | Jay St Church | 103.98 |
| Mrs Althea Rice | 50.00 | Everett Rogers | 38.00 | Mr & Mrs Orville Legued | | Anonymous | 4.69 |
| Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller | 10.00 | Mrs Nan Barney | 7.00 | & Family | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs David Krogh | 40.00 |
| National Clothing House | 5.00 | Koszta Church | 72.00 | Mr & Mrs Gifford Brown | 2.00 | Mr & Mrs Bobby Thomason | 20.00 |
| Lester Klinedinst | 2.00 | Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell | 130.00 | Mr & Mrs LeRoy Brown | 5.00 | Raker Union SS | 19.50 |
| Mr & Mrs G C Guiles | 10.00 | Raymore Church | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Heidemann | | Mr & Mrs Lester Capron | 25.00 |
| SE Conf | 81.60 | Digby Miss Soc | 11.74 | & Family | 12.00 | Maurertown Dorcas | 20.00 |
| Happy Woods Church | 88.62 | Mrs J F Paustian | 20.00 | Mrs Mac Christianson | 5.00 | Troy View | 81.00 |
| IL Conference | 125.00 | Happy Woods Dorcas | 15.00 | Mr & Mrs G Christianson | 5.00 | Mrs Ellis Tuell | 5.00 |
| Raymond Wittaker | 2.00 | Alta Thrush | 20.00 | Mabel & Clara Osland | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs George Sheeley | 100.00 |
| Anna Mae West | 5.00 | Jeanette Jett | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs John Osland | 3.00 | Brush Creek Church | 284.28 |
| Sue Andrew | 12.00 | Columbia Church | 644.60 | Mr & Mrs J Christianson | 5.00 | Kathy Hammer | 12.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Paul Titchenell | 42.00 | LA State Conf | 25.05 | Mrs Emma Christianson | 5.00 | Pomona Open Bible Ch | 163.66 |
| Pennellwood Miss Dept | 150.00 | Oregon SS | 9.25 | Mr & Mrs Dean Peterson | 7.50 | Mr & Mrs David Johnson | 40.00 |
| Ripley Miss Soc | 50.00 | Litchfield SS | 17.16 | Mr & Mrs Charles Forest | 7.50 | Burr Oak Ladies Aid | 100.00 |
| Mrs Annie Welch | 17.64 | Mr & Mrs A E Karnett | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Harry Olson | 5.00 | Shilah Richmond | 134.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Charles Jones | 40.00 | Mrs Lois Goetz | 5.00 | Fonthill Miss Soc | 313.58 | Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners | 20.00 |
| Alice Bassett | 40.00 | SW Conf | 166.00 | Mr & Mrs Russell Johns | | Mrs William Hanson | 200.00 |
| Valley Church | 115.22 | Holbrook Church | 206.32 | (in memory of | | Hope Chapel—S Bend | 237.90 |
| Mrs Lillie Martindale | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs D Dovenbarger | 100.00 | Josephine Swihart) | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser | 100.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Wilfred Baggaly | 1.00 | Robert Clark | 2.00 | E Peoria Church | 82.00 | NE Conference | 650.00 |
| Mrs Essie Little | 2.00 | Inez Gordon | 10.00 | Hope Schwier | 20.00 | Denver Church | 269.21 |
| Mr & Mrs Durward York | 5.00 | Laura Brown | 15.00 | Dayton Glad Tidings Chapel | 200.00 | Mr & Mrs W Lawrence | 2,000.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Hollis Partlowe | 50.00 | Fonthill SS | 14.49 | | | Jan Tierney | 12.00 |
| Leota Hanson | 10.00 | Fremont SS | 22.85 | | | | |

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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director

Conference Delegates

Churches and conferences are urged to select their delegates early. They should also instruct their delegates how to vote on the proposed recommendations and other Conference business. I would also urge the church to select nominees for the positions to be filled by the elections, as listed in the June issue of *Progress Journal*, page eight.

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to all church and conference secretaries. Secretaries are urged to complete these forms and return them promptly.

Churches and conferences which are in the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association should select a delegate to the Bi-annual meeting of that association, which will be held on Wednesday, August 11, at 9:00 p.m. This may or may not be a Conference delegate.

Conference Program

The General Conference program can be found on page seven of this issue. Youth Fellowship and Publications business will be conducted on Tuesday, Mission business on Wednesday, Oregon Bible College business on Thursday, and Sunday School business on Friday.

The theme of the Conference is "Heritage of Our Faith." The evening messages and the Bible Classes will be geared to the heritage of our church and of our country on this Bicentennial year. This is a good time to reflect and cherish the rich blessings we have.

Camper-Trailer Facilities Near Riverview Park

It appears that campers and trailers will not be allowed on the grounds at Riverview Park during our annual Church of God General Conference, August 9-14, 1976. The following camps are nearby:

George Wyth Park—2 miles east of Riverview Park on Highway 20. There are 96 electrical hookups, and 29 spots without hookups. The cost is \$3.00 per night without electricity, and \$3.50 per night with electricity. The park does provide modern toilet facilities and good drinking water.

Blackhawk County Park. It is located about 3 miles from Riverview Park. One would go east on Highway 20 a few blocks then north on Highway 218 about 2 miles and then left on Lone Tree Road. It has about 90 electrical hookups, and the cost is \$2.50 per night.

There are a few city parks available also, but none of these have electrical hookups.

Cabin Reservations

Cabin reservations for General Conference are now being accepted. Write to Cabin Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and state the number in your family or party that wish to stay together.

The cost at General Conference this year will be \$8.10 per person per day, or \$39.00 for the entire Conference. The daily charges are: Breakfast—\$1.50; Lunch—\$1.85; Dinner—\$2.50; Lodging—\$2.00; and Insurance and Miscellaneous—\$.25. Meals are one half price for children under eight. The cabins do have cooking facilities, so families do have the option of cooking their own meals, if they so desire.

Conference Offerings

Offerings are taken at each evening service during General Conference, and are usually designated for a special project. This year, the Board of Directors has voted to designate these offerings to the Library Fund of Oregon Bible College.

Contribution Receipts

The Board of Directors has taken action to eliminate the issuing of receipts for General Conference contributions unless specifically requested. This action is effective July 1, 1976. This will save the postage, plus cost of the receipt, envelope, and the time involved in preparing and mailing the receipt. Notice will be sent to each contributor at the end of the year with total contributions for income tax purposes.

Conference Finances

Contributions for the month of June are nearly \$9,000.00 short of the budget needs. The shortage, together with increased costs and no college tuitions in summer, has necessitated a loan of \$20,000.00 to meet the expenses. Please make this a matter of concern.

There will be no Progress Journal in August.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for June | \$23,580.00 |
| Given in June | 14,848.00 |
| June Deficit | 8,732.00 |
| July & August Needs | 36,666.00 |
| Goal for July and August | \$45,398.00 |



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

Growing Up in Foreign Missions

By Mardy Lawrence

BILL AND I truly felt God's presence and power throughout our recent seven-week mission trip to Bangalore, South India. Daily, we consciously felt blessed for having submitted to his will in going, even though we really did not want to. We had plans for a vacation, which I'm sure could not have been half as satisfying to us as the work in India. We feel that we really got to know and love our brothers and sisters in India in a very personal way, and to better understand their culture. The problems that confronted us were monumental but, with God's guidance, we think that we got to the bottom of most of them. We feel good about the decisions and changes that took place. We thank all of you who were praying for us and the work there.

It was great to have time to teach, and a real thrill to see lives changed. The Scriptures came alive as the people learned to apply them to their own lives. We individually taught thirty-four Bible study classes lasting at least one and a half hours each. We used "How to Enjoy an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life" and "The Christian Family" home Bible study booklets, selected lessons from *Systematic Bible Study Course* by Dr. Alva Huffer, and four of Rosalind Rinker's tapes on prayer. Bill taught in the Thomas Town Church, and I taught in the Laljinagar Church. In addition, Bill preached nine sermons. I preached one and led inductive Bible studies on prayer and witnessing at three Mothers' Meetings (Dorcas). We also conducted two baptismal services, with eleven adults being baptized. We held many private interviews and counseling sessions with any who wanted to express his or her ideas, frustrations, and/or requests. We held twelve pastoral training sessions and conducted twenty-two board meetings.

In order to carry out the intricacies of maintaining our organization in a country

with a myriad of new government regulations, we had many meetings with lawyers, doctors, contractors, and indigenous and American missionaries of other denominations. In addition, numerous visits were made to government agencies. Bill also thoroughly examined and cross-examined their account books, and helped the chartered accountants (CPA) get together the year-end statements for all the churches and the clinic for their first government-required yearly reports.

In order to determine what is available in India in the way of educational opportunities, we visited secular schools, Bible schools, Bible colleges, Christian bookstores, and other churches.

To evaluate the level and modes of charitable medical care we visited hospitals and clinics. We also accompanied workers of other denominations on their public health visits to outlying primitive villages. After advertising in the newspapers and by word of mouth (the Indian grapevine is very efficient!) we interviewed many doctors and nurses. We eventually hired a new doctor and nurse who we feel are more capable medically and definitely more spiritually oriented. This will help accomplish our purpose of introducing many to Christ through the medical clinic and its public health training program, which are supported by Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Rossman of Phoenix.

During the last thirteen years, we have had the opportunity to visit mission fields in many lands: five trips to India; three to Africa; two to the South Pacific and Orient; and one trip each to the Philippines and Lebanon. I, without Bill, went to Mexico. Prior to this trip we have had a feeling that all was not well. As we read the correspondence from several of our mission areas, and as the problems in India came to an explosive head, our concern grew, but it was only after this stay in India that our thoughts crystallized.

Babes in Missions

As "babes in missions" we and our organization have made some mistakes, as have most other charitable organizations. In fact, our mistakes have a striking similarity to those of other organizations. We would like to share these with you so that we can all "grow up in missions" together, and so become better stewards. Shortly before we left India, we feel that God placed in our hands some research on Asian missions which confirmed our decisions and gave us some guidelines for the future. These will increase the spirituality and effectiveness of the work, and will eventually enable the natives to carry on without our assistance. We feel very blessed to have learned these lessons at such a relatively early stage in our foreign missions involvement. Other denominations have spent up to 200 years with full-time workers in the field learning these things by trial and error. We are deeply grateful to them for their willingness to share their experiences with us. We especially appreciate what we have learned from the Advent Christians and Southern Baptists. After much consultation, prayer, and discussion with our own brothers and sisters in India, we feel that our biggest mistakes in all our fields have been the following:

1. Sending money directly to a native missionary who has too little training and too little supervision.
2. Trying to elevate our indigenous leaders in underprivileged countries to our own standard of living.
3. Erecting buildings that are out of character with their congregations' economy.
4. Failure to teach them to trust God for their own support, through their own tithing.

By these actions, we have unwittingly encouraged dependency and caused them to confuse Christianity with materialism.

resulting in jealousy, competition, blackmail, bribery, and misuse of funds in an attempt to satisfy everyone. Once they are truly "Christized," they can and will teach their own families and neighbors. To do that, they do not need fancy buildings, cars, washing machines, refrigerators, and other luxuries that no one else in their congregations could possibly even start to afford, and which are completely out of context for all but the few very affluent people in their countries. (The average yearly income in both Nigeria and India was recently reported as less than \$100!) Even the resident foreign missionary must be very careful not to have more of these things than is necessary for the health and welfare of his family.

What We Should Do

After much time spent in research, consultation, earnest prayer and soul searching, we have the following recommendations to make in order to rectify what we see as a deteriorating situation in foreign missions.

1. Our funds need to be redirected toward sending qualified men and women from here to teach the Scriptures and to help them learn to help themselves. In such a program, many potentially strong spiritual leaders will be reached and we will not have to be tied to one or a few. "The cream will rise to the top" if they have unpaid spiritual responsibilities. No new work should be attempted without an American in the field.

2. Teach our indigenous leaders how to use the study guides and materials we send them, such as quarterlies, concordances, and Bible dictionaries. What we have sent to India (and we suspect to other places also) has been unused because it was not understood. Once they understand, they can and should produce (not translate) much of their own materials. A goodly portion of our material is too complicated for them to understand, let alone teach. In the Indian churches there is a tremendous difference in the basic education of the members. The majority have little or no education, while a few have college degrees or above. This tremendous spread, plus the multiple languages and dialects spoken, creates problems unknown to the average church in America.

3. Teach them to support their own work at their own socio-economic level. Too much foreign aid fosters dependency, irresponsibility, and depression much like that of the son of an indulgent wealthy father. Almost no one in our

churches in India tithes, even though they have been taught the Biblical message on tithing, have numerous tracts that outline the blessings of tithing, and have been encouraged by us on several visits. I suspect that it is because they felt that their money was not really needed; because they have had no control over how it was spent; and they think that all Bro. Manoah has to do is to make his desires known to the General Conference, or individuals in America. As far as they are concerned, a character like Santa Claus is very much alive here in America. This is why they get so angry at Bro. Manoah when he doesn't grant their every wish. We feel they will be more enthused about the work, and more motivated to serve God, if they are supporting themselves. Remember how we were so proud of what our first dollar bought? The Laljinagar church members were so proud of a bell they had purchased with funds derived from Christmas caroling and taking up a special offering.

4. Do not bring students from underprivileged countries to America to train. This has been a hard lesson learned by industry and medicine, as well as other religious organizations. This program has been disastrous because the graduate does not want to go back to his homeland, or, if he finds it impossible to stay in the United States, he expects to go home and live at our standard of living, which quickly undermines the efforts there by causing jealousy and strife.

5. Train pastors and workers in a native Bible school and under the supervision of full-time or part-time resident Church of God American missionaries. Unfortunately the government of India will no longer allow full-time minister missionaries into that country, but pastors and laymen can go there for three months at a time as tourists, and as such are allowed full freedom to teach. Well-qualified persons in other fields are still being allowed long-term visas, and this is how much of the Christian work is being carried out in India.

6. Do not expect much from *untrained* native pastors. We give them a license through correspondence, and leave them in charge of growing congregations and growing problems, with little or no peer review or fellowship, and little if any opportunity for further spiritual growth training. Once we put them on the payroll, they and their wives are subjected to all sorts of temptations which they are not spiritually mature enough to handle. For example, exclusive access to and re-

sponsibility for foreign funds, coupled with a personal salary so much more than the income of anyone else in their congregation, results in their becoming targets for physical and mental harassment, due to the jealousy this situation creates. If they and their church program were congregationally supported, they could not live above the local standard of living, which would eliminate the jealousy. The people would then enforce discipline in the use of their own tithes and offerings. It would also assure us that the pastor's motivation was to serve God, and not to get on the American payroll. Often they do not see the funds that we send from our tithes and offerings as God's money, but as a gift from rich Americans, with plenty more where that came from. (Even a resident American missionary should not give more than the highest contributor in his own congregation. The rest of his tithe and contributions can be given to some broader base entity such as the General Conference.)

In summary, we have not been mature in missions, and serious mistakes have been and are still being made. At first thought you may be discouraged by these findings and this report. I presume that some will think that we are being too hard-hearted. I can understand that, for we, too, were eager to believe that they could carry on the Lord's work if they just had the money. Now we know there is a higher price to be paid if we really want the truth, as we know it, to be preached in foreign fields. We must give of ourselves by sending some of our leaders to work in the fields. Do not be too discouraged, however, for we have learned from our mistakes and they have learned from their mistakes. We now have a good strong nucleus to work with in India. A proper bookkeeping system has been set up for each church and the clinic. Committees have been elected, similar to our boards. Funds are sent directly to the bank accounts of each division, and officers have been taught how to conduct the business and handle the monies properly.

Jesus Christ is the greatest gift we can present to anyone. His help will not fail when foreign funds are withdrawn or prohibited. All indications point toward the Indian government severely restricting foreign funds as well as visits, so time is short. It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to secure the funds and qualified pastors and/or laymen to implement these suggestions in all of our mission fields.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

1976-77 School Year

The 1976-77 school year of Oregon Bible College will begin with the dorms opening for students at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 20. The first meal will be served in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. that same evening. Orientation and registration will be 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 21. Classes will begin Monday, August 23. Labor Day is considered a holiday and there will be no classes held on Monday, September 6. New students who are planning on attending OBC this next fall and haven't mailed their application in should do so immediately.

Robert Jones

Robert Jones will become a faculty member of Oregon Bible College with the beginning of the 1976-77 school year. Bob has received a B.S. from Case Western Reserve University, Diploma of Graduation, Oregon Bible College, and has just recently completed an M.A. in Old Testament Studies from Wheaton College. Bob will be teaching Old Testament courses and Hebrew at OBC. Bob, with his wife Peggy and son Christopher, is moving to Oregon this summer. We are thankful for this addition to our faculty and look forward to the contribution that Bob will be able to make to the College and the community. We are also thankful for the Joe Lawrence scholarship which made his education possible.

Dr. Mostert Consultation

On May 21, Vernis Wolfe, Chairman of the Board of Education, Eugene Stilson, and the writer consulted with Dr. John Mostert, Executive Director of the American Association of Bible Colleges.

The purpose of the visit was to consult with Dr. Mostert regarding our administrative organization, our overall curriculum and program, and specifically to seek his advice regarding the general education and professional studies programs of the College.

We value this kind of relationship so that we can continue to improve our program and send students into the ministry and Christian service opportunities professionally prepared for the Lord's service.

Beyond Graduation

Following the commencement on May 21, members of the senior class began to see their dreams and goals becoming realities. The summer and the fall will find them in different places, doing different things, and

receiving a different kind of education than they have known in the previous four years.

Dick Alcumbrack will find himself in Virginia this fall, working as youth pastor in the churches in Front Royal and Fort Valley. Kathy Cooper returned to Grand Rapids, MI. Carl and Pam Jennings will remain in Oregon, where Carl will work with Pastor Hollis Partlowe as an intern. Larry Mayberry and his wife Karen are working in the Blanchard, MI, Church for the summer, and then will be moving to Hillisburg, IN, where Larry will become pastor. Scott and Shelly Millard are heading south to Louisiana, where Scott will work as an intern in the Happy Woods Church, with Pastor Vernis Wolfe. Dan Ryan and his wife Sarah will continue living in Oregon. Gary Smith, his wife Debbie, and their two daughters will be moving to Troy, Ohio, where he will become pastor. Rick Williams is going west, to assist Joe Myers in pastoring the Denver Church, and then he will become pastor of the church in the fall. Linda Whaley returned to her home in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The future is exciting to look forward to and, as these seniors leave their lives as students at Oregon Bible College, we wish them the very best and a special "God speed," as each of them serves the Lord in his own unique way.

Visit to Sauk Valley College

On June 2, Eugene Stilson and the writer visited Sauk Valley Junior College. In conference with James Barber, director of community services, we made inquiries concerning cooperative programs that Sauk Valley and other junior colleges have with private colleges in Illinois.

Several private colleges depend on local junior colleges to provide the general education courses for their curriculum. This arrangement allows the private schools the opportunity to concentrate their curriculum and faculty on professional studies and Bible and theology courses.

It also saves financially, by allowing the private college to pay for a specific course rather than hire a faculty member that can specialize in only one area of general education.

This plan, along with others, can serve as a possible means of providing general education in the Bible College.



BYF NEWS



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

Your Teen-Ager's Crowd

Have you ever felt apprehensive about the crowd with which your teen-ager is running around? Many of us are. I fear that this concern may cause us to make the mistake of being at odds with the normal desire of teen-age young people to be part of a group. I am assuming, of course, that the group he has chosen as his companions is not destructive in its nature. Certainly the most healthful and meaningful group your teen-ager could associate with would be a church group. Here they would, for the most part, share similar values and goals. This is an important reason for the family to be active in church.

As teen-agers advance from dependency to inter-dependency, they quite often pass through a very trying period—a time in which it seems that they are trying to achieve total independence from home and family.

Why does a teen-ager want to belong to a group? I am sure there are many reasons, but one seems the most appropriate. Through identification with a group, the process of maturation begins to take place. They start to formulate their self-images. They begin to search for the answers to such questions as "identity," "self-worth," and "purpose." Not always is it easy to come up with the right answers, but it is necessary to the establishment of a healthy self-image, which is vital if they are to become healthy, mature, and responsible young adults.

We parents need to be aware of this striving for independence and the desire to group. We need to get to know the friends with whom our teen-agers run. We need to get involved with them, to listen to them, and support them in their efforts to establish their identity. Most important of all, we must create an atmosphere which encourages open communication between ourselves and them.

If we attempt to understand the needs of our teen-agers; if we are understanding as they seek to discover themselves; if we provide loving guidance when we see them straying; if we pray for much wisdom, patience, and love; and if we trust God to answer our prayer, we have every reason to believe that our teen-agers will come through this period of life as more mature and responsible young adults.

Editor and Writers' Meeting

Friday afternoon, April 30, 1976, following the Ministerial Conference, a meeting was held for the editor and writers of the Adult Quarterly. This meeting had been planned in advance, and each writer was invited to attend. Most of the writers are ministers, and were in attendance at the Conference.

The sessions began at 12:30 p.m., and continued until 6:00 p.m. Scott Ross was in charge of the first session. He presented ideas on "Creative Bible Teaching." After a short break, Joyce Knapp led another session devoted to the same subject, but setting forth a different approach to teaching procedure. After a second short break, Gordon Landry, one of the writers for the Adult Quarterly and also an employee in the printing department of our General Conference, presented a session entitled "Tips for Quarterly Writers."

Following Gordon's session, Jesse Pestle, editor of the Adult Quarterly, made some comments to all present. He expressed some of his thinking with regard to the Adult Quarterly, its format, and its content. A short time was then spent in discussing some of the items that had been presented and the future needs of the Quarterly and its writers.

One of the important items to come out of the meeting was that all writers felt the need for more such meetings—even suggesting as many as three or four during the year.

We are sure that you, the users of the product of these brethren's efforts, desire the best for them as they endeavor to illuminate truth for the student's learning.

The editors of the Quarterlies are paid a very small sum per quarter for the work they do. The writers do their part because they love to serve the Lord in this manner. Pray for these persons and encourage them in the work that they are doing. Many spend eight to ten days per quarter in research and writing.

Sunday School at General Conference

Thursday, August 22, will be a day for thinking about Sunday schools. Beginning at 2:15 p.m., Bro. James Graham will present a new chorus (hopefully new to most everyone), tell a little about the Christian Workers' Seminar, and present the workshops. There is a workshop for everyone who is not in the children's class.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FONTHILL, ONTARIO

The daily vacation Bible school at Fonthill was held during the public school spring break of March 22-26. We were blessed with an enrollment of 168, with a high attendance of 145 on Friday morning. We used the General Conference materials with the theme, "Stand Tall for God." The teachers found these lessons to be exciting and easy to use, as there were many good suggestions for activities. Our main purpose was to teach the children how to pray, and to involve them in the principles of communication with, and obedience to, God.

Some special activities we found to be profitable: One evening session, just prior to the school, was devoted to sorting out materials and making samples of the craft work. Several people, who could not otherwise be involved due to circumstances, helped with this.

Several weeks ahead of time, a "Bus Boosters" campaign was started. By this means, we were financially able to rent bus service, which was used well.

The teachers met each morning for a brief period of prayer, and a thought prepared by Elder Edward Goit. These sessions were led by one of the teachers.

The children and teachers enjoyed music, played through the church public address system before the opening exercises each morning.

We used several types of advertising, but found that most effective by far was that of the children inviting their friends. At least one little girl phoned every one of her school classmates to tell them about Bible school and to promise

them a ride! The children also entered enthusiastically into a poster contest. Their posters were used around town for advertising.

A special attraction was "Alfred" the dummy, who could "talk" to the children when he was seated comfortably on his friend Jeffery Tritton's knee.

As the climax to the week, a program was

held on Friday night, with over 170 in attendance. Each class participated in some way. A coffee fellowship was held after the program, providing an opportunity for teachers and parents to become somewhat acquainted.

We all felt very good about what had happened at our church during the week of March 22-26. PRAISE THE LORD! Becky Peterson.



These girls were dressed in appropriate costumes for the Mordecai-Queen Esther scene.



Some more of the Bible School attendants, with the great attraction, Alfred the Dummy.



The kindergarten class with teacher Rebecca Peter and helpers Betty Anger and Reta Harrod.



Four teachers: Ruby Shirton, Doris Fletcher, Louise Hearp, Sandra Barnhart.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Heritage of Our Faith"

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Camp Director: David Krogh
 Worship Program Directors: Kenneth Milne, John Fauntleroy, S. O. Ross
 Children's Class Director: Lynne Krogh
 Head Usher: Harold Domigan
 Music Director: Dale Ramsey
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
 Reception: Don and Marge Overmyer
 Room Assignments: Mildred O'Neil, Diane Huston, Wilma Petry
 Desk Clerks: Doris Reye, Cheryl Swartz
 Ministers' Meetings: R. Warren Sorenson
 Priscilla Meetings: Grace Cain
 Business Office: Becky Hall, Mary Krogh, Lois Smith
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew
 Photographer: J. Richard LeCrone

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 9

2:00 Registration Begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service
 Conference Board of Directors, Opening and Song Service; Kenneth Milne, Speaker, "Our Heritage From Abraham"
 8:45 Reception
 10:30 Lights Out

Tuesday, August 10

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (all Adults, Ministers, Youth, and Priscillas in joint session), Billie Kennedy, Chairman
 9:00 Joint Session (Adults, Ministers, Youth, and Priscillas), OBC Board of Education
 9:00 Children's Classes
 10:00 Youth attend Business Sessions (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, Russell Johns
 Financial Report
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship Business Publications
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Mission Board Presentation
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 1. Mission Board, Building a Firmer Foundation in Home Missions
 2. Mission Board, Building a Firmer Foundation in Foreign Missions
 3. A Biblical Study, Paul McPherson

4. Multi-Media Presentation, John Lewis
 5. Implications of Contemporary Education, Charles Pryor
 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. Randall and Cecil Smead
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; Warren Sorenson, Speaker, "Christ and His Church"
 9:00 Youth Film
 10:30 Lights Out

Wednesday, August 11

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, William Lawrence; Ministers, David Cheatwood; Youth, Michael Berry; Priscillas, Enid Maddock and Mildred Macy)
 9:00 Adult Class, Eugene Stilson
 Youth, Edward Bender
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Waldon Winner, Jr.
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
 Mission Business
 Election of Mission Board Members
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Board of Education Presentation
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 Oregon Bible College Board of Education
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal From Sessions
 3:30 Planned Activities for Youth
 4:00 Choir Practice
 4:30 OBC Alumni Banquet
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; Kent Ross, Speaker, "The Church of God Today"
 9:00 Bi-annual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association
 10:30 Lights Out

Thursday, August 12

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Joe James; Ministers, John Railton; Youth, Joe Duncan; Priscillas, Charlene Graham and Debbie Mattison)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, E. Milon Hall
 Youth Class, Daniel Landry
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting

10:00 Youth Class, Robert Jones
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
 Nomination of Three Directors
 Oregon Bible College Business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Worship Service, Michael Mattison
 2:15 James Graham (SS Board)
 2:25 Sharing Sessions
 1. Opportunities for the Older Adult, Francis Burnett
 2. Advancing the Smaller Sunday School, James Graham
 3. What Makes a Good Sunday School Teacher? Joyce Knapp
 4. The Pupil's Responsibility, Scott Ross
 5. The Youth Role in the Sunday School, Gordon Landry
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 3:30 Planned Activities for Youth
 4:00 Choir Practice
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Musicale, "Our Heritage in Music," Dale Ramsey
 10:30 Lights Out

Friday, August 13

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Willis Turner; Ministers, James Ritch; Youth, Dale Harshman; Priscillas, Louise Humphreys)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class (SS Board), Scott Ross, "A Meaningful Heritage"
 Youth, Ray Hall
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Ronald Macy
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Thursday's Minutes
 Election of Three Directors
 Sunday School Business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Installation of the new Board of Directors, R. Warren Sorenson
 1:40 Ordination Service, 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, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; James Mattison, Speaker, "Consummation of Our Heritage"
 10:30 Lights Out

Saturday, August 14

7:00 United Prayer Service, Russell Johns
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated

OBITUARIES

Mrs. May Lynn Williams, of Morrilton, AR, died Saturday April 10, 1976. She was born in Conway County, August 10, 1886. She was a member of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham, known as The Lord's Schoolhouse. Survivors include her husband Elbert; four sons, Jeff, Alvie, Fred, and R. J., all of Morrilton; seventeen grandchildren; and twenty-seven great-grandchildren. Thoughts of hope, given by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15, were presented at the funeral. She waits for the resurrection day. Daniel G. Landry, pastor.

Beatrice Mills was born January 1, 1900. She attended the Church of God in Eden Valley, MN, in her youth. She was married there to Ben Magadanz. Her death occurred April 15, 1976 in Lexington, KY, where the family had lived since 1936. She is survived by two sons, Ellsworth and Merritt, and two daughters, Joyce and Vivian (Mrs. Robert Mitchell). Memorial services were held for Mrs. Magadanz at the funeral home in Eden Valley. Pastor Billie Kennedy spoke words of comfort.

Funeral services were conducted in memory of Mrs. Merle (Evelyn) Bennett, at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God, with Pastor Billie Kennedy in charge. Evelyn was born March 17, 1903, and died April 30, 1976, following a lingering illness. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Jean (Mrs. Douglas Hamilton) and two sons, Dean and Kenneth. Burial was in the Eden Lake Cemetery.

Bety Coulter, reporter.

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"The dead in Christ shall rise first."

BAPTSMS

Blanchard, MI. On the beautiful spring Sunday of May 9, 1976, the Blanchard congregation witnessed the baptism of Bradley Parks and Gordon Paulson. We praise God for these decisions.
Don Needham, pastor.

Cleveland, OH. The congregation of Golden Rule Church of God was happy to witness two baptisms at a special service that was well attended by many members and visitors. On Wednesday evening, May 26, 1976, Mrs. Helen Matthews and Miss Ruth Ann Stonebraker were immersed in Christ's saving name for the remission of sins. They were assisted in this by the writer. We welcome them into the family of faith and pray that their witness will lead others into the truth before Jesus comes in his glory.
William E. Kammin, pastor.

Springfield, OH. On April 4, 1976, Fred Callison was baptized in the name of Christ. We praise the Lord for his decision to yield his life to our Lord. He received the right hand of fellowship on April 11. His address is 1414 Lamar Dr., Springfield, OH 45504.
Milon Hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

PHOENIX Church (Bible), 1710 W Highland Av, Phoenix, AZ 85015
Hollis Partlowe, Pastor, 2141 W Cambridge, Phoenix 85009
Mrs Mary Lou Schroeder, Sec, 5717 N 42nd Av, Phoenix 85019
Dr William Lawrence, Supt, 32 E Marshall, Phoenix 85012
Paul E Newell, Miss Chair, 2128 W Flower, Phoenix 85015
OREGON Church, 301 N Third St, Oregon, IL 61061
C E Lapp, Pastor, 211 N Third St, Oregon 61061
Mrs Walter Anderson, Sec, Rt 2, Oregon 61061
Kurt Laurent, Supt, Rt 1, Chana, IL 61015
Mrs Mary Krogh, Miss Chair, 710 Franklin St, Oregon 61061

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Proposed Constitution Amendment
Article II (delegates) Section 3 now reads: "The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates at large and have the same powers as the delegates from the churches."

We recommend that Section 3 read as follows: "The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with licensed and/or ordained ministers of the Conference who are pastors of a church, co-pastors of a church, serving on the Conference staff, retired pastors, or associate pastors, and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates at large, and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches."

Explanation: This amendment would give General Conference delegate status only to those licensed and ordained ministers who are in a ministerial capacity. Any other licensed or ordained minister could be a delegate if so appointed as a regular delegate of a church or district conference.

MARRIAGES

Ronnie McGinty and Judy Ingram were united in the bonds of marriage April 16, 1976, at the McGintytown Church of God. A simple double-ring ceremony was used. We pray that they may experience a happy marriage, based on unselfish love, similar to that which Jesus has for his church. The ceremony was conducted by the writer. Daniel G. Landry, pastor.

Kandi Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rogers, became the bride of Stephen Matteson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Matteson, in a beautiful double-ring ceremony, Saturday evening, May 15, 1976. The Lakeshore Bible Church of God, in Tempe, AZ, was used to

accommodate the large crowd that attended. May God continue to bless this fine young couple as they walk through life together.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

PRICE INCREASE ON PUBLISHED MATERIALS

Due to increased cost of paper, printing, and general make-up, it has become necessary to increase the price of Sunday School quarterlies and nearly all sale items of the Church of God General Conference. See the back page of this issue of *The Restitution Herald* for the updated price list, which goes into effect July 1, 1976, on all booklets and study materials.

The Sunday School quarterly increase is effective with the September-October-November issue. There is no longer a Beginners Student's Activity. The Beginners Teacher's Guide will include a packet which will contain a variety of materials for the teaching of the class.

These increases will more nearly meet the cost of publication.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Stanley Kim; Naomi Masei; Alvin Dunson; Raymond Mooney; Mary Ann Thomas; Helen Rimbey; Lynne Krogh; Betty Hoerstig; Mrs. Charles Pearce.

HOME BIBLE STUDY IN BRAILLE!

Do you know some blind person who might enjoy taking our free twenty-nine lesson Home Bible Study Course in Braille? (A tape may be included with each lesson if so desired.)

Tell such people about this free service and opportunity. Have those who are interested write to: Braille, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, OH 45416.

Contributors to the General Conference: May, 1976

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| Mr & Mrs Cecil Patrick | 54.00 | Mrs Nan Barney | 7.00 | Mr & Mrs Doug Elliott | 7.00 | Blood River Church | 111.20 |
| Mr & Mrs Charles Knapp | 22.70 | Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Ross Anger | 10.00 | Raymore Church | 25.00 |
| Mr & Mrs S O Ross | 69.00 | Blanchard Church | 316.79 | Richard Richter | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Doan | 80.00 |
| Connie Ross | 15.00 | Mr & Mrs Clement Richey | 100.00 | Fonthill SS | 16.59 | Tempe Dorcas Soc | 15.00 |
| Pennellwood Miss Dept | 150.00 | Hazel Cripe | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs William Poland | 30.00 | Sharon Guiles | 90.00 |
| St Louis Church | 41.04 | Ripley Miss Soc | 50.00 | Kosztz Church | 36.00 | E Peoria Church | 55.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Ron Johns | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs A E Karnett | 170.00 | New Hope Church | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood | 25.93 |
| Alice Marshall | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs A E Karnett (in memory of Beatrice Appleby) | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger | 100.00 | Scott Millard | 15.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Howard Bengé | 10.00 | May White (in memory of Josephine Swihart) | 5.00 | Brush Cr Young People | 38.42 | SW Conference | 120.00 |
| Fremont Church | 5.00 | Annie Welch | 17.60 | Macomb Miss Soc | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell | 100.00 |
| Fremont SS | 17.10 | Anonymous | 51.00 | Southlawn Church | 451.26 | Dixon Church | 67.35 |
| Mr & Mrs Richard Rouch | 400.00 | Katherine Tackett | 62.00 | NE Youth | 36.16 | Brush Creek SS | 43.04 |
| Dorothy Siple | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Bert Decker | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey | 55.00 | Icel Stedman | 10.00 |
| Michigan Conference | 101.18 | Mr & Mrs Richard Fridley | 60.00 | Laura Brown | 30.00 | Anderson Chapel | 25.00 |
| Digby Jr Church | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossem | 25.00 | Arlington Church | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs C E Lapp | 40.00 |
| Althea Rice | 20.00 | Digby Miss Board | 23.40 | Joseph Plantner | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback | 50.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous | 20.00 | Columbus Hope Chapel | 5.00 | Alice Plantner | 10.00 | A Friend | 45.00 |
| Oregon Mary & Martha | 25.00 | Bedford Agape Soc | 12.15 | Glad Tidings Outreach Dept | 160.00 | Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw | 10.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey | 40.00 | Golden Rule Church | 155.40 | Eden Valley Church | 226.03 | Eldorado Restitution Church | 100.95 |
| Mr & Mrs Charles Jones | 40.00 | Margaret Duval | 90.00 | Hope Chapel Miss Soc | 65.00 | Blanchard Miss Soc | 75.00 |
| Jan Cheek | 1.00 | Macomb Church | 160.01 | Mr & Mrs Doyle Ward | 25.00 | Ben Carpenter | 25.00 |
| San Jose Church | 23.73 | Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone | 90.00 | Mary Krogh | 65.00 | Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Sr | 20.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Bill Williams | 25.00 | Everett Rogers | 38.00 | Oregon Church | 699.77 | Fonthill Miss Soc | 341.46 |
| Mr & Mrs John Carr | 80.00 | Sheila Sheeley | 20.00 | LA State Conference | 31.13 | Jay Ramsey | 100.00 |
| Mr & Mrs James Lippert | 12.00 | Alice Bassett | 40.00 | S Bend Hope Chapel Bereans | 15.00 | Anonymous | 100.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Mike Hall | 50.00 | Beulah Slater | 50.00 | North Salem Church | 27.90 | Donna Weidensall | 15.00 |
| Leota Hanson | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller | 10.00 | Lawrenceville Miss Soc | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Jack Parsons | 40.00 |
| Macomb SS | 17.80 | Beaumont Church | 10.00 | Anonymous | 10.00 | Mrs Joe D Shelly | 10.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Bill Shotwell | 49.00 | Anonymous | 100.00 | Hilliard Bible Church | 12.00 | Mary Miller | 40.00 |
| Phoenix Bible Church | 127.00 | M A Patrick | 260.00 | Richard Williams | 23.00 | David Rector | 15.00 |
| Happy Woods Church | 207.13 | Fonthill Church | 162.13 | Mr & Mrs David Hall | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer | 60.00 |
| Mrs Myron Krienke | 5.00 | | | Mr & Mrs John Lewis | 70.00 | Mr & Mrs George Sheeley | 100.00 |
| Cool Spring Church | 99.25 | | | Flagg Center Church | 35.50 | Russell Thoms | 15.00 |
| Blessed Hope Church—Rkfd | 83.06 | | | Blessed Hope Miss Dept | 2.00 | Lillie Martindale | 10.00 |
| Mauertown Church | 45.70 | | | Cecil Smead | 23.00 | Mr & Mrs Bill Andrew | 100.00 |
| Ruth Reid | 45.00 | | | Blanchard Ladies Aid | 15.00 | Anonymous | 17.18 |
| Litchfield Church | 37.81 | | | Mrs Gladys Valentine | 25.00 | J Anon | 35.00 |
| Mr & Mrs G C Guiles | 10.00 | | | John & Edna Waterman (in memory of Edgar Harbert) | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Doyle Price | 5.00 |
| Conger St Church | 37.82 | | | Gatesville Church | 25.00 | Eternal Hope Church | 136.20 |
| Mr & Mrs J H Huston, Jr | 50.00 | | | Mr & Mrs Wm McLaughlin | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Brossard | 10.00 |
| Mildred Somers | 30.00 | | | Troy View Church | 156.32 | Ruth Fogle | 5.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer | 10.00 | | | Mr & Mrs George DeForest | 50.00 | S P Dismukes | 50.00 |
| Golden Rule SS | 3.99 | | | Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Kent H Ross | 10.00 |
| Mr & Mrs W R Burnham | 45.00 | | | | | Pennellwood Church | 158.60 |
| Cool Spring Dorcas | 10.00 | | | | | | |

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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director

1976 General Conference

The Fifty-Sixth Annual General Conference is history. It was a most inspiring five days for the 549 who were in attendance. The evening offerings totaled \$2,623.50, and were designated for the library of Oregon Bible College.

The proposed recommendation to reconstruct the Mission Board was adopted. Kent Ross was elected to the Home Mission Board; J. Don Swartz was elected, and Mardy Lawrence re-elected, to the Foreign Mission Board. The present Mission Board: Rachel Carr, Supt. of Missions (Director over both Boards and chairman of the joint Board); R. Warren Sorenson, Chairman, M. A. Patrick, and Kent Ross, Home Mission Board; Mardy Lawrence, Chairperson, Paul Overholser and J. Don Swartz, Foreign Mission Board.

Michael Mattison was elected, and Scott Ross reelected, to the Sunday School Board. Holdover members are Joyce Knapp and James Graham. David Krogh will serve as Sunday School Director on a part-time basis beginning September 1.

Approval was given to move the 1977 General Conference to a different site, if satisfactory arrangements can be made. Announcement of the site will be made in the October issue of *Progress Journal*.

Approval was given for a one-year trial agreement for a working relationship between Oregon Bible College and Sauk Valley Community College near Oregon. Instructors approved by Sauk Valley (may be Oregon Bible College instructors when qualified) will teach some Christian Education and other related subjects at Oregon Bible College and credit will be given by Sauk Valley College.

The budget adopted will require contributions (goals for giving) in the amount of \$220,000, which is the same as the current budget needs. The full minutes and the budget will appear in the October issue of *Progress Journal*.

Board of Directors

Brothers Russell Magaw, Columbia Station, OH; William Lawrence, Phoenix, AZ; and Joe James, Greenville, SC, were elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms. The Conference Board of Directors organizes itself. The officers for the coming year are Chairman, Billie Kennedy; Vice-Chairman, William Lawrence; Secretary, Joe James; Treasurer, Robert Smith; and Directors, Hollis Partlowe, John Fauntleroy, and Russell Magaw.

We express thanks and appreciation to Brothers David Johnson, Kenneth Milne, and Russell Johns, retiring officers, for their faithful and dedicated service for the past three years. Brother Milne served as Secretary for his entire term.

Board Actions

The General Conference Board of Directors met several times during the five days of General Conference. They met with the Board of Education, Sunday School Board, License and Ordination Board, and many other committees and individuals.

The Restitution Church of God at Eldorado, IL, was approved for Mission Builders Appeal #37 for an addition to its present facilities.

Pastor John Hearp, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, was appointed for a two-year term on the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College. Other members of the Board are: Vernis Wolfe, Chairman; Charles Pryor, Robert Johnson, and John Lewis, President of Oregon Bible College, who is automatically a member of the Board.

Brother Clyde E. Randall was reappointed to a four-year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. Charles and Lois Pryor were reappointed as members of the Family Life Committee.

Approval was given to transfer the tape ministry library from Dayton, OH, to the General Conference offices in Oregon, IL. Our thanks and appreciation go to Brothers Byron Jay and Rex Cain, who organized and established the library, and who have rendered such fine service over the past several years.

Ed Dykstra of Grand Rapids, MI, was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate and recommend how the Church of God General Conference might become more involved and give assistance when national or international disasters occur. This matter was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by the Southlawn Church of God at Grand Rapids, MI.

Brother Eugene Stilson was approved as Director of Academic Affairs of Oregon Bible College.

Delegates approved erection of a marker on the Waterloo, IA, site where the General Conference was organized in 1921, if agreeable with the Iowa State Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

\$220,000.00

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| Goal for July & August | \$45,398.00 |
| Given in July & August | 41,297.00 |
| July-August Deficit | 4,101.00 |
| September Needs | 18,333.00 |

Goal for September \$22,434.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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



Pictured above are Salala Church of God members and their building near Monrovia, Liberia. Cornelius Boykai is leader of the work.

Nova Scotia Work

We want to thank those who have been such a help in supplying workers for Nova Scotia the past twenty months. Bro. and Sr. Francis Burnett, Oregon, IL, served the congregation in Digby during 1975. Bro. and Sr. John Carr, Macomb, IL, were there for two months the early part of 1976, followed by Bro. and Sr. Vivian Kirkpatrick, Oregon, IL, who served through June. From a sister Canadian church in Fonthill, Ont., came Bro. and Sr. John Hearp for the month of July, and in August Bro. Ralph Childs, Richard, and Gary, Dayton, OH, went to serve.

The service rendered by all of these workers has been much appreciated. We also want to thank the churches and departments where these persons regularly work for allowing them to go and for helping to pay the expenses involved.

Bro. and Sr. Dale Swartz began their work September 1 and would appreciate your prayers as they serve the Digby congregation.

Missions Month

Before long, the month of November will be here. As well as being the month of Thanksgiving, November is also Missions Month throughout the Churches of God.

We would urge each church to use this month for special

emphasis on missions. If you are in need of ideas, here are a few.

1. Plan a special missionary prayer day and have members sign up for so many minutes during the day in which they will pray for specific missionary requests.

2. Present a skit giving news about our mission work around the world. (For copies of a prepared skit, write to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.)

3. Plan a one-day or a one-meal fast and use the money saved for missions.

4. Prepare a planned literature distribution program and involve each church member.

5. Use the month for special evangelistic calling in the neighborhoods near the church.

6. Conduct a Faith Promise Service for mission giving. (For information, write to the Missions Department.)

7. Show a missionary film. (Can often be ordered from a Scripture bookstore.)

8. Prepare a missionary banquet with different foods from other lands. (For missionary napkins, favors, placemats, and other educational materials, write to The Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46219.)

Missionary News

The Lupao, Philippines, church building was blown down in a typhoon that caused extensive damage to crops, roads, and homes. . . . A large tree fell and damaged the roof of the Salala Church of God in Liberia. . . . The radio work in the Philippines resulted in some baptisms in June. The new members, who live some distance from our churches, have requested church services in their area and these were started in July. . . . In Digby, Nova Scotia, the note on the GMC bus was burned June 13. However, the Dodge van is no longer usable, so they just have one vehicle. Another fund has been started for a second bus.

Workers Needed

In our experiences with mission work over the years, we have come to realize that one of our great needs is for Christians from here to go overseas for the purpose of teaching and training. If you have an interest in this kind of work, please write to the Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, for a Prospective Candidate Information Form. This is not a binding commitment, but is to indicate your interest.

A Drop of Ink

"A drop of ink can make a million think!" This statement gives us an idea of the influence of the written Word.

A piece of literature can be read and re-read until the message is understood. One reader said, "This pamphlet always says the same thing. It must be true!" A tract can often go to places where a missionary cannot go. Its message can be passed around and read by many different persons.

Be active in literature distribution and help to share the gospel of Christ.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Sauk Valley College Program

In keeping with our policy to provide the best possible educational opportunities for students of the Church of God, we have entered into a cooperative program with another college during this school year.

In an agreement with Sauk Valley College, located twenty miles from Oregon, it will provide General Education courses for Oregon Bible College students. Students can enroll in both Sauk Valley and Oregon Bible College and receive credit at both institutions. The General Education provided by Sauk Valley can be accomplished in two ways. In those areas where our instructors are qualified, it will hire and pay Oregon Bible College instructors to teach the General Education course. In areas where we have no qualified instructors, Sauk Valley College will send instructors to the OBC campus.

Areas in which Sauk Valley College will potentially provide General Education are the areas of Communication and Writing Skills, Rhetoric and Composition, Literature, Technical Reporting, Fiction, Poetry, Introduction to Sociology, Western Civilization to 1648, Western Civilization from 1648, Introduction to Psychology, Basic Algebra, Principles of Modern Math, The Earth in Space, General Speech, General Principles of Speech, Group Discussion, Advance Public Speaking, Environmental Health, and Introduction to Human Relations.

All of these courses will not be taught in any one year at Oregon Bible College nor will any of the courses necessarily be taught.

These courses will be offered only as our curriculum and program demand. At this writing it appears that in this program six to twelve hours of General Education from Sauk Valley College will be offered each semester.

Tuition charged for these courses will be \$15 per credit hour. This is five dollars under the current Oregon Bible College tuition cost. We appreciate the opportunity to try this program and feel that our present Oregon Bible College instructors will have the freedom to concentrate their research and teaching in areas of their preparation and the main purpose of Oregon Bible College, which is giving instruction in the area of Bible and Theology.

We appreciate the opportunity to try this new venture in improving quality education.

Student Enrollment

It appears at this writing that Oregon Bible College will have approximately fifty students enrolled for the 1976-77 school year. There are thirty returning students and twenty students presently enrolled in the freshman class. We appreciate their dedication and cooperative spirit that have been exhibited.

We encourage our church leaders to take positive steps in providing leadership models for our young people so that they will choose careers in the areas of Christian Service.

Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education met in Oregon August 7 and 8, before the General Conference meeting in Iowa. The Board discussed and took action on business dealing with the cooperative program with Sauk Valley College, the hiring of future instructors, the structure and organization of Oregon Bible College. It also considered curriculum ideas and development along with discussing a philosophy of the ministry.

We were glad for the opportunity that Board members had to meet with church delegates during General Conference and to discuss with them plans, programs, and progress regarding Oregon Bible College.

We want to hear the considerations and ideas of the people of the churches and want to share with them our goals and proposed programs.

General Conference Program

We appreciate the extensive amount of time that Oregon Bible College had on the General Conference program. We wanted to communicate to our people a picture of present-day Oregon Bible College, and our plans for future development and progress.

We are thankful for the giving of the people during the conference toward the support of the library. The demands of the library budget are ever increasing and any additional funds we receive will be put to immediate use.

Professional Preparation

Bob Jones is added to our staff this year with a Master's Degree in Old Testament. Eugene Stilson has only to complete his thesis work to have a Master's Degree in New Testament. Additional funds have been set aside this year for further professional preparation of the OBC staff and faculty.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

International Berean Youth Conference

The 1976 International Berean Youth Conference recently concluded at Camp Alexander Mack and Shipshewana Retreat Center was termed a tremendous success based on the evaluations which were handed in by the campers and staff who were in attendance.

Two hundred fifty-four campers were in attendance at Camp Alexander Mack, our high school camp which was directed by Bro. Jim Graham, pastor of the Hope Chapel Church in South Bend, IN. Thirty-five staff members and 16 Junior Counselors worked with Bro. Graham to ably carry out this program.

We fell some 44 short of the attendance figure of last year, but what was lost in quantity was overshadowed by the spirit of cooperation which existed among this year's high school campers.

The Shipshewana Retreat Center, our camp for post-high students, was attended by 72 campers. This camp showed an increase in attendance over last year. It should be mentioned that 16 students of post-high age signed up and ably served as Junior Counselors at Camp Mack.

Bro. Charles Pryor, a professor in the counseling department at Houston (TX) University, served as the director for the Shipshewana program. Bro. Pryor was assisted by 13 staff members. From the reports received, a rewarding experience was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

New Youth Council President and Members

Bobby Lee Partain, Pelzer, SC, was elected president of the International Berean Youth Conference for the coming year. Bobby Lee is from the Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer where he has exhibited outstanding leadership among the youth group. Bobby Lee has contributed significantly to our National program by serving on the Youth Advisory Council this year as well as having attended Youth Conference for the past five years. Congratulations, Bobby Lee.

Elected to two-year terms on the Advisory Council were Lori Demmitt, Phoenix, AZ, Beth Tackett, Hammond, LA, Kerry Pack, Pelzer, SC, and Wade Tierney, DeSoto, MO. Congratulations to these new Advisory Council members.

Filling out unexpired terms and making up the rest of the Advisory Council are Pam Davis, AZ, Linda McQuinn, AZ, Steve Adams, SC, and Alan Demmitt, OH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOPE

Francis Burnett, Sunday School Director

Thank You

This is the last time I will be writing this column. It has been under my jurisdiction for the last three years. We have enjoyed serving you and endeavoring to bring to you the up-to-date happenings in our General Conference and Sunday schools. It is realized that not all of those things which should have been reported did get recognized. If we have failed to recognize you or your Sunday school, we are truly sorry.

It has been a real pleasure to be Sunday School Director and be able to look into the needs of the department with others who were genuinely interested. Highlights of the work in the last three years have been the development of the Christian Workers' Seminar and the Sunday School Conferences.

We especially want to thank all of you who have supported the Sunday School Board members and the Sunday School Director in the work they have been trying to do. It has not always been easy, for there are those who feel that change of some kind should be made immediately, and others who are content to let things continue as they are. We truly thank all of the Quarterly editors for their cooperation and the fine work they are doing. Too, we want to thank members of the General Conference staff who have patiently worked with me in answering questions and guiding in certain phases of the work, and for their fine Christian attitude! Last, but not least important, we thank those in the field who took time to write notes or letters of appreciation for the work that was being done. The real blessing came when, in that correspondence, the statement would be made, "We are praying for you." Thank you one and all.

Welcome, David Krogh

Bro. David Krogh, General Conference office manager, will assume the duties of Sunday School Director on an interim basis. We have worked closely with Bro. David for the time we have been here and know he has a knowledge of what should be done. May God bless him.

Michigan Fall Conference

The Michigan Fall Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, November 11-13, 1976. The Sunday School Board members have been asked to have charge of the program.

Christian Workers' Seminar—March 6-12, 1977

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Columbia Sta., OH. During the April 11, 1976, morning worship service, Millie Bennett and Gary Burnham entered into the body of Christ in baptism. The joy of God's heaven filled our lives as we witnessed this sacred moment. We pray that God's Spirit will influence these two new members of the body to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gary and Millie were moved to accept Christ during our Old-Fashioned Week, held March 27 through April 1, with Bro. Don Needham as guest speaker. After Palm Sunday's evening service, the congregation held a special baptismal social in honor of its two newest members. Russell Magaw, pastor.

Burr Oak, IN. On Sunday morning, June 13, 1976, following our morning service, Patricia Overmyer and Sherry Drang expressed their desire to be baptized into the saving name of Jesus. After hearing their confession, they were baptized that afternoon into the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins. We praise God for the step these two young ladies have taken and pray they will walk close to the Lord until Jesus returns. May God's blessing rest upon them in their new walk of life. Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Guthrie Grove, SC. Deneise and Darlene Miller came forward and were both baptized May 2, 1976, at Moores Mill near Pelzer, SC. They live at Rt. 4, Box 300, Easley, SC 29640. On May 30 Neal Bryant came forward and was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Neal's address is Rt. 6, Box 191, Piedmont, SC 29673. We pray that these young people will have a long life in the service of their Savior. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Gatesville, TX. On Saturday, June 12, 1976, Mrs. Tina Bigler of Marfa, TX, was immersed in the waters of baptism. Mrs. Bigler lives four hundred miles from the nearest Church of God, which is at Gatesville. After diligent Bible study with an isolated member, Bro. Dismukes, Tina, accompanied by her daughter Donna, rode a bus to Gatesville for the purpose of being baptized. We praise the Lord for her act of faith and congratulate her for entering into the family of God. Michael Brown, pastor.

Tempe, AZ. The Lakeshore Bible Church of God rejoices in the baptisms of Mrs. Dennis (Charlene) Hamilton and Mrs. Dale (Louise) Taylor. The service took place on Sunday, May 23, 1976, with Pastor Warren Sorenson officiating. Each of these ladies is a mother of young children and already active in attending services and helping with the work of the church. We praise the Lord for their examples. Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

Koszta, IA. Julie Ann Burkle was immersed on confession of belief in God, his Son, and his Word, June 23, 1976, the writer assisting. May the Lord direct her always into a closer walk with him. Delbert Rankin, pastor.

New Port Richey, FL. We are happy to report that, after much study and prayer, the following were baptized in Jesus' name on June 6, 1976: Clarence Crandall; Jimmy Gilbert; Jesse Gilbert; and Paul Barco. God be praised. . . . A Church of God family of six drove over from Miami for services on Father's Day. Sam Nettles and Josseta Bowling went forward for baptism at the close of the service, and were immersed on Sunday afternoon, before returning to Miami. Cecil Railton, secretary.

McGintytown, AR. Following the morning message of the last day of Arkansas State Camp (June 20, 1976), Randy McGinty was baptized by the writer in Lake Bradford upon his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that the Lord will guide and direct his life until Jesus comes again. Daniel G. Landry, pastor.

Pomona, CA. How thrilled we were on June 13, 1976, when our grandson, John Weldon Bass, Jr., was assisted by Bro. Robert See in putting on the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism. John's address is 1363 N Glen, Pomona, CA 91768. . . . On July 4, 1976, our hearts were filled with joy when our lovely daughter Donise was assisted by Bro. Robert See in becoming a member of Christ's body by immersion. Donise's address is 7161 Garnet St., Alta Loma, CA 91701. Bertha N. Perkins, sec.

Blanchard, MI. On Sunday, June 20, 1976, Larry Fish and Ricky Eldred were immersed in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. We rejoice in their decisions, and in the hope they now have in the body of Christ. . . . On Sunday, July 11, 1976, Mrs. Linda Anderson was baptized into the body of Christ for the remission of sins. We rejoice in her commitment, and welcome her into church membership. Don Needham, pastor.

Blood River, LA. On Sunday evening, June 20, 1976, Dalton Fayard accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. The following Sunday morning, his father Wallace, his sister Zelda, and Connie Davis came forward when the invitation was given. The four were baptized in the private swimming pool of Bro. and Sr. Travis Lobell that afternoon by the pastor, assisted by one of the church elders, Bro. Ellsworth Richardson. C. F. Pryor, pastor.

Bedford, OH. We of the Open Bible gladly present to the brethren at large three new members in the body of Christ: Kimberly Ann, Shirley May, and Robert Louis Murray. We rejoice at their decision to give their lives to God for his service and their acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. May God richly bless them in their new walk of life. This is the sister, mother, and father of Laurie Murray of 7584 Country Ln, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. David Cheatwood, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. The Bible Church of God in Phoenix was filled with joy and God's love as seven persons were baptized into Christ for remission of sins. They were: Marianne Campbell, Kenneth Rogers, Naomi Masei, Terry Davis, Catherine Boley, Tracey Christy, and Steve Matteson. We are deeply thankful for the gospel to preach in these crucial days and that God still adds to the church. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Tempe, AZ. The Lakeshore Bible Church of God was made to rejoice when Miss Tammy Melcher was baptized by Pastor Warren Sorenson on Sunday, July 4, 1976. We are thankful for this continued proof that "Jesus lives," and

pray that the church and Tammy may continue to be examples to each other in living for him. Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

MARRIAGES

On June 19, 1976, Miss Pamala Lea Hartley and Ronald Lee Rockey were united in marriage at the Boulevard Presbyterian Church, with Pastor E. Bert Bonte officiating. Both the bride and the groom are baptized members of the Hilliard Bible Church. The bride wrote her entire double-ring service, using faith, hope, and charity (love) as its basic theme. It was beautiful and inspirational, to say the least. All was done in accordance with Scriptural truth, being performed in our Lord's name. At the conclusion of the service, at the bride and groom's request, the writer prayed God's blessings upon this young couple, asking through Jesus Christ that God will sanctify this union. A reception followed, after which the couple left for Florida and a cruise to Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Upon returning from their honeymoon, they will reside at 665 Old Towne Av., Columbus, OH 43214. We entrust this young couple to God's keeping, and pray his divine guidance upon them in their lives together, through their Savior, Christ Jesus. C. F. Roth.

Miss Kathryn Ann Hammer was united in holy matrimony with Benjamin Samuel Smith on May 23, 1976. The wedding was a double-ring ceremony performed by the writer in the presence of family and friends at the Gatesville, TX, Church of God. May the Lord bestow his richest blessings upon the couple as they begin their lives together. Michael Brown, pastor.

In a simple double-ring ceremony July 4, 1976, Mauriene Lane became the bride of Timothy Landry. The wedding was performed at the home of the groom's parents in Colorado Springs, CO, with the writer officiating and Pastor Joe Myers assisting. Pastor Rick Williams sang "The Lord's Prayer." The couple reside now at 3025 Shrine Pl, Apt A-6, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Pastor Gordon Landry.

Julie Burkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burkle, and Brent Bartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartz, both of rural Elberon, IA, were united in oneness of marriage in a candlelight service on July 9, 1976, at the Koszta church, the writer officiating. They had first been united in spirit and faith, which is as it ought to be. May God direct their life together that they together may do his will. Delbert Rankin, pastor.

On Saturday, April 3, 1976, Terri Lynne Huddleston and Larry Lies (pronounced like "lease") were united in marriage by the writer at Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, IN. The couple is currently living at Imperial Estates, Lot 73, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. T. M. Ferrell.

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FROM OUR MAIL

Dear Mr. LeCrone,

It was indeed a most welcome pleasant surprise yesterday to get the three copies of *The Restitution Herald* and feel thankful to God for the tele-fellowship of the people of God, who have not met in space, but knit in spirit to Christ through unknown links.

As a Christian layman in the church and as a Christian engineer in the world, I believe in the complementarity of theology and technology. I do greatly appreciate the beautiful technology of the production of the magazine. The summer flowers in the April number are beautiful. The joyful human group in the May number gives the human touch to the tele-fellowship. Please give them all my cordial greetings.

I have just had a glance at the magazines. Yes, I believe evangelism must be "kept simple." Expressed as a simple scientific parable, it is like an iron nail touching a magnet, becoming magnetised, to magnetise other nails in chain reaction to create a magnetic field. Even so, a man in touch with Christ becomes "Christ-ised" so that he "Christ-ises" other men in chain reaction to create the magnetic field of the kingdom of Christ. Evangelization is "Christisation" of the area of life we touch with our personal life and professional work.

I shall be happy to know who are the "unknown links" that have brought us together!

With cordial greetings and kind regards,
S. P. RAJU, Bangalore, India.

OBITUARIES

Isaac Alvia (Ike) Pruitt was born November 26, 1882, and fell asleep in death on May 30, 1976. He married Lola Myers on August 10, 1911. They lived and farmed near the Ater community until 1961. Mr. Pruitt served on the Board of Trustees of the Ater school. He was also a member of the Gatesville Church of God, Faith of Abraham, for many years. Survivors include his wife Lola; two daughters, Ruth Pruitt and Mrs. Charles A. (Ruella) Morgan of Waco; a son, Marsh E. of LaMarque; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Bro. Alvia was laid to rest at the Restland Cemetery. Michael Brown, pastor.

Sr. Ethel Mary Thomas Manken, 87, fell asleep in death June 1, 1976. She was a member of the Fredericktown, MO, Church, having been baptized into the body of Christ by S. J. Lindsay about 1914. She continued in active church work for over sixty years. She is survived by one sister, Geneva Manken; three brothers, W. Lloyd Thomas of Fredericktown, Ralph Thomas of Flat River, and Roy Thomas of Watson, IL. Words of hope and comfort were spoken by the writer, and she was laid to rest in Marcus Memorial Cemetery to await the call to eternal life at the return of her Lord. Arnold Johns, pastor.

Cyrus Glen Weber, 83, of Ipava, IL, died June 1, 1976. Burial was in the Vermont Cemetery. Mr. Weber was a son of Nicholas and Phoebe Humphrey Weber. He was married to Gladys Mercer. In addition to his wife, Mr. Weber is survived by four sons; one daughter; one brother, Virgil of Macomb; and one sister.

Mrs. Karen (Gandy) Williams, 29, was one of four who died in a two-car collision on July 14, 1976, in Harlingen, TX. She was an active member of the Harlingen Church of God, and was Sunday school superintendent. She is survived by her husband Marion, two sons, Todd and Teddy, and a daughter, Tiffany; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gandy of Midland, TX; one brother, and two sisters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer on July 17, in Harlingen. She rests in peace awaiting her Savior's call back to life at the resurrection.

Pastor Michael Mattison.

Clyde Bean, 63, of Macomb, IL, died June 2, 1976. Funeral services were held in Macomb, with Pastor John Carr officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Bro. Bean was the son of Joseph and Bessie Friday Bean. He married Maxine Geddes Brandon on August 8, 1936. He was a member of Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Surviving are his wife, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, one brother, and one sister.

Benjamin Weaver, a longtime member of the McGintytown, AR, Church of God, died on July 3, 1976, at the age of 56 years. Benjamin was the oldest son of Bro. Clarence and Sr. Maude Weaver who at one time pastored the McGintytown Church. Benjamin was a cripple all his life, yet continued to believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. He believed in the Scriptures, and read from them every night. His favorite topics of conversation were the prophecies about Jesus' return. We sorrow with the family, as death is our enemy, but we are looking forward to the return of Jesus when we shall be together with the Lord forever. Services were conducted by the pastor.

Daniel G. Landry, pastor.

Claude John Rinehart of Wellington, KS, fell asleep in death May 27, 1976, at the age of 75 years. On October 13, 1935, he was married to Letha E. Reed, who survives. He was a member of the Hope Chapel Church of God at Arkansas City, KS, and was baptized into Christ by Elder George Waters. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Lyle Rankin of Cashmere, WA, and he was laid to rest in Prairie Lawn Cemetery at Wellington, there to await the resurrection call. Letha E. Rinehart.

Sr. Melba Goodell fell asleep in Christ June 10, 1976, at the age of 74. Graveside services were conducted by the writer in Resthaven Park Cemeteries, where she waits the call of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although she will be greatly missed by our church family, we are comforted by the great promise of resurrection to immortality when Jesus comes.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Mrs. Otis (Willie) Pruett of Rt. 2, Jonesboro, TX, was born March 18, 1895, in Lometa, TX. She died July 19, 1976, at Gatesville, TX. Her survivors include her husband Otis; three daughters, Mrs. Seth (Guenivere) McClarty of Ballinger, Mrs. J. T. (Azalea) Gardner of Austin, and Mrs. Seaborne (Hermonie) Ashby of Gatesville. Mrs. Pruett was a graduate of various universities and was a teacher for many years. She was a well-known person who was very involved in numerous social and civic organizations. She was an author and painter as well. Her involvement in helping children and the elderly will long be remembered. In addition, she was an active member of the Gatesville Church of God for many years. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Michael Brown, pastor.

Howard L. Appleby was born at Elk City, NE, August 3, 1891, and died in Omaha, NE, July 15, 1976. He was married to Goldie White in Blair, NE, in 1911. To this union four sons were born: Richard and Leonard of Omaha, Glen of Sierra Madre, CA, and Lloyd in the U.S. Army in Germany. Goldie died in 1937. In 1940 he married Beatrice Osland at Arlington, NE, who preceded him in death on January 30, 1976. To this marriage was born one daughter, Mrs. Sheryl (Dick) Williams of Omaha. Also surviving are: one sister, two brothers, five stepsons, three step-daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren. Bro. Appleby was a long-time member of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, having been baptized in about the year 1914 by Bro. Almus Adams. He was a member of the Fremont Church. With words from the Scriptures concerning our resurrection hope, he was laid to rest in Fremont, NE, to await the Master's call.

Albert D. Harper.

Mrs. Jean Hance was born in Macomb, IL, January 26, 1933, and died June 30, 1976. She married Richard Hance on May 18, 1963. Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Cecil Swindle and John Carr. She was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery. Mrs. Hance was a member of the Church of God of Abrahamic Faith in Macomb. Surviving are: two children, Chris and Scott at home; her mother; two brothers, Bob and Olin DeWeese; one sister, Betty Hollenback, Deltona, FL.

Eliza Ray Ballenger of Columbus, OH, fell asleep in death June 4, 1976, at the age of 86 years. C. F. Roth conducted the service. He was laid to rest in Franklin Hills Memory Gardens to await the call of the Master.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

Mrs. Cecil Angeline Moore fell asleep in death, May 25, 1976. She was a member of the Conger Street Church of God in Waterloo, IA, and had been living with her sister in Richmond, VA. Her children include Linford Moore and Mrs. Edward Goit. Received unsigned.

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PASTOR M. O. WILLIAMSON HONORED



Bro. M. O. Williamson was honored by his children with a dinner June 20, 1976, at Guthrie Grove, SC, Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. He celebrated his 94th birthday on June 21. Bro. Williamson is a retired minister of Guthrie Grove, having served the church well as pastor for 37 years.

He had five daughters, four of whom are still living: Mattie Harvey and Sara Smith of Pelzer, and Gertrude James and Tina Mulligan of Piedmont; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The dinner was enjoyed by 65 persons. Church members visited and wished him a happy Father's Day and a happy birthday. During the morning church service Bro. Williamson was one of the fathers honored by gifts from the congregation. Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Russia, Israel, Christ and You, by Percy Bilton, London industrialist, is a 56-page prophetic study of the nations and the part they are prophesied to play in last days' events. They are 35 cents each and may be ordered from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, postage paid when payment accompanies order.

GULF COAST CHURCH OF GOD

At the close of the worship service on June 13, 1976, Robin Majors and David Barco came forward for baptism. They will be baptized in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crandall have asked that they be taken into our fellowship. They have been immersed in the waters of baptism and are studying with us. We are thankful for the zeal and enthusiasm of each of these.

One Mother's Day we had a guest speaker, Pastor Stephen Bolhous, whose family was also present. Thirty-five people were in attendance. Visitors from the Park are attending our services, and returning to bring more visitors with them. Our attendance is holding up with twenty-two and twenty-nine present this past Sunday (June 13). Our services are enriched with guitar music and songs by Roger Crandall.

A beautiful Communion set, provided by the teen-age and young adult classes of the Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC, is now in use. We are truly thankful for the help we have received from the Southeast Conference, Guthrie Grove Church, General Conference, Minnesota Conference, Pennellwood Missionary Department, and many other interested people.

Mrs. Mary Hanson underwent heart surgery in April, and is improving nicely. She plans to attend services here soon. We thank God for prayers on her behalf.

Each father in attendance received a gift on Father's Day.

A Bicentennial celebration was held on July 4, with an old-fashioned Sunday, with those in attendance encouraged to wear old-fashioned clothing. An old-fashioned picnic and watermelon feast followed the morning service. Old pictures and other old items were displayed on a table.

Cecil Railton, secretary.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE
The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Fred Bergmann; Thomas Williams; Nita Nicewarner; Joyce Patten; Harold Patten.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The 1976 Arkansas Conference of the Church of God was held at the McGintytown Church near Greenbrier. From the outset the attendance was good, and the interest in the Word preached was most encouraging.

The theme of the Conference was "The Word of God." A hunger for the truth was much in evidence. Nothing short of a "Thus saith the Lord" fell on waiting hearts and minds. Besides feasting on the Word at each service, the hearts of all were made happy with the special music that was provided.

Of course, one could not but feel the warmth of association, as Christian fellowship and southern hospitality were blended together.

Bro. and Sr. Daniel Landry are doing a fine work at the McGintytown Church, with attendance and interest on the increase.

Bro. and Sr. Joe Myers will be taking pastoral leadership of the New Hope Church in Little Rock, September 1. With these two energetic couples, the older leaders will find a new thrust

of help in carrying forward the gospel labors in Arkansas.

Bro. and Sr. Albert Harper, Omaha, NE, were in attendance at the Conference and freely gave of their spiritual maturity.

Following the Conference, the Harpers and Randalls enjoyed a few days trailering in the beautiful setting of the Ozarks.

Clyde E. Randall, guest speaker.

DEDICATION DAY AT BROWNTOWN, VIRGINIA

The Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, VA, held a special dedication service on Children's Day, June 13, 1976. During the service Michael Shane Kidwell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Kidwell, and Jeffrey Lee and Jennifer Ann Baggary, children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Baggary, were dedicated to the Lord. The parents were charged according to Deuteronomy 6:6, 7: "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Every child in attendance for services was given a gift and enjoyed a picnic in the afternoon.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Mission Builders Appeal Number 36



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The Litchfield Church of God was formally organized in 1947 with 11 members. A basement church was built the same year, and the upper structure completed in 1952. In 1975, a church building on Ramsey Avenue was placed on the market. Needing a larger sanctuary, more classrooms, and adequate parking, the building was acquired. It has a pastor's study, nursery, kitchen facilities, restrooms, very adequate Sunday school rooms, and a sanctuary that seats 200.

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| Elaine S Magaw | 20.00 | Eden Valley Church | 204.03 | Mrs J F Paustian | | Pleasant Hill Church | 214.33 |
| Mr & Mrs Robert Smith | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson | 10.00 | (In memory of Beatrice & | | Mrs Nan Barney | 14.00 |
| Roddy Pike | 10.00 | Oregon SS and VBS | 147.25 | Howard Appleby) | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs John Huston | 50.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer | 110.00 | Mary Miller | 60.00 | Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs John Shaver | 5.00 |
| Patsy Zimmerman | 18.00 | J Anon | 35.00 | Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Sr | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Wallace Stone | 50.00 |
| Anonymous | 90.00 | E A Frederick | 13.25 | Doris Reye | 25.00 | Hope Chapel—Columbus | 10.00 |
| Macomb SS | 37.39 | Gatesville Church | 25.00 | Mr & Mrs Norman Huffer | 60.00 | Mr & Mrs J F Paustian | 25.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Given W Cleek | 40.00 | Eden Valley SS | 3.00 | North Salem Church | 53.76 | Mae George | 15.00 |
| Anonymous | 6.00 | Mr & Mrs Kenneth Milne | 27.00 | June Routson | 30.00 | Laura Brown | 20.00 |
| Happy Woods Church | 332.90 | Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood | 35.19 | Mr & Mrs Ed Snedecor | 5.00 | Ripley Miss Soc | 100.00 |
| Mrs Lyla Van Fleet | 15.00 | Hope Chapel | | Mr & Mrs George DeForest | 50.00 | Bernice Roberson | 75.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw | 20.00 | Bereans—Columbus | 33.00 | Omaha SS | 53.52 | Hope—S Bend Bereans | 30.00 |
| Katherine Tackett | 145.50 | Mr & Mrs Scott Millard | 5.00 | Edith King | 3.00 | L'Anse Church of God | 6.34 |
| Blood River Church | 282.19 | Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson | 5.00 | Fonthill Miss Soc | 623.56 | Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher | 60.00 |
| Edith Eades | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Keith Baird | 50.00 | Garden Park Church | 443.64 | Dan Dovenbarger | 210.00 |
| Mrs George Munshaw | 10.00 | Mrs Ernest McCorkle | 5.00 | Mrs Marie Livingston | 1.00 | Lombard Church | 675.29 |
| Blessed Hope SS—Rkfd | 15.35 | Blessed Hope— | | Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell | 100.00 | Kozsza Church | 144.00 |
| Sheila Sheeley | 20.00 | Rkfd Miss Dept | 26.66 | Mr & Mrs Ken Millard | 1,078.00 | Leola Hanson | 20.00 |
| E Peoria Church | 204.00 | Mr & Mrs W McLaughlin | 100.00 | Mrs H M Baucom, Jr | 3.00 | Maurertown Dorcas Soc | 20.00 |
| Morning Star Church | 23.54 | Anna M Cullen | 10.00 | Brush Creek | | Tempe Dorcas Soc | 30.00 |
| Elaine Shute | 37.00 | Ethel Berry | 100.00 | Gospel Gleaners | 30.00 | Mr & Mrs William Poland | 65.00 |
| Anonymous | 50.00 | Thelma Barnhart | 5.00 | Sara Montross | 25.00 | Everett Rogers | 76.00 |
| Mr & Mrs John H Prak | 100.00 | Ft Valley SS | 146.24 | Mr & Mrs Lyle Walkington | 25.00 | Brush Creek Bereans | 1,235.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Earl R Smith | 20.00 | Morse Mill BYF | 34.00 | Blanchard Ladies Aid | 15.00 | May White | 47.81 |
| Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers | 9.00 | Arkansas City— | | Mr & Mrs James Mattison | 90.00 | Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer | 30.00 |
| Raker Union SS | 93.65 | Hope Chapel SS | 60.00 | Maurertown BYF & | | Mr & Mrs Robert Johns | 25.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Roy Jenkins | 30.00 | Mr & Mrs Vernon Chaplin | 100.00 | Fort Valley BYF | 77.26 | Troy View BYF | 19.63 |
| Faith Chapel—Lafayette | 122.90 | Liz Lyons | 12.00 | Maurertown BYF | 9.13 | Ruth Reid | 50.00 |
| Margaret Duval | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows | 50.00 | Tempe Bereans | 55.78 | Columbia SS | 99.57 |
| Fredericktown Church | 124.00 | George Kugler | 31.00 | Mike Montgomery | 12.00 | Virginia State Conf | 200.00 |
| Yvonne Reigelsperger | 120.00 | Troy View Church | 218.23 | Charles Durham | 12.00 | W E Boyer | 50.00 |
| Mr & Mrs William Shotwell | 49.00 | Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell | 226.30 | Louise Lawson | 12.00 | Verna Freeman | 25.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Donald Ward | 100.00 | Brush Creek SS | 52.28 | Nancy Townsend | 9.00 | Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossem | 50.00 |
| Renae Sogge | 12.00 | Darrell Robert Johns | 10.00 | Martin Morgan | 12.00 | Mr & Mrs Wayne Thoms | 15.00 |
| Mrs Fern Kennedy | 5.00 | Mr & Mrs Wilfred Cambre | 25.00 | Leanne Sorenson | 12.00 | Glad Tidings—Fonthill SS | 36.11 |
| Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine | 50.00 | Eldorado— | | Litchfield Church | 86.90 | Conger St Church | 68.05 |
| Mr & Mrs J Don Swartz | 230.00 | Restitution Church | 113.95 | BYF Camp Offerings | 2,243.38 | Lakeshore Bible Church | 1,048.20 |
| Orley C Patton | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Don Needham | 25.00 | Dr Charles Halff | 2.00 | Phoenix Bible Church | 5,094.00 |
| Fredericktown BYF | 6.30 | Blanchard Church | 707.56 | Mr & Mrs S O Ross | 140.00 | Jaynes St | |
| Mr & Mrs Loyd Cooper | 18.70 | S P Dismukes | 100.00 | Mr & Mrs C Alcumbrack | 100.00 | Community Church | 525.00 |
| Anonymous | 31.00 | Angela Hutchinson | 12.00 | Naomi M Masei | 2.00 | Flagg Center Church | 128.95 |
| Zenas Murphy | 20.00 | Macomb Church | 844.27 | Mrs Gladys Volentine | 50.00 | Digby BYF | 33.35 |
| Mr & Mrs John Kugler | 25.00 | Maurertown Church | 46.10 | Mr & Mrs Wayne Johnson | 10.00 | Richard Williams | 10.00 |
| Sidney A Hatch | 1.00 | Julie Shaw | 10.00 | Mr & Mrs Charles Jones | 80.00 | Minnesota State Miss Soc | 300.00 |
| Eunice Otto | 10.00 | Pennellwood Church | 280.26 | Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke | 10.00 | Eternal Hope Church | 248.89 |
| Brush Creek Miss Dept | 120.00 | Bedford—Open | | Mr & Mrs Tom Palmer | 25.00 | Mildred M Somers | 70.00 |
| Oregon Church | 1,141.16 | Bible Church | 156.27 | Anonymous | 100.00 | Hilliard Church | 2.50 |
| Blanchard Sr Bereans | 505.05 | Pomona—Open | | Lila Guiles | 20.00 | Fremont SS | 21.55 |
| Indiana State Conference | 506.00 | Bible Church | 234.28 | Milo Magaw | 318.38 | Mr & Mrs David Krogh | 161.37 |
| Mr & Mrs John P Ward | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Mike Hall | 50.00 | Southwest Conference | 175.00 | Jay Ramsey | 100.00 |
| Cecil A Smead | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Leo Rager | 60.00 | Mr & Mrs Russell Johns | 150.00 | Mr & Mrs John Lewis | 315.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Keith Norby | 200.00 | Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous | 40.00 | Anonymous | 25.00 | Ben Carpenter | 50.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall | 75.00 | Oregon Mary & Martha | 137.50 | Minnesota St Conference | 287.06 | Glad Tidings | |
| Hope Chapel—South Bend | 248.99 | Blanchard Miss Soc | 150.00 | Forest Hills Church | 84.29 | Chapel—Dayton | 200.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Galen Hillman | 22.00 | Golden Rule SS—Cleveland | 8.35 | LA Contributors | 75.00 | Glad Tidings | |
| Ione Franklin | 10.00 | Pleasant Hill SS | 40.55 | Lawrenceville Church | 502.21 | Outreach—Dayton | 160.00 |
| New Hope Church | 100.00 | Carole L Myers | 3.00 | Mr & Mrs A E Karnett | 25.00 | Burr Oak Church | 255.00 |
| Raymore Church | 271.70 | Eternal Hope Church | 278.95 | Ripley SS | 128.68 | Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Zizert | 60.00 |
| St Louis BYF | 40.87 | Anonymous | 25.00 | Eden Valley Ladies Aid | 15.00 | Anonymous | 100.00 |
| David Rector | 15.00 | Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser | 100.00 | Pennellwood Miss Dept | 490.00 | Hedrick Dorcas | 7.24 |
| Blood River Willing Workers | 10.00 | Lawrenceville Esther Soc | 10.05 | Pennellwood 7 & 8 SS Class | 6.70 | Flagg Center Bereans | 16.40 |
| Arlington Church | 10.00 | Northeast Conference | 650.00 | Ill Conference | 250.00 | Anonymous | 564.00 |
| Helen Thompson | 100.00 | Hedrick Church | 83.71 | Mr & Mrs C E Lapp | 80.00 | Lyle D Lewis Family | 60.00 |
| Fonthill SS | 20.70 | Valley Church | 124.90 | Clyde A Shaw | 70.00 | Southeast Conference | 85.07 |
| Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson | 35.00 | Anonymous | 104.00 | Bedford VBS | 30.30 | Anna Mae Poland | 15.00 |
| Hector Dorcas Soc | 10.00 | Morning Star BYF | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs John Carr | 160.00 | Chris Ramsey | 50.00 |
| Marjorie Mogle | 25.00 | St Louis Church | 112.23 | Mr & Mrs Robert Hall | 400.00 | Mr & Mrs Richard Hess | 20.00 |
| Nicy E Drinkard | 5.00 | Blanche Harland | 40.00 | Bedford Bereans | 231.67 | Arthur Hurlston | 1.00 |
| Mrs Dwight Hale | 3.00 | Dorothy Siple | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Stephen Bolhous | 30.00 | Truth Seekers SS | 17.59 |
| Columbia Church | 631.10 | Michigan St Conference | 247.95 | Anonymous | 100.00 | Holbrook Church | 409.30 |
| Alta Thrush | 40.00 | Larry Appleby | 35.00 | Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones | 100.00 | Pamela Drew | 80.00 |
| Frances Wood | 60.00 | Eunice Pearson | 4.30 | Rkfd—Blessed Hope Church | 82.79 | Waterloo BYF | 3.35 |
| Macomb Miss Soc | 90.00 | San Jose Church | 63.00 | Hope Chapel— | | Cool Spring Church | 219.09 |
| Mr & Mrs Orland Barnes | 50.00 | Terrie Baldwin | 12.00 | S Bend Miss Soc | 130.00 | Bedford Church | 212.35 |
| Mr & Mrs E C Harvey | 50.00 | E Peoria Bereans | 30.00 | Mrs Mabel E Bell | 15.00 | Icel Stedman | 5.00 |
| LA State Conference | 335.81 | Guthrie Grove Bereans | 2,347.75 | Shilah Richmond | 238.00 | Jay St Church | 148.79 |
| Happy Woods Dorcas | 15.00 | Janice Knapp | 5.00 | Cool Spring SS | 28.27 | Alvin Rumsey | 1.00 |
| Mr & Mrs Paul C Johnson | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller | 20.00 | Mr & Mrs Jack Parsons | 35.00 | Mabel Andrew | 20.00 |
| Lois Blakely | 40.00 | Pat Lawrence | 50.00 | Mr & Mrs Bill Collins | 1,059.00 | Brush Creek Church | 1,509.57 |
| Mrs G M Siple | 10.00 | Mary Krogh | 70.00 | Ripley Church of God | 270.38 | | |