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Minutes of the 1976 General Conference

Kenneth Milne, Secretary

Tuesday, August 10

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference convened at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA, on Tuesday, August 10, 1976. Billie Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and David Johnson, Hector, MN, opened the session with prayer. Bro. Kennedy 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. This is her nineteenth year of service on the Credentials Committee. Those delegates serving for the first time were introduced, and also the new ministers.

John Lewis, President of Oregon Bible College, explained the purpose of the booklets concerning the College program which had been prepared by the Board of Education for the delegates of the Conference. Copies were passed out to all delegates present.

S. O. Ross read the communications and greetings to the Conference from Bro. and Sr. J. R. LeCrone, Bro. Orville Westlund, and C. F. Pryor.

Chairman Kennedy called attention to the special reports on pages 7 and 8 of the June, 1976, issue of *Progress Journal*. Charles Jones moved and Charles Graham seconded that the special reports be accepted. Motion carried.

Russell Johns gave a report on the activities of the Board of Directors, explaining how the Board functions and asking for the prayers of the delegates in behalf of the Board of Directors.

Executive Director S. O. Ross reviewed the nine-month Financial Report included in the delegate folders. This report covered the period from October 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976. Bro. Ross careful-



ly reviewed each item. The report included a General Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities; a Statement of Income and Expense; General Funds; a Statement of Assets and Liabilities Restricted Funds; a Statement of Income and Expense Restricted Funds; and an up-to-date report on Dormitory finances. It was moved by Joe James and seconded by Charles Knapp that the Financial Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Chairman Kennedy called on Hugh Harman to report on the Berean Youth work. Bro. Harman reported that the attendance at Camp Mack was somewhat lower than a year ago; however, the attendance at Shipshewana was higher than a year ago. He reported a successful Coins-for-Christ Crusade, naming the top three contributing youth groups as: Guthrie Grove Church, SC; Brush Creek Church, OH; and Blanchard Church, MI.

The publishing report was given by S. O. Ross in the absence of J. R. LeCrone. He reported a new booklet on the "Pre-existence of Christ" which is in process of printing. Bros. LeCrone, Johnson, and Landry were complimented on the fine work being done in the publishing department.

Ruth Overholser reported for the Credentials Committee that 176 delegates had been seated: 8 Board of Directors, 56 ministers, and 112 church and conference delegates. This compared with 157 delegates last year.

The meeting was recessed at 11:25 a.m., with prayer by Bob Smith, Blanchard, MI.

Wednesday, August 11

The second session of the 1976 Church of God General Conference was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 10:00 a.m., August 11. The secretary read the minutes of Tuesday's session and they were approved. Correspondence from the Lighthouse Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, was read.

S. O. Ross introduced the fraternal delegate, Nelson Melvin of the Advent Christian General Conference. Mr. Melvin brought greetings from Joe Tom Tate, president of the Advent Christian Conference. He exhorted us to be faithful.

Chairman Kennedy called upon Rachel Carr to report on Mission Department business. Some time was spent on comments and questions on foreign missions. S. O. Ross reported to the delegates of a possibility of future work among the Korean people of Chicago, IL.

Recommendation No. 1 was presented: 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.

Kent Ross moved that the recommendation be adopted; seconded by John Huston.

It was moved by Ron Macy and seconded by Charles Graham that sections a and b of recommendation No. 1 be amended as follows: to be added at the conclusion of section a: "A member of the Foreign Missions Board may not be a member of the Home Missions Board"; to be added to section b: "A member of the Home Missions Board may not be a member of the Foreign Missions Board." Motion carried.

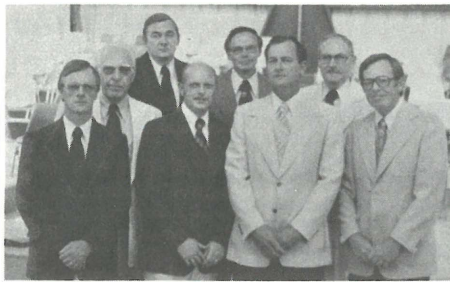
Recommendation No. 1, as amended, was passed. We recommend that the Missions Board of the Church of God General Conference be reconstructed as follows:

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. A member of the Foreign Missions Board may not be a member of the Home Missions Board.

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. A member of the Home Missions Board may not be a member of the Foreign Missions Board.

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.



1976-'77 Board of Directors

Nominations were called to elect a member of the Home Missions Board for 2 years. Kent Ross and Sydney Kirkpatrick were nominated for the position. Moved by Maurice Robinson, seconded by Ed Bender, that nominations cease. Kent Ross was elected as Home Missions Board member for 2 years.

Nominations were called to elect two members for the Foreign Missions Board. Mardy Lawrence was nominated for a three-year term. It was moved by Joe James and seconded by Ron Macy that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mardy Lawrence. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for another member for the Foreign Missions Board for one year. Don Swartz and Francis Burnett were nominated. Moved by Milon Hall, seconded by Emory Macy, that the nominations cease. Motion carried. Don Swartz was elected for a one-year term.

Recommendation No. 2, that we discontinue financial support to the Mexico mission work at the present time, was presented to the delegates for adoption and discussion. Moved by Kent Ross and seconded by Don Swartz that we adopt this recommendation. After much discussion it was moved by Willis Turner and seconded by Milon Hall that this motion be tabled. Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 3 was presented: That a qualified General Conference representative be sent to each of our mission fields to remain so long as feasible for the purpose of administration, teaching, and preaching. Jim Babcock moved and Joe Astolfi seconded the motion to adopt this recommendation.

Bill Lawrence presented an amendment to this recommendation, that the words "who is willing to be trained" be inserted in the recommendation, as follows: We recommend that a qualified General Conference representative (who is willing to be trained) be sent to each of our mission fields to remain as long as feasible for the purpose of administration, teaching, and

preaching. With the amendment inserted, the recommendation was passed.

Ruth Overholser gave a report of the Credentials Committee for the Wednesday session: 8 Board of Directors, 60 ministers, 115 delegates—a total of 183, compared with 165 at the same session last year.

The Wednesday session was recessed with prayer by John Fauntleroy, Happy Woods, LA, Church at 11:50 a.m.

Thursday, August 12

The third business session of the Fifty-Sixth General Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Kennedy. The session was opened with prayer by Bro. Hollis Partlowe, Phoenix, AZ. Minutes of Wednesday's session were read to the delegates.

Ron Macy gave a report of the distribution of literature at the booth in Washington, DC, during the Bicentennial Celebration. He reported that 8,000 tracts were given out, along with 150 *Restitution Heralds*. He said there would be a letter sent out shortly giving a full report of their activities.

James Graham invited everyone to attend the Sharing Sessions on Sunday School work and gave a brief report on the Christian Workers Seminar.

The floor was opened to nominations for members of the Board of Directors. Chairman Kennedy said that three Directors would finish their term this year—Russell Johns, Kenneth Milne, and David Johnson. Nominations were opened for Director No. 1. John Huston of Brush Creek Church, Tipp City, OH, nominated Richard Worley. Don Swartz, Columbia Station, OH, nominated Russell Magaw. Charles Jones moved and Orene Robinson seconded that the nominations cease. Motion carried.

Nominations for Director No. 2 were requested. Warren Sorenson, Tempe, AZ, nominated Dr. Bill Lawrence of Phoenix, AZ. Arnold Johns of Fredericktown, MO, nominated Jack Harper of Omaha, NE. John Huston moved and Dan Landry seconded that the nominations cease. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations for Director No. 3. Don Overmyer nominated Wayne Laning of Ripley, IL. Sydney Kirkpatrick nominated Willis Turner of Rockford, IL. Dan Stone nominated Joe James of Greenville, SC. It was moved by Maurice Robinson and seconded by Ed Bender that nominations

cease. Motion carried. The nominees were all introduced to the delegates.

Bro. Ross announced that the pool expense for this year was \$88.45. He reported to the delegates that there was a lack of cabins sufficient to house everyone coming to Conference this year. He also stated that this camp would not be available to the Church of God for this same week next year. The possibility of using Rockford College, Rockford, IL, was presented. The price per day would be \$12.00 per person for everyone over 12 years of age; \$9.00 for children 3-12 years; and nothing for children under 3 years. He explained the dining facilities, air conditioning, recreational activities available, lounges, family-type facilities, etc. He stated that the college seemed eager to work out any arrangements we deemed necessary for carrying out our Conference activities. This proposal is to be voted on at Friday's session.

John Lewis, president of Oregon Bible College, gave a report on the progress of the College. He explained the agreement between Oregon Bible College and Sauk Valley Community College to provide the General Education courses necessary for the graduation of Oregon Bible College students. Many questions were asked President Lewis regarding their accreditation and the possibility of transferring those credits.

Vernis Wolfe gave some general information as to how the Board of Education functions. It is a board of recommendation to the General Conference Board. It is not an administrative board.

Ruth Overholser gave the Credentials Committee report for the Thursday session: 8 Board of Directors; 58 ministers; 112 delegates—totaling 178 compared with 163 at this same session last year.

Chariman Kennedy called on Russell Johns for prayer and the meeting was dismissed at 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning, August 13

The fourth business session of the Fifty-Sixth Annual General Conference was called to order by Chairman Kennedy, with prayer by E. Richard Smith, Hillisburg, IN. The minutes of Thursday's session were read by the secretary.

The Credentials Committee seated the delegates for the election of new Board Directors.

S. O. Ross made an announcement of the Men's Retreat at Camp Shipshewana, IN, November 5, 6. James Graham announced the Christian Workers Seminar for March 6-12 at Camp Mack, IN. It was also announced that the tape ministry



Ordination Service

will be moved from Dayton, OH, to the General Conference office.

After September 1, Bro. Francis Burnett will be available for Prophetic Meetings.

Bro. Burnett presented the work of the Sunday School Department. Some fifty churches used the vacation Bible school material this year. Over 15,000 extra sheets were used. The material was well received.

Francis Burnett reported also on the Christian Workers Seminar. Tuition will be \$40.00 for a single application; \$75.00 for a couple. It was moved by Scott Ross and seconded by Jack Hearp that the Sunday School Department report be accepted.

Scott Ross made the following statement: "Bro. Francis Burnett has faithfully sought to serve God these past eight years as an employee of the Church of God General Conference. During this time he has served on the staff of Oregon Bible College, in the Youth Department, on the mission field of Nova Scotia, and most recently in the Sunday School Department. He has resigned now from the staff of the General Conference as of August 31.

"I move the delegates of this Conference, give Bro. Burnett a standing expression of our appreciation for his faithful service to God through our Church of God General Conference these past eight years." Motion seconded by Jack Hearp. The motion carried.

The election of members to the Sunday School Board was as follows: for member No. 1 the nominations were Joe Myers, and Michael Mattison, nominated by Bros. Dale Ramsey and Kent Ross, respectively. Benny Mattison moved and Mary Patrick seconded that the nominations cease. Michael Mattison was elected.

Nominations for member No. 2 were opened. Russell Magaw nominated Scott Ross. Dan Stone moved that the nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Scott Ross. Motion seconded by Alton Shaw. Motion carried.

The election of new Board of Directors members was reported. For Director No.

1, Russell Magaw of Columbia Station, OH, was elected. For Director No. 2, Bill Lawrence of Phoenix, AZ, was elected. For Director No. 3, Joe James of Greenville, SC, was elected. Bro. Clyde Randall moved and several seconded that a rising vote of thanks be given to retiring members of the Board—David Johnson, Russell Johns, and Kenneth Milne.

Recommendation No. 4 was then presented to the delegates. 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." This recommendation was moved by Francis Burnett and seconded by Darrell Maddock.

It was moved by Roy Graham and seconded by Russell Johns that the recommended amendment be amended 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 (active evangelists, and active missionaries), 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." After much discussion the amendment was defeated. Recommendation No. 4 was also defeated.

The following motion was presented to the delegates by Clyde Randall: I move that the Board of Directors be hereby authorized to erect a suitable historical marker commemorating the organization of the Church of God General Conference on the Iowa State Conference grounds, provided it is agreeable with the Iowa State Conference. Motion seconded by Emory Macy. Carried.

The following motion was presented by Ron Macy: I move that the Church of God General Conference meet next year

for four days during the second week of August and that it be held at Rockford College in Rockford, IL. Further, to instruct the Board of Directors to continue negotiations with the college for lower costs for the use of its facilities; and, if circumstances warrant, to choose another time and location for the Conference meeting. Motion seconded by Joe James. Carried.

Bro. James Mattison was given a rising vote of thanks for his writing on the Prophecy Page of *The Restitution Herald*.

A rising vote of thanks was also given to Cleo Dixon of the Omaha Church for the banner he made for the tabernacle—"Heritage of Our Faith." Clyde Randall moved and Otis Densmore seconded that a letter be sent to Cleo Dixon by the secretary conveying our thanks.

The Credentials Committee reported that there were 8 Board of Directors, 50 ministers and 113 delegates present for the Friday morning session—a total of 171 compared with 159 at the same session last year.

The morning session was recessed with prayer by Paul Overholser.

Friday Afternoon, August 13

The fifth business session of the Fifty-Sixth General Conference was called to order by Chairman Kennedy at 2:20 p.m., who called on Bro. Richard Eldred of Blanchard, MI, to lead the session in prayer.

Bro. Leland Hanson, past president of the General Conference, was in attendance and was given recognition for his many years of interest and service to the General Conference.

The officers of the new Board of Directors were announced: Chairman, Billie Kennedy; Vice Chairman, Bill Lawrence; Secretary, Joe James; Treasurer, Bob Smith; Directors, John Fauntleroy, Russell Magaw, and Hollis Partlowe.

A question was asked as to the report that books containing sexual remarks were required reading at Oregon Bible College. Fear was expressed that the Sauk Valley College arrangement might defeat our purpose for training ministers.

Dewaine Demmitt moved and Don Overmyer seconded that the delegates of this Conference give a vote of approval to the proposal by the Board of Education and the General Conference Board of Directors to enter into an agreement with Sauk Valley College as proposed. Carried.

Jack Hearp made the following motion: that the secretary write a letter of appreciation to the staff of Riverview Camp, thanking it for the cooperation during the

years that we have met here. Seconded by Joe Astolfi. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Jim Babcock for the years he served on the Sunday School Board.

A proposed budget of \$287,000 with \$220,000 as "Goals for Giving" was presented to the delegates. John Huston moved and Joe Astolfi seconded that we adopt the proposed budget of \$287,000. Carried.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to Clement Richey for his work on behalf of the Church of God General Conference.

The Credentials Committee gave the following report: 7 Board of Directors, 41 ministers, 86 delegates — totaling 134,

compared with 124 at the same session last year.

It was moved by Ron Macy and seconded by Francis Burnett that we accept the Credentials Committee report.

The minutes of both morning and afternoon sessions were read.

Robert Coverstone moved and Rex Shaw seconded that the minutes of the entire Conference as corrected be accepted.

Clyde Randall moved that we adjourn. Motion was seconded by David Cheatwood and carried.

The delegates sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Conference sessions were dismissed with prayer by Chairman Kennedy.

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET October 1, 1976, to September 30, 1977

ANTICIPATED INCOME:	
Tuition, Room & Board (OBC)	\$ 58,000.00
Gross Profit from Sales	
(Sales less printing & purchase)	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total Anticipated Income	\$ 67,000.00
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:	
Salaries	\$131,000.00
Utilities & Telephone	17,000.00
Insurance	4,000.00
Social Security	8,300.00
Postage & Freight	6,000.00
Supplies & Expense	10,000.00
Depreciation & Repairs	2,500.00
Departmental Printing	8,000.00
Food	11,000.00
Auto & Travel	12,000.00
OBC Library	2,000.00
Professional Services	2,000.00
Golden Rule Contract	6,000.00
Advance Education (Staff)	700.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	500.00
Literature Campaign	27,000.00
MISSIONS:	
Nova Scotia	\$ 7,200.00
India	2,000.00
Philippine Islands	6,000.00
Nigeria	3,000.00
Ghana	1,000.00
Liberia	1,200.00
Pastoral Aid	4,800.00
Special Church Aid	7,200.00
Board Expense	3,000.00
Mission Opportunities	600.00
Home Missions	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$ 38,000.00
Total Anticipated Expense	\$287,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED	
(Goals for Giving)	\$220,000.00

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



General Conference Minutes

The minutes of the 1976 annual Church of God General Conference delegate sessions appear in this issue. I encourage each one to read these minutes. The recommendations passed and actions taken set the goals and policies for the coming fiscal year (October 1, 1976, to September 30, 1977). The Board of Directors and Conference staff will try to carry out these programs and recommendations as directed.

Annual Budget

The budget for the next fiscal year (see copy in this issue) was approved by the delegates. The proposed budget was presented to the delegates item by item and, as approved, will require annual giving in the amount of \$220,000 (\$18,333 per month), which is the same as the budget for the current fiscal year. On behalf of the Board of Directors, department heads, staff workers, and myself, we commend the membership for dedicated giving in meeting the needs of the Conference. In addition to meeting the budget needs this past year, there have been additional contributions of nearly one hundred thousand dollars to the Oregon Bible College dormitory building and other earmarked funds. May God continue to bless and provide that all of the plans and programs of the General Conference, state conferences, and local churches may be carried on to successful completion.

Bicentennial Worship Service

The Church of God General Conference was invited to have a representative at the Bicentennial Worship Service that was held in Philadelphia, PA, July 4, 1976. Your Executive Director was unable to attend. Brother Joseph Fletcher, of Burke, VA, consented to represent the Conference. Brother Fletcher says: "The service was quite impressive. I was happy to represent the General Conference at this meeting. It was a thrill to be seated, with Constitution Hall in eyesight, on the morning of our Nation's 200th birthday. Thank you for asking me to serve."

Pastoral Changes

Twenty-four pastors of the Church of God General Conference have moved, effective September first. Eighteen went into new pastorates, two retired, and four: Bros. John Carr, Mark Ryan, Theodore Armes, and Paul Moore have left their pastorates for other fields.

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Bros. C. E. Lapp and Harry Goekler have retired from the ministry. We praise God for the dedication and devotion of these two men and for the fruitful ministries they have performed in the churches they have served. May God's blessings go with them in their retirement years.

Staff Changes

Bro. Francis Burnett resigned as Sunday School Director and left that position August 31. We express our thanks and appreciation to Bro. Burnett for his dedicated service to the work of the Conference during the past eight years. During that time, he served as instructor and dean of Oregon Bible College, Youth Director, and Sunday School Director. We ask God to direct and bless Brother and Sister Burnett in their future work.

Dr. Alva Huffer, who has been Special Consultant to Oregon Bible College the past year on a part-time salary, will now serve in that capacity only on a project basis. We appreciate the work and devoted service of Bro. Huffer during the past eight years as president of Oregon Bible College and special consultant.

Sr. Mary Krogh has left her employment as Women's Dormitory Director. We appreciate the fine work that she has done in that capacity the past four years.

New members on the staff are Robert Jones, as Old Testament Instructor at Oregon Bible College, and David Wilsterman, a senior student, who is Men's Dormitory Director. We welcome both of these men to the General Conference Staff.

Conference Finances

As this page is written in mid-September, it appears that the Goals for Giving for the current fiscal year will be met. We thank the membership for responding to the budget needs in a wonderful way. These contributions help to carry on the work of missions, Sunday school, youth, free literature, Oregon Bible College, and the many other services provided by the Church of God General Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$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).

Two Missions Boards

As a result of action taken at the 1976 General Conference, the Missions Department now has two boards, the Foreign Missions Board and the Home Missions Board. Each Board has three members who eventually will serve three-year terms.

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 Board members for three-year terms, this procedure was followed:

Home Missions Board

1. M. A. Patrick will serve out his unexpired one-year term.
2. Kent Ross was elected for a two-year term.
3. R. Warren Sorenson will serve out his unexpired three-year term. (Missions Board members were formerly elected for a four-year term.)

Foreign Missions Board

1. J. Don Swartz was elected for a one-year term.
2. Paul Overholser will serve out his unexpired two-year term.
3. Mardy Lawrence was reelected for a three-year term.

After the election, the two Boards met and each chose its own chairman and secretary. Warren Sorenson and Kent Ross will serve as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Home Missions Board. Those positions on the Foreign Missions Board will be held, respectively, by Mardy Lawrence and Paul Overholser.

In order to become organized and lay plans for the future, both Missions Boards plan to meet in Phoenix, AZ, October 26-28, 1976. We ask for your prayers for the Lord's direction in this important meeting.

Mexico Mission Work

One of the recommendations at General Conference this year was that financial support to the Mexico work be discontinued September 1, 1976.

The delegates felt that it was not necessary for them to vote on this recommendation, but that the Missions Board has the authority to discontinue a work if it is thought to be necessary. So the recommendation was tabled and turned back to the Missions Board.

Before the recommendation was discussed on the Conference floor, I spoke about the reasons for the discontinuation of support. I want to share with you some of the thoughts presented at that time.

We feel that the money currently being spent in Mexico could be used to better advantage in areas where there is response to the gospel. The people of the village of Labor Vieja do not seem to be interested in the church. We have also learned that some who had attended services will probably be moving away from the village to start ranches in other areas.

Alice Aldrich has served faithfully in Mexico for several years and we appreciate the work she has done. For some time now she has been the only American from the Church of God there. Because of the Mexican culture, it is difficult for a woman alone to build up a successful mission work. Alice herself would like to see one or two couples in the work there, but right now we know of none who are prepared and available.

Roberto Badillo wants to continue having services, and we are encouraging him to do so as a lay leader.

Our decision was not based merely on the fact that there have been few converts in Mexico. If leaders were being trained for future work, that might have been a different situation. Alice was willing to have classes for Roberto, but it was difficult with his other work to find the time for extra meetings. The other two members in the village are women and here again the Mexican culture would prohibit them from being effective leaders.

In a recent letter from Alice Aldrich, she expresses her thanks to everyone for all the prayers, support, and letters of encouragement that were sent to her. She asks that you continue to pray for the Mexican people. She is thankful to God for allowing her to share joys and heartaches with these brothers in Christ and to learn to understand and love them.

We express our appreciation to Alice for her dedication and her efforts in sharing the gospel and her life with the Mexican people.

November, Missions Month

November is Missions Month throughout the Church of God General Conference. The first Sunday is considered Missions Sunday. We encourage each church to have a mission activity on one Sunday in November.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Leadership Positions Filled

The student body of Oregon Bible College has elected certain individuals to fill the leadership positions in each class. Congratulations to those who are newly elected. The Senior class has chosen as its president, Ken Cook; Lynn Boyer as vice-president; Phyllis Prussak as secretary-treasurer; and Linda Hollenback as Student Council representative. Chosen by the Junior class were Nita Wyrick as president, and Tom New as Student Council representative. The Sophomores elected Michael Hoffman as president and James Hill as their Student Council representative.

The Student Council has new officers with whom to begin its new year. The student body elected Dave Wilsterman, president; Greg Demmitt, vice-president; Phyllis Prussak, secretary; and Sue Andrew, treasurer. From the Student Council, committee heads were appointed: Donna Weidensall and Karen Circle are co-chairmen of the Social Committee and Tom New is chairman of the *Student Voice* Publication Committee.

Best wishes to the student leaders as they conduct the activities of the Oregon Bible College student body in this new year.

New Psychology Course Offered

Sauk Valley College, in the cooperative program with Oregon Bible College, is offering the course *Introduction to Psychology* to students of Oregon Bible College. This course is being taught by Dick Seeb of Sterling, IL, who is a counselor at Sauk Valley College. *Introduction to Psychology* is designed to give the students an overall view of the field of Psychology, and also to give them an opportunity to learn of human behavior and how men have tried to deal with it in the past. The course will be related to our society today.

The students of Oregon Bible College will have a real opportunity to use the principles that they learn by studying God's Word in conjunction with the study of human behavior. This Psychology course should help them in their own individual ministries, for which they are preparing at the college, and also in their own Christian lifetime experiences.

Two courses taught at Oregon Bible College are also receiving credit through Sauk Valley College. The courses are *Speech*, and *Fundamentals of Music*. These courses will be transferable for those who wish to continue their education after Oregon Bible College.

New Students

Each new year brings new students to Oregon Bible College from all parts of the United States and Canada. Seventeen new students have come this year, to grow in the knowledge of God's Word. Those students who are new to Oregon Bible College are Kathy Arnold, Pomona, CA; Tamy Clabaugh, LaVerne, CA; Vicki Cook, Kokomo, IN; Pamela Ann Davis, Pleasant Hill, MO; Sandy Fewell, Kokomo, IN; Rebecca Foretich, Baker, LA; Pamela Gaskill, Fort Wayne, IN; Cynthia Isenhoff, Jenison, MI; David Johns, Lafayette, IN; Gigi Landry, Oregon, IL; Louise Lawson, Richfield, MN; Diane McClain, Kentwood, MI; Bobby Lee Partain, Pelzer, SC; Bill Thomas, Watson, IL; Wade Tierney, DeSoto, MO; and Ione Wells, Rushville, IL. We pray that this experience will be rewarding for the new students as they begin this new year of study.

Progress and Change

As we continue to improve and develop the program of the College to meet the ever-increasing needs of the students, it is apparent that we must be flexible and strong at the same time. We must not change our doctrinal Biblical base, for this is what gives us purpose and identity. While keeping this base, our program and curriculum must prepare the students adequately for professional work.

One area that certainly needs attention is the time the student has in preparation before entering the ministry. This includes both years in preparation and also the amount of time each day that the students spend in school activities.

It is important that we go to a full-day schedule at Oregon Bible College so our students may use the biggest proportion of their time, while here, engaging in the kind of activity for which they came. One of our top priorities is to move to a full-day schedule, so we may have more of the luxury of time to study. This change will require a new orientation on the part of both our students and the people of the Church of God.

Gospel Teams

Gospel teams are available. In addition to the regular gospel teams that we have each year, we also have a theater group available to present the play, "Christ and the Concrete City."



BYF NEWS



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Coins-for-Christ Campaign Completed

The annual Coins-for-Christ Campaign is a fund-raising project carried out by the Church of God Bereans (junior and senior) for the express purpose of raising money to support the work of the Berean Youth Department of the Church of God General Conference. It is one of the two major fund-raising programs of the Berean Youth Department and is carried on during a two-month period each year. At the end of the prescribed period of time all funds which have been contributed or raised (groups are encouraged to take on fund-raising projects) are turned in to the Berean Youth Department for the financial support of the programs which are sponsored by that department.

This annual campaign, which was recently concluded, brought with it some unexpected surprises—the surprises coming in the form of the amount of money which was raised by some of the participating groups.

There were fifteen Church of God Berean groups who participated this year and they are: Fredericktown BYF, Fredericktown, Missouri; Valley Church Bereans, Van Nuys, California; Blanchard Senior Bereans, Blanchard, Michigan; Hope Chapel Bereans, Columbus, Ohio; Morse Mill BYF, Morse Mill, Missouri; Morning Star BYF, South Bend, Indiana; East Peoria Bereans, East Peoria, Illinois; Brush Creek Young People, Tipp City, Ohio; Guthrie Grove Bereans, Pelzer, South Carolina; McGintytown BYF, McGintytown, Arkansas; Eden Valley Bereans, Eden Valley, Minnesota; Fonthill BYF, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada; Lawrenceville Senior Youth, Springfield, Ohio; Flagg Center Bereans, Rochelle, Illinois; Bedford Bereans, Bedford, Ohio; and Troy View Bereans, Troy, Ohio.

As was previously mentioned, some of these groups sent in sizable contributions and certainly should be recognized. The largest contribution sent in was from the Guthrie Grove Bereans who raised the almost unbelievable amount of \$2,347.75. This was followed by contributions of \$1,001.00 from the Brush Creek Young People, \$505.05 from Blanchard, \$236.00 from McGintytown, \$231.67 from Bedford, \$200.00 from Lawrenceville, and \$180.00 from Eden Valley—to name those which were in excess of \$100.00.

All groups which participated, along with their leaders, are to be commended for their efforts and a job well done.

YOUTH WEEK, OCTOBER 25-31, 1976

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

Director Change

I am happy for the opportunity to assume the leadership of the Sunday School Department of the Church of God General Conference. This Department is currently involved in many worthy projects and I am happy to have a part in carrying on this work.

On behalf of the Sunday School Board I would like to thank Bro. Francis Burnett for the work he has done as Director since his work began September 1, 1973. During the past three years, in addition to his work in this Department, he served as part-time Youth Director for one year, and he spent one year serving the Lighthouse Church in Digby, Nova Scotia, as pastor. Bro. Burnett has selflessly given of himself to further the Lord's work in all of these fields.

Board Changes

During the business session on Friday, August 13, two board members were elected for two-year terms. Bro. Scott Ross, pastor of Jaynes Street Community Church, Omaha, NE, was reelected to the Board and Bro. Michael Mattison, pastor of the Arlington, TX, Church, was newly elected.

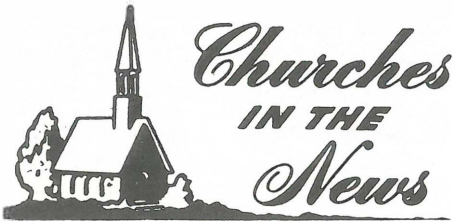
Continuing members are Sr. Joyce Knapp, Garden Park Church, Grand Rapids, MI, and Pastor James Graham, Bible Church, Phoenix, AZ.

We wish to express thanks to Bro. James Babcock, Pennellwood Church, Grand Rapids, MI, who chose to retire from the Board after serving one term.

Compilation of Attendance Statistics

Beginning with the month of October, this Department plans to collect statistics on total Church of God Sunday school attendance. Near the end of December, all superintendents will receive a report form for the months of October, November, and December, which should be filled out and returned to this Department. Monthly averages will be prepared and the figures will be reported to you after the first of the year. Ten years ago, in October through March of 1966-67, total Church of God Sunday school attendance averaged 4,160. I trust that all of you share my curiosity as to how much our attendance has grown in the past ten years. It might be interesting for you to look up your own Sunday school statistics from 1966-67 and see what has happened to your attendance in these past ten years.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Pleasant Hill, OH. On August 1, 1976, at the close of the morning worship service, four of our youth accepted Jesus Christ. They were baptized in the afternoon of the same day. Those baptized were Kent Stine, Kay Stine, Beth Stine, and Jennifer Stepp. They received the right hand of fellowship on August 8. We praise God for their decisions.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

Fredericktown, MO. Terry Wayne Cooper accepted the gospel invitation and went forward at the International Berean Youth Conference. After he returned home, he immediately requested baptism to put on Christ. He was baptized on Sunday, July 25, 1976. We rejoice with Terry in his new hope, and pray that he will remain faithful to the Lord Jesus and be counted as an overcomer. A. T. Johns, pastor.

Grand Rapids, MI. The members of Southlawn Church of God praise God for Ronda Hale and Diane Marston, who were baptized in the name of Jesus, August 1, 1976.

Michael Berry, pastor.

Oregon, IL. The congregation of the Oregon Church of God rejoiced as Jan Elizabeth Corcoran confessed Christ as her Savior, Sunday a.m., August 15, 1976. The writer assisted her in putting on Christ in baptism that afternoon. She was given the right hand of fellowship in the Oregon Church of God at the evening service. We praise God for her decision to serve him.

Pastor S. O. Ross.

Minneapolis, MN. After publicly confessing their need for Christ as Savior, two young people at Faith Community Church were recently baptized. On Sunday, August 8, 1976, Amie Alban was immersed in the name of Christ. The following Sunday, August 15, Steven Carroll was also baptized. We pray that God's special guidance will be with these young people as they strive to walk with him.

Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. The shores of Long Lake, at the Minnesota campground, provided a beautiful setting for a baptismal service. It was our privilege to baptize Mr. Rupert Shelton and his daughter Brendy, July 22, 1976. Their address is 319 E. First Street, Litchfield, MN 55355.

Pastor Emory Macy.

Hammond, LA. On Sunday afternoon, August 1, 1976, a group of Blood River Church of God members and friends met at the home of Bro. and Sr. Travis Lobell to witness the baptism of Miss Terri Walls and Miss Elaine Edwards. Terri accepted Jesus as her personal Savior on decision night at the International Berean Youth Camp. Elaine came forward following the morning service and invitation on August 1. We do pray for God's Spirit to guide them in their new walk of life. May they be prepared for the soon coming of their Lord.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

Troy, OH. Mrs. Sally Stapleton was baptized August 8, 1976, for the forgiveness of her sins. The Troy View Church of God is happy to welcome her into its fellowship.

Scott Ross, pastor.

Browntown, VA. on July 18, 1976, the Cool Spring congregation witnessed the baptism of Virginia Baggaly, Rt 1, Front Royal, VA 22630. We praise God for her decision and pray that he will bless her in her new walk with Christ. The Cool Spring Church of God extended the right hand of fellowship to Virginia on July 25, and welcomed her into the body of Christ.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Pelzer, SC. The following came forward August 1, 1976, presented themselves for baptism, and were baptized the same afternoon: Wayne McKee of 1 Hellams St, Monaghan Greenville 29611; Dona Stargel, Rt 8, Pattie Dr, Greenville 29611; Renee McCombs, Rt 1, Pelzer 29669; and Bill Shirley, Rt 1, Pelzer 29669. We pray the Lord's blessing upon them.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Lisa MacKay was immersed in the waters of baptism on June 6, 1976, and Paula Youngblood and Lana Hepner on June 27, 1976. We rejoice greatly with the angels of God for the decision that these three have made.

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Maurertown, VA. On his fourteenth birthday, July 28, 1976, Steve Mattison began his life as a child of God by being baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, in the waters of Passage Creek, Fort Valley. We rejoice in Steve's decision, and pray that he will grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

James Mattison, pastor.

Dayton, OH. Two young men, Jeffery Childs and Alan Cain, professed their faith in the atoning work of Christ through baptism on July 21, 1976. We pray that their lives will be marked by spiritual growth and powerful witness.

Rex F. Cain, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. Brenda Hamrick was baptized into the name of Christ July 28, 1976, by C. F. Roth. We pray God's blessing upon her in her new walk in life.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

Tempe, AZ. The Lakeshore Bible Church of God rejoices to report the baptism of two brothers, Jim and Joe Willis. They were baptized by Pastor Warren Sorenson on Sunday evening, August 29, 1976, making known their desire to become members of the body of Christ. Jim and Joe are junior high students who attended the Southwest Youth Camp, where they learned of God and his plan. We ask that you join with us in prayer for these young men.

Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

Columbia Sta, OH. We gladly introduce to you two new members of the body of Christ and the Church of God: Scott Brunham and Louis Flury. Both were immersed during the Sunday evening service July 25, 1976. Scott's decision to accept Christ was made at National Youth Conference; Louis made his decision at Northeast Youth Camp. May God bless these two young people as they grow in Christ.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Dayton, OH. Bro. Gregg Sigler came forward to accept Christ as his Savior, August 22, 1976. Our prayers go with him.

Rex Cain, pastor.

South Bend, IN. The members of Hope Chapel joined in the joy of witnessing recent decisions to accept Jesus Christ and put him on in baptism. Marilyn Haisley, Cindy Bonek, Nancy Osborn, Charlotte Strauser, Sherry Sharp, and Pam Brewington responded to the invitation to accept God's wonderful gift of love through Christ. We pray that God will bless them as they live their new faith. James Graham, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Elsie Massey; Sheri Lohr; Basil Hulan, Jackie Blanken; Beth Browning; Danna Burris; Charles Durham; Mack Durham; Mark Durham; Karen Holt; Joni Holt; Timmy Jones; Bobby Lee Partain; Glynnis Partain; Jeffrey Smith; Mike Stargel; Joe Thomason; Wayne McKee; Michael McKee; Lanny McAlister; Curtis L. Masters; Roger Crandell.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 4, 5—Open house Saturday, homecoming and dedication of remodeled facilities Sunday. All former pastors and members who have moved away are especially invited. Flagg Center Church of God, Rochelle, IL.

Jan. 10, 11, 1977—Ministers' Retreat at Camp Mack, Milford, IN.

Mar. 6-12—Christian Workers' Seminar, Camp Mack, Milford, IN.

1977 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 1977 Annual Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 8-12. Rockford College moved to a new location about ten years ago, and the facilities are all new and modern. It is located on East State Street in the city of Rockford and easily accessible by car or plane. The cost will be \$12 per day for adults, \$9 for children ages 3-12, and no charge for those under three. Bedding and towels are furnished and meals are served cafeteria style.

Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA, where the Conference was held the last seven years, is not able to supply sufficient cabins for our needs. We feel that the new facility will be most acceptable to our delegates and members attending. Further details will follow in future issues of *Progress Journal*.

"Most of God's trouble with laborers in the vineyard can be traced to absenteeism."

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OBITUARIES

Becky Scott, 20, of La Plata, MD, died July 5, 1976, at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD. Words of comfort and assurance were spoken by the writer, and burial was at Fort Valley, VA, where Becky awaits the call of the Master. On June 9, her family called the elders to come and pray, and anoint her according to the instructions found in James 5. Bro. Smead, Bro. Ritch, myself, and Becky's brother Jimmy conducted the service. Since Becky had been baptized into the name of Jesus, and because of the assurance found in James 5:15, that "if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him," we feel confident that Becky will be in the first resurrection. With this hope we comforted the family.

James Mattison, pastor.

Mrs. Dora Chaplin Morgan, 84, of Arkansas City, KS, died August 1, 1976. She married David Gillespie November 8, 1913. He died in 1923. She married Charles Morgan in 1925, and he died in 1955. She was a member of Hope Chapel Church of God in Arkansas City, several retirement associations, and the Audubon Society. Surviving are two sons: Hugh Gillespie, Baton Rouge, LA; Victor Gillespie, Boulder, CO; two stepdaughters: Mrs. Raymond (Faye) Werneke, Arkansas City; Mrs. Leslie (Nadine) LeCrone, Mesa, AZ; one brother, Vernon Chaplin, Arkansas City; and one sister, Mrs. Ella Havens, Winfield, KS; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held by the writer in Hope Cemetery, outside Arkansas City. Sr. Morgan's two great loves were God's great outdoors and her hope in Christ's coming to set up a righteous kingdom on earth.

Pastor Michael Mattison.

Guy M. Mills was born December 8, 1902, and died August 3, 1976. He was a faithful member of the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God. He had served as a deacon since 1941, and had been a Sunday school and Bible study teacher for many years. Guy was a friend of all, old and young. He was married in 1938 to Augusta Kremer, who survives, along with four brothers—Floyd of Eden Valley; Ellis and Wilson of rural Richmond; and Hermon of Kenmore, ND; and two sisters—Martha Thoms of Kimball; and Grace Donehue of Paynesville. Memorial services were conducted by Bro. Billie Kennedy, to people whose numbers overflowed the sanctuary of the Eden Valley Church of God, revealing the love of his friends and family. Guy was laid to rest in the Old Eden Lake Cemetery, to await the call of his Lord to grant him life eternal.

Bety Coulter, reporter.

Ruth Bulthaus was born April 1, 1883, and died at the home of her daughter Iva on August 12, 1976. Ruth married William (Dock) Hoskins in 1898. Their 6 children survive: Glen of Paynesville; Madge Savage of Pomona, CA; Orpha Ferrell and Iva Smith of Easley, SC; Noma Beliveau, Minneapolis, MN; and Shala Hamilton of Eden Valley. Ruth grew up in the Eden Lake community, and was a faithful member of the Eden Valley Church of God until poor health prevented her from attending services. She had been Ladies Aid president, a Sunday school teacher of young children, and a state conference board member for many years. Through the years, her home was always open to many nieces and nephews, whom she reared as her own; and to anyone needing help. After Dock's death, Ruth went to Oregon, IL, where she worked in a hospital for many years. She later married Fred Bulthaus, and continued serving her Lord at Oregon, until they moved to Eden Valley to live. Fred died in 1965. Ruth was an invalid for the last 7 years. She will always be remembered for her love of her Lord and her willingness to help anyone in need. She lies in the Eden Valley Cemetery, awaiting the call of her Lord to life everlasting.

Bety Coulter, reporter.

The heart of the Burr Oak, IN, Church of God was saddened by the death of Bro. Norman LaMunion, which followed an illness of several months. His death came on Tuesday, July 27, 1976. Services were conducted by the writer July 30, at the church. Bro. LaMunion was laid to rest in the Culver Masonic Cemetery, where he is awaiting the call of the Master. Norman's presence and his labor for the Lord will be missed by all of us. He died embracing the hope of the coming of Jesus and the resurrection. We, even as he, look forward to the time of the resurrection and the kingdom of our Lord, when we shall be united with all of the great family of God.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Mrs. Pearl M. (Nixon) Davis was born in 1888 near Anderson, IN, and died on July 24, 1976. She lived as a girl with her grandparents near Waterloo, IA, and later moved to Cheyenne, WY, where she was married to Harry L. Davis. Later they moved to Denver, CO. Her husband preceded her in death in 1948. She was a writer of poems, some of which were published. She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Sampson, and her son Richard; also by a grandson, a sister-in-law, and a cousin. Sr. Davis was a charter member of the Denver First Church of God. She had the honor of moving the first shovel of earth when excavation was begun for the new church. For many years, she served in the office of deaconess and was a faithful member of her church so long as she lived. She now quietly sleeps and awaits the call of the Savior to eternal life.

Roy Graham.

Etta Pearl Bruner died August 3, 1976, at the age of 90 years. She was married to Charles Bruner June 19, 1904. To this union were born eleven children. Those who survive are Velma Davis of Swanton, Ohio; and Lucille Shook and Lowell and Glen Bruner of Willow Hill, IL; also 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and six great-step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and seven sons. She was a member of the Restitution Church of God, Casey, IL. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and she was laid to rest to await the call of the Master. S. O. Ross, pastor.

Bro. Leland T. Hanson, 76, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, died September 8, 1976. He was the son of Christian and Arra Townsend Hanson of Lebanon, IL. He married Mary Austin at Oregon, IL, June 8, 1924. Surviving, besides his wife, are one brother, Chloris; and three sisters, Leota Hanson, Florence McGaw, and Janice Floyd. Bro. Hanson was teacher and school superintendent in several places in northern Illinois and, after moving to Florida nine years ago, in a private school there. He served for twenty years in various capacities on the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. Pastor Hollis Partlowe spoke words of comfort at the Oregon Church of God. Burial was at Elmhurst, IL.

Funeral services for Mrs. Walter (Ethel) Gross were held on August 10, 1976, at Casey, IL, and burial was in the cemetery near the Restitution Church of God at Casey. Her family consists of husband Walter, who lives in the home in Trailer City, FL; a son William of Trailer City; and a daughter Virginia of Fort Lauderdale, FL. Other relatives and many friends attended the funeral. She awaits the coming of Jesus and his kingdom on the earth, which was her hope.

Francis E. Burnett.

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BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY REPORT

Washington, DC, June 20-26, 1976

History articles were prepared which covered the 1869, 1888, 1910, and 1920 Conferences. Along with the 1910 Conference paragraph was included the 16 Articles of Faith that were adopted at that Conference. One paragraph named three of the early periodicals that were printed by the forerunners of our church. We had an 1894 copy of *The Restitution* on display. The rest of the display consisted of short paragraphs which outlined the history of each of the local conferences.

Of the 40,000 tracts that we had on hand, we were able to distribute about 8,000. These included 2,400 copies of "Introduction to the Church of God"; 1,800 of "Jesus Will Come"; 800 "First Steps in Bible Study"; 300 "Abrahamic Faith"; 900 "Signs of Jesus' Coming"; and 1,800 "One God." For some reason, the tract "Gospel of the Kingdom" was forgotten, and all 5,000 went unused.

Of the books, two "One God"; three "Russia, Israel, Christ and You" (I believe that one went to an Arab); two "God's Truth" (both to our church members); and (I couldn't believe it) one "Berean History" (to a man from Chicago) were sold. We also had on hand some of the "Words of Truth" concordances and sold two.

People from all over the country helped us in our work. Our history paragraphs were taken

from the history book compiled by Bro. Clyde Randall. Our banners were made by Bro. Cleo Dixon. The banner braces were made by Bro. Laurel Macy, and brought out by the Marvin Hart family when they came to help. Bro. Don Ward, together with his family and a brother from Michigan, came for a day. Don is from Missouri. Sheila Sheeley, Ted Lauder, and a friend of his named Dave, also came from Missouri. Ralph, Richard, and Gary Childs came from Dayton, Ohio. Harold and Bonnie Domigan came from Lawrenceville, Ohio. Yvonne Givens came with the Harts from Ohio. Kevin Demmitt, Mike Gallager, and David Supinger, from the Troy, Ohio, church helped, as did Bros. James Ritch, Jay Ramsey, and James, Steve, and Timothy Mattison.

We were able to put tracts on cars, and to hand them to people personally. I guess, to most of us, and especially to Richard Childs, the high point of the week came when five Russian agricultural experts came by on Thursday night. Richard brought out a huge picture of the joint United States and Russian space mission. It had some Russian printing on it. When he showed it to them, one of them gave him a small pin commemorating the Russian space program. They spoke little English.

One day three different people from Dallas,

TX, stopped at the booth. One was a Baptist minister. We were able to witness to people from all over the country and from many different religions. A Hindu stopped one day to chat for a few minutes. We had the chance to talk to a local radio evangelist who has been on Washington radio for 35 years and is 77 years old. We also talked with his son, who is in the ministry, about some of the things we believe in common with regard to Bible prophecy. Some people were looking for points on which we could disagree, almost as though they wanted to argue. Others just wanted to share their belief in anything religious.

I think that a special thanks should be given to the people of the Eternal Hope Church and the Virginia Conference for the many helps that they rendered. The Conference gave us much needed financial help. The people of Eternal hope not only helped with the booth; they also opened their homes to those who traveled across the country to be with us. I am firmly convinced that a great work for God was done that week. I know that the gospel of the kingdom will reach many across the country as a result of this outreach.

There is a tremendous potential for nationwide evangelism in the capital of our nation. I pray that we can make greater use of it in years to come.

Many thanks to all who prayed for this effort, and to those who gave financially to our General Conference to pay for the material that we used.
Pastor Ronald Macy.

Contributors to the General Conference: AUGUST, 1976

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Eldorado—Restitution Ch	85.50	Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Powell	2.00	Harlingen Church	25.47
St Louis Church	36.31	Cecil A Smead	25.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	60.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	10.00
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Mr & Mrs W D Tierney	1.50	Nathan Boyd	1.00	Anonymous	20.00	Nina Hatcher	10.00
Lawrenceville Church	221.23	Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	Raymore Church	25.00	R Pearl Shellhaas	20.00
Martha Grenzebach	3.00	Macomb SS	15.04	Missouri Conf	482.00	Southlawn Church	273.97
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Edward Davey	5.00	Edith Eades	26.00	S Bend Miss Soc	65.00	Hope Chapel—S Bend	93.22
Michigan State Conference	85.25	Happy Woods Church	129.29	North Salem Church	26.79	Mr & Mrs Michael Berry	80.00
Pleasant Hill Church	97.60	Macomb Church	158.36	Everett Rogers	38.00	Mr & Mrs Wilfred Cambre	50.00
Mr & Mrs Dale Taylor	5.00	Mr & Mrs John Eckerd	3.00	Beaumont Church	10.00	In memory of Howard Appleby:	
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McGintytown BYF	236.00	IN State Conference	289.00	Frances Wood	35.00	Anonymous	2.50
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Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	50.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	5.20	Conger St Church	14.38	Ben Carpenter	25.00
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Pomona Dorcas Society	30.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Hummel	100.00	Mr & Mrs Don Needham	20.00
Blood River Church	120.26	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Mr & Mrs Albert Overmyer	100.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Venard	2.00
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Richard Williams	18.00	SW Conference	139.00	Fonthill Church	172.68	Pennellwood Church	117.73
In Memory of Howard & Beatrice Appleby:		Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	110.00	General Conference VBS	19.78	Hope Chapel Bereans	
N & L Appleby	100.00	Brush Creek SS	40.58	Ribbon donations	31.65	(S Bend)	15.00
Mr & Mrs Mike Hall	20.00	LA State Conference	22.91	Missionary Clothes Sale	150.10	Lombard Church	45.23
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Debbie McKinney	12.00	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	200.00	Laura Brown	50.00	Phoenix Bible Church	131.00
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Kozta Church	36.00	Milo Magaw	172.50	Jay St Church	88.79	Oregon 7 & 8 grade class	5.00
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Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs B R Harris	2.00	Dean Harman	13.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Millard	900.00
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		May White	17.80				

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November Is Missions Month

By Superintendent of Missions Rachel Carr

Traditionally, the month of November has been considered Missions Month throughout the Church of God. This does not mean that November is the only time when we consider missions, but that it is a special time when all of us together can have special emphasis on this important work.

Pastors have received brief articles for printing in their church bulletins during the month. Missionary chairmen were sent suggestions and materials for a missionary program. We trust that your church is doing something to draw the attention of its members to mission work, both at home and overseas.

A Missionary Challenge

By R. Warren Sorenson, Chairman, Home Missions Board

Prophecy informs us that the coming of Christ is near. Christ transforms us, that we may be ready for his coming. Study the world situation, and you will come to the obvious conclusion that the time clock of world affairs nears the dawn of the New Day when Christ shall rule. Use the time left in fulfilling the mission of the church.

Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." We often get so busy "going" that we don't have time to share the gospel. "A true missionary is God's man, in God's place, doing God's work, for God's glory." A great need in the growth of our mission work is for you to be "God's man" wherever you are! The growth of local churches is vital to the growth of foreign mission fields. A mission field across the continent, or across the ocean, stirs our zeal for mission work. Fine! Use that zeal in practical opportunities.

There are three very important things that you can do: 1) support the program of Church of God missions around the world; 2) pray for mission workers; 3) go and talk to someone in your town about Christ and his coming kingdom.

Consultation on Church Growth

The three members of the Home Missions Board—R.

Warren Sorenson, Kent Ross, and Merle Patrick—were privileged to attend a "Consultation on Evangelism and Church Growth" in Kansas City, MO, October 11-13, 1976. We will be sharing more concerning this meeting later.

Return to India

Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence, Phoenix, AZ, are making plans to return to India in January, 1977, to help with the Church of God work there. They will be doing lots of teaching on this visit, and would welcome your help. If you know of any lessons that you have found, or prepared yourself, which you would recommend for Bible lessons, discussion groups, or inductive Bible study, please write soon to Dr. William Lawrence, 32 E. Marshall, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Missionary News

Ghana. The evangelistic effort in Kwamidrom, headed by Pastor Oliver Amani earlier this year, resulted in the baptism of eight persons.

Nova Scotia. Bro. and Sr. Dale Swartz were not able to go to Digby by September 1, 1976 as they planned, because of difficulties in securing proper papers. They did arrive early in October, though, to take up the pastorate. We thank Doris Brown and Eunice Pearson, who took charge of the services during September, and Bros. C. E. Randall, Louis Cronbaugh, and John Denchfield, who assisted while vacationing in the area.

India. Pastor P. M. Paulson, head of the work near Hyderabad, writes that one of his co-workers, Bro. Philip, is conducting a successful work among the Hindu people. He asks prayer for Bro. Philip, and also for his wife, who has been ill with headaches for a time.

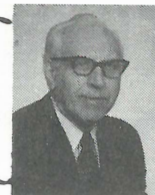
Three other men work under the supervision of Pastor Paulson. He asks that you remember them in your prayers as well.

Philippines. Pastor Eleodoro Ortiguero reports that a man and his wife were baptized at the Gattaran Church in August.

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Church Of God Directory

The Church of God Directory for the current fiscal year appears in this issue. We urge each one to save this directory for future use. Addresses of pastors, local church officers, conference staff, and members of each of the Conference Boards and committees is listed. Telephone numbers of pastors and conference offices are also listed for your benefit. When traveling, we urge you to take your directory with you so you can more easily find a church to visit for services.

Special effort has been made to provide correct information in the listings. If you find an error, please notify the Church of God General Conference, Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061 immediately, and a correction will be noted in the next issue.

Systematic Theology, Soft Cover

The fifth printing of the book *Systematic Theology*, by Dr. Alva G. Huffer, is now off the press. Due to numerous requests, a part of the latest reprint is in soft cover. The content of the book is the same, only the cover is different. The original hard cover book is still available with a new updated jacket at \$6.95 per copy. The new soft cover copy is \$3.95 each. For your copy of either of these fine study books, send your order to Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061. The book will be sent postage paid when payment accompanies the order.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, Illinois, on November 11-13. This will be the first meeting since the election of three new directors—Russell Magaw, William D. Lawrence, and Joe James—at the annual Conference in August. Many items of business will be acted upon at this three-day session. If a church or individual member has an item of business that should come up for hearing at this time, please bring it to the attention of the Executive Director, or one of the members of the Board before that date.

Other Boards Meet

The first meeting of the newly organized Mission Board was held in Phoenix, Arizona, October 26-28. Both the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board met at this time (both separately and jointly)

under the direction of Rachel Carr, Superintendent of Missions.

The Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association met in Oregon, Illinois, on October 28.

The Sunday School Board will meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 12 and 13. The members of this Board will also take part in the program of the Michigan State Conference, which will be meeting at that time.

Each member of these Boards gives freely of his time, without remuneration, to help carry out the functions of his particular department. We express our thanks to each of them for his dedicated service.

1977 General Conference

We urge you to begin making plans to attend the 57th annual Church of God General Conference, which will be held August 8-12, 1977, at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois. This will be a four-day Conference, beginning about noon on Monday, and ending Friday forenoon. The Rockford College campus is beautiful and the buildings are very attractive inside and out. It should be an excellent setting for our annual Conference. It will be advisable to have firm reservations for all who will be staying on campus. Details for making reservations will be published in the *Progress Journal* early next spring.

Conference Finances

As we begin the new fiscal year (October 1, 1976), of the Church of God General Conference, we find that contributions are falling far short of the needs. This often happens until the membership becomes more fully aware of the new budget goals. We ask the concern and prayers of the membership, that the total needs will be met, that each phase of the Conference work will be able to continue without interruption.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for October	\$18,333.00
Given in October	8,956.00
October deficit	9,377.00
November needs	18,333.00
Goal for November	\$27,710.00

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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Bible Colleges Convention

President John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, and Dale Ramsey attended the American Association of Bible Colleges Convention in Chicago on October 29 and 30. We were able to attend sessions for presidents, academic deans, church music, and Christian education.

The sessions covered long-range planning, public relations, student recruitment, measuring educational outcomes, faculty development, competency-based Christian education, integrating Christian education and Christian service, and other sessions of interest and value.

Expenses for the faculty to attend the A.A.B.C. convention are provided from Booster funds.

Seminar

John Lewis attended a pastoral counseling seminar, conducted by the Smississippi Mental Health Clinic, October 20, at Sterling, IL.

The seminar approached the particular problems pastors have as personal counselors. The daylong seminar concentrates much knowledge and understanding into a few hours of conference and discussion.

New Class

During the winter semester, Hugh Harman will teach a new health class for juniors and seniors. The title of the course is "Environmental Health." The course is designed to acquaint students with many of the ecological imbalances, and how understanding this is essential to human health. The way to achieve harmony between the slowly changing inner environment and the rapidly changing outer environment is the theme of the course.

This course will be accredited by both the Bible College and Sauk Valley College. It is valuable to our juniors and seniors because it provides valuable resource information for their pastoral ministry.

Our Mistake

Inadvertently, in the October *Journal*, we missed the name of one of our new students entering the college this year: Charlotte Miller, from Tempe, AZ. We are happy to have her at the college to further her study of God's Word.

Christ in the Concrete City

The students of Oregon Bible College are presenting another play this year, entitled "Christ in the Concrete

City." Within the limits imposed by a cast of six, it attempts to portray the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ from three points of view. The play is portrayed historically, with the actors stepping in and out of character; universally, to speak timelessly to all mankind; and personally, to speak intimately to each individual in the secret places of his own soul, and urging him to take action here and now.

The students in the play are: Pamela Ann Davis, Pamela Kay Davis, Greg Demmitt, Michael Hoffman, Donna Weidensall, and Jim Williams.

We feel that this is one of the best plays Oregon Bible College has presented, and would like for as many as possible of our churches to have an opportunity to experience this play. It has a tremendous message that speaks not only to the church as a whole, but to the individual member. If you are interested in having this play presented in your church, write to John Lewis or Dale Ramsey at Oregon Bible College.

Activities for the Student Body

Vital to college life are the extracurricular activities in which the students involve themselves. The Social Committee has been busy planning these activities for the school year. On Labor Day, a picnic was held at White Pines Ranch, involving most of the students, faculty, and their friends in various kinds of outdoor activities.

It was a real privilege to have Dallas Demmitt here during our fall breakfast October 15. The students enjoyed his company along with a delightful "Paul Bunyan" breakfast at the White Pines Lodge.

We have enjoyed two feature films this semester. The Social Committee presented "Oliver" October 16, and later on the film, "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken," will be presented.

These activities are planned as a means to get the students involved with each other. This will enable them to get to know one another better, and so contribute to a positive college atmosphere.

Basketball

The Bible College will again join the basketball league that is sponsored by civic groups in Oregon. Ten men from the college will be on our team.

The fifty dollar entry fee was paid by the student council and each basketball student will contribute another fourteen dollars.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

Exceed Goal for Giving

Each year at Berean Youth Conference, our young people set a goal for giving for the coming year. They have indicated that they feel a responsibility for raising the major portion of the funds expended by the Berean Youth Department for the various programs which it sponsors. For the past several years this goal has been set at \$10,000 and for the past several years the giving has fallen short of this goal.

This year, however, has been a different story! Our young people for the first time in several years have exceeded their Goal for Giving and are certainly to be commended for their stewardship.

As was stated in the October issue of the *Journal*, our young people raised approximately \$5000 during their annual Coins for Christ Campaign. Offerings at this year's Berean Youth Conference came to \$2200 and approximately \$2900 has been contributed either through the Mission Dollar Club or by donations from youth groups or individuals. All in all, some \$10,100.00 was contributed this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each group and individual who, by their contributions, made this possible. May God richly bless you during this coming year.

Youth Conference Staff Applications

Staff applications for the 1977 International Berean Youth Conference will be in the hands of all pastors and youth leaders in a very short period of time. They are being prepared at the time of this writing.

I encourage those of you who feel inclined to be a part of this great experience with the young people of the Church of God to send in an application. These applications may be either secured from your pastor or youth leader, or by writing to this office.

The dates for the 1977 Berean Youth Conference are July 17-23, 1977; you should be sure that you are definitely available on these dates. Please be aware also that the deadline for applying has been set at January 15, 1977.

All applications will be given serious consideration but, unfortunately, finances dictate the number of staff we can use each year. We do, however, try to spread this exciting and rewarding experience around. I encourage you to apply if you have given thought to serving on the staff and have the week of July 17-23, 1977, available to you.

Superintendents Survey

Scripture Press Ministries recently conducted a survey of several thousand Sunday school superintendents. One question in the survey asked the respondents to state the Sunday school problems for which they most sensed a need for help. Among the answers were the following: how to win more pupils and/or their parents to Christ; how to increase attendance; how to have an effective visitation program; how to encourage teachers to be more dedicated; how to train teachers; how to improve facilities; how to have an effective record system.

If you are a superintendent, you may be able to identify with some of these problems and you too may be seeking help in these areas. If so, I would like to recommend two things to you and all people who are involved in Sunday school work:

1) Purchase the *Superintendents' and Workers' Sunday School Manual* by Paul H. Overholser. This 70-page book is a must for all Sunday school workers. It will provide information which will help answer many questions and problems you may have. It contains many helps to conserve your time and help make your Sunday school more efficient and effective in reaching and teaching others. The cost is \$1.00 postage paid if payment accompanies your order. Do not be misled by the low cost of this book. It is worth many times the price. It is listed under Sunday School Supplies on the order form on the back cover of the current *Restitution Herald*.

2) I would suggest that you enroll in the Christian Workers' Seminar which will be held March 6-12, 1977 at Camp Mack, IN. See the back of the October and December *Restitution Heralds* for additional information. Sessions on "Advancing the Smaller Local Church," "Creative Bible Teaching," "Church Growth," and "Sunday School Work" will be especially valuable to Sunday school workers. Actually, these and other sessions will be of help to any worker in the church. All Christian workers are invited to attend.

Michigan Conference

The Sunday School Board is conducting training classes November 11-13 in Grand Rapids, MI, for the members of the Michigan Conference. The Board is also meeting at this time to develop short- and long-range goals for our Department.

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. General Conference telephones: Area Code 815. Business Offices (including Oregon Bible College) 732-7991; Men's Residence Director, 732-2705; Men's Residence Students, 732-7352; Women's Residence Director, 732-6569; Women's Residence Students, 732-7837 and 732-7072.

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 Larry Johnson, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 117, Hector 55342
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Cloud 56301
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JORDAN Church
Leonard Brown, Pastor, Cross Timbers 65634
Mrs. Leonard Brown, Sec, Cross Timbers 65634
Darrell Brown, Supt, Hermitage 65668
LOCKWOOD Church, Rt 2, Lockwood 65682
James Fyfe, Pastor, Rt 2, Lockwood 65682
Ruby Fyfe, Sec, Rt 2, Lockwood 65682
Albert Fyfe, Supt, Rt 2, Lockwood 65682
MORSE MILL Church, Hwy B, Morse Mill
63066
Richard Lee, Pastor, Morse Mill 63066
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Hill 63016
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Sullivan 63080
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64083
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Connecticut, St Louis 63116

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Fremont 68025
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Jaynes St, Omaha 68134
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Diana Av, Cleveland, OH 44110
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Cleveland 44110
Miss Alice Plantner, Sec, 13709 McElhatten Av,
Cleveland 44110
Miss Patricia Beam, Supt, 482 Clearview Dr,
Apt K, Euclid 44123
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Rocky River 44116
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Columbia Station, OH 44028
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Midland Av, Columbus, OH 43223
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43078
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45416
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Dayton 45414
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Dayton 45414
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Fletcher 45326
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Pike, Springfield, OH 45504
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Springfield 45502
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Hill, OH 45359
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Ludlow Falls 45339
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Springfield 45503
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Kessler-Frederick Rd, Tipp City, OH 45371
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Kessler-Frederick Rd, Tipp City 45371
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West Milton 45383
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29640
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Wellford 29385
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HENDERSONVILLE (Anderson Chapel), Jack
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28739
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28739
LENOIR (Church of Resurrection Hope), 232
Walt Arney Rd, Lenoir, NC 28645
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Lenoir 28645
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Lenoir 28645
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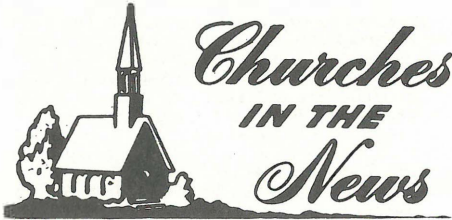
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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

McGintytown, AR. On Sunday morning, July 25, 1976, following the worship service, two people came forward after the invitation was given. That afternoon, it was my privilege to baptize Trudy Carter and Mrs. Sandy Bauder in the cool waters of Black Fork Creek. After the baptism, we went back to the church for a communion service. "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." With these thoughts in mind, we welcomed Trudy and Sandy into the fellowship of the McGintytown Church of God. We pray God's blessing upon their decision and witness.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 1, 1976, Gary Cardin came forward to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. That afternoon he sealed that acceptance by being immersed in Black Fork Creek and coming into the body of Christ. We pray God's blessing upon him and his walk with Jesus.
Daniel G. Landry, pastor.

Burr Oak, IN. We at the Burr Oak Church of God were once again made aware of Paul's words recorded in 1 Corinthians 3:6—"God gave the increase"—when at the close of our worship service September 26, 1976, Lester Capron came forward and requested baptism. His desire to accept Jesus as his Savior was followed by baptism that afternoon. We rejoice with Lester in his new walk of life, and pray the abundant blessings of our Lord to be upon him.
Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Waterloo, IA. We rejoice for and with Sallie Bently, daughter of Sylvia Bently of Waterloo, and Sharon Tempel, daughter of the Pat Tempels of California and granddaughter of Helen and Walter Tempel of Waterloo. They were baptized August 29, 1976. Bro. Dale Ward baptized Sharon and Bro. Linford Moore baptized Sallie.
Helen Tempel.

Blood River, LA. Following the morning message on Sunday, September 5, 1976, Miss Sylvia Bell responded to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and came forward to request baptism for remission of sins. She was baptized that same afternoon. We rejoice in her decision, and in the hope that she now has in the body of Jesus Christ.
C. F. Pryor, pastor.

New Port Richey, FL. The Gulf Coast Church of God is pleased to report that the following persons have studied, repented, and come forward to give themselves to Jesus Christ: Paul Barco, Jesse Gilbert, Jimmy Gilbert, and Grace Crandall. They were baptized on June 6, 1976. Sam Nettles, Sr., Josetta Bowling, and David Barco were baptized June 20, 1976. Robin Majors was baptized June 27, and Roger and Caroline Crandall were baptized September 13, 1976. May our Lord God keep their faith strong and loyal in these times which can be very exciting for Christians.
Austin Railton, pastor.

Browntown, VA. Our hearts were overjoyed on August 29, 1976, when Mrs. H. Robert (Debbie) Grove, Jr., came forward requesting baptism. It was the writer's privilege to assist her in putting on Christ, and welcoming her into the body of Christ and into the membership of the Cool Spring Church of God.
James D. Ritch, pastor.

Dry Run, VA. On July 28, 1976, Steve Mattison was baptized into Christ in Passage Creek, in the Fort Valley. September 19, 1976, Larry Grizzle was baptized into Christ, in Passage Creek. Larry has been a believer in God for a long time, but had never sealed his covenant with God.

Front Royal, VA. August 29, 1976, Doug Thorpe was immersed at the Royal Village Church. Doug had been sprinkled in Viet Nam several years ago.

We rejoice with heaven's angels over the step these three have taken. May each grow in faith and in the knowledge of Christ till he comes.
James Mattison, pastor.

Cleveland, OH. Welcome into the household of faith Miss Brenda Speer, 3149 Goldengate Ave., Rocky River, OH 44116. She was baptized by the writer at Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, August 29, 1976, immediately following her delivery of one of the three sermons provided by the church young people for Youth Sunday. Brenda's family long has been active in the Golden Rule congregation.
J. Arlen Marsh.

TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE

The Texas State Conference held its fall meeting at Camp ValVerde, near Waco, September 3-5, 1976. The theme of the conference was: "The Truth Shall Make You Free." We were delighted to have Pastor Z. B. Duncan as our guest speaker, who was accompanied by his wife. Bro. Duncan is pastor of The Church of God of the Resurrection Hope, in Lenoir, NC. Pastor Emory Macy of the North Salem Church of God, Plymouth, IN, and his wife visited us while on vacation, and also took part in the conference. We all praise God for granting us such a time of inspiration.
Pastor Michael Brown, president.

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The earthquake and tidal wave that occurred in the Philippines in August did not cause any damage in the area where Bro. Ortiguero lives. He does not yet know if brethren in some other areas were affected.

We extend our sympathy to Sr. Rizalina Aguinaldo, whose father, Pablo Gabanes, died August 16. She was working in one of the churches at the time, and did not receive the news until after her father was buried. May God give his comfort to Sr. Aguinaldo and her family.

MARRIAGES

Sheila Young and Gerald Hiles were united in marriage by the writer at the Guthrie Grove Church of God, near Pelzer, SC, on August 7, 1976. Sheila is an active member of the church, and has attended Youth Conference. The couple lives at 15 Steward Dr, Easley, SC 29640. May God bless this union.
T. M. Ferrell.

In the spirit of Christian joy, Sharon Ann Edwards and Joseph David Kennedy vowed their lives to each other forever September 10, 1976. The church was beautifully decorated. The wedding was a double-ring ceremony performed by the pastor. The church was filled with family and invited guests, so that some were unable to get into the sanctuary. A lovely reception followed in the church annex. May the Lord bestow his richest blessings upon this young couple as they begin their life together.
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OBITUARIES

Bro. Alvis Stafford, 64, of Dayton, OH, a member of Glad Tidings Chapel, died in Jesus, June 26, 1976. This dedicated servant awaits the voice of Jesus unto life. Rex F. Cain, pastor.

James Wilfred Wright, 78, of Macomb, IL, died Friday, September 17, 1976. Funeral services were held September 20, with Pastor Rex Cain officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. He was the son of Arthur and Lucy Johnson Wright. His first wife was Margaret Webster, who survives. He married Grace Baker in 1945, who also survives. He was a member of the Church of God. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Wetzell of Blandinsville, and Mrs. Charles (Luan) Ponder of Imperial Beach, CA; one son, James Arthur, of Mission Hills, CA; one stepson, Wayne A. Stoneking of MO; two step-daughters: Virginia Van Fleet of Colchester; and Mary Gale Vliet of Monmouth; one brother, Elvin of Venice, CA; nine grand-children; and twenty-two step-great-grandchildren.

Vivian Lay Lewis was born September 6, 1909, and died in El Paso, TX, September 15, 1976. She leaves to mourn her passing a son Ted and his wife Susan, of Northridge, CA; a daughter Betty and her husband, Clarence Schier of El Paso; four grandchildren; and three brothers: Walter, Willard, and Vaughn Lay. Her husband Howard preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Peterson Funeral Home in Chicago, IL, and she was laid to rest in Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL, to await the call of the Master.

Pastor S. O. Ross.

Sr. Elizabeth Hawkins was born June 16, 1888, and died October 1, 1976. She was married to Bro. Howard Hawkins, who is sleeping in death. Bro. and Sr. Hawkins became members of Golden Rule Church of God in March, 1931. Sr. Hawkins' father, Bro. Aldrich, was one of the original founders of the Parkwood Church of God. Her son-in-law, Bro. Frederick, is an elder in the Golden Rule Church. Sr. Hawkins was a beloved teacher of many who sought the truth, and she will be remembered dearly by those whom she led to the faith. A memorial gift for the Women's Dormitory at Oregon Bible College will be given by Golden Rule Church in her name, as a lasting memorial of her interest in young people and the need for spiritual knowledge. Survivors include Doris Weed and Eunice Frederick, her two daughters. A short graveside service was conducted Monday, October 4, at Lakeview Cemetery. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, gifts be made to the Church of God General Conference in her memory.

Helen McMurtrie.

Herbert Jones Edmister died Tuesday evening, September 28, 1976, at Eldorado, IL. He was born February 4, 1887, in Eldorado Township, the son of James M. and Julia (Jones) Edmister. He was a member of the Restitution Church of God of the Faith of Abraham. Surviving are a son, Stanley; a half-sister, Winnie Wood; two grandsons, David and William Edmister; a granddaughter, Mrs. Jarrell (Madeline) Sutton, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. He was laid to rest in Wesley Cemetery, near Eldorado, to await the coming of Christ and resurrection to eternal life.

Rex L. Shaw, 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.

DEDICATION DATE SET AT FLAGG CENTER

The Flagg Center Community Church of God, near Rochelle, Illinois, has planned a homecoming and dedication service for Sunday, December 5, 1976. The newly remodeled facilities will be dedicated to the glory of God at 2:00 p.m. on that day. Open house will be held Saturday, December 4, for all who would like to join with us in rejoicing in the blessings of God, but who cannot be with us on Sunday. The open house, with refreshments served, will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. After the morning worship service on Sunday, a congregational dinner will be served. Following the 2:00 p.m. dedication, refreshments will be served in the basement. We extend a warm invitation to all within driving distance to meet with us on this joyous occasion, and to praise God with us. Especially, we invite all former pastors and workers in the church to attend. Your presence will be appreciated.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

BLESSED HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD

Ten of the twelve active members of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, California, which was known as the Blessed Hope Community Church, 616 Ramona Ave., San Gabriel, CA, agreed to dissolve the corporation and requested the Valley Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, Van Nuys, CA, to accept the assets. The corporation was then dissolved with the approval of the Attorney General of California and the Secretary of the State of California, and the assets were transferred to the Valley Church by order of the Superior Court.

The dissolved church was the original Church of God in Los Angeles, which was formerly located on 103rd Street. That building was

sold, and the church made many moves, using rented facilities, before purchasing property in San Gabriel and incorporating as the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, California.

Most of the members of the dissolved church have transferred their memberships to the Valley Church of God, or to the Open Bible Church of God in Pomona, CA. Assets from the dissolved church will be used to further the Lord's work through the Valley and Pomona Churches of God, and through the work of the Church of God General Conference.

Harold Doan and Delbert Jones, Pastors, Valley Church of God.

Robert See, Pastor, Open Bible Church of God.

Charles Hummel, III, President of the dissolved corporation.

FROM OUR MAIL

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoy *The Restitution Herald*. I read it from cover to cover. Someone spends a lot of time in prayer and study. I, for one, appreciate the good articles.—Mrs. Wylie (Zoe) Smith Rt 1, Bx 225A, Pelzer, SC 29669.

CHRISTMAS TRACTS AVAILABLE

Two new Christmas tracts are available to those who would like to have them to include with their Christmas cards, letters, and gifts. The titles are: "God's Son—Priceless Gift"; and, "Welcome to Christmas." In addition, those which were offered last year, titled: "Peace . . . Good Will"; and, "What Christmas Means to Me," are still available.

Time grows short. Order as many as you feel you can profitably use. Don't delay. They are free for the asking.

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.

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

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GULF COAST CHURCH OF GOD

Dear brethren of the Church of God General Conference:

Please be informed that, from our hearts, we want to thank you for your concern for us, and for your contributions.

Gulf Coast Church of God started when several people in Florida, who were of like faith, gathered for Bible classes in homes near New Port Richey. In September, 1974, Bro. and Sr. Austin Railton moved to Florida, and joined the workers in prayer that God would build a church in Florida. We continued meeting in homes and developed a growing schedule of services. The area around us was visited many times for calls and the distribution of flyers. In about a year, more or less, two worker families moved away.

During the second year, we moved our Sunday morning services to the newly built Parkwood Civic Building. The attendance of children, and some adults, grew to the upper teens and twenties, and sometimes into the thirties. Last June, eight persons were baptized, including three adults. Two more adults were baptized in September.

However, evidence of declining interest, declining support, lack of a stable base of responsible workers, and problems with the location of meetings, all indicated that the work was slowing to a halt.

Pastor Railton received several calls to other churches and, after much consideration, accepted the call to go to Harlingen, TX.

Gulf Coast Church of God closed on the first of October, 1976. We wish that things could have been different.

Your contributions during the last two years have been greatly appreciated by us. We could not have survived without them.

If we receive any more contributions that are now on the way to us, we will return them to you.

We pray that Florida will have another opportunity for a church in the future.

Thank you again from our hearts.

Austin Railton, pastor; Vinetta Kluck, treasurer.

"The true measure of life is not years, but service and usefulness."

"Count your blessings; don't discount them."

GUTHRIE GROVE CHURCH

The picture is of a Sunday school class at the Guthrie Grove Church of God, near Pelzer, SC. The class laid aside their regular quarterly lessons for one full year, and studied the Systematic Bible Study Course. Bro. Curtis Masters, their teacher, reports: "The in-depth study

we made of this course proved to be a most enjoyable one-year assignment. The students have repeatedly remarked how much they learned." They offer words of appreciation to the Church of God General Conference for supplying the course.



Those appearing in the photograph are: (left to right, front row) Curtis Masters, teacher; Michael McKee; Danna Burriss; Jackie Blanken; Charles Durham; Mark Durham; Mack Durham; Timmy Jones; Glennis Partian; Mike Stargel; (back row, left to right): Wayne McKee; Kent Picklesimer; Joe Thomason. Absent from the picture were: Beth Browning; Karen Holt; Joni Holt; Bobby Lee Partain (who had already left for OBC); Jeffrey Smith; Lanny McAlister.

Contributors to the General Conference: September, 1976

Restitution Ch—Eldorado	101.98	Mr & Mrs John Huston, Sr	50.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	22.00	IN State Conference	238.00
Mr & Mrs Glenn Canfield	350.00	Church of the Open Bible	64.10	Alice Bassett	40.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00
Oregon Church	547.05	(Bedford)		Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Baker	15.00
Janet Simpson	12.00	Church of the Open Bible	80.00	South Bend Bereans	15.00	Fonthill Church	469.38
Blood River Church	113.75	(Pomona)		Peg Duval	50.00	North Hills Church	150.22
Blanchard Church	298.76	St Louis Church	21.73	Sandy Bowen	1.00	Barbara Barton	10.00
Cool Spring Church	79.35	Mrs Mabell E Bell	10.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	40.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton A Ramsey	50.00
Linda Hollenback	30.00	Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Mr & Mrs John Kugler	50.00	Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	60.00
Oregon SS	12.11	Dan Dovenbarger	110.00	Lawrenceville Church	269.25	Beaumont Church	10.00
IL State Conference	150.00	Mrs Nan Barney	7.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Breeden	2.00	LA State Conference	113.23
Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell	100.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	40.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Vancil	2,000.00	Eden Valley Church	211.65
Lakeshore Bible Church	311.99	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Macomb Church	161.26	Garden Park Church	173.25
Mr & Mrs R Zimmerman	5.00	NE Conference	345.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Lankheim	10.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	40.00
Hillisburg Miss Soc	25.00	Brush Creek SS	48.30	Troy View SS	12.53	Mary Hale	3.00
Pleasant Hill Church	74.30	Brush Creek Church	293.34	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Ft Valley SS	145.34
Raker Union SS	16.50	Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00	Omaha Bereans	55.90	Stephen Adams	10.00
Jay St Church	59.18	Lila Guiles	20.00	Dayton Glad Tidings		MN State Conference	278.04
Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00	Macomb SS	18.46	Outreach Dept	80.00	Mr & Mrs E C Harvey	50.00
Forest Hills Church	60.00	Anonymous	50.00	Litchfield Church	39.17	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	9.63
Pleasant Hill Church	15.00	Laura Brown	20.00	MN State Miss Soc	100.00	Mrs N H LaMunion	200.00
LA contributors	35.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhaus	25.00	Freemont SS	10.38	Ben Carpenter	25.00
Katherine Tackett	83.00	Oregon Mary & Martha	12.50	Hope Chapel Miss Soc		North Salem Church	26.08
San Jose Church	38.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	25.00	(S Bend)	65.00	E Peoria Church	125.00
Edith Eades	5.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	150.00	Mr & Mrs Wallace Tierney	150.00	Opal Barnes	2.00
Golden Rule SS (Cleveland)	8.64	Sue Andrew	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke	10.00	Troy View Church	150.00
MI State Conference	52.97	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Fonthill Church	15.76	Connie Ross	65.00
Anonymous	30.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	Marion Lardy	20.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	65.00
Michael Hoffman	5.00	Mrs Gladys Volentine	50.00	Happy Woods Church	119.81	Helen Brewer	10.00
Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	125.00	Leota B Hanson	10.00	Nancy Johns	50.00	Modesto Bible Church	25.00
In Memory of Howard Appleby:		New Hope Church	50.00	Kozzta Church	36.00	Oregon Church	390.93
Mr & Mrs Harry Olson	5.00	Hope Chapel—S Bend	117.53	Cecil Smead	25.00	Lawrenceville Church	305.10
In Memory of Ruth Bolthaus:		Blessed Hope Church	94.63	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	75.50	Lakeshore Bible Church	246.78
Eunice M Otto	10.00	Mrs Lillie Martindale	10.00	Kris Fischer	30.00	Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell	250.00
In Memory of Guy Mills:		Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	10.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	25.00	Mr & Mrs Lowell Holt	90.00
Eunice M Otto	10.00	Mr & Mrs Doug Elliott	7.00	Raymore Church	25.00	J Anon	100.00
Clyde A Shaw	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	10.00	Willis McMurtie	6.50	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00
Milo Magaw	186.88	Mrs Dorothy Napper	20.00	Southlawn Church	401.07	Jay Ramsey	100.00
Maurertown Church	20.64	Faith Chapel—Lafayette	53.50	May White	73.08	Nelle Barkley	100.00

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That Family Feeling

IN 1976, for the second time in approximately fifty years, your editor was not able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference. Nevertheless, I am convinced that it was a very successful one. This conviction is not based primarily upon the reports, formal or informal, of the business sessions. Neither does it have its origin in the enthusiastic reports of the sermons, classes, or musical programs. It is founded upon a more or less casual remark made by an old Church of God member who attended with a group, some of whom had never been there before, and the rest not for many years. I cannot recall the exact wording of the comment, but it was to the effect that the thing that impressed the group most was the strong "family feeling" that was much in evidence among the brethren. These people expressed their wish to return in 1977.

The more we reflect upon this comment, the more meaningful it becomes. Certainly, well-organized and conducted business sessions are essential to the work of the Conference. It is equally sure that unless the gospel that we spread is true to the Word of God, the work of the Church of God General Conference is in vain. But it took a comparative stranger to these sessions to make me aware of a primary spiritual value that we take so casually that we are scarcely aware of its precious contribution to our Christian lives—the family feeling.

The obvious joy that brethren from many parts of the world find in each other's fellowship during these few days is surely not the least of the benefits gained from these meetings. The family feeling is the most clearly visible mark of Christian brethren. Jesus recognized this when he

said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). This influence will persist long after the sermons, the lessons and the music have been forgotten.

One would expect that in the smaller, more intimate gatherings of local congregations this family feeling would be even more obvious. Often it is, but not always. It is much easier to forgive and overlook differences of opinion, attitudes, and idiosyncrasies for a few days than to live with them from week to week, year after year.

Unhappily, under such circumstances the family feeling sometimes degenerates into bickerings and resentments that have nothing to recommend them as spiritual exercises. They have more in common with the worldly behavior that we expect in the families of unrepentant sinners.

When we find such conditions developing among the members of our local congregation, it is time for each member to carefully examine his own feelings and attitudes toward other members of that congregation. Is it possible that they reflect our own attitudes and behavior? If anyone feels unloved, unappreciated, and neglected, it is fair that he should prayerfully consider the love, recognition, and appreciation that he extends to the brothers and sisters in Christ among whom he lives.

Jesus set a high standard for us, and also issued a stern warning, when he said: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same mea-

sure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:37, 38). Restoring this passage to its context we note that the principle of giving in order to receive is applied to both material possessions and spiritual blessings. The more love and appreciation we give to other members of our church families, the more love and appreciation they will heap upon us. Why not be the one to set in motion this ascending spiral of love and appreciation in your church family. Begin consciously to seek something to commend in the brother or sister whom you feel loves you the least. The results may surprise and gratify you!

We cannot overlook the fact that Jesus and the apostles sometimes found it necessary to reprimand those in error, but it is fatal for us to imitate these actions until we have copied their principle of first assuring those in error of our love. They were quite as ready to appreciate and praise. They usually praised openly, but reproved privately.

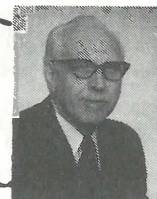
Of the centurion's declaration of his faith that Jesus could heal a servant from a distance, Jesus stated openly: "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel" (Matt. 8:10).

To Peter's confession of his faith that Jesus is the Messiah, the Master answered: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17). You can think of many more such examples.

For examples of Paul's use of this principle read Romans 1:8, 9; 1 Corinthians 1:4, 5; Ephesians 1:15, 16; Philippians 1:3-5, and others. Strong Christian families forgive each other readily, and appreciate and encourage each other.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Seasons Greetings

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff and workers of the Church of God General Conference, to express to each of you our best wishes for a happy Holiday Season. May the birth of Christ, the Son of God, our Savior and coming King, be ever uppermost in our minds during the Christmas celebrations. May the year of 1977 bring joy and blessings to each one.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois, November 11-13, 1976. All areas of the General Conference work were reviewed.

An agreement with the Lombard Community Church of God was approved. The State of Illinois has taken the Lombard Church and parsonage property for highway purposes and settlement has been made. It was the decision of the church not to rebuild at this time. By the agreement, \$100,000 of the settlement funds has been deposited with the Church of God General Conference, the earnings only to be used for Oregon Bible College at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Approval was given for the Executive Director to attend a National Advisory Council meeting of the American Bible Society in New York City in April. The theme of the meeting will be "God's Word in Today's World." We feel it is a great privilege for the Church of God General Conference to be invited to participate in these sessions, the greater expense to be borne by the Bible Society.

A detailed report of the Missions Department (both home and foreign) was received. A recommendation was approved that Bro. and Sr. John Lewis be sent to India in the summer of 1977 to teach the church leaders and teachers there for a two-month period. In accordance with the recommendation adopted at the 1976 General Conference, the funds for this trip (approximately \$6,000) will be raised by special appeal.

The Jay Street Church of God, Kokomo, IN, was approved for Mission Builders Appeal Number 38 for May, 1977. A committee was appointed to select and erect an appropriate marker at the site in Waterloo, IA, where the organizational meeting of the Church of God General Conference took place in 1921.

Action was taken to increase tuition, room, and board fees at Oregon Bible College effective with the 1977-'78 school year. Tuition will be \$325 per semester and room and board \$425 per semester. This will be an increase of \$100 per semester for dormitory students.

Approval was given to reduce the price of the Songs of Truth Hymnals Number Two. We still have a large inventory of these fine hymnals and the new sale price effective immediately is \$3.50 for the regular hymnal and \$4.50 for the loose leaf. There is a committee giving study to a new enlarged hymnal; however, this hymnal will not be available for several years, and will retail for a much higher sale price.

Hollis Partlowe, chairman, Robert Smith, William Lawrence, and S. O. Ross were appointed to plan the program for the 1977 General Conference. The committee met briefly and did some preliminary planning.

The Executive Director is also the Director of Development, in which capacity he deals with the membership on wills, trusts, life insurance, and other deferred gifts to the benefit of the Church of God General Conference and its departments. Approval was given for the appointment of an assistant to work with the Director in this important area of the work.

The Audit Report of the past fiscal year prepared by Allan Ramsey, of Warsaw, IN, was approved and will be published in the January issue of *Progress Journal*. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Conference will be on April 28, 1977.

Conference Finances

We are sorry to report that the giving for the month of November has fallen \$13,000 short of the needs. This deficit giving makes it necessary to borrow from the restricted funds of the Conference to meet the monthly expenses. We pray and trust that the membership will respond to these needs.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for November	\$27,710.00
Given in November	14,485.00
November Deficit	13,225.00
December Needs	18,333.00

Goal for December \$31,558.00

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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).

Report From Home Missions Board

Evangelism Seminar, Kansas City, Missouri

The Home Missions Board—composed of Warren Sorenson, Kent Ross, and Merle Patrick—came into existence at the General Conference held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, in August of this year. The formation of this Board represents the awareness of our people of the need for a greater and more specific thrust in home missions.

We members of the Home Missions Board believe that God opened a door of understanding and direction by providing us the opportunity recently to attend a Consultation on Evangelism and Church Growth at Kansas City, Missouri. This came at the time that we were seeking to identify our purpose, and to come to grips with principles and procedures which are most effective in home missions and church growth. We recognize the need to offer to local churches practical, usable, down-to-earth principles of church growth, and at the same time to be willing and ready to offer direction as to how to implement these principles in an effective ministry of growth. At this consultation on evangelism and church growth we received valuable resources which represent years of study and preparation by many persons and church bodies. Many of these resources relate specifically to our present purpose and need. In this report we want to share these basics, and at the same time let you know that the Home Missions Board is working to build a program which will incorporate some of the basics learned.

1. It is vitally important that we come to an understanding of our purpose, and of our organization in relation to that purpose. The answer to the following four questions gives direction to the newly formed Home Missions Board, and will do so for the entire Conference and each local church. What is our purpose? What are our functions? What are our functions accomplishing? Are our functions unified in one mission?

2. It is vitally important to implement a prayer ministry as the basis of power for evangelism in and through the church. A specific prayer program is the beginning of specific results in church growth. Prayer is the continuing source of our power as we obey the leadership of God.

3. It is vitally important that love be the motivating

force in evangelism and church growth. The compelling force of God is love! It is God's love that offers salvation to humanity. It is this love, in and through the church, that repeats God's offer of salvation to a needy world—the same world that "God so loved."

4. It is vitally important to stimulate evangelistic action at every level of church life. Most of us, in our churches, spend more time deciding on activities than in coming to grips with our purposes. Once we have established our purpose according to the will of God, we involve our people at every level of the congregation in working toward the fulfillment of that purpose.

5. It is vitally important that we develop a church growth conscience. There are four basic reasons why some churches are growing and some are not. Those churches grow which believe that church growth is God's will. Others do not. Those churches which pray for church growth, grow. Other churches do not grow. Those churches which know much about church growth, grow. Those churches which know little or nothing about it do not. Those churches that are doing what produces church growth, grow. Those which fail to practice these principles do not.

6. It is vitally important that the Sunday school implement an active program of evangelism. Since the Sunday school feeds church growth, the Sunday school must be growing.

The Home Missions Board makes the following recommendations as a beginning in growth for your church: that a spiritual life and prayer emphasis be started in your local church; that the local church define its purpose as a church; that each local church list its agencies and functions, and then evaluate these in terms of the stated purpose; that each church set goals with a specific time in which to meet these goals; that a specific plan of action by which the church can meet the stated goals be implemented; and that there be a periodic reevaluation of progress and goals.

Future seminars on church growth are being planned. Watch for one of these in the area of your church and attend if at all possible.

We covet your prayers for the Home Missions Board. We are seeking to follow God's leadership with the result that his will for growth will be realized throughout the Church of God.

Warren Sorenson for Home Missions Board.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Prayer Day

Dick Young and Laura Brown directed the Prayer Day activities on November 9. The students did not attend classes, but took the entire day for worship and prayer activities.

Under the leadership of Dick and Laura, the students experienced spiritual growth and fellowship.

Contemporary Christian Education

At the American Association of Bible Colleges Convention held in Chicago in late October, Dr. LeRoy Ford, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented a seminar on contemporary trends in Christian education.

It is important to local churches, as well as to Oregon Bible College, that we keep in touch with trends and changes taking place in religious education. Churches, as well as Bible colleges, must be aware of these trends in order to take advantage of the best possible teaching techniques and attitudes, so that our people can grow in knowledge and faith under optimum conditions.

In modern religious education, church members seem to be assuming more authority in church affairs, and at the same time are succeeding in administering and operating their own local churches. We are living in a time when the Sunday school is under the direction and guidance of lay people more than ever before. More people are studying the Bible and making direct applications of their understanding to their own lives. If we wish to meet the needs of our people, our Sunday school and Christian education programs in our local churches should minister to the people's need for fellowship, instead of imposing a "program" on them.

Our Sunday school and education curriculum needs to be more broadly based instead of on only a few choice texts from the Bible. We must choose a Bible curriculum which views a broad context of the scriptures that will provide our people a broad perspective of the Bible. It is clear that in Christian education we need to evaluate progress in the Sunday school, as well as in other learning situations, in order to set up performance objectives, and to measure our student progress against these objectives.

On the local church level, a kind of educational experience that has been tried in a very few churches is individual learning. Individual members of churches

may use video tapes, cassettes, and individual instructional materials for self-instruction at any time. Many churches are also using multi-generation learning. That is, they put students from a wide span of age groups in the same Sunday school and Bible study classes. Many churches are placing much less emphasis on organization and more on family life. It seems that in many situations we need to follow bold new approaches to the work of the church.

The goal is to create a demand for ministers of Christian education who can properly apply the teachings of the Scriptures to the needs of people in the church, on the street, and in the home. It is to our advantage to recognize and grasp the wide-open opportunities for Christian education to be found in our churches and communities. The Christian education ministries of Oregon Bible College and the local church are vital to each individual Christian living in obedience to Christ.

Christian Service

The Christian Service training program of the Bible college has been active in involving students in gospel teams and other Christian service activities.

The play cast has also had a busy fall schedule, presenting "Christ in the Concrete City." The first performance was in South Bend, Indiana, at the Morning Star Church. We also presented the play at Macomb and Ripley, Illinois, on December 11 and 12. We are glad that we will have opportunities to present this play at several of our churches during the months of January and February. We feel that the play has an excellent message and presents an opportunity for a spiritual growing experience. We are sorry that we are not able to take the play to all of the churches that have requested it.

Student Activities

The Social Committee, under the leadership of Donna Weidensall and Karen Circle, has involved the students in many activities.

On October 26, the students attended a Halloween party at Stronghold Castle, a traditional OBC Halloween setting. Students participated in a costume party, a hay ride, and game activities.

Twenty-four students take part in a bowling league, organized by Howard Robinson. The students meet on alternate Friday nights throughout the winter.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

Post-High Midwinter Retreat

The annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat will be held at Camp Alexander Mack near Milford, Indiana, beginning Thursday, December 30, 1976, and ending on Sunday, January 2, 1977.

This retreat is designed to accommodate those young people of post-high age as well as those who are twelfth graders. The twelfth graders, however, will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis in the event that the retreat is filled out with post-high students. The maximum number of students that we can handle at this retreat is 42.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "retreat" as "a period of seclusion, especially for religious contemplation." This is exactly what is provided at this retreat, a secluded environment (Camp Alexander Mack, located on Lake Waubee—a beautiful example of God's creation). This is a time shared only by those who are seeking your same desires. It becomes a time when one can study the Words of our God and contemplate them. It becomes a time when one can share in prayer those things that are on his heart. It becomes a time when one can sing praises to his name. It is a time when one has the opportunity to fellowship with those of a like faith. In short, it is a time when one may consider God and his infinite love and be filled spiritually.

There is also ample opportunity provided to enjoy yourself with fun and games. This may include a quiet game of checkers or chess, or—for those brave souls who are hardy enough to brave the weather—there usually is ice skating available. A number of impromptu activities may come up, too, such as a game of football in the snow or a rollicking snowball fight.

The staff for this year's retreat will include Hugh and Mary Harman and Jim and Karen Babcock. The retreat will begin with registration at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1975, and conclude with a Communion service, Sunday, January 2, 1977. The cost is \$33.00, and a \$10.00 deposit is required with each application.

Those who have attended past retreats generally agree that the time spent has been a very rewarding experience and we would like for you to encourage those young people of the twelfth grade or post-high age to consider enjoying this experience and rather unique way of ushering in the new year.

DECEMBER, 1976

Vacation Bible School Material

The 1977 Bible School material is entitled "Families of God." The lesson titles are: The First Family (Adam and Eve), The Family Saved by Water (Noah), The Family of Faith (Abraham), A Special Family (Joseph and Mary), and The Chosen Family (The Church). A Director's Manual and six graded teacher's manuals have been prepared. Sample lessons of each book have been mailed to all superintendents and pastors. An excellent staff of dedicated writers has produced these lessons and I am certain you will find them suited to the needs of your church.

Last year's material was widely used among our churches and was highly praised by many teachers and directors. The 1977 material follows the same format. The cost of each manual will remain \$1.25, postage-paid when payment accompanies the order. Handwork pages for pupils will be available for 3¢ per sheet plus 50¢ handling per order.

Arlington, Texas, Church

In mid-October I had an opportunity to visit the church at Arlington, Texas. Meetings were held with the congregation to evaluate its progress and give consideration to the future of the work.

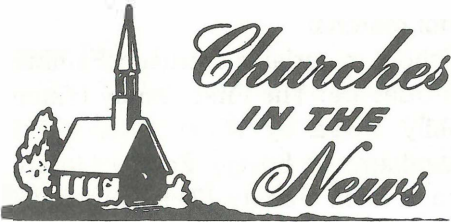
The Challenge of Christian Education

A student in the public school receives approximately 950 hours of schooling per year. A student who attends Sunday school regularly receives about 52 hours of schooling per year. This means that a student attending only Sunday school, with perfect attendance, would have to attend 18½ years to equal the amount of time spent each year in secular education, or it would take 219 years of Sunday school to equal a high school education. The challenge is to accomplish the task of Christian education with the greatest possible effectiveness.

Of course Sunday school is not the only agency of Christian Education. Morning and evening worship, junior church, midweek service, Berean Youth Fellowship meetings, summer camping programs, as well as good Christian literature, all help to multiply the Christian Education training of our people.

I believe the program of Christian Education in the Church of God should be the best we can possibly make it. The Lord expects it to be the best, and the Sunday School Board, the editors, the writers, and the entire staff are committed to this end.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Kokomo, IN. We praise God for the decision of Debra Lynn Dix to put on Jesus Christ through faith, repentance, baptism, and obedience. She was immersed on Sunday, October 3, 1976. May God bless her.

John A. Railton, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. We thank God that Sharon Magaw, Kim Horn, and Lori Daugherty accepted Christ as their Savior during our Fall Revival, with Z. B. Duncan as guest speaker. They were immersed on Thursday, September 23, 1976. We pray God's blessing on their new walk in Christ.

Hillisburg, IN. Kim Zook, Candy Zook, Therese Harness, and Denise Cone accepted Christ and were baptized into his body and into membership in the Hillisburg Church of God September 19, 1976. These decisions were made during special meetings with Pastor Kent Ross as guest speaker. May God bless these new Christians.

Larry Mayberry, pastor.

We were happy to baptize Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Smelser into the body of Christ, Wednesday evening, October 27, 1976.

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

Blood River, LA. On Sunday afternoon, October 17, 1976, Mrs. Helaine Fossier was baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of her sins, and began a new walk with her heavenly Father through his Son. The service was performed by the writer, with the assistance of Elder Ellsworth Richardson, in Hammond, LA. May the Lord bless Helaine as he has added her to his redeemed family.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to welcome Sr. Susan Hutchinson into the fellowship of Blood River Church of God. Susan was a baptized member of the Bethel Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, near Greenville, SC. On October 8, 1976, she became the bride of Bro. Dwight Hutchinson. Welcome, Susan, to Louisiana and to our church fellowship in this community. May God, by his abundant love and mercy, cause you to be happy here with us.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

The above heading is the title of a twenty-four page booklet, now available through your Church of God General Conference. Written by J. August Smith, it is now in the third edition. It deals informatively and effectively with the question of whether Jesus existed in another place and form before his birth of the virgin Mary. You will find it thoroughly biblical and convincing. Order it from: The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

The price is seventy-five cents when payment accompanies the order.

FROM OUR MAIL

Dear Brethren:

On behalf of the Board of Guthrie Grove Church, we wish to express our thanks to the staff of the Conference for the abundant supply of material mailed to us for distribution at our booth at the County Fair.

We feel that this week was a great success. Many stopped by and took our literature, and several had talks with attendants at the booth. The banner, "Abrahamic Faith," drew special attention, especially from other Church of God denominations. Many signed for the Bible and Systematic Theology book given away, and several signed for the Bible Study Course. We know that all who spent time at the booth were blessed.

This was a great opportunity to witness for our Lord. The seed was sown. We will water it with prayer and pray that God will give the increase. It was a great project from our Evangelism Committee.

Thank you again for all your time and efforts in helping to make this successful.

In Christian Service,
Guthrie Grove Church of God
(Mrs.) Jo Ellen Masters, secretary.

DIGBY CHURCH OF GOD

The annual Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving service of the Digby, Nova Scotia, Church of God was held Sunday evening, October 10, 1976, and was followed by a fellowship hour in honor of the new pastor and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Dale Swartz. The church was appropriately decorated with fall leaves for the occasion. Produce from the gardens of various members, along with other food items, were brought in appreciation of God's goodness, and were presented to the pastor by Mr. Charles Cook, on behalf of the church.

Pastor Swartz arrived in Digby October 4, to become the first permanent pastor of the Church of God since the death of Pastor Raymond Brown in November of 1974. Since that time, the church has been served by a number of interim pastors whose stays ranged from one year to one or two Sundays.

Pastor and Mrs. Swartz came to Digby from E. Peoria, IL, where they served the Church of God for four years.

Pastor Swartz is a graduate of Oregon Bible College. After graduating he spent a year at the Phoenix, AZ, Open Bible Church of God, while also attending Arizona State University. He was a licensed minister of the Church of God for five years and has recently been ordained. His training and experience make him well fitted to handle the responsibilities that he is assuming in Digby.

—Elaine Handspiker.

WINTER VISITORS

People traveling to Florida for the winter, or for a short vacation, are advised that Sunday morning preaching services will be held at Lake-wood East Campground, U.S. 192, Kissimmee, FL. This is a fine camp, centrally located and with reasonable rates. It is three miles east of the entrance to Disney World. Services will be conducted after December 1. There are plenty of motel and hotel accommodations nearby for those desiring them.

Midweek Bible study in Kissimmee will be taught by Bro. Cecil Patrick.

It should be noted that the trailer park services are primarily for winter visitors.

Clyde E. Randall.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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MUSICAL TAPES AVAILABLE

Two tapes containing the music heard at the Bicentennial Conference (1976) are now available to interested readers.

Tape No. 1 brings the messages in song which were heard at the worship and preaching services. It includes the deep melodious voice of Francis Burnett, the high tones of Grace Cain, the volume of Willie Hale, and the unison of the General Conference choir.

Tape No. 2 contains the "Heritage in Music" program heard on Thursday night—a sermon in song conducted by Dale Ramsey.

These tapes are available for \$3.00 each, or you may order both tapes for the special price of \$5.00. Send your order to: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Avenue., Dayton, OH 45416.

CHRISTMAS TRACTS AVAILABLE

Two new Christmas tracts are available to those who would like to have them to include with their Christmas cards, letters, and gifts. The titles are: "God's Son—Priceless Gift"; and, "Welcome to Christmas." In addition, those which were offered last year, titled: "Peace . . . Good Will"; and, "What Christmas Means to Me," are still available.

Order as many as you feel you can profitably use. They are free for the asking. The Restitution Herald, Oregon, IL 61061.

OBITUARIES

R. Kent Picklesimer fell asleep in death October 12, 1976. He was 40 years old and lived at Piedmont, SC. He was the son of Mrs. Tina Williamson Picklesimer Mulligan of Piedmont. His father was the late Thomas H. Picklesimer. He was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God of Abrahamic Faith, and served the church as a Sunday school teacher, trustee, and deacon. Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Mary Odom Picklesimer and a son, Tommy. Kent is the grandson of M. O. Williamson, former pastor of Guthrie Grove. Funeral services were held at the church, with Loie Jones assisting the pastor. Kent was buried in the Guthrie Grove Cemetery, there to await the return of the Lord whom he loved well and served faithfully. He will be missed by his family, friends, and members of his church.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Funeral services were conducted for Sr. Alma B. Stone, October 18, 1976, at Farrell Funeral Home, Oregon, IL. Afterward she was laid to rest in Daysville Cemetery, to await the call of him who has all authority in heaven and earth, even power to raise the dead. That God's comfort and peace will be with the family at this time of bereavement is our prayer. Intern Carl Jennings assisted the writer at the services.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Mrs. Doris Rouch, age 71, died at her home October 13, 1976, following an extended ill-

ness. Doris was the widow of Dale Rouch. She was one of the founders of Morning Star Church of God, and was a very faithful worker and fine Christian example for her entire life. Funeral services were conducted by the writer October 16. She was laid to rest in Bremen, IN, where she awaits the coming of our Lord Jesus and the resurrection of the faithful.

Ben Mattison, pastor.

Sara Ellen Myers, daughter of Christopher and Suellen Corwin Myers, of 558 Elmwood Dr., Frankfort, IN, was stillborn Wednesday, September 8, 1976, at Clinton County Hospital. Words of comfort and assurance were spoken by the writer. Our deepest sympathy and Christian love go to Christopher and Suellen in this time of sorrow and need.

Larry Mayberry, pastor.

Mrs. Bessie Derry, 87, died at Macomb, IL, Nov. 4, 1976. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 7, with Pastor Rex Cain officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. The Church family moved to Macomb in 1910, and Bessie married Will M. Derry in 1917. He died February 13, 1976. She was a member of the Macomb Church of God, Abrahamic Faith. Surviving are three sons, Russell of Kansas City, MO, and Virgil and Sanford of Macomb; seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; one brother, John Church of Palmyra, MO; and one sister, Bertha Eule of Tampa, FL.

Phyllis A. Davis.

Harmon S. Stone of 504 S. 6th St, Oregon, IL, fell asleep in Christ November 5, 1976. He was born April 8, 1925, in Montrose, PA. His wife Alma preceded him in death by exactly three weeks. Both were members of the Oregon Church of God. Memorials have been established in their names for the Oregon Church of God, and the Oregon Ambulance Service. Funeral services were conducted November 8 by Pastor Hollis Partlowe, assisted by Intern Carl Jennings. He was laid to rest beside his wife in Daysville Cemetery to await the call of the Life Giver.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Robert L. Jacobs; Mrs. Leo Davis; Lucille Story; Brenda Faubion; Linda Bent.

JUNIOR DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This sixteen-page booklet contains daily Bible readings especially suited to children and young people. Read the Bible daily! Available from The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, at 35 cents each, postpaid when payment accompanies the order.

Contributors to the General Conference: October, 1976

Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson	6.00	Josie Koontz	26.00	Irma McClain	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	160.00
Zenas Murphy	20.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Mr & Mrs George Haberer	5.00	Troy View Church	83.28
John Masterson	5.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	40.00	IN State Conference	230.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossem	70.00
Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	10.00	Milo Magaw	48.50	Ruth Sealey Congdon	100.00	Anna Cullen	5.00
Mr & Mrs Vivian Magaw	10.00	Pearl Huston	50.00	Kosztz Church	36.00	Mr & Mrs William Messer	5.00
Mr & Mrs Lester Burkhart	5.00	Pleasant Hill Church	88.08	MI State Conference	105.53	Arlington Church	175.00
Mr & Mrs Jack Parsons	10.00	In memory of Mrs Esta		Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	10.00	Eden Valley Church	118.48
Happy Woods Dorcas	5.00	V McInturff:		Nina Hicks	20.00	Columbia Church	1,012.62
Agape Soc (Bedford)	3.20	Mr & Mrs Lawrence Keys	75.00	Leota B Hanson	15.00	LA State Conference	27.02
Greg Demmitt	15.00	Macomb SS	25.76	Cecil A Smead	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ed O'Neil	10.00
Mrs Janice Wilcox	16.80	Mr & Mrs Jean Berry	5.00	Mrs Mabell E Bell	10.00	Kris Fischer	17.00
Mr & Mrs John Robison	5.00	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Eternal Hope Church	272.53	Mr & Mrs Tim New	1.00
Bessie Stephenson	5.00	Forest Hills Church	41.30	Anonymous	100.00	Macomb Church	196.88
Mr & Mrs Don Ward	100.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	200.00	Mr & Mrs Stanley Baker	3.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	140.00
Mr & Mrs Waldon Winner	10.00	Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Peg Duval	50.00	Mr & Mrs James Ashley	10.00
Tempe Dorcas	15.00	NE Youth Conf	24.00	Rockford Church	182.82	Southlawn Church	397.04
Gatesville Church	25.00	Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum	15.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	75.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00
Lois Worden	3.00	May White	23.00	Lucille Wulff	20.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	25.00
Sandra L Jones	10.00	Sandra Bost	5.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Blanche Harland	50.00
Mr & Mrs Francis DeCaussin	5.00	Gary Roepke	20.00	Yvonne Reiglesperger	117.00	Oregon SS	10.75
Maude Stilson	100.00	IL State Conference	150.00	Anderson Chapel	10.00	Neil Carlson	5.00
Eunice Otto	10.00	Lawrenceville Sr Youth	32.00	F B Murfin	6.00	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	80.00
Pomona Church	98.78	Nancy Townsend	3.00	Martha G Myers	10.00	Hector Dorcas	22.69
Maurertown Dorcas	20.00	Sarah Wray	10.00	Digby Church	41.58	Keith Baird	100.00
Bedford Church	59.44	Litchfield Church	26.90	Mr & Mrs Vernon Chaplin	200.00	Grace Laning	50.00
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Florence Sanders	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	10.00	Outreach	80.00
Mrs Wylie Smith	5.00	Flagg Center Church	84.20	R-Anon	100.00	Glad Tidings Chapel	
Happy Woods Church	70.73	Brush Creek SS	41.40	Hector Church	300.00	(Dayton)	200.00
Raker Union SS	22.50	Holbrook Church	195.01	Mr & Mrs John Prak	100.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Pearson	104.00
San Jose Church	28.00	Everett Rogers	38.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	22.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	100.00
Alta Thrush	20.00	Blood River Church	130.39	Mildred Somers	30.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00
Nancy Smith	4.00	Lila Guiles	10.00	E Peoria Church	72.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	50.00
Mrs Ronald Rosen	1.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Button	25.00	Hope Chapel (S Bend)	136.42	Fremont SS	18.20
Ruth Reid	30.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Mabel Andrew	20.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	250.00
Taylor Crowe	6.00	Mr & Mrs Max Cronbaugh	100.00	New Hope Church	36.00	Althea Rice	100.00
Nancy Johns	50.00	Mary Miller	20.00	Mrs A B Vines	2.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Jones	10.00
Cool Spring Church	67.87	Columbus Church	5.00	Keiffer Zeller	60.00	NE Conference	650.00
Luella S Star	75.00	John Kugler	10.00	Fonthill SS	13.43	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	220.00
Clyde Shaw	45.00	Mr & Mrs Neil Thoms	2.00	Mr & Mrs Ken Millard	200.00	Litchfield SS	10.77
Bob Waggener Family	20.00	SW Conference	131.00	Pomona Dorcas	30.00	Raymore Church	25.00
Jay St Church	58.60	Katherine Tackett	88.00	North Salem Church	22.50	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	150.00
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Pennellwood Miss Soc	175.00	Alice Bassett	40.00	Mary Krogh	15.00	Pennellwood Church	255.11
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St Louis Church	39.94	Mrs Esther Jenkins	20.00	Bob Morrison	1.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhaus	20.00
Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Sr	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Stone	20.00	Connie Ross	30.00	Lafayette Faith Chapel	
Maurertown Church	21.58	Lafayette Faith Chapel	34.00	M A Patrick	485.00	Lydias	25.00
W E Boyer	50.00	Macomb Miss Soc	75.00	Garden Park Church	124.64	Richard Williams	21.00
Anonymous	6.00	Mr & Mrs Irvin Verplank	1.00	Truth Seekers SS	19.53	South Bend Bereans	15.00
Brush Creek Church	251.16	Edith Eades	10.00	Golden Rule Ladies Guild	10.35	Graytown Church	81.75
Burr Oak Church	255.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	48.09	Phoenix Bible Church	321.00	North Hills Church	251.01
Paul Hatch	25.77	Mrs Cora Rank	2.00	Fonthill Church	411.59		

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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director

Financial Statement

The financial statement of the Church of God General Conference for the past fiscal year will be found in this issue. This printed statement is part of the Audit Report for the year, October 1, 1975, to September 1, 1976. We urge you to view the report and feel free to contact the Executive Director if you have any questions on the report.

Assistant Director of Development

Brother Harold Doan of Santa Monica, California, has graciously consented to assist the Executive Director in the work of Director of Development. We appreciate Bro. Doan, with his busy schedule, giving of his time to help develop this area of the work.

I am sure there are men and women throughout the membership who would be willing to consider committing a part of their estate to the Church of God General Conference. This can be done in many ways, such as Trusts, Annuities, Wills, Life Insurance, and various other ways of deferred giving. Please contact the Executive Director for more information on various forms of deferred giving to the Church of God General Conference.

1977 General Conference

A committee to plan the 1977 General Conference will meet in Oregon, Illinois, on February 3 and 4, 1977. The committee—consisting of Hollis Partlowe, chairman; Robert Smith, William Lawrence, and S. O. Ross—did meet briefly in November after the Board of Directors meeting. The theme for the 1977 Conference will be "Life on a Higher Plane." A slightly shorter Conference will necessitate some changes in the usual format of the Conference program. Any suggestions for the program will be welcomed by the committee. If you have a suggestion or idea for the program, please get in touch with one of the committee members prior to the meeting in February.

The 1977 Conference will be held at Rockford College, in Rockford, Illinois, August 8-14. Make your plans now to attend.

Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

The Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association has made application to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for an actuarial study and recommendations for the investment of funds for the association. These studies will be helpful in evaluating the strength of the financial position of the retirement association.

Happy New Year

May the God of heaven continue to provide rich blessings to the membership of the Church of God General Conference throughout the new year of 1977. May we look and long for the soon return of Christ, our coming King. "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28b).

Conference Finances

HELP! HELP! The contributions for the month of December have fallen nearly seventeen thousand dollars short of the needs to meet the goal. It has been necessary to borrow about that amount to meet the current expenses. The contributions are needed to support the missionaries in foreign fields, assist the churches on pastoral aid and special church-aid programs, provide the salaries for the conference staff, provide the materials for the free literature program, subsidize the various publications, subsidize about one half the cost of education for the students of Oregon Bible College, and meet the regular monthly expenses of operation. Our hope and prayer is that the total goals will be met shortly, that we might overcome the present need for deficit spending.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for December	\$31,558.00
Given in December	14,828.00
December Deficit	16,730.00
January Needs	18,333.00

Goal for January \$35,063.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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



Visiting in Africa

Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser and their granddaughter, Elaine Brittingham (recently graduated from high school), left their homes in Ohio the first part of this month, to go to Africa.

Their first stop, and main headquarters during their African visit, is Salala, Liberia, where Bro. Cornelius Boykai has a church and clinic. Here the Overholser plan to conduct concentrated classes, to teach and train the nationals to be leaders and teachers of their own people. Sr. Brittingham will be a help with the teaching, music, and recreation—especially to young people and children.

If possible, Bro. Overholser also plans to visit Nigeria and Ghana to appraise the work and consult with the leaders.

We are grateful for the willingness of these faithful ones to serve as short-term missionaries in Africa. Please pray for a successful ministry and for their safety.

Far East Trip

We are pleased that Bro. and Sr. John Lewis, Oregon, Illinois, are able to go to India this summer to spend several months in teaching and training our brethren there.

In past visits to India, Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence have recognized the need for more Bible teaching and pastoral training, especially for Bro. M. R. Noel, who desires to work as a pastor. Since Bro. Lewis teaches pastoral training courses as well as Bible classes at Oregon Bible College, he will have much to impart to Bro. Noel and others. Sr. Lewis has taught teacher-training

courses and audio-visual aid classes at the College and these subjects are also much needed by our India brethren.

Since the Lewises will be going to India this summer, the Lawrences have postponed the trip that had been planned for this month. They will go to India with the Lewises, so as to help orient them.

From time to time, we receive letters from you, asking about special missionary projects in which you may participate. We feel that the project of sending the Lewises to India and providing textbooks and teaching materials for them to use, is one in which all of you will want to have a part. Please think and pray about it and send your contributions to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

We thank you for your help!

New Philippine Work

Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero, in a recent report, writes, "Ricardo Ortiguero, my son . . . who is now working as a chief cook of a very big and popular restaurant in Manila, was able to assemble members of our church who are working in Manila for a regular church service in his rented home. The first Sunday . . . eight adults and five children attended. . . . I am very happy that a church of ours has now started in the premier city of the Philippines. We need your prayers for this."

Three Added to the Church

From Ravulapalem, Andrah Pradesh, India, Pastor P. M. Paulson writes of the conversion of a schoolteacher, who came to accept Christ through his study of *Systematic Theology*. Along with this man, two other persons were baptized into Christ.

New Books

The Missions Department has three new 64-page books which you may be interested in borrowing. They are entitled, *Nigeria in Pictures*, *Ghana in Pictures*, and *Mexico in Pictures*. For a general overview of these countries where we have brethren, these books are interesting and informative.

If you wish to borrow one of these books of the Visual Geography Series, write to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Jesus Christ Is Not God

"Jesus Christ Is Not God" is the title of a book used as a text at Oregon Bible College. The book is written by Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille. Dr. Wierwille is president of a research teaching and training ministry called "The Way."

The book views the nature of God and the nature of Christ in much the same way as the Church of God views them. Dr. Wierwille does hold some views which are different from those held on this subject by the Church of God. The principal difference is that he presents God as a spirit being and not a corporeal being. The argument that he presents on the nature of Christ is good and sound. The book is quite acceptable for Church of God study and research. He does have some weakness in his use of Greek in presenting his argument on the nature of Christ and the interpretation of Scripture. A Greek student will probably differ on some of his interpretation of texts and understanding of Greek terms.

Overall, however, the book would be an excellent addition to a Church of God library.

Student Council Project

Each year the student council of Oregon Bible College undertakes a project for the benefit and improvement of College facilities. This year the students are carrying over the same project they had last year. They plan to purchase a video tape machine for classroom use in preaching, speech, and teaching classes. Through the use of the machine, students will be able to view themselves in various teaching and speaking situations. The cost for the project is between \$2,000 and \$2,500. They hope to have enough funds raised by the end of the year to be able to purchase the machine. We commend the student council for this project and feel that it will be a good addition to Oregon Bible College facilities.

Ministerial Conference

The Annual Ministerial Conference for Church of God ministers will be in Oregon, April 25-29, 1977.

This year's program committee is made up of Oregon Bible College administration and faculty members, consisting of John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, and Dale Ramsey. We are glad for the opportunity to plan the conference program and feel that we will be able to communicate many ideas that will be helpful to the ministers of the Church of God. We feel that we will

also greatly benefit as faculty members by being able to understand the thinking and needs of the ministers of the Church of God.

Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education met in Oregon, Illinois, December 29 and 30. We welcome Bro. John Hearp of Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, as a new member of the Board of Education. The Board made decisions concerning future plans and development, supporting various programs of the Bible College and the use of the Bible College facilities.

In early January Bro. Charles Pryor, a member of the Board of Education, left for India where he will be teaching for the University of Houston.

General Education

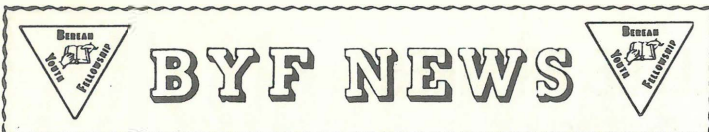
The cooperative agreement that Oregon Bible College has with Sauk Valley Junior College is working quite well to the advantage of the Bible College. Through this means, Oregon Bible College is able to provide general education courses for our students and at the same time get credit for these classes from an accredited institution. Historically, OBC has provided general education courses for students. In the 1962-'63 catalog, 12 general education courses were made available, and in the 1965-'66 catalog, 33 general education courses were made available to students.

It is important for us to provide the 32 hours of general education that are critical for any young person entering the Christian ministry or other Christian service. It is an advantageous opportunity for us to have a junior college available which can provide a cooperative education program whereby our students can receive credit toward Oregon Bible College graduation and, for those students who plan to go into other areas of work and service, toward other degrees as well.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steve Taylor and Jill Anger Taylor who were married in Fonthill, Ontario, on December 28.

Congratulations also to the following who have announced their engagement and plan to be married soon: Robert Bernheisel will be united with Mary Helen Dominguez in March; Tom New and Christie Simpson will also be married in March; and Michael Hoffman and Linda Hollenback are planning a summer wedding.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

Camp Leadership—More Than Possessing Skills

Leadership, like many other personal qualities, is very difficult to define. A dictionary definition of a leader is: "a person or thing that leads; guiding head." However, a person may be capable of doing many things well and still be unable to impart his knowledge to others. Simply giving instruction as to how to do a certain thing does not necessarily constitute leadership.

Have you ever tried to tell a small child how to tie his shoe laces? He couldn't accomplish it until you showed him, step by step, how to proceed. Leadership involves the ability to guide another through the entire process that you followed in gaining your own skill. Someone has appropriately defined leadership as: "taking others where you have already been." This involves allowing others to observe and emulate your execution of a skill.

It would seem, also, that the old adage, "Patience is a virtue," is surely high on any list of qualities for good leadership. One must be able to put himself in the shoes of those being led and to remember that the skills in which he has become proficient were at first very difficult, and are still equally difficult for a novice.

Another important leadership quality is sensitivity. A leader must be aware of the individual strengths and weaknesses of each of those who follow his guidance. He will know where each member of his group is, in motivation and maturity.

Think back to the process by which you gained your skills and you will realize that their acquisition involved a great deal of experimentation. Not everything that you learned from a book worked to your satisfaction. You found better ways by which to accomplish some ends. It follows that another vital part of good leadership involves displaying tolerance for the innovation and creativity which prompts experimentation on the part of those just learning. It means allowing others to deviate from the leader's way and to learn by experience what works best for them.

The whole concept of Christian leadership involves being a servant to those whom one is leading, even to the extent of putting the needs, desires, and interests of the group above his own, as Christian leaders must. Let us seek to develop these leadership qualities as we prepare to lead others along the path that we have followed.

Board Activities

In mid-October, Joyce Knapp conducted Sunday school training sessions for the Fonthill Church in Canada. November 11-13, the Sunday School Board met in Grand Rapids, MI, to conduct Sunday school business and to present training sessions for the members of the Michigan Conference. Attendance at the Thursday and Friday evening and all-day Saturday sessions was excellent. Among the items discussed by the Board in its meeting were the 1978 Bible School material, final plans for the Seminar, and our relationship to the new Home Missions Board.

Christian Workers' Seminar

Applications are being received for the Seminar, which will be held March 6-12, 1977, at Camp Mack, IN. We urge all Christian workers to plan to attend.

If it is totally impossible for you to attend, may I urge you to consider helping someone else to go. Perhaps your Sunday school or church could help by paying the enrollment fee for those who will attend. Or perhaps you could offer to keep children, do chores, or fill in some other way for someone who may be able to go. Those who have attended previous seminars feel that these sessions are worth any sacrifice which may have to be made. If you can't go, you can perform a valuable Christian service by making it possible, or easier, for someone else to go.

Training Materials Available to You

Any Sunday school may borrow records and film-strip training sets from the Sunday School Department, without charge. Plan to use these sets in your monthly Sunday School Workers meetings. Please order by number.

FL001—Building a Better Sunday School (4 filmstrips and 2 records).

FL002—Leadership Education (16 records, 10 filmstrips, and leader's guides).

FL003—Successful Teaching (8 filmstrips and leader's guide).

FL004—Know Your Child (8 filmstrips and leader's guide).

FL005—Visitation Evangelism Kit (2 filmstrips and written narrations).

RL001—The Ins and Outs of Discipline and Worship in Sunday School (1 record album).

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1975 -
September 30, 1976

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION General Fund

Current Assets		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 167.66	
Cash in Bank—Savings	14,701.55	
Petty Cash Fund	200.00	
Accounts Receivable	1,207.36	
Inventory	18,709.93	
Total Current Assets		\$ 34,986.50
Property, Plant & Equipment		
Land	\$ 63,316.91	
Improvements to Grounds	1,848.20	
Buildings	385,959.71	
Furniture & Equipment	53,862.78	
Motor Vehicles	5,125.41	
Total Property, Plant & Equipment		\$510,113.01
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$545,099.51</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,693.63	
Accrued & Withheld Payroll Taxes	1,562.11	
Accrued Hospitalization Insurance	7,539.89	
Total Liabilities		\$ 11,795.63
Net Worth		
Surplus		533,303.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$545,099.51</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE

Operating Income		
Contributions—General	\$222,281.59	
Contributions—Designated	6,257.74	
Contributions—Devises & Bequests	2,613.09	
Tuition, Room & Board	59,232.10	
Services	34.00	
Interest	1,072.48	
Camps	9,507.60	
Miscellaneous	1,157.77	
Total		\$302,156.37

Statement of Gross Profit (or loss) on Sales

Cost of Sales		
Inventory—October 1, 1975	\$ 15,293.81	
Purchases	9,012.65	
Salaries & Wages	21,061.27	
Contract Printing	18,831.76	
Editorial	1,375.00	
Total		\$ 65,574.49
Inventory—September 30, 1976		18,709.93
Cost of Sales		\$ 46,864.56
Sales		\$ 38,885.66
Gross Profit (loss) on Sales		\$ (7,978.90)
Total Operating Gross Profit		\$294,177.47

Operating Expenses		
Salaries	\$114,524.20	
Electric & Fuel	10,543.43	
Telephone	4,251.43	
Insurance	5,448.75	
Postage & Freight	5,848.38	
Office Supplies & Expense	2,431.67	
Depreciation	10,014.30	
Advertising	185.93	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,003.23	
Travel	13,956.39	
Towel & Laundry Service	322.50	
Camp	9,040.97	
Printing (Departmental)	8,998.80	
Speakers	351.00	
Assistance to Mission Points	20,072.12	
Assistance to Churches	14,412.50	
Literature	28,411.31	
Food	10,172.28	
Supplies & Expense	7,099.41	
Instruction—Sauk Valley	1,875.00	
FICA	8,308.20	
Professional Services	2,092.00	
Motor Vehicle Expense	1,333.26	
Miscellaneous	673.94	
Bad Debts	59.00	
Staff Training	229.00	
Special Missions Projects	5,856.97	
Total Operating Expenses		\$288,515.97
Net Operating Income		\$ 5,661.50

STATEMENT—OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Add: (Transfer from Restricted Funds)		
Interest on Savings	\$ 113.40	
Additions to Buildings	4,632.82	
Repairs & Maintenance	19.26	
Additions to Furniture & Equipment	5,025.61	
Total Additions		\$ 9,791.09
Total Net Operating Income & Additions		\$ 15,452.59
Deduct: (Other Expenses)		
Annuity Benefit Payments	\$ 6,588.89	
Disposition of Equipment (loss)	77.00	
Transfer to Restricted Funds:		
Library	2,000.00	
Florida funds	1,195.17	
Publications Reserve	804.00	
Total Deductions		\$ 10,665.06
Net Cash Income		\$ 4,787.53
Capital Expenditures		
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 1,156.95	
Net Cash Received in Excess of Expenditures		<u>\$ 3,630.58</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Restricted Funds

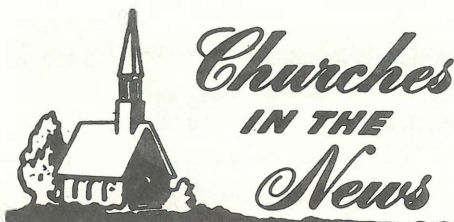
Assets		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 15,536.01	
Cash in Bank—Savings	29,591.49	
Investments—Bonds	2,000.00	
Note & Contract Receivable	107,862.90	
Inventory	330.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$155,320.40</u>
Liabilities		
Notes Payable	\$ 69,316.75	
Deposits—Dorm Room & Key	677.75	
Deposits—Motor Vehicle Registration	38.00	
Annuities	10,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 80,032.50
Net Worth		
Fund Balance		\$ 75,287.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$155,320.40</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

Receipts		
Contributions—General	\$ 37,291.11	
Contributions—New Building	39,616.99	
Contributions—Bequests	580.00	
Interest	8,513.09	
Laundry	74.00	
Camps	19,432.71	
Miscellaneous	146.16	
Total Receipts		\$105,654.06
Gross Profit on Sales		86.70
Total Gross Income		\$105,740.76
Expenses		
Postage	\$ 136.93	
Repairs & Maintenance	65.53	
Travel	6,795.30	
Camp	20,569.67	
Printing	1,531.54	
Assistance to Churches—Mission Builders	12,604.59	
Assistance to Ministers	860.00	
Assistance to Students	6,154.44	
Supplies & Expense	1,866.34	
Interest	6,002.64	
Motor Vehicle Operations	432.70	
Miscellaneous	614.00	
Staff Training	202.00	
Special Mission Projects	2,250.00	
Annuity	650.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 60,735.68
Net Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 45,005.08
Capital Expenditures		
Buildings	\$ 4,632.82	
Furniture & Equipment	5,025.61	
Total Capital Expenditures		\$ 9,658.43
NET CASH RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 35,346.65</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 11, 1976.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Front Royal, VA. The Royal Village Church of God Wednesday night Bible class rejoiced to witness the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Smelzer of the Royal Village subdivision, October 26, 1976. Being justified by faith and sanctified by the Spirit, may they be ready to be glorified when Jesus returns.

Cecil Smead, pastor.

Oregon, IL. Mrs. Diane Welch responded to the Lord's invitation November 7, 1976. She was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins November 14. We welcome her into our local church family and into God's redeemed household throughout the world.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Pleasant Hill, OH. On October 10, 1976, at the close of the morning worship service, Paula Stepp responded to the gospel invitation and expressed her desire to be baptized. The baptism took place on October 17. She is one of our youth. On October 31, 1976, at the close of the morning worship service, Gerald Foreman responded to the gospel invitation and expressed his desire to be baptized. The baptism took place November 7. Both of these new ones in the body of Christ received baptismal certificates and the right hand of fellowship. Our prayer is that God will bless both of them in their decisions for Christ, and that they will grow spiritually.

Fred Pensyl, pastor.

Blanchard, MI. On Sunday, October 31, 1976, Connie Jones was immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of sins. We praise God for her commitment.

Don Needham, pastor.

Pelzer, SC. Polly Stone came forward during the meetings at Guthrie Grove, at which Bro. Billie Kennedy was guest speaker. Bro. Kennedy immersed her in the waters of baptism Sunday, September 26, 1976. Her home address is: 11 Edgewood Dr., Williamston, SC 29697.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Lawrenceville, OH. At the close of the morning worship service of the Lawrenceville Church of God, November 21, 1976, Lyda Gay Brittingham came forward requesting baptism. Following the evening services, Lyda was immersed in the waters of baptism. Sunday, November 26, the right hand of fellowship was extended to our new sister in Christ. We rejoice with Lyda in her new walk of life, and pray the abundant blessings of our Lord to be upon her. Lyda's decision came at the close of our Fall Revival Meetings, with Bro. Clyde Randall as guest speaker.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Little Rock, AR. On September 26, 1976, Mrs. Dorothy Mathews was baptized and received into the fellowship of the New Hope Church of God in Little Rock. On October 31, 1976, Miss Karla Tull, and Van and Sue Clouse (husband and wife) were baptized and received into our church fellowship. Joe Myers, pastor.

MARRIAGES

On October 31, 1976, at the Jay Street Church of God in Kokomo, IN, Tamara Dunson became the bride of Keith Blake. We pray God's blessing upon this couple as they begin their lives together.

John Railton, pastor.

On November 6, 1976, the well-kept lawn of Margie and Glenn Edwards, near Springfield, LA, provided the setting for the wedding of Dorothy Richardson Walls and Orion R. Anthon. Over 125 friends attended. Both had lost their former partners. Both are active members of the Blood River Church of God. We wish Dorothy and Orion much happiness in their life together.

James Mattison.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Pastor Michael Mattison has resigned from his pastorate at Arlington, TX, and has accepted the pastorate at Baton Rouge, LA. His new address is: 666 Gloria, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

Pastor Timothy New has resigned from his pastorate at East Oregon, IL, to become pastor of the Church of God at Hedrick, IN. His address is now Rt 3, Bx 48, Williamsport, IN 47993.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is an opportunity for you to help send missionaries to India!

Bro. and Sr. John Lewis have said "yes" to a request by the Foreign Missions Board to go to India this summer. They will be there two months, for the purpose of teaching and training the people in Christian work.

In addition to serving as president of Oregon Bible College, Bro. Lewis teaches pastoral-training courses and Bible classes. Sr. Lewis has taught teacher-training classes and audio-visual aid courses. Their many talents and abilities will be a big help in training a pastor (or pastors), Sunday school teachers, and layworkers in India. Bro. Lewis' experiences in India will help him to advise and direct the training of Oregon Bible College students interested in preparing to be foreign missionaries.

We know that you will want to have a part in sending these short-term missionaries to India. First, we ask you to pray for the Lewises as they make preparations for the trip. Pray, too, that God will be preparing the Indian brethren for their visit.

Funds are needed for the Lewises' travel, living expenses while in India, textbooks, teaching materials, paper, and incidentals. Your financial contributions for these things will certainly be appreciated.

Please send your offerings, in any amount, to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you!

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to help send the Lewises to India and supply the teaching materials.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

ANNIVERSARY AT MACOMB

The Macomb, IL, Church of God celebrated its Thirty-ninth Anniversary, November 14, 1976. One hundred forty-six attended the services conducted by Pastor Rex Cain. We were happy to have Bro. Ralph Childs with us, sharing his testimony in word and song. Afternoon services were held following a potluck dinner. Sr. Mae Mercer, our oldest member at 93, gave a brief history of the church and commended charter members who still further its work. It was a most enjoyable day. May God's blessing continue upon the efforts of the brethren of this church.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

OBITUARIES

Esta Borden McInturff was born July 29, 1884, and died April 26, 1976. She was married to Hugh McInturff, active member of the Maurertown Church of God, and later was baptized by the late S. J. Lindsay. She was a faithful and sweet Christian until her death. To Esta and Hugh were born four children, all of whom survive her: Robert of Bartonville, MD; Eunice Keys of Herndon, VA; Gertrude Morrison of Woodstock, VA; and Helen Thomson of Fairfax, VA. In the absence of the writer, words of comfort and hope were spoken by Bro. Joe Fletcher and burial was in the Toms Brook Cemetery, where she awaits the resurrection call of her Master.

James Mattison, pastor.

Mrs. Della Birdie Rodman of Little Rock, AR, died November 15, 1976. She was born January 10, 1906, at Cowetta, OK. She was a member of the Twin Lakes Church of God, in Arkansas. Funeral services were held November 17. She is survived by her husband Wilton; two sons, Charles Kyser of Benton and W. C. Small of Little Rock; one sister, Mrs. Lucille Turner of Mabelvale; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was buried at Dawson, where she awaits the call of the Lord.

Joe Myers, pastor.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Carl Leslie Goodwin of Rushville, IL, on November 8, 1976. He was born in Schuyler County, June 26, 1904. He was a member of the Ripley Church of God of the Faith of Abraham. Survivors include his wife Dorothy; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Judith Jones of Cherokee, IA; six stepgrandchildren; three brothers, Robert, Bert, and Jesse, all of Rushville; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the funeral chapel, where Pastor Dale Harshman spoke words of comfort and hope.

Norma Keller, reporter.

Services for Victor V. Vose, 88, of Philomath and Corvallis, OR, were held recently, with pastor Roger Tetamore officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Mr. Vose was a retired schoolteacher and farmer. A son of Charles J. and Caroline Davis Vose, he was born in West Union, NE. He moved to the Puget Sound area in 1941. In June, 1962, he married Grace Skinner in Corvallis. Surviving are his widow Grace; two sons, Leonard of British Columbia and Charles of Montana; three daughters, Hazel Collins of Port Orchard, WA, Lucille Amlin of Salt Lake City, UT, and Caroline Boggs of Atlanta, GA; a brother, Quinton of Nebraska; two sisters, Sybil White of Denver, CO, and Caroline Howard of Sargent, NE; 31 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. On his headstone are engraved the words: "Waiting the Resurrection." Grace Vose.

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Keeping errors out of *The Restitution Herald* is a team effort. Other members of the team frequently find and correct errors that have escaped my notice. Without their help, the record wouldn't be nearly as good. We also appreciate contributions from a wide variety of authors, including people from many places and occupations. We encourage new contributors.

Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of two of our women who are interested in receiving any free literature that you might make available to them. They are in a situation which provides a lot of free time for reading, and religious material is truly what they should read.

If you can assist me in fulfilling their request, I am certain that it will not be wasted.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
William J. Goff, Chaplain
Ohio Reformatory for Women
Marysville, Ohio

Friends:

While staying in the home of a close friend of mine in Hialeah, Florida, a few weeks ago, I noticed that he was a regular recipient of your magazine, *The Restitution Herald*. I was reading the September issue and was impressed with some of the articles in it, and especially your "Statement of Beliefs"—which I am in accord with. In fact, I had heard about your group through another close friend of ours living in Paradise (a block away from us)—Casimir Lanowick, who does a lot of lecturing on Israel.

Therefore, I would appreciate receiving a year's subscription to the magazine, starting with the September issue.

Sincerely,
Peter Thomassen.

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TAPE MINISTRY

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

Christian Living

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

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

Raymond Brown: "The Outs Got In!"

Clyde Randall: "Break Up the Fallow Ground."

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

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

Doctrine

Leon Driskill: "War With the Lamb."

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

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

Others

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

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

The General Conference Tape Ministry now has literally hundreds of subjects by approximately 20 different speakers. We have lecture tapes on various subjects, by professional people in other fields.

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

Cost: \$3.00 for each cassette.

Address: Tape Ministry, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45416.

MUSICAL TAPES AVAILABLE

Two tapes containing the music heard at the Bicentennial Conference (1976) are now available to interested readers.

Tape No. 1 brings the messages in song which were heard at the worship and preaching services. It includes the deep melodious voice of Francis Burnett, the high tones of Grace Cain, the volume of Willie Hale, and the unison of the General Conference choir.

Tape No. 2 contains the "Heritage in Music" program heard on Thursday night—a sermon in song conducted by Dale Ramsey.

These tapes are available for \$3.00 each, or you may order both tapes for the special price of \$5.00. Send your order to: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Avenue., Dayton, OH 45416.

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.

JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

The above heading is the title of a twenty-four page booklet, now available through your Church of God General Conference. Written by J. August Smith, it is now in the third edition. It deals informatively and effectively with the question of whether Jesus existed in another place and form before his birth of the virgin Mary. You will find it thoroughly biblical and convincing. Order it 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.

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Keeping errors out of *The Restitution Herald* is a team effort. Other members of the team frequently find and correct errors that have escaped my notice. Without their help, the record wouldn't be nearly as good. We also appreciate contributions from a wide variety of authors, including people from many places and occupations. We encourage new contributors.

Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of two of our women who are interested in receiving any free literature that you might make available to them. They are in a situation which provides a lot of free time for reading, and religious material is truly what they should read.

If you can assist me in fulfilling their request, I am certain that it will not be wasted.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
William J. Goff, Chaplain
Ohio Reformatory for Women
Marysville, Ohio

Friends:

While staying in the home of a close friend of mine in Hialeah, Florida, a few weeks ago, I noticed that he was a regular recipient of your magazine, *The Restitution Herald*. I was reading the September issue and was impressed with some of the articles in it, and especially your "Statement of Beliefs"—which I am in accord with. In fact, I had heard about your group through another close friend of ours living in Paradise (a block away from us)—Casimir Lanowick, who does a lot of lecturing on Israel.

Therefore, I would appreciate receiving a year's subscription to the magazine, starting with the September issue.

Sincerely,
Peter Thomassen.

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Two tapes containing the music heard at the Bicentennial Conference (1976) are now available to interested readers.

Tape No. 1 brings the messages in song which were heard at the worship and preaching services. It includes the deep melodious voice of Francis Burnett, the high tones of Grace Cain, the volume of Willie Hale, and the unison of the General Conference choir.

Tape No. 2 contains the "Heritage in Music" program heard on Thursday night—a sermon in song conducted by Dale Ramsey.

These tapes are available for \$3.00 each, or you may order both tapes for the special price of \$5.00. Send your order to: Tape Library, 4105 Annapolis Avenue., Dayton, OH 45416.

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.

JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

The above heading is the title of a twenty-four page booklet, now available through your Church of God General Conference. Written by J. August Smith, it is now in the third edition. It deals informatively and effectively with the question of whether Jesus existed in another place and form before his birth of the virgin Mary. You will find it thoroughly biblical and convincing. Order it from: *The Restitution Herald*, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Gordy Vance; Diane Brown; Iona Brookshire; Jean Anderson; David Sheely; Mark Lohr; Mrs. Annalie Madorski; Mrs. Linda Moore.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT DIGBY

The Sixth Annual Missionary Conference was held at the Church of God in Digby, Nova Scotia, November 10-14, 1976. The theme of the Conference was "Each One Reach One."

Guest worker for the Conference was Alice Aldrich, formerly a missionary in Mexico. Sr. Aldrich shared with us many interesting experiences which marked her stay and work in Mexico. She exhibited slide pictures of the work being carried on in Labor Vieja and Saltillo, as well as teaching songs in Spanish.

Many varied and interesting subjects for all ages comprised an all-day conference on Saturday. An unexpected visitor, Preacher Ebenezer McDuck, was also there and helped in showing each Christian's responsibility for sharing the Good News.

All of the services were graced by special music provided by Lionel and Reg Taylor; Wayne Abbote; Roselyn Bens; Alice Aldrich; Jeanie Brown; Nancy Brown; Sylvia Haynes; Pastor Dale Swartz; Elta States; Roxanne States; Bonnie States; Doris Brown; and the Junior Choir.

On Sunday evening, Elaine Handspiker gave a drawing which glowed under black lights. It depicted the second coming of Christ. She was accompanied by Doris Brown, who sang, "What if This Were the Day?"

The highlight of the Conference was the Faith Promise Service, in which members of the congregation pledged to give a certain amount for the work of missions in the coming year.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

DEDICATION AT FLAGG CENTER

With the aid of Mission Builders assistance from our General Conference; Church Builder's assistance from the Illinois State Conference, and a great many hours of dedicated labor on the part of members of the congregation, the Flagg Center Community Church of God has been able to remodel and add to its church facilities. The members joyously celebrated this accomplishment with a service of thanksgiving and the dedication of their greatly improved church plant to the service of the Lord. This took place on the afternoon of December 5, 1976.

This beautiful and inspiring service included communications from former pastors and brief sermons from Bro. Arnold Johns, their first pastor, and Bro. S. O. Ross, Executive Director of our General Conference.

In addition to congregational singing, joyous special music was provided by the Ladies' Choir; a mixed quartette; and a solo by Francis Burnett.

Many visitors made this happy occasion even happier. A congregational dinner was served at noon and refreshments followed the dedication service. The Flagg Center ladies proved that their fine reputation as cooks is well deserved.

We are confident that the spiritual life of the church will continue to grow, and that the brethren will exhibit as much zeal in winning others to the Lord. Gordon Landry, pastor.

ARKANSAS RALLY

For several years, the Churches of God in Arkansas have met four times yearly for a day of worship and fellowship. Such a day was October 10, 1976, at the Forest Hills Church of God, near Hot Springs.

Registration started at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Dan Landry, rally director, was in charge of the day. He presented a filmstrip entitled "The Greatest Commandment." Following the film, all enjoyed a fellowship lunch. Directly after the lunch, there was a meeting of the Rally Board and also a B.Y.F. meeting, called by Keith Moreland, State Youth Leader. The group met in the sanctuary for Communion. There was congregational singing throughout the day, with a special song by the Tommy McGinty family.

The Arkansas churches are experiencing a time of growth, spiritually as well as numerically. At present, we are in the process of buying and relocating our church camp. Pray that the Spirit of our Lord will continue to work with the Churches of God in Arkansas.

Sally Simpson, Rally secretary.

Contributors to the General Conference: November, 1976

Alta Thrush	3.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mark L Brooks	5.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	40.00	Mrs Waldron Stewart	26.00	Fonthill SS	20.55	Mabel Andrew	5.00
Effie K Jones	10.00	New Hope Church	50.00	Tempe Dorcas	50.00	Mrs Sarah Kuehne	25.00
H M Troy	2.00	Lafayette Faith Chapel	70.42	Arlington Church	5.00	Mr & Mrs Edsil Harrolle	60.00
Anonymous	180.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	North Salem Church	24.30	Oregon Mary & Martha	12.50
Cool Spring Church	76.57	Alice Bassett	40.00	Mrs J Hahnemann	2.00	Connie Ross	60.00
Pleasant Hill Church	108.11	Macomb SS	19.16	Fonthill Church	527.35	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	100.00
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Brush Creek SS	51.04	Mr & Mrs William C Poland	35.00	Eunice Cleo Orr	100.00	Mr & Mrs Alden Palmer	50.00
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Mauertown Church	50.67	Anna M Myers	10.00	Mr & Mrs John R Lewis	75.00	Faith Comm Church (Mpls)	30.00
Forest Hills Church	67.88	J Anon	75.00	Richard Williams	8.00	Anonymous	85.75
Blanchard Church	256.68	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	20.00	MI State Conference	384.53	Columbia Ladies Circle	25.00
SW Conference	103.00	Charles Martin	12.00	Mr & Mrs Fred Pensyl	25.00	Fremont SS	16.35
Lakeshore Bible Church	327.26	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	18.18	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	30.00	Mr & Mrs Elmer V Ennis	3.00
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Mrs Gladys Volentine	50.00	Ruth Fogle	10.00	Kris Fischer	5.00	Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum	3.00
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Count It All Joy

IT SEEMS safe to assume that all of our readers are well aware that, as the Bible uses the word, a "temptation" is a testing of faith. Just as an athlete grows strong by constantly testing the strength and endurance of his body, so the Christian's spiritual condition improves each time the strength and endurance of his faith are tested and proven. James called this spiritual endurance "patience." The Greek word *hupomone* that James used, and which is translated as "patience" in the quoted text, is defined by Strong's *Greek Dictionary of the New Testament* as meaning "cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy."

Peter may have been seeking to prepare the brethren to develop the spiritual strength that would enable them to come victoriously through such testings as he experienced when he thrice denied Jesus. He spoke of the salvation "wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:6, 7; see also vv. 4, 5).

How deeply our faith goes, and whether we are willing to face testings in order to develop cheerful endurance is revealed each time a testing comes our way.

Let each person examine his own reaction when brothers and sisters in Christ become difficult and unreasonable (at least from his point of view) and block a cherished plan for activities or projects for the congregation of which he is a member. Ask yourself: Can you endure it cheerfully, or does it cause you to become surly and vindictive in your attitude toward them? Can you rejoice in another opportunity to develop your patience and

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. . . . Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (Jas. 1:2-4, 12).

strengthen your faith?

In the world of business, are you willing to temporarily lay aside the dictates of your faith in order to take advantage of an opportunity to increase your wealth by so doing? How much of a gain would be sufficient to induce you to be unfaithful to the vows that you made at the time of your baptism, when you promised to seek to obey the Lord in every department of your life? Would anybody believe, judging by your actions, that you consider "the trial of your faith" to be more precious than gold?

Can our rejection of worldly pleasures be safely laid aside on Saturday night and reinstated again on Sunday morning? What would it do for your patience? for your faith?

Sooner or later, every active Christian must face testings, whether it be as an apostle, a prophet, an evangelist, a pastor, a teacher, or in some other type of Christian service—whether it be in an official or an unofficial capacity.

Observation and experience strongly suggest that many young pastors decide to seek another profession because they are unwilling, or unable, to cope with the temptations that often go with their positions. Where they feel that they have a right to expect wholehearted cooperation, they sometimes find opposition. Where they had anticipated understanding, they may be confronted with what

appears to them to be deliberate misunderstanding. Convinced that he and his family are entitled to live, dress, and eat as well as the members of his congregation, he may be affronted by their display of their own "high standard of living" and their apparent indifference to the comparatively low standard that they make necessary for him. He chafes at the spiritual laxity of the congregation as compared with the stern self-discipline that is expected of him.

Soon, he decides that there *must* be an easier and more pleasant way to earn a living. He begins to look for a compromise which will permit him to practice some kind of spiritual ministry while at the same time enjoying the same affluence and spiritual laxity which the lay members of the congregation seem to find so satisfying. Patience is given no opportunity to perform her perfect work.

Parishioners sometimes feel that they have been cheated because their young pastor has not yet developed the capacity to cope satisfactorily with every aspect of his position. They fail to recognize that they, too, are being tested. They do nothing to improve their opportunity to help their pastor to become the capable leader that they want him to be. They, too, are failing to rejoice in their testing, and so deprive patience of her opportunity to do her perfect work. Both pastor and congregation are losers because they did not understand that temptations are often opportunities which are not recognized as such.

"My brothers, whenever you have to face trials of many kinds, count yourselves supremely happy, in the knowledge that such testing of your faith breeds fortitude, and if you give fortitude full play you will go on to complete a balanced character that will fall short in nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4, NEB). ●

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Directors

Brother Joe James was born in Piedmont, South Carolina, and went to the Piedmont schools through high school. He graduated from Furman University at Greenville, and also took courses at the University of North Carolina. His wife is Carole and their three children are Susan, Lynda, and Chris.

Brother James is program director for the Greenville area Mental Health Center. He is president of the Southeast Conference, and chairman of the Board of the Guthrie Grove Church of God. He is a long-time member of the Guthrie Grove Church, is a Sunday school teacher there, and has also taught classes at Furman University and at Greenville Tech.

Brother James previously served a three-year term on the Board of Directors and was the secretary of the Board for one year. He was again elected to the Board at the 1976 General Conference and was selected by the Board of Directors to be the secretary of the Conference. Brother James brings great stability to the Board of Directors because of his secular position and his background in church, state conference, and General Conference experiences.

Gulf Coast Church Funds

The Gulf Coast Church of God at New Port Richey, FL, has discontinued services. The former pastor, Brother Austin Railton, is now serving the Harlingen, Texas, Church of God.

The Gulf Coast Church of God did have some funds on hand and these monies have been deposited with the Church of God General Conference. These funds will be held in escrow, to be used should a Church of God be established somewhere in Florida at a future date. We commend the members of the Gulf Coast Church for preserving these funds in this manner.

Amani Testimony

In a recent letter from Pastor Oliver K. Amani, national missionary in Ghana, West Africa, he requests that we withhold a \$5 contribution to the Church of God General Conference from his January support, which is \$60. Brother Amani further states: "It really beats my heart whenever I read in the *Progress Journal* about shortages of the General Conference finances. I am eagerly looking forward to the day when I could give more toward the Lord's work. There has been a great rise in the tithe giving of the Community Church of God in Kwamikrom since June of 1976. It is my hope that at this rate of tithe giving our churches will become congregationally independent within a few years. Please pray for us."

Brother Amani is the pastor of the church in Kwamikrom, conducts a school for about 75 students, and does evangelistic work in many surrounding villages. Praise God for the dedication and testimony of Brother Amani.

Staff Devotion and Prayer

The Church of God General Conference staff meets in the OBC chapel each Monday at 1:00 p.m. for a short devotion and prayer service. If you have a special prayer request, please make the need known to me or anyone of the Conference staff. Please pray with us at that hour, wherever you are.

Conference Finances

The giving for the month of January has fallen \$17,000.00 short of the needs. The contributions in January nearly met the goal for the month, but did not meet the deficit. Our prayer and hope is that the total needs may be met in February. THANK YOU to each one who has made, and will make, special effort to meet these goals.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for January	\$35,063.00
Given in January	18,251.00
January Deficit	16,812.00
February Needs	18,333.00

Goal for February \$35,145.00

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India Items

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A correspondence course from Oregon Bible College has been sent to Bro. M. R. Noel, who is interested in a better Bible education so he can teach his people. This is the young man with whom the Lewises will especially work when they are in India this summer.

We are pleased with the financial reports that are coming from India. The people are responding in a greater way with their tithes and offerings. This is, of course, what the Bible teaches and what we are encouraging them to do. We feel that the more the people themselves put into their work, the more they will feel that it is *their* work.

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an old barrel, use your imagination to make your well.)

From Garden Park Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, comes an idea for interesting missions banks.

Take two Similac (baby formula) cans and cover one with brown paper and the other with pink paper. (Clear Contac paper can be put over them to keep them clean.) Attach "wiggly" eyes and red mouths to make a face on each one. Sew yellow yarn on the plastic cover of the pink face and black yarn on the brown for hair. Add ribbons in the hair and a strip of designed paper at the bottom for a collar.

These banks represent people overseas and people here at home—all of whom need to know Jesus.

The East Peoria, Illinois, Church sent out with each bulletin a small apron cut from fabric. On the apron was glued a small pocket in which was tucked a piece of paper with this message:

This little apron is sent to you,
And this is what we wish you'd do.
The little pocket you plainly see,
For a special purpose is meant to be.

Now measure your waist inch by inch,
See that the measure doesn't pinch,
For each small inch you measure round
In the pocket put one nickel sound.

Now this game is fair you must admit,
You *waist* your money — we *pocket* it.

These may be ideas which you can use in receiving special missions offerings for the India trip to be made by Bro. and Sr. John Lewis this coming summer.

News From Nigeria

Bro. and Sr. Ephraim Udo, workers in Abak, Nigeria, were ill for about a month last November. In addition, thieves broke into their home and they lost many belongings. They are thankful to God that there was no loss of life as it is now a common event that highway robbers destroy lives to loot people's property. They ask our prayers that they may have good health and that God will continue to give them his protection.

The Nigerian brethren distribute quite a few tracts in their ministry. Pastor J. A. I. Ekpo writes, "People do have good remarks regarding the truth they heard from us. Some are very interested in our tracts, since they reveal things which none of the modern so-called churches can reveal."

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an old barrel, use your imagination to make your well.)

From Garden Park Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, comes an idea for interesting missions banks.

Take two Similac (baby formula) cans and cover one with brown paper and the other with pink paper. (Clear Contac paper can be put over them to keep them clean.) Attach "wiggly" eyes and red mouths to make a face on each one. Sew yellow yarn on the plastic cover of the pink face and black yarn on the brown for hair. Add ribbons in the hair and a strip of designed paper at the bottom for a collar.

These banks represent people overseas and people here at home—all of whom need to know Jesus.

The East Peoria, Illinois, Church sent out with each bulletin a small apron cut from fabric. On the apron was glued a small pocket in which was tucked a piece of paper with this message:

This little apron is sent to you,
And this is what we wish you'd do.
The little pocket you plainly see,
For a special purpose is meant to be.

Now measure your waist inch by inch,
See that the measure doesn't pinch,
For each small inch you measure round
In the pocket put one nickel sound.

Now this game is fair you must admit,
You *waist* your money — we *pocket* it.

These may be ideas which you can use in receiving special missions offerings for the India trip to be made by Bro. and Sr. John Lewis this coming summer.

News From Nigeria

Bro. and Sr. Ephraim Udo, workers in Abak, Nigeria, were ill for about a month last November. In addition, thieves broke into their home and they lost many belongings. They are thankful to God that there was no loss of life as it is now a common event that highway robbers destroy lives to loot people's property. They ask our prayers that they may have good health and that God will continue to give them his protection.

The Nigerian brethren distribute quite a few tracts in their ministry. Pastor J. A. I. Ekpo writes, "People do have good remarks regarding the truth they heard from us. Some are very interested in our tracts, since they reveal things which none of the modern so-called churches can reveal."



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Board of Education

The Board of Education met in Oregon, Illinois, December 29 and 30, 1976. Many hours of preparation and discussion were involved in making board and administration policy, evaluating the status of Oregon Bible College in relation to the cooperative educational program with Sauk Valley College, and the development of a philosophy of ministry for Oregon Bible College.

The board investigated the possible expanded use of the campus for a summer program, proper budgeting, the use of funds in the overall college budget, and the need to again contact the Office of Higher Education in Illinois to report further progress in our program of development.

We appreciate the efforts of Vernis Wolfe, Charles Pryor, Robert Johnson, Jack Hearp, and Eugene Stilson in helping to prepare plans and programs for the further progress of the Bible College.

High Honor and Honor Roll

Congratulations to students who obtained recognition for their grade-point average. Students can achieve High Honor by maintaining a 3.5 average, or above. Those students were: Susan Andrew, 3.88; Wade Tierney, 3.87; Donna Weidensall, 3.84; Phyllis Prussak, 3.82; Pamela Kay Davis, 3.66; Kathy Anger, 3.65; Diane McClain, 3.60; and Karen Circle, 3.50.

A student may achieve a position on the Honor Roll by maintaining a 3.0 to 3.5 grade-point average. Those students are: Michael Hoffman, 3.44; Gigi Landry, 3.42; Laura Brown, 3.31; Greg Demmitt, 3.29; Pamela Gaskill, 3.29; Karla Macy, 3.20; and Donna Kennedy, 3.0.

New Students

The winter semester began January 3, with three new students entering the campus; Steve Grant, from Phoenix, Arizona; Ken Howe, from Hillisburg, Indiana; and Ken Walters, from Eden Valley, Minnesota. We are happy to have these students with us.

Junior-Senior Weekend

Junior-Senior Weekend is planned for two different dates this year. We are inviting the high school juniors and seniors of the Church of God to visit the campus at Oregon during the weekends of March 3-5 and March 24-26.

Through this opportunity, we hope to encourage

young people to consider the possibility of entering Christian service work. The visit to our campus does not provide the opportunity to experience and know what Christian work is like, but it does offer the opportunity to examine Oregon Bible College, ask questions of students and faculty, and in some way experience what is involved in preparing for a Christian ministry.

David Krogh is director of the planning and programming for the events of Junior-Senior weekend. The number of students visiting on March 3-5 will be limited to about 25. We will appreciate early reservations. Please contact David Krogh by February 25, telling of the number in your group, the name of your sponsors, and your planned time of arrival. We ask that you make your plans to arrive after 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Multi-Ministry

The means through which people are brought to Christ are many and varied. People of this time and age have many needs that can all be fulfilled and answered in Christ Jesus. Just as surely, however, as Christ is the one answer to all of the needs of mankind, so the preaching and teaching that brings the one person, Christ, to men must be provided through many ministries. The talents and abilities of many people in the church may be utilized and applied to the witness of the church.

That church that depends upon the ministry of one man cannot succeed to its fullest extent today. The gifts and abilities of our lay people must be used.

In addition to the ministry of many lay people, there must be the ministry of trained professionals besides the church pastor. As church people, we must turn our attention to hiring professional Christian education directors, ministers of music, and assistant pastors. The church can much more successfully meet the needs of unconverted people around us by placing the various departments of the church under the direction of professionally trained people, who can concentrate their energies on one specific area of church growth. The pastor is then free to direct his energies to the activities that deal directly with his pastoring of the church.

Now is the time to expand the ministry of the church by hiring professionally trained persons to serve in specific area ministries. ●



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Successful Post-High Midwinter Retreat

Camp Alexander Mack provided the setting for our Annual Post-high Midwinter Retreat, December 30–January 2, 1977. Forty young people from all parts of the country attended. States represented included: Arizona, Michigan, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Illinois, Colorado, and Missouri. The staff consisted of Hugh Harman and Jim and Karen Babcock.

We were greeted at camp by a heavy blanket of snow and, unfortunately, subzero temperatures. The weather, however, did not seem to blanket anyone's enthusiasm. Fun and games still continued and all those present seemed to thoroughly enjoy their time together.

Many who have attended this retreat say that the reason they find it enjoyable is the relaxed and informal atmosphere that prevails. No rigid time schedules are maintained, except for class and mealtimes. Plenty of free time is available in which to sit around and socialize, play quiet games, or get involved in something more strenuous—such as a good old-fashioned snowball fight.

Additional activities include a yearly trip to the Wheel Skating Rink at Winona Lake. The rink is reserved. Only members of our own group are present. The rink staff usually provides games, so that all have an enjoyable two-hour period, despite the bumps and bruises which seem to be inevitable.

Ice skating is another activity which is always popular. The lake was frozen to a depth of some twelve inches. However, the extremely cold weather discouraged most of the skaters.

Class discussions this year centered around the thirteen chapters of the Book of Hebrews. Two one-hour classes in the morning and one in the afternoon were devoted to the study of this book.

Each evening, a devotional thought was given, songs were sung, specials presented, and a circle of prayer was held to complete the evening service.

It is always an inspiration to see our young people enjoy the fellowship of those of like faith and freely share their God-given talents in praise of our Lord. My thanks go to all who shared the responsibility for this program. My prayer during this new year is that God will continue to bless our activities, as he did so wonderfully during the one just ended. ●

FEBRUARY, 1977



David Krogh, Director

Compiling of Statistics

Attendance statistics from all of our Sunday schools for the months of October, November, and December, 1976, are being received at our office. We plan to compare the total average attendance for these three months with the average attendance for all of our Sunday schools in 1966. I appreciate the help of the many superintendents who sent in their figures. A report will be made to all of you as soon as the compilation is completed.

Raymore Mini-Seminar

A weekend seminar is being held February 4-6 at the Raymore, Missouri, Church. Sessions on "Creative Bible Teaching," "Christian Leadership," and "The Struggle for Peace" are being conducted by Scott Ross, James Graham, and David Krogh.

Christian Workers Seminar

There is still time to enroll in the seminar to be held at Camp Mack, March 6-12. The deadline for enrollment is February 15. Plan to join us for this special week.

Bible School Material

The 1977 Vacation Bible School material, entitled "Families of God," is being ordered by many churches. I would like to thank the following individuals who directed the production of each of the seven manuals: James Graham, Director's Manual; Sylvia Black, Pre-school and Kindergarten; Myra Hamilton, 1st and 2nd grade; Mary Mickey, 3rd and 4th grade; Sydney and Deirdre Kirkpatrick and Judy Myers, 5th and 6th grade; Gayle Reye, 7th and 8th grade; Michael Mattison and Nancy Sundwall, high school.

These individuals, and others in their area who assisted them, are to be highly commended for the many hours spent in preparing this excellent educational material.

Adult Quarterly Survey

Copies of a survey of our Adult Quarterly have been sent to all superintendents. They have been asked to distribute them to adult teachers and several adult students. We highly value the thoughts of all of you and hopefully this survey will provide valuable input into the process of producing our Adult Quarterly. Results will be shared with the Adult Quarterly staff and Sunday School Board. ●

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Macomb, IL. This reporter proudly introduces two new members of the body of Christ and the Macomb Church of God. Jerry Davis and Jeff Vancil were immersed during the Sunday evening service, December 12, 1976. Jerry's decision to accept Christ was made at the close of the morning worship service the week before; Jeff's was made at the morning worship service on the day of his baptism. May God bless these two young people as they grow in Christ.
Phyllis A. Davis, reporter.

Digby, Nova Scotia. On Sunday evening, December 5, 1976, Deleries Frail was baptized for the remission of her sins by Pastor Dale Swartz. May God's blessing and direction rest upon her in her new walk of life.
Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

Cleveland, OH. As a result of careful study in Wednesday evening Systematic Bible classes, Janet Weidensall requested baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. She has attended Golden Rule Church for over a year. She realized the need for repentance and water baptism and obedience to the Lord. She was baptized into the body of Christ and the Church of God of Abrahamic Faith, November 28, 1976, during the morning worship service, by the writer. May God, by his abundant love and mercy, bless Janet as she is added to his redeemed family.
William E. Kammin, pastor.

Oregon, IL. It was a time of rejoicing when three junior high boys responded to the Lord's invitation, December 12, 1976. Tony and Wade Hendrickson were immersed in the name of Jesus for remission of sins on Wednesday evening, December 15, by the writer, and Richard Stilson was baptized by his father, Bro. Eugene Stilson. We welcome them into our local church and into God's redeemed family throughout the world.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Springfield, LA. On Sunday, December 5, 1976, Mr. Huston McCaffery stepped forward in the Blood River Church of God to proclaim his faith in Jesus Christ and to request baptism in his name for the remission of sin. He was immersed in Lizard Creek on the following Sunday, December 12. Again we thank God for adding this man to his family and joining a father and mother in the faith.

During the week of revival and evangelistic meetings held at the Blood River Church of God during the Thanksgiving holidays, Miss Dedra Marie Neal requested baptism. Bro. Billie Kennedy, guest speaker for the services, conducted the baptismal service on Sunday afternoon, November 28. We thank God for this addition to the Blood River Church. May God richly bless and keep Dedra through his spirit.
C. F. Pryor, pastor.

McGintytown, AR. We are happy to share with you the good news of a new life in Jesus Christ. I was pleased to help Ernest McGinty to put on Christ in the waters of baptism Decem-

ber 19, 1976. Through his profession of faith and trust in Jesus, all of his sins have been washed away. Pray for this convert to our Lord and Savior.
Daniel G. Landry, pastor.

NEW WORK BEGUN

On September 6, 1976, a new work for the Lord began at Belle Plaine, IA. Interested members, deciding to reach out and help those who are seeking for the truth and the Lord, began meetings in the Belle Plaine Community Building. We are excited to be able to share the truth with others. Regular services on Sundays and Thursdays are held. Anyone passing through the area is welcome to stop and worship with us. We ask your prayers for this work to move forward for the Lord.

Darrell E. Rankin,
Delbert D. Rankin, copastors.

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A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is an opportunity for you to help send missionaries to India!

Bro. and Sr. John Lewis have said "yes" to a request by the Foreign Missions Board to go to India this summer. They will be there two months, for the purpose of teaching and training the people in Christian work.

In addition to serving as president of Oregon Bible College, Bro. Lewis teaches pastoral-training courses and Bible classes. Sr. Lewis has taught teacher-training classes and audio-visual aid courses. Their many talents and abilities will be a big help in training a pastor (or pastors), Sunday school teachers, and layworkers in India. Bro. Lewis' experiences in India will help him to advise and direct the training of Oregon Bible College students interested in preparing to be foreign missionaries.

We know that you will want to have a part in sending these short-term missionaries to India. First, we ask you to pray for the Lewises as they make preparations for the trip. Pray, too, that God will be preparing the Indian brethren for their visit.

Funds are needed for the Lewises' travel, living expenses while in India, textbooks, teaching materials, paper, and incidentals. Your financial contributions for these things will certainly be appreciated.

Please send your offerings, in any amount, to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you!

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OBITUARIES

Otto Stinnette was born March 15, 1899, at Moorfield, NE, to Tandy and Clara (Morgan) Stinnette, and died November 23, 1976, at Atwood, KS. He managed the Herndon Equity Co-op for over forty years. He was a member of the Holbrook, NE, Church of God, where he dedicated much of his time and efforts toward serving Jesus Christ. He was active as president, and filled other offices in the Central High Plains Conference for many years. Because of his concern for his fellowmen, his family, and his church, his sudden death will be felt by many. Otto is survived by his wife Ruby; six daughters—Mrs. Delbert (Audrey) Gish of San Jose, CA; Mrs. Donald (Ann) Morris, of Morrisville, PA; Mrs. Kermit (Virginia) Fikan of Englewood, CO; Mrs. Norval (Gloria) Phelps of Atwood, KS; Mrs. Floyd (Norma Jean) Bales of McCook, NE; and Mrs. Donald (Linda) Erdmier, of Dixon, IL—nineteen grandchildren; and twenty great-grandchildren. His favorite scripture, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, was used at his funeral. We trust that he will soon hear the shout of Christ, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God.
Leon Driskill, pastor.

Sr. Inez Nelson fell asleep in death on November 27, 1976, just a few days short of her 95th birthday. She had been a faithful member of the Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, NE, for many years. She was a sister to Grover Gordon. She will be fondly remembered by her church family and by her children, Phyllis Myers and Rena Wright of California and Virdeen Koken, Edward Nelson, and Orville Nelson of the Omaha area. Sr. Nelson's hope was in the return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the dead. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."
Scott Ross, pastor.

Funeral services for Clyde Francis Pestle, of Peoria, IL, were held December 14, 1976. Burial was in the Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Peoria. He was born September 18, 1910, at Camden, IL, and died December 11, 1976. He was the son of Jesse M. and Phebe Robbins Pestle. He was reared near Walnut Grove, graduated from Bushnell High School, and lived in Peoria for thirty years. He was married to Jousie Garrison, who survives him. Also surviving are two brothers, Dwight and Chester, both of Bushnell; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Maxine) Spain of Westminster, CO, and Mrs. Russel (Kathryn) Shriver of Ursa, IL; and 18 nieces and nephews. Phyllis A. Davis, reporter.

Anna Boyanovsky, 88, of Laurens, IA, died December 4, 1976. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned on December 8, 1976, with burial in Marathon Cemetery. Sr. Boyanovsky was a member of the Albert City, IA, Church of God and had taken an active part in its services as long as her health permitted. Survivors include a son, Boyd of Marathon; a daughter, Mrs. Lewis (Bonnie) Veskena of Albert City; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. May God bless each one with pleasant memories of a loved one.

J. Arthur Johnson.

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.

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“Whisper a prayer in the morning,
Whisper a prayer at noon,
Whisper a prayer in the evening
To keep your heart in tune.”

MARRIAGES

The Oregon, IL, Church of God was the setting of a lovely double-ring ceremony when Kathy Grubic of Dixon, IL, became the bride of John Kastner, also of Dixon, on December 18, 1976. After their honeymoon, the young couple will be at home at 311 N. Ottawa, Dixon, IL 61021. We pray that God will bless them as they go down life's pathway together. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

On September 4, 1976, Brenda Bartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartz of rural Elberon, IA, was united in marriage with Thomas Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller

of rural Luzerne, IA. The writer, assisted by his brother, Pastor Delbert Rankin, conducted the ceremony. The double-ring service was in the beautiful setting of a rose garden in Byrne's Park, Waterloo, IA. Loretta Rankin, sister of the bride, sang the Lord's Prayer, and Brent Bartz, brother of the bride, sang "The Wedding Song." We pray God's blessing on this union as they start their lives together in seeking the Master's will. Darrell E. Rankin, pastor.

“He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.”—GH.

Contributors to the General Conference: December, 1976

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St Louis Church	31.98	North Salem Church	57.31	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	80.00	San Jose Church	30.00
Blood River Church	116.94	Raker Union SS	23.25	Anonymous	15.00	Mary Miller	10.00
S Bend Miss Soc	65.00	Frances Wood	150.00	Ripley Miss Soc	25.55	Pennellwood Church	144.94
Harold Hightower	20.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	Mr & Mrs George Lansbery	10.00	Blanchard Church	242.02
Lombard Church	94.15	Vivian Smith	5.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Patrick	100.00	Hedrick Church	98.43
Margie Lichliter	2.50	Mr & Mrs Robert Ennis	5.00	Mrs Otis Lippincott	20.00	Blanchard Church	25.00
Mrs Frieda Compton	1.00	Winston C Roberts	5.00	Mrs Ethel Berry	100.00	IN Conference	200.00
Mary Harris	10.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	22.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Ashelford	100.00	Anonymous	89.60
Mrs Robert Anderson	2.00	Valerie Mowrer	25.00	Mr & Mrs Leland Story	100.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills	500.00
Blanchard Ladies Aid	15.00	Forest Hills Church	45.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	76.00	Harlingen Church	15.28
Mr & Mrs Guy Bagwell	100.00	Macomb Church	142.56	Mr & Mrs L Appleby	100.00	Mary Krogh	25.00
Lawrenceville Church	336.27	Ft Valley SS	122.51	Bedford Church	13.65	Valley Church	234.25
Pleasant Hill Church	82.67	Mr & Mrs Jay Brossard	200.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Flint	40.00	IN State Conference	91.00
Ruth Reid	30.00	Hector Church	50.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	110.00	Denver First Church	140.00
Lafayette Faith Chapel	56.94	Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	20.00	Lawrenceville Church	302.02
Clyde A Shaw	50.00	MN State Miss Soc	200.00	Mr & Mrs H D Hathaway	10.00	Pleasant Hill SS	44.14
Mr & Mrs J R Gardner	6.05	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Mr & Mrs E McChesney	100.00	North Hills Church	89.28
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Viola Mollman	3.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Brown	25.00	Gladys Cook	50.00
Edith Eades	10.00	Jaynes St Womens Fellowship	25.00	Tempe Dorcas	25.00	Pleasant Hill Church	100.04
Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	50.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	20.16	Pauline Blessin	10.00	Blessed Hope SS	11.07
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Southlawn Bereans	2.33	Clark Ballentine	20.00	Connie Ross	60.00	Mr & Mrs Ray VanderMolen	200.00
James Hiner	3.00	Mr & Mrs Clifton Frisbie	5.00	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	274.77	Althea Rice	50.00
Mr & Mrs Merritt Thoms	10.00	Clara Hoke	25.00	Mr & Mrs George DeForest	50.00	Mr & Mrs Anna P Johnson	50.00
Mr & Mrs L A Jackson	2.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Johnson	40.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Johnson	75.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	250.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00	Flagg Center Church	50.00	Phoenix Bible Church	217.50	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	120.00
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00	Dixon SS	30.25	Mr & Mrs John R Lewis	155.00
Anonymous	100.00	Eldorado Church	87.60				

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Attendance Up -- 10 New Sunday Schools Started

David Krogh, Director
Sunday School Department

THE GRAPH on this page shows the total Church of God average Sunday school attendance for each Sunday during the months of October, November, and December, 1976. Also shown is the average attendance for each of these months in 1966. Sunday by Sunday figures were not available for 1966. The averages are based on figures from all of our Sunday schools in the United States and Canada.

For the three months, the average was 4,352 in 1976 and 4,148 in 1966. The 1976 high was 4,727 on December 19 and the 1976 low was 3,818 on December 26.

In addition to these figures, our churches in Nigeria, Liberia, and the Philippines reported an average attendance of 1,237 each Sunday during these three months. Figures from Mexico, India, and Ghana were unavailable.

By combining the figures from the U.S. and Canada with our reporting churches overseas, we arrive at an average of 5,589 per Sunday.

Figures from our mission churches were not available for 1966. However, our churches in Nigeria and Liberia have been added during the past 10 years, and the attendance reported by these two countries averages about 950 per Sunday. So there has been substantial growth in our overseas attendance during the past 10 years.

A graph such as this has one major weakness. Though it tells us *what* growth took place, and *when* the growth took place, it cannot tell us *why* growth took place.

10 New Sunday Schools Started

One of the factors that has affected our attendance totals is that 10 new Sunday

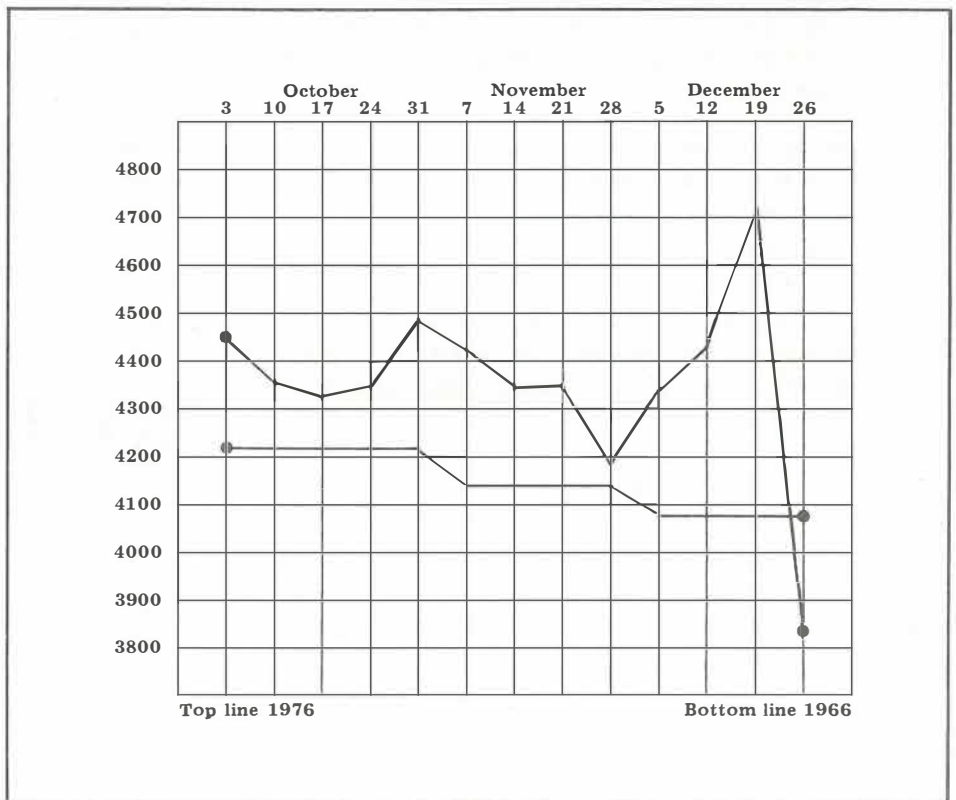
schools were started during the past 10 years. I am very happy that many people and groups were willing to put forth great effort to start these new Sunday schools. And I am thrilled with the great success that several of these new works have experienced.

In addition to these 10 new works here at home, new mission work has also been undertaken in Nigeria, Ghana, and Liberia.

On the other hand, we have also lost some Sunday schools. There were actually 9 groups existing in 1966 that were no longer in existence in the fall of 1976.

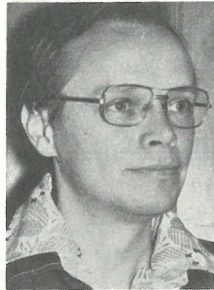
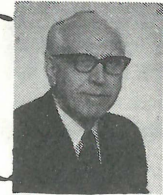
Some merged with other Sunday schools, and some went out of existence for lack of interest or some other reason.

I am very thankful that our overall attendance has increased during the past 10 years. However, as we look to the future, I would like to urge each Sunday school to set an attendance goal and then put forth every effort to invite new people. I would also encourage each group to vigorously pursue absentees and encourage all people to be regular in attendance. Let's all work together to build our Sunday schools and churches for the glory of God and the salvation of people everywhere.



General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Directors

Pastor Russell Magaw was born in Tipp City, OH, attended school there, and was graduated from the local high school in 1957. He was graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1961.

Brother Magaw was pastor of the San Jose, California, Church of God for six years, the Lafayette, IN, church for five years, and has been pastor of the Columbia Station, OH, Church of God since 1972.

Brother Magaw is married to the former Joyce Wilson of the Holbrook, NE, Church of God and they have three children—Kent, Sharon, and Robert. He was editor of the Junior Berean Lesson Manual for a few years, has worked in several youth camps, and is presently manager of the Northeast Youth Camp of the Church of God. Brother Magaw is an energetic, dedicated Christian. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference in 1976 and brings an abundance of warmth and enthusiasm to the Conference Board.

Group Tax Exemption

The Church of God General Conference has had a Federal Tax Exemption since at least 1949. It has been assumed that churches affiliated with the General Conference would also enjoy that exemption.

It came to our attention several months ago that this is not necessarily so. We were urged by the Federal government to apply for a Group Tax Exemption. After filling out a multitude of forms, completing many statements and affidavits, and making a number of telephone calls, we did receive a Group Tax Exempt status. The order was dated January 4, 1977, and does cover the Church of God General Conference and all the churches that have recorded their affiliation statement with the Conference. We will shortly receive a group exemption number.

Upon receiving the number, we will send to each affiliated church a copy of the exemption order and the number. This will facilitate applications for permit mailing and for tax exempt matters.

Ministerial Conference

The annual Ministerial Conference of the Church of God will be held in Oregon, IL, April 25 to 29. This is a time of fellowship, worship, and study for the pastor, and brings strength to the work of the local church. We trust that each church will urge its pastor to attend and participate in the travel pool.

General Conference, 1977

The Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, IL, on August 8 to 12, 1977. The conference will begin Monday morning and end on Friday morning. The cost per person for the conference is \$48 for adults, \$36 for children 3 to 12, and no charge for children under three. Make plans now to attend. Full details on reservations will appear in the April issue of *Progress Journal*.

Conference Finances

We are thankful to the membership for the response to the budget needs. We are about one thousand dollars short of meeting the total needs for the month, including the deficit. We express our sincere thanks to each member, each church, and each state conference that have made special effort to erase the deficit. In addition to the budget needs, many are making regular contributions to the Oregon Bible College Building Fund and to other special needs of the Conference. The balance due on the Dormitory Building loans is now \$62,000. \$37,000 of that amount is from churches and individual members and the balance is a mortgage loan from the local bank.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for February	\$35,145.00
Given in February	34,100.00
February Deficit	1,045.00
March Needs	18,333.00

Goal for March \$19,378.00

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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 are members of the Home and Foreign Missions Boards. Back row, left to right: Paul Overholser; Merle Patrick; J. Don Swartz. Front row: Kent Ross; Mardy Lawrence; Rachel Carr; R. Warren Sorenson. These Boards plan to meet this month for further planning and discussion of the work of missions.

A Testimony of God's Faithfulness

Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser and their granddaughter, Elaine Brittingham, had planned to leave for Africa early in January. However, because of a delay in getting their visas, they were not able to do so. Finally they were able to leave January 20. Paul wrote to me from the airport in New York giving a testimony of how God worked things out for them right down to the last hour.

Plans were complete, the itinerary laid out, and flight reservations made for January 20. But at 5:00 p.m. on January 19, the package containing the passports, visas, and health certificates had not arrived. There had been yet another delay. The Overholser's trusted this problem to the Lord, asking him to work everything out for them.

On the morning of the 20th, they dressed for their trip, turned off their water, turned the thermostats down, and waited. They fully expected to leave on time. *One hour* before they were to leave for the airport, the phone rang. It was the travel agent calling to say that their visas were there!

We are thankful that God took care of this problem and know that he will continue to watch over the Overholser's during their stay in Africa. We are glad,

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too, for the faith of the Overholser's and know that it will continue in their Christian work overseas.

News From Mexico

We are glad that Bro. Roberto Badillo continues to conduct church services in his village of Labor Vieja, three times weekly. His son, Raul, who lives and attends school in another town, comes home on the weekend and has Sunday school classes for the children. Roberto's wife, Lupe, assists her son with these Bible classes.

Roberto writes that they had a very nice Christmas, with a program and a worship service about the birth of Christ.

Pray for Roberto and his family as they continue to bear witness of Christ in their village. If anyone is able to write in the Spanish language, a short note of encouragement to Roberto would be appreciated.

India Trip

We are grateful to all of you who have sent contributions to help with the expense of the summer trip to India, which will be made by Bro. and Sr. John Lewis.

A total of approximately \$6,000.00 will be needed to take care of travel, food, lodging, and materials. If you have not yet had an opportunity to send an offering for this, we would be glad to hear from you.

Contributions for teaching supplies which have already been received will be used for the purchase of colorful, simply-written Scripture portions to be distributed to all age groups. Teaching materials, such as flannelgraph boards and chalkboards, will also be provided.

Listed below are other books and teaching materials that will be used in India, along with the approximate cost. If you would like to help provide these or other needs, send your contribution to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Effective Bible Study (4 copies)	ea. \$2.95
Exploring the Scriptures (4)	5.95
How to Prepare Sermons (4)	3.95
A Manual of Pastoral Problems & Procedures (4)	6.95
Wrested Scriptures (4)	5.50
Cruden's Concordance (2)	6.95
Unger's Bible Dictionary (2)	13.95
Bibles (30)	5.00
Bible coloring books	total 15.00
Notebooks, tablets, pencils, pens	
(to be purchased in India)	total 15.00



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Scholarship and Gift Awards

Each year several gifts of money and scholarships are awarded to many students from friends of the College. Some of the awards are given on the basis of scholarship, while others are awarded according to need. Congratulations to students who received the following scholarships and awards: S. E. Magaw—Bobby Lee Partain; James A. Patrick—Donna Weidensall; Lea Doeden—Phyllis Prussak; Glen & Violet Booth—Laura Brown; Norman McLeod—Kathy Arnold; S. J. Lindsay—Tamy Clabaugh; Harold Doan—Pamela Kay Davis; C. E. Randall—Michael Hoffman; Lucian Morphy—Karla Macy; Helen L. Overholser—Kathy Anger; Michigan State Conference—Ken Cook and Richard Young; Northeast Berean Youth Fellowship—Sidney Magaw; Otto E. Dick—Nita Wyrick and Pam Gaskill; Minnesota State Conference—Donna Kennedy; BYF—Wade Tierney; Harry and Emily Berry—James Hill; Troyview Church of God—Greg Demmitt; Lawrenceville Church of God—Karen Circle; Harold Good—Gigi Landry; State of Illinois—Susan Andrew and Linda Jones; Grant-in-Aid—Howard Robinson; Illinois State Conference Grant-in-Aid—Jon Lippert.

Junior College Program

Because of the nature of the contract that Oregon Bible College made with Sauk Valley Junior College, we found that we were not able to keep the same arrangement with Sauk Valley during the winter semester that we had in the fall.

We were, however, able to work out a different arrangement and consequently we are offering a sociology class that meets each Thursday evening. It is taught by assistant professor Robert Wharton of Sauk Valley.

During the 1977-'78 school year, the Oregon Community will be in the Rock Valley Junior College district. Rock Valley College is located in Rockford.

Eugene Stilson has met with administrators from Rock Valley and will continue to meet with them in an attempt to work out a cooperative agreement for next year.

New Catalog

The new catalog for the 1977-'78 school year is in process and will be available soon.

The new catalog will show the curriculum changes and cost changes that are being made for the next year.

We invite you to write for a copy of the new catalog and to use it in encouraging young people to consider OBC as their college choice.

Ministerial Conference

John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, and Dale Ramsey are serving as the program committee for the Ministerial Conference this year.

We are glad for the opportunity to plan a program we feel is relevant to the needs of the modern ministry.

Merrill Tenney, a professor of New Testament studies, will present a Bible study on the Book of Philemon to the ministers during the conference. We are happy for the opportunity to be exposed to his knowledge and ability in Bible exegesis and exposition.

We look forward to a successful and growing experience at the Ministers' Conference.

Junior-Senior Weekend

Junior-Senior Weekends are scheduled for March 3-5 and March 24-26.

It is important that the members of the Church of God make every effort to encourage young people to choose a career in pastoral ministry or Christian education.

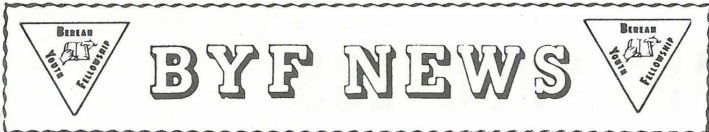
Pastors and church leaders can encourage young people before they enter their teens to model their behavior after them and choose a career like theirs. As young people make college choices, they can be encouraged to choose Oregon Bible College as a place to develop a life philosophy and/or prepare for a life career.

Student Activities

Under the leadership of Karen Circle and Donna Weidensall, college students have participated in many activities.

Fifteen students participated in an all-day ski trip at a nearby resort on February 5. Many more attended a skating party on January 25. Bob and Peggy Jones sponsored a game night on Saturday night, February 5. A majority of the students participated in a swimming party late in February.

The Student Council has recommended a new constitution and name change to Student Government rather than Student Council. In early spring the students will be voting on this issue as well as selecting a new president for the coming year.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director



David Krogh, Director

1977 Berean Youth Conference

The 1977 International Berean Youth Conference is now in the initial planning stage and we, as always, are hopeful of having one of the largest and finest programs ever.

The high school camp, which will be held at Camp Alexander Mack, will be under the direction of Brother Jim Graham, pastor of the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, Arizona. This camp will be for those from the ninth through the twelfth grades.

The post-high camp will be held at Shipshewana Retreat Center and will be under the direction of Brother Russell Reye of the Columbia Church of God, Columbia Station, Ohio. This camp will serve post-high students through age 25. Russ is no stranger to the Church of God camping program as he has served on the camp staff for several years. He and his wife Gayle work most effectively with the young people of the Columbia Station Church.

Dates for this year's Berean Youth Conference are July 17-23, 1977. Enrollment forms will be printed on the back cover of *Challenge* beginning with the March-April issue.

We would appreciate your prayers on behalf of the planning of this important youth program. We would also ask that you encourage those young people with whom you are associated to begin now to make their plans to attend.

Bible Quizzing for 1977

The quiz material for 1977 will be mailed from this office on March 1. If you are one of the people involved in the Church of God Quizzing Program, and have not received the material shortly after that date, please write in and a materials package will be mailed directly to you.

The Quiz Championship playoffs at National Youth Camp will remain relatively the same as last year, exceptions being the reduction from three games to two games in round one. After two games, 6 teams will advance to the championship round, and 6 to the consolation round. Also, at the Tuesday night finals, there will still be two games played to determine the champion, but the consolation bracket will be determined in one match. This will reduce the total matches played from 22 to 17. Every team will still play at least 3 games, though most will play 4 to 6.

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Beginners Teacher's Packet

Several additions have been made to the Beginners Teacher's Packet for the current quarter. A cassette tape was prepared by the quarterly editor, Sue Hall, which gives many valuable suggestions regarding the use of the material. Also, several take-home pages have been prepared, and adequate copies for each pupil have been included in the packet. The packets continue to include several storybooks, as well as the Teacher's Manual.

We appreciate the excellent work that Sue is doing with this quarterly. Sue is the wife of Ray Hall, pastor of the Garden Park Church in Grand Rapids, MI. She is the mother of three children, the last having just arrived. Her experience as a mother, coupled with her experience in Sunday school work serve as an excellent background for the work she is doing. She is putting forth every effort to produce material which will meet the special need of this age group.

We sincerely appreciate the letters of encouragement and suggestions which have been offered regarding this quarterly. And we appreciate the great work which Beginner teachers in all of our churches are doing to train preschool and kindergarten children in the ways of the Lord.

Home Missions Board Communication

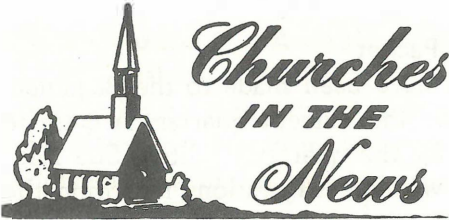
The Sunday School Board has been in communication with the recently elected Home Missions Board, in an effort to coordinate the work which both boards are doing. We believe that these two boards complement each other, and we are very happy for the work which the Home Missions Board is doing. It is our plan to work closely with this board in assisting all of our churches to be more effective in their many ministries.

Seminars

Approximately 38 people from Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska attended a weekend seminar at the Raymore, MO, Church February 4-6. Sessions were conducted by James Graham, Scott Ross, and David Krogh. We appreciate the efforts of the Raymore brethren in hosting this excellent time of training and fellowship.

Joyce Knapp conducted a seminar at the Gatesville, TX, Church February 26 and 27.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Eden Valley, MN. It is a privilege to report that Harold Matheny of Paynesville made public confession of his faith in Christ December 12, 1976, at the Eden Valley Church of God and was baptized that evening by Pastor Billie Kennedy before many church friends. Harold and his wife Esther have been active workers in our church and it was with sadness that we held a farewell party at the church, January 9, 1977, to wish them Godspeed as they move to the state of Idaho.

Russell Magaw, reporter.

Columbia Station, OH. We are happy to introduce to you two fine young men recently added to God's church. After much study and soul-searching, Ron Spencer asked for immersion into the body of Christ and membership in the Church of God. His baptism took place during the December 5, 1976, morning worship service. George Flury also requested baptism after discussion about the Christian life. He was immersed during the December 19, 1976, morning worship service. Both fellows are continuing a doctrinal study of the Scriptures in a special Sunday school class for this purpose.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Macomb, IL. The Macomb Church of God is pleased to announce that Charlott D'Camp accepted the gospel invitation and was immersed in baptism in the saving name of Jesus Christ, December 26, 1976. We pray the Lord's blessing on her as she begins her new life in Christ.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Columbia Station, OH. At the close of the January 9, 1977, evening service, Curtis Yost came forward to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was immersed in the name of Christ to join the family of God during the January 16 morning worship service. We thank and praise God for Curt's decision and baptism.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Blanchard, MI. On Sunday, January 30, 1977, immediately following the morning service, Mike and Marlene Fronczak were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. We welcome them into church membership.

Don Needham, pastor.

Philippine Islands. During December, 1976, three persons accepted Christ and were baptized into him. Felix Gragas and Juan Bactad were baptized at the Roxas Church and Jeremiah Pacleb at Uddiawan.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKER AVAILABLE

Sr. Doris Brown (widow of the late Pastor Raymond Brown) is looking for a part-time position in Christian education, music, and church office work with one of our churches, beginning in September. Anyone interested in obtaining her services may contact her at Box 803, Digby, Nova Scotia, BOV 1A0.

PARSONAGE DEDICATED AT MACOMB

Services were held for the dedication of the newly purchased parsonage, January 9, 1977. In accordance with the Scriptures, we secured this home to provide for the physical necessities of our pastor and his family. With God's help and our cooperation, we dedicate this home to Christian service and spiritual enrichment.

The Cains held open house at the parsonage from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Truly, God has blessed the Macomb church work in all of its endeavors, and we praise him who makes all things possible.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

INEXPENSIVE AWARD BIBLE: American Bible Society, King James Version, hard cover, black letter edition. \$2.75, postage paid when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Oregon, IL 61061.

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MARRIAGES

Miss Joy Lynne Ponder became the bride of Mr. Henry Eugene Taft, Jr. on January 15, 1977, in the Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL. We pray that God will bless them in their lives together.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

On the evening of December 18, 1976, at the home of Fred Pensyl, in Urbana, Ohio, Verna Stine and Clarence Brubaker were united in marriage. The same evening, a reception was held at the Pleasant Hill Church of God. Both had lost their former partners. We wish Verna and Clarence much happiness in their life together. Our prayer is that God will bless this couple in their marriage.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

In a beautiful candlelight setting at the Lawrenceville Church of God, December 4, 1976, Patty Sue Baker and Steven Ray Martin were united in marriage. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, assisted by Pastor Curtis Simpson. May the Lord bestow his richest blessings upon this young couple as they begin their life together.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

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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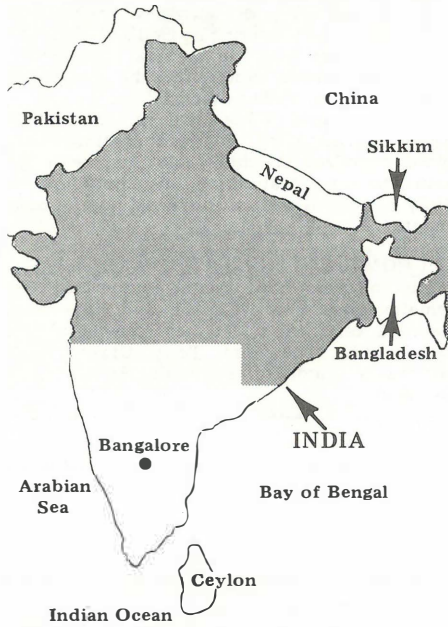
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LIGHT FOR INDIA

We thank all of you who have made contributions to the India Trip Fund. Your generosity in helping with this missionary effort is much appreciated.

This entire map of India represents the \$6,000.00 which is needed for the trip. As contributions are received, we will be removing the darkness from India. We trust that it will not be long until the whole of India is in the light!



Here is an opportunity for you to help send missionaries to India!

Bro. and Sr. John Lewis have said "yes" to a request by the Foreign Missions Board to go to India this summer. They will be there two months, for the purpose of teaching and training the people in Christian work.

In addition to serving as president of Oregon Bible College, Bro. Lewis teaches pastoral-training courses and Bible classes. Sr. Lewis has taught teacher-training classes and audio-visual aid courses. Their many talents and abilities will be a big help in training a pastor (or pastors), Sunday school teachers, and layworkers in India. Bro. Lewis' experiences in India will help him to advise and direct the training of Oregon Bible College students interested in preparing to be foreign missionaries.

We know that you will want to have a part in sending these short-term missionaries to India. First, we ask you to pray for the Lewises as they make preparations for the trip. Pray, too, that God will be preparing the Indian brethren for their visit.

Funds are needed for the Lewises' travel, living expenses while in India, textbooks, teaching materials, paper, and incidentals. Your financial contributions for these things will certainly be appreciated.

Please send your offerings, in any amount, to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you!

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to help send the Lewises to India and supply the teaching materials.

Name _____

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MARCH, 1977

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Clara Wettengel Anders, 83, of Macomb (IL) Manor died January 12, 1977, at her home. Funeral services were held at the funeral chapel. Mrs. Anders was the daughter of John and Florence Hicks Wettengel. She came to Macomb in 1899. She was married December 31, 1912, to James M. Anders. She is survived by three sons: John M. of Falls City, WA; Joseph H. of Riverside, CA, and Ronald E. of Chicago; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Nellie) Stoneking of Industry; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Hazel Cripe was born July 10, 1906, in Brownswood, TX, to Ernest and Nettie Crundwell, and died Sunday, January 23, 1977, in Burbank, CA, after a long illness. She had been a member of the Church of God for many years in Southern California. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Valley Church of God at Van Nuys. She leaves to mourn her death her brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Bradley Crundwell, nieces, nephews, and her Christian brethren and friends. She sleeps in hope, awaiting the coming of the Lord and resurrection of the dead. Harold Doan, pastor.

Through human error, the death of Gayle Somers, December 28, 1975, was not reported in *Progress Journal*. Just where and by whom the error was committed would be difficult to determine after this much time has passed. We are sorry! Editor.

George Eli Curtis, faithful member of the L'Anse, MI, Church of God, fell asleep in death January 30, 1977. At the time of his death, he was serving as Sunday school superintendent and first elder. Words of comfort were spoken to the family on February 1, by the writer, who was assisted by Pastor Howard Shaffer of the Methodist church. Due to lack of sufficient space in our own church, the service was held in the L'Anse Methodist church. George is survived by his wife Alice; two sons, Robert of Zeba and Jerry at home; two daughters, Georgianna Emery of L'Anse and Mrs. Warren (Sandra) Swartz of Zeba. Robert Voakes was a foster son. Eight grandchildren also survive, plus numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Burial will be in Pinery Cemetery in the spring. There he will await the call of the Master. George will be greatly missed by everyone, but in our sadness we know that his life was one of victory through Christ.

James Rencontre, pastor.

Bro. Glenn M. Birkey, Rochelle, IL, was born August 16, 1886, and died January 29, 1977. He was a member of the Flagg Center Community Church of God, the Gideon Society, and the American Bible Society. Bro. Birkey married Frieda Nelson in 1908. To their union was born one son, Vernon G., who died in 1976. Mrs. Birkey died in 1951, and in 1952 he married Kathryn Heath, who survives him. Also surviving are a grandson, Dr. Thomas G. Birkey, Montevideo, MN, four great-grandchildren, three stepsons, and one sister, Mrs. Henry Schabacker, Ashton, IL. . . . Bro. Birkey, in the 1940's, deplored the fact that children of the Flagg Center area had no place to worship on Sunday. He set about to rectify the situation. He invited Bro. Arnold Johns, then a student at Oregon Bible College, to conduct Sunday school and worship services at the old Methodist church building at Flagg Center, which at the time was standing idle. With the help of many in the community, the building was made ready and a work was started which continues to this day. . . . Funeral services were conducted at the Flagg Center church, with burial in the White Rock Cemetery, Kings, IL. Bro. S. O. Ross assisted in the services. Bro. Birkey sleeps the sleep of death, awaiting the call of the Master at the first resurrection.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

James Eardy Williams of Route 1, New Madrid, MO, died June 28, 1976. He was born March 20, 1897, in Morrilton, AR. He held his membership in the Church of God at Harlingen, TX. Survivors include his wife, Mabel Gordon; two daughters, Alma Farenburg and Wilma "Bill" Higerson of New Madrid; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Bestain of Morrilton, AR, and Mrs. Laura Jones of McGehee, AR; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted June 30 in Sikeston, MO. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery at New Madrid. Mrs. John G. Hayes, secretary.

Ruth Barger was born February 25, 1891, and died February 4, 1977. She married Frank Countryman, who preceded her in death in 1933. To their union one son was born, Ward, who is a member of the Flagg Center (IL) Community Church of God. She later married Hiram Ludwig, who preceded her in death in 1960. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer February 7, and she was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery, DeKalb, IL. We look forward to that day when death can no longer lay claim to man. Gordon Landry, pastor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

The vacation Bible school for the Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, is being planned for sometime in July. If anyone, preferably a husband-and-wife team, would like to help in our Bible school, and could arrange to take their vacation during that time, please contact either Pastor Dale Swartz, Box 1023, Digby, BOV 1A0; or Sr. Eunice Pearson, Box 803, Digby, BOV 1A0.

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.

Certainty of Divine

Apart from scientifically accurate predictions based upon the faithful cycles of nature, man's forecasts aren't very valuable. Christians, acquainted with God's prophecies, read the horoscope column and the writings of present-day prophets only out of curiosity, or perhaps for amusement. If we really want to know the future, we must go to God.

Human frailty is displayed daily, but God has never been wrong. Not even one period will pass from his Word or need to be changed till *all* be fulfilled. It isn't necessary for him to alter, repeat, reverse, or rewrite his Word, because it's all there and it is all true. The beauty of the Bible is seen in its simplicity and singular message. Only the willfully ignorant "wrest" the Scriptures "unto their own destruction" (2 Pet. 3:16). Surely, God will judge severely those who know the truth, but make no effort to prepare for the future by abiding by his will.

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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.

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CHILDREN'S EVANGELISTS AVAILABLE

Sr. Elaine Handspiker and Sr. Doris Brown, of the Digby, Nova Scotia, congregation, plan to travel this summer in child evangelism work. They are well qualified and experienced, and have a full line of equipment, including puppets, films, music, and black-light chalk artistry. They are available for vacation Bible schools, junior camps, weekend retreats, or evangelistic services. If you are interested in obtaining their services, contact them now for more information, as they are already planning their itinerary. You may write either of them: Box 803, Digby, Nova Scotia, BOV 1A0; or phone 902-245-5288 or 902-245-4715.

FROM OUR MAIL

The Restitution Herald:

Just a personal note to let you know how much I enjoy *The Restitution Herald*. Of course, my family agrees with my feeling. May God continue to guide us in serving him. Thank you.

A Friend in Christ,
Connie Bailey, Fredericktown, MO.

The Restitution Herald:

I have received the copies of *The Herald* you sent me—September through December—and

have read with enjoyment most of the articles therein, and have given some of the issues to friends, who also mentioned their appreciation. . . . I liked Hollis Partlowe's "credo" statement on page 11 of the September issue . . . and Pastor Cain's article on "Demonism"; for a few years back I looked quite a bit into the subject at a Bible student's conference at Mission Springs. Am looking forward to the next issue of *The Herald*, and, also, I am enclosing a small contribution in appreciation of your efforts to broadcast the good news of the gospel and the coming kingdom of blessing to all mankind.

Sincerely, in him,
Peter Thomassen, Paradise, CA.

Dear Mr. LeCrone:

I am teaching a course in contemporary American religious groups and movements, and I am trying to assemble examples of publications of as many organized groups as possible.

Would you be so kind as to send me samples of your literature which I could use with my classes? I am interested especially in the *Church of God Progress Journal* and *The Restitution Herald*.

Sincerely yours,
Mac Linscott Ricketts
Professor of Religion
Louisburg College, Louisburg, NC.

**AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
NEWS RELEASE**

NEW YORK, Jan. 11—Mr. S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference (Oregon, IL) will represent the Church of God General Conference (Oregon, IL) at the American Bible Society's National Advisory Council in New York April 12-14, 1977.

Over 100 church leaders will attend the National Advisory Council. These men and women will help plan the future activities of the American Bible Society in bringing God's Word to the nation and the world in the next quarter century. The theme chosen for the Council is "God's Word in Today's World."

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, is a nonprofit, nondenominational, religious organization whose sole purpose is the translation, publication, and distribution of the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Dolores Harrolle; Marie Dix; Debbie Dix; Mrs. Terry Drake; Doris Witkowicz; Linda Farrell; Renita Broach; Gary Burnham.

Contributors to the General Conference: JANUARY, 1977

Leota Foster	100.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00	Valerie Mowrer	25.00	Cool Spring SS	38.26
Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Gary Roepke	20.00	Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson	28.53	Mr & Mrs Vernon Chaplin	100.00
Fremont SS	12.00	Litchfield Church	36.20	Truth Seekers SS	14.10	Arkansas City	
Macomb SS	27.73	Paul Hatch	12.30	Mr & Mrs Gordon Hess	25.00	Hope Chapel SS	60.00
Ripley Church	520.97	Blood River Church	144.54	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	110.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00
Brush Creek Church	371.83	Fonhill Glad Tidings SS	19.26	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00	Winston C Roberts	5.00
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Mabel Andrew	30.00	Nancy Johns	100.00	Mrs Frank Fauntleroy	3.00	In Memory of Mrs. Esta McInturff:	
LA Contributors	44.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	SW Conference	132.00	Helen M Thompson	100.00
Katherine Tackett	102.50	Mr & Mrs Rex Cain	34.00	Kelley Thomas	13.00	Gatesville SS	5.00
Milo Magaw	187.24	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Willard Lay	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossem	500.00
Lombard Church	9.59	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	18.77	Mr & Mrs Edsill Harrolle	60.00	Mr & Mrs Leo Rager	25.00
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Mr & Mrs Dean Johns	750.00	Dan Dovenbarger	110.00	Chris Ramsey	50.00	Shilah Richmond	35.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	76.57	Mr & Mrs Robert Follin	47.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	40.00	Dorothy Gould	6.00
Oregon Church	718.48	E Peoria Bereans	31.50	Troy View Church	222.63	Clara Broberg	10.00
Mr & Mrs Lowell Holt	100.00	E Peoria Church	313.00	Burr Oak Church	776.32	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	46.00
Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey	50.00	Mildred Somers	30.00	Columbia Church	616.69	Mr & Mrs Don Needham	30.00
Claude Reid	5.00	Champion Church	25.20	Pomona Dorcas	30.00	Arlington Church	5.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	India Smead	25.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Pearl Bloom	1.00
Jay St Church	58.47	Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	100.00	Icel Stedman	5.00	Margaret L Duval	75.00
Brush Cr Gospel Gleaners	20.00	St Louis Church	62.21	May White	25.95	Eleanor Mitchell	52.00
Mr & Mrs Donald Ward	82.70	Eden Valley Church	220.99	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	100.00	Fred Hickox	20.00
Eternal Hope Church	89.41	Hedrick Dorcas	16.08	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	45.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Knapp	100.00
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Alice Bassett	40.00	Hillisburg Miss Soc	75.00	S Bend Hope Chapel Bereans	30.00	Digby Miss Soc	17.94
Fort Valley Church	869.29	Rickey Covington	2.50	Mr & Mrs Malcolm McLeod	30.00	Mary Miller	10.00
NE Conference	325.00	Mr & Mrs Frank O Johnson	800.00	Richard Hess	10.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	25.00
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Golden Rule SS (OH)	9.27	Suzette Emigh	30.00	Neil Hammer	25.00	Anonymous	1,421.00
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Macomb Church	169.22	J Anon	40.00	Koszta Church	36.00	Doris Witkowicz	10.00
Ripley SS	101.68	Golden Rule Church	477.93	Eurie Mosher	100.00	Pam K Davis	30.00
Lakeshore Bible Church	293.53	Pennellwood Miss Dept	150.00	Glad Tidings Chapel	150.00	Wayne Thompson	25.00
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MI State Conference	76.17	Pastor Oliver Amani	5.00	Happy Woods Church	94.79	Jean Berry	5.00
Jay St Church Youth	10.41	Anonymous	25.00	Mr & Mrs John Carr	24.87	Mr & Mrs Leland Wendroth	5.00
Edith Eades	10.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Ennis	20.00	Mr & Mrs Peter Thomassen	10.00	Karla Macy	25.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	18.17	Mr & Mrs J F Paustian	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Stone	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	155.00
Anonymous	50.00	Jaynes St Church	150.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Johnson	10.00	Keiffer Zeller	30.00
Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Nina Hicks	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	80.00	Mae George	15.00
Mr & Mrs J L Markel	2.00	Cecil Smead	25.00	Mabel Alexander	7.50	Mrs Judy Runyon	1.00
Lafayette Faith Chapel	53.13	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	200.00	Connie Ross	60.00	Mrs D L Clark, Sr	2.00
Columbia SS	59.50	Rachel Pumphrey	38.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	100.00	Helen L Rimbey	5.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Huey	400.00	Raymore Church	50.00	Lawrenceville Esther Soc	19.33	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	48.00
Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	22.00	Southlawn Church	437.47	Fonhill Church	456.87	Mr & Mrs Paul C Johnson	100.00
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Forest Hills Church	50.21	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	25.00	Mr & Mrs Lou Harrod	5.00	Rev W F Preslar, Sr	2.00
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Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Blanchard Church	500.00	Emma Miller	15.00	Jack Allspaw	2.00
Mr & Mrs William C Poland	35.00	North Salem Church	21.89	Mr & Mrs Herman Lewis	15.00	Mr & Mrs Jeff Anderson	5.00

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Conference Reservation Information

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 8-12, 1977. Because we will need to make firm commitments to Rockford College as to attendance, it will be necessary to have firm reservations for the Conference.

We do have a reservation application that must be used to give us the necessary information. Please ask your pastor for the application. An isolated member who does not have access to a pastor can write to Conference Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and ask for the application blank.

The cost of the Conference is \$48 for an adult, \$36 for those 3 to 12 years of age, and no charge for anyone under 3 years. This includes room, board, use of the grounds and buildings, insurance, recreational facilities, bed linens, blanket, and pillow.

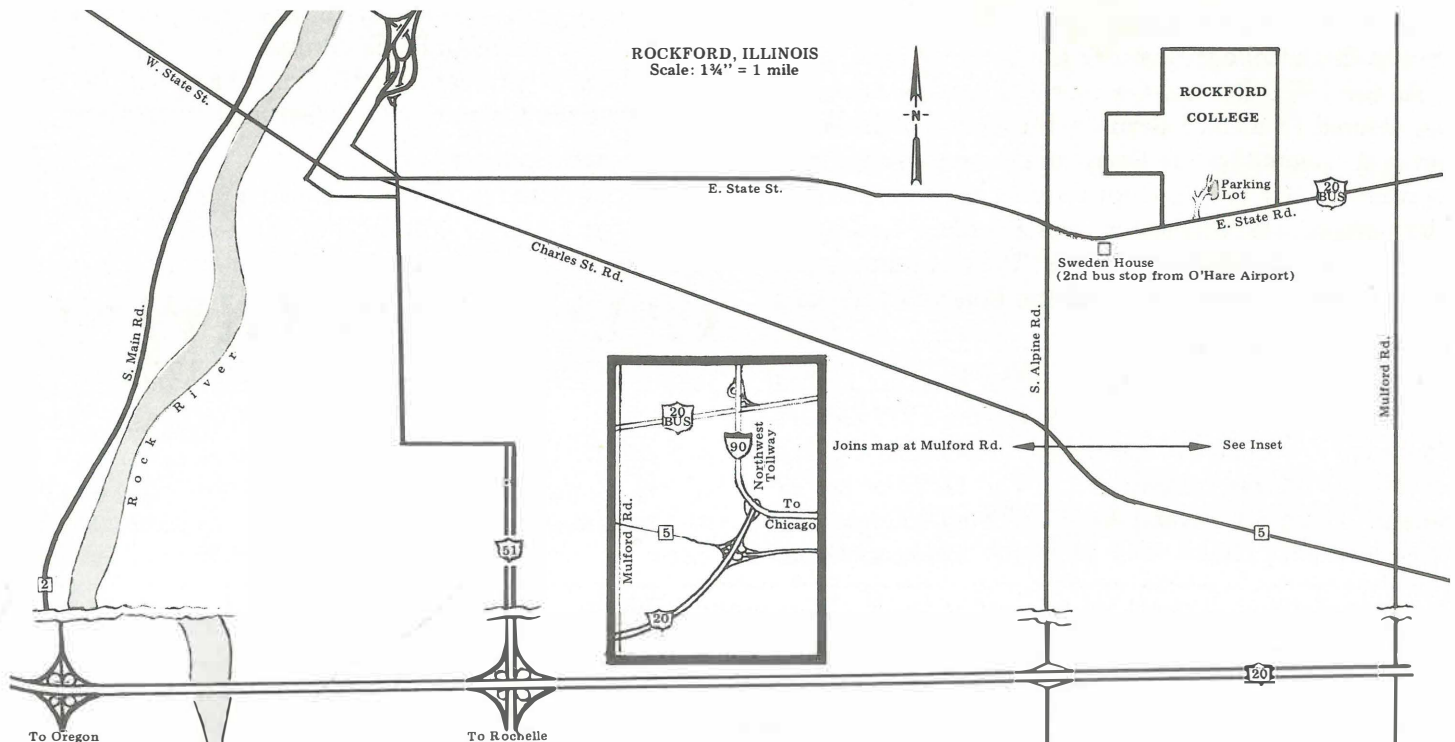
For those staying off the campus the cost is \$24 for meals and the use of all facilities, except a sleeping room, for all three years old and over.

Because a firm reservation is required by Rockford College, there will be a deposit of \$5 per person required with the reservation (the full cost of the Conference can be paid with the reservation, if desired).

The Conference will begin on Monday, August 8, with registration at 10:00 a.m. There will be an orientation service at 11:00 for those who have arrived and the full schedule of activities will begin at 1:15 p.m. We encourage everyone to be prompt in arriving at Conference and to plan to stay until the closing service on Friday morning. We will not be able to honor part-time reservations at this Conference.

Trailer parks are available within five to ten miles of the campus. A list of these parks will appear in the May issue of *Progress Journal*.

We trust this will be the best Church of God General Conference ever. The facilities are excellent. See your pastor for the reservation form and additional information needed and get your reservations in early. Deadline for reservations will be July 25.



General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



which will be open most of the day and at specified hours in the evening. There is an immaculate dining room with a salad bar at each meal. The lounges, dining room, and all the meeting rooms are air conditioned.

The dormitories are quite versatile. There are single, double, and triple rooms, and some pods with five beds. Blanket, pillow, and linens are furnished.

The annual Church of God General Conference is a time of study, prayer, worship, inspirational music, conference business, timely messages from God's Word, and beautiful fellowship. Make your plans now to attend.

Your pastor has the reservation forms. Please reserve early. Deadline for reservation is July 25, since we need to give Rockford College an accurate count ten days before Conference begins.

Know Your Directors

Brother William D. Lawrence was born in Kansas City, and lived with his parents in both Kansas City and Omaha. He studied medicine at the University of Iowa and took additional graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He is a gynecologist specialist and is in practice with a group of doctors in Phoenix, Arizona.

His wife Mardy grew up in Iowa. They have three children: Jodi (Mrs. Steve McCoy), Pat, and Susie.

Brother Lawrence has served two previous terms on the Board of Directors. He was first elected in 1964 for a three-year term and again in 1968.

Brother Lawrence and his wife Mardy are members of the Bible Church of God at Phoenix, and have both been very active in mission work. They have taken several mission trips to India and have visited in Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, and the Philippine Islands. Sister Lawrence has served several terms on the Missions Board and is presently chairman of the Foreign Missions Board. Brother Lawrence has also served on the Oregon Bible College Board of Education.

At the 1976 General Conference, Brother Lawrence was elected to a third term on the Board of Directors and was selected by the Board to be the vice-chairman. Because of his two previous terms on the Board of Directors, his experience on the Board of Education, and serving in the mission fields, Dr. Lawrence brings much expertise and strength to the Board of Directors.

1977 General Conference

See the front cover of this issue of *Progress Journal* for details on making reservations for the 1977 General Conference, which will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 8-12. The facilities are excellent. There are several large carpeted lounges with sofas and soft chairs, one of which has a snack bar

1977 OBC Graduates

Eight seniors will graduate from Oregon Bible College on May 13. Most of them have definite plans for next year. David Wilsterman has accepted the pastorate at Pomona, California. John Mattison has accepted a call to the San Jose Church of God at Campbell, California. Richard Young plans to enter the internship program. Kenneth Cook will be in a secular position at Culver, Indiana, upon graduation. Sydney Magaw plans to go on to further education. Linda Jones is already employed as the Minister of Music at the Blessed Hope Church of God, Rockford, Illinois, while completing her last year at OBC. Phyllis Prussak has made no definite plans at present. Linda Hollenback will be employed at the Church of God General Conference.

Conference Finances

I am sorry to report that the giving for the month of March has fallen \$7,000 short of the needs. I trust that the membership will pray for and respond to this need.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for March	\$19,378.00
Given in March	11,750.00
March Deficit	7,628.00
April Needs	18,333.00

GOAL FOR APRIL \$25,961.00

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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 P. M. Paulson family of Ravulapalem, India. Pastor Paulson and five helpers minister to several congregations in their area. We are hoping that Pastor Paulson will be able to attend the special classes in Bangalore this summer.

Indian Project

A good project in India has been the translation of some of our home Bible study booklets into Tamil. This has been completed, the booklets have been printed, and one of the ladies will be teaching these lessons.

News from Nigeria

To help you know what is happening in the Nigerian churches, here are quotations from recent reports from some of the pastors.

Jonah Ebong, Nto Obo: "A debating and revival service was held here with a crowd of 89 men and women who had assembled in our church. I am very grateful for your tract entitled 'Which Day Is the Sabbath?' It helps me so much to solve the questions from the people."

J. A. I. Ekpo, Three Towns: "We attended the Annual Convention which was held at Ediene No. 1. The convention was really inspiring and a blessing to us. This month I immersed 5 converts during our water baptism service. The Lord has really blessed the services here since we came back from convention. Souls have been saved. . . . My congregation and the congregations

working with me are getting along fine and we are all working together to extend the Lord's work as far out as possible. Please pray for us."

John Obott, Abak: "On Sunday, December 5, 1976, all pastors and laymen were sent to different churches under our denomination to collect some funds for the annual convention. . . . Sunday, December 12, some able members were told to report at Ediene for shade constructing against convention ceremony on December 17. Convention . . . was so grand than ever. Please pray for the growth of the work here and also pray for my family and mine God's great protection. Pray for my sister's orphans whom she left for me since August 23 last year. Pray that may God help the whole leaders of Church of God General Conference to love one another as themselves. Praise God."

Jumbo Akpan, Ikot Udo Imbong: "This year of 1976 has been a year of many happenings. Some to make us rejoice in the Lord and some to make us sad. Please pray for us. We thank God for his kind mercy upon us. This present Sunday we had many people come and request gospel tracts."

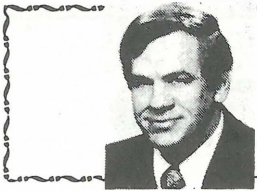
Ephraim Udo, Abak: "Pray for these five young people who accepted Christ for their personal Savior and were baptized. They are Comfort Udo, Dorah Brownson, Ime Asukwo, Helen Bassey, and Nse Sandy. There were many opportunities opened for circulation of tracts. The National Conference held attracted many visitors who became very much interested in our doctrinal teachings. I need your prayers for comfort of my family; for God's protection against enemies; and for God to continue to guide me spiritually in all my daily activities."

B. O. Adum, Asarama: "Most of the members are always in sickness. Therefore we wish all our members to be put in prayer as God may remove sickness in our midst, and give us healthy living as we may worship him with all happiness."

Solomon Idiong, Mborakom: "With the Youth Business I have decided and taken up the pastorate of our church at Mborakom. Pray for me for strength to carry out this responsibility."

Congratulations!

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Pastor and Mrs. Dale Swartz, Digby, Nova Scotia, on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Kay, January 17, 1977.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

India Trip

John and Ruth Lewis plan to leave for India on or near May 30. We feel that this trip will greatly benefit the General Conference and the India mission field; as we become more fully acquainted with their needs and problems, we will be able to help those people grow.

The trip will also benefit Oregon Bible College, as we become aware of missions in general and the India mission field in particular.

Through association with the Bible College, we can see the need and the possibilities for a missions curriculum at Oregon Bible College. The benefits of the India trip will be many and can be expected to produce results for several years.

Recital

Dale Ramsey and Kay Vancil presented an organ and piano concert at the Oregon Church on Sunday evening, March 20. They presented selected literature for organ-piano combination and hymn tunes.

Kay was a student at Oregon Bible College for one year; and as a music major, went on to study music at Wheaton College for two quarters.

Christ in the Concrete City

The presentation of the play, "Christ in the Concrete City," was the most energetic drama attempt that Oregon Bible College has made. It was a real opportunity to provide a meaningful message for our churches. Participating students experienced enrichment and spiritual growth by presenting the play. The warmth and fellowship supplied by the churches contributed to their overall growth experience and made the extra effort and work involved in the play worth the sacrifice.

Two performance dates are yet remaining. On May 21, the play will be presented at the Pomona, CA, Church, and on May 25, it will be presented at the Bible Church of God in Phoenix, AZ.

Spring Chorale Tour

The schedule for this year's Chorale tour is: Rockford, IL, March 27; Lafayette, IN, April 2; Hillisburg, IN, April 3; Grand Rapids (Southlawn), MI, April 30; Grand Rapids (Pennellwood), May 1; Oregon, IL, May 8; Minneapolis, MN, May 14; Eden Valley, MN, May 15; San Jose, CA, May 19; Pomona, CA, May 22; Phoenix, AZ, May 23; Tempe, AZ, May 24; Denver, CO, May 27; Holbrook, NE, May 29. At this writing the

following dates have not yet been confirmed: Burr Oak, IN; North Salem, IN; Hector, MN; Omaha, NE.

We encourage you to attend the Chorale concerts when they are in your area.

Student Government

The student body has reorganized its student organization, hoping that it will more readily serve the needs of the students. The name has been changed from "Student Council" to "Student Government."

The purpose of the Student Government is to represent the student body to the administration. The new Student Government will reflect student opinion, present student grievances, and introduce constructive ideas to the administration.

The Student Government will also see to and direct the organization of the Social Committee and the Christian Service Committee. Its members will appoint a sports coordinator, an editor for the student paper, and an editor for *Maranatha*.

The new Student Government has a smaller membership because of the feeling that fewer members will be able to deal more efficiently with the problems and issues of student government. The new Student Government consists of one representative from each class in addition to the officers, which are a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

The present Student Council President is David Wilsterman. In the following weeks, the student body will elect a president for the Student Government for the 1977-'78 school year.

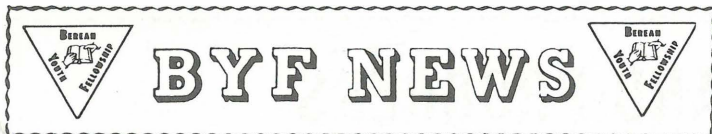
Cantata

The Oregon Bible College and the Oregon Church choirs will present the cantata, "Celebration of Discipleship," at the Oregon Church, Sunday evening, April 17, and at the Macomb Church, Sunday evening, April 24. They will be accompanied by organ, piano, and brass ensemble with timpani.

New Dorm Director

We are pleased to announce that David Hall has accepted the directorship of the men's dormitory for the 1977-'78 school year. He and his family will be moving into the dormitory on June 1.

We are thankful to David and Janis Wilsterman for serving in that capacity this year, and trust that the Lord will be with them in their new ministry in Pomona, CA.



BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Youth Week Acknowledgment

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to those church youth groups which participated in the 1976 Youth Week competition. A special "thank you" goes to the sponsors of these groups. We realize the tremendous amount of time and effort that goes into planning and carrying out a week's worth of activities. We wish also to thank the many members of the various church congregations who so willingly support these young people in all of their activities.

The groups which participated this year by sending in reports were: Burr Oak; Glad Tidings of Fonthill, Ontario; Hope Chapel of South Bend; East Peoria; Oregon; Columbia Station; Morning Star; Guthrie Grove; Lawrenceville; Garden Park; Blanchard; Lighthouse Church of Digby, Nova Scotia; Phoenix Bible Church; Fredericktown; and Blood River.

In the event that your church young people held a youth week and we failed to mention it, it was because no report was received at this office.

The reports received at this office are judged by the Youth Advisory Council on the occasion of its meeting at the Post-High Midwinter Retreat held at the end of December. The winners selected by this council were: first place again went to the Blood River Bereans of Springfield, LA; second place went to the East Peoria Bereans of East Peoria, IL; third place went to the Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ; and fourth place went to the Hope Chapel Bereans of South Bend, IN.

We offer our congratulations to these groups and their sponsors.

Challenge News and Articles

Those of you who receive the youth publication, *Challenge*, have noticed that two of the last four editions have been eight-page issues instead of the normal sixteen. This is because insufficient material was received to make up sixteen-page issues.

Please encourage the youth group of your church to send pictures and a write-up of its activities. If there are those of you older young people who come across something that you feel would be interesting to our young people, I encourage you to send it in also. This is what makes *Challenge* interesting.

It is our sincere desire that more youth groups would participate in this activity. By doing this you will receive a blessing and contribute to the whole function of our International Berean Youth Group.

APRIL, 1977

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

Christian Workers' Seminar

The fourth annual Christian Workers' Seminar, held March 6-12, 1977, at Camp Alexander Mack, was an overwhelming success. There were 82 people present and everyone had a great time of Christian fellowship and study.

Each year since the Seminar was first held, the attendance has continued to climb as follows: 1974-22; 1975-32; 1976-56; 1977-82. A total of 129 different people have attended at least one of the Seminars.

Those who attended this year represented 28 different churches. The Phoenix Bible Church had the most present, with 8. The Blanchard Church had 7.

Plans are already being made for the 1978 Seminar. Suggestions for future Seminars were offered by those present this year, and the Sunday School Board, during its business sessions at the camp, made tentative plans for next year.

Camp Mack's winter facilities will handle up to 120, so we are looking forward to an even larger and better Seminar next year. Now is a good time to make plans to attend.

I would like to thank those who willingly gave of their time, without remuneration, to serve on the Seminar staff during the week. Verna Stine Brubaker and Meriam Sigler served as cooks. James Graham, Joe James, Joyce Knapp, and Michael Mattison served as teachers.

I would also like to thank those churches and Sunday schools which financially helped their people to attend. And I would like to thank those at home who took care of children and other responsibilities so these Seminar enrollees could participate in this special week.

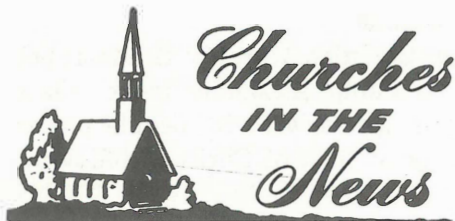
Attendance Statistics

Sunday school attendance figures are again being collected for the past quarter. Superintendents should use the postal card provided to them to report their Sunday school attendance for each Sunday beginning with January 2 and continuing through March 27.

Sunday School Meetings

During March I appreciated the opportunity to speak about Sunday school work at the Missouri Conference at Fredericktown on the 19th and 20th, and at the Illinois Conference at Eldorado on the 26th.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Hedrick, IN. Our hearts were overjoyed on August 22, 1976, when Leland McCorkle and James Hamilton went down into the waters of baptism. Pastor Waldon Winner assisted them in putting on Christ. Their membership is in the Hedrick Church of God. Timothy New, pastor.

St. Louis, MO. On October 17, 1976, Ralph and Jean Middleton were baptized into the body of Christ. May God bless this couple as they begin their new walk.

Michael Hale, pastor.

Kokomo, IN. Dale Bliss was baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins February 20, 1977. We chopped through sixteen inches of ice for the wintery baptism. The Jay Street Church welcomes him into its fellowship and membership. May God use him as his servant and keep him near.

John A. Railton, pastor.

San Jose, CA. We rejoice as a new life begins! Gathered together, rejoicing in God's blessings at the beginning of the new year, January 2, 1977, our greatest joy, even as the joy of angels, was the realization of a new life beginning, as Mike Manning was immersed into Jesus Christ. He is "buried with him," and is "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:4, 11)! Praise the Lord! John Denchfield, pastor pro tem.

Fonthill, Ontario. We rejoiced as Ian Barber indicated his desire to accept Christ as his Savior. He was baptized for the remission of sins on February 27, 1977. May God richly bless this young man in his walk with him.

John Hearp, pastor.

"If we would read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."
—Longfellow.

FROM OUR MAIL

March 1, 1977

The Restitution Herald
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Dear Sir:

I have read some articles in your publication, *The Restitution Herald*. I am a teacher of comparative religions at the Apostolic Bible Institute. I am interested in receiving copies of your publications stating your religious beliefs.

Do you have a Statement of Faith and a history of your church body in modern times?

It is interesting to note that our views are similar to your stated views. Any information that you can send me would be appreciated.

Please send to: Rev. Robert Sabin, 6944 Hudson Blvd. N., St. Paul, MN 55119.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Sabin

MARRIAGES

The Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, Ont., was filled with family and friends December 28, 1976, when Jill Anger and Steven Taylor were united in marriage. The double-ring service was performed by the writer. They are now at home in Oregon, IL, where Steve is a student at Oregon Bible College. Our prayers and best wishes go with them as they serve the Lord and others in his name.

John Hearp, pastor.

Saturday, February 19, 1977, Dana Weidensall and David LaFrance were united in marriage at Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH. The writer officiated. Dana and her family have been members of the Church of God for years. The couple will live in Cleveland.

J. Arlen Marsh.

The Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God was the setting of a double-ring Christian marriage ceremony, when Pam Young of Dayton became the bride of Terry Circle of Springfield, February 19, 1977. They will be making their residence near Lawrenceville.

Our prayers go with them as God is seen through their marriage. Pastor Rex F. Cain.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Martin, Joseph (Rebecca), 101 W Laird, Tempe, AZ 85281

MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

Members of the Michigan State Board met January 22 for an all-day brainstorming session. Topics of discussion were: declining pastoral support for Garden Park and L'Anse; and under what conditions State Conferences may be canceled.

Bro. Ed Dykstra presented papers on aid to victims of national disasters. The purpose of State Conference meetings and conference committees was also considered.

Also discussed were: ten-year plans; family camps; minimum requirements for General Conference delegates; possible new State work; and the forthcoming Spring Conference with Bro. Dallas Demmitt.

"Time is painted with a lock before, and bald behind, signifying thereby that we must take time by the forelock, for when it is once passed there is no recalling it."—Swift.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKER AVAILABLE

Sr. Doris Brown (widow of the late Pastor Raymond Brown) is looking for a part-time position in Christian education, music, and church office work with one of our churches, beginning in September. Anyone interested in obtaining her services may contact her at Box 803, Digby, Nova Scotia, BOV 1A0.

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.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

The vacation Bible school for the Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, is being planned for sometime in July. If anyone, preferably a husband-and-wife team, would like to help in our Bible school, and could arrange to take their vacation during that time, please contact either Pastor Dale Swartz, Box 1023, Digby, BOV 1AO; or Sr. Eunice Pearson, Box 803, Digby, BOV 1AO.

JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

The above heading is the title of a twenty-four page booklet, now available through your Church of God General Conference. Written by J. August Smith, it is now in the third edition. It deals informatively and effectively with the question of whether Jesus existed in another place and form before his birth of the virgin Mary. You will find it thoroughly biblical and convincing. Order it from: The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

The price is seventy-five cents when payment accompanies the order.

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.

INEXPENSIVE AWARD BIBLE: American Bible Society, King James Version, hard cover, black letter edition. \$2.75, postage paid when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Oregon, IL 61061.

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Tell such people about this free service and opportunity. Have those who are interested write to: Braille, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, OH 45416.

The Seventh Day Sabbath: Is it Still in Operation? A booklet containing a thorough study of the matter of the Sabbath day. 35 cents each when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

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.

MUSIC AT 1977 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Each year at General Conference different individuals come prepared to present a musical offering. They cannot always be included on the program. If you, or your church, would like to present a solo, duet, ensemble number, etc. at this year's Conference, please contact Bro. Dale Ramsey, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Dale is in charge of music for the Conference. This will help assure your participation.

As has been the custom the past few years, one evening is devoted entirely to music. This year the cantata, "Celebration of Discipleship," will be presented. All who are interested in singing in this program should purchase a copy and be familiar with it by Conference time. It can be purchased at your nearest Bible bookstore or by ordering from Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60187. When ordering ask for *Celebration of Discipleship* (No. 663) by Don Hustad. The cantata is fairly easy to learn and should prove to be a blessing to all who participate. The more participants the better.

TAPE MINISTRY

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

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

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

Doctrine

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

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

Others

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

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

The General Conference Tape Ministry now has literally hundreds of subjects by approximately 20 different speakers. We have lecture tapes on various subjects, by professional people in other fields.

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

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A cassette tape of Religious Songs and Arias by Duncan MacLeod is now available. Bro. MacLeod has sung in many places of the world. For a time, he was the leading baritone with the Vienna State Opera and sang with many of the world's great singers. He has sung on many national radio broadcasts and as a boy was featured with the famed Pasadena Boys' Choir.

Some of the songs featured on the tape are "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Thank You, Lord," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Eye Hath Not Seen" by Gaul, and nine other fine numbers.

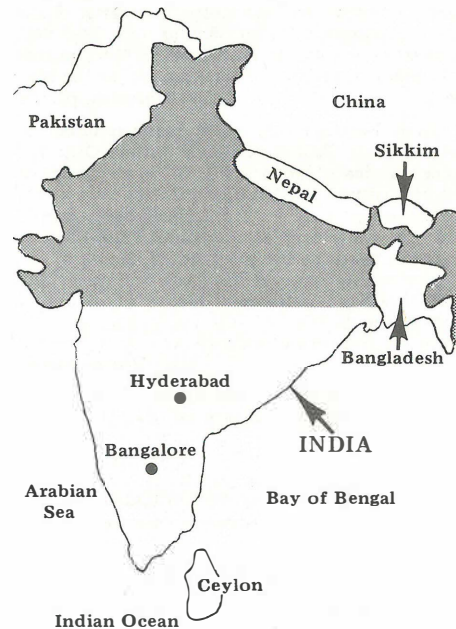
The tape can be purchased for \$5.00 plus thirty-five cents for postage and handling. Order direct from Duncan MacLeod, 16258 Lovett Pl., Encino, CA 91436.

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.

LIGHT FOR INDIA

We thank all of you who have made contributions to the India Trip Fund. Your generosity in helping with this missionary effort is much appreciated.

This entire map of India represents the \$6,000.00 which is needed for the trip. As contributions are received, we will be removing the darkness from India. We trust that it will not be long until the whole of India is in the light!



Here is an opportunity for you to help send missionaries to India!

Bro. and Sr. John Lewis have said "yes" to a request by the Foreign Missions Board to go to India this summer. They will be there two months, for the purpose of teaching and training the people in Christian work.

In addition to serving as president of Oregon Bible College, Bro. Lewis teaches pastoral-training courses and Bible classes. Sr. Lewis has taught teacher-training classes and audio-visual aid courses. Their many talents and abilities will be a big help in training a pastor (or pastors), Sunday school teachers, and layworkers in India. Bro. Lewis' experiences in India will help him to advise and direct the training of Oregon Bible College students interested in preparing to be foreign missionaries.

We know that you will want to have a part in sending these short-term missionaries to India. First, we ask you to pray for the Lewises as they make preparations for the trip. Pray, too, that God will be preparing the Indian brethren for their visit.

Funds are needed for the Lewises' travel, living expenses while in India, textbooks, teaching materials, paper, and incidentals. Your financial contributions for these things will certainly be appreciated.

Please send your offerings, in any amount, to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you!

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to help send the Lewises to India and supply the teaching materials.

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OBITUARIES

Miss Regina Catherine Boyer was born to Jacob and Anna Boyer March 9, 1883, at their farm near Maurertown, VA. She was baptized by Bro. Waggoner during a revival in 1897 or 1898, and has been a faithful member of the Maurertown Church of God since. She was the church organist for many years, and a member of the Dorcas Society. She died February 14, 1977. Words concerning the state of man, God's comfort, and the blessed assurance of the first resurrection for those who love God were spoken by the writer. Burial was in Massanutten Cemetery, where she awaits the call of the Master.

James Mattison, pastor.

Helen Beemer, the oldest living member of Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, Ont., fell asleep in death January 23, 1977, at the age of 93. Her church and friends in Christ were a very important part of her life. In her honor, memorial gifts were given to the church. She was preceded in death by her husband, W. Howard, and is survived by one son, Howard, of Sawyer, MI, and three grandchildren. Words of assurance concerning God's comfort for today, and our hope for tomorrow, were spoken by the writer.

John Hearp, pastor.

Bro. William E. Loy fell asleep in Christ February 9, 1977, at the age of 81. He was an active member of the Lawrenceville Church of God and will be fondly remembered by his church family for his testimony of the Lord and the stone masonry that he laid to beautify

the church. He was baptized November 26, 1966, by E. Richard Smith. He is survived by one daughter and four sons. His favorite scripture, Revelation 21:1-4, was used at his funeral. He was laid to rest in Fletcher Chapel Cemetery to await the Master's call.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Victoria Ampem, age 41, and Nancy Agonyo, age 36, were killed in a motor accident near the village of Kpassar in Ghana. Both were laid to rest in the Bunache public cemetery, February 10, 1977. Both were members of the Nkwanta, Ghana, Church of God. Our hope for them is that they will be raised in that better resurrection at the coming of Christ.

Oliver K. Amani, pastor.

John H. Hicks, husband of Mattie Faye Hicks of Greer, SC, died February 19, 1977. He was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, three sons, and six grandchildren. The funeral was held at Guthrie Grove Church, February 21. The pastor conducted the service, assisted by Pastor T. M. Ferrell and Loie Jones. Burial was in the church cemetery. Bro. Hicks had great faith in the Word of God, and looked forward to the return of Jesus Christ to establish his kingdom on earth.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

"He is below himself that is not above an injury."—FQ.

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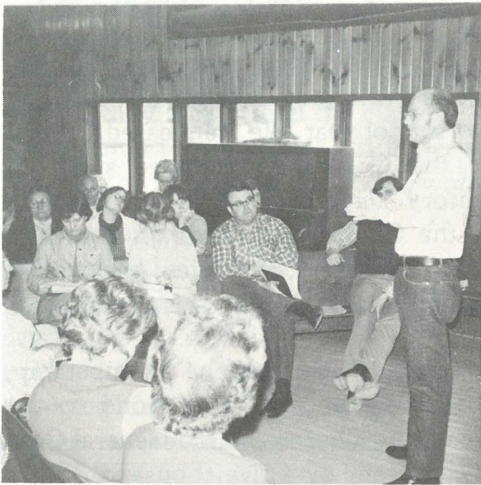
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1977 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR



Joe James Conducting Class

Shown here are pictures taken at the 4th annual Christian Workers' Seminar, held March 6-12, 1977, at Camp Alexander Mack. Additional pictures appear on pages 22 and 24 of this *Progress Journal*.



Coffee and Fellowship



Arizona (all from Phoenix Bible Church)



Northeast Conference



South Carolina (all from Guthrie Grove)



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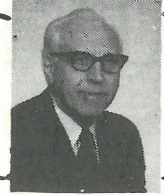
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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Annual General Conference Reservations

Reservations for the 1977 Church of God General Conference are now being received. Each person planning to attend must file a reservation form. Your pastor has the forms and detailed information regarding reservations.

The 1977 General Conference will be held at Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois, on August 8-12. Because a firm commitment will need to be made to the college, we must have firm reservations, together with a \$5 deposit, prior to July 25.

Any isolated member who does not have access to the reservation forms at a local church may write to Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and we will mail the forms to you.

More details on the Conference, including the daily program, reports, and recommendations, will appear in the June issue of *Progress Journal*. There will be some changes in the general format of the sessions this year, and we urge everyone to come on Monday and stay through until the closing message on Friday morning. Make your plans now to attend.

Camping Information

A number of delegates and friends who attend the annual Church of God General Conference do enjoy traveling and staying in recreation vehicles and camper-trailers. We are listing here a few of the parks that are accessible to Rockford College.

OAK VALLEY: 1-1/2 miles south of Rockford on US 51 from Junction US 20, then 1-1/2 miles east on Blackhawk Road. 3631 Blackhawk Road, 61109. Grassy sites, some along river. Fee: \$4.00 for five, extra person \$.50. EW 165, 50¢. A/C or heater \$1.00 extra. Disposal station, fishing and playground. Fee for showers. Reservation deposit required, fourteen days refund notice. Telephone 815-874-9995.

ROCK CUT STATE PARK: 9 miles northeast of Rockford on State Route 173. RR 1, Box A-49, Calendonis, IL 61011. Fee: \$3.00. EWS. Disposal station. Flush and pit toilets. Groceries, fishing, playground. Fee for boat rental. Telephone 815-885-3311.

LOWDEN MEMORIAL STATE PARK: 1 mile north of Oregon, Illinois (20 miles from Rockford College). Disposal stations. Pit toilets. Groceries, fishing, playground. Telephone 815-732-6828.

Church Dedications

Faith Chapel Church of God at Lafayette, IN, is being dedicated on June 5, 1977. This was an older church building recently purchased and completely remodeled. The Restitution Church of God at Eldorado, IL, has added a new sanctuary in front of the prior building, and will be dedicated on June 19. Both of these were assisted with Mission Builders League Funds. I am pleased to be invited to speak at both.

New Staff Member

As was announced in the last *Progress Journal*, Bro. David Hall will act as Dormitory Director of the Men's Residence the next school year. We are pleased to have Bro. Hall joining the General Conference staff. In addition to Dormitory Director, he will be Custodial Supervisor for all the Conference buildings. Bro. Hall brings experience in these areas of service, and we are happy to welcome him as he begins this position.

Conference Finances

We continually Praise God for the membership, churches, and state conferences that respond to the needs of the work of the Church of God General Conference. As this is written, over five thousand dollars has been contributed to the India Trip Fund for Bro. and Sr. John Lewis.

Slightly more than thirty thousand dollars has been paid on the OBC Women's Dormitory loans in the past year, plus several thousand dollars of interest.

Many other sizable contributions are made continually on OBC Boosters, Library, scholarship funds (both OBC and mission field students), Special Missions Funds, etc.

We praise God and thank each contributor for this dedicated giving. We must not lose sight, however, that the current needs are very real and the daily expenses must be met. Pray for, and send your check to help meet, the deficit in the budget needs.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for April	\$25,961.00
Given in April	19,270.00
April Deficit	6,691.00
May Needs	18,333.00

Goal for May \$25,024.00

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Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

India Trip

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who have so generously contributed to the cost of sending Bro. and Sr. John Lewis to India this summer. The funds that have been given by you will be used to cover the costs of transportation, food, lodging, literature, and teaching materials.

The brethren in India are looking forward to having the Lewises and the Lawrences with them and those who have employment are asking for their vacation time so they may attend the classes.

Continue to pray for this summer's ministry in India and for the strengthening of the work in that country.

Not Interesting

A young lady was once leaving a missionary rally in the company of an elderly woman. The young girl was overheard to say, "I just can't get interested in missions!" "Well," replied the little old lady, "it can't be expected for awhile. You see, it's just like putting money in the bank, and until you do, you will never receive any interest. So it is with missions. When you begin to invest in missions, the interest will come."

Truer words were never spoken. Jesus said: "Where-soever your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The interest which comes to us as individuals is always in proportion to the amount of our investment. No investment, no interest; small investment, small interest; and a great investment will bring much interest.

Several days ago, a letter came to the office which said, "I am so glad our church is showing more interest in missions. It is one aspect of our work which has long been neglected." To this we can say, "Amen," for we are also very happy to see a greater, larger interest in every church with a view to fulfilling the great commission of Christ. The more we invest in missions in dollars, prayers, sons, and daughters, the more interest there will be for us.

Two men stood beside the pier after an ocean liner had backed away to head for the high seas. One spoke to the other and said, "You know, I have a big investment on that vessel. I am sending \$10,000.00 worth of medical supplies to our mission field." "Yes," replied the other, "I, too, have an investment on that vessel. My daughter and her family are sailing for our mission field in New Guinea."—C. E. Lapp, *Evangelism and Missions Progress*, November 7, 1959, *Progress Journal*.

Ministry to Prisoners

The Christian Prisoner's Association, Digby, Nova Scotia, started by Eunice Pearson and Elaine Hand-spiker, was officially recognized by the Canadian government and received a charter September 1, 1975. The purpose of the C.P.A. is to present the gospel of Christ to those in correctional institutions, to visit them, to encourage them with letters and Christian literature, to encourage them to take the Systematic Bible Study Course, and to show love and kindness so they will know that others care.

God is blessing this ministry to prisoners, and many of them have become members of the C.P.A. and have enrolled in Bible courses.

One man, who has taken every correspondence course that Oregon Bible College has to offer, says, "I am still searching God's Word and also attending the Bible study group we have. I wish more inmates would get involved in the courses through C.P.A., as it is hard for me to explain all the change I can see in myself. I think, though, the greatest change is that I am no longer walking on pins and needles, ready to blow up over some little thing that amounts to nothing. The Bible courses and Bible study here have made me a kind of man that I never thought I could be."

This man requested Eunice Pearson to write to a friend of his in the prison. "I have not talked all that much Bible to him, but have mentioned it occasionally and he seemed to show a great interest in what I have done so far, and also in the improvement that he says he can see has taken place in me in the past few months."

There is need for more Christians to write to these prisoners, to pray for them, to teach them the Scriptures, and to encourage them to become Christians and live for Christ instead of for sin. Right now there are more prisoners wanting to hear from someone than there are people to write.

If you are interested in helping with this Christian ministry, please write to C.P.A., Box 803, Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, B0V 1A0. This is a good opportunity to help someone else know about the great salvation we have in Christ.

Pray for this Prison Ministry. Pray for Bro. and Sr. John Lewis in their preparation for the India trip.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Maranatha Appreciation

Congratulations to Dick Young and Pamela Kay Davis who served as co-editors of the Maranatha this year. We appreciate the amount and quality of work necessary for the production of an excellent issue.

Commencement

Congratulations to the graduating seniors who completed their Oregon Bible College career on Friday evening, May 13, 1977. Commencement exercises were conducted in their honor at 8:00 p.m. in the Oregon Church of God. Don Needham of the Blanchard, Michigan, Church of God gave the Commencement address.

David Wilsterman has accepted the pastorate of the Pomona, California, Church of God and will begin his duties there June 1. John Mattison has accepted the pastorate of the San Jose Church of God in San Jose, California, and will begin his duties there on September 1. Dick Young will serve a year of internship under Pastor Vernis Wolfe at the Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, Louisiana. Ken Cook plans to become a funeral director in Culver, Indiana. Phyllis Prussak's plans are indefinite. Linda Hollenback plans to marry Michael Hoffman and will remain in Oregon. Sidney Magaw plans to continue in school by enrolling in graduate education classes. Linda Jones will continue as the minister of music in the Rockford Church of God.

Senior Banquet

On Friday evening, May 13, immediately preceding the Commencement exercises, the graduating seniors were honored with a banquet. The banquet was attended by fellow students, friends, and parents of the graduating seniors.

Goal Realized

In behalf of the administration of Oregon Bible College, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the student body for purchasing for the College a video-tape machine. The video-tape machine is a result of a drive supported by all of the students for several months.

The machine will be very useful for classroom instruction, instruction in preaching class, and public speaking class. It will be useful for many years to come.

Stand on Blasphemy

Students from other Bible colleges shared their

sympathetic feelings with OBC students in regard to the stand against blasphemy that Oregon Bible College students took. One letter from Northwestern College in Minnesota stated, "I wish to inform you of the like feelings we at Northwestern maintain, and we commend you for this statement."

It is commendable that young people take their stand and inform others in regard to their personal feelings and faith.

The church receives much of its strength through the shared principles of fellow Christians.

Fall Curriculum

The fall curriculum is ready and students have pre-registered for classes. The following classes will be offered for freshmen: New Testament History I, English Composition, Beginning Greek I, Bible Study Methods, Music Fundamentals. Sophomores: Old Testament History I, Systematic Theology I, Intermediate Greek I. Juniors: Major Prophets, Pauline Epistles I, Hermeneutics. Seniors: Hebrew Poetry.

In addition, the following general education courses will be offered: Speech Communications, Western Civilization I, Introduction to Psychology, Beginning Hebrew I, Intermediate Hebrew I, Personality Theories, American Literature I, Introduction to Art, Environmental Health.

The theology electives offered this semester will be Sociology and Anthropology. The addition of these two courses to our curriculum makes significant contributions to the improvement of education for our students. These two courses will provide an in-depth study and examination of theology courses that have not been available at Oregon Bible College before this time. These courses will help provide a pattern of in-depth study for the student that will serve him well in the pastoral ministry.

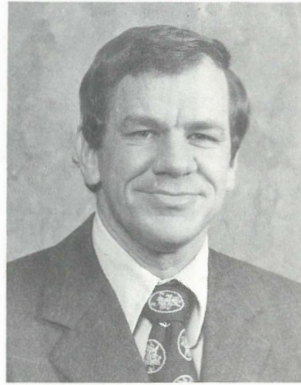
Oregon Bible College Support

You have already received Oregon Bible College Booster envelopes asking for contributions to our annual fund drive. We appreciate the response to this drive that has been especially significant the last two years. We feel that Booster funds supply money that can be used in the area of growth and development which are of high significance to the improvement of education in the College. We ask for your prayers and continued financial support.

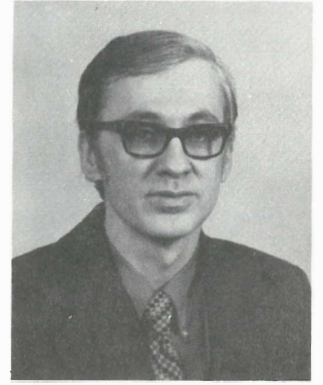
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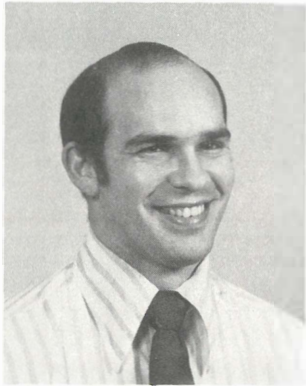
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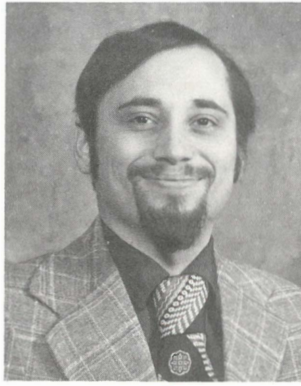
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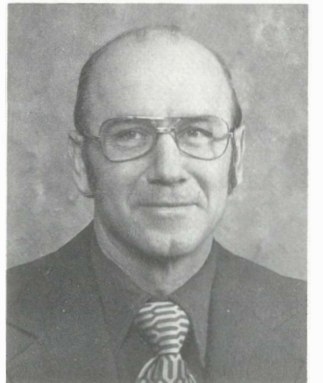
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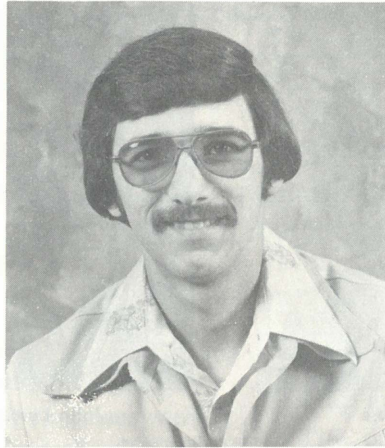


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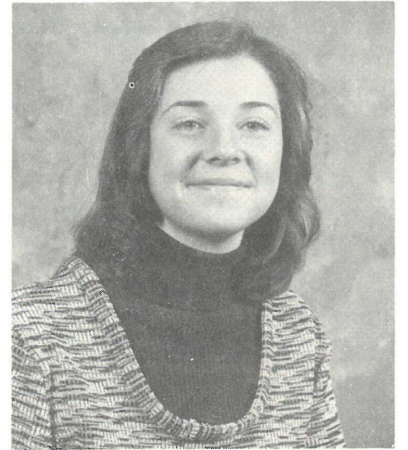


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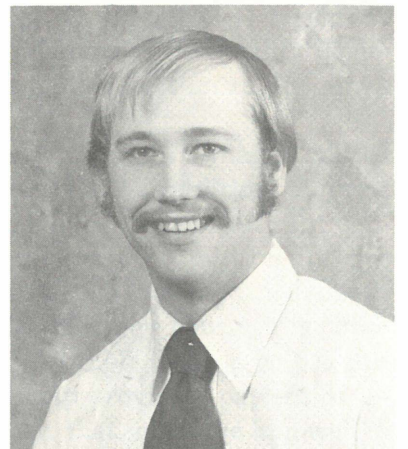
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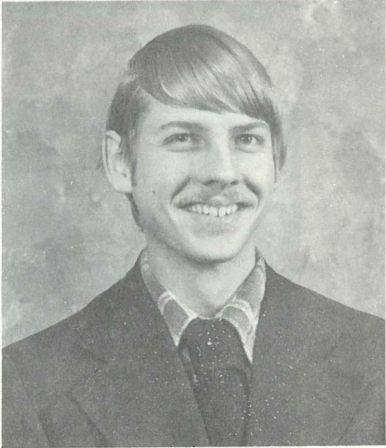
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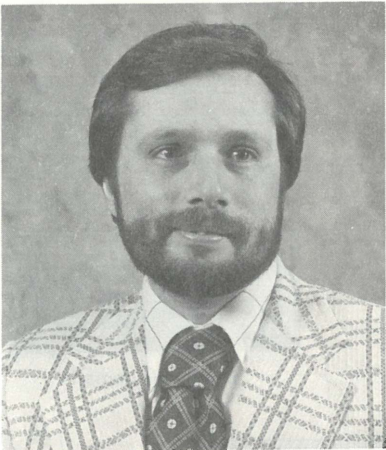
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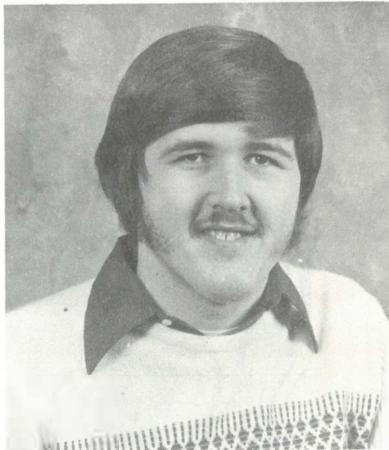
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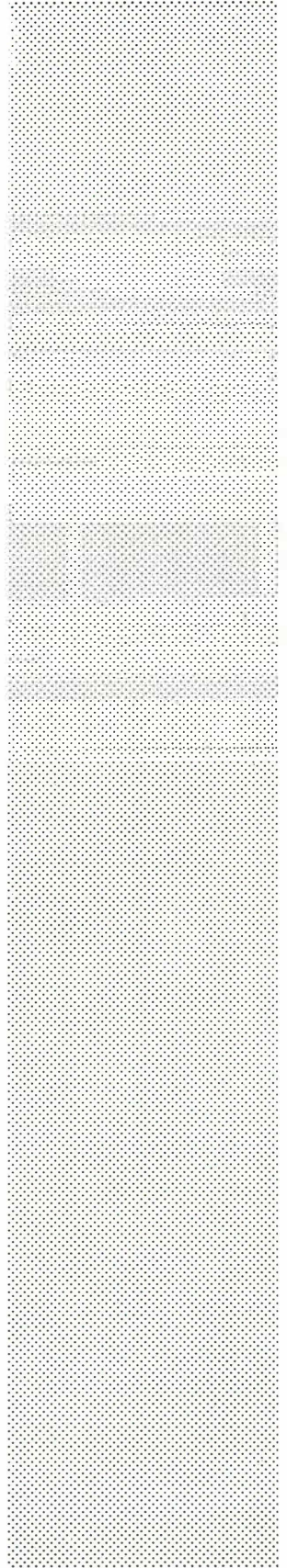
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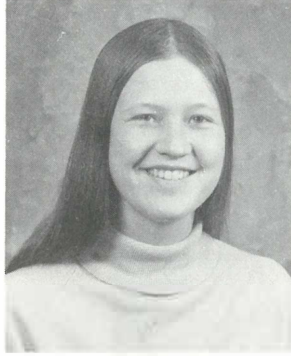
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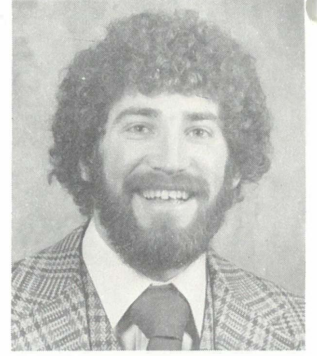
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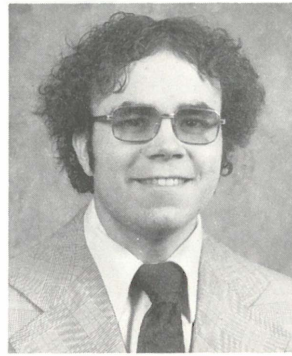
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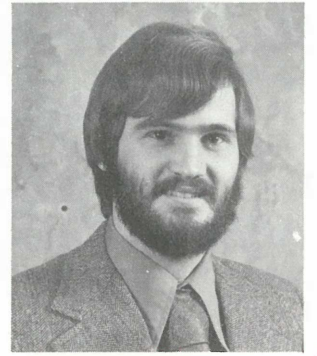
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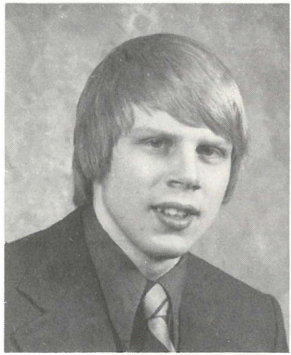
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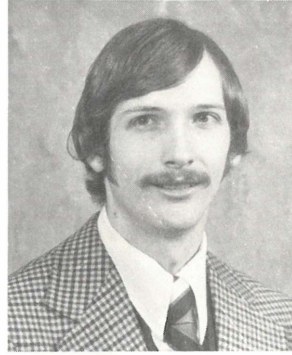
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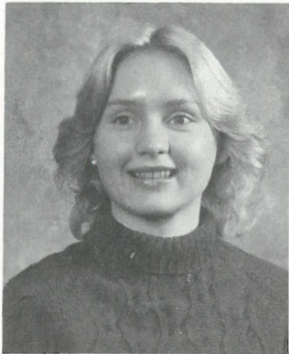


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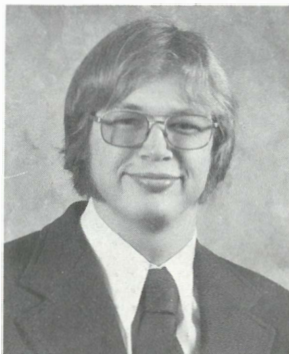
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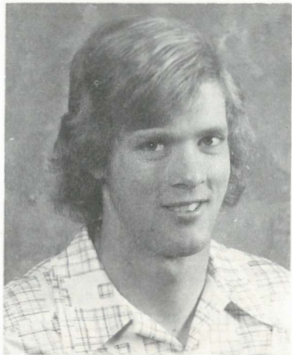
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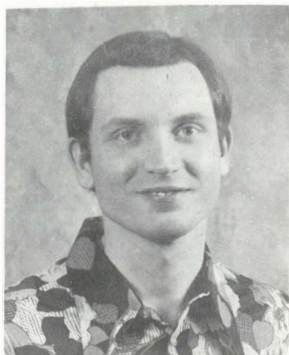
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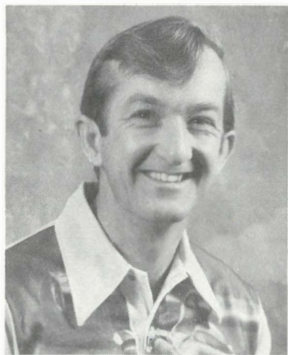
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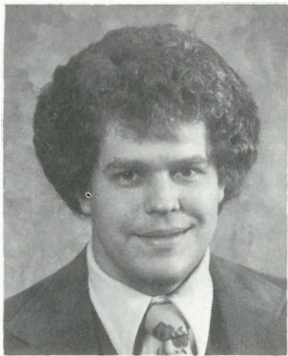
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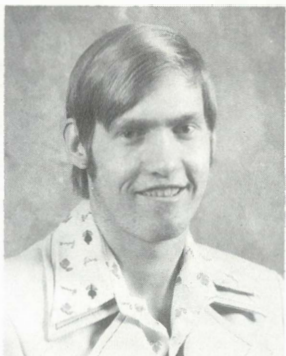
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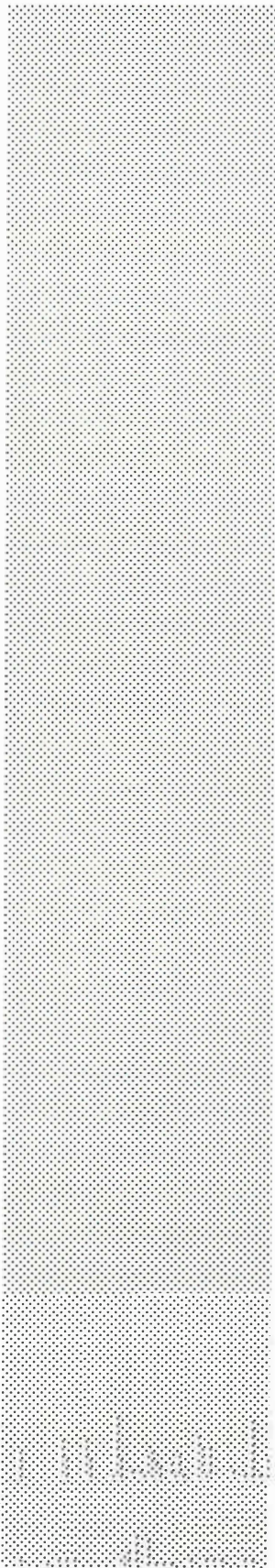
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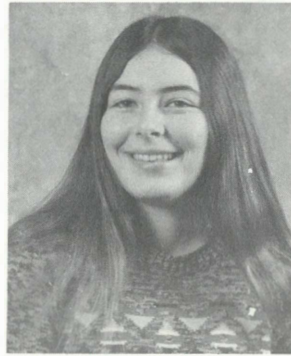
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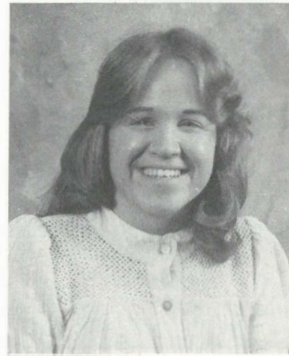
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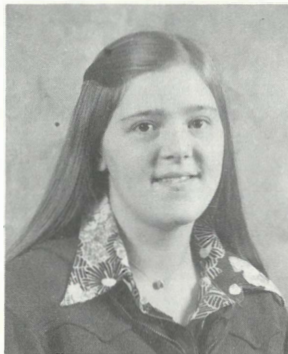
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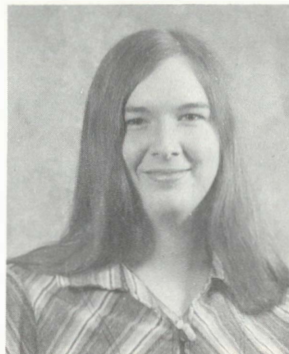
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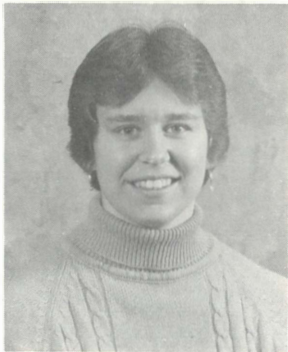
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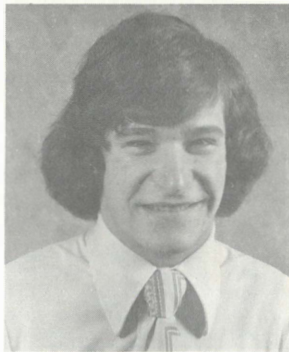
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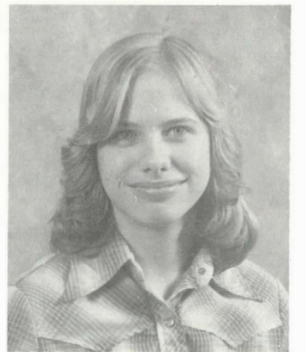
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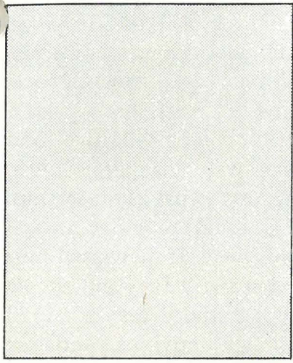
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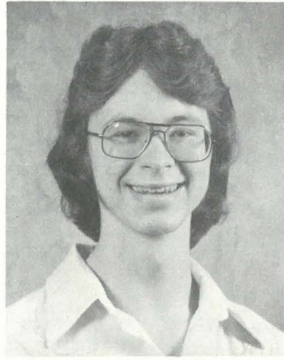
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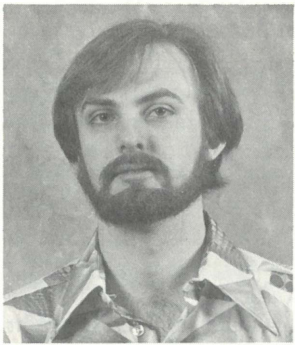


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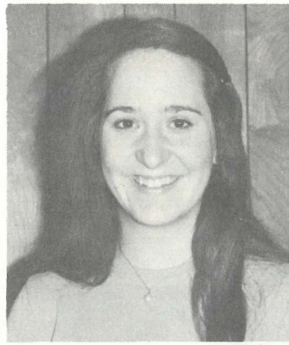


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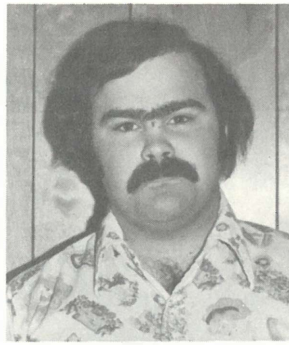
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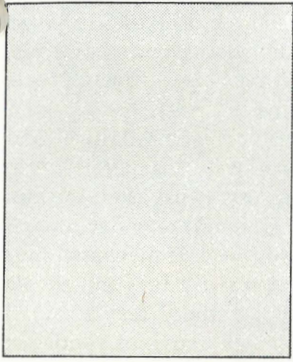
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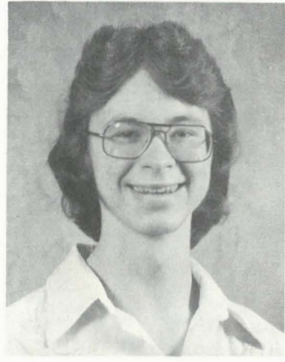
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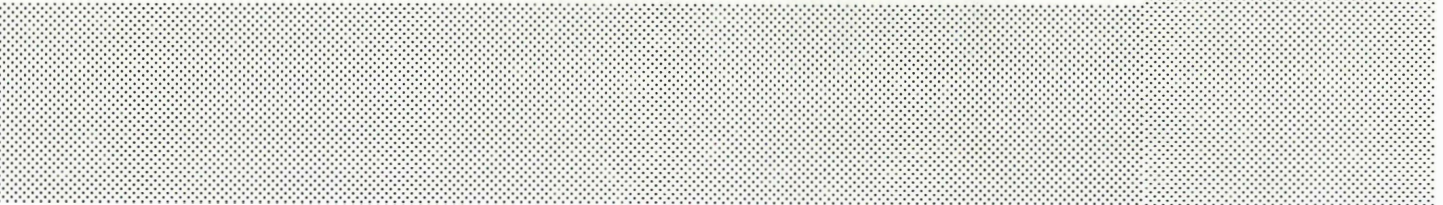
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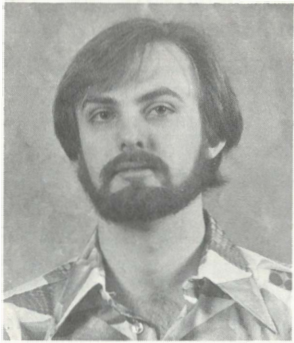
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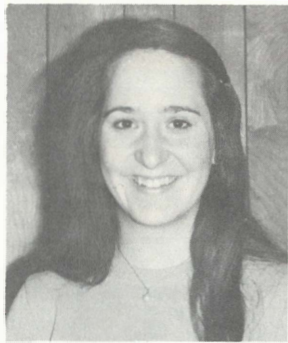
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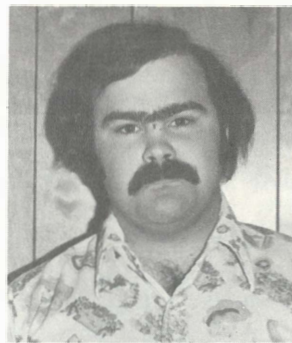
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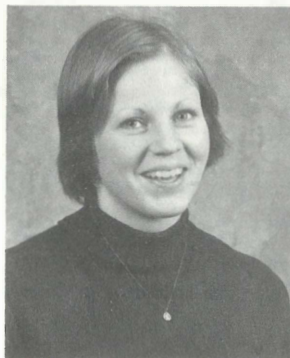
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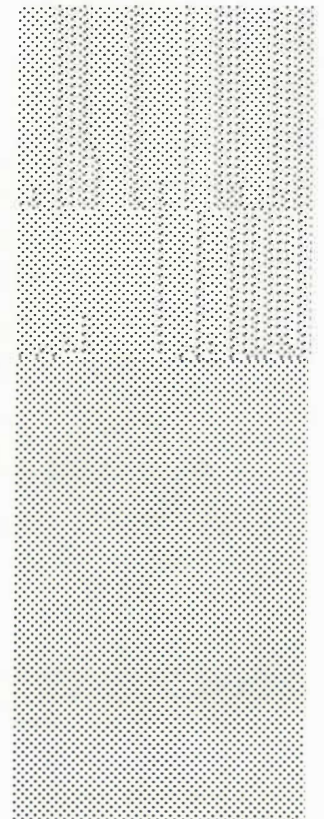
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT



STUDENT COUNCIL

BACK ROW: Nita Wyrick, Greg Demmitt, Donna Weidensall, Bobby Lee Partain. **FRONT ROW:** Susan Andrew, Kenny Cook, Karen Circle, Wade Tierney, Michael Hoffman, Linda Hollenback, Cindy Isenhoff, Phyllis Prussak, Tom New.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

By Greg Demmitt

The Student Council is a representative government for the students of Oregon Bible College. It consists of the class presidents, four class representatives, committee chairmen, and four officers elected from the student body. John Lewis is the faculty representative, and David Wilsterman was this year's president, providing very capable leadership.

The Student Council provides several services for the College. It manages funds from the student activity fees and chapel offerings. Student activity fees are used primarily for social activities, and the chapel offerings go toward a project which is designated by the Student Council. The Student Council also appoints the chairmen of our various committees and represents the students to the College administration.

The major accomplishments of this year's Student Council were the establishment of a new constitution and the reaching of our project goal—the purchase of a video-tape recorder. The new constitution changes our name to Student Government, and reduces it to five members.

DORM COUNCIL

By James Hill

This is the first year for the Dorm Council. It is made up of nine students—four from the men's dorm, and five from the women's dorm. The Council's task is to enforce rules and to lock the doors at night. It has the power to fine students and is available when problems arise.

The Dorm Council has helped in bringing unity. By having a Council, more attention can be given to each student. Many problems are solved that would otherwise be taken to the dean of students.

The Dorm Council meets every two weeks, or whenever there is a need. Hugh Harman and Dave Wilsterman, the dorm directors, are in charge of the meetings. Problems are discussed and the whole Council has a chance to work them out.

The Dorm Council has brought organization to the dorms. It has changed the atmosphere to a more spiritual one, which helps in Christian growth. The Dorm Council has proved to be successful throughout this year and there is very much hope for it in the future.



DORM COUNCIL

BACK ROW: Pam Kay Davis, Bobby Lee Partain, Donna Weidensall. **FRONT ROW:** Cindy Isenhoff, James Hill, Sandy Fewell, Karen Circle, Greg Demmitt.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Karen Circle

As Social Committee co-chairman it was our goal to plan social activities which would draw the students together in closer fellowship with one another. The activities ranged from sports programs to parties and banquets.

The first semester was kicked off by a Labor Day picnic held at the White Pines Ranch where we barbecued chicken. Our fall breakfast was held at the White Pines Lodge where we were served a very large meal which satisfied even the biggest appetite. The morning also included a few games and a Communion service, followed by a short discussion with Bro. Dallas Demmitt in charge. The Halloween party included a hayride at Stronghold Castle. Other activities throughout the semester consisted of a roller skating party, renting a gym, and showing films. The semester ended with a Christmas party where the students had the privilege of decorating "human Christmas trees."

Second semester activities consisted of more roller skating parties and movies. We also had an ice cream social, a swimming party, and a steak fry.

Probably the highlight of the year was the Seniors Honors Banquet which was held the day of graduation.



Social Committee
Donna Weidensall, Karen Circle

LOOKING AT US By Thomas New, Editor

Much planning and preparation went into the launching of the new OBC newspaper, *Looking At Us*. The College has published other school papers before, but we felt that this new endeavor would better fulfill the needs of our General Conference. The paper was not meant to be a newsletter of school activities or student opinions. It is, instead, a paper filled with ideas, happenings, entertainment, and articles concerning the progress of the College and its future. The primary purpose is to give you folks back home an opportunity to get a closer look at us. Oregon Bible College is a great place to get an education. We want others to hear about the things that are going on here, and the many opportunities that OBC holds. We hope that through this, our new publication, we have accomplished this goal.

I feel privileged and honored to have worked with the best possible newspaper staff. There were also many others who helped in various ways. We thank them. We pray that everything printed was what Jesus would have shared with his readers.



Newspaper Staff
Donna Kennedy, Gigi Landry, Phyllis Prussak, Cynthia Isenhoff,
Nita Wyrick, Pamela Kay Davis, Kathy Anger, Thomas New.
Not Pictured: Alan Shaw, Howard Robinson.

STAFF



Men's Dorm Directors
David and Janis Wilsterman



Women's Dorm Directors
Hugh and Mary Harman



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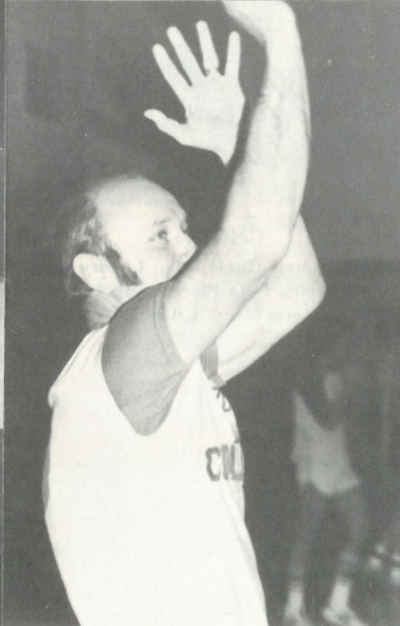
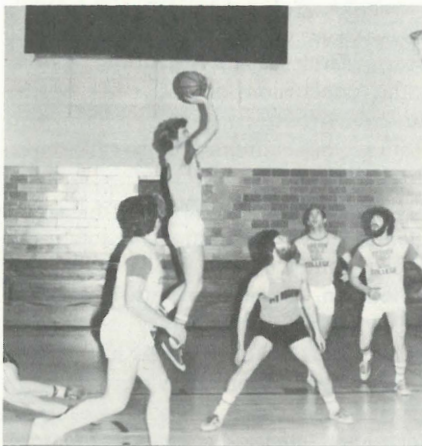


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BASKETBALL



MUSIC



CHORALE

FRONT ROW: Connie Scott, Eileen Johns, Pamela Ann Davis, Nita Wyrick, Christie Simpson, Kathy Anger, Laura Brown, Karla Macy, Susan Andrew. **BACK ROW:** Bobby Lee Partain, Thomas New, Wade Tierney, Michael Hoffman, Lynn Boyer, Greg Demmitt.



CHOIR

FRONT ROW: Laura Brown, Karen Circle, Gigi Landry, Pam Gaskill, Pamela Ann Davis, Eileen Johns. **MIDDLE ROW:** Ione Wells, Nita Wyrick, Becky Foretich, Susan Andrew, Connie Scott, Kathy Arnold, Charlotte Miller, Karla Macy. **LAST ROW:** Steve Taylor, Wade Tierney, Alan Shaw, James Hill, Greg Demmitt.

CHORALE

By Dale Ramsey

After much hard work and with some gentle push by the Director, the Oregon Bible College Chorale presented its first concert March 27 in Rockford, Illinois. By the conclusion of the 1977 Spring Tour, over twenty concerts will have been presented in churches, nursing homes, and schools.

The 1976-77 Chorale is composed of 15 students, nine being first-year members. Music presented ranged from the Baroque composition "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" to a contemporary setting of "Sunshine in My Soul." It is hoped that there is music presented in each program that will speak to the needs of each listener. Each singer becomes acquainted with many styles and varieties of religious music through participation in the Chorale.

The highlight of the 1977 Concert Season is an extended tour to the western United States. Eleven concerts will be presented between May 14 and May 30. Besides presenting programs in many churches, the Chorale will visit many exciting and interesting sites that the west has to offer.

God is to be praised for the opportunities the Chorale has had to worship and fellowship with the people of the Church of God. It is our prayer that many are affected by this ministry.

COLLEGE CHOIR

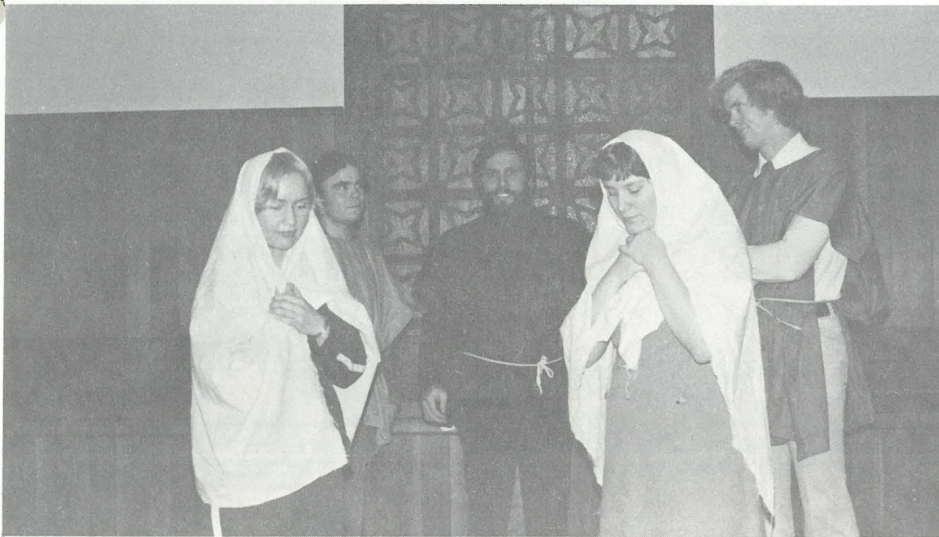
By Connie Scott

The OBC Choir, with the help of the Oregon Church of God Choir and Brass Ensemble of the Oregon High School, presented the cantata, "Celebration of Discipleship" by Donald Hustad. This is a piece aimed at our responsibility toward the missionary field wherever God calls us to. The basis of the cantata can be found in Isaiah chapter six.

Among the forty men and women in the group we will be accompanied by Connie Scott at the piano, Laura Brown on the timpani, Karla Macy playing the organ, and Greg Demmitt with his bass guitar. Three trumpets and three trombones make up the brass section.

The cantata was performed at the Oregon Church of God April 17, then at the Macomb Church of God April 24, and finally, on August 11, it will be presented at the Church of God General Conference.

DRAMA



Pam Kay Davis, Greg Demmitt, David Wilsterman, Pam Ann Davis, Michael Hoffman.



Greg Demmitt, Pamela Kay Davis, Dave Wilsterman, Pamela Ann Davis, Michael Hoffman, Donna Weidensall

CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY By Pamela A. Davis

The play, "Christ in the Concrete City," consists of six characters. They are: Pamela A. Davis, Pamela K. Davis, Greg Demmitt, Michael L. Hoffman, Donna Weidensall, and David Wilsterman. So far the play has been presented in South Bend, IN; Macomb, IL; Ripley, IL; Peoria, IL; L'Anse, MI; Fredericktown, MO; Little Rock, AR; Pleasant Hill, OH; and Oregon, IL. The next performances will be in Pomona, CA, and Phoenix, AZ.

The play is a dramatic reenactment of the crucifixion of the Christ. The cast changes from historical to modern-day characters right before the audience's eyes. This is one way OBC students witness to others—through drama: "in the city square of the heart, the heart of the city."

"Christ in the Concrete City" is the story of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The story takes place in Gethsemane, where Christ came to pray. With him are James, Peter, and John. Jesus prays, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done" (Matt. 26:39). Suddenly, weapons and hostile voices are heard in the garden. And here is where Jesus takes up the cross. From that moment, there is no rest.

"There is no rest?"

"No rest yet."

"Oh, why doesn't he scream?"

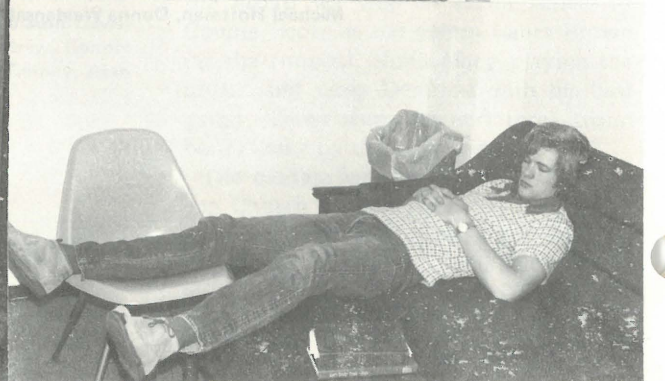
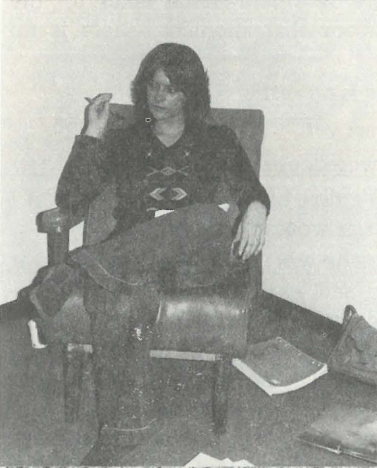
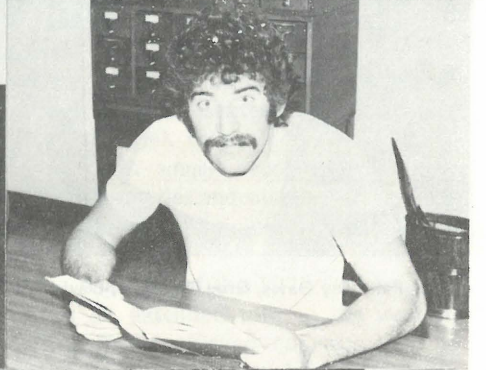
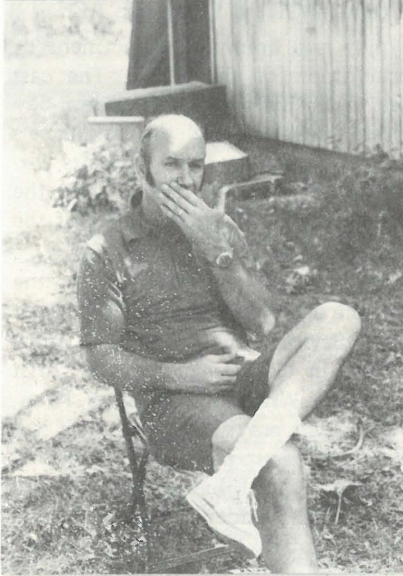
"It isn't that he didn't feel pain, for if I said that, it wouldn't be true."

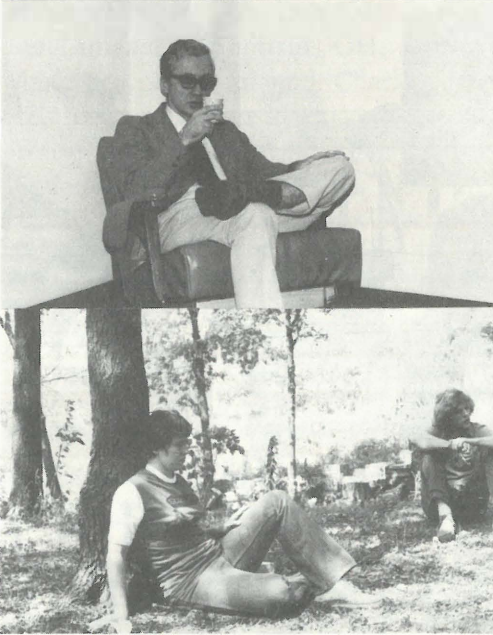
Because he was God's Son he could bear the pain and agony, for he loved his Father and wanted to do his will. And this was his Father's will.

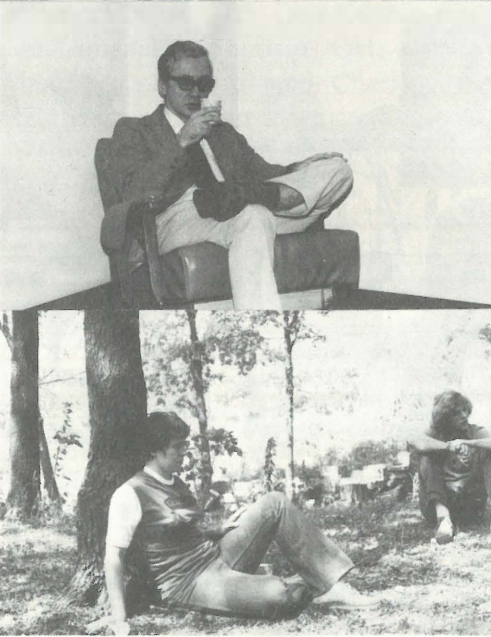
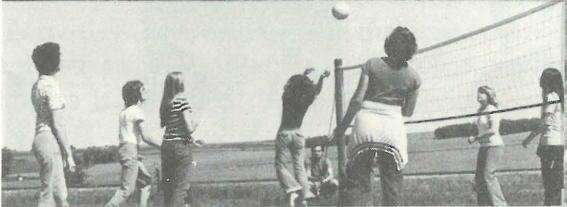
The weight he bore was heavier than we could ever tell—the heaviness of the cross, the crown of thorns pressed to his head, the blood on his brow, the pain of the whip, the nails in his feet and hands.

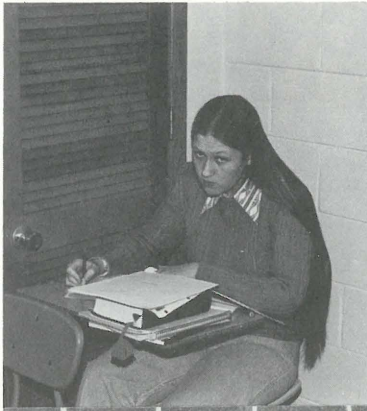
Great love was shown by our Lord. For us he went through pain, sweat, and heartache. For us he wept. For us he carried the cross and prayed, and for us he died and lives again. He goes into your city streets and mine. So let's wake up and praise him for all his glory. There is never enough that we can do to repay all he's done for us.

CANDID CAMERA

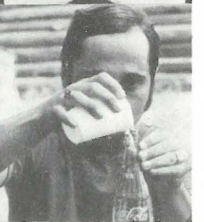
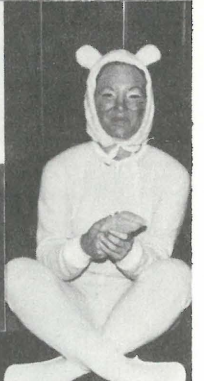
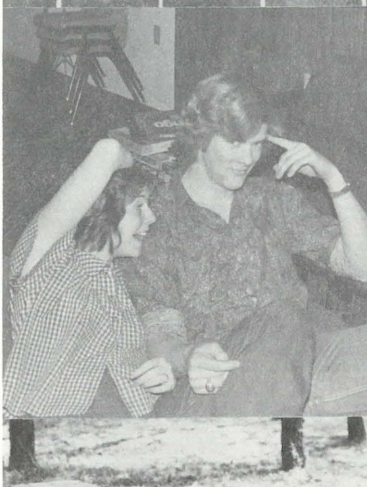
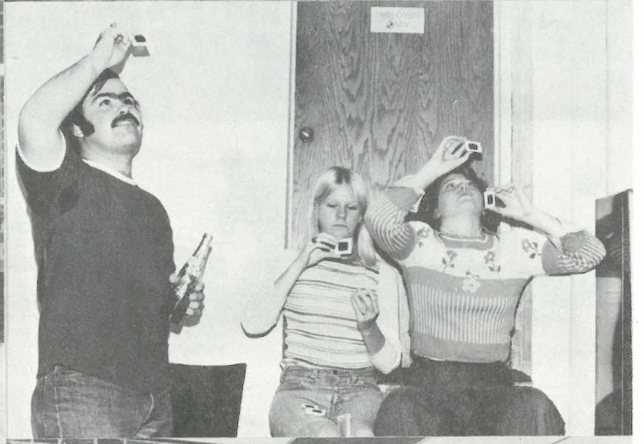


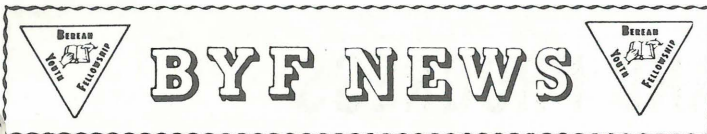






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BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

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David Krogh, Director

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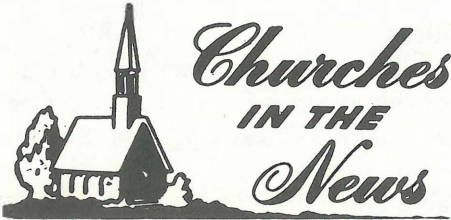
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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



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BAPTISMS

Burr Oak, IN. After attending General Conference, Connie Overmyer (Mrs. Steve) came forward at her home church in Burr Oak, IN, the following Sunday, and requested baptism. The service was performed the following week by Pastor James Graham of Hope Chapel Church in South Bend. Connie was extended the right hand of fellowship at Burr Oak after the pastor returned from vacation. This baptism unites a young couple in their search for Christian maturity and service to the Lord.

Marjorie Overmyer, secretary.

Hilliard, OH. Lillian Guthrie was baptized into the name of Christ March 8, 1977, by C. F. Roth. We pray God's blessing upon her in her new walk in life.

Cynthia A. Writesel, secretary.

Flagg Center, IL. The Flagg Center Community Church of God rejoices in the baptism of Mrs. Tom Beach into the name of Jesus following the morning worship service March 27, 1977. This was a result of having been instructed in the truths of God's Word. May God guide her as she seeks to set an example of Christian love and hope for others to follow.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

MARRIAGE

Miss Joyce Ann Mills became the bride of Mr. Timothy Carey Gunter, March 12, 1977, in a ceremony held at the Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, VA. We pray that God will bless them in their lives together.

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

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Oregon, Illinois 61061

1977 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR (Continued)



Illinois



Virginia

OBITUARIES

Mary Pack was born in Piedmont, SC. She was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God. Her death resulted from involvement in an automobile accident, Saturday, March 12, 1977. She died Sunday, March 13. Surviving are: her husband, J. O. Pack of Honea Path; three daughters, Francis Martin of Charlotte, NC; Vonnie Thomanson and Nancy Holt of Piedmont, SC; two sons, Milton of Honea Path, and Joe of Taylors, SC. Funeral services were held at Guthrie Grove Church, conducted by the pastor, assisted by T. M. Ferrell. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mary was well known to many who attended General Conference sessions. She was interested in the youth work of our church and of the Southeast Conference. She will be missed. She is resting until the return of Jesus, when she will be united with all of those who have died in Christ.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Mrs. Almedia Lucinda Chronister, 92, was born in Mountain Home, AR, on December 25, 1884. She died February 3, 1977, at Fredericktown, MO. Surviving children include: Anna Brown of Vancouver, WA; Arles of Dallas, OR; Wayne of Pueblo, CO; Buford of Wilmington, DE; Ruth Campher of Jackson, MS; Oren of Robbins, CA; Arlene Moll of Puxico, MO; Floyd, Flora Vishino, and Madge Smith, all of Fredericktown. Also surviving are 29 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was the oldest member of the Fredericktown Church of God. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer during funeral services on February 5. She was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. She awaits the triumph of the Lord, when he shall come again.

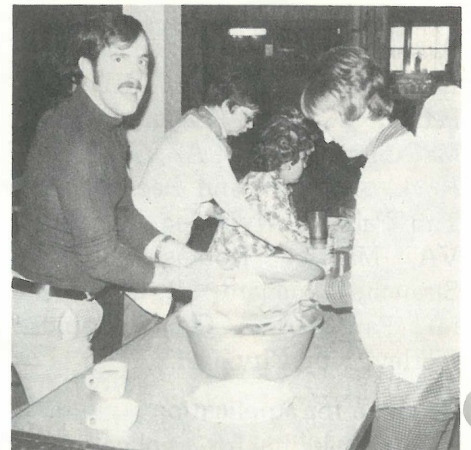
Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

Fred Harrolle, 93, of Rockford, IL, fell asleep in death March 25, 1977. He is survived by six daughters, seven sons, forty-four grandchildren, one hundred great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Rochelle, IL, March 28, 1977, by the writer, assisted by Intern Carl Jennings. That God will comfort the family is our prayer.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.



Nova Scotia and Missouri



Dishwashing Time

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

The vacation Bible school for the Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, is being planned for sometime in July. If anyone, preferably a husband-and-wife team, would like to help in our Bible school, and could arrange to take their vacation during that time, please contact either Pastor Dale Swartz, Box 1023, Digby, BOV 1AO; or Sr. Eunice Pearson, Box 803, Digby, BOV 1AO.

JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

The above heading is the title of a twenty-four page booklet, now available through your Church of God General Conference. Written by J. August Smith, it is now in the third edition. It deals informatively and effectively with the question of whether Jesus existed in another place and form before his birth of the virgin Mary. You will find it thoroughly biblical and convincing. Order it from: The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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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.

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The Seventh Day Sabbath: Is it Still in Operation? A booklet containing a thorough study of the matter of the Sabbath day. 35 cents each when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

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.

MUSIC AT 1977 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Each year at General Conference different individuals come prepared to present a musical offering. They cannot always be included on the program. If you, or your church, would like to present a solo, duet, ensemble number, etc. at this year's Conference, please contact Bro. Dale Ramsey, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Dale is in charge of music for the Conference. This will help assure your participation.

As has been the custom the past few years, one evening is devoted entirely to music. This year the cantata, "Celebration of Discipleship," will be presented. All who are interested in singing in this program should purchase a copy and be familiar with it by Conference time. It can be purchased at your nearest Bible bookstore or by ordering from Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60187. When ordering ask for *Celebration of Discipleship* (No. 663) by Don Hustad. The cantata is fairly easy to learn and should prove to be a blessing to all who participate. The more participants the better.

TAPE MINISTRY

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

Christian Living

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

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

Raymond Brown: "The Outs Got In!"

Clyde Randall: "Break Up the Fallow Ground."

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

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

Doctrine

Leon Driskill: "War With the Lamb."

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

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

Others

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

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

The General Conference Tape Ministry now has literally hundreds of subjects by approximately 20 different speakers. We have lecture tapes on various subjects, by professional people in other fields.

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

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Address: Tape Ministry, 4105 Annapolis Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45416.

DUNCAN MACLEOD TAPE AVAILABLE

A cassette tape of Religious Songs and Arias by Duncan MacLeod is now available. Bro. MacLeod has sung in many places of the world. For a time, he was the leading baritone with the Vienna State Opera and sang with many of the world's great singers. He has sung on many national radio broadcasts and as a boy was featured with the famed Pasadena Boys' Choir.

Some of the songs featured on the tape are "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Thank You, Lord," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Eye Hath Not Seen" by Gaul, and nine other fine numbers.

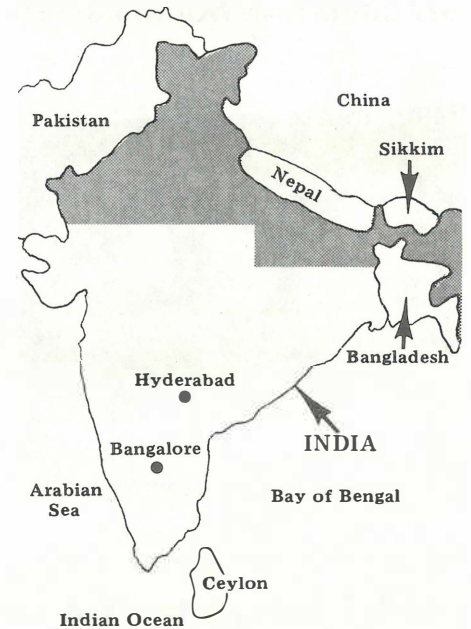
The tape can be purchased for \$5.00 plus thirty-five cents for postage and handling. Order direct from Duncan MacLeod, 16258 Lovett Pl., Encino, CA 91436.

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.

LIGHT FOR INDIA

We thank all of you who have made contributions to the India Trip Fund. Your generosity in helping with this missionary effort is much appreciated.

This entire map of India represents the \$6,000.00 which is needed for the trip. As contributions are received, we will be removing the darkness from India. We trust that it will not be long until the whole of India is in the light!



Here is an opportunity for you to help send missionaries to India!

Bro. and Sr. John Lewis have said "yes" to a request by the Foreign Missions Board to go to India this summer. They will be there two months, for the purpose of teaching and training the people in Christian work.

In addition to serving as president of Oregon Bible College, Bro. Lewis teaches pastoral-training courses and Bible classes. Sr. Lewis has taught teacher-training classes and audio-visual aid courses. Their many talents and abilities will be a big help in training a pastor (or pastors), Sunday school teachers, and layworkers in India. Bro. Lewis' experiences in India will help him to advise and direct the training of Oregon Bible College students interested in preparing to be foreign missionaries.

We know that you will want to have a part in sending these short-term missionaries to India. First, we ask you to pray for the Lewises as they make preparations for the trip. Pray, too, that God will be preparing the Indian brethren for their visit.

Funds are needed for the Lewises' travel, living expenses while in India, textbooks, teaching materials, paper, and incidentals. Your financial contributions for these things will certainly be appreciated.

Please send your offerings, in any amount, to India Trip, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you!

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to help send the Lewises to India and supply the teaching materials.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 29-31—Arkansas Conference, Forest Hills Church, Royal. Gordon Landry, guest speaker.
 May 13—Oregon Bible College Graduation, Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL.
 June 19—Dedication Service, Eldorado, IL. S. O. Ross, dedication speaker.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Keith Dunn; A. J. Zobrist; Willie Maxison; Mike Fronczak; Marlene Fronczak; Bernard Tilton; Adolph Morczek, Jr.; Mrs. Prema David; G. David; Mrs. Sumathie Manoah; Marlene Kendrick.

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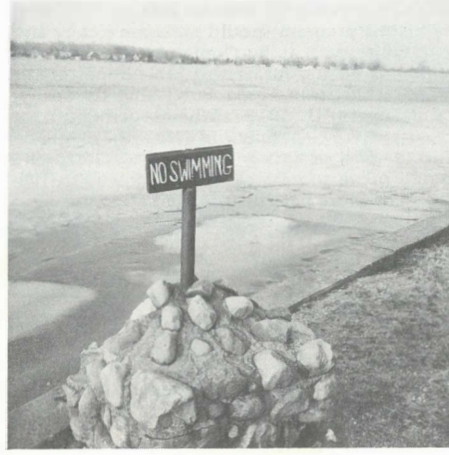
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Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

Theme: "Life on a Higher Plane"

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 28, 1977. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1977 General Conference business sessions (August 8-12, 1977, Rockford College, Rockford, IL) can become familiar with it and can be instructed by their churches or state conferences 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.

Each department of the Conference has been asked to give detailed study to the forward-looking progress of the department. You will find at the end of the report the goals and projections for the various departments.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all members of the General Conference staff for their dedicated service. We especially recognize Brother Clement Richey, who acts as Superintendent of Maintenance without remuneration. The dedication of both Brother and Sister Richey to the work of the Church of God General Conference is greatly appreciated. Following is a report of each of the several departments of the Church of God General Conference.

Berean Youth Department

Several significant programs are sponsored by the Berean Youth Department. These include: International Berean Youth Conference, Post-High Midwinter Retreat, Youth Week, Coins-for-Christ, and the Mission Dollar Club.

The major program is the annual International Berean Youth Conference. Youth Conference is conducted in two separate camps. The one at Camp Alexander Mack near Milford, IN, has become our high school camp. Those entering the 9th grade through the 12th grade attend this program. The program conducted here is geared to this age group. The other facility which we use is the Shipshewana Retreat Center, and is located approximately 35 miles north of Camp Mack near Shipshewana, IN. This camp serves the needs of all post-high students through age 25. The program offered here differs a great deal from the other, as it is designed to meet the needs of this older age group. Married couples who meet the age requirements are welcome to attend this program.

1976 saw these two facilities play host to 336 Church of God young people. This number included 264 high school and 72 post-high students. Several new programs were instituted during the 1976 Conference which proved to be successful. We will continue to incorporate new ideas and methods into our camping program as time goes on. From evaluations received from campers, we can truly say that God certainly blessed the 1976 Berean Youth Conference.

The same two facilities are being used for the 1977 Conference, to be held July 17-23. Due to increased costs passed on to us by the site owners, we have had to adjust our tuition cost. Tuition for the 1977 Conference is \$55.

The annual Youth Week competition was held during October 25-31, 1976. This was the recommended week to be used; however, groups were permitted to use any week during the months of October and November. This was done to encourage those groups to participate which perhaps would have encountered a conflict with other church activities on the suggested dates.

Historically, Youth Week has been a time when the young people of a church could assume roles of leadership which are not normally open to them. They could teach, serve as deacons, superintendents, song leaders, give sermonettes, and sing specials. This was done in order to facilitate a little insight into church leadership. They also become involved in many Christian service projects such as visitation, literature distribution, service to the needy, and so forth.

Sixteen groups participated in 1976 by sending the required report to this office. The reports which are received by this office are judged by the Youth Advisory Council at its meeting at the post-high winter retreat. The winners selected by this Council were: First place, the Blood River Bereans of Springfield, LA; second place, East Peoria Bereans of East Peoria, IL; third place, Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ; and fourth place, Hope Chapel Bereans of South Bend, IN. Several other groups sent in outstanding reports on their activities which indicates there are many active groups of young people in our churches.

The annual post-high midwinter retreat was held at Camp Alexander Mack from December 30, 1976, to January 2, 1977. This retreat is open only to post-high students through age 25. Twelfth graders are taken on a first-come first-served basis in the

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Life on a Higher Plane"

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Office Manager: David Krogh

Program Directors: Hollis Partlowe, chairman;
Robert Smith; William Lawrence; S. O. Ross

Music Director: Dale Ramsey

Head Usher: Dan Stone

Director, Children's classes 2nd grade & under:
Judy Myers

Director, Children's classes 3rd-6th grade: Iva
Mae Holt

Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser

Ministers' Meetings: R. Warren Sorenson

Priscilla Meetings: Cheryl Ross

Business Office Staff: Becky Hall, supervisor;
Betty Jannereth; Mary Krogh; Mildred
O'Neil; Isie Jenkins; Diane Huston

Camp Nurse: Margaret Duval

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 8

10:00 Registration Begins
11:00 Orientation Service, William Lawrence
11:45 Lunch
1:15 "The Heritage and Dignity of Our Mes-
sage," Clyde Randall
1:45 First Business Session
Welcome by Chairman Billie Kennedy
Seating of the Delegates
Chairman's Message
Introduction of New Delegates and Dele-
gations
Communications
Question Period on written reports of
committees and boards
Report on Activities of the Board of
Directors, Robert Smith
Financial Report
Berean Youth Fellowship Business
Publications Business
4:00 Recess the Meeting
4:15 Youth—Feedback and Discussion
Publishing—Feedback and Discussion
Study of James 1, Robert Petry
Ministers' Meeting
Priscilla Meeting
5:15 Dinner
7:15 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
Worship Leader; James Graham, Speak-
er, "Complete Forgiveness"
8:30 Joint Meeting, Board of Directors and
Department Boards
8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
Pool and gymnasium available
10:30 Lights Out

Tuesday, August 9

7:15 Breakfast
8:45 Devotion and Prayer Service, Kent Ross
9:15 Home Missions Presentation
10:00 Questions and Discussion on Home Mis-
sions
10:45 Foreign Missions Presentation
Youth Class, Hugh and Mary Harman,
"Dynamic Relationships for Single
Teens"
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Service, John and Ruth Lewis

1:45 Business Session
Reading of Monday's Minutes
Mission Business
Election of Mission Board Members
4:00 Recess Business Session
4:15 Foreign Missions—Feedback and Discus-
sion
Home Missions—Feedback and Discus-
sion
Bible Study, Richard Worley
Ministers' Meeting
Priscilla Meeting
5:15 Dinner
7:15 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
Worship Leader; Donald Needham,
Speaker, "Blessed Assurance"
8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
Pool and gymnasium available
10:30 Lights Out

Wednesday, August 10

7:15 Breakfast
8:45 Devotion and Prayer Service, John Hearp
9:15 Oregon Bible College Presentation
10:45 Youth Class, Jim Babcock, "The Modern
Cults"
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Service, William Kammin, "All Things
Are Yours"
1:45 Business Sessions
Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
Nomination of Two Directors
Oregon Bible College Business
4:00 Recess Business Session
4:15 Board of Education—Feedback and Dis-
cussion
Bible Study, Z. B. Duncan
Ministers' Meeting
Priscilla Meeting
7:00 Ordination Service, C. F. Pryor
Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
Worship Leader; Russell Magaw, Speak-
er, "God Is in Control"
8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
Pool and gymnasium available
10:30 Lights Out

Thursday, August 11

7:15 Breakfast
8:45 Devotion and Prayer Service, Michael
Mattison
9:15 Presenting "The Many Faces of the Sun-
day School Department"
10:15 Super Successful Sunday Schools
10:30 Workshop, Sharing Sessions:
Nursery Teachers, Beginner Teachers,
Primary Teachers, Junior Teachers, Teen
Teachers, Adult Teachers, Superinten-
dents, VBS Directors, and How You Can
Help Your Sunday School
10:45 Youth Class, Joe James
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Service, Rex Shaw, "Go Forward"
1:45 Business Sessions
Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
Election of Two Directors
Sunday School Business
Election of Two Sunday School Direc-
tors
General Business
Adoption of a Budget
4:00 Dismissal of Business Session
4:15 Sunday School Board—Feedback and
Discussion
Bible Study, Robert Huddleston
Ministers' Meeting
Priscilla Meeting
5:15 Dinner
7:00 Installation of New Officers, Warren
Sorenson
7:15 Musicale, Dale Ramsey, Director
8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
Pool and gymnasium available
10:30 Lights Out

Friday, August 12

7:15 Breakfast
8:30 Communion Service, Harold Doan, as-
sisted by Stephen Bolhous and Sydney
Kirkpatrick
9:00 Closing Message, Scott Ross
10:00 Campus must be vacated

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event that post-high students do not fill the capacity of the camp.

This retreat was attended by 40 young people from 9 different states. Represented were Arizona, Michigan, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Illinois, Colorado, and Missouri. The staff for the 1976 retreat were Hugh and Mary Harman and Jim and Karen Babcock. The classes were centered around the 13 chapters of the Book of Hebrews. Two one-hour classes in the morning and one in the afternoon were devoted to the study of this book.

The annual Coins-for-Christ Crusade was held during the months of March and April. This crusade is a fund-raising project carried out by the Church of God Bereans for the express purpose of raising funds to support the programs that are sponsored by the Berean Youth Department. The 1976 Crusade proved to be highly successful, with 15 groups participating and contributing over \$5,000. During 1977 the groups are allowed to select any one month from September to June in which to conduct their campaign. This was done to allow the groups to use the month which posed less conflicts for them than a designated month would. From earlier reports received, there appears to be a lot of enthusiasm for this year's campaign.

Problems were encountered with the production of the 1976 Berean Youth Conference slide-sound set. This production is normally ready for viewing about the first of January, but it was not available until May.

At the present time, *Challenge*, the only publication of the Berean Youth Department, is a 16-page publication made up of articles and news pertinent to our young people. It is edited by your youth director on a bimonthly basis.

We are thankful to God for his blessings and continue to pray for his leading in the planning of all youth-related activities.

Publishing Department

We happily report that the Publishing Department is alive and well, and operating with full cooperation on the part of the brethren. Due to the fine quality and abundance of articles which the brethren have sent in, and with the help of Bros. Johnson and Landry in preparing them for printing, we have a publication of which we can be proud in any company.

In March, Bros. S. O. Ross, Paul Johnson, Gordon Landry, David Krogh, and your editor met for the purpose of exploring ways and means by which the Publishing Department can serve the churches even better. As a result, several recommendations were agreed upon, which were then passed on to our Board of Directors for consideration. No doubt any of these which the Board finds meritorious and feasible will be presented for your consideration and acceptance or rejection.

The number of *Restitution Heralds* distributed has increased during the year. The figures are as follows:

October	9,500	February	10,225
November	9,600	March	10,275
December	10,000	April	11,275
January	11,000	May	10,050

Of these, 4,500 go into the homes of members of the Church of God.

The average number distributed to both members and non-members has risen by an average of 515 per month.

We rejoice in the fact that we have recently received requests from two professors of comparative religions for copies of *The*

Herald to be used in preparing their lessons. Hopefully, this trend will continue and others will be led to see and embrace the beauty and reasonableness of Biblical doctrines as the Church of God understands them. We also get communications from those who have examined *Restitution Heralds* in the homes of others, and wish to be put on our mailing list.

We wish to thank those who have put forth the effort necessary to prepare articles and send them to us. We do, at the moment, have sufficient (especially of the longer articles), but should the brethren cease sending them in, that could change very quickly.

The page for honoring various churches has been dropped for lack of further material. We have replaced it with the "Voice From the Past" page, which has proven to be quite popular. The Church of God has had many learned and skilled writers in the past. It is remarkable how up-to-date some of their articles sound.

New publications since the last report include two tracts and the booklet, "Jesus Christ: Whose Son Is He?" Also, some tracts have been reprinted, and Bro. Alva Huffer's "Systematic Theology" has been reprinted in both hardback and paperback editions.

Some pastors are using the Systematic Bible Study Courses for class study, and are reporting good success with it. It is also being used by lay teachers for classes consisting of young people and adults. They report enthusiastic acceptance of the course.

We again thank the brethren for their keen interest and hearty cooperation in the field of literature.

Missions Department Introduction

The past year has seen a major change in the organization of the Missions Department. Instead of one Missions Board responsible for both home and foreign missions, a division has been made with one board in charge of home missions and the other responsible for foreign work.

Since last summer's General Conference, the two boards have met several times to discuss and plan the work of missions at home and overseas. We appreciate the time and effort that each member gives for this important work. Sr. Rachel Carr continues to serve as Superintendent of Missions and, as such, is chairperson of the full Missions Board.

Foreign Missions

Gospel work is presently being carried on in the following countries: Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria, West Africa; India; Philippines; Mexico. We are thankful for the work that the nationals have done in their countries and we know that, as a result, people have come to know Jesus as Savior.

The Foreign Missions Board—composed of Chairwoman Mardy Lawrence, Secretary Paul Overholser, and Board Member J. Don Swartz—has spent much time this past year in evaluating our foreign work experience, in researching missionary methods, and in reviewing our purpose and missionary philosophy.

In looking to the future, our overall aim is to teach the gospel of Christ and to make disciples (followers who teach). This aim is embodied in the command that Jesus gave to his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:19, 20.

To help in future foreign mission work, we have written some principles to serve as guidelines.

1) Teach all our overseas mission churches to become self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating.

We have realized that when the temptations to compete for American funds are removed, the work and witness of the true

Church will be more stable and the spiritual life will improve. Natural leaders will surface and the talents and abilities of others will be used more to the glory of God.

2) Train, send, and support U.S. and Canadian missionaries to teach the gospel and to bring a body of believers to spiritual maturity so they may teach others. (2 Tim. 2:2.)

The main thing we want to emphasize in our overseas work is spiritual teaching. Our plan is to send missionaries from the U.S. to foreign countries to teach and preach the gospel and to train nationals to do the same.

3) To accomplish this, encourage the establishment of neighborhood house-churches of small groups of believers rather than larger, formal churches.

The main thrust will be to establish Bible study groups in the houses of laymen, helping them to learn to pray, read, and study the Bible, and apply its teachings to their lives. There will be a closer bond between the members of each church because of their close proximity so they can be of more spiritual support to one another. Less money will be needed when they will be meeting near their own homes without ostentatious buildings. To get there they will not need vehicles, gas, or buses.

4) Provide more literature and teaching materials such as Bibles, Scripture portions, *Restitution Heralds*, tracts, quarterlies, and Bible study guides.

Since it is our intent that the missionary be itinerant (traveling), these materials will be very useful to national leaders in carrying on the work between visits from the missionary.

5) If and when church buildings are desired, the nationals shall have full responsibility for their construction and maintenance.

There may come a time when several of the house-churches will want to combine and construct a church building for their worship and study. The people will be more apt to consider the church theirs if it is built and maintained because they want it and build it.

6) All present funding for extra projects such as education, radio work, conference expenses, etc., will be discontinued.

As a part of training the nationals to be self-supporting we want to encourage them to assume the responsibility for their special projects. Regarding education, in some countries the government is offering free education to their people. In others we want to encourage the Christians to continue this help, if they want to, for those who they feel would be able to use their education to serve the Lord.

Being given full responsibility for themselves and their witness will provide the national Christians with a greater sense of independence, accomplishment, and dignity.

Their faith will grow as they learn to look to God for their needs and find he really is there.

Persons interested only in material gain will not want to become involved, so will not be there to cause disruption of the work.

Home Missions

The Home Missions Board began its work as a newly established board with a preliminary meeting for organization. Warren Sorenson serves as chairman, Kent Ross as secretary, and Merle Patrick as the third member of the board. Rachel Carr, Superintendent of Missions, has worked closely with the board, and the Foreign Missions Board has met with us on two occasions.

All members of the Home Missions Board attended a convention on church growth at Kansas City, MO, October 11-13, 1976. During this time informal meetings were held to come to

an understanding of our philosophy of missions and to determine how best to apply the information and material received at the convention to our purpose as the Home Missions Board of the General Conference.

The board met at Tempe, AZ, October 25-28, 1976, during which time we sought to understand our purpose and our relationship with other departments and the General Conference. We developed a basic outline of the mission of the Home Missions Board. To guide us in our thinking and planning we adopted the following as our understanding of the mission of the Church of God. Using the Bible as a basis of ministry: to promote the worship and glorification of God; to mature a body of believers in Jesus Christ; to evangelize with the purpose of bringing persons to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. We decided our purpose as a board was mainly concerned with the last two statements of this purpose.

A twofold thrust of church growth is being planned: 1) To strengthen the local congregation; 2) to establish new congregations. The program to strengthen the local congregation involves an inner spiritual life growth program as well as a program to extend the church through outreach evangelism. Spiritual life is the heart of evangelism. When a person is what he ought to be, he will best do what he ought to do. We are currently working on procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of our current programs.

The board met again at Oregon, IL, March 14-16, 1977, where specific goals for accomplishment, as well as procedures for implementation, were planned. The specifics of these will be presented and discussed at General Conference.

During the year we sought to give more direct assistance to the churches receiving financial aid through the General Conference. To do this we began communicating with the pastors and gathering data concerning the church as well as setting up a prayer support ministry. At this writing plans are underway for a representative from the Home Missions Board to visit each of these churches receiving aid.

A survey was taken asking the ministers to respond regarding their understanding of the mission of the Church of God and the purpose of the Home Missions Board.

Important areas involved in the planning of the board have been, and are: 1) an emphasis on the Mission Builders program to increase the number of members participating and to provide current information to our people; 2) the small struggling church, its immediate need and how the Home Missions Board can best be of assistance; 3) the printing of new tracts for the purpose of evangelism as well as a home Bible study evangelism program; 4) a short-term home missions program for post-high young people to work in some of our churches during the summer; 5) a close working relationship between the Home Missions Board and all the departments of the General Conference.

We would like to meet with the presidents of each state and regional conference sometime during General Conference this August.

We recognize our complete dependence upon God and have sought his guidance during all our planning throughout this year. We realize that we do not have all the answers to the needs for church growth. We ask for your cooperation in the mission which God has given us as his church, and covet your prayers for the work of the Home Missions Board.

OBC Annual Report

It is rewarding to assist young people in preparation for a life of Christian service and Christian experience. They mature and

grow as they are here in preparation while at the same time they serve their own needs, the needs of the local church, and the needs of one another. To be a part of the Christian growth experience of young people is reward enough in itself.

Fifty-six students attended Oregon Bible College during the 1976-'77 academic year. The student body represented twelve different states and Canada. They mainly represent Church of God families and backgrounds. Eight seniors graduated in May: Kenneth Cook, Kokomo, IN; Linda Hollenback, Deltona, FL; Linda Jones, Pomona, CA; Sidney Magaw, Milford, OH; John Mattison, Maurertown, VA; Phyllis Prussak, Columbia Station, OH; David Wilsterman, Phoenix, AZ; Richard Young, Dayton, OH. There were 16 male students in the Men's Dormitory and 24 female students in the Women's Dormitory.

John Lewis served as president, registrar, and instructor; S. O. Ross was director of business affairs and instructor; Eugene Stilson was director of academic affairs, director of the library, and instructor; Dale Ramsey was director of music and Christian service, and instructor; Connie Mongan taught English; Hugh Harman was director of student affairs and taught Environmental Health; David Wilsterman and Mary Harman were dormitory directors; David Krogh was in charge of student recruitment; and Mary Harman replaced Connie Ramsey as director of the kitchen staff.

In October John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, and Dale Ramsey attended the American Association of Bible Colleges Convention in Chicago. In February Dale Ramsey attended a worship seminar on Dynamic Worship Services in Chicago.

Dallas Demmitt conducted a seminar on Christian counseling during Christian Emphasis Week. He led chapel services throughout the week and conducted individual counseling interviews with students.

David Wilsterman served as president of the student council and Karen Circle and Donna Weidensall were co-chairwomen of the student body social committee. Dick Young, Laura Brown, Pamela K. Davis and Christie Simpson were in charge of prayer day activities November 9 and February 22. Tom New served as editor of the school paper. Richard Young and Pamela K. Davis served as editors of *Maranatha*.

Robert Jones is a new member of the faculty this year and taught courses in Old Testament Studies. Eugene Stilson will soon finish the requirements for a Master of Arts degree in New Testament Studies at Wheaton. We are continuing to plan and prepare for additional faculty members trained in the specific areas of Biblical Theology and Christian Education.

This was the first year of the cooperative program with Sauk Valley Junior College. During the fall semester, Sauk Valley provided instruction in Introduction to Psychology and accredited our Introduction to Music and Public Speaking taught by Dale Ramsey and John Lewis. During the winter semester, Sauk Valley provided instruction for Introduction to Sociology on our campus.

This year, the Oregon community has entered the Rock Valley Junior College district in Rockford. Our cooperative program will then be with the Rock Valley Junior College.

Scott Millard and Carl Jennings successfully completed the internship program by working with Pastors Vernis Wolfe and Hollis Partlowe, respectively. Carl Jennings has accepted the pastorate at Hector, MN, and Scott Millard will go on to further seminary training.

Our students were involved in many Christian service activities. The play, "Christ and the Concrete City," under the direction of John Lewis, visited several churches during the winter

months. There were also many gospel teams supervised by Dale Ramsey which brought musical programs and many sermons to various churches. The Chorale toured the western part of the United States for two weeks after the completion of the winter semester.

On May 21, 1976, Vernis Wolfe, Eugene Stilson, and John Lewis met with Dr. John Mostert to receive further counsel and advice regarding the improvement of the College program and curriculum. As a result of this meeting and further study, we are making improvements and changes in our program that will enable us to provide the best quality education for the students of the Church of God General Conference.

We appreciate the dedication represented in the Board of Education members who research, study, and meet with us throughout the year. The Board of Education consists of Chairman Vernis Wolfe, Robert Johnson, John Hearp, Charles Pryor, and John Lewis. The Board met in August in Cedar Falls, IA; in Oregon, IL, in December; and again in Oregon during the month of April.

Sunday School Department

The Sunday School Department is actively involved in many Christian Education activities. We recognize the need to take advantage of every opportunity to bring people to repentance, faith, and baptism, and then to equip them for the work of the ministry. (Eph. 4:11, 12.)

The 4th annual Christian Workers' Seminar was held March 6-12, 1977, at Camp Alexander Mack. Seventy-five students and seven staff members enjoyed a beautiful week together in fellowship with one another and with the Lord. Creative Bible Teaching, the Book of Acts, Advancing the Smaller Church, Church Growth, and Discovering Your Call were the classes offered. The staff consisted of Jim Graham, Joe James, Joyce Knapp, Michael Mattison, and David Krogh, teachers; and Verna Stine Brubaker and Meriam Sigler, cooks.

Members of the Sunday School Board have appreciated the opportunity to visit many local churches to conduct training sessions, sermons, evaluations, and seminars, as follows:

Arlington, TX—October 7-13

Fonthill, Ontario—October 16-17

Grand Rapids, MI—Michigan Conference—November 11-13

Raymore, MO—February 4-6

Gatesville, TX—February 26, 27

Fredericktown, MO—Missouri Conference—March 19, 20

Eldorado, IL—Illinois Conference—March 26

Oregon, IL—Northern IL Churches—April 15, 16

Guthrie Grove, SC—April 18-20

The theme of the 1977 Vacation Bible School material is "The Families of God." Jim Graham, Sylvia Black, Myra Hamilton, Mary Mickey, Sydney and Deirdre Kirkpatrick, Judy Myers, Gayle Reye, Michael Mattison, and Nancy Sundwall served as editors for the seven manuals. A theme and curriculum have been planned for 1978, and editors are preparing the material for next year.

After a pause of ten years, the Sunday School Department is again collecting Sunday school attendance figures from all of our Sunday schools. For the months of October, November, and December, 1976, we averaged 4,352. In 1966, the average for these three months was 4,148. This is an average increase of 204 people per Sunday, or a total growth of 4% for the ten years. As the attendance figures are collected in the coming months, periodic reports will be made to our people. It is our desire that these reports will make people aware of what is being accomplished in our Sunday schools as a whole, and perhaps it will

serve as an encouragement to put forth greater effort to reach people with the gospel message. Eighty-five percent of all church members come through the Sunday school, so if we expect our churches to grow, we would do well to invest more time and effort in building our Sunday school attendance. It is the suggestion of our Department that each Sunday school set a goal of increasing attendance by at least 10% per year.

In January, 1977, a survey was taken regarding the adult quarterly material used by our people. From the results that have been tabulated thus far, we have discovered that our adult Truth Seeker's Quarterly is being used in the vast majority of our classes. A number of excellent suggestions have been received from those who use the quarterly, and these have been shared with the editor of the adult quarterly, C. Jesse Pestle. Improvements will be made in the future.

Great improvement has been made in the Beginners quarterly material. A teacher packet is being produced which contains a teacher's guide, along with teaching aids, such as pictures, mobiles, books, booklets, maps, and handout sheets for the students. A cassette tape of instruction prepared by the editor, Sue Hall, was included in a recent packet.

The Sunday School Board greatly appreciates the work which all of our quarterly editors and writers are doing to prepare quality educational material for our people. The current editors are: Sue Hall, Beginner; Ruth Overholser, Primary; Ruth Lewis, Junior; Shirley Urish, Teen; Jesse Pestle, Adult. Many writers spend countless hours assisting the editors in the preparation of our lesson material.

The present Sunday School Board consists of Joyce Knapp, James Graham, Michael Mattison, Scott Ross, and David Krogh, Director.

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 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. He is the administrator of the Ministers Insurance Program and the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. As Executive Director, he is automatically the Secretary-Treasurer of the Retirement Association. The Executive Director is required to complete many forms and questionnaires from various governmental, civic, and religious agencies.

The Executive Director and the staff members of the General Conference perform many services in addition to the departmental activities related in the preceding reports. Staff members are available for special meetings, dedications, state conferences, seminars and workshops, and other activities. They often fill in when local pastors are ill or on vacation.

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 programs and policies that have been established and set forth by the delegates of the General Conference.

General Conference Finances

The General Conference Board of Directors and the staff members appreciate the dedicated sacrificial giving of the mem-

bership, churches, and state conferences. The giving for the budget items has fallen short of the needs at this point, but we believe that, with your prayers and the concerns of many, the needs will be met.

We are aware that, in addition to the \$220,000 budget, many other contributions are given from time to time. More than \$30,000 has been paid on the Oregon Bible College Dormitory loan during the past year. Many special projects are funded by the generous giving of the membership, such as the mission trip of Brother and Sister John Lewis to India; the Booster and Library Programs of Oregon Bible College; many special missionary projects, such as student assistance and special needs in the mission fields; and other departmental special projects.

The budget items provide the funds for our free literature, subsidize the publications of the General Conference, carry on all the home and foreign mission work, support the work of the youth and Sunday school departments, provide about half the cost of the education of each student at Oregon Bible College, and fund the many general services provided by the General Conference staff.

Your Executive Director also serves as Director of Development for the Church of God General Conference. In this capacity he is available for counsel and assistance in estate planning and advice and suggestions as to how life insurance policies, annuities, trusts, and so forth can be beneficial both to the Church of God General Conference and the donor. Estate planning becomes more and more complicated as more and more laws are passed. Bequests in a will can now be made to a charitable institution such as the Church of God General Conference without deducting anything from the heirs of the estate. With proper planning, the charitable bequests would only lessen the amount of the estate taxes payable. The Executive Director appreciates the assistance of Brother Harold Doan of Santa Monica, CA, in the development area. Don Overmyer of the Indiana Conference, M. A. Patrick of the Northeast Conference, Maurice Robinson, Jr., of the Louisiana Conference, and Clarence Jones of the Missouri Conference are liaison representatives to the Executive Director in any of these development areas. Anyone who desires assistance in any of these deferred giving programs may feel free to contact anyone of the aforementioned people, or write directly to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

God has richly blessed the Church of God in many, many ways. Our prayer is that he will continue to bless and that he will soon send his Son Jesus back to this earth to establish a righteous kingdom, with Jesus Christ sitting upon the throne of David as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOALS

Departmental Goals

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT GOALS

Tracts: We recommend that a series of tracts be designed and made available for use as a set; i.e., an introductory tract to be presented to a prospect on the first contact, with others designed for later contacts, up to ten—beginning with elementary Christian thoughts, and leading up to exhortation for positive action on the part of the prospect, to the end that he may not only recognize Jesus as the Savior, but may be baptized and align himself with the Master in his work.

Select a qualified person to take charge of preparing these tracts and either prepare them himself, or assign and supervise the preparation of one or more tracts by several writers. Tracts

produced by the first method (one man doing it all) may be better coordinated.

Tracts need to be short, and more attractive in appearance, to increase the probability that they will be read. The use of larger type will make them easier for the young and the elderly to read.

We urge that five to ten new tracts be published each year, in order to keep up with a continuing supply for churches whose members seek new tracts for distribution during their home missionary campaigns. Let their content be supervised by someone who has experience in organizing and directing this type of work, and is qualified to evaluate the need and how best to meet it.

The Restitution Herald: Some denominations have had good results from placing advertisements for their publications in national magazines and/or local newspapers. The latter would call attention to local churches. Let the local congregations be encouraged to pay for ads in local publications (possible exception, mission churches). In the case of mission churches, let the cost of these ads be included in the General Conference Budget. It is important that this advertising be large and attractive, including a coupon to be returned for a year's free subscription to *The Restitution Herald* and/or the Systematic Bible Study Course.

Two years should be ample time in which to adopt the above courses of action and implement them.

To insure that as few as possible of *The Restitution Herald*s are being sent to noninterested people (the cost for literature sent to people who do not read it is the same as that sent to those who do), let a mailing be made to all members on the mailing list who have received *The Restitution Herald* free for several years. Let thanks be expressed to all who have contributed to the Free Literature Campaign, and explain how the free literature campaign works. Inclusion of a return envelope should encourage a response. Nonmembers should have at least a card to return if they wish to continue receiving *The Herald*.

Work on this could begin immediately.

Books: A Church of God Bible commentary would be a very useful tool. A great deal of Biblical research has gone into the production of quarterlies, Berean literature, articles for *The Restitution Herald* and other Church of God literature, including papers prepared for ministerial meetings, and even copies of letters written to explain some doctrine or Bible passage to a friend. Getting this material collected and arranged will be a time-consuming job, but, if properly done, a very valuable one.

Because of their proficiency in Hebrew and Greek respectively, we recommend that Bro. Robert Jones be asked to edit the Old Testament portion of the publication, and Bro. Eugene Stilson edit the New Testament part. If they wish, let an editorial committee be appointed to work with them on this project. This work must be suitable for laymen as well as for advanced Bible students. Wycliffe Bible Commentary would provide a good model as to format.

To keep interest high, let the commentary be published in several sections and each section be made available as soon as it is ready. Hopefully, some progress may be reported by next year's General Conference time, and at least one portion be ready for sale in ten years.

In the meantime, a book on "Misused Texts of the Bible" would be a very useful tool for all. Brother Alva Huffer is capable of doing a very creditable job with this. Let him be contacted to determine if he would be able to undertake preparing such a book. Several others among our leadership are also capa-

ble of producing such a work. Five years seems like a reasonable length of time in which to get such a work ready for the printers.

Let us start now to set aside additional money, to be placed in a Revolving Publishing Fund. Such money would then be available for publishing the books mentioned, and eventually others as well. Let \$1,000 be included in the General Conference Budget each year, for the purpose of building such a fund. Placed in a savings account, it would continue to grow until needed for publication of the books.

International Literature Sunday: Let International Literature Sunday (usually the 3rd Sunday in October) be vigorously promoted among the brethren. Urge the use of more literature, and provide greater financial support for the Free Literature Campaign. We recommend that this be started immediately.

FOREIGN MISSIONS GOALS

FIRST YEAR—Explain to the membership, both at home and abroad, the foreign missions concept that has been developed through prayer, research, and experience.

ONGOING—Encourage local U.S. churches and district conferences to motivate young men or couples to train to become missionaries.

ONGOING—Establish a missionary training program.

ONGOING—Recruit and train U.S. missionaries.

ONGOING—Phase out all financial support for pastors in present overseas churches within the next five years at the rate of at least 20% per year, beginning October 1, 1977.

FIFTH YEAR—Have all overseas work self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating.

FIFTH YEAR—Have at least one trained missionary in a foreign field.

TENTH YEAR—Have three trained missionaries in foreign fields.

HOME MISSIONS GOALS

Immediate Goals '77-'78

- 1) 1,200 members in the Mission Builders League.
- 2) Develop an introductory evangelistic series with a manual and 4 lessons for home Bible study evangelism.
- 3) Hold regional seminars and participate in the Christian Workers' Seminar.
- 4) Develop new evangelistic tracts.
- 5) Visit and evaluate churches receiving pastoral aid and special church aid and provide church growth materials.
- 6) Provide a method of evaluation of these churches.
- 7) Develop a positive attitude toward church growth.
- 8) Start at least one new church.

Intermediate Goals '78-'80

- 9) A full-time director for both home and foreign missions.
- 10) 1,500 members in the Mission Builders League.
- 11) Develop literature saturation program and Christian Growth literature in lessons and tracts.
- 12) Reevaluation of church aid programs, particularly the amounts, and continue to provide our own church growth programs.
- 13) Provide spiritual growth programs.
- 14) Show an overall 5% gain in attendance and membership per year.
- 15) Begin 5 new churches by 1980.

Long-Range Goals '80-'87

- 16) Two missionary directors (superintendents), one for foreign missions and one for home missions.

- 17) 2,000 members in the Mission Builders League.
- 18) Provide evangelistic programs and materials.
- 19) Show an overall 10% gain in attendance and membership per year.
- 20) Begin three new churches per year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT GOALS

- 1) To develop a coordinated and complementary program of Christian Education for our denomination among all departments of the General Conference, and encourage coordination within each local church among all its Christian education ministries.
- 2) Produce the best possible Sunday school material and home Bible study material which will be true to the Bible, effective in reaching the needs of our people, and able to lead people to apply and respond to the Word.
- 3) Provide the best training possible for our Sunday School Board members, and regular quarterly writers, and our editors. This training would consist of professional Christian Writers' Conferences, correspondence courses, writing courses at community colleges, and meetings of the writers and editors.
- 4) To strengthen the present Teacher's Manuals and expand this program to include all of our Sunday school quarterlies.
- 5) Develop a 10-year VBS curriculum totally coordinated with our Sunday school quarterlies.
- 6) To train teachers in the local churches to be able to teach God's Word in such a way as to lead students to the point of response.
- 7) To develop an adult elective course consisting of 8 undated quarterlies containing 13 lessons each.
- 8) To replace the present Teen-Age Quarterly with two quarterlies—a Junior-High Quarterly and a Senior-High Quarterly.
- 9) Encourage each Sunday school to establish a home or extension department to minister to those unable to attend Sunday school and church.
- 10) Encourage our local churches to start more home Bible studies.
- 11) Preparation of at least one additional correspondence or elective course each year: for use in home Bible studies, alternate material for Sunday school classes, or midweek adult Bible study, or for correspondence use.
- 12) Encourage each Church of God Sunday school to increase its attendance by at least 10% each year.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE GOALS

- 1) By 1978, have 11,000 books, 100 periodicals, and 1,000 AV Units in library, student body of 60, and plan for the development and use of Golden Rule Dormitory Building.
- 2) By 1979, add a Christian Education Instructor to the faculty, add 500 books, 10 periodicals, and 100 AV Units to the library, have a student body of 70, and develop the basement of the Men's Dormitory.
- 3) By 1980, add a part-time library director to the faculty, add 500 books, 10 periodicals, and 100 AV Units to the library, have a student body of 80, have the Women's Dorm paid for, and add a floor to the Men's Dormitory.
- 4) By 1981, add a pastoral theology instructor to the faculty, add 500 books, 10 periodicals, and 100 AV Units to the library, have a student body of 90, and have music and office space available in the Golden Rule Dormitory Building.

- 5) By 1983, add a Theology Instructor, add 500 books, 10 periodicals, and 100 AV Units to the library, and have a student body of 100.
- 6) In each of the next five years add 500 books, 10 periodicals, and 100 AV Units to the library, and increase the student body each year by 10.
- 7) By 1987, there would be in the library 15,500 books, 190 periodicals, and 1,900 AV Units, and a student body of 150.

Explanation:

We feel that the next few years are crucial in the development of Oregon Bible College as an institution of higher education for the Church of God General Conference. The administration, with the assistance and advice of the Board of Education, is currently putting together a developmental program that we feel is not only important but necessary for the college. We hope to indicate in somewhat specific detail our plans for the next ten years. These plans could change; but at the same time, there must be a definite goal and purpose in the minds of the administration and the Board of Directors.

Oregon Bible College has made administrative progress in recent years. To continue this progress and achieve the goals of the Ten-Year Development Program, we feel that organizational changes are in order for a more effective operation of the college and the attainment of these goals. Specific ideas and proposals are being prepared for presentation at the 1977 General Conference sessions. These ideas will be presented at this time for delegate action at a subsequent conference.

In order for us to reach these goals, there are certain specific steps we must take. Some of them are incorporated in this statement and some of them are made apparent in the ten-year goals already stated.

Specifically, in the area of development and recruitment, we need someone better trained in the techniques of recruitment by the year 1979. In keeping with a more aggressive recruitment policy, the recruitment officer and president must have time for the promotion of the college and the enlistment of students.

Two immediate priorities are a larger student body and a substantial financial base. Specific attention needs to be given to the establishment and growth of large endowments for the college.

We anticipate reconditioning the Golden Rule Home into an Administrative-Classroom building. Presently, it appears the best use of the building would be for music education.

The critical areas of development are faculty and student body. Emphasis, therefore, must be placed on the development of these two areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. We recommend: That a disaster Relief Committee be established in the Church of God General Conference for National and International disasters; and that the Executive Director and the department heads act as the committee with the Executive Director as chairman; and that, when a disaster does occur, the committee notify the membership and transmit aid received to the specific disaster area through already-established agencies.

Explanation: Concern has often been expressed that the Church of God General Conference has no real avenue to collect and dispense help in times of great disaster. The Michigan State Conference and others have recommended that action be taken to remedy the situation. The proposed committee will make it possible to give help in these times and, by channeling through the General Conference, the contribution will be tax deductible.

II. We recommend that: ARTICLE II (delegates), Section 4 of the Constitution be amended. Said section now reads, "An individual member who has attended at least *four* services, or who has made a financial or service contribution, during the year is considered an active member of his church. These shall be considered as minimum requirements only." We recommend that the word "four" in the section be changed to "thirteen."

Explanation: Many have been concerned that one can be an active member by attending only four services in a year. Suggestions have been made a number of times that this requirement should be higher. Thirteen services per year seems like a more reasonable requirement for active membership.

III. We recommend that: ARTICLE IV (officers of the Conference), Section 1 of the Constitution be amended. Said sec-

tion now reads, "Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members."

We recommend the following be added to the section. "The term of office of a director shall begin at the close of the Conference in which said director is elected."

Explanation: Presently there is no determination in the constitution as to when the term of office of the director starts. This would spell out the time that the term of office actually begins.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association

The progress of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association is very positive. The Association began eight years ago with no funds and the total assets as of March 31, 1977, exceeds \$85,000. Since the last report, four of our younger ministers who have recently entered the ministry have enrolled and been accepted. A pastor who had been out of the Association for a few years applied for reinstatement and was accepted. There are now 50 ministers, 54 churches, and 7 Conferences enrolled in the Association.

At the last biennial meeting held in 1976, the contributions were increased from 1% to 1½% of earnings effective January 1, 1977. At the same time benefits to retired ministers were raised to \$100 per month. There are now 7 retirees receiving benefits.

We rejoice in the progress that has been made. We feel that, if the young men entering the ministry each year will enroll in the Association, the program will continue to grow stronger in every way. It will be possible then to increase the benefits as time goes on so that when the younger men reach retirement age the benefits will be quite substantial. We also encourage special contributions to this fund, and they are, of course, tax deductible.

The membership of the Board of Trustees is established by the Rules and Regulations of the Association. The chairman is a minister appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The vice-chairman is elected by the Association. The Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference is automatically its Secretary-Treasurer.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman
Willard Naylor, Vice-Chairman
S. O. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer

Counseling and Arbitration Board

There has been no official action taken by the Board this past year, although the members may have individually made some helpful suggestions. This report is really one of commendation of both pastors and churches for the "unity of the spirit" which has pervaded the work during this Conference year. The make-up of the ministry is relatively young and, as maturity and experience grow, a higher type of leadership is evidenced. An effective witness which pastor and church can project in a community is their unity (John 17:21). Your Board stands ready to assist in attaining this holy purpose.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman
S. O. Ross, Secretary
Wayne Laning, Member

Ministers' Fund

The Ministers' Fund of the Church of God General Conference is used for loans or gifts to ministers or their families in times of emergency. During the past year, a loan in the amount of \$300 and a gift in the amount of \$260 were awarded from the fund. Two are receiving monthly assistance from this fund in the total amount of \$600 a year. The fund balance as of March 31, 1977, is \$4,590. We encourage contributions to this fund so that help will be available for a pastor or his family should an emergency arise.

The Ministers' Fund is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon, Illinois churches, the Dean of Students of Oregon Bible College, and the Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference.

S. O. Ross, Secretary

Family Life Committee

The main thrust of the committee this year has been to conduct workshops on Family Life for interested churches and conferences. The Michigan State Conference, hosted by the Garden Park Church of God, had one of the largest workshops, with 62 participants registered for the 12-hour weekend. The Garden Park Church, pastored by Brother Ray Hall, had 31 in attendance. Some brief statements from the participants about the value of this experience will be reported in an upcoming issue of *Progress Journal*.

It was my privilege to conduct a workshop in the Brush Creek Church of God, the church fellowship in which I grew up. Plans are under way for what promises to be the largest workshop thus far for the Northeast Conference meeting at the North Hills Church of God near Springfield, OH. The focus for this workshop will be the Total Church Family. Other programs now in the discussion or planning stages are at Burr Oak, IN, and Pennellwood, Grand Rapids, MI.

The committee is compiling a suggested resource list of books, materials, and/or tapes on Family Life. One such set of materials upon which we were privileged to work as a consultant is being compiled here in Phoenix, AZ, by Lawrence Richards. From our exposure to it, we feel sure it will be a valuable resource for church and individual use.

Committee members, Charles and Lois Pryor, are temporarily living in India where Charles is on a teaching assignment. Nancy and I, the other two members of the committee, are in process of extending our education; however, we are available to lead weekend workshops. Joe James led an outstanding workshop at

the Christian Workers' Seminar on "Enriching Family Life," and may be available to lead other workshops.

We are thankful for an anonymous \$500 gift to the work of the committee, and ask the Lord to continue to guide us as we expand the activity and services available to enrich family life in the Churches of God.

Dallas R. Demmitt, Chairman

Louisiana Property Administrative Board

During the past year, the older trees have been cut and disposed of for lumber. The total income received from the sale of the trees was \$314.67. At last report, some effort was being made to clean out the undergrowth and some general cleanup. I have no other information on this work.

One interested Church of God family visited the property and, upon returning, made a contribution of \$25 to be used on the property. These people had never seen the property before, but after hearing about it they went to see it. Perhaps others will be encouraged to do likewise.

The Administrative Board recommends a plan of procedure to begin development of the property as follows:

1. Find a person who has the knowledge and skill, and who can make available his time, to review the Administrative Board's proposals, and draft preliminary basic engineering plans with land contours and elevations included.
2. Study and review known apartments in existence which would be suitable for use, and obtain floor plans and types of construction.
3. Prepare an appropriate brochure for promotion and publicity of proposed apartments, including floor plans and types of construction recommended.
4. Prepare an appropriate plan under which interested persons would construct apartments, and own and occupy them during their lifetime, with a nominal charge during their life for the use of the land and facilities. Preferably, if possible, upon the death of the owners and occupants, the apartment might become the property of the General Conference by gift. This would require an appropriate written contract between the parties and the General Conference.
5. After proper publicity, determine the feasibility of the "Apartment Phase," and evaluate it in accordance with the total reaction obtained, and the genuine interest generated in the plan.

All comments and criticism are encouraged in order for the Administrative Board and the General Conference to know your feelings and interests.

Allan M. Ramsey, Chairman
Vernis Wolfe
John Fauntleroy

License and Ordination Board

As I begin this report, I feel that I must include a personal note of thanks to Brothers Kenneth Milne and James Mattison for carrying on the work of this Board so faithfully during my time of illness. We also appreciate all those faithful men and women who have served the Church of God as pastors and leaders. We commend each of our ministers for his response to the annual renewal of applications for license. We are anticipating changes to be made in our procedure that will eliminate the need for ordained ministers to renew their licenses annually. All ministers will be informed when this change is approved.

In the November, 1976, issue of *Progress Journal*, a list of 121 names was published. Twenty-three are listed as inactive as pastors, but many of these are in full- or part-time service for the Lord. The list also included 11 licensed foreign mission workers. At the time of the writing of this report, applications are coming in from the seniors of Oregon Bible College, who are intending to become licensed ministers of the Church of God. Some of these graduates have already been called to pastorates, which they will accept if approved as ministers by the License and Ordination Board. We congratulate these young men for their acceptance of the call of the Master and pray that God will fill them with his Holy Spirit.

We are happy to report the addition of Brother Larry Mayberry, who is now pastoring the Hillisburg Church of God, Michigantown, IN; Brother Gary Smith, who is pastoring the Troy View Church of God, Troy, OH; Richard R. Williams, who is pastoring the Denver, CO, Church of God; and Richard Alcumbrack, who is youth leader and an assistant pastor in the Royal Village Church of God at Front Royal, VA.

We praise God that two of our young men appeared before the General Conference delegates for ordination last August. They were Brother Dale Swartz, who is now a mission worker and pastor of the Lighthouse Church of God in Digby, Nova Scotia, and Brother David Cheatwood, pastor of the Church of the Open Bible at Bedford, OH.

Again we remind all licensed ministers that applications are sent out from headquarters about July 1. If you don't receive an application shortly after that time, write to the Executive Director, Brother S. O. Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 and request an application. It is possible that your name could have been left off the mailing list or overlooked. Type your name and address if possible, or write or print very plainly, so you can be accurately listed in *Progress Journal*.

C. F. Pryor, Chairman
Kenneth Milne
James Mattison

Additional Conference Information

Site: The 1977 Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 8-12. Rockford College is located on East State Street (US Highway Bus. 20).

If one is traveling on Interstate 90, you would get off the Interstate at the Rockford Exit, which is marked Business 20 and State Street (the Henrici Clock Tower Inn is on the east side of the Interstate at the interchange). One would travel from the Interstate west on State Street about 3 miles. You will pass a large Ward's Store, St. Anthony Hospital, and next is Rockford College on the right. There is a large sign at the entrance.

If one is coming in from the south or the west, he could

come on Bypass Highway 20, which goes around the city of Rockford on the south side. At the Alpine Interchange (near the east end of Rockford) one would go north on Alpine for about 3 miles to the intersection of State Street. Turn right on State Street about one half mile, and Rockford College will be on the left.

If one is flying to the General Conference, he can come into O'Hare Field in Chicago. There is a shuttle bus that leaves every hour and a half (hourly during the busy hours of the day) and comes directly to Rockford. The bus can be boarded on the lower level in front of the Carson's Circle Restaurant. This is

located between United and TWA Airlines. One would get off the bus at Sweden House (the 2nd stop) in Rockford. The General Conference van will meet each bus from O'Hare at the Sweden House on Monday, August 8 (registration day), from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There are a few flights that come directly to the Rockford Airport. We will make arrangements to pick you up there, if we are notified of arrival data.

Registration: Registration begins on August 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Burpee Center. When one arrives at Rockford College, at the end of the main entrance is a parking lot marked "A." Please leave your car in parking lot "A" and walk across the street to Burpee Center for registration.

At registration your housing assignment will be made. You will then move your automobile to the parking lot assigned for the dormitory in which you will be located.

Reservations and Camp Costs: Reservations for General Conference must be made prior to July 25. The pastors of the Churches of God have the necessary registration forms. Isolated members may write to Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, for the reservation form.

The cost of the Conference this year is \$48 per adult, \$36 for those 3-12 years of age, and no charge for those under 3 years. This includes room, board, use of the grounds and buildings, insurance, recreational facilities, bed linens, blanket, and pillow.

For those staying off the campus the cost is \$24 per person for meals and the use of all facilities, except a sleeping room, for all three years old and over.

Gymnasium and Pool: Gymnasium and pool will be available each evening after the evening service. Anyone who plans to use the gym must bring gym shoes and proper gym clothing.

Anyone planning to use the pool must bring bathing suit (bikinis not allowed), and girls, or fellows with longer hair, must have bathing cap.

Note to Teachers and Leaders: Teachers of General Conference Adult and Youth Classes and leaders of Christian Sharing Sessions are encouraged 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.

Children's Classes: Sister Judy Myers will be in charge of the Children's Classes for those in second grade and younger.

Sister Iva Mae Holt will be in charge of the classes for children third through sixth grade.

Classes for children will be held only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents are requested to go to the classroom and call for their children at the time of dismissal.

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.

Elections During General Conference

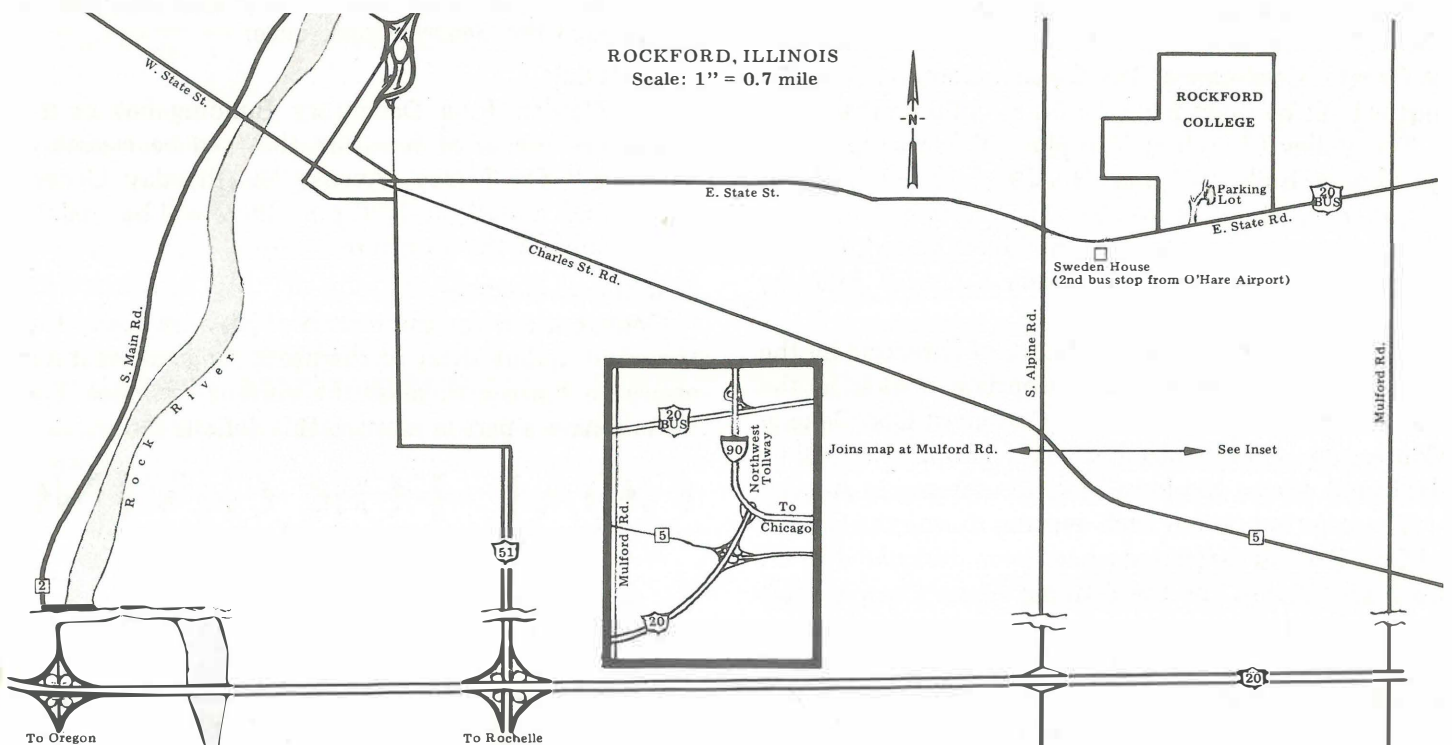
Board of Directors: Two members will be elected to the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. The terms of Billie Kennedy and Robert Smith will expire at General Conference (these cannot be reelected).

Sunday School Board: Two members to be elected. The terms of Joyce Knapp and James Graham will expire this year (these may be reelected).

Foreign Missions Board: One member will be elected. The term of J. Don Swartz expires at this Conference (may be reelected).

Home Missions Board: One member to be elected. The term of M. A. Patrick expires at this Conference (may be reelected).

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.



General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Church of God General Conference

This issue carries the programs, reports, recommendations, and other pertinent information regarding the annual Church of God General Conference that will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 8-12, 1977. The theme of this 57th annual Conference is "Life on a Higher Plane."

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.

It is necessary that each person attending the Conference complete a reservation form. Your pastor has the forms and the information on them. Isolated people can write directly to Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 for the reservation form. Reservations must be in by July 25 since we need to give quite an accurate count to Rockford College prior to the Conference.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, IL, on April 28 and 29. The General Conference program, the reports, and the proposed recommendations and goals were approved.

Approval was given to have an open house of all the General Conference facilities on August 12 at the close of General Conference. The General Conference buildings will all be open from 10:00 to 3:00 on that date.

The Valley Church at Van Nuys, CA, was approved for Mission Builders Appeal No. 39 which will be going in the mail about November 15. The members have conducted services in rented buildings since their beginning, and are now purchasing a church building from another congregation.

A report was made to the Board of Directors by the committee to establish an appropriate marker at the site in Waterloo, IA, where the Church of God General Conference was organized in 1921. This marker will be dedicated during the Iowa State Conference in August.

The offerings taken each evening during the Church of God General Conference have been designated to set up a scholarship for the training of an Oregon Bible College librarian.

The Executive Director reported to the Board of Directors the highlights of his attendance at the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society in New

York on April 12-14. About 65 men and women representing that many denominations were able to sit in discussion groups and made recommendations to assist the American Bible Society in distributing God's Word in an even greater way. The motto of the American Bible Society is: "Let the Word Speak." The translation, printing, and distribution of God's Word is supported by contributions.

We feel it was a great honor and privilege for the Church of God General Conference to be represented at this Advisory Council Meeting. Your Executive Director felt a spiritual uplift in meeting together with other denominational leaders to have input into another avenue of spreading the Word of God to the people of the world. The expense of the entire trip was provided by the American Bible Society.

Department Boards Meet

The Sunday School Board, the Home Missions Board, and the OBC Board of Education all held meetings during the ministerial conference in April. Their presentations for the Church of God General Conference were finalized and many items of business were discussed.

The various board members, together with the department heads and the Executive Director, held a joint meeting to share ideas and discuss the various programs of the General Conference.

Antique Sale

The Golden Rule Dormitory Building has in it a number of pieces of furniture that can be classed as "antique." On Friday, August 12 (the day General Conference closes), at 1:00 p.m. there will be a sale of many items of this furniture.

Conference Finances

Contributions for the month of May are nearly four thousand dollars short of the needs. This makes it necessary to borrow to meet the current expenses. Pray for and have a part in meeting this deficit.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for May	\$25,024.00
Given in May	21,238.00
May Deficit	3,786.00
June Needs	18,333.00

Goal for June \$22,119.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

Home Missions Board Available

The Home Missions Board is developing programs and procedures to promote church growth. Members of the Board will be available to work with member churches of the General Conference. If your church is interested in a church-growth seminar conducted by members of the Home Missions Board, please contact Pastor Warren Sorenson, 1130 E. Laguna Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282. Priority will be given to smaller churches.

African Trip

On January 20, 1977, Bro. and Sr. Paul Overholser and their granddaughter, Elaine Brittingham, left Dayton, OH, for Africa, where they were to spend the next forty-five days. Most of their time was spent with the brethren in Liberia where Bro. Cornelius Boykai is working. Interest in the classes they taught was not as great as we had hoped, but we trust that those who did attend will find the things they learned useful in their lives and works as God's people.

Bro. Overholser went to Nigeria February 3, and spent six days with the Christians in that country. He was unable to go to Ghana because of the drought and disease which made conditions bad.

The Overholasers made this survey and teaching trip to Africa at their own expense, and we appreciate their dedication to the Lord's service and their willingness to help in this way in our missions effort.

Ghana Report

I would like to quote portions of an informative letter received from Bro. Oliver Amani, leader of our Ghana work.

"The total membership of our churches in Ghana now stands at 304. The group in Nkwanta numbers 81, Kwamikrom 123, Jasikan 16, New Ayoma 11, Akosombo 8, Tsyome-Sabadu 12, and the rest, 53, live in isolated areas. Most of the isolated are those in government service and they go on transfer from place to place. I do visit some of them and also correspond with most. The groups in Nkwanta and Kwamikrom have regular worship in chapels, but the others are essentially what I may term 'house-churches.' All of these groups have their teachers.

"I am sure you might have by this time known why the Overholasers could not visit us during their recent trip to Africa. Very acute drought conditions, coupled with Bilharzia disease, is giving us much discomfort in

this district. So many people, including some of our students, are currently receiving treatment from the Medical Field Unit which has been sent by the government to help combat the disease."

Teachers for Nigeria

The Nigerian government has launched a massive Universal Primary Education program to provide free education for all children through grade seven. Thousands of new schools are being constructed to accommodate an estimated 11.5 million children by 1980.

Nigeria is looking for 40,000 teachers to fill regular positions in the government schools. The government pays travel expenses to and from Nigeria, provides housing, and offers a "comfortable" salary for teachers, who sign 36-month contracts. English is the language of instruction.

Bible Knowledge is a compulsory subject in all Nigerian schools for students who register as "Christian," and there is little restriction on teachers' extra-curricular activities. It appears that there will be great opportunities for Christian teachers to share their faith in such a position.

Teachers, are you interested?

First Class Follow-up

A Christian woman witnessing in the London air terminal recently saw how "the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that he may strongly support those whose hearts are completely his" (2 Chron. 16:9, NAS).

The woman interested a stewardess in Christ, but before she could begin the follow-up, the stewardess' flight was called.

"Here, take this and read it," the woman said, handing the stewardess a book by Francis Schaeffer.

"Lord," the woman prayed as the stewardess boarded her flight, "please put a Christian on that flight to follow her up."

Later the stewardess contacted the woman and told her she had begun reading the book during a pause in her flight duties.

"What do you think of that?" a passenger interrupted.

"I've just begun learning of Christ," she replied, "so I really can't understand it."

"Perhaps I can help you," he said. "I'm Francis Schaeffer." (Pennellwood, Grand Rapids, MI bulletin)

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

BAPTISMS

Fonthill, Ont. Lois Warner came forward in response to the gospel invitation, indicating her acceptance of Christ as her Savior. She was baptized in his name on March 6, 1977. We pray God's richest blessing on her as she begins her walk with him.
John Hearp, pastor.

Cleveland, OH. We rejoiced Easter Sunday morning as Vicki Lyn Phillis was buried with Christ in baptism and died to her sins, but became alive to God through Jesus Christ her Lord (Rom. 6:4, 11). Sr. Phillis recently completed the classroom study of Systematic Theology. She confessed Christ April 24 when her father, a layman who preached the Sunday message, gave the invitation. Our entire church was blessed by this decision. Sr. Phillis was baptized by the writer, who prays God's rich blessings on her as she begins her walk in the truth.
William Kammin, pastor.

Gatesville, TX. On Sunday morning, April 24, 1977, Ronnie Rhodes and his wife Sharon came forward after the worship service to be baptized. The writer immersed them in the name of Jesus Christ that afternoon. We praise God for their important step and pray that he will continue to guide them in their new life in Christ.
Michael P. Brown, pastor.

Macomb, IL. Jennifer Potts accepted Christ as her Lord, Savior, and coming King by responding to the invitation, April 17, 1977, during the morning worship services. She was immersed in baptism at the evening services. Our prayers go with her as she yields her life to her new Master.
Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Front Royal, VA. We rejoice with Mrs. Kathleen Caroselli, who was immersed in the waters of baptism at the Royal Village Church during the Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Class, March 16, 1977. We welcome her into God's redeemed family. Please join us in prayer for her daughter, Margaret Jeffries, who is a victim of multiple sclerosis. She requests your prayers.
Cecil Smead, pastor.

Omaha, NE. On April 8, 1977, at a special Good Friday service, Steve Tyler and Ruth Yentes were baptized into the body of Christ. Their membership is in the Jaynes Street Community Church of God of Omaha. May God bless them richly as they grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
Scott Ross, pastor.

The Phoenix Bible Church rejoices in the recent baptisms of Lee Rappleyea, Cindy Kopp, Kim McCusker, Norma Avey, and Marcia Avey into the body of Christ. It is a joy to see God working in the lives of these five as they begin living for him.
James Graham, pastor.

MARRIAGES

Miss Beckie Jo Taft became the bride of Brian D. Bolhous in the Church of God, Oregon, IL, April 23, 1977. That God will bless their lives together is our prayer.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Miss Jan E. Corcoran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corcoran of Oregon, IL, became the bride of Pastor Richard C. Alcumbrack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Alcumbrack of Grand Rapids, MI, in a beautiful double-ring ceremony in the Church of God, Oregon, IL, May 7, 1977. After the honeymoon, the couple will be at home at 18 W. Prospect St., Front Royal, VA. Richard is serving as youth pastor in the Virginia Conference. We pray that God will bless them richly as they go down life's pathway together and will give them a fruitful ministry.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

The Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God was the setting of a lovely double-ring ceremony when Teresa Ann Kaffenbarger became the bride of Richard Tefft on March 25, 1977. We pray God's blessing on this union as they start their lives together in seeking the Master's will.
James D. Ritch, pastor.

MACOMB, ILLINOIS

The Macomb Church of God held spring meetings April 19-24, 1977, with Brother Richard Smith. This special week was highlighted by the combined Oregon Bible College Choir and Oregon Church of God Choir. They presented "Celebration of Discipleship" by Don Hustad, on Sunday, April 24, 1977. This was a beautiful conclusion to our spring meetings!
Phyllis Davis, reporter.

ADULT HOME BIBLE CLASSES COMPLETED

Dr. William Kammin, pastor at Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, OH, reports many blessings and successful concern in church Bible classes for adults in private homes. Over twenty people have completed the second quarter of this program introduced last fall at the church. Courses offered during the past quarter were "A Study in Mark," "Systematic Theology," and "A Beginner's Course in Prophecy." The classes are offered in homes of members and nonmembers, with the only requirement for entrance being an agreement that the Bible is a book worth studying.

A NEW BIRTH AND DEDICATION SERVICE

Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, OH, had many things for which to rejoice Easter Sunday morning—hailing the resurrected Christ in song and worship, witnessing the baptism of Sr. Vicki Phillis, accepting a new member—Sr. Martha Hobbs—by letter and confession of faith, and seeing the dedication of Randall Erik Weidensall. Randall, born March 29, 1977, to Paul ("Corky") and Jan Weidensall, was dedicated to God with the promise of the parents to lead him in the truth and to direct his path in life that he might have the knowledge of God's promises toward the kingdom. When he attains the age of reasoning, he will be led of God to confess his sins and accept Christ as his personal Savior.
William Kammin, pastor.

EVANGELIST AVAILABLE

After September 1, 1977, Pastor Roy Humphreys will be available for evangelistic meetings. Write to J. Roy Humphreys, Rt. 1, Box 305, Royal, AR 71968, or phone 501-767-4921.

BLANCHARD, MICHIGAN

On March 20, 1977, we welcomed into membership the Carl Moreland family by transfer. We are happy to have Carl, Irene, Diane, and Mark as members of our fellowship. They had been attending and active for over a year before making this decision.
Don Needham, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Kim Wagner; Robert MacLead; Pastor Rex Shaw; Doris Shaw; Lynn Laraviere; Dorothy Johnson; Ruthann Stonebraker; Vickie Phillis; Martha Hobbs.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD

On Sunday evening, April 3, 1977, a special mortgage-burning ceremony was held as part of an evangelistic service at the Lighthouse Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia. In 1970 the church borrowed funds to erect the parsonage. Part of the parsonage was moved from Shore Road and an extension built on. With great thankfulness and gratitude to God the members watched as the bank note was set afire by Aubrey Forrest, trustee; James Ross, elder; and Pastor Dale Swartz.

Many projects were sponsored over the years by the church and the Dorcas Society to raise money to help pay the debt. One of these projects was a spring and fall community concert in which people from the area churches participated. We would like to thank all who have helped in any way to make the mortgage-burning ceremony possible.

We now have begun a New Improvement Fund for needed repairs and finishing for the church and parsonage.

Easter Activities

Our church was the scene of much activity on Easter Sunday. The day started with a sunrise service. A breakfast in the church basement followed.

The Sunday-school hour was filled with much excitement as we watched the attendance reach ninety. Because we reached our goal of ninety our superintendent, Mrs. Rosalyn Bent, received a delicious coconut cream pie in the face. Sylvia Haynes had brought the most visitors, so she had the honor of serving the pie.

In the evening a special Easter musical concert was held. The program was started by the Preschool, Primary, and Grade I classes playing the rhythm band and singing "Jesus Loves Me." Many vocal numbers were sung by various members: a duet by Laurie and Vicki Wagner, "When He Cometh"; a solo by Melissa Armstrong, "Jesus Loves Me"; and the junior choir directed by Mrs. Doris Brown sang "One Day," "Wounded for Me," and "Christ Returneth."

Mrs. Brown also presented a very moving story entitled "God's Trees"; a family trio consisting of Rosalyn Bent and daughters Linda and Patti sang "Three Crosses"; Judy Winchester sang "I Should Have Been Crucified"; Pastor Dale Swartz sang "The Holy City"; a duet by Elta States and Judy Winchester was entitled "He Touched Me"; the adult choir sang "Ten Thousand Angels" and presented an Easter cantata; the Dorcas ladies sang "He Arose"; and the Bereans sang "The Old Rugged Cross." The program was brought to a close by the inspiring song, "The Night Before Easter," sung by Doris Brown.
Elaine Handspiker

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

ARTICLE II (delegates), Section 4 now reads: "An individual member who has attended at least four services, or who has made a financial or service contribution, during the year is considered an active member of his church. These shall be considered as minimum requirements only."

We recommend that the word "four" in the section be changed to "thirteen."

Explanation: Many have been concerned that one can be an active member by attending only four services in a year. Suggestions have been made a number of times that this requirement should be higher. Thirteen services per year seems like a more reasonable requirement for active membership.

ARTICLE IV (officers of the Conference), Section 1 now reads: "Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members."

We recommend the following be added to the section: "The term of office of a director shall begin at the close of the Conference in which said director is elected."

Explanation: Presently there is no determination in the constitution as to when the term of office of the director starts. This would spell out the time that the term of office actually begins.

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.

"It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in awhile and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."

—George Lorimer.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

COLUMBIA Church, 11388 Root Rd, Columbia Station, OH 44028
Russell Magaw, Pastor, 11388 Root Rd, Columbia Station 44028
Mrs J Don Swartz, Sec, 5835 McKenzie Rd, North Olmsted 44070
David Swartz, Supt, 5823 Lear Nagle Rd, North Ridgeville 44039
J Don Swartz, Miss Chair, 5835 McKenzie Rd, North Olmsted 44070
HENDERSONVILLE (Anderson Chapel), Jack St, Hendersonville, NC 28739
Daniel W Fyfe, Pastor, 111 Rugby Forest Lane, Hendersonville 28739
Lila F Rhodes, Sec, Rt 2, Hendersonville, NC 28739
Mrs Daniel Fyfe, Supt, 111 Rugby Forest, Hendersonville, NC 28739
RIPLEY Church, Hwy 24, Ripley, IL
Dale Harshman, Pastor, Rt 3, Mt Sterling 62353
Mrs Wm W Wells, Sec, RR 1, Rushville 62681
Robert Laning, Supt, Rt 3, Mt Sterling 62353
Mrs Thomas Lewis, Miss Chair, Rt 3, Mt Sterling 62353
OREGON Church, 301 N Third St, Oregon 61061
Hollis Partlowe, Pastor, 211 N Third St, Oregon 61061
Mrs Walter Anderson, Sec, Rt 2, Oregon 61061
David Hall, Supt, Box 100, Oregon 61061
Mrs Mary Krogh, Miss Chair, 806 Clay St, Oregon 61061

MUSIC AT 1977 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Each year at General Conference different individuals come prepared to present a musical offering. They cannot always be included on the program. If you, or your church, would like to present a solo, duet, ensemble number, etc. at this year's Conference, please contact Bro. Dale Ramsey, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Dale is in charge of music for the Conference. This will help assure your participation.

As has been the custom the past few years, one evening is devoted entirely to music. This year the cantata, "Celebration of Discipleship," will be presented. All who are interested in singing in this program should purchase a copy and be familiar with it by Conference time. It can be purchased at your nearest Bible bookstore or by ordering from Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60187. When ordering ask for *Celebration of Discipleship* (No. 663) by Don Hustad. The cantata is fairly easy to learn and should prove to be a blessing to all who participate. The more participants the better.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

The vacation Bible school for the Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, is being planned for sometime in July. If anyone, preferably a husband-and-wife team, would like to help in our Bible school, and could arrange to take their vacation during that time, please contact either Pastor Dale Swartz, Box 1023, Digby, BOV 1AO; or Sr. Eunice Pearson, Box 803, Digby, BOV 1AO.

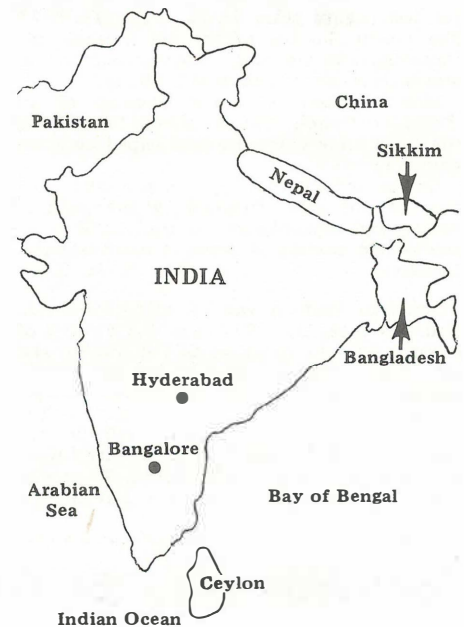
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKER AVAILABLE

Sr. Doris Brown (widow of the late Pastor Raymond Brown) is looking for a part-time position in Christian education, music, and church office work with one of our churches, beginning in September. Anyone interested in obtaining her services may contact her at Box 803, Digby, Nova Scotia, BOV 1AO.

LIGHT FOR INDIA

Bro. and Sr. John Lewis left May 29 for India where they will stay for two months, conducting training classes for the brethren there.

We are thankful to all of you who have made contributions to the India Trip Fund. We have now received enough funds to remove all the darkness from the map of India. Your generosity in helping with this missionary effort is much appreciated.



"If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy!"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Churches and state conferences are urged to give consideration to whom they would like to nominate to the Board of Directors, and should see that the people of their choice are nominated. The candidates should be contacted ahead of time to be sure they will accept and serve if elected.

Two directors will be elected for a term of three years each, at the 1977 General Conference. The terms of Billie Kennedy and Robert Smith expire at this Conference. They cannot be reelected. Following are four sections of the Constitution of the Church of God General Conference dealing with election of Board of Directors.

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

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of the church leaders.

Section 4. Nominations for each director shall be by General Conference delegates in session at least one day before the day set for the election, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship.

Section 5. Nominations shall be made from the floor; but voting shall be done by ballot, and no nominee shall be elected unless he receives a majority of the votes cast. In case a majority is not received by any nominee in the first balloting, balloting shall continue after eliminating the name receiving the lowest number of votes, until an election is reached. Each director shall be elected separately.

OBITUARIES

We are saddened to report the deaths this winter of three long-time members of the Blanchard, MI, Church of God—well-known members of our community.

George Wisner, a man whose wit and humor amused and entertained so many, died on February 17, 1977. He was ninety-two years of age and well known for being involved in community affairs for many years.

Maudie Lint, an active member of this church for over twenty years, died on March 18, 1977. She taught Sunday school and Bereans, and stayed busy in the ladies' organization. Maudie was nearing her sixty-seventh birthday.

Charlie Egbert, a charter member of the Blanchard church, died on March 26, 1977, at the age of ninety-one. He had helped build the church in 1914.

George and Charlie were the two oldest citizens of our area. These three, who will be missed and remembered for their faith, await the second coming of Jesus at nearby Decker Cemetery. Don Needham, pastor.

Mrs. Lola Madden, age 73, of Danville, AR, died November 23, 1977. She was a native of Havana, AR, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waters. Mrs. Madden was a member of the Church of God, having been baptized by Bro. L. H. Shelton in 1923. She is survived by one brother, Ray Waters of Russellville, AR; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Madden of Little Rock and Mrs. Mae George of Houston, TX; and a number of nieces and nephews. Mae George.

Louis Henry Ralston was born August 20, 1894, in Schuyler County, Illinois. He was a son of John Clarence and Della Ralston. He died April 3, 1977, at Beardstown, where he was a hospital patient.

Louis married Susan Lettie Long on October 6, 1915. They enjoyed more than 50 years of married life before Lettie's death in 1966.

Bro. Ralston will be missed by three children: LaVern of Frederick, IL; Victor of Beardstown; and Mrs. Robert (Rita) Jones of Astoria; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Harry (Sarah) Dugan of Beardstown; and many other friends and relatives.

He was a faithful member of the Ripley Church of God, where he served many years as a trustee. At the funeral, the writer spoke words of comfort and hope, stressing the return of Jesus and the hope of resurrection life. Louis was laid to rest in Palm Cemetery, Schuyler County, IL, to await the return of Jesus. Dale Harshman, pastor.

Mrs. Mildred Virginia McClelland of Viburnum, MO, fell asleep in death April 2, 1977. Mrs. McClelland was born July 26, 1914, in Fredericktown, MO. She was baptized at an early age by Bro. S. J. Lindsay, and was a member of the Fredericktown Church of God, Faith of Abraham. She is survived by her husband Samuel; one daughter, Joyce Nations; two sons, Charles and Danny; one sister, Geraldine Davis; one brother, Leo Cooper; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at funeral services April 4,

1977. She was laid to rest with the resurrection hope in Christian Cemetery at Fredericktown. V. E. Kirkpatrick, pastor.

Helen Kee, a long-time member of the Church of God, died January 25, 1977. She had been an active member of the Church of God for many years. She was born in Macomb, IL, where she was a member of the Church of God before moving to Arizona, where she became active in the Tempe and Phoenix churches. It is with hope that we look forward to the day when the last enemy, death, will be destroyed. James Graham, pastor.

JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

The above heading is the title of a twenty-four page booklet, now available through your Church of God General Conference. Written by J. August Smith, it is now in the third edition. It deals informatively and effectively with the question of whether Jesus existed in another place and form before his birth of the virgin Mary. You will find it thoroughly biblical and convincing. Order it from: The Restitution Herald, BX 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

The price is seventy-five cents when payment accompanies the order.

INEXPENSIVE AWARD BIBLE: American Bible Society, King James Version, hard cover, black letter edition. \$2.75, postage paid when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Oregon, IL 61061.

Contributors to the General Conference: April, 1976

St Louis Church	72.71	Anonymous	100.00	Hedrick Church	80.80	Everett Rogers	38.00
Eldorado Church	121.14	Mr & Mrs Edward O'Neil	25.00	Mpls Faith Com Miss Soc	100.00	North Hills Church	194.05
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Mr & Mrs Milton Hall	10.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	45.00	Mr & Mrs George DeForest	50.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Klinedinst	5.00
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Mr & Mrs David Stein	25.00	Cecil Smead	25.00	Cool Spring SS	9.56	Digby Miss Soc	27.40
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Olevia June Routson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Philip Shoemaker	159.00	Tempe Dorcas Soc	25.00	Patsy Zimmerman	10.00
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Connie Ross	60.00	New Hope Church	65.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Blessed Hope Church	114.22
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Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	75.00	Anonymous	1,000.00	Pomona Church	107.30
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Eden Valley Miss Soc	181.68	Edith Eades	10.00	Troy View Church	378.70	Bedford Church	145.77
Mae George	15.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Mr & Mrs David Johnson	22.35	Lawrenceville Church	920.82
Hope Chapel Miss Soc (S Bend)	65.00	Columbia Church	366.16	Mrs June Branch	.50	Marlene Kendrick	5.00
Golden Rule Church	178.27	Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Southlawn Church	343.21	Mr & Mrs T E Martin	10.00
Pennellwood Church	120.34	Florence Roush	5.00	Litchfield SS	10.47	San Jose Church	30.00
Anonymous	21.00	Ed Wyss	3.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Moreland	24.00	Blanchard Church	557.14
Oregon Mary & Martha	12.50	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ron Bray	150.00
Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous	20.00	S Bend Hope Chapel	149.47	Oregon SS	10.23	Flagg Center Church	113.25
Brush Creek Miss Soc	50.00	George Procter	10.00	Lafayette Beginner Class	14.73	Mr William Hanson	200.00
Mr & Mrs Glenn Canfield	296.00	Anonymous	40.00	Lafayette Primary & Jr Class	23.21	Mr & Mrs Scott Ross	94.00
		Bill Trout	2.00	Lafayette Adult Class	40.25	Kosztka Dorcas	10.00

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Fellowship of Ministering

By the Editor

DURING the Sunday school hour, those in attendance studied the Bible, sharing their thoughts concerning the topic of the lesson. The worship hour was characterized by joining together in singing hymns, enjoying the anthem sung by the choir, and everybody giving close attention to the message from God's Word. On this particular Sunday, each member shared a Communion service with all of the brethren. The pastor announced a congregational business meeting at one-thirty in the afternoon, a Berean meeting at six o'clock, an evangelistic service at seven-thirty, and Bible classes for everybody on Wednesday at seven-thirty in the evening. Yet the word "fellowship" was not used until mention was made of a "fellowship hour" in the "fellowship hall" immediately following the Communion service. Everybody knew immediately that this meant refreshments, or possibly a complete meal, and maybe a game or two to liven things up a bit.

The English word "fellowship" appears in the King James Version of the Bible sixteen times. In fourteen of these, it is from the same Greek word, *koinonia*, which *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* defines as meaning "common, i.e., shared by all." In the other two instances, though different Greek words are used, the thought remains much the same. *Metache* is defined as meaning "participation, i.e., social intercourse." *Sugkeronomos* translates literally into the English "coheir." By analogy, it is also used of a "participant in common."

The word "fellowship" is used with the following associations: "in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship" (Acts 2:42);

"called unto the fellowship of his Son" (1 Cor. 1:9); "have fellowship with devils" (10:20); "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness" (2 Cor. 6:14); "the fellowship of the ministering" (8:4); "the right hands of fellowship" (Gal. 2:9); "the fellowship of the mystery" (Eph. 3:9); "fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (5:11); "fellowship in the gospel" (Phil. 1:5); "fellowship of the Spirit" (2:1); "fellowship of his sufferings" (3:10); "fellowship with us" (1 John 1:3); "fellowship with the Father" (ibid); "fellowship with him" (v. 6); and "fellowship one with another" (v. 7).

The Sunday school, the worship service, the Communion, the meal, the business meeting, the Berean meeting, the evangelistic service and the midweek Bible classes were all fellowships, i.e., the sharing of something with others.

Three forms of fellowship are forbidden, or warned against: "fellowship with devils," "fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness," and "the fellowship of righteousness with unrighteousness."

Obviously, all forms of fellowship are not suitable for Christians. Restored to its context, the warning against fellowship with devils appears to be closely associated with the worship of idols. The "unfruitful works of darkness" with which we are to have no fellowship are identified earlier in the chapter: "Fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no

whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of God. . . . Be not ye therefore partakers with them" (Eph. 5:3-7).

The meaning of righteousness having fellowship with unrighteousness is identified in the same verse in which it appears: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." This applies to sharing any type of unrighteous activity, whether it be in the business, social, or religious realm.

The other types of fellowship mentioned in the New Testament are all associated with the sharing of worship of the one true God, and the service that we render to him as followers of his Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Among these, the one that concerns us most in our gathering together for General Conference is fellowship of the ministering. We are deeply impressed with our opportunities and obligations to share the blessings of the gospel with others. We concern ourselves with ways and means by which we may best carry out the great commission. The other types of Christian fellowship that we enjoy at these meetings are all incidental to the main purpose for which we come together. They are no less enjoyable and beneficial because of this. Indeed, our joy in them is enhanced by our harmony of purpose and the love that we feel one for another as a result. We enjoy fellowship in its best and most profitable form. We return home spiritually refreshed and strengthened, and know that we have grown and developed spiritually as a result of our fellowship of ministering.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Life on a Higher Plane"

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
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 Robert Smith; William Lawrence; S. O. Ross
 Music Director: Dale Ramsey
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 Judy Myers
 Director, Children's classes 3rd-6th grade: Iva
 Mae Holt
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
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 Business Office Staff: Becky Hall, supervisor;
 Betty Jannereth; Mary Krogh; Mildred
 O'Neil; Isie Jenkins; Diane Huston
 Camp Nurse: Margaret Duval

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 8

10:00 Registration Begins
 11:00 Orientation Service, William Lawrence
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 "The Heritage and Dignity of Our Mes-
 sage," Clyde Randall
 1:45 First Business Session
 Welcome by Chairman Billie Kennedy
 Seating of the Delegates
 Chairman's Message
 Introduction of New Delegates and Dele-
 gations
 Communications
 Question Period on written reports of
 committees and boards
 Report on Activities of the Board of
 Directors, Robert Smith
 Financial Report
 Berean Youth Fellowship Business
 Publications Business
 4:00 Recess the Meeting
 4:15 Youth—Feedback and Discussion
 Publishing—Feedback and Discussion
 Study of James 1, Robert Petry
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscilla Meeting
 5:15 Dinner
 7:15 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
 Worship Leader; James Graham, Speak-
 er, "Complete Forgiveness"
 8:30 Joint Meeting, Board of Directors and
 Department Boards
 8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
 Pool and gymnasium available
 10:30 Lights Out

Tuesday, August 9

7:15 Breakfast
 8:45 Devotion and Prayer Service, Kent Ross
 9:15 Home Missions Presentation
 10:00 Questions and Discussion on Home Mis-
 sions
 10:45 Foreign Missions Presentation
 Youth Class, Hugh and Mary Harman,
 "Dynamic Relationships for Single
 Teens"
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Service, John and Ruth Lewis
 1:45 Business Session
 Reading of Monday's Minutes
 Mission Business
 Election of Mission Board Members
 4:00 Recess Business Session
 4:15 Foreign Missions—Feedback and Discus-
 sion

Home Missions—Feedback and Discus-
 sion
 Bible Study, Richard Worley
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscilla Meeting
 5:15 Dinner
 7:15 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
 Worship Leader; Donald Needham,
 Speaker, "Blessed Assurance"
 8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
 Pool and gymnasium available
 10:30 Lights Out

Wednesday, August 10

7:15 Breakfast
 8:45 Devotion and Prayer Service, John Hearp
 9:15 Oregon Bible College Presentation
 10:45 Youth Class, Jim Babcock, "The Modern
 Cults"
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Service, William Kammin, "All Things
 Are Yours"
 1:45 Business Sessions
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
 Nomination of Two Directors
 Oregon Bible College Business
 4:00 Recess Business Session
 4:15 Board of Education—Feedback and Dis-
 cussion
 Bible Study, Z. B. Duncan
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscilla Meeting
 7:00 Ordination Service, C. F. Pryor
 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
 Worship Leader; Russell Magaw, Speak-
 er, "God Is in Control"
 8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
 Pool and gymnasium available
 10:30 Lights Out

Thursday, August 11

7:15 Breakfast
 8:45 Devotion and Prayer Service, Michael
 Mattison
 9:15 Presenting "The Many Faces of the Sun-
 day School Department"
 10:15 Super Successful Sunday Schools
 10:30 Workshop, Sharing Sessions:
 Nursery Teachers, Beginner Teachers,
 Primary Teachers, Junior Teachers, Teen
 Teachers, Adult Teachers, Superinten-
 dents, VBS Directors, and How You Can
 Help Your Sunday School
 10:45 Youth Class, Joe James
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Service, Rex Shaw, "Go Forward"
 1:45 Business Sessions
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
 Election of Two Directors
 Sunday School Business
 Election of Two Sunday School Direc-
 tors
 General Business
 Adoption of a Budget
 4:00 Dismissal of Business Session
 4:15 Sunday School Board—Feedback and
 Discussion
 Bible Study, Robert Huddleston
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscilla Meeting
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Installation of New Officers, Warren
 Sorenson
 7:15 Musicales, Dale Ramsey, Director
 8:30 Snack bar and lounges available
 Pool and gymnasium available
 10:30 Lights Out

Friday, August 12

7:15 Breakfast
 8:30 Communion Service, Harold Doan, as-
 sisted by Stephen Bolhaus and Sydney
 Kirkpatrick
 9:00 Closing Message, Scott Ross
 10:00 Campus must be vacated

TELEPHONES DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE

During the annual Church of God General
 Conference, August 8 to 12, the telephone number
 of the Conference office at Rockford College will be
 815-226-4027. The office will be open from 7:30 a.m.
 to 9:30 p.m. each day. If an emergency should exist
 during the night hours, the office manager could
 be reached at 815-226-4143.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

It appears that the 1977 Church of God General
 Conference, August 8-12, at Rockford College,
 Rockford, IL, will be well attended. Reservations
 are coming in rapidly. For those staying off
 campus and/or eating meals at the college, a
 reservation must be in before July 25 with the \$5.00
 deposit.

We want to advise, however, that one can stay
 and eat off campus and attend any and all
 meetings and services without cost or reservation.
 In any case, we do urge your attendance and trust
 that the 1977 Conference will be one of the best
 ever.

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General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Conference Program

The program for the 1977 Church of God General Conference (Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 8-12) can be found in this issue, and was also in the June issue of *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. The program has a full schedule of services, study, devotions, recreation, music, and the delegate business sessions.

Children's classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Sr. Iva Mae Holt will be in charge of the classes for those in third through sixth grades.

Sr. Judy Myers will lead the Bible school for children 3 months to second grade. Mothers of children under 3 years of age should contact Sr. Myers Monday at General Conference. Special classes are being prepared for this age group. They will not be in session for the whole time but will be scheduled at various intervals during the morning. Listen for announcements on this at Conference on Monday, August 8.

Bro. Dale Ramsey, music director for the Conference, has announced that there will be choir practice at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, in final preparation for the musicale on Thursday night.

The theme of the Conference is "Life on a Higher Plane." The evening messages and many classes will be geared to this theme. The facilities at Rockford College lend themselves to an atmosphere of rich fellowship. Plan now to attend.

Conference Delegates

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to church and conference secretaries. If any church or conference has not received these forms, please contact the Executive Director at once. Secretaries are urged to complete these forms and return them promptly.

Churches and conferences are urged to select their delegates early. They should also instruct their delegates how to vote on proposed goals, recommendations and other Conference business. Nominees for the various offices should be selected and delegates urged to nominate them for these offices. Page eleven of the June *PROGRESS JOURNAL* listed the positions to be filled by election at this Conference.

Conference Reservations

Reservations for the 1977 Church of God General

Conference must be in by July 25. Each pastor has the reservation forms and information. Isolated members may write directly to Conference Reservation, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, for forms.

The cost of the 1977 Conference is \$48 for an adult, \$36 for those 3 to 12 years of age, and no charge for anyone under 3 years. This includes room, board, use of the grounds and buildings, recreational facilities, bed linens, blanket, and pillow.

For those staying off the campus the cost is \$24 for meals and the use of all facilities, except a sleeping room, for all three years old and over.

Because a firm commitment must be made to Rockford College ten days prior to Conference, there is a \$5 per person (non-refundable) deposit required with the reservation. The full cost of the Conference can be paid with the reservation if desired.

Open House and Antique Sale

An open house of all Conference facilities will be held on August 12 from the close of the Conference to 3:00 p.m. All will have the opportunity to visit the city of Oregon, which is only twenty-two miles from Rockford College, and tour the Conference buildings.

An auction sale of several pieces of furniture and miscellaneous items will be held at the Golden Rule Dormitory building at 1:00 p.m. A licensed auctioneer will handle the sale. Many of the items are classed as antique.

Conference Finances

Contributions for June are twelve hundred dollars short of the budget needs. With no OBC tuitions during the summer and many items of expense being higher than anticipated in the budget, it has been necessary to operate on borrowed funds. We are thankful for each one who is responding to help erase this loan. There will be no *PROGRESS JOURNAL* in August; therefore, the two month goals for giving are presented here.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

\$220,000.00

Goal for June	\$22,119.00
Given in June	20,915.00
June Deficit	1,204.00
July-August Needs	36,666.00
Goal for July & August	\$37,870.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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



Some of those who attended the 16th annual Philippine Conference.

Philippines

"The 16th annual conference of the Church of God Philippine Conference and the Berean Youth Conference were held April 7-10 and April 11, 1977, respectively, at the Uddiawan Church. The conference theme was 'Giving, a Test of Faith.' It was divided into some subjects such as: 'Giving Ourselves,' 'Giving Our Time,' 'Giving Our Talents,' 'Giving Our Tithes,' etc.

"April 11 was Berean Youth Day. It was a day of meetings, Bible studies, Bible quizzes, recreation, and ball games for the Bereans. Three young people were added to them through baptism. Those baptized were Samuel Javar, 14, of the Cordon Church; Luz Guzman, 16, of the Gattaran Church; and Carmelita Abobo, 15, of the Agbannawag Church.

"There were lecture classes for adults, young people, and children. In these classes the conference theme was very much emphasized. There were also business sessions, ministers' meetings, and board meetings, in which the general situation of the church as a whole was discussed and studied. There were four evangelistic night meetings to which people of different faiths came to study with us in open forums. The evening of April 9 was the time of the observance of the Lord's Supper.

"A delegation of seven members from the Manila-Quezon Cities Church returned home immediately after the April 10 Sunday morning worship services, to report for work in the following day in the establish-

ments where they are employed. Their young people did not attend the Youth Conference. The church services there are still being held at the small rented room of their pastor, Ricardo Ortiguero. They have not yet found a bigger and cheaper room."—from the April report of Pastor Eleodoro S. Ortiguero.



PASTORS AND WORKERS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Seated, L to R: Eleodoro Javar, Dominado Samrano, Eleodoro Ortiguero, Rizalina Aguinaldo, Placido Ortiguero, Domingo Valdez; standing, L to R: Monico Guzman, Calixto Marini, Romeo Sanchez, Felix Javar, Mariano Gallardo.

To Help in Your Outreach Program

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

—Dale Carnegie.

India

Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence arrived safely in Bangalore, India, the middle of May. The 29th of May, Bro. and Sr. John Lewis left the United States to join the Lawrences in India. We thank you for your prayers for them and ask that you continue to remember them before the Lord as they continue their teaching ministry among the brethren.

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who contributed so generously to the India Trip Fund. The goal that we set has been reached, and the map of India is entirely "in the light," thanks to you and God's blessing! Any funds that have come in after the goal was reached will be put to good use in other mission needs.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

New Christian Service Director

We announce the appointment of Bro. Robert Jones as Christian Service Director for the 1977-78 school year.

We appreciate the work done by Bro. Dale Ramsey, who has served in this capacity for several years. In addition to the full-time teaching load that Bro. Jones will carry during the year, he will also serve in this part-time administrative capacity.

New Christian Education Instructor

Sammy Voorhies will be serving as part-time instructor in Christian Education during the coming year. While serving in this capacity at Oregon Bible College, he will be finishing his graduate study work in Christian Ministries. He will be teaching the Christian Education classes, formerly taught by Bro. Eugene Stilson, in addition to an evening course on Personality Theory.

Board Meeting

The Board of Education met in Oregon, Illinois, April 29. Robert Johnson, John Hearp, Vernis Wolfe, and John Lewis were present. Board member Charles Pryor was on a teaching assignment in India. The board considered a proposal that it plans to present at the summer Conference in Rockford, Illinois. The members discussed at length the development of the program for offering a Bachelor of Arts degree or a Bachelor of Theology degree. There are advantages to offering each kind. The degree we finally choose to offer will be determined by the kind of curriculum we are able to present to our students.

The board also prepared goals and programs in anticipation of our ten-year development program.

The next meeting of the board will be at the summer Conference in Rockford.

Fall Semester

Fall Semester classes will begin Monday, August 22. Dormitories for students will be open at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20. New students who have not pre-registered may register August 22. Day classes will begin at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 23. The first meal will be served in the cafeteria Sunday evening, August 21, at 5:30.

Informed Laymen

As Oregon Bible College continues to improve its program and better develop its resources to meet the

needs of students of the Church of God, we feel it is important that our laymen continue to be informed concerning our program and plans.

One way that laymen can keep informed about the Bible college is to understand the administration and operation of Bible colleges in general. We encourage laymen of our churches to visit and investigate Bible colleges in their own areas. We encourage you to understand the Bible college curriculum, administration, and relation to its denomination. By understanding these things in other Bible colleges, we feel that each can better understand the goals we are trying to reach in the Church of God.

Student Government President

Congratulations to Greg Demmitt, who was elected president of student government for the 1977-78 school year. He will succeed David Wilsterman, who served as president this past year.

Internship

During the past year, three students participated in the internship programs sponsored by Oregon Bible College. This first year of experience in the program causes us to feel that it is a program well worthy of our continued support and promotion. It will become a definite part of the continuing Oregon Bible College program.

Through the supervision of the College and cooperating pastors, the students are becoming better prepared to begin work in full-time Christian ministries.

In addition to two pastoral internships at Hammond, Louisiana and Oregon, Illinois, the Rockford, Illinois, church has cooperated in a music internship. Linda Jones served as director of music in Rockford during the 1976-77 academic year.

The program helped to develop Linda's professional growth as well as benefiting the church in its numerical and spiritual increases. It will also benefit other congregations in the future as they come under Linda's music ministry.

We praise and thank the Illinois Conference and others who have provided the financial support for the program. We anticipate the expansion of the internship, not only in the pastoral area but also in music and Christian education ministries. Thanks again to all who have taken a lively interest in the internship program and have given it their financial support.



BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Material for Youth

Many pastors and youth leaders have inquired of this office concerning material on the market which is prepared specifically for young people.

As I am sure you're aware, the Berean Youth Department of the Church of God General Conference does not publish any material of its own. However, I have come across material which I feel is worthy of use. Some of it I have used and some I have just read through. You may run into an occasional piece of material that is doctrinally incorrect, but the majority of it is not only usable but desirable. All of it will cost money but the cost is negligible when one considers the time that would have to be spent in putting together his own. Another advantage is that their resources are much more extensive than that to which any one individual could possibly have access.

The following are materials with which I have been impressed: *Success With Youth* offers a complete program for all ages. The program is designed for one full year, but an introductory kit may be purchased which allows the purchaser to use the material for one month without committing himself to a full year's program. The program starts with "Space Cubs," which is for preschoolers, ages 4 and 5. Following this are programs designed specifically for those in the grades. Grades 1-3 are called "Whirlybirds." Grades 4-6 are "Jet Cadets." Junior high youth are "Alpha Teens." High school youth are called "Omega." Each of these programs may be purchased separately. An introductory sampler kit may be purchased for \$1.00 for any one program offered by writing to: *Success With Youth Publications*, P.O. Box 27028, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Nido Qubein and Associates, Inc., offers a storehouse of good materials for use with teen-age young people. Materials available include: "Bible Study"; "Creative Worship Sessions"; "Retreat Programs"; "Games and Crowd Breakers"; Films; Art; Drama; Music; and others. The publisher also offers a monthly 24-page publication called "AWY" which is full of resources and suggestions. The price of a subscription is \$12.50 per year. A descriptive brochure of materials may be obtained by writing to: Nido Qubein & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 5367, High Point, NC 27262.

Also, some good material for teens may be obtained from *Serendipity*. A brochure may be obtained by writing to: Serendipity House, Box 461, Scottsdale, PA 15683.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

Board Meets

The Sunday School Board met in Oregon, Illinois, April 25, 1977. Possible implementation of some of our proposed 10-year goals which are printed in this issue of the JOURNAL was discussed. Jesse Pestle, Adult Quarterly Editor, met with the Board to discuss the adult quarterly survey which was recently taken, and to discuss several improvements for the quarterly.

The Board also met with the Home Missions Board to develop plans and curriculum for the 1978 Christian Workers' Seminar.

1978 Christian Worker's Seminar

The Fifth Annual Christian Workers' Seminar will be held at Camp Mack March 5-11, 1978. Several curricula are being planned and we are happy to have the Home Missions Board assume responsibility for part of the program. Mark this date on your calendar and make plans now to attend.

Sunday School Day at General Conference

Thursday, August 11, 1977, is Sunday School Day at our General Conference. During this day you will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the many people who help to make our department a success. You will also hear about some of the great things that are happening in our Sunday schools. And in the Workshop Sharing Sessions you will be able to discuss teaching techniques with other teachers of the same age group you are teaching, and with the editor of the quarterly which you use. For those who are not now teaching, there will be a class on "How You Can Help Your Sunday School." In the business session in the afternoon, there will be opportunity to ask questions and discuss the goals for this department.

Booklet to Be Published

Many Church of God people have written short plays, skits, puppet plays, and other short items which can be used in Sunday school openings. We would like to compile this material into a mimeographed booklet and make it available to all of our Sunday schools. Any original material which you would be willing to submit would be greatly appreciated. Please send it to Sunday School Department, Box 100, Oregon IL 61061.

Remember—Christian Workers' Seminar—
Mar. 5-11, 1978

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

OBITUARY

Sr. Grace Cain, wife of Pastor Rex Cain of the Macomb, IL Church of God, fell asleep in death on June 6, 1977. Grace was born on July 23, 1939, in Grand Rapids, MI, to Al and Lucille Ratering. She grew up in the Pennellwood Church of God in Grand Rapids where she was baptized by C. E. Lapp. In 1960, while a student at Oregon Bible College, she married Rex Cain. Together they have served pastorates at Morse Mill, MO, Bedford and Dayton, OH, and Macomb, IL. Grace was blessed of God with a truly beautiful singing voice which she used for his glory. She will be sadly missed by her husband and three children, Laura, 15, Alan, 13, and Mark, 6; her parents; her sister, Carolyn Brandt; her brother, David Ratering; and her many friends. How blessed we all are who were privileged to know her. And how thankful we are that we sorrow not even as others which have no hope. We know Grace is asleep in Jesus and her next conscious moment will be the Lord's return and the resurrection of the dead. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Scott Ross, pastor.

LEWIS IN INDIA

Word has come to us indirectly that Bro. and Sr. John Lewis arrived safely in India and are busily engaged in their work among the people there. May the Lord bless them richly and make their work very fruitful. Dr. Lawrence has returned to the States. Mardy was expected to return soon, and we presume will be in the States when you read this.

The Committee for FAMILY LIFE FEATURES

Books on Building Self-Esteem

"You're a bad boy," a well-meaning Christian parent scolds. "Say you're sorry to your sister and go to your room." Any parent can remember saying these words, or words like them. What impact do they have on the child? The writers listed here show how consistent use of words that attack a child's feelings of worth can stunt his growing into a creative, joyous adult and cripple his ability to build meaningful, lasting relationships for himself and for God.

Dorothy Briggs, in *Your Child's Self-Esteem*, states: "His feelings of self-worth form the core of his personality and determine the use he makes of his abilities. In fact, self-esteem is the mainspring that slates every child for success or failure as a human being."

Concerned parents are asking: "How do I build my child's self-esteem and still maintain my God-given authority? What is the difference between conceit and self-esteem? How do I build esteem in others when I don't feel good about myself?" The following books contain answers to many of the questions frequently asked by concerned Christian parents, pastors, and educators.

Briggs, Dorothy. *Your Child's Self-Esteem*. (Doubleday, 1970.)

Dobson, James. *Hide and Seek*. (Revel, 1974.)

Wakefield, Norman. *You Can Have a Happier Family*. (Regal, 1976.)

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Bonasutura Kwasi Blanco; Elmo Gaspar; Vivian Mills; Blanche Brossard; Marion Manuel; June Kirkpatrick; Edward Kirkpatrick; Edith Eades; Lilla Coulter; Wm. Coulter; Karen Wendroth; Norvald Sogge; Alma Schultz; Bety Coulter; Debbie Holman.

OUTPOURING OF LOVE

Dear Brethren of the Church of God:

Words cannot express my gratitude for the outpouring of your love and kindness at the time of the loss of my dear wife Grace.

Death is surely an enemy, but praise God, one day soon "death will be swallowed up in victory!" I long for that day, but while we wait, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Rom. 15:13, RSV). I know God is doing this for me through your prayers.

Thank you again for your many expressions of love and kindness. May this note suffice as my "thank you" to the many who expressed their love for Grace.

Bro. Rex Cain.

MARRIAGES

In a memorable double-ring wedding ceremony before two hundred friends and relatives, Laura Hollan became the bride of Ronald Berthold on Saturday, April 30, 1977, at the Columbia Church of God. May God bless their marriage with love and happiness as they go down life's pathway together.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Vows Renewed

Leslie and Nadine (Meme) LeCrone observed their 38th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows. Pastor Sorenson conducted the service of renewal at Lakeshore Bible Church of God in Tempe, AZ, following the morning worship service. Attending the couple in the ceremony were Richard Dick and Mary Ann Todd. Betty Miller served as organist.

Warren Sorenson, pastor.

Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. (Dorothy Brewer) Demmitt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 7, 1977. An open house was held in their honor at the Brush Creek Church of God, Tipp City, OH, June 12.

They were married by Bro. James Patrick June 7, 1927—the first marriage performed in the Brush Creek Church. Theirs was the first 50th anniversary to be observed at the church.

Bro. and Sr. Demmitt are members and active workers at the Brush Creek Church. They have two sons: Dwaine of Troy, OH, and Dallas of Phoenix, AZ. They have two granddaughters and five grandsons.

Joyce Demmitt.

BAPTISMS

Columbia Station, OH. Miss Darlene Cree was immersed into the saving name of Jesus Christ and joined the family of God during the April 17 morning worship service at Columbia Church of God. We welcome her to the household of faith and are pleased to introduce her to the brotherhood as a child of God.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

Tempe, AZ. Ron Courter was immersed in the saving name of Jesus at the Lakeshore Bible Church of God on February 6, 1977. Ron, his wife Barbara, and sons Darin and David have been attending the Bible Church since January of this year. We welcome Ron into the body of Christ and his family into the fellowship of the church.

Warren Sorenson, pastor.

Omaha, NE. On April 8, 1977, at a special Good Friday service, Steve Tyler, Ruth Yentes, and Cheryl Yentes were baptized into the body of Christ. Their membership is in the Jaynes Street Community Church of God of Omaha. May God bless them richly as they grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Scott Ross, pastor.

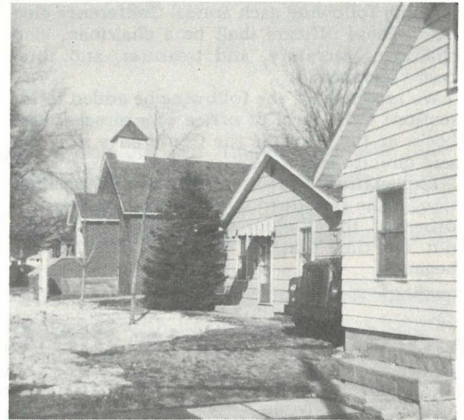
Hilliard, OH. We are happy to announce the baptism of Lillian Nelson into the body of Christ, May 29, 1977. . . . Sunday afternoon, June 12, 1977, Mrs. Patricia Ann Cupp, James Michael Ballenger, and Mark Daniel Ballenger were baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins, and began a new walk with their heavenly Father through his Son. The services were performed by Pastor C. F. Roth, with Deacon James W. Kinser assisting in the June 12 service. May God bless these new Christians in their new walk in Christ.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 3-7—Annual Iowa Conference at Waterloo. A memorial plaque commemorating the site of the 1921 organization of the Church of God General Conference will be dedicated Friday, August 5, at 7 p.m. The dedication will take place at the Waterloo Church, which is situated on the Iowa State Conference campgrounds.

Mission Builders Appeal Number 38



JAY ST CHURCH OF GOD KOKOMO, IN

The Jay St Church of God at Kokomo, IN, was organized in 1931 with 21 charter members. A four-room dwelling became the church. A basement was dug, the building was brick veneered, and in 1960 an addition was added. The facilities are now overcrowded and a six-room house next door was purchased for additional classrooms, junior church, and other Christian activities. The lot behind the house serves as additional needed parking space. If you are not a Mission Builder, but would agree to send at least \$10 for each church appeal approved by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference (two per year), we urge you to enroll now.

NEW MISSION BUILDERS

Mr & Mrs Charles Martin Kokomo Dorcas
Leslie Gillem Mr & Mrs Larry Mayberry
Alice Gillem Bedford Sunday School
Mr & Mrs Russell Fewell Mr & Mrs Joe Astolfi
Barbara Harvey Mr & Mrs Mike Berry
Mr & Mrs Bob Kelly Indiana State Conference
Mr & Mrs Glen McQuinston Joe Duncan

Please enroll me in the Mission Builders League.

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