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Faithful Servant Now Resting

EARLY in the morning of August 27, 1977, Bro. Paul Johnson was smitten by a fatal heart attack (see the obituary column) after a long and active life in service to the Lord. Fifty-six of those years were spent in printing *The Restitution Herald* and other Church of God publications. He died as we are sure he would have preferred it, being active until the very end. Inactivity was not in his nature.

The earliest record of his association with printing and publishing is found in the July 27, 1920, issue of *The Restitution Herald*. Bro. S. J. Lindsay wrote: "Bro. Paul Johnson, of Sac City, Iowa, is now with us and we have the job of getting him all smeared up with printer's ink and grease as a proper introduction to the printer's art." With the exception of September of 1928 to September 1929 when he pastored the Church of God in Los Angeles, California, he was associated with the printing of Church of God publications for the rest of his life. He felt that he would be more useful to the Lord as a printer than as a preacher.

As his skill in the various aspects of printing grew and developed, he received offers of much higher salaries than the Church of God General Conference could pay. On one occasion the manager of a secular print shop offered to triple his salary if he would leave his position with the Conference and go and work in his plant. Because he wanted to devote all of his time and talent to the Lord, he turned down all such offers.

His efforts for the Lord were by no means limited to his work as a printer. The name Paul Johnson was first written on the minutes of church business meetings of the Oregon Church of God January 9, 1921, when, in the absence of the regular secretary, he was appointed Secretary Pro Tempore. November 22, 1922, he was appointed on a committee of five, to make plans for repairing and decorating the church building.

Bro. Johnson was elected to his first office in the Oregon Church in January of 1923, when he became a deacon. From that time until the time of his death he constantly held one or more offices in the church. He served as Sunday school superintendent from January of 1927 through 1946. He served as a deacon from January of 1931 through 1944. Between September of 1940 and June of 1954 he served six terms and one partial term as a trustee. He became an elder on June 11, 1953,

an office that he held from then until the time of his death. He was chairman of the Executive Board of the Oregon Church from June of 1953 until July of 1976.

We do not have the records readily at hand, but we know that Bro. Johnson served on the board of the Illinois State Conference for many years, and was its president for a long time. He never allowed anything to interfere with the duties of any position he held.

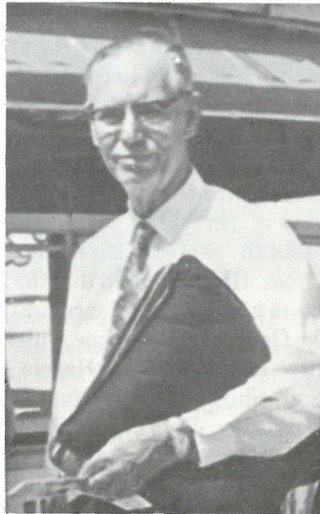
In addition to his official duties, Bro. Johnson was quick to notice anything that needed to be done, and willing to assume the responsibility for helping to get it done. He usually performed his services so quietly and unobtrusively that few were aware of the time and effort that he expended in this manner. I soon came to regard him as a generous and trustworthy friend, and benefited many times from his kindness. He did this so quietly that few were aware of what he was doing, but I am sure that others found their experiences with him similar to mine.

Paul's direct, uncompromising truthfulness on matters that he considered vital sometimes wounded others, but his friends came to understand that he never deliberately offended another. He simply had a high regard for truth

and could not bear to see it compromised, whether in the realm of doctrines or Christian practices. He always gave his best efforts to whatever task was at hand, and found it difficult to understand those who were careless and undependable.

Bro. Johnson died, we feel sure, as he would have chosen to die if given a choice—active in the service of the Lord until the day of his death. He would have found enforced idleness intolerable. His brothers and sisters in Christ are grateful that he never had to endure it over a long period of time. The Lord blessed him with good health, good vision, and a clear mind for all the years of his life. What more could any of us ask in the age in which we are living?

We thank the Lord that Bro. Gordon Landry has the training and spiritual background which will enable him to take over and carry on the work that Bro. Johnson did so well for so many years. As the printing load grows heavier with expansion of our literature program, Bro. Landry will need help. Perhaps we should consider training somebody to provide this.



Paul C. Johnson

Minutes of the 1977 General Conference

Joe E. James, Secretary

Monday, August 8

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting of The Church of God General Conference convened on the campus of Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois, on Monday, August 8, 1977. Billie Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m., and S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, opened the session with prayer. Bro. Kennedy welcomed the delegates to the General Conference.

The Chairman introduced Ruth Overholser, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, and noted that Sr. Overholser is serving in this capacity for the twentieth consecutive year. Sr. Overholser seated the delegates and gave procedural instructions to the delegates and alternates. She noted that 131 delegates had registered but that registration was incomplete.

Chairman Kennedy, in his message, challenged the delegates to become involved in the work of the General Conference. He commended the Conference membership for the support given since the 1976 General Conference and called special attention to the approximately \$8,600 contributed to the mission trip of John and Ruth Lewis and to the \$20,648 contributed to the new dormitory.

Special recognition was given to the following: delegates attending General Conference for the first time; newly licensed ministers; and graduates of Oregon Bible



College. Bro. S. O. Ross read communications from Jerry Cooper, Bob Smith, and Leota Hanson.

Chairman Kennedy called attention to the Special Reports on pages 9 and 10 of the June, 1977, issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. Gordon Landry moved and Edward Goit seconded that the Special Reports be accepted. Motion carried.

William Lawrence, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, reported on the activities of the Board of Directors during the past year. He announced that the Board of Directors has appointed a committee to study the General Conference. This Study Committee is composed of Harold Doan, Chairman, Shirley Urish, Elmo Gaspar, Richard Worley, Bob Petry, S. O. Ross, and Joe James.

Executive Director Ross was called upon to present the Financial Reports. Edward Goit moved and Don Swartz seconded that the Executive Director dispense with reading the Financial Reports since they are printed and that comments be made as

needed to clarify the reports and answer questions. Motion carried. Robert Coverstone moved and Willis Turner seconded that the Financial Reports be accepted. Motion carried.

The chairman called on Hugh Harman to report on Berean Youth Work. Bro. Harman commended the local Berean Fellowship programs and noted that the approximately \$5,600 raised in Coins for Christ this year exceeded that of the previous year. He announced that the Guthrie Grove Berean Youth Fellowship raised \$2,639 this year and led in Coins for Christ for the second consecutive year. Bro. Harman stated that attendance at the 1977 Youth Conference was less than in 1976. He also announced the dates, July 16-22, for the 1978 Youth Conference.

J. R. LeCrone, editor of *The Restitution Herald*, discussed the report of the Publishing Department and answered questions related to that department. Consideration was given to the Publishing Department Goals as printed in the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL. John Hearp moved and Edward Goit seconded that the Church of God General Conference proceed with the preparation of a Bible commentary. Motion carried.

Milon Hall moved and William Kammin seconded that the delegates approve all other goals of the Publishing Department as listed in the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL. Motion carried.

Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for action on Recommendation One on Page 8 of the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL. Ed



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Dykstra moved and Dorothy Siple seconded the adoption of this recommendation which reads: "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."

C. E. Randall moved and Ed Dykstra seconded that the recommendation be amended by adding that a restricted disaster fund be set up based on freewill contributions. After much discussion, C. E. Randall moved and Clement Richey seconded that Recommendation One be tabled until Tuesday, August 9, 1977, at 1:45 p.m. Motion carried.

The session was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Warren Sorenson.

Tuesday, August 9

Chairman Billie Kennedy called the second business session to order and opened with prayer at 1:45 p.m. Following announcements, the secretary read the minutes of the Monday business session.

The chairman opened the floor for continuation of the discussion relative to Recommendation One. C. E. Randall and Ed Dykstra withdrew their motion to amend the motion to adopt Recommendation One. Following discussion the vote was taken by secret ballot and the motion to adopt Recommendation One was defeated by a vote of 94 "No" and 66 "Yes."

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented in written form by Ruth Overholser: 7 Directors, 54 Ministers, and 107 Delegates for a total of 168 voting delegates.

Rachel Carr discussed Foreign Missions business. She called upon Ruth and Paul Overholser and Elaine Brittingham to share with the delegates experiences of their mission trip to Africa.

Chairman Kennedy called attention to the Foreign Missions Goals on page 7 of the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL. Charles Graham moved and John Huston seconded that the Foreign Missions Goals be adopted. Motion carried.

The proposed Home Missions Goals were published in the June, 1977, issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. Willis Turner moved and David Cheatwood seconded that the Home Missions Goals be adopted. Motion carried.

Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for nominations for the vacancy on the Foreign Missions Board created by the expiration of the term of J. Don Swartz. The following were nominated: J. Don Swartz by Charles Pryor, and Shirley McQuinn by Peg Duval. Rex Shaw moved and Bob Petry seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried. J. Don Swartz was elected.

The floor was opened for nominations for a vacancy on the Home Missions Board. The term of M. A. Patrick expires at this Conference. The following were nominated: Lorraine Gaspar by C. E. Randall, Ken Millard by Russell Johns, and Lois Pryor by Cheryl Ross. David Landry moved and Tim New seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Lois Pryor was elected.

Bro. S. O. Ross presented information regarding the assembly of the International Congress for the Peace of Jerusa-



lem, scheduled for January 31 - February 2, 1978 in Jerusalem. He encouraged members of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith to consider this meeting among their travels. More specific information will be provided at a later date.

Chairman Kennedy asked for delegate action on Recommendation Two printed on page 9 of the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL. Edgar Harvey moved and Otis Densmore seconded that Recommendation Two be adopted. Kent Ross moved and Darrell Maddock seconded that the recommendation be amended by changing "or" to "and" following the first comma. Motion carried. The delegates, by a vote of 140 in favor to 30 in opposition, adopted the amended recommendation which changes Article II (delegates), Section 4 of the Constitution to read: "An individual member who has attended at least thirteen services, and 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."

The session was dismissed with prayer by John Fautleroy at 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10

The third business session was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chairman Billie Kennedy. A member of the Rockford College staff welcomed the delegates to the campus and gave instructions to the delegates on safety and other matters. Carroll Bennett offered prayer prior to the opening of the business agenda. Ruth Overholser reviewed delegates on procedural matters.

The chairman read a letter to the General Conference from Scott and Gayle Ross. They extended best wishes to the Conference and expressed appreciation for prayers and concerns during the illness of their daughter.

Minutes of the session held on Tuesday were read by Joe James, Secretary.

Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for nominations for two positions on the General Conference Board of Directors. The following were nominated for Director One: Dwaine Demmitt by John Huston, and Carroll Bennett by Elmo Gaspar. Clarence Jones moved and William Kammin seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried.

The following were nominated for Director Two: Donald Needham by Lyle Walkington, and Michael Mattison by David Landry. Emory Macy moved and Richard Smith seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried. The chairman explained that voting on directors would be held at the Thursday business session.

Rockford College facilities are available for our General Conference Annual Meeting in August, 1978. Edward Goit moved and Larry Mayberry seconded that the Board of Directors be empowered to make arrangements for the 1978 Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference to be held on the Rockford College Campus. Motion carried.

Bro. S. O. Ross read a letter from the Golden Rule Church of God in which the membership expressed their appreciation for the spiritual and financial support supplied by the General Conference.

President John Lewis was called upon by the chairman to discuss business related to Oregon Bible College. Ben Mattison moved and Frank Roper seconded that the Oregon Bible College Goals be adopted as printed in the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL. Motion carried.

John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, and members of the Board of Education continued to discuss issues related to the College and answered questions of the delegates.

Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for action on Recommendation Three as published in the June, 1977, PROGRESS JOURNAL.

C. E. Randall moved and William Kammin seconded that Recommendation Three be adopted. The delegates voted unanimously in favor of adoption of Recommendation Three which amends Article IV (Officers of the Conference), Section I of the Constitution to read: "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. The term of office of a director shall begin at the close of the Conference in which said director is elected."

Executive Director S. O. Ross gave the delegates a report on his attendance in March, 1977, at the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society held in New York. He stated that it was an honor for him to be invited to the meeting to represent the Church of God General Conference. The American Bible Society paid expenses involved in his attendance.

Milon Hall moved and Cecil Smead seconded that the Departments of the Church of God General Conference be encouraged to use church bulletins to promote their respective programs by providing each church with suggested material to be printed in their weekly bulletins and to the state and district conferences to be printed in their publications. Motion carried.

Chairman Kennedy asked Bro. Ross to comment on the election of members to the Board of Directors. Bro. Ross said that the Board of Directors has in the past taken responsibility to assure that the constitutional requirement of two nominees for each vacancy is met. He further stated that the Board of Directors has decided to leave the nominations completely up to the delegates in 1978.

Dwaine Demmitt dismissed the session with prayer.

Thursday, August 11

The fourth business session was called to order by Chairman Billie Kennedy at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Donald Needham led the delegates in prayer.

Executive Director S. O. Ross introduced Pastor and Mrs. Nelson Melvin. Pastor Melvin, who is District Superintendent of the Advent Christian Church, attended the session as a fraternal delegate. He brought greetings from the Ad-

vent Christian Churches and briefly addressed the delegates.

C. E. Randall moved and William Lawrence seconded that Pastor and Mrs. Nelson Melvin be seated as fraternal delegates. Motion carried.

Rachel Carr made several announcements. She announced the following dates for the Midwestern Conferences of the Evangelization Forum: October 10, 11, 1977—Omaha, NE; October 11, 12, 1977—Indianapolis, IN; October 12, 13, 1977—Minneapolis, MN.

The minutes of the session held on Wednesday were read by the secretary.

The chairman called on Ruth Overholser to seat the delegates for the election of two Directors and for other business of the day. Balloting for the Director positions was held. Carroll Bennett and Donald Needham were elected.

Bro. David Krogh discussed Sunday School Department business. William



Kammin moved and Otis Densmore seconded that the Sunday School Department Goals be accepted. Motion carried.

The chairman opened the floor for nominations for two members of the Sunday School Board. The terms of Joyce Knapp and James Graham have expired. The following were nominated for Sunday School Board Member One: Joyce Knapp by Joe James, and Cheryl Ross by Jean Berry. Gene Davis moved and Z. B. Duncan seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried.

The following were nominated for Sunday School Board Member Two: James Graham by William Lawrence, Joyce Magaw by Don Swartz, and Judy Myers by Denise Berry. Bob Petry moved and Joe Duncan seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried. Joyce Knapp and James Graham were elected to the Sunday School Board.

Dallas Demmitt presented information regarding services and activities of the Family Life Committee. He showed samples of some of the materials available for Family Life classes and workshops in local churches. He encouraged local churches to utilize the services of the Family Life Committee and to also develop resources in the local churches.

Ben Mattison moved and Edward Goit seconded that the following resolution be entered into the minutes and also be sent to Anita Bryant by the secretary: "We, the delegates of the 1977 General Conference of the Church of God (Headquarters, Oregon, IL), affirm our support for Anita Bryant in her 'Save Our Children Campaign' and appreciate her efforts in heading this cause to oppose the efforts of the Gay Liberation Movement." Motion carried.

C. E. Randall moved and Bob Johnson seconded that the delegates give a rising vote of thanks to the retiring members of the Board of Directors and to all other board and committee members whose terms expired this year. Motion carried.

Chairman Kennedy called on the Executive Director to present and discuss the proposed budget of the General Conference for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1977. The final budget proposal read included changes made by the Board of Directors since the delegate folders were prepared and included \$249,000 in Goals for Giving needed to meet the budget. Charles Graham moved and David Landry seconded that the proposed budget as read by Bro. Ross be adopted. Motion carried.

Chairman Billie Kennedy gave a final address to the delegates.

Dorothy Siple moved and Mardy Lawrence seconded that the General Conference of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith convey to the staff of Rockford College our heartfelt appreciation for the beautiful facilities we have enjoyed this week, and for the bountiful and delicious food provided for us, and for the kindness of the staff to care for all our needs, and that we look forward to 1978 with great joy. Motion carried.

Danny Stone moved and Joe James seconded that Chairman Billie Kennedy be given a rising vote of appreciation for his work as chairman. Motion carried.

Ruth Overholser gave the final report of the Credentials Committee. One hundred eight-five voting delegates were registered for this Conference. A total of 612 people registered for the Conference as compared to 549 in 1976.

Arnold Johns moved and Daniel Landry seconded that all the minutes of the 1977 General Conference be approved. Motion carried.

David Landry moved and John Huston seconded that the business sessions of the 1977 Church of God General Conference be adjourned. Motion carried.

Bro. S. O. Ross closed the business sessions with prayer.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



General Conference Minutes

The minutes of the 1977 annual Church of God General Conference delegate sessions appear in this issue. I urge you to read these minutes carefully. The departmental goals and recommendations adopted set the policy and procedure for the coming years. The Board of Directors and the Conference staff will attempt to carry out these programs and recommendations as directed.

Dedicated Worker Sadly Missed

A stalwart soldier has fallen from the ranks of the Church of God General Conference Headquarters. This issue is dedicated to the memory of Bro. Paul Johnson (see front page). Very few can remember a time when Bro. Johnson was not on the staff. He has missed very few days of work in his fifty-seven years on the staff, and he was indeed a craftsman of his trade. In the twenty-seven years that I have worked with Bro. Johnson, first as a member of the Board of Directors and sixteen years on the staff, I can only say he was the most dedicated individual I have ever known and he will be sadly missed. He leaves with each one on the staff a tremendous heritage of faith, devotion, and dedication to God and to God's church.

General Conference Study Committee

The Study Committee appointed by the Board of Directors to restudy the organization and administration of the Church of God General Conference met several times during Conference and will meet again on October 8th in Oregon, IL. This will be a continuing study with a progress report due at the 1978 General Conference. The committee is made up of Harold Doan, Santa Monica, CA, chairman; Shirley Urish, Freeport, IL, secretary; Joe James, Greenville, SC; Richard Worley, Tipp City, OH; Elmo Gaspar, Eden Valley, MN; Robert Petry, Springfield, OH; and S. O. Ross, Oregon, IL.

Memorial Plaque Dedicated

A plaque commemorating the site upon which the Church of God General Conference was officially reorganized in 1921 was dedicated on August 5th during the annual Iowa State Conference. The 1976 Conference delegates authorized such a plaque. A committee consisting of Clyde Randall, chairman, Linford Moore, and S. O. Ross selected and erected the plaque on the Iowa Conference grounds with approval of the Iowa

State Conference. A more detailed account of the dedication service with pictures will appear in a future issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL.

Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem

As noted in the September issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL, there will be an International Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem, in Jerusalem, January 31-February 2. The Church of God General Conference will sponsor a group of delegates interested in such a trip. The tour will leave New York City on January 26 and return February 4. There will be several days of sightseeing in and around Jerusalem in addition to the Congress. The cost of the tour is \$1,110 from New York. Write to S. O. Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL, for further information.

Annual Budget

The budget for the fiscal year (October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978) that was approved by the delegates at the 1977 General Conference appears in this issue. This budget will require \$249,000.00 in contributions for the year or \$20,750.00 per month.

The Board of Directors, the department heads, staff workers, and myself all commend the membership of the Church of God General Conference for the dedicated giving in meeting the needs of the Conference work. In addition to meeting the budget needs the past year, many have contributed liberally to a number of special restricted funds such as Oregon Bible College Building Fund, Lewis Trip Fund, Mission Builders League, special mission projects, and others. Praise God for each one who has had a part in meeting the financial needs of the Conference work. May God continue to bless and provide that all the plans and programs of the General Conference, the state conferences and the local churches may be carried on to their fullest.

As this is written in mid-September it appears that the Goals for Giving for the current fiscal year will be met. Praise God!

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

\$249,000.00

Needs for October

\$20,750.00

Goal for October \$20,750.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

Mission Builders League

We are happy to report that since May, seventy-six new members have been added to the Mission Builders League.

If you are not already a member of this church builders organization, we urge you to give it prayerful consideration.

As a member, you will be asked to contribute \$10.00 twice a year to help other brothers and sisters in Christ construct a building for worship.

Send your name and address today to: Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Praise and Prayer Calendar

We believe that prayer is vital to the work of missions and the entire program of the General Conference. You are invited to join in a prayer program that involves persons around the world.

Each month the "Praise and Prayer Calendar" is sent free of charge to all who request it and who are willing to pray daily. In the calendar you will find a short article on some aspect of the work and either a prayer request or a praise to God for each day.

Requests from you are always welcome. If you have a special need for which you would like brethren in Christ to pray, send it to: Praise and Prayer Calendar, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, by the 5th of the month preceding publication.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16b).

International Literature Sunday

October 16, 1977, will be observed as International Literature Sunday. The distribution of literature is an important and effective means of getting the Gospel message into the hands of the people. We are thankful that we have the freedom and the means to use this tool in God's work.

Does your church have an ongoing program of literature distribution? Are you personally involved in providing good Christian literature to your friends and neighbors? The printed Word speaks!

New Tracts Available

Two new tracts have been published by the General Conference in the last month. You may find them useful in your personal literature distribution.

One is entitled "The Guiding Light" and gives the message of salvation through Christ. There is an at-

tached card that interested ones may remove and send in to receive the free Systematic Bible Study Course.

The other tract is especially designed to be given to those who have lost a loved one in death. It offers the message of the resurrection hope and is entitled, "From One Who Cares." There is a place to put your name for possible future contact.

November—Missions Month

November is Missions Month and we urge each church to plan now for a special emphasis on home and foreign missions.

Materials with ideas and suggestions will be sent to the missionary chairman of your church. Why not go to your chairman and ask if there is any way you can help in the planning of a special missionary emphasis in your church?

The Missionary Test

Henry G. Bosch tells about an unusual test which was given to a young man who was a candidate for foreign mission service.

At 3 o'clock one wintry morning, a young man arrived at the house of the minister who was to examine him regarding his suitability for foreign mission work. He was shown into the study and waited for five hours until the elderly clergyman appeared.

The first question the pastor asked the young man was, "Can you spell?" "Oh, yes, sir," he replied. "Spell cat." "C-a-t." "Very good. Now do you know much about numbers?" "Yes, I do." "What is two times two?" "Four!" said the young man. "Very fine!" responded the clergyman. "You have passed the test and I will recommend that the board send you out."

When the man talked with the mission board he said that the young candidate had all the qualifications of a good missionary. "When I asked him to appear at 3 a.m. I was testing him on self-denial. He got up out of a warm bed and came here without complaint. Next I tried him on promptness. He was here right on time. Then I made him wait for five hours for the interview, and I learned that he has patience. This was also a test of temper, for when I appeared, he didn't question my delay and showed no sign of being angry. Finally I examined his humility by asking him simple questions a child could answer. He showed no indignation. Yes, I believe this man has the qualifications we are looking for in a foreign missionary."



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

New Students

We welcome new students to the campus of Oregon Bible College for the 1977-'78 school year. There are nineteen new students with us this year. They are Cindy Adcock, Eden Valley, MN; Elaine Brittingham, Springfield, OH; Darlene Burkhart, Winnebago, IL; Denise Donaldson, Phoenix, AZ; Debra Fletcher, Burke, VA; R. Joe Good, Frankfort, IN; Janet Haberer, Dixon, IL; James Kamara, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa; Karen Mitchell, Blanchard, MI; Robert Morrison, Lafayette, IN; Diane Otto, Osseo, MN; Glennis Partain, Pelzer, SC; Cecil Rademachir, Bradford, OH; Daniel Shaw, Montrose, MI; Renae Sogge, Eden Valley, MN; Leanne Sorenson, Tempe, AZ; Marilyn Taylor, Williamsport, IN; Tim Thal, Phoenix, AZ; Vickie Wyrick, Michigantown, IN.

Class Officers Elected

The Senior class officers for the 1977-'78 school year are: Student Government Representative—Karen Circle; President—Steve Taylor; Vice President—Tom New; Secretary—Kathy Anger; Treasurer—Nita Wyrick. The Junior class elected Michael Hoffman as Student Government Representative, Steve Grant as President, and Donna Kennedy as Secretary-Treasurer. The officers for the Sophomore class are: Student Government Representative—Louise Lawson; President—Cindy Isenhoff; Vice President—Bobby Lee Partain; Secretary—Sandy Fewell; and Treasurer—Pam Gaskill.

The student body elected Greg Demmitt as President of the Student Government. Michael Hoffman will serve as Vice President, Louise Lawson as Secretary, and Karen Circle as Treasurer of the Student Government.

Donna Kennedy was chosen to be Chairperson of the Social Committee. James Hill and Cindy Isenhoff were selected as Sports Coordinators. The editor of "Looking at Us" is Tom New and the editor of "Mar-anatha" is Louise Lawson.

Questions Answered

At the summer General Conference session in Rockford, IL, several questions were submitted to the Board of Education and the Administration of Oregon Bible College. We did not have the time to answer all of the questions that were asked. Through the next few issues we will use the college page to answer those questions that were unanswered.

Question: "Could the college have at least one successful pastor on the staff in order to strengthen the pastoral studies program—either in preaching or pastoral works or both?"

Answer: Before coming to Oregon Bible College, the writer served ten years in successful pastorates at Eldorado, IL and Troy, OH. I am currently in charge of the Pastoral Studies program and teach both preaching and pastoral work. Eugene Stilson, a faculty member, also served a pastorate in Virginia before coming to Oregon Bible College.

Question: "Would it be possible to offer evening classes for laymen so that we can all participate and feel a part of the college?"

Answer: That is a possibility. Presently we are offering courses on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. Two of the courses are taught by Rock Valley College professors. They are "Western Civilizations" and "Art History." The Monday evening course is "Christian Education Foundations" and the Tuesday evening course is "Personality Theory." The laymen of the area would probably be more interested in Bible subjects. In order to teach Bible subjects in the evening, our schedule would have to be adjusted. But if there were enough interest, it could be done.

Incorporation

At the summer General Conference, the Board of Education proposed that Oregon Bible College be incorporated in the State of Illinois. It is planned that this issue be voted on at the summer, 1978, General Conference in Rockford.

During the months between now and that Conference meeting, we ask that you study very carefully the idea of incorporation for the college, the issues involved, and the statements we have made concerning it. We also ask that you present this issue to the Lord in prayer, regularly and often.

We also ask that you write us for clarification of the issues and for answers. The ideas that were presented at the Conference are not fully set. They are subject to change and adjustment. The previous presentation was not final.

We feel that the incorporation of the college is vital to the future growth and development of the General Conference. Through incorporation we can move toward a legal identity with the state of Illinois and with institutions similar to ours.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

New Berean Youth Conference President

Each year, a new president of the Berean Youth Conference is elected at our Annual Camp. This year, Bro. Kerry Pack of the Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC, was elected to serve for the coming year. Kerry is very familiar with the programs of the Youth Department as he is currently a member of the Berean Youth Advisory Council and has attended our Berean Youth Camps for the past several years. The new president's responsibilities include presiding over all Youth Conference business meetings which are held at camp, presiding over all meetings of the Youth Advisory Council, and promoting all programs which are sponsored by the Berean Youth Department. Congratulations, Kerry!

New Youth Advisory Council Members Elected

Elected to the Youth Advisory Council to serve two-year terms were John Raymond of the Blood River Church, Springfield, LA; Brenda Kennedy of the Eden Valley Church, Eden Valley, MN; Greg Demmitt of the Troy View Church, Troy, OH; and Vicki Ring of the East Peoria Community Church, East Peoria, IL.

Filling out unexpired terms and making up the rest of the Advisory Council are Lori Demmitt, Phoenix, AZ; Beth Tackett, Hammond, LA; Wade Tierney, DeSoto, MO; and Kerry Pack, Pelzer, SC.

The main purpose of this Youth Council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the National Youth Director concerning the National Youth Department's present programs as well as its future needs.

Louisiana Quizzers Again Our National Champs

Again we offer our congratulations to the Louisiana Quiz Team for their fine performance in quizzing their way to the National Championship at International Berean Youth Conference. This is the second year in a row that Louisiana has won the National Championship. Members of this Louisiana team included John Raymond, Mary Raymond, Chuck Walls, and Kathy Walls. Their coach, a former quizzer and one of the best, was Ruth Kennedy. Again we say, *congratulations!*

Youth Week Date Set

The suggested Youth Week date has been set for October 24-30, 1977. If these dates pose a conflict, any week in the months of October or November are acceptable.

Board Election

During the business session at General Conference August 11, Sr. Joyce Knapp and Pastor James Graham were reelected to two-year terms on the Sunday School Board. Pastors Scott Ross and Michael Mattison are also members of the Board.

I am very thankful for the willingness of these individuals to spend many hours in carrying on the work of this department, and in assisting all of our Sunday schools to be more effective in their work.

What We will Do for You

The Sunday School Department is prepared to help your Sunday school in the following ways:

1) We are available to conduct training seminars in local churches or at state conferences, on weekends or during the week. Among the classes which could be offered are: Creative Bible Teaching; Specific training in teaching different age levels; Improving the Hospitality of the Sunday School; Motivating Workers; Building Sunday School Attendance; and related topics.

2) We are available to visit your church, to meet with your vacation Bible school staff, to make suggestions for the use of our materials.

3) We will send information on successful promotional programs, which can be used to build attendance.

4) We will send information on how to conduct successful Sunday school openings.

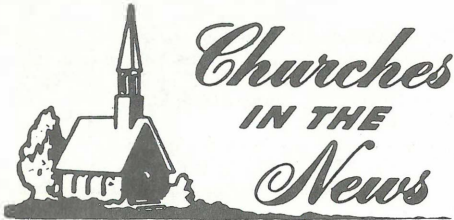
5) We will be glad to visit your Sunday school to evaluate your program and to offer suggestions for improvements in staff, equipment, and facilities.

6) We can send a list of good books to be read by Sunday school teachers and workers.

7) We have teacher-training materials which are available free of charge for use in local churches. A list will be printed next month.

If you are interested in taking advantage of any of the above services, please write to Sunday School Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. We have a well-qualified Sunday School Board, which is ready to serve you in any way possible. We are also happy to receive comments and suggestions regarding any of the Sunday school quarterlies or Bible school curricula. We recognize the need for continued improvement, and we do encourage your thoughts and ideas.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Pleasant Hill, OH. Susan Stine was immersed into the saving name of Jesus Christ, July 10, 1977. On July 24, 1977, four people were immersed into the saving name of Jesus Christ. These four were: Tim Stine; Vicki Arnett; and Dan and Theresa Chiles. May God bless each of these as they grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Fred Pensyl, pastor.

Springfield, LA. Billie Jo Sisk was among a number of young people who went forward at our National Youth Conference to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ. She was baptized into the name of Jesus for remission of her sins by Bro. Ellsworth Richardson, due to the absence of the pastor. We are thankful for this commitment to Christ. May God bless her.

Immediately following the Sunday morning message, May 15, 1977, entitled "God Hath Spoken," Carolyn Wall, Frank Kluka, and Leonard Coats confessed their faith in Christ and accepted him as their personal Savior. They were baptized that afternoon in the name of Jesus for remission of sins, and that they might become members of Christ's body, the church. May God richly bless them as they have been added to his family.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

Macomb, IL. The Macomb Church of God is proud to announce that Kevan Lewis and Jennifer Pestle responded to the invitation of Christ and entered into him in the waters of baptism August 14, 1977. We praise God for their important step and pray that he will continue to guide them in their new life in Christ. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Blanchard, MI. On August 7, 1977, Theresa Payne confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized. Lisa Eldred made her commitment to the Lord on the following Sunday and was immersed August 14, 1977. We rejoice for these two and welcome them into membership of the Blanchard Church of God. Don Needham, pastor.

Pomona, CA. In testimony to the faithfulness of God, Edna Kenney and Tom Jeavons were buried in the waters of baptism Sunday evening, August 21, 1977, and were raised new creatures of his wonderful Son, Jesus Christ. We at the Church of the Open Bible of Pomona rejoice with them in this new beginning, and recognize our responsibility to pray for and edify them in their walk.

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. Pam Hedeem was baptized into the body of Christ at Long Lake Bible Camp on August 14, 1977, by Pastor Billie Kennedy. May the Lord richly bless her as she lives her life for him. June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Blanchard, MI. We rejoice in having had the privilege of immersing three adults into the body of Christ. Jane Froedtert was baptized on Wednesday evening, Aug. 31, 1977. On the following Sunday, Sept. 4, immediately following the morning worship service, Tom and Jo Olrich were baptized for the remission of their sins. We praise God for their commitments, and welcome them to the Blanchard fellowship. Don Needham, pastor.

Magazine, AR. At the close of the morning service at Clark's Chapel Church of God, June 12, 1977, Deborah Elaine Nichols came forward to give her life to the Lord. Immediately, all went to the lake, where she was immersed in the waters of baptism.

On July 17, 1977, the Clark's Chapel congregation again rejoiced when Peggy Sue Sarten dedicated herself to the Lord. Once more all gathered at the water's edge to witness the start of a new life for our Lord.

We pray that these two young ladies will be rich-

ly blessed in their Christian walk, and become inspirations to those whom they meet on life's path. J. Roy Humphreys, 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.



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MARRIAGES

Miss Kay Vancil was united in marriage at 1:00 p.m., August 13, to Dave Kizer, at the Macomb Church of God of the Abraham Faith, by Jesse Pestle, uncle of the bride. Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vancil of Bushnell, IL, and Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kizer, of Plymouth, IN. Both Dave and Kay attended Oregon Bible College. Kay is a private music instructor. Following a wedding trip to Canada, the couple will reside at RR, Plymouth, IN.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Rebecca Myrtle Ramsey, daughter of Allen and Irene Ramsey, and Michael Eugene Grubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Grubbs of Warsaw, IN, were united in marriage at the North Salem Church of God, Plymouth, IN, August 28, 1977. They will reside at North Webster, IN.

Emory Macy, pastor.

Peggy Sue Sarten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Tom Sarten, became the bride of James Case, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Case, August 20, 1977, in a beautiful double-ring ceremony. They were married by the writer at the First Baptist Church in Branch, AR, in the presence of many relatives and friends. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

We pray the Lord's blessing on this young couple as they begin their life together.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Bro. Wallace Fayard suffered a fatal heart attack while vacationing with his wife, Sr. Vivian Fayard. They were enjoying God's beautiful world in the western part of our nation. Funeral services were conducted from the Blood River Church of God, Springfield, LA, on Monday, August 15. We were saddened by the loss of Bro. Fayard, but very happy that he had accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. He was baptized by the writer just last year. He now is resting from his labors and awaits the call of his Master to a resurrected life.

C. F. Pryor, pastor.

Alta M. Thrush died July 26, 1977, in a hospital in Salem, OR, at the age of 96 years. She was born in Gifford, IA, but moved to Salem from Omaha, NE, in 1936. She was a member of the Church of God in Omaha. Survivors include daughters Dorothy Burkhardt of Salem and Evelyn Armstrong of El Macero, CA; a son, J. E. Thrush, Salem; a sister, Elsie Strong of Omaha; a brother, Ray Adams of Salem; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She is buried in Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem. The family suggests contributions to the Church of God General Conference Fund.

The Oregon, IL, Church of God and the entire Church of God General Conference were saddened by the unexpected death of Bro. Paul C. Johnson, August 27, 1977. He was born December 15, 1898, in Sac City, IA. On November 3, 1929, he married Ethel Austin in Oregon, IL. He worked for the General Conference for the past 57 years, serving as Associate Editor of *The Restitution Herald*. Surviving are his wife Ethel, of Oregon, IL; one son, Robert P., also of Oregon; and one daughter, Mrs. J. Roy Humphreys, of Royal, AR. We pray that God will continue to comfort the family in their great loss.

Bro. Johnson's dedication to God, the local church, and the General Conference was second to none. We praise God for his faithfulness and for assurance of eternal life in God's coming kingdom. Following funeral services in the Oregon Church, he was laid to rest in Daysville Cemetery to await the call of him who is the resurrection and the life.

King David said at the time of Abner's death: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (2 Sam. 3:38). This verse seems especially appropriate: A prince and a great man in our local church and in our Conference has fallen. Thank God for the resurrection!

A memorial has been established in Bro. Johnson's memory.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Clara B. Avery was born August 31, 1890, at Litchfield, MN. She died August 12, 1977. Her husband Chester preceded her in death. Services were conducted at the Eden Valley Church of God by Pastor Billie Kennedy.

June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Gertrude E. Bennett was born October 21, 1890, at Clara City, MN, and died July 14, 1977. She was preceded in death by her husband Alvin, one son, and one daughter. She is survived by two sons, Carroll and Lyndon; one daughter, Mrs. Ivan (Vivian) Mills; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Services were conducted at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God by Pastor Billie Kennedy.

June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Elmer J. Wendroth was born March 28, 1899, and died July 29, 1977. Survivors include his wife Esther; three sons—Willmer, Ronald, and Leland; two daughters—Beulah and Ruby; twenty-one grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services were conducted by Pastor Billie Kennedy at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God.

June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Donovan Osborn was born May 9, 1940, to Gerald and Wilma Osborn, long-time members of the Burr Oak, IN, Church of God, and died from an accidental gunshot wound on July 28, 1977. Donovan was a member of the Burr Oak Church of God. He served in the United States Air Force. He accepted his Lord in baptism September 6, 1953. Services were conducted by the writer July 31, 1977. Donovan was laid to rest in the Culver Masonic Cemetery, there to await the call of the Master.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Alberta VanDerWeele was born February 10, 1886, in Valparaiso, IN, and died August 30, 1977, in Plymouth, IN. She is survived by four sons—Wayne, Bruce, Ward, and Gene; and a sister, Hattie Woods. She was baptized into Jesus Christ on March 6, 1902, and has always been a member of the Burr Oak, IN, Church of God. Services for Alberta were performed by the writer September 1. She was laid to rest in the Argos Maple Grove Cemetery, where she awaits the great resurrection day. May our Lord's coming be soon.

Darrell Maddock, 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.

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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

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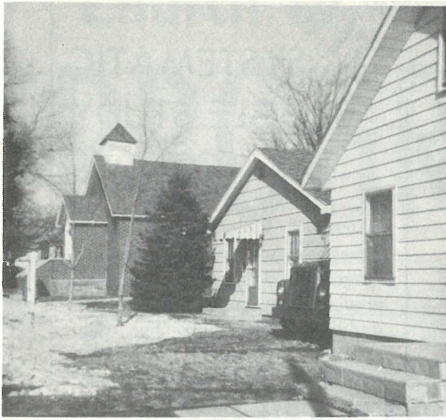
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**ANNUAL BUDGET
CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE
October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1978**

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Tuition, Room & Board (OBC)	\$ 55,000.00
Gross Profit from Sales	
(Sales less printing & purchase)	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Anticipated Income	\$ 63,000.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$143,000.00
Utilities & Telephone	18,000.00
Insurance	6,500.00
Social Security	9,000.00
Postage & Freight	7,000.00
Supplies & Expense	10,000.00
Depreciation & Repairs	4,000.00
Departmental Printing	8,000.00
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Auto & Travel	17,000.00
OBC Library	4,000.00
Professional Services	2,000.00
Golden Rule Contract	7,500.00
Staff Training	1,500.00
Literature Campaign	24,000.00
Rock Valley College Instruction	3,500.00
Replace OBC Van (1/2 of cost)	3,500.00
Revolving Publishing Fund	1,000.00

MISSIONS:

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Liberia	500.00
Nigeria	2,160.00
Philippine Islands	3,770.00
Ghana	570.00
Assistance to Churches	15,000.00
Board Expense	7,000.00
Mission Opportunities	<u>1,000.00</u>

\$ 31,000.00

Total Anticipated Expense \$312,000.00

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED \$249,000.00
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THE PROMISES OF GOD

A 96-page soft cover devotional book entitled, *The Promises of God*, has been authored by Beth Briggs. This book is now available through the Church of God General Conference at \$1.50 each. It contains 70 separate one-page devotions, each on a particular "promise" with a Scripture verse and pertinent comments.

You will remember Mrs. Briggs as one who has contributed articles to *The Restitution Herald* on many occasions. On the back page of her book she writes, "We know from the Bible that the future will be glorious for God's people. I feel that we need comforting NOW, in the hard times we are going through. We can take God's promises to us now, and then enjoy their complete fulfillment in the life to come."

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COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the Free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Kurt Laurent; Ellen Laurent; Doris Larington; Edsil Harrolle.

CORRECTION IN INDEX

The index to volume 66 of *The Restitution Herald*, which appeared on the back page of the September issue, contains an error. The article "Alone" which appeared in the November, 1976 issue, lists Alice Jenkins as the author. This should be Alice Jennings. We are sorry, Alice!

FROM OUR MAIL

Dear Mr. LeCrone,

It is requested that I be enrolled in the Systematic Bible Course offered by the Church of God General Conference. I have a desire for an in-depth study of the Bible and have heard that you have an excellent course.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 15-20—Special Meetings, Ripley, IL, Church of God. Guest speaker, S. O. Ross.

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.)

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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).

Holding the Flashlight

The following story is told by Joan Wood, a missionary serving in the country of Brazil.

There was a knock on the door which we had shut for the evening to keep out the bats. It was 8 p.m. and already dark. Nair went to the door and there stood an Indian, all out of breath, with his little boy who was big-eyed and frightened.

"I am really bad off," the man said to Nair.

"Why, what's happened?"

"My boy fell and knocked his front teeth loose, and he is all cut up. I paddled steadily from noon until now to get here," he explained.

She asked him in and we took a look. The boy's face was swollen, his lips were big, and the teeth were all pushed to the front and protruding. By the dim kerosene light, he really looked bad, and I began to feel bad at the sight.

We took him to the infirmary, but the kerosene lamp just didn't give enough light. So I got a flashlight. I prayed, asking God to give Nair wisdom in knowing how to treat the boy. Nair decided to pull the teeth. I held the flashlight directly on the area while she did the work. When she finished pulling the teeth and cleaning up the boy, it was nothing more than that he had lost his front teeth. The little fellow ran out of there like he was escaping from a terrible ordeal. We all laughed in relief. The next day he was playing normally.

A few days later I thought about what had happened. Many times things look difficult and it seems as if there are no solutions. Or if there is one, it is out of our reach or capabilities—schools, language learning, spiritual darkness, and many other things. Sometimes just a little more light is needed. With a flashlight on the area, things can be clearly seen. It is often difficult to work and hold a flashlight at the same time. All I did was pray and hold

the light while Nair did the work. Somehow I felt this was a lesson and the secret to a successful work—the flashlight of prayer. Would you be willing to hold the flashlight for us while we work?

"Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth" (John 12:35). "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).—From *The Amazon Challenge*.

The Faith Promise Plan for Missions Giving

A "faith promise" is a commitment made by a follower of Christ to practice the same kind of faith in relation to material possessions as he practices in his spiritual life.

We cannot physically see God, yet by faith we know he exists. In making a faith promise, one exercises the same kind of faith.

So a faith promise is a promise to God to give a specific amount to missions through the missionary program of the General Conference. In making this promise the individual commits himself to trust God to supply him with the resources to fulfill his commitment.

Where does the money come from?

- A new subscriber on Tom's paper route.
- An additional babysitting job for Lucy.
- An antique from the attic sold by Mom.
- Produce from a family garden.
- A raise in salary for Dad.
- An unexpected gift from an aunt.
- Money saved in the piggy bank.
- Fewer auto repairs or doctor bills.

In short your "faith promise" is supplied by the Lord in various unexpected ways.

If your church has an annual faith promise service, be thinking of how your whole family will be involved. If you want to participate, but your church doesn't have a faith promise service, write to us for information.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Church of God Directory

The annual directory of the Church of God General Conference appears in this issue. We encourage you to save this directory and, when traveling, take it with you so you can more easily locate a church when you want to attend a service. Addresses of pastors, local church officers, conference staff, and members of each of the conference boards and committees are listed.

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

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, Illinois, November 10 and 11. This will be the first meeting since the election of two new directors—Carroll Bennett and Donald Needham—at the annual conference in August. Many items of business will be dealt with at this meeting. If anyone has a matter of business that should come before the board at this meeting, please bring it to the attention of the Executive Director, or one of the members of the Board of Directors before that date.

Other Boards Meet

The Home Missions Board met in Oregon, Illinois, the week of October 24. The Foreign Missions Board will meet November 4-6 at Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, during the annual Missionary Conference there. The Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association met in Oregon, Illinois, on October 26. The Sunday School Board will meet in November. The General Conference Study Committee met in Oregon, Illinois, October 8 and 9.

Each member of these various boards gives freely of his time, without remuneration, to help carry out the functions of his particular department.

Ministers Retirement Association

At a special meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association held during General Conference last August, action was taken to approve a proposal by the Board of Trustees that the funds of the Association be invested through Aetna Life & Casualty. The actuarial facilities of Aetna do assure that the Church of God General Conference Retirement Program is sound and stable.

The Association will continue to operate under the present rules and regulations, but Aetna will make the investments and will, through its facilities, disburse the monthly benefit check directly to the retiree. Aetna will also advise through its actuarial studies if and when benefits can be increased for the retiree.

The Board of Trustees is preparing some proposed changes to the rules, which will be acted upon at the 1978 biannual meeting. These proposals will be duly advertised by mail to the membership of the Association. These changes are for the purpose of further stabilizing the program and to bring some areas of need up to date. The Association now has assets in excess of \$94,000. There are fifty ministers, fifty-five churches and seven conferences presently enrolled in the Association.

Conference Finances

As we begin a new year (October 1, 1977), of the Church of God General Conference, we find the contributions are falling short of the needs. This often happens until the membership becomes more fully aware of the needs under the new Goals for Giving.

The budget approved by the delegates for the current fiscal year needs monthly contributions in the amount of \$20,750.00. This budget provides the support of the missionaries in six foreign fields, and the greater part of the pastoral support in Digby, Nova Scotia. It provides the cost of preparing and publishing *The Restitution Herald*, the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *Challenge*, and tracts, and other free literature. It also subsidizes the cost of publishing the Sunday school quarterlies, study books, and other sale items. These contributions support the youth work of the Conference, the Sunday school and Home Missions projects, and about one half the cost of education of each student in Oregon Bible College.

We ask the concern and prayers of the membership that the total needs will be met and that each phase of the Conference work will be able to continue without interruption.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

\$249,000.00

Goal for October	\$20,750.00
Given in October	12,501.00
October deficit	8,249.00
November Needs	20,750.00

Goal for November \$28,999.00



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Appointment of Board Members

During the summer General Conference session someone asked if it was possible for Board of Education members to be elected rather than appointed.

Certainly this is possible because the Church of God is run by a congregational form of government. Whatever the delegates choose will serve as direction for the philosophy and administration of the College.

Under the proposed incorporation and constitutional change, seven members of the governing board would be the Board of Directors of the General Conference and thus would be elected. Four members would be appointed. These eleven persons would make up the governing board of Oregon Bible College.

We feel it is beneficial to have a certain number of Bible College board members appointed rather than elected. A part of the responsibility of a board member is to help in research and become familiar with the issues and philosophies confronting the Bible College proper. It would be very difficult to develop in-depth research and continuity if all of the board members had to leave their position every three years. To have board members appointed who are familiar with educational issues is very helpful to the overall development of the Bible College.

However, it would also seem wise that appointed board members should not continue in office indefinitely. There should be a limit placed on the length of time that such board members can serve. For one person to continue in this position too long would interfere with the bringing in of fresh ideas and other perspectives from the Church of God at large.

Therefore, we feel that the combination of elected and appointed members, with appointed members having a limited term of office, would best serve the ideals and goals of the College.

Bible Study Methods

The first course that OBC freshmen must take is the foundation course, Bible Study Methods. Since it is not enough simply to know the order of the books of the Bible before studying it, we feel that Bible students need to develop skills in gleaning information from it. This course is designed so the freshmen must study from their Bibles every day. Passages from the Old and the New Testaments are selected for the students to study according to a specific method. Methods that are developed during the course are: inductive; synthetic;

analytical; critical; biographical; historical; theological; literary; rhetorical; geographical; sociological; political; cultural; scientific; philosophical; psychological; and devotional. The theory of each method is considered and the daily assignments involve use of these guidelines to find different kinds of information from the various passages of Scripture. Examples of the assignments the freshmen have in this course are: an inductive study of Ephesians; a synthetic study of Haggai; theological word studies of "grace" or "death" or "love"; psychological motives for Christian service in Philippians 1:14-19; geographical analysis of Paul's journeys; literary features of Psalm 19; and a devotional study on any verse or chapter that carries a special personal meaning.

Students express appreciation that the course has trained them to be much more observant of Biblical passages. They enjoy seeing the depth they never realized was present. The faculty feels confident that this course not only gives the freshmen experience in daily Bible study, but also gives them the foundation in methodology that they need to progress into the specific Bible study courses in the curriculum.

Short Term and Professional Students at OBC

As in other colleges, students who come to Oregon Bible College are enrolled in a program. Each program is designed to progressively move them toward professional preparation in the areas of Pastoral Studies, Christian Education, or Music Ministry.

As we look at the present needs of the Church of God General Conference and plan and prepare for the future growth in cooperation with the other departments, our most important task must clearly be to prepare young people for professional ministries. With this goal in mind, we encourage the young people of the Church of God to attend for four years. As we have this goal and inspire and encourage our young people to develop these same purposes, our most important responsibility to the Church of God is being fulfilled.

Secondarily, there are students that do not come for the full four-year program. For students to receive acceptable benefit from our curriculum and instruction, we encourage them to plan to attend at least two years. In a two-year program the student can be instructed in the basic skills and tools of Bible study. After two years, he should be capable of leading in inductive study and also be successful in exegetical study.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Thanks for Your Participation

I would like to thank all of the Berean youth groups and their sponsors who participated in the 1976-77 "Coins for Christ" crusade. Beyond a doubt, it was the most successful year that we have ever had. I'm sure that many of these groups spent a great deal of time in their efforts to raise this money and their efforts were fantastic. These groups, 17 in number, raised \$6,485.03, almost two thirds of the \$10,000 Berean goal for giving for the year 1976-77.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the following Berean Youth Groups for their exceptional efforts while participating in the 1976-77 "Coins for Christ" crusade: Guthrie Grove Bereans, Columbia Station Bereans, Brush Creek Bereans, Blanchard Bereans, Bedford Bereans, Happy Woods Bereans, Oregon Bereans, New Hope Bereans, Hillisburg Bereans, Eden Valley Bereans, Dixon Bereans, Cool Spring Bereans, Morning Star Bereans, Hope Chapel Bereans, and Maurertown Bereans.

Youth Week, 1977-78

Many Berean Youth Groups have indicated that they are planning to participate in the annual Youth Week competition sponsored by the Berean Youth Department of the Church of God General Conference. The official date was set for October 24-31, 1977. However, groups were permitted to use any week in the months of October or November, in the event these dates conflicted with other church activities. We mention this at this time to encourage those groups who are participating to take some black and white photographs to enclose with the write-up of their activities.

The Youth Advisory Council will again judge these reports at its meeting during the annual Post-High Mid-Winter Retreat. Therefore, a deadline for reporting has been established. The reports must be postmarked on or before December 15, 1977.

Post-High Midwinter Retreat

The dates are December 29 to January 1, and Camp Alexander Mack will again play host to the annual post-high retreat.

As the retreat will be held in Sarah Major instead of the Ulrich house, we will have room to accommodate all twelfth grade and post-high campers who choose to come. We hope there are many who do. This retreat is always a great experience. We certainly encourage all who can to be on hand.

David Krogh, Director

Training Material Available to You

Any Sunday school may borrow records, cassettes and filmstrip training sets from the Sunday School Department, without charge. Plan to use these sets in your monthly Sunday school workers Meetings, or plan a special Teacher-Training Program for your staff. Please order by number.

Filmstrip Library:

- FL001—Building a Better Sunday School (4 filmstrips and 2 records).
- FL002—Leadership Education (10 filmstrips, 16 records, 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).
- FL006-009—Teacher Development Modules for different age groups (each module contains 1 filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, 1 script, 1 leader's guide, and 1 supplementary booklet).
 - FL006—Nursery
 - FL007—Pre-Primary
 - FL008—Primary
 - FL009—Junior
- FL010-013—Leaders and Teachers Kit for different age groups (each kit contains 4 filmstrips, 3 cassettes, posters, transparencies, and 1 leader's guide).
 - FL010—birth to 5 years
 - FL011—grades 1-6
 - FL012—grades 7-12
 - FL013—adults
 - FL014—Recruiting Is Everybody's Job (1 filmstrip and 1 cassette).
 - FL015—Is There a Learner in the House? (1 filmstrip and 1 cassette).

Record Library:

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

Cassette Library:

- CL001—Improving Your Teaching and Your Pupils and How They Learn (1 cassette).
- CL002—How to Teach the Bible, and Leading a Lively Discussion (1 cassette).
- CL003—Using Non-Projected Audio Visuals and Putting Meaning Into Prayer (1 cassette).
- CL004—Effective Parent-Teacher Relationships and Grouping People (1 cassette).

Miscellaneous Library:

- ML001—Basic Teacher-Training Course (includes teacher's manual and visual aids).

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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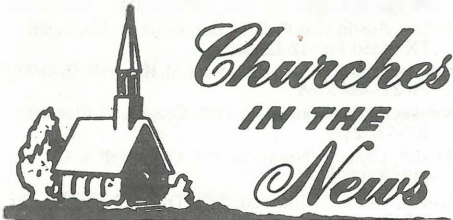
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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Lenoir, NC. Mrs. Pamela Dowell of Gastonia, NC, was immersed in baptism at the Church of God of Resurrection Hope, Lenoir, NC, August 7, 1977, by the writer. Many from the Gastonia Church of God attended the service.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Bedford, OH. The Church of the Open Bible rejoices with the angels in heaven, our God, his Son, and the family and friends of Tammy Koston, who put on Christ Jesus as her Savior and Lord, September 11, 1977. Our prayers are with her in her new life, and we ask your prayers for her too.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Fort Valley, VA. On August 21, 1977, following the morning worship service, Tim Mattison and Mike Grim were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Tim was baptized by his father, Pastor James Mattison and Mike was baptized by Assistant Pastor Richard Alcumbrack. We welcome both young men into the family of God and pray that God will direct them as they begin their Christian walk.

Virginia Grim, secretary.

Macomb, IL. Scott Hance came forward and requested baptism in the saving name of Christ Jesus, September 4, 1977. Bro. Rex Cain conducted the baptismal service during the Sunday evening service one week later. We rejoice in the decisions of many of our young people, which is truly a testimony of God's great power. As Scott is welcomed into the body of believers, we pray the Lord's blessing upon him as he yields his new life to the Master.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Cleveland, OH. The writer baptized Virginia Ditto in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, September 14, following the evening service. We pray that God will continue to guide her as she grows in her knowledge and practice of the truths Jesus taught.

Dr. William E. Kammin, pastor.

Digby, N.S. On Sunday evening, September 18, four people were baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins. They were Judy Milbury, Alice Mary Haynes, Angela Maas, and Bonnie Duncan. We praise God for these additions to his family and pray for his continued blessing upon them.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

McGintytown, AR. On July 3, 1977, Ronnie Carter sealed his profession of faith in baptism at Black Fork Creek, following his public confession of his need for Jesus in his life.

On July 10, 1977, Larry Cain went into the waters of baptism and sealed his commitment to Christ as his personal Savior. Larry was baptized in Black Fork Creek following the morning service.

Dan Landry, pastor.

Cleveland, OH. Kevin Jackson was baptized in the name of Jesus September 28, 1977, at the Wednesday evening prayer service. In so doing, he became a member of the Church of God and a part of the congregation of Golden Rule Church.

William E. Kammin, pastor.

Fonthill, Ont. Laura Rose was baptized in the name of Christ September 4, 1977. We rejoice with her in this decision and pray that God will richly bless her in her walk with him.

John Hearp, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. The Hilliard Bible Church of God is happy to announce that Nanette Sharpe was baptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins September 21, 1977. Joyce Carol Lang was immersed in the waters of baptism October 5, 1977. Joyce and Nanette were baptized by C. F. Roth.

On October 8, 1977, Dominic Caminiti III accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Carl Richard Roth, a disciple of Christ. May God bless them richly in their new walk in life.

Margaret Roth, secretary.

Macomb, IL. This reporter and the Macomb congregation proudly present Lana Davis, David Derry, and Donald and Sheila Haley to the membership. Lana professed Christ as her Lord and Savior September 25, 1977, by stepping forward at the close of the morning worship services. The following Sunday, David, Donald, and Sheila responded to the gospel invitation, desiring baptism into the body of Christ. Bro. Rex Cain immersed these four in the waters of baptism during the evening service October 2, 1977. We rejoice and praise God for these lives yielded to his Son. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Burr Oak, IN. As the invitation was given at the close of the worship service October 16, 1977, Karen Dollahan came forward to offer her life to Jesus. Karen was immersed in the waters of baptism that afternoon at 3 o'clock. We praise the Lord for Karen's decision and pray his blessing upon her as she begins her new life with him. May she ever serve in anticipation of Jesus soon return.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

Holbrook, NE. On August 21, 1977, two young men came forward at the close of the Sunday morning worship service. They requested baptism and were baptized that same afternoon. We are thankful for their decision for Christ, and welcome Mr. Karsten Ewald and Terry Davis into membership and fellowship in the body of Christ.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Bro. Sterling P. Dismukes fell asleep in death September 2, 1977, in San Antonio, TX. He was born July 12, 1906 in Hays County, TX. In June of 1925 he was married to Lois Adams in Floresville, TX. Lois died in July, 1964. Bro. Dismukes became a member of the Church of God, Faith of Abraham, soon after he was married. Both he and his wife were baptized at Sweetwater, TX. His place of residence was in Marfa, TX, where he lived for about thirty years. Survivors include two brothers; four nieces; three nephews; a sister-in-law; and a brother-in-law. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Marfa.

Michael Brown, pastor.

Wallace D. Tierney was born July 7, 1897. He fell asleep in death August 6, 1977, and was laid to rest in the Morse Mill Church of God Cemetery at Morse Mill, MO. He was a long-time member of the Church of God. He is survived by his wife Mae; two sons, Ward and Norman; one daughter, Florene Thal; one sister; and several grandchildren. A faithful witness, he served many years as

elder, teacher, and spiritual leader of the Morse Mill Church. Pastor Richard Lee conducted the funeral services, speaking words of comfort concerning the great and precious promises and the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Piccola Crader, secretary.

We of the Church of the Open Bible in Bedford, OH, sadly announce to the brethren at large the death of Effie Jones. She died March 16, 1977, and was buried March 19. She is survived by her son Charles; daughter Evelyn Pennington; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She will be missed for her open and friendly welcome which she bestowed on all who attended services at the church. May God bless her family.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Bessie Renner Janicke died at her home in Arkdale, WI, on September 23, 1977, at the age of 66 years, following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband Joseph; two daughters; four sons; four brothers; three sisters; several grandchildren; and a host of friends. Sister Janicke was a member of the Church of God for many years. Services were conducted by the writer at a funeral home in Orangeville, IL, where the Janicke family formerly lived. She was laid to rest in the Orangeville Cemetery, to await the call of the Master.

Pastor S. O. Ross.

Near midday of August 31, 1977, Mrs. Harold (Letha) Schooley unexpectedly fell asleep in death. Her husband had been in poor health for two or three years, but she appeared to be very well for one of her age. She served as nurse, cook, and housekeeper. Funeral services were held September 3. She leaves her husband Harold and one daughter, Mrs. W. T. (Olive) ReBholtz of Sun City, AZ. Two sons in the military service were reported missing in action and have never been found. Mrs. Schooley will await the second coming of Christ in Sylvan Cemetery, Everet, MO. At that time she will be reunited with the members of her family. We say with the Apostle John, "Come, Lord Jesus," come quickly.

Walter Wiggins.

Arthur H. Noske was born July 21, 1901 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a member of Golden Rule Church of God for more than forty years. He entered into the rest of death October 10, 1977. Bro. Noske actively served the Lord until he suffered a stroke several years ago. Survivors include his wife, Sr. Ida Noske (nee Thut); three daughters, who were each baptized at Golden Rule Church: Shirley Berns of CA, Doris Daugherty of Jacksonville, OH, and Marilyn Alestri of Mentor, OH; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services were conducted by the writer. Bro. Noske rests at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bedford, where he awaits the coming of the Lord.

Dr. William E. Kammin, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Marguerite Branch; Mrs. Clifford Pinkstall; Ernest Ransom; Thelma Ransom; Lorena Davis; Vera Cox; Mildred Hetrick; Mildred Lewis; Carolyn Lewis; Sibyl Urven; Nancy Tomlinson; Allen E. Tomlinson; Ione Wells; Marifrances Ralston; Julia Chapman; Alfred Hetrick; Loene Smith; Mildred Laning; Etta Gavan.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 15-20—Special Meetings, Ripley, IL, Church of God. Guest speaker, S. O. Ross.



FAMILY LIFE FEATURES



The Committee for Family Life features **Family Life Seminars** *Help for Meeting Family Needs in the Local Church*

We have previewed the following kits for Family Life Seminars for use by the local church.

Building Family Unity

Planned to strengthen the family and minimize the fragmentation often caused by work, school, and recreational activities.

Building Self-Esteem in the Family

Clarifies the differences between self-esteem and pride; establishes the need for positive self-esteem, and encourages participants to evaluate the self-esteem among members of their families. Identifies ways to build self-esteem in the family.

Communication and Conflict Resolution in Marriage

Scripturally sound principles that strengthen marriages form the building blocks for this forum.

Building a Positive Single Identity

Deals with problems of the never-married, widowed, divorced . . . helps one build a positive identity through honest analysis, creative change, and realistic goals.

Beginning Again: The Challenge of the Formerly Married

Helps divorced men and women face up to their new status and learn to cope with loneliness and reestablish priorities and goals.

Churches can use each seminar to take positive practical steps toward meeting major family needs of their people. Materials are set up for use in a retreat or conference format, providing 3¾ hours of instruction and group interaction. They could also be adapted to adult Sunday school classes or couples' or singles' home Bible studies. All five seminars could be conducted at an all-church or family retreat. Smaller retreats for singles, couples, or parents could use one or two of the seminars for their specific situations.

Materials include leaders' guides and are designed for use by leadership in the local church. Family Life Committee members are available as group leaders for these and other topics if scheduled well in advance.

Materials are available from David C. Cook, or through your General Conference.

MARRIAGES

On the night of August 27, 1977, at the Harlingen, TX, Church of God, in a double-ring ceremony Michelle Duos and Jerry Williams were united in marriage by the writer. They are making their home in Harlingen, and attend the Harlingen Church, where Jerry is a member. May the Lord lead and guide them in the years ahead.

Harry Goekler.

On Friday, September 2, 1977, the Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, VA, was filled with the families and friends of Bambi Cooper and John Seal, who had come to be united in holy marriage. In a candlelight setting, the double-ring ceremony was performed by the writer. We pray God's rich blessing to be with this young couple as they live together as one.

Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

On October 8, 1977, Colleen Cummings became the wife of Michael Baker in a single-ring ceremony at Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, OH. We wish Colleen and Michael much happiness in their life together.

Dr. William E. Kammin, pastor.

Steve Cain and Lisa Johnson participated in a candlelit double-ring ceremony of marriage. Each made a commitment to the other and sealed it with a ring. They became husband and wife in the presence of many friends and relatives at the McGintytown Church of God. We ask God's guidance upon this couple.

Dan Landry, pastor.

On September 2, 1977, at Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, OH, Betty Jackson became the bride of James Yancey. We pray God's blessing upon this couple as they begin their lives together.

Dr. William E. Kammin, pastor.

Saturday afternoon, September 24, 1977, it was my pleasure to unite Mr. Jacob DeJong and Mrs. Rachel DeVries in marriage. The service was conducted in the Southlawn Church of God, Wyoming, MI. The wedding was very impressive and the reception was beautiful. The service was attended by many of the Senior Citizens of the local group in which Jacob and Rachel have been active.

We pray God's blessing on these two who have elected to share life together. May the good Lord bless and keep them.

Walter Wiggins.

FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR AT BLANCHARD

The Blanchard, MI, Church of God was recently blessed by a visit from Bro. Dallas Demmitt, who conducted a weekend "Enriching Family Life" seminar. The results were tremendous. He was able to minister to many problems in the church, with which I am not trained to deal. I highly recommend that he be invited to visit churches and conferences and conduct seminars. This is a very valuable ministry, which should be promoted and encouraged among the churches.

Donald Needham, pastor.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY AT GOLDEN RULE

Although the Church of God has been in Cleveland for almost one hundred years, it did not move to the present address and take the name "Golden Rule" until September 9, 1928. Members of Golden Rule Church of God celebrate only their years in their present location. Eighty-six people came from all three Cleveland area Churches of God to celebrate the forty-ninth anniversary of Golden Rule. A potluck dinner was followed by a special singing service provided by the Troyview Church of God Gospel Friends, from one of the southern Ohio churches. The service was presented at 6 p.m., September 17, with much enthusiasm and joyful fellowship.

The pastor requests that anyone in the Church of God who has pictures or information that may be displayed for the fiftieth anniversary to be observed next year, to please contact him or Sister Dorothy Robertson, the church historian. Everyone who ever attended Golden Rule Church is invited to the biggest Jubilee Homecoming ever, in September of 1978, if the Lord tarries. The Jubilee will be at Golden Rule or in the kingdom of God, but there will be one!

Dr. William E. Kammin, pastor.

"The steps to the church are the right ones."

—Philip M. Jones

DEDICATION OF CONFERENCE PLAQUE

On Friday evening, August 5, 1977, a beautiful service was held on the grounds of the Conger St. Church of God, Waterloo, IA. A memorial plaque commemorating the location of the formal reorganization of the Church of God General Conference in 1921 was dedicated. The plaque of beautiful dark granite set in a cement base has these words inscribed thereon: "The Church of God General Conference, hdqtrs., Oregon, Ill. was reorganized here on the Iowa Conference campground Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 1921."

Those who took part in the service were Clyde E. Randall, Linford Moore, and S. O. Ross, members of the plaque committee; John Hearp, Iowa

Conference speaker; and J. Arthur Johnson, who represented the Iowa Conference in the absence of Conference President Louis Cronbaugh, who was away at a funeral.

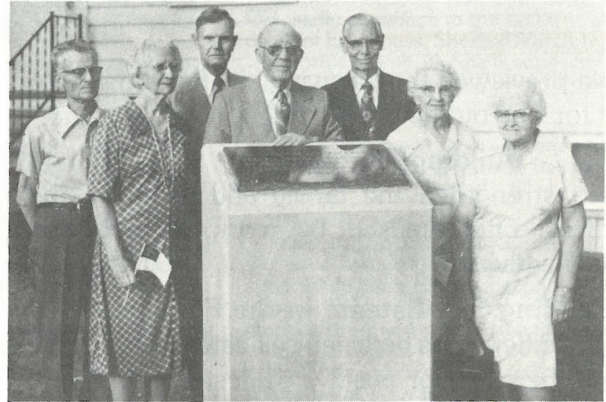
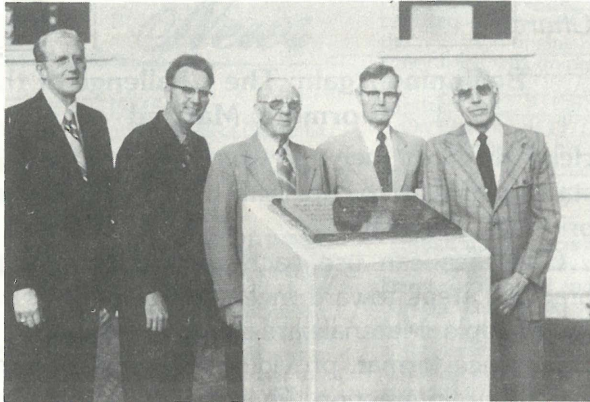
The Church of God General Conference was originally organized in Philadelphia, PA, in 1888. This organization discontinued after a few years. After several attempts to reorganize, the 1921 meeting held during the Iowa State Conference session was successful and the Church of God General Conference has continued active since that time, having a Conference assembly annual-

The dedication service was held during the 78th

annual assembly of the Iowa State Conference. Seven who attended the dedication service were present at the original meeting in 1921 (see picture). The seven are left to right:

Reuben Sealine, Esther Jenkins, J. Arthur Johnson, Clyde E. Randall, Paul Johnson (since deceased), Blanche Harland, and Gladys Cook.

This plaque will stand as a memorial over the years to the patriarchs of the Church of God who had the foresight to organize the General Conference to carry on the task of the spreading of the Gospel Message of Salvation to the people of the world. Commendation is also due the Iowa State Conference for its cooperation.



Contributors to the General Conference: September, 1977

In Memory of Grace Cain:					
Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	10.00	Connie Ross	65.00	Leota Hanson	10.00
In Memory of Paul Johnson:		Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	75.00	Mr & Mrs L F Slocum	10.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	10.00	Bill Thomas	25.00	Mr & Mrs Galen Hillman	455.00
Robin Ward	1.00	Oregon Mary & Martha Miss Soc	12.50	Glad Tidings Christian Outreach	30.00
Gary Roepke	20.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous	20.00	Mrs J F Paustain	30.00
Happy Woods Church	26.68	Raker Union SS	16.55	Lakeshore Dorcas	15.00
Pomona Church	215.38	Mr & Mrs Joe Hensley	5.00	Everett Rogers	38.00
Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	25.00	Macomb SS	14.06	Fort Valley SS	145.09
San Jose Church	24.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Haupt	10.00	Harlingen Church	18.76
Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	130.00	Debbie Schmidlapp	2.00	S Bend Hope Chapel	105.38
Troy View SS	100.00	Fonthill SS	33.30	May White	15.00
Mr & Mrs John Lewis	150.00	Oregon Church	849.02	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	50.00
Jon Lippert	5.00	NE Conference	285.00	Fremont SS	17.45
Mr & Mrs James Mattison	20.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Linford Moore	10.00
Mr & Mrs David R Hall	46.00	Verne Learned	75.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	110.00
Mr & Mrs Clair Alcumbrack	30.00	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	49.00	Anonymous	10.00
Mark Brooks	2.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	23.50
Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	10.00	Bedford Agape Soc	4.74	Hilliard Bible Church	8.00
Oregon SS	11.60	Litchfield Church	33.78	LA State Conference	13.16
Blood River Church	95.69	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Mr & Mrs Louis Policz	100.00
Mr & Mrs John Carr	50.00	Eternal Hope Church	128.55	MN State Conference	538.97
Paul Hatch	11.82	Brush Creek SS	42.98	Frances Wood	100.00
Dorothy Siple	50.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	360.90
Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Mildred Somers	32.00	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	10.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Cool Spring SS	9.63	Miss Elaine Shute	10.00
Pleasant Hill Church	77.51	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Z B Duncan	15.00
In Memory of Alta Thrush:		IL State Conference	165.00	Resurrection Church	100.00
Dorothy Burkhart	10.00	Brush Creek Church	269.60	In Memory of Paul Johnson:	
Conger St Church	86.00	Anonymous	5.00	Muriel Hass	5.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Beulah M Slater	50.00	Muriel Hass	10.00
Blessed Hope Miss Soc	5.00	Macomb Church	170.07	Chris Ramsey	50.00
Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	20.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Eldred	9.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	25.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	50.00	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Channell	125.00
Mr & Mrs William E Shotwell	60.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Anonymous	100.00
Joel Hanson	1.00	Lyla Van Fleet	8.00	Raymore Church	75.00
Mr & Mrs Samuel Carroll	80.00	St Louis Church	41.01	Claude Reid	10.00
Guthrie Grove BYF	40.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Elzinga	50.00
Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	25.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	20.00	Renita Broach	1.00
Ruth Reid	15.00	Mr & Mrs Marvin Williams	10.00	Icel Stedman	5.00
Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	30.00	Ernest Ransom	100.00
Katherine Tackett	63.00	Pennellwood Miss Soc	150.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	65.00
LA Contributors	58.00	Oregon 7 & 8 Grade Class	23.03	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	80.00
Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Mary Krogh	10.00	New Hope Church	65.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	52.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	41.00	Digby Miss Soc	106.00
Garden Park Church	381.60	Alice Bassett	40.00	Allison Johnson	2.00
Lafayette Faith Chapel	48.65	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	90.00
Eden Valley Church	58.00	Mr & Mrs William McLaughlin	250.00	SW Conference	116.00
MI State Conference	117.21	Troy View Church	146.47	Dan Dovenbarger	125.00
Mabel Alexander	25.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Parsons	22.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	145.00
Milo Magaw	50.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	120.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Poe	25.00
Flagg Center Com Church	99.00	Mr & Mrs Ray Kluck	30.00	Bedford Bereans	3.74
		Mr & Mrs Ward Countryman	10.00	Hillisburg Church	78.00
				Patsy Zimmerman	30.00
				Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00
				Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	15.00
				Mr & Mrs Stanley Reinholt	200.00
				Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00
				Southlawn Church	277.32
				Lafayette Faith Chapel Lydias	15.00
				Zenas Murphy	100.00
				Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00
				Donna Robinson	3.00
				Mary Miller	25.00
				Arlington Church	15.00
				E Oregon Chapel	25.20
				Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	308.00
				Royal Village Church	25.71
				North Hills Church	98.79
				Richard Williams	16.00
				Pennellwood Church	155.00
				Janice Knapp	1.00
				Ben Carpenter	25.00
				Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	15.00
				Clyde Shaw	200.00
				Blessed Hope Church	134.59
				Brenda Dochstader	1.00
				Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	120.00
				M A Patrick	200.00
				Blanchard Church	300.81
				Mr & Mrs Ronald Johns	50.00
				Bedford Church	261.52
				Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	200.00
				Mr & Mrs Wilber Coulter	10.00
				Eden Valley Miss Soc	253.50
				Kokomo Church	61.22
				Valley Church	98.93
				Cool Spring Church	73.95
				Lawrenceville Church	340.63
				Elsie Burkhart	5.00
				Mr & Mrs Carl Williams	3.00
				Mrs Florence Green	1.00
				Helen Lewis	3.25
				Mabel Andrew	20.00
				Mr & Mrs Bill Andrew	100.00
				Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	100.00
				IN State Conference	510.00
				Eldorado Church	132.75
				Peg Duval	100.00
				Nancy Smith	4.00
				Anonymous	31.00
				Phoenix Bible Church	116.00

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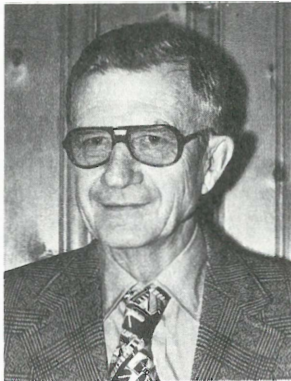
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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Director

Brother Carroll Bennett was born in Eden Lake Township, Stearns County, MN, and attended the local schools there. He is married to the former Ruby Randall and they have one daughter, Sharon Jobs. Brother Bennett has been in the construction business most of his life. For about 15 years he was foreman of a large firm in Minneapolis that built large housing developments. For the past several years he has operated his own construction business in central Minnesota.

Brother and Sister Bennett were active in the Faith Community Church of God in Minneapolis, MN, during the years that the church building was constructed there. Brother Bennett has been on the official board of the Eden Valley Church of God for many years, and is presently an elder. He has served on the Minnesota State Conference Board for several years. He has been supervisor of construction and maintenance at the Long Lake Bible Camp, owned by the Minnesota State Conference, almost from its very beginning.

The delegates at the 1977 General Conference elected Brother Bennett to a three-year term on the Board of Directors. He brings to the Board his knowledge of buildings and construction and his many years of dedication in Christian service.

Financial Statement

The financial statement of the Church of God General Conference for the fiscal year, which ended September 30, 1977, will be found in this issue. This

printed statement is part of the audit report for the year. We urge that you review the report and feel free to contact the Executive Director if you have any questions on the report.

Jerusalem Trip

As this page is being written, 28 have registered to attend the International Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem. This Congress will be held in Jerusalem January 31 and February 1 and 2.

We feel it is a real privilege to have these people represent the Church of God General Conference as delegates to this Congress. The Church of God General Conference has proclaimed the return of Israel and its importance in the prophecies in the end times since the early 1800's. Almost every issue of *The Restitution Herald*, since its inception in 1911, has had one or more articles relating to the Jews and the Nation of Israel.

May God's blessing and direction be upon these delegates as they represent the Church of God General Conference at this meeting. As we see the problems and the turmoil in the Middle East, let us diligently pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Conference Finances

We are grateful for the response of the membership to the financial needs of the Conference. We are still eight thousand dollars short of the goals, but we have made considerable gain during December. Please make this a matter of prayer and concern. May God continue to richly bless the work of the Church of God General Conference and each local church during this new year of 1978.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

\$249,000.00

Goal for December	\$34,172.00
Given in December	25,424.00
December Deficit	8,748.00
January Needs	\$20,750.00

Goal for January \$29,498.00

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

Short-Term Home Missionary Program

On June 25, 1978, people will begin arriving in Grand Rapids, MI, for the beginning of a new experience. The next day they will begin training and orientation for the pilot Short-Term Missionary Program, sponsored by the Home Missions Board. After the training, teams of at least two persons will leave for their host church, where they will serve from June 29 to August 1. They may be helping in the Sunday school, assisting with the youth work, and participating in visitation. The teams will be there to lend a helping hand and to be an encouragement to the church. August 2, team members will return to Grand Rapids for two days of debriefing and evaluation.

You may be wondering about the cost of the program. Each team member will be responsible for his own transportation from his home to Grand Rapids for the orientation, and following the program, from Grand Rapids back to his home. The host church will provide room and board for the team while it is there and be responsible for transportation for the team members from Grand Rapids to their church and from their church back to Grand Rapids following the program. A minimal expense in the amount of \$20 per week per team member will be given by the General Conference.

An application form for people interested in being a team member is found on page 8 of this PROGRESS JOURNAL.

Churches will be receiving by mail forms which they may complete if they desire to host a team.

Host churches and team members will be selected from those which return application forms.

We feel that all of our churches can participate in this exciting program in one of these ways:

- 1) By receiving a team and serving as a host church.
- 2) By providing people from your congregation to serve as team members.
- 3) By supporting the program with your prayers and financial contributions.

We will be waiting to hear from you!

Foreign Missions News

Ghana. October 23, 1977, as Bro. Oliver Amani was returning home from a baptismal service at River Konsu,

his bicycle collided with an oncoming truck on a narrow culvert. Bro. Amani suffered injuries in his ribs, as well as bruises on several parts of his body. He requests: "Thank God for delivering me from apparent death. Please pray for me." . . . At this writing, plans are being made for a Christmas Convention of Church of God members at Nkwanta, December 18. The dedication of the chapel at Nkwanta will also be held that day.

Philippines. At the invitation of brethren in the town of Latnug, Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero and three other workers spent October 24-27, 1977, with them. They did house-to-house personal work during the day, conducted evangelistic meetings, and showed Christian films in the evenings. As a result of their ministry and God's blessing, eight persons from this mountain tribe, including the chief, were baptized into the body of Christ. Pray for their growth in the Christian life, as well as their influence among their neighbors. . . . It was decided not to continue the work that had recently been started in Manila. Members found it difficult to attend services; finding a room in which to meet was a problem; and Ricardo Ortiguero, who had been guiding the group, could not find work in the city. Ricardo is now working near Uddiawan and will serve as pastor of the church there, with the help of his father, Eleodoro.

Liberia. Bro. Cornelius Boykai writes that the brethren from the town of Gbenolowabi are now holding their own church services in their town. Pray for the growth of this new branch church.

Boards Meet

October 24-26, 1977, members of the Home Missions Board met in Oregon, IL. Plans were made for a literature saturation program, and details for this summer's Short-Term Missionary Program were worked out.

The Foreign Missions Board members met in North Olmsted, OH, November 3, to discuss our overseas mission work. From there they traveled to Fonthill, Ontario, where they participated in the 6th Annual Missionary Conference of the Glad Tidings Church.

We appreciate the time and energy expended voluntarily by the members of these Boards. Please pray for them in their work.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Oregon Bible College Identity

It is important that Oregon Bible College achieve a Bible college identity. The identity of the Bible College is important to the people of the Church of God, to the administration, and to the students that attend the institution. The absence of this kind of identity will lead to poorly defined purposes and goals and, consequently, to a failure to achieve goals.

The documentation of the Bible College must come from the people it represents. It is, therefore, important that the delegates of the Church of God General Conference take an active role in helping Oregon Bible College fulfill its goal and its special unique purpose as a Bible College for the Church of God. The forming of a constitution which will define the purpose of the Bible College and provide the guidelines for our doctrinal and philosophical stand must come by delegate action. It is through this action of delegates that the administration of the Bible College has a clear understanding of the intentions and desires of our own people.

By operating within the standards of the constitution, the administration receives the security, support, and goodwill of the people it represents. Once documentation is provided at the constitutional level, then elected and chosen board members can provide more specific guidelines and support through the establishment of policy statements and manuals. These policy statements provide specific directions for such activities as hiring faculty, choosing administrators, establishing curriculum, relationships with students, and the relationship to the General Conference. This kind of documentation takes a burden from the shoulders of administrative people, because it makes decisions for them so that they know the areas are clearly defined in which they can operate.

Through the provision of a constitution and operating policy, Oregon Bible College can be more closely tied to the General Conference. This documented relationship with the General Conference will, legally and philosophically, prevent the erosion and possible loss of ideas and teachings that are important to the College and the General Conference. Without documentation and policy guidance, the College progresses through board decisions. Because such decisions are often made under the pressure of the moment, they may not always be best for the Bible College.

Through documentation, we can put down guidelines that are carefully thought out and discussed over a long period of time. Putting with this careful documentation

the teachings of the Church that have been held for many decades, we will have a firm foundation upon which we can build a program and curriculum designed to prepare students to confront the world. The Board and the Administration of the Bible College can function much more confidently and effectively if they have laid before them clear guidelines approved by the delegates. It is a truism of life that people in responsible positions function more effectively when they receive clear directions from the people they represent. The Church of God has a vital message to present to the world. It is imperative that we provide the philosophical and organizational structure necessary to present the message effectively. Because there is no weakness in the message, there must not be any weakness in our structural organization or methodology in confronting the world with the truths that we hold.

Having this identity, we must be what the people of the Church of God want us to be. We must remain true to this guidance because our legal documentation defines that purpose and goal.

Preparing Successful Leaders

A purpose of the Bible College is to educate and prepare each student for life, and for a career that allows him to feel personally and professionally successful. God's Word and successful teaching by the College are two of the most important means of helping a student develop a positive self-image. People who do not feel personally and professionally successful cannot direct and lead other Christians in triumphant living. The development of this positive self-concept can come in many ways. Two principal ways are through the application of the Scriptures and the teaching of college courses that do, in fact, prepare the student for effective church leadership.

It is generally agreed that the Church of God has a significant need for church growth and development. We must have many more churches, and we must have many more members in our churches. The doctrinal stand of the Church of God does not in any way limit the size of our denomination. If we are limited, therefore, it must be from some other cause. Christian and church leaders who feel good and successful about themselves are part of the answer to this question. As we are able to provide students and church leaders who feel personally and professionally competent, we will be able to produce churches that are dynamic and growing.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

Religious Survey

I wish to share with you some findings of a recent survey conducted by the University of Southern California. They are worth looking at.

Can religious attitudes and behavior be transmitted from one generation to the next? After a four-year study on 2,044 families, two USC sociologists proved there is a strong correlation between parents' religious behavior and attitudes and those of their children. Their work covered three generations, with adults ranging in age from 45 to 64 and their children from 16 to 26. Their questions probed a wide range of variables in family life and influence. They summarized their findings regarding religion this way:

"First, parents who wish to transmit either a religious or a nonreligious attitude can be more effective if they clearly express this attitude themselves.

"Second, the parents can do even better if they practice their religious or nonreligious attitudes. . . . Thus (behavior) is not only most effective for transmitting religious behavior, but also for transmitting religious attitudes."

Other generally accepted opinions were confirmed by the research:

1) If the father attends church regularly, the children will be more likely to attend regularly—regardless of the mother's attendance record.

2) Attendance by parents is rarely exceeded by their children. Only 4.4% of parents who "never attend" have children who "attend at least once a month." Of those parents who attend most regularly, only 23.8% have children who attend less often.

3) Parents who provide a less clear model (mother attends but father doesn't) have children who also vary widely in their church-going practices.

4) Religious behavior (meaning membership and attendance) is more easily supervised or controlled than attitude (meaning depth of belief).

Considering family life in general, religious behavior was the only area in which fathers influence their children more than mothers. When it comes to religious belief or nonbelief, law and order, the work ethic, sexual permissiveness, politics, and social change, mothers are "substantially more influential" than fathers. The sociologists noted: "We've found that mothers are the expressive leaders in the family. Mothers are far more influential than fathers."

Vacation Bible School Material

The 1978 Bible School material is entitled "The Lord's Prayer." Each lesson in the series will be based upon a phrase of the Lord's prayer. The Bible stories that are used to convey the meaning of the phrases are as follows: "Moses and the Burning Bush"; "The Second Coming of Jesus and Establishment of the Kingdom"; "The Feeding of the Five Thousand"; "The Prodigal Son"; and "The Temptation of Jesus." A Director's Manual, Craft Manual, and six graded teachers' manuals have been prepared. Sample lessons of each book have been mailed to all superintendents and pastors. An excellent staff has produced these lessons and I am sure you will appreciate the message of the lessons and the manner in which the material has been prepared.

The cost of each manual is \$1.25, postage paid when payment accompanies the order. Handwork pages for pupils are available for 3¢ per sheet, plus 50¢ handling per order.

Seminar at Bedford Church

November 19, Joyce Knapp and I conducted a training seminar for members of the Bedford, Golden Rule, and Columbia Station, OH, churches. Creative Bible teaching principles were taught, along with sessions on evangelism, use of audio-visual aids, Sunday school hospitality, and faith-promise giving.

We appreciate this opportunity to assist these Sunday schools and we thank the many individuals who took the time to attend the sessions to prepare themselves better for the work of the Lord.

Christian Worker's Seminar

Applications are being received for the Seminar, which will be held March 5-11, 1978, at Camp Mack, in northern Indiana. We urge all Christian workers to consider attending this inspirational and beneficial week. An excellent program has been planned and we are expecting a record attendance. See the back of the December and January issues of *The Restitution Herald* for an enrollment blank and more information.

Sunday School Board Meeting

The Sunday School Board met in Oregon, IL, December 8, to conduct the work of our department. A further report of this meeting will be in the next JOURNAL.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

October 1, 1976 - September 30, 1977

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION GENERAL FUND

Current Assets		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ 114.04	
Cash in Bank—Savings	14,524.46	
Petty Cash Fund	200.00	
Accounts Receivable	754.02	
Inventory	<u>22,296.84</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 37,889.36
Property, Plant & Equipment		
Land	\$ 95,316.91	
Improvements to Grounds	1,668.01	
Buildings	385,075.80	
Furniture & Equipment	55,356.55	
Motor Vehicles	<u>3,038.95</u>	
Total Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>\$540,456.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$578,345.58</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,610.38	
Accrued & Withheld Payroll Taxes	1,431.52	
Accrued Hosp. Insurance	<u>8,848.40</u>	
Total Liabilities		\$13,890.30
Net Worth		
Fund Balance	<u>564,455.28</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$578,345.58</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE

Operating Income		
Contributions—General	\$230,786.56	
Contributions—Designated	1,628.00	
Contributions—Devises & Bequests	2,000.00	
Tuition, Room & Board	54,529.82	
Services	6.00	
Interest	822.91	
Camps	17,070.17	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,251.74</u>	
Total Operating Income		\$309,095.20
Statement of Gross Profit (or loss) on Sales		
Cost of Sales		
Inventory—October 1, 1976	\$ 18,482.43	
Purchases	12,930.35	
Salaries & Wages	15,648.93	
Contract Printing	17,491.06	
Editorial	<u>1,300.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 65,852.77</u>	
Inventory—September 30, 1977	<u>22,069.34</u>	
Sales	43,783.43	
Gross Profit (loss) on Sales		\$ (7,278.23)
Total Operating Gross Profit		\$301,816.97
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	\$122,794.83	
Electric & Fuel	13,260.79	
Telephone	3,791.35	
Insurance	6,181.04	
Postage & Freight	7,106.08	
Office Supplies & Expense	2,711.21	
Depreciation	10,092.03	
Advertising	141.60	
Repairs & Maintenance	4,729.83	
Travel	16,928.32	
Towel & Laundry Service	339.50	
Camp	17,735.31	
Printing	7,752.52	
Speakers	275.00	
Assistance to Mission Points	16,759.15	
Assistance to Churches	11,825.00	
Literature	25,866.82	
Food	12,776.44	
Supplies & Expense	9,703.73	
Instruction—Rock Valley	1,974.00	
FICA	8,539.43	
Professional Services	2,160.00	
Motor Vehicle Expense	1,318.97	
Miscellaneous	270.14	
Bad Debts	45.71	
Staff Training	211.00	
Special Missions Projects	2,835.00	
Foreign Exchange	<u>550.85</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>\$308,675.65</u>
Net Operating Income or (loss)		\$ (6,858.68)

STATEMENT—OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Add: (Transfer from Restricted Funds)		
Publication Cost	\$ 5,000.00	
Interest Income	178.14	
Missions Travel	4,427.68	
Additions to Buildings	150.35	
Additions to Furniture & Equipment	6,808.18	
Building Maintenance	294.82	
Transfer to Annuity Fund (Net)	<u>215.92</u>	
Total Additions		<u>\$ 17,075.09</u>
Total Net Operating Income & Additions		
		\$ 10,216.41
Deduct: (Other Expenses)		
Disposition of Equipment	\$ 20.48	
Annuity Benefits	7,354.14	
Property Tax—Utah Property	<u>101.72</u>	
Total Deductions		<u>\$ 7,476.34</u>
Net Cash Received in Excess of Expenditures		<u>\$ 2,740.07</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Restricted Funds

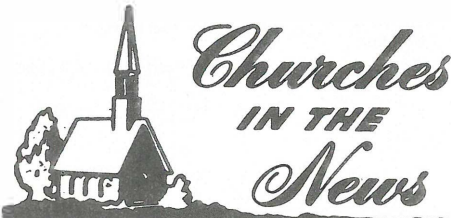
Assets		
Cash in Bank—Checking	\$ (4,803.22)	
Cash in Bank—Savings	37,275.79	
Note & Contract Receivable	117,777.55	
Inventory	<u>305.00</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$152,555.12</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 739.36	
Notes Payable	49,259.27	
Deposits—Dorm Room & Key	1,002.62	
Deposits—Motor Vehicle Registration	<u>146.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 51,147.25
Net Worth		
Fund Balance	<u>\$101,407.87</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$152,555.12</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

Receipts		
Contributions—General	\$ 47,502.07	
Contributions—New Building	23,796.89	
Interest	8,023.96	
Laundry	569.99	
Camps	20,299.43	
Miscellaneous	<u>7,087.53</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$107,279.87</u>
Gross Profit on Sales		
		1.94
Total Gross Income		<u>\$107,281.81</u>
Expenses		
Postage	\$ 112.86	
Repairs & Maintenance	70.68	
Travel	16,588.19	
Camp	19,234.83	
Printing	1,491.98	
Assistance to Churches—Mission Builders	12,167.36	
Assistance to Ministers	900.00	
Assistance to Interns and Scholarships	7,643.87	
Supplies & Expense	1,935.52	
Interest	3,367.14	
Motor Vehicle Operations	670.37	
Miscellaneous	600.00	
Staff Training	426.70	
Special Missions Projects	<u>2,250.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 67,459.50
Net Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 39,822.31
Capital Expenditures		
Buildings	\$ 445.17	
Furniture & Equipment	<u>5,295.80</u>	
Total Capital Expenditures		<u>\$ 5,740.97</u>
NET CASH RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 34,081.34</u>

The Annual Financial Statement above is a portion of the report of the firm of Ramsey Accounting, Warsaw, IN, accepted by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, November 11, 1977.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



SPECIAL SERVICE AT TEMPE

The Lakeshore Bible Church of God was the setting for a special service at the worship hour (11 a.m.) November 20, 1977. It was in three parts.

Part one was a "Celebration of Life," consisting of the regular opening, songs, prayer, and Bible reading, and closing with the congregation's response in tithes and offerings.

Next was the "Consecration of Life," a service of blessing and dedication. After appropriate remarks by Pastor Sorenson, six couples and their small children, standing at the front of the sanctuary, participated in this service, with a prayer of blessing by Elder Paul McPherson and the prayer of consecration by Elder Lee McQuinn. This was a most impressive service.

Part three was aptly called "Covenant of New Life," a service of baptism. Doug Morrison, an elementary student, and a very interested Bible student as well, was baptized by Pastor Sorenson, who was assisted by Doug's father, William. May God bless Doug and his family, and the con-

gregation which welcomes him into its fellowship, and that of Christ.

Gerald L. Cooper, reporter.

BAPTISMS

Ripley, IL. Lyle Murfin responded to the gospel invitation on Sunday, November 20, 1977, during the special meetings with Bro. S. O. Ross. Lyle was baptized the same day in the name of Jesus for the remission of sin. The right hand of fellowship was given to Lyle December 4.

Dale Harshman, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. The baptism of Penny Frederick on Bible Sunday, November 20, 1977, was the most meaningful event at Columbia Church of God during the month. Inspired by her personal conviction of the truths concerning God's oneness, man's mortality, and the hope of eternal life at Christ's coming, Penny made the decision to join God's family by immersion in the name of Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

In Tribute to Bro. M. O. Williamson

I am aware of my incapacities in writing a panegyric in memory of a beloved brother in Christ. However, I do recognize the purposes that gave a sense of direction to his life. In reminiscence I am mindful of the way he visited our sick, comforted our bereaved, married our young, buried our dead, and faithfully ministered in our

pulpit. In his pastoral capacity, he carried on the work of a one-man seminary, in which he trained and encouraged young men for the carrying on of the ministry. These he referred to as "my boys."

We admired the buoyancy with which he worked. We admired his dream of church growth. We admired the solidity of his family. "By their fruits ye shall know them." The faithfulness of his family to be in their pews on Sunday morning is an example of good fruits. These all add up to a paragon of virtue. We were inspired by his humanity, integrity, and courage to work under adverse circumstances.

Many of us have had our lives altered or influenced by his devotion and loyalty to Christ. His life has been an inspiring one. Not all of us have the ability to change a community or to instill in its members a deep abiding faith, but each of us can have a wonderful Christian influence. We must find the courage to take up the tremendous task and carry forward the great commission that this man carried alone in our community for so many years. True religion is not a short and flamboyant outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

"The LORD preserveth all them that love him" (Psa. 145:20). "He preserveth the souls of his saints" (97:10). Those who have been faithful over a few things he will make ruler over many things. God is our refuge and help in time of trouble.

Iva Mae Holt.

For further information about Bro. Williamson, see the obituary column.

Family Life Features



The Committee for Family Life features Helpful Reading Material

The Committee recommends "You Can Have a Happier Family," by Norm Wakefield, as suggested reading for Church of God families.

Wakefield, a popular speaker in marriage and family enrichment seminars throughout the country, has worked closely with Church of God members in the Phoenix area.

In his book, "You Can Have a Happier Family," he shares four basic goals based on Biblical principles that he and his wife Winnie work toward in their own family: 1) to develop attitudes of consistency and self-discipline; 2) to develop an atmosphere of love and unity; 3) to provide opportunities to grow, discover, and create; and 4) to discover and work toward God's will and purpose for the family.

Father of five, Wakefield gives illustrations and examples of how his family applies those principles to their everyday life, giving the book an "I've-been-

there" authenticity.

Wakefield says: "As a rule, children become what the parents allow them to become."

"Usually well-adjusted children are the products of parents who provide a balanced diet of security, love, friendship, respect, and discipline. These children are well-adjusted because their parents attempted to use constructive methods and resources to guide the development of their children. Faulty children are often the result of faulty parenting," he continues.

Wakefield's book is written in an enjoyable, readable style that is easily understood. After discussing such topics as "Planning for Positive Discipline" and "How to Build Good Relationships With Your Child," he includes a "Parents' Plan for Action" at the close of each chapter, offering practical, simple suggestions and guidelines by which to reach the desired goal.

With Bible verses freely quoted and Scripture relied upon as the final authority, Wakefield stresses the importance of actively teaching our children the values of a Christian lifestyle. Although responsible for such training, the parent always has a source of help: "If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him (Jas. 1:5)."

MARRIAGES

Pam Bormes became Mrs. Mike Theisen in a double-ring ceremony at the Crystal Free Church, with Pastor Hall officiating, November 12, 1977. After their honeymoon in Florida, they will make their home at 2653 Scotland Court, Apt. 108, New Brighton, MN 55114. May God bless and lead in their new life together.

E. Milon Hall, pastor.

Before a dozen relatives and friends, U.S. Army Sgt. George Serrano and Mrs. Lela Mae McBee were joined in marriage in a simple home ceremony Saturday evening, December 3. Both were married before; both lost their spouses in death several years ago. Sgt. and Mrs. Serrano live in an apartment close to Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH.

J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

NEW PASTOR AT GOLDEN RULE

At a special congregational meeting held November 20, 1977, J. Arlen Marsh was unanimously accepted to fill the pastorate at Golden Rule Church of God. Correspondence may be sent to J. Arlen Marsh, 16609 Chatfield Av., Cleveland, OH 44111.

Helen Matthews, reporter.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Dan Hudson Botysoe; Mrs. Sylvia Schreiner; Phillip Newell.

OBITUARIES

Funeral services for Dennis Driskill were held at the Oregon Church of God, November 26, 1977. He died from injuries received in an automobile accident in Columbus, OH, where he was living. He was twenty-five.

Surviving are his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Leon Driskill of Holbrook, NE; one sister, Mrs. Terri Emmett, also of NE; and two brothers, Lonnie and Timmy, both at home.

Dennis was baptized into Christ by his father at New Lenox, IL, and was active in National Youth Camp for several years.

After the services, he was laid to rest in Daysville Cemetery, to await the call of our lovely Lord, who will bestow immortality upon all of his followers in the Great Day.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

We of the Open Bible Church of God at Bedford, OH miss Sr. Mabel Burhenne from our fellowship. She was born March 2, 1894, on the

Isle of Man, and died the morning of November 15, 1977. She was baptized by Bro. Melville Lyon at Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, OH.

She leaves two sons, Donald and Robert; her sister, Fairy Lyon; nine grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Martin Oliver Williamson of Pelzer, SC, died November 24, 1977, at the age of 95. He was the widower of Ola Robinson Williamson. He was baptized in August of 1908, by A. M. Durham, and was licensed to preach August 13, 1910, by the Guthrie Grove Church of God. He served the church in many capacities.

In 1926 he was elected pastor of the church and served it until he retired in 1963. He was a regular attendant of Sunday school and preaching services as long as he was able to attend.

Surviving are daughters Mattie Harvey and Sara Smith of Pelzer, and Gertrude James and Tina Mulligan of Piedmont; eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Services were held November 26 by the writer at Guthrie Grove Church of God. Burial was in the church cemetery, where he sleeps, awaiting the call of the Master whom he served faithfully.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

Contributors to the General Conference: November, 1977

Valley Church	3,000.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Channell	125.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	120.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Cripe	5.00
Mr & Mrs C Jesse Pestle	132.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	356.15	Mr & Mrs Jesus Lopez	10.00
Garnett Caudle	25.00	Anonymous	50.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	110.00	Mr & Mrs George Savage	7.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	35.00	Bedford Church	484.62	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Emma Miller	10.00
Elaine Magaw	20.00	LA Contributors	50.00	Mpls Faith Com Miss Soc	350.00	In Memory of Mrs Otis Lippincott:	
Dayton Glad Tidings		Katherine Tackett	40.00	Mrs Cora Rank	2.00	John & Edna Waterman	5.00
Outreach Dept	30.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Cool Spring SS	22.04	Mr & Mrs Robert D Johnson	50.00
Oregon Church	1,091.71	Walt Sierbert	3.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Moreland	36.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	462.03
Pastor & Mrs James Mattison	12.00	Mr & Mrs Ray Adams	5.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Pennellwood Miss Soc	125.00
Steve Mattison	12.00	Everett Rogers	38.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Capron	50.00	Mr & Mrs Leo Rager	48.00
Tim Mattison	12.00	Leota Hanson	10.00	Mr J H Footitt	8.00	Eldorado Church	134.65
Anonymous	80.00	Mr & Mrs Philip Myers	20.00	LA State Conference	33.15	Anna Brown	5.00
Nita Wyrick	10.00	San Jose Church	122.00	SW Conference	194.00	Ripley Church	250.00
Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	47.00	Maurertown Dorcas	20.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	48.20	MN State Conference	186.45
Anonymous	50.00	Raker Union SS	44.00	Mrs Isie Jenkins	5.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	100.00
Cool Spring Church	68.25	Lillie Martindale	5.00	Troy View Church	163.90	North Hills Church	202.84
IN State Conf	194.70	Fay Werneke	3.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	22.00	Fremont SS	15.80
Pleasant Hill SS	50.00	Frances Stadden	10.00	Margaret Duval	125.00	Mr & Mrs Leonard Appleby	100.00
Blood River Church	238.79	Ruth Reid	15.00	James E Hammel, Sr	25.00	Mrs Waldron Steward	26.00
Lakeshore Bible Church	1,355.18	May White	17.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	65.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	20.00
Eden Valley Miss Soc	78.50	Hildred Momsen	10.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	90.00	Imogene Hoffman	2.00
Phoenix Bible Church	376.00	MI State Conf	62.64	Conger St Church	53.00	Mr & Mrs David Sapp	4.00
E Peoria Church	90.00	Phyllis Prussak	20.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	Carlie Ross	30.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Alcumbrack	22.00	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Bush, Sr	100.00	Carol Scholtes	11.70
Brush Creek Church	582.06	Mr & Mrs Charles Pryor	12.00	Hilliard Bible Church	26.00	MN State Miss Soc	108.00
Anonymous	5.00	Inez Gordon	10.00	Mary Miller	25.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Berry	50.00
Jess Williams	90.00	Julian Hazlewood	10.00	Arlington Church	10.00	Mr & Mrs Russel Parks	144.50
Mary Krogh	35.00	Mr & Mrs Herman Lewis	15.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Edith Eades	15.00
Oregon Mary & Martha Miss Soc	125.00	Blessed Hope Miss Soc	10.00	Allen Wegener	12.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	35.00
Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous	35.00	Blessed Hope Church	131.22	Glad Tidings Chapel (Dayton)	32.00	Mr & Mrs Harry Park	10.00
Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	60.00	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	56.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	300.00
Paul Hatch	17.55	Flagg Center Church	120.00	Mr & Mrs Mike Hall	20.00	Anonymous	700.00
Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	335.00	Clyde A Shaw	50.00	Southlawn Church	405.03	Mr & Mrs Robert Ennis	5.00
Jaynes St Church	100.50	Alice Marshall	20.00	Debbie McKinney	12.00	Claude H Reid	5.00
Althea Rice	10.00	S Bend Hope Chapel	145.26	Norma Slaymaker	10.00	Mary Harris	10.00
Ardys Rasp	25.00	Mildred Somers	32.00	Anonymous	25.00	Mr & Mrs Galen Hillman	220.00
Happy Woods Church	81.30	Lafayette Faith Chapel	84.15	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	26.00	Mr & Mrs Stanley Parks	52.00
Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	25.00	Frances Boyle	25.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	90.00	Betty Hahnemann	1.00
Mr & Mrs Merritt Thoms	10.00	IL State Conference	165.00	Digby Miss Soc	44.60	Mrs Howard Roland	1.00
Burr Oak Church	110.44	Mr & Mrs Lyle Ashelford	50.00	Lanny McAlister	12.00	Renita Broach	3.00
Pleasant Hill Church	114.56	Marva Hart	2.00	Deb Schmidlapp	2.00	Fonthill Glad Tidings SS	19.86
June Routson	25.00	Oregon SS	24.96	Mr & Mrs Ray Kluck	30.00	Golden Rule Church	72.13
Pomona Church	103.10	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Koszta Church	91.00	Wayne Harbour	3.00
Jay St Church	88.19	Litchfield Church	42.82	Raymore Church	25.00	J N Fox	7.50
Lawrenceville Church	444.96	"Memorial"—Mrs Joe Shelly	10.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00	Jaynes St Women's Fellowship	15.00
Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Ramsey	30.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	85.00	Nolan Orr	5.00
Maurertown Church	57.57	Mabel Sargent	10.00	Mr & Mrs Warren Sorenson	100.00	Kathleen Wilson	3.00
Rick Williams	8.00	Mr & Mrs John Ward	20.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademacher	108.75	Mrs D L Clark, Sr	5.00
Mr & Mrs Richard Eldred	10.00	Brush Creek SS	51.46	Fonthill Church	232.12	Roy Kroeth	1.00
Blanchard Church	415.11	Blessed Hope SS	24.02	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	10.00	James Hiner	3.00
Garden Park Church	212.46	Forest Hills Church	60.34	Mrs Dorothy Napper	10.00	Mrs A B Vines	2.00
St Louis Church	62.68	Clara Broberg	10.00	Miss Elaine Shute	10.00	Maxine Triff	13.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Mr & Mrs Don Huffer	120.00	Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	50.00	Dorothy Lucas	1.00
Macomb SS	17.91	Fredericktown Church	40.67	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	20.00	LaJuan Masters	12.00
Macomb Church	200.10	Mr & Mrs Ray McCormack	5.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Lucille Boyer	50.00
NE Conference	265.00	Frances Wood	100.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	10.00	Mr & Mrs John Carr	58.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	50.00	Mr & Mrs Edward O'Neil	65.00	Anonymous	500.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	300.00
Marion Partlow Family	100.00	Anonymous	311.00	Tempe Dorcas Soc	25.00	Anonymous	5.00
New Hope Church	65.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	20.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	1,075.00	Mrs Robert Anderson	5.00
Eternal Hope Church	138.94						

SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Birth date _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Are you a baptized member of the Church of God? _____ When? _____

What church do you now attend? _____

Answer the following as completely as necessary.

I would like to participate in this "short-term" missionary program because:

I believe I would be valuable because:

My signature indicates my agreement to fully participate in the entire program, including the training and evaluation sessions.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to **Short-Term Missionary Program, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061** by April 15, 1978.

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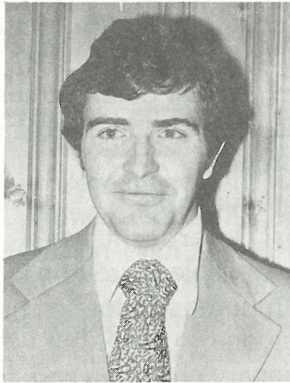
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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Director

Brother Donald Needham was born in Baton Rouge, LA, and graduated from the Walker High School. He is married to the former Becky Kirkpatrick and they have two sons, Mike and David.

Brother Needham graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1967. He has pastored the Twin Lakes Church of God, near Little Rock, AR, the Faith Community Church of God at Minneapolis, MN, and for the past five years the Blanchard, MI, Church of God.

Brother Needham has been active in the International Berean Youth Camps for the past 9 years and has been in charge of youth quizzing for the past 5 years. He is in considerable demand as speaker for special evangelistic services. He was elected to the Board of Directors at the 1977 General Conference. His dedicated service is a great asset to the Board of Directors.

General Conference, 1978

The program planning committee has met, and the theme of the 1978 General Conference is: "Behold, I Come Quickly." This will be a prophetic conference, which is most fitting in view of the current activities in Israel and the Middle East.

The conference will begin at noon on Monday, August 7, and conclude at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11, and will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, IL. Those who attended the 1977 Conference can attest to the wonderful facilities at Rockford College. We urge you to make your plans to attend now.

Mission Builders League

The Home Missions Board of the Church of God General Conference is setting March 5th as "Mission Builders League Day." On this day, special emphasis will be made regarding the Mission Builders League and those who are not now members will be encouraged to enroll. There are now nearly 900 in the Mission Builders League, and the Home Missions Department is striving for a goal of 1200 by September 30, 1978. When one enrolls in the league, he agrees to pay \$10 or more to each appeal approved by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, with a limit of 2 appeals per year.

Songs of Truth

You will find in this issue a special advertisement in which the present "Songs of Truth Number Two" is being offered for sale at \$2.00 each and the looseleaf copy for \$3.00 each. There is a Songbook Committee preparing a new, larger hymnal, but the new hymnal will not be available for about three years, or until the present inventory of the current book is considerably lower. The sale price of the new hymnal will be somewhat higher than the present issue. We trust that your church will want to take advantage of this reduced price to acquire a goodly supply of these fine "Songs of Truth."

Conference Finances

Contributions have come in quite well in January; however, we are still considerably short of the goals. I express my thanks and appreciation to each individual, church, and district conference which responds each month to support the General Conference and its needs. We covet your continued prayers and concerns.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

	\$249,000.00	
Goal for January		\$ 29,498.00
Given in January		24,769.00
January Deficit		4,729.00
February Needs		20,750.00
Goal for February	\$25,479.00	

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

Mission Builders Day—March 5

The Mission Builders League was formed in 1957 for the purpose of encouraging the construction of new church buildings by sharing in the building expenses. Members of the League agree to give \$10.00 twice a year when an appeal is sent to them.

Thirty-nine appeals have been made over the years, and the churches have appreciated the contributions made by their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Because of rising construction costs, more members of the League are needed to help in the building of worship centers. March 5 has been selected as a special Mission Builders Day to provide further opportunity for new members to become a part of the League.

If you have not yet joined this helpful organization, please pray about it and consider adding your name to the membership list on March 5.

"The Growing Church: Sign of Hope"

This is the theme of a church growth conference to be held in Atlanta, GA, May 5-7, 1978. In October, 1976, a "National Consultation on Evangelism and Church Growth" was held in Kansas City, and this meeting in May is a follow-up regional conference. Our pastors and church leaders in Arkansas, Louisiana, Virginia, and North and South Carolina would be eligible to attend.

The objectives of these regional conferences are:

- 1) To stimulate a genuine interest in evangelism and church growth.
- 2) To introduce as many church leaders as possible to church growth thought and strategy.
- 3) To encourage study and discussion of church growth literature.
- 4) To provide some models of growing churches and growth possibilities.

The Home Missions Board members attended the Kansas City meeting and found it to be especially valuable to them in their home missions work. They recommend the regional conference to all who can find it possible to attend.

Since advance registrations will be accepted only through March 15, for more information write immediately to Dr. C. B. Hogue, 1350 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Literature Saturation Program

Your Home Missions Board hopes to offer to you, before long, a literature program to aid in your outreach to your community. The plan is to provide literature that can be sent to two hundred or more persons in your area once a week for six weeks. Literature distributed in this way would include *The Restitution Herald*, tracts, church brochure, letter from the pastor, etc.

While awaiting further details, please pray for God's blessing on this program, its preparation, and its use among the churches.

Good Reading Available

The Missions Department has a goodly supply of books that are available to you on loan. These books, concerning both home and foreign missions, would be excellent for anyone to read, but would be especially helpful to missionary chairmen and those interested in future missionary service.

We urge you to make use of these for improved education, ideas, and motivation in you own local mission program. Write to the Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, with your request.

1. *Mexico in Pictures*, Visual Geography Series
2. *Ghana in Pictures*, Visual Geography Series
3. *Missionary Stories for Juniors*, Eleanor Doan and Gladys McElroy
4. *Missionary Life and Work*, Harold R. Cook
5. *Born to Climb*, Dick Hillis (missionary biographies)
6. *Witnessing Laymen Make Living Churches*, Claxton Monro and William Taegel
7. *Help! I'm a Layman*, Kenneth Chafin
8. *The Church That Dared to Change*, Michael Tucker

From Around the World

•Indians in Central America are hearing the gospel message by means of evangelistic cassette tapes in their own languages. Cassette players and tapes are distributed in town halls, marketplaces, and convents. Interest is high and people are being led to Christ.

•In 1900, there were 4 million Christians among Africa's 118 million people. Since then, the population has doubled, but the Christian church has multiplied 36 times!



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Understanding the Bible College

All Bible colleges have one characteristic in common. They all give the Bible the central position in their curriculum. Every student is required to major in the Bible.

The American Association of Bible Colleges requires that their member schools insist upon at least a minimum of 40 semester hours in the Bible during every student's four years of training. Oregon Bible College more than meets this standard by requiring a minimum of 52 hours.

To give the Bible the central role in Bible college education has been the purpose of Bible college education since the Bible college movement started in the late 1800's. Dr. S. A. Witmer, writing his book, *The Bible College Story: Education With Dimension*, states that "the conviction that God, by the Holy Spirit, spoke through the prophets and apostles to communicate an authoritative message of life and destiny to mankind, is fundamental to the whole concept of Biblical education." By advocating and practicing this principle, the Bible college retains its distinctiveness, just as faithful Christians retain their identity by maintaining and proclaiming the inspiration of the Scriptures.

Dr. Witmer later points out that the Bible answers the deep questions of life by beginning with the first fact of all—God. Through the acquisition of social insight, Bible college students learn how to live in their total environment. They are preparing to live in a social order. Through application of the Bible, the Bible college becomes a unifying center for all knowledge. Essentially, the distinction between the secular and the sacred disappears for students because of their recognition that all is part of the revelation of God. In Bible colleges, the Scriptures become the source of vision, dynamic idealism, moral purpose, faith, and hope.

While the Bible college is concerned with the spiritual growth and intellectual maturity of the student, it is also vitally interested in developing in the student the prophetic voice that says with conviction, "Thus saith the Lord." In order for our pulpits to retain their prophetic voice, the Word of God must retain its centralizing, vitalizing element in the Bible college.

From the Bible college perspective, two premises must occupy our thinking: the Bible is the Word of God; and ministerial preparation is a continuous process that begins early in life. With these basics in mind, the Bible must retain its central place in the church as well as in

the college. The preparation of people for the Christian ministry must be a cooperative effort of church and college. In particular, the college presents a three-dimensional package, consisting of theology, general education, and practical education, always with the Bible at the center. The Bible is a vital part of every phase of education.

The responsibility of the church to preach the gospel suggests two major elements for the Bible college curriculum. These elements are subject matter and communication. The chief subject matter is the Word. It is the aim of the college to develop the various communication dimensions for the proclamation of that Word. Dr. Witmer points out that nearly all programs offered in Bible colleges fall into four categories—Theological, Christian Education, Missions, and Church Music. At Oregon Bible College, we have at least basic programs in Theology, Christian Education, and Music. We have not developed a missions program. Further improvement of the college would result in more enrichment in the areas we already have and in the development of a missions division.

It is essential that the administration of the Bible College have a clear understanding and knowledge of the church, and the church have a complete understanding of the college, as we continue in cooperative effort in education, growth, and evangelism. It requires an openness in communication that never ceases, and continual search for goals and objectives. Together, we must understand what these are.

In his book, Dr. Witmer defines the Bible college, gives the history of the Bible college movement, and traces the development and growth of Bible colleges in the United States and Canada. He shows the relationship of the Bible college to the church and discusses such aspects as field work and Christian service programs. He points out the deterioration of secular education in the country, and further explains the role of the Bible college in today's world.

Dr. Witmer's book, *The Bible College Story: Education With Dimension*, is available from the American Association of Bible Colleges, Box 543, Wheaton, IL 60187. If you would like to know more about the purposes and goals of Bible colleges in general, and about Oregon Bible College in particular, we encourage you to purchase this book. The cost is \$3.95 plus 25¢ for handling and 5% for tax.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

Post-High Midwinter Retreat

Thirty-nine young adults from all over the country descended on Camp Alexander Mack for the annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat, which began on Thursday evening, December 29, and ended Sunday morning, January 1, 1978. Included in this group were young people from Ohio, Louisiana, Michigan, Illinois, South Carolina, North Carolina, Colorado, Arizona, and Canada.

The weather was ideal, staying in the high 20's during the day and the high teens during the night. Lake Wau-
bee was frozen, providing the proper surface for those who enjoy ice skating. We even had a five-inch snowfall on Saturday night in answer to the prayers of the Louisiana young people, who apparently seldom see this white precipitation.

The retreat began on Thursday evening with a get-acquainted activity. The rest of the time was spent in fellowship, eating pizza, and drinking hot chocolate. Sessions were held for two hours each morning. These times were spent discussing some of the aspects of our innate fears and their possible solutions. There was also a session held each afternoon. This session involved singing praises to God, with the balance of the time spent in group prayer.

Each evening a service was conducted which included group singing, special presentations in song by individuals who were willing to share their special talents with us, and short sermons by Steve Adams and Kerry Pack.

On Saturday night, the final night of the retreat, a New Year's Eve party was held. Refreshments, entertainment, and games were provided. This activity was called to a halt prior to midnight, and the New Year was ushered in as small prayer groups gave thanks to God for the blessings of 1977 and prayed for each other's needs during 1978.

A communion service was held on Sunday morning, January 1, 1978. This was the last scheduled activity of the midwinter retreat.

To sum it all up, it certainly was a good experience for those who attended—one that will long be remembered.

My thanks for their spirit of cooperation to all who attended. It was the best that I can remember. A special thank you goes to those who shared the responsibilities and those who so willingly shared their God-given talents with us.

Sunday School Board Meeting

The members of the Sunday School Board met in Oregon, IL, December 8, 1977. A number of important items were discussed, among which were:

1. Production of an Adult Teacher's Guide—in a recent survey of those who use the adult quarterly, many teachers requested a teacher's guide similar to the guides which are currently available for all of our other quarterlies. Work is now being done on this guide and we are happy to announce that it will be available for the summer quarter. At a later time, Sunday school superintendents will receive more information about ordering the guide.

2. Vacation Bible School curriculum—one of the goals adopted by General Conference delegates last summer was the preparation of a VBS curriculum for the next ten years, which would be totally coordinated with our Sunday school quarterlies. A proposed list of themes was discussed and the theme for 1979 was finalized. Assignments will be made soon so the writing staff can begin work on this material.

3. 1978 Christian Workers' Seminar—final preparation was made for the Seminar which will be held March 5-11. (There is still time to enroll. Send your name and address and a deposit of at least \$10 per person to the Sunday School Department immediately. Deadline for enrollment is Feb. 15.)

4. Larger print in adult quarterly—The Sunday School Department has been listening to the comments of those of you who feel that the type in the adult quarterly is difficult to read. As soon as possible, our publishing department will begin using larger type. Since we must work many months ahead in order to have quarterlies ready at the proper time, it will be several months before you will see this improvement.

Other topics which were considered by the Board were: possible revisions in the adult quarterly curriculum, preparation of a spiritual growth correspondence course, improvement of our nursery quarterly material, future plans for Christian Workers' Seminars, and implementation of some of the other ten-year goals which were adopted by the delegates last August.

I appreciate the time and effort put forth by the members of the Sunday School Board in carrying on the work of our Department, and we appreciate the comments and encouragement we receive from many of you.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Hilliard, OH. On Sunday, December 11, 1977, Henry Kelly, Jr. accepted Christ as his personal Savior and that afternoon was immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of sins. He was baptized by Deacon James Kinser with the assistance of disciples of Christ, Kevin Kelly and Ronald Roth. We pray God's blessing upon him in his new walk of life. Margaret Ware, secretary.

Phoenix, AZ. The Phoenix Bible Church rejoices over the recent baptisms of the following: Mark Avey; Fred Lanier; Sandy Hudson; Gene and Cathy Broyles; Wayne Terry, Lisa and Lesli Disspain; and Nancy Miller. Our prayer is that God will bless them as they mature in Christ. James A. Graham, pastor.

Omaha, NE. On December 11, 1977, Sharon Argotsinger was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome this fine young woman into the body of Christ and the fellowship of the Jaynes Street Community Church of God of Omaha. Scott Ross, pastor.

Macomb, IL. At the close of the presentation of the Christmas play, "Christmas Is for Everyone," Marla Lewis, a member of the Childrens' Angel Choir, responded to the invitation to give her life to the Lord. January 1, 1978, Marla sealed that faith in baptism during the evening services. We at the Macomb Church of God pray the Lord's blessing on this new babe in Christ. May she yield her life completely to the Master as she continues to grow in grace and in knowledge of our Savior. We warmly welcome her into this body of believers. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Ripley, IL. After much study and consideration, Allen E. Tomlinson received Christ as his Savior. Allen came forward Sunday, October 30, 1977, and was baptized the same afternoon in the waters of Logan Creek. We rejoice in his decision. Dale Harshman, pastor.

Oregon, IL. Donna and Kimberly Welty were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins at the Oregon Church, January 8, 1978. We praise God for their decision to follow our lovely Lord. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Gatesville, TX. Mrs. Iona Brookshire came forward during the gospel invitation at the end of the worship service January 1, 1978, and was baptized in Cow House Creek the same day. We admire her sincere desire to join the family of faith, especially to the extent of an open-air baptism on a freezing-cold day. Praise God for her immersion. We pray that she will continue to grow in Christ. Michael Brown, pastor.

Fonthill, Ontario. Our hearts rejoiced along with that of Grace Macklem, when she confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior, and was baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins. May the happiness that we have in our hearts continue to go out to others.

Pleasant Hill, OH. On Sunday morning, January 1, 1978, Ronald Price made a public confession of his need for Jesus Christ in his life, by coming forward at the invitation for baptism. He was baptized immediately after the close of church services. Baptism was in the waters of the Curtis Vance pond. We rejoice in Ronald's decision. May God bless him in his new walk of life.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

Kokomo, IN. On Christmas day, 1977, Bob Kelly responded to the gospel invitation to accept God's gift of salvation through his son Jesus Christ. He was baptized into Jesus on New Year's Day, January 1, 1978. We welcome Bob into the fellowship of the church and pray God's Spirit and blessing will be upon him all his life.

John A. Railton, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. During Sunday morning services, January 1, 1978, Kimberly Kay Carruthers confessed her sins and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Following the services, she was baptized by Deacon James Kinser, with the assistance of James Michael Ballenger, a disciple of Christ. We pray God's blessing on her in her new walk in life. Margaret Ware, secretary.

MARRIAGE

Miss Rebecca Zirklebach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Zirklebach, and Jerry Landes were united in marriage January 7, 1978, in the First Christian Church at Temple, TX. They plan to reside in Lingleville, TX, where Jerry will be a dairy farmer. We pray God's richest blessings on both as they live their lives together.

Michael Brown, pastor.

1978 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

The annual Ministerial Conference for 1978 will be held in Oregon, IL, May 1 to 5. There has been some confusion over the date since the conference usually begins in April, however the constitution states that the conference shall begin the Monday after the last Sunday in April, which this year is May 1.

Valley Church of God

The Valley Church of God is now located at 1647-51 Lake Street, Glendale, CA. Since moving into the church building, the congregation has been busy doing repair and redecorating work on the church building and parsonage. Services are held each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

A mailing was made to about 3,500 neighborhood homes before Christmas, seeking to help acquaint the neighbors with the church and inviting them to its services. Several neighborhood children have been attending the Sunday school.

The Valley Church wishes to thank the Mission Builders League for its help in securing this church property.

Dedication services were conducted in connection with the Southwest Conference meetings October 28-30, 1977. Many people from California, Arizona, Washington, and Illinois attended. General Conference Executive Director S. O. Ross gave the dedication message.

Pastors Delbert Jones and Harold Doan now serve the Valley church and an active effort is now being made to secure a full-time pastor in September, 1978.

GRACE CAIN MEMORIAL

The Priscillas (pastors' wives) have established a memorial fund for Sr. Grace Cain. In honor of her interest in Christian music, the fund will be used for the music department of Oregon Bible College. This fund will be kept open for further contributions until after January 1, 1978. The gift selected for the music department will display a nameplate in her honor.

Contributions for the memorial fund may be sent either to the Priscillas or to the Church of God General Conference, Bx 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

GRACE CAIN MEMORIAL TAPE

I have had produced on cassettes one of Grace's concerts. It contains only her voice and a piano. (The tape was never intended for public use.) I am giving them to those who knew Grace personally, and who were blessed by her music. I have some left, and if you feel you would enjoy one, simply send me a request. I'll be happy to mail it to you free of cost.

Pastor Rex F. Cain
625 W. Chase St.
Macomb, IL 61455

TEXAS FALL CONFERENCE

The Texas Fall Conference at Gatesville began with an evening service on Friday, November 27, 1977. The guest speaker was Dr. Alva G. Huffer of Tempe, AZ, who brought his multi-image panorama slide program, which followed each of the evening services on Friday and Saturday. The program featured slides of Israel and the Mediterranean area, which were photographed by Dr. Huffer on his eighth visit to the Holy Land.

Devotions by Pastor and Mrs. Railton started Saturday off. Classes filled the rest of the day. Teachers for morning classes were Cecil Railton, Dorothy McCorkle, and Cherie Hammer, who taught the children's classes; Michael Brown and Pauline Tidwell, who taught the young people; and Austin Railton and John Hayse, who were teachers of the adult class. The afternoon classes were taught by Anita Zirkelbach—children; Wilda Hammer—young people; and Michael Brown—adults.

A question-and-answer period, with a panel of ministers consisting of Harry Goekler, Austin Railton, Alva Huffer, Michael Brown, and Dean Moore of Little Rock, AR, was very informative and interesting.

The last day of the Conference (Sunday, November 27,) included the regular Sunday school and morning worship services, with Dr. Huffer in the pulpit. After dinner, everyone visited with others and then went to their homes.

Praise the Lord for such an inspiring weekend! We are also thankful for the fine turnout which included a total of seventy-three.

Sarah Kennard, secretary.

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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The underlying message of this book, relationship teaching, will be included in a class entitled *Family Enrichment*, at Christian Worker's Seminar, March 5-11, 1978. We've also included it as one of the topics covered in weekend workshops offered at local churches by Family Life Committee. For more information write to:

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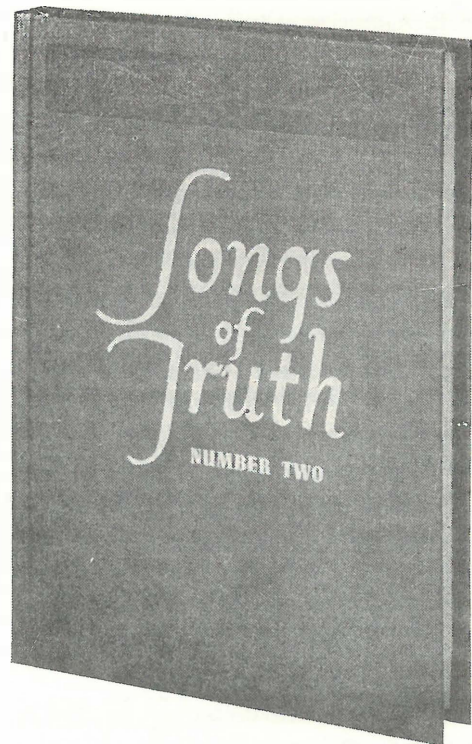
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1-5—Ministerial Conference, Oregon, IL.

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Margaret Ware, Sec, 5107 Wyandot Place, Hilliard, 43026

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CLEVELAND Church (Golden Rule), 13905 Diana Av, Cleveland, OH 44110
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Miss Alice Planter, Sec, 13709 McElhatten Av, Cleveland 44110
Ryan, Mark D (Debbie), 2438 Rustic Ridge Dr, Apt A, Overland, MO 63114

OBITUARIES

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Janice Bolinger, who died November 1, 1977. She had been a faithful member of the St. Louis, MO, Church of God all her life. She is survived by her husband Larry; one son, Bradly Wade; her father and moth-

er, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Waganer; two brothers, Darrel and Craig and their families; a sister, Joyce and her family; many other relatives, and a number of friends.

Burial services were held November 4, 1977, and were conducted by the writer. The church was saddened greatly by the death of this young lady. We take comfort in the hope of her resurrection which God, our Father, has given to us.
Mark Ryan, pastor.

Our hearts were saddened when we received the information that death had come to the Schooley family for the second time in a little over three months. Mrs. Schooley died the last day of August. Her husband Harold died December 5, 1977. He had not overcome the shock of his wife's death, after which he went to Sun City, AZ, to be near his daughter, Mrs. W. T. (Olive) ReBoolz.

Mr. Schooley now sleeps in the Sylvian Cemetery near Evart, MI, where Mrs. Schooley was laid to rest. Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids. "Let us sorrow not as those that have no hope."
Walter Wiggins.

Mary Clare Wright fell asleep in death Tuesday, December 13, 1977, while she was residing at the Towne Avenue Convalescent Hospital in Pomona, CA. Mary was a long-time member of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona. She is survived by a

daughter, Mrs. Elaine Landin of Ontario, CA; and a son, Mr. Leonard L. Wright of Fort Worth, TX. A worker for both growth and unity in southern California church projects, Mary will be missed.

Burial was in Readington, NE. She rests until Jesus shall come to call his own.

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Pastor Roy G. Graham, 835 S. Dover St., Lakewood, CO, fell asleep in Christ December 28, 1977, after a long fight against cancer. He was born July 8, 1911, in Madison County, MO.

Surviving are his wife Flora; one son, Gerald, of Phoenix, AZ; his mother, Maud Graham of St. Louis; one brother, Pastor E. E. Graham of Dixon, IL; and one sister, Alice Jennings of St. Louis, MO. Three grandchildren, Thomas Gerald, Sheryl Kaye, and James Roy Graham also survive.

Bro. Graham was an ordained minister of the Church of God General Conference. He served as pastor at Fredericktown, MO; Los Angeles, CA; Denver, CO; and Doniphan and Morse Mill, MO. He was also past president of the Missouri State Conference. For many years, until the time of his death, he was a writer for the Adult Sunday School Quarterly.

After funeral services January 1, 1978, conducted by the writer, who was assisted by Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II, he was laid to rest in Marcus Memorial Park, to await the call of the Master. Roy was no stranger to the One who will someday call his name. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Col. 3:4).
Pastor Hollis Partlowe.

Our deep sympathy goes to the loved ones of Bro. Walter Fisk who, at the age of 88, fell asleep in Jesus, Monday, December 19, 1977. He was a long-time member of the Macomb, IL, Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Rex Cain and Bro. Dale Harshman at a funeral home in Rushville, IL, December 21. May God grant peace and hope to his loved ones as they wait for the glorious resurrection! Jesus is returning soon! This was Walter's great hope.
Rex Cain, pastor.

Grace Pack Sprouse, 46, of Rt. 7, Piedmont, SC, lost her nine-month battle with cancer on December 21, 1977. She had a tremendous will to live, and never bothered to complain, "Why me?" We have never witnessed such love and support from a large and entire family.

Grace is survived by her husband Douglas, her daughter Mary, and her son Gene. Also surviving are her brother John T. Pack, and eight sisters: Mabel Campbell, Hazel Hughes, Margaret Elwell, Merle Saylor, Ethel Capps, Frances Young, Bonnie Partain, and Genevieve Fuller.

Grace was a long-time member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, near Pelzer, SC. Services were conducted at the church on December 23 by the writer and Pastor E. Richard Smith, with burial in the church cemetery. Her hope in the resurrection was strong, and may our Lord soon come to call her back to life.
T. M. Ferrell.

Melvin Heyward McCoy, 59, of Greenville, SC, died August 30, 1977, at the VA Hospital at Oteen, NC, of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Marjorie; his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weldon McCoy, Sr.; sisters, Bertha Perkins and Mildred Powers; and brothers, Joseph A. McCoy and A. W. McCoy, Jr. His future is in the hands of our merciful God.
T. M. Ferrell, pastor.

Graveside services were conducted for Gaines A. Shipman of Marietta, SC, on October 10, 1977. He was 63. Though not a member, he was from one of the early Church of God families in North Carolina, and had attended the Greenville, SC, Church.
T. M. Ferrell, pastor.

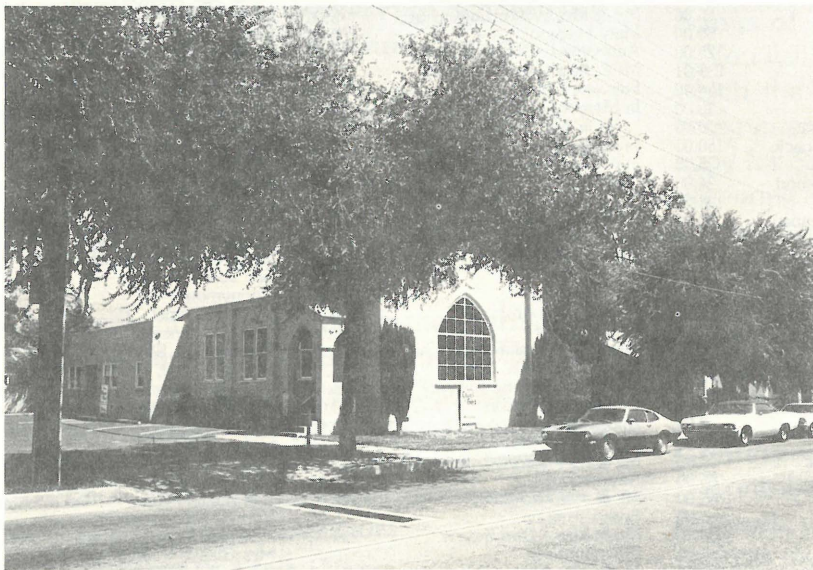
Funeral services were conducted at Belton, SC, on December 18, 1977, for Addie L. Elwell, maiden aunt of Earl B. Elwell of the Guthrie Grove congregation. She died at 79 after years of declining health.
T. M. Ferrell, pastor.

MISSION BUILDERS APPEAL

This is the thirty-ninth appeal for Mission Builders assistance, to help provide facilities for a Church of God congregation.

By action of the delegates at the 1975 General Conference, members of the Mission Builders League are asked to contribute \$10 to each appeal approved by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference (limit of 2 appeals per year).

Please send your contribution to: The Mission Builders League, Church of God General Conference, Oregon, IL 61061. The funds will be put to good use immediately to help the Valley Church of God pay for a newly purchased church and parsonage.



The Valley Church of God was organized in 1965. It discontinued services in 1966. The church was reorganized in 1968 and regular services have been held from that time, first in the Mid-Valley YMCA and later in the Van Nuys Women's Club in Van Nuys, CA.

Brother Harold Doan became pastor of the church in 1968, and since 1974 he and Brother Delbert Jones have been co-pastors. The church has 35 active members and, in addition to the Sunday morning services, there are home Bible classes conducted in Fullerton, Burbank, and El Segundo.

The church building, located in Glendale, CA, was purchased from another denomination. It seats 120, has a pastor's study, seven classrooms, a large fellowship hall, and a kitchen. The church is completely equipped with pews, pulpits, communion table, and tables and chairs in the classrooms. There is a six-room parsonage adjoining the church. The total price of the church, parsonage, and equipment was \$108,500.00

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Judy Creech; Dennis Creech; Beverly Barnes; Sherry Partain; Susan James; Linda James; Rebecca Jones; Bill White; Denise Elwell.

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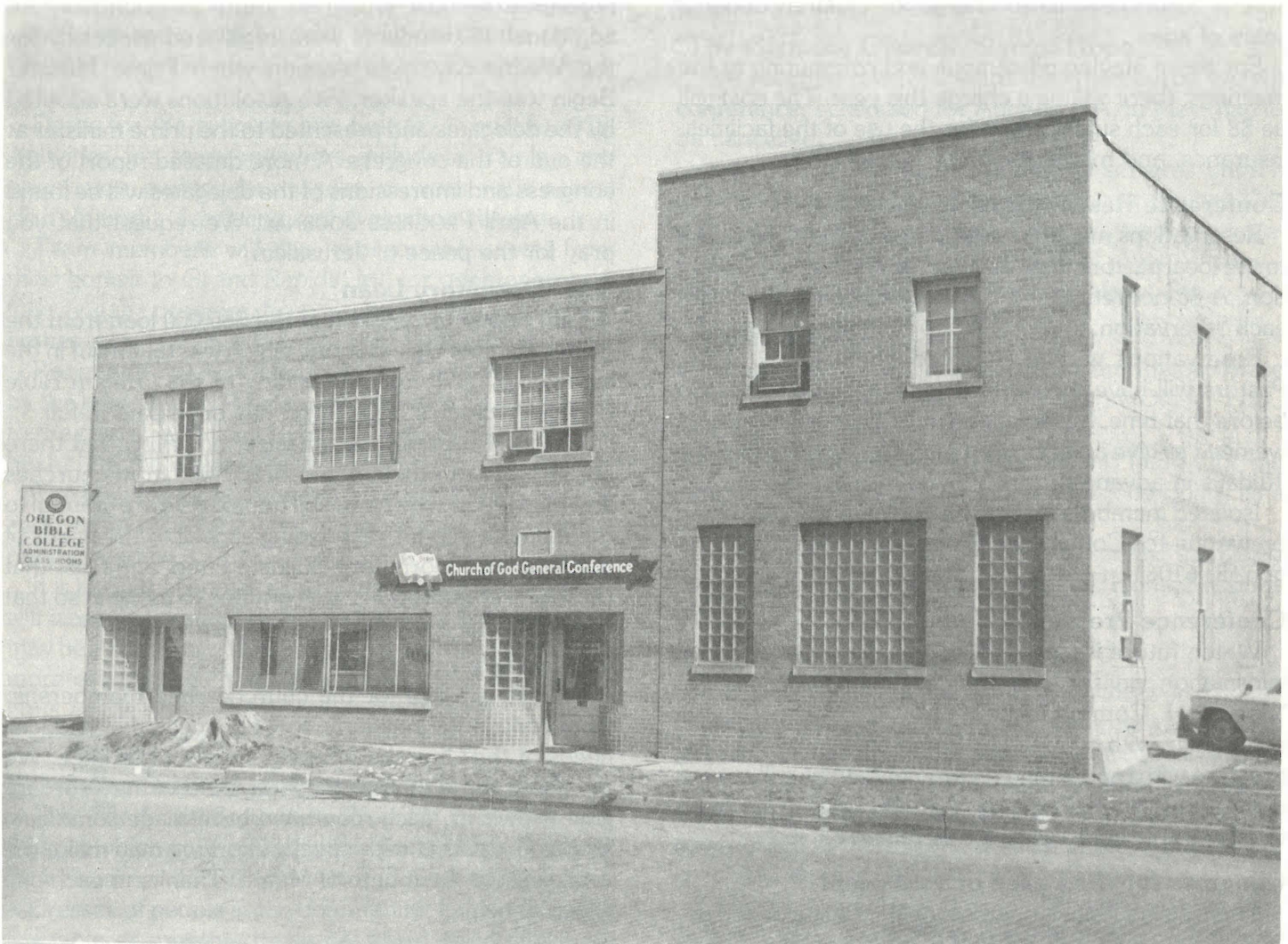
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Mr & Mrs George DeForest	100.00	Mr & Mrs John Prak	208.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00	Bedford Agape Soc	44.71
St Louis Church	49.40	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00	LA State Conference	38.27	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	120.00
Rick Williams	8.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Zobrist	5.00	Howard Kugler	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Magaw	100.00
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Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	10.00	Blessed Hope Miss Soc	5.00	Mr & Mrs Wm S White	50.00	Lafayette Faith Chapel	98.55
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Guthrie Grove Church	258.10	Fairy C Lyon	10.00	Mr & Mrs Conrad Wetzel	25.00	Mr & Mrs Steven Knapp	40.00
Mildred Somers	32.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	20.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Myers	240.00
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Mr & Mrs Harold Coppock	10.00	Harold Tjossem	100.00	Erma Van Blaricom	20.00	Ben Carpenter	50.00
Anna Cullen	5.00	Ruby Stinnette	10.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	30.00	Mr & Mrs Chris Fedde	100.00
Mrs R F Dunbar	10.00	Willis McMurtie	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	10.00	Mrs Esti Holt	10.00
Anonymous	21.00	Claude Reid	5.00	Miss Elaine Shute	5.00	Lowell Holt	100.00
Alice Bassett	40.00	Sarah Kuehne	6.40	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	100.00		

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The building pictured here is familiar to many of our readers. It is the building around which much of our General Conference business revolves. The part to the reader's right is the "old" part of the building. The basement provides storage space, and also contains the heavy concrete vault in which valuable old records and publications are kept.

The ground floor houses the business manager's office and addressing and mailing rooms. It also provides storage for publications currently available.

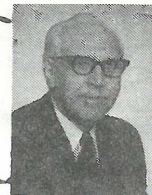
The upper floor provides space for the executive director's office, the editor's office, and two rooms for printing and publishing.

The part to the left houses Oregon Bible College. The ground floor contains the receptionist's office, a small lounge, two classrooms, and a storage room. The upper portion holds the chapel, one classroom, a small room that contains duplicating machines and supplies, and five offices for members of the college staff.

During the college season, this part of the building often resounds with young voices which stir nostalgic memories in the hearts of older people. We enjoy their presence, and are inspired when we reflect upon their willingness to spend time, money and effort in order to prepare themselves to be able more effectively to share the gospel message with others.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



1978 General Conference

The 1978 Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 7-11. Costs at Rockford College have risen slightly since the 1977 conference. The total cost for the conference for an adult this year will be \$52. For those ages 3-12 the cost is \$39. There is no charge for children under 3 years of age.

For those staying off campus and commuting to the meetings, there will be a charge this year. The cost will be \$8 for each such person for the use of the facilities, insurance, and miscellaneous.

Conference Reservations

Reservations must be made on forms that will be sent to the local pastors, together with all necessary information. A \$5 nonrefundable deposit will be required with each reservation.

Reservations will be accepted *after* April 1, 1978. Pastors will have the necessary packet of information before that time. Reservations must be in by July 29, as we need to give an accurate count to Rockford College 10 days in advance.

Isolated members may receive forms and information by writing to: Conference Reservation, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Conference Program

Watch future issues of PROGRESS JOURNAL for more information on the conference. The theme will be: "Behold, I Come Quickly." It will be a prophetic conference with evangelistic emphasis as well. The full program with reports and recommendations will appear in the June issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. Make plans now to attend this very timely Conference.

Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem

The International Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem was sponsored by the Institute of Holy Land Studies. The Church of God General Conference was represented by 28 people from 7 states. They are: Indiana—Emory Macy, Don and Marj Overmyer, Larry Mayberry, and Betty Reinholt; Arizona—Bill and Mardy Lawrence, Paul and Marge McPherson, Doug and Monie Todd, and Alva Huffer; Illinois—Stan and Peg Ross, Willis and Ida Turner, Charles and Jennie Mon-

gan; Minnesota—Elmo and Larry Gaspar, Ivan and Vivian Mills, Billie and Irene Kennedy; Michigan—Richard and Carol Eldred; Ohio—M. A. Patrick; Virginia—Wayne Carroll.

The congress was held in the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem, January 31 - February 2. There were 669 registered for the Congress from 13 countries. An additional 150 students were registered especially for the Wednesday night session when Prime Minister Begin was the speaker. Five resolutions were adopted by the delegates and presented to the prime minister at the end of the congress. A more detailed report of the congress and impressions of the delegates will be found in the April PROGRESS JOURNAL. We request that you pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

OBC Dormitory Loan

I am happy to report that the \$65,000 loan from the United Bank of Ogle County, which was taken out in the summer of 1975 for the building of the Oregon Bible College Women's Dormitory, has been paid in full.

We must hasten to emphasize, however, that there are still loans in the amount of \$37,000 from churches and individuals which are still unpaid. We are grateful to the membership for responding so well to the needs of the Women's Dormitory Building Fund, and trust that these fine contributions will continue to come in so that the additional \$37,000 may be repaid shortly.

Conference Finances

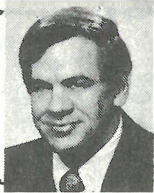
We are grateful for the churches and membership who contribute regularly to help meet the financial needs of the Church of God General Conference. We are about three thousand dollars short of the February goal. However, each month we have made some gain and we trust that with special effort we may make the total goal for the month of March. Thanks to each one who will help.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

	\$249,000.00	
Goal for February		\$25,479.00
Given in February		22,501.00
February Deficit		2,978.00
March Needs		20,750.00
Goal for March	\$23,728.00	

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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Accreditation

We have set the year 1987 as a target date for the accreditation of Oregon Bible College. This date was arbitrarily chosen by the writer when the Board of Directors requested that he establish goals of progress.

Presently, it appears that the constitution of the American Association of Bible Colleges does not allow for the accreditation of Oregon Bible College by that organization, because of the doctrinal position it takes regarding the trinity. Over the years, the Bible College has had a history of limited association and cooperation with the AABC by attending its conferences and using its administrators as consultants to evaluate our progress. The AABC is recognized as the best accrediting association in the country for Bible Colleges. If Oregon Bible College achieved the recognized standards for accreditation by the year 1987 we would, of course, remain unaccredited by any such accrediting organization which demands that we compromise our doctrinal position.

We have not approached the AABC with the possibility of the Bible College being accredited. There are two principle reasons for this. The first is that we are not now anywhere near accreditation status. The second reason is that we do not wish to raise the question of accreditation with the AABC because the organization may be forced into a doctrinal position that will be unacceptable to it at some later time in its history. The theological world is presently in a turmoil over the question of the nature of Christ. Many theologians are changing their positions, challenging the idea of the incarnation, and moving into a position that is much closer to that of the Church of God. This same phenomenon is taking place with regard to the doctrine that deals with the nature of man. We feel that there is a definite possibility that, in future years, organizations like the AABC will not be so far removed from the doctrinal position of our College because of changes that will take place in their theological standing.

Other possibilities for accreditation are open. The North Central Association has accredited some Bible Colleges. The AABC is not our only opportunity.

With these possibilities and considerations in mind, we wish to keep the accreditation of the College clearly in our minds as a future prospect. We want to achieve our goals in the best way possible, without compromising our Scriptural stand.

Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education, consisting of Chairman Charles Pryor, Vernis Wolfe, and Robert Johnson met in the office of President John Lewis January 11-13. Board member John Hearp was absent because of winter storm conditions. We also invited Alan Ramsey as a consultant to this board meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the positive and negative aspects of the incorporation of Oregon Bible College and to write a proposed constitution for the incorporation of the College.

Alan Ramsey served as a valuable consultant, giving insight and understanding regarding the possible problems of incorporation. With the assistance of Brother Ramsey, the Board wrote a constitution that we feel provides proper documentation for the College. We hope to have this document ready soon, for laymen and pastors of the churches to consider.

Chairman Charles Pryor, Eugene Stilson, and John Lewis met with Dr. John Goudy of the Illinois State Board of Education on February 6 to discuss State requirements regarding the recognition of Oregon Bible College.

In tracing the historical development of the Bible College through board minutes, we have discovered that the question of a governing board and accreditation has been a part of our official history since the establishment of the Bible College. The question of accreditation was presented in our earliest catalogs. Recommendations that Oregon Bible College have a governing board came from our church members in the early history of the church, and this same recommendation came from Dr. Witmer of the AABC in 1959. We feel that we must thoroughly discuss and pray about this question so that the people of the Church of God General Conference can make a definitive statement regarding the future of Oregon Bible College. The College became associated with the AABC under the administration of Otto E. Dick, when we invited Dr. Witmer to evaluate the Bible College in 1959. After that year, our faculty and staff members began attending AABC meetings on a regular basis.

In other action, the Board discussed possible future uses of the Golden Rule building and possible use of endowment funds. An area that needs further discussion and planning is the advisability and feasibility of creating a correspondence study department.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Planning of the 1978 International Berean Youth Conference is now in full swing. I take this opportunity to share with you some of the things that have already been determined.

Pastor James Graham of the Bible Church of God in Phoenix, Arizona, will again serve as director for the high school camp. Bro. Russell Reye of the Columbia Station Church of God in Ohio will again serve as director for the post-high camp.

This year's program will be changed somewhat. We will offer no "learning activities curriculum" at either the high school or the post-high level. Our curriculum will consist solely of classes and workshops centered around various areas of expressed interest.

Probably the biggest major change is that both the high school and post-high camp will be conducted at the same facility—Camp Alexander Mack. This change has been brought about because of drops in enrollment, particularly at the high school level. We can no longer justify the use of two separate facilities. Financially speaking, this shift is greatly to our advantage. Even though these two groups will be using the same facility, they will be involved, as far as possible, in separate programs.

Even though a slight increase in cost was passed on to us by the people at Camp Mack, there will be no increase in tuition for the 1978 Berean Youth Conference. The tuition will remain at \$55.00 per person, with a late fee of \$10.00 being applicable after July 1, 1978. Enrollment forms will be mailed out in March to all churches, and will also be included in the March-April issue of *Challenge*.

I have already received some inquiries from young people as to how they can become Junior Counselors of this year's program. Junior Counselor applications will be sent to all churches along with the enrollment forms. The number of young people that we use in this position will be determined by the projected enrollment for this year's camp. Junior Counselors will be selected during the first week in June. Notification will be sent shortly thereafter to the individuals selected.

We are anticipating a great and exciting camp program this year, and will appreciate your prayer support for it. We will also appreciate your encouraging the young people of your churches to begin now making their plans to be in attendance.

David Krogh, Director

Vacation Bible School Material

Orders are being received for the 1978 Bible School material. If your church has not yet placed an order, see the back page of the March *Restitution Herald* for more information and an order blank.

This year, in addition to the Director's Manual and the Teachers' Manuals for six different age levels, we are offering a craft manual. This manual will contain all of the craft suggestions from all of the teacher's books. The craft ideas will still be included in the individual Teachers' Manuals, but this craft manual will bring all of the craft projects together in one book. If you have an individual or a committee responsible for crafts, this will make it much easier to have access to the craft possibilities for each class.

The cost of each manual is \$1.25, postage-paid when payment accompanies the order. Handwork pages for pupils are available for 3¢ per sheet, plus 50¢ handling per order.

Attendance Statistics

Sunday school attendance figures are still being collected for the months of October through December, 1977. As soon as these figures are complete, we will be able to compare them with our figures for the same months in 1976.

In analyzing the figures for the year of October 1, 1976, through September 30, 1977, the following information was revealed:

- On an average Sunday,
 - 36% of our Sunday schools have 1-25 in attendance
 - 28% of our Sunday schools have 26-50 in attendance
 - 22½% have 51-75
 - 4½% have 76-100
 - 9% have more than 100

It is my earnest desire and it is the goal of the Sunday School Department for each of our Sunday schools to increase attendance by 10% each year. I trust that every effort will be put forth by the members of your Sunday school to invite additional people that they may hear the good news and come to know and accept Jesus, the Savior of men. If I can be of help to you in any way in reaching this goal in your Sunday school, please contact me.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Raymore, MO. David Fuller submitted to the saving words of our Lord and was baptized Friday evening, December 15, 1977. David came up out of the water rejoicing, and we rejoice with him. May the grace and peace of God be an ever-present blessing in his life. Don Ward, pastor.

Macomb, IL. Dwight Pestle stepped forward and requested baptism in the saving name of Christ Jesus, January 8, 1978. Brother C. Jesse Pestle baptized his son one week later. We rejoice in the decisions of many of our young people, which is truly a testimony of God's great power. As Dwight is welcomed into the body of believers, we pray the Lord's blessing upon him as he yields his new life to the Master.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Front Royal, VA. On November 15, 1977, the Royal Village Church was inspired when the brethren witnessed two baptisms upon confession of faith in Christ. Mrs. Lulu Jones was baptized by Pastor Cecil Smead, and Barry Pomeroy was baptized by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack. The baptism of Barry unites the family of Barry and Tracy (Rudacille) Pomeroy in their faith in Christ. They have a lovely 14-month-old daughter, Le-vacy Lou. This family has served faithfully as pianist and organist at the Sunday morning services for several years. Barry does an outstanding job of playing the piano. They have been commuting from Rockville, MD, and before that from Harrisonburg, VA, but have now moved to Front Royal. Praise God for our new members.

Cecil Smead, pastor.

East Oregon, IL. On Sunday, January 15, 1978, Jackie and Cathy Donaldson were immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of sin. We rejoice with Cathy and Jackie and trust that God will grant them a conquering life in the presence of his power. Kenny Howe, pastor.

Lawrenceville, OH. On November 27, 1977, Richard Tefft was baptized into the body of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. He was welcomed into the fellowship of the Lawrenceville Church of God. We pray that he will grow in faith and grace in this new walk of life. James D. Ritch, pastor.

Digby, NS. The baptism of Pam States on Sunday evening, January 29, 1978, was a very inspiring event. Pam responded to the gospel invitation on January 15, and several others rededicated their lives to Christ at the same time. Following the baptism, a communion service was held, at which time Pam was welcomed into the church and into the family of God.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

Harlingen, TX. Mrs. Violet F. Brown, after diligently studying the Systematic Bible Study Course, came forward, earnestly desiring to become one with Jesus. She was immersed in sunny Harlingen, TX, and was welcomed into the Avondale Church of God. May her walk with Jesus be lifelong. Austin Railton, pastor.

Dayton, OH. Mr. Steve Johnson of Cincinnati, OH, was baptized into the body of Christ February 5, 1978. He first came into contact with our church in December of 1975 through Bro. Rex Cain's radio ministry. He completed the Systematic Bible Study Course in February of 1976 and

has continued studying since that time. His request for baptism came the first of January, 1978. We praise God for Steve's persistence in God's Word, and welcome him into the body of Christ. Ron Macy, pastor.

MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE

The Michigan State Conference Board met the evening of January 20, 1978, and all day January 21, at the Charles Knapp home on Gun Lake, for a brainstorming session.

We feel there should be a greater air of freedom among the churches, to call on or ask each other for help, whether it is for financial need, or the need for a teacher for a certain age group, when an individual attending another church could fill this need. We certainly need to strengthen the brethren; then we can reach out in other areas.

Sr. Joyce Knapp volunteered to survey two different areas of the state to see if perhaps a new work could be started.

An extensive discussion of hiring a state evangelist, either in starting a new work, or in strengthening the local churches, followed.

We are proud that Brothers Steve Taylor and Tom New received the Michigan Conference scholarships, and that both will be serving in Michigan in the internship program.

We concluded that more praying for the needs of individual churches, and more people with a burden for the unsaved are needed, so they will serve in teaching, leading groups, and in other ways. Will you join us in meeting these prayer needs? Frances Wood, 2nd Vice President.

Family Life Features



Family Fun Ideas

When Mom and Dad have meetings scheduled almost every night, and even the youngsters have sports and outside activities to keep them busy after school, it can seem hard—even impossible—to squeeze time out of everyone's busy week for a family fun time.

But the rewards can be great when you do.

Once you decide to incorporate such a time into your schedule, panic can be a natural reaction: "What will we do? What can we talk about?"

To help you get started with a family fun time in your household, the Family Life Committee recommends the following idea, geared to help family members discover God's special gift of talent given to each.

FAMILY TALENT SEARCH: This activity gives each family member the chance to be a talent scout. Write each person's name on a slip of paper. Put slips in a container and have each person draw a name. Then have each person interview the person whose name he drew, asking the following questions:

1. What do you like to do?
2. What special interest do you have?
3. What do other people say you do well?
4. What things are easy for you to do?
5. What one thing do you think you do best?

Encourage the "talent scout" and the person being interviewed to decide what gift of talent God has given him.

DEVELOP YOUR MEMORY TALENT: Divide the family into two teams. Give each team the following two sentences to memorize: "God gives us many kinds of special abilities" (1 Cor. 12:4, TLB); and "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well" (Rom. 12:6, TLB).

Have each team go to a different room for five minutes to work on memorizing these two sentences. At the end of five minutes, give each team the opportunity to say the sentences from memory. The team which has the most correct words is the winner. (How about a jar of peanuts for the winning team to enjoy? And . . . even to share with the other team!)

Family Life Committee will continue to share ideas for family fun times in future columns. Until then, try some of your own!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 21—Dedication, Eldorado Church of God, S. O. Ross Dedication Speaker.
- June 18-23—Michigan Junior Berean Camp, School Section Lake.
- June 23, 24—Michigan Post-High Retreat, School Section Lake.
- June 23-25—Illinois State Conference, Lake Bloomington, IL.
- July 7-9—Arkansas State Conference, New Hope Church, Little Rock.
- July 8—Annual Meeting, Hillisburg, Indiana.

ORGAN DEDICATION IN FONTHILL

The Glad Tidings Church of God in Fonthill, Ontario, recently installed a new digital computer organ. The unique system of this organ permits the sound of fine organ pipes to be stored in a special musical computer. The tones are then recreated. The resulting sound is that of a fine traditional pipe organ.

More than one hundred fifty people were in attendance for the service of dedication on Sunday afternoon, December 11, 1977. Included among those present were area pastors, organists, and representatives from several congregations. Greetings and congratulations on this significant occasion were brought by Mayor John O. Weldon.

A distinctive musical program was presented by the church organist, Winnie Lampitt, and Pianist, Betty Anger. Guest organist John McEwan presented a program of organ music from the year 1100 to the present.



Standing, left to right: Pastor John Hearp; Betty Anger, Organ Committee Chairman; and John McEwan, guest organist. Seated is Winnie Lampitt, organist.

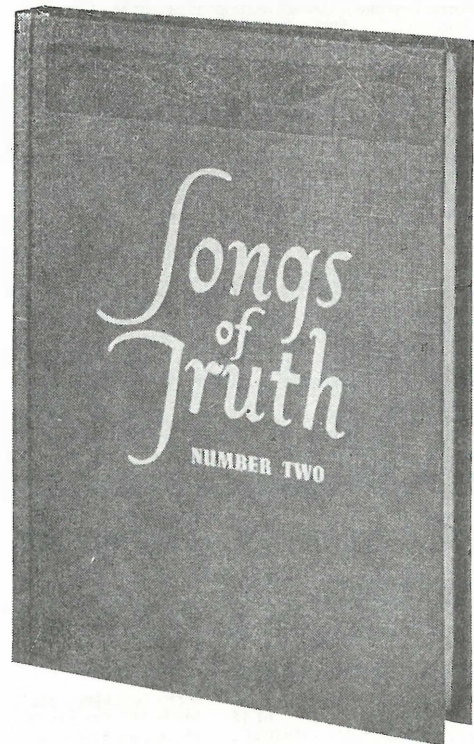
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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE CHORALE

- March 5, a.m.—Peoria, IL
- March 5, p.m.—Mt. Morris, IL
- March 23, p.m.—Ripley, IL
- March 24, p.m.—Fredericktown, MO
- March 26, a.m.—McGintytown, AR
- March 26, p.m.—Little Rock, AR
- March 27, p.m.—Forest Hills, AR
- March 28, p.m.—Gatesville, TX
- March 29, p.m.—Blood River, LA
- March 31, p.m.—Happy Woods, LA
- April 2, a.m.—Eldorado, IL
- April 21, p.m.—Hedrick, IN
- April 22, p.m.—Northeast Conference,
 Cleveland, OH
- April 23, a.m.—North Hills, OH
- April 23, p.m.—Brush Creek, OH
- April 24, a.m.—Miami East High School, OH
- May 7, p.m.—Oregon, IL

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Betty Anger; Viola Goit; Louise Hearp; Vivian Zavitz; Faye Brown, Gerry Cook; D. Douglas Elliott; Jean Elliott; Hazel Reed; Lois Ewald.

MARRIAGES

David Fuller and Pam Davis were united in marriage Saturday, December 17, 1977, at the Raymore Church of God. A reception followed. David is attending Missouri State University at Columbia. He and his wife Pam have established residence in Columbia. Don Ward, pastor.

OBITUARIES

Fred Ethridge of Mullin, TX, died January 4, 1978, at the age of 80. He was married to Esther Davee in 1918, in Goldthwaite, TX. She preceded him in death October 8, 1961. He married Lula Hobbs in March of 1963, in Gatesville, TX. Mr.

Ethridge was a life-long resident of Mullin, TX; a member of the Church of God, and a retired rancher. Survivors include his wife Lula, two daughters, five sons, eighteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held January 7 in Goldthwaite, with Ellis Epps of Yoakum TX, officiating.

Submitted by Pastor Michael Brown.

Jan Fredrick Beddow, age 20, died suddenly following a very brief illness at Ames, IA, where he was a student at Iowa State University. He is survived by his parents, Harold and Gayle Beddow of 167 Glen Ave., Council Bluffs, IA; a brother Joel; and sisters Sarah Beddow, Susan Holly, and Julie Smith. Jan attended the Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, NE.

When death comes suddenly to one so young, it is difficult to accept, but the family has found comfort in the support of church and friends who believe in our ultimate victory over the enemy death at Christ's return. They have found God a very real presence in time of need.

Scott Ross, pastor

Contributors to the General Conference: January, 1978

Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	10.00	Anonymous	20.00	Morris Zeller	10.00	Mr Carl Sullivan	10.00
Honorarium to: Ed Schroth	53.00	Everett Rogers	38.00	Alice Marshall	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Thomas	15.00
Bob Alcumbrack	12.00	IL State Conference	165.00	Mr & Mrs Ron Bray	50.00	Burr Oak Church	253.77
Mr & Mrs Richard Eldred	480.00	St Louis Church	64.07	In Memory of Mr & Mrs		Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	300.00
Sue Andrew	5.00	David Caudery	15.00	George Fancourt & Dave West:		Mr & Mrs Dean Vance	132.63
Sara Beddow	175.00	Mr & Mrs Ronald Johns	100.00	Margaret & Phyllis Fancourt	20.00	Lauren Steiner	15.00
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Alice Bassett	40.00	Dan Dovenbarger	120.00	Faith Com Church	175.00	F W Buckler	25.00
Columbia Church	575.51	Mr & Mrs Arthur Zobrist	10.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	125.00	Eva Martin	10.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Raymore Church	50.00	Phoenix Bible Church	800.00	Mrs Grace Blomquist	10.00
Mrs Kathleen Hennessee	2.00	Forest Hills Church	48.62	Tempe Dorcas	25.00	Sam Bradley	25.00
Mrs Dorothy Siple	25.00	Glad Tidings Outreach	30.00	Mr & Mrs James Freeman	2.00	Mrs H J Black	10.00
Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	80.00	Lenoir Resurrection Church	100.00	Mr & Mrs Vandean Clouse	5.00	Newell C Brooks	5.00
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Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Truth Seekers SS	10.96	Zelma Powell	5.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Humphreys	30.00
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Mr & Mrs Charles Baldwin	150.00	Jaynes St Omaha Church	799.51	Mr & Mrs Leland McDowell	10.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Stowers	3.00
Paul Hatch	11.32	Fredericktown Church	11.50	Grace Reighard	10.00	Marie Weide	3.00
Mr & Mrs Wilsey McKnight	10.00	Leota B Hanson	10.00	Clara Lamb	10.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	100.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	305.00	Blood River Church	121.90	Mr & Mrs Michael Brown	20.00	Mary Krogh	40.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Mowrer	50.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademacher	94.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Kennard	10.00
Patsy Zimmerman	15.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	100.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	30.00	Ala E Bowers	10.00
In Memory of George Star, Sr:		Mr & Mrs Ray Kluck	35.00	Holbrook Church	462.87	Mr Alta Ristow	70.00
Mr & Mrs John Waterman	5.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	35.00	Mr & Mrs John Harbert	20.00	Lena Stout	5.00
Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	25.00	Audrey Mills	10.00	Mrs Greetia Steiner	10.00
IN State Conference	295.24	Verna Freeman	25.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Ziemer	25.00	Mrs Harlan Dierking	10.00
Mr & Mrs Gary Ramsey	50.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Capron	25.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	50.00	Mrs Nolan Gracey	10.00
Clyde A Shaw	50.00	May White	17.00	Gatesville Church	50.00	Morning Star Church	76.05
Mr & Mrs Robert Wissman	10.00	Mr & Mrs Henry Engel	50.00	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Anonymous	100.00
Hedrick Church	103.52	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Garden Park Church	260.39	Litchfield SS	10.38
Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Blessed Hope SS	13.14	June Routson	10.00	Mr & Mrs David Johnson	500.00
Eternal Hope Church	119.08	National Clothing	10.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Overmyer	250.00	Helen Lewis	15.00
Julian W Hazlewood	10.00	Exxon Educational Foundation	75.00	Mr & Mrs J F McDougal	5.00	Mrs Joe D Shelly	10.00
Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	23.50	In Memory of Roy Graham:		Judy Hampton	5.00	Mr & Mrs Douglas Todd	500.00
Mrs J F Paustian	20.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Culver	10.00	Mr & Mrs Lloyd Edney	2.00	Conger St Church	27.00
Digby Miss Soc	48.60	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Sr	20.00	Alice Malbrecht	10.00	Anonymous	41.00
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Golden Rule Church	56.92	Kate Ewbank	10.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Rutland	5.00	Mr & Mrs Billy Bernheisel	5.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	21.10	Fonthill Miss Soc	270.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Lambert	5.00	North Hills Church	147.61
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Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Zizert	20.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	125.00	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Mabary	5.50	Mr & Mrs Clyde Hale	2.00
Lafayette Faith Chapel	61.14	Mr & Mrs Ray Reints	10.00	Mr & Mrs George French	20.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	15.00
Anonymous	300.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	82.00	Faye Guthrie	2.00	Mrs Iva Hammond	10.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Anna Schier	5.00	Mr & Mrs Gale Schaal	20.00	Mr & Mrs James Olson	10.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Connie Ross	65.00	Bill Mitchell	1.00	Anonymous	80.00
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Hedrick Dorcas Soc	15.94	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	15.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Poe	25.00		

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Good Health for Better Service

ACCORDING to those who have surveyed the scene, Americans are on a "big fitness kick." Exercise is the thing. It is "in." The sale of all sorts of sports and exercise equipment is at an all-time high. People are walking, jogging, bicycling, rowing, lifting weights, and following a wide variety of other pursuits, for the sake of the exercise that they provide.

Some regard the exercising as a nuisance, but continue to do it for the hardheaded reason that it makes them better able to do their daily work. Some do it because it makes them feel better, while others, having tried it, continue with it because they have learned to enjoy it.

Diets, exercises and work, and rest habits are being closely studied to determine their long-range effect on the health of the human body. All agree that it is "only good sense" to keep in good health the body that must serve them for the rest of their lives. They also recognize that the "rest of their lives" may be extended by adopting good health habits.

Heart specialists seem to agree that the chief villain in bringing many types of heart disease upon us is the sedentary lives we lead. Heart muscles that are seldom required to put forth maximum efforts grow weak, sluggish, and susceptible to disease. As a result, when any activity demands maximum effort, even for a limited time, the heart may falter or fail. To some degree, this is also true of other organs of the body.

When we remember that the Christian church is sometimes called the body of Christ in the Bible, it is not difficult to find similar rules concerning the spiritual health of a church. Indeed, the Apos-

tle Paul carries that figure to its ultimate conclusion by likening each member of the church to one of the members or organs of a human body. (Read again 1 Cor. 12:12-27). It immediately becomes evident that the spiritual health of the church as a whole is intimately linked with the spiritual condition of each member. When any member of the church becomes weak and subject to the debilitating effects of sin, the health of the entire body is threatened.

In extreme cases, it may be necessary to surgically remove one member in order to preserve the life of the rest of the body. Though the body may continue to live after such surgery, it will never again be as healthy and strong as when every member was present and functioning properly. *A healthy church is one in which everybody works.*

What is true of an individual, or a congregation, is also true of a conference or an entire denomination. It is true of the Church of God, both in part and in its entirety. The greater the percentage of its people who can be kept exercised and strong in the ways of truth and righteousness, the more rapid and healthy will be the spiritual development of that denomination.

For this reason, we rejoice that our own Church of God is actively providing opportunities for more and more of the brethren to exercise their faith by functioning as missionaries, teachers, helpers, pastors, superintendents, or in ministering to spiritual and physical needs of other members.

Oregon Bible College is probably our most widely publicized effort of this kind, and it has borne much precious fruit with, we trust, more to come. Many of our precious young people have, through

its ministry, learned how to more effectively exercise their faith.

The Christian Worker's Seminar has done much to increase the faith and enthusiasm of many, and has opened doors through which they may pass to exercise them, shedding their feeling of inadequacy in favor of quiet confidence in the service of the Lord.

Our Sunday School Board is not only carefully reviewing and improving our Sunday school literature, it is sending workers into the field to show teachers how to most effectively use this valuable tool. We trust that in the future this work will be enlarged as demand for it grows.

Recognizing that spiritual growth is often closely associated with family conditions, a Family Life Committee is now putting forth an effort to provide godly guidance for families threatened by internal troubles. If your family life is threatened, seek their counsel. They want to help.

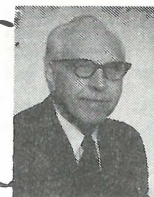
Both Home and Foreign Missionary Boards are offering excellent opportunities for those who feel called to one field or another to prepare to serve, and to provide opportunities for serving in their chosen field.

Our ministers are meeting regularly with each other for the purpose of exchanging information and inspiration with each other as they seek to upgrade the spiritual health and exercises of our established churches.

Most of these worthy efforts had their inception at the Annual General Conference sessions. The one coming up in August promises to be one of the best. Plan to attend and participate. It will do wonders for your spiritual health and well-being. ●

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Staff Changes

We regret to announce the resignation of Brother Hugh Harman as Youth Director for the Church of God General Conference and as Director of Student Affairs for Oregon Bible College, effective August 31, 1978. Sister Mary Harman has been Director of the Women's Dormitory the past two years and also is Director of the Kitchen and Dining Facilities. Brother and Sister Harman and their family plan to move to Arizona in August. We regret the loss of these two dedicated servants in the work of the Church of God General Conference. We pray the Lord's direction and blessing upon them in whatever areas of service they choose.

We also regret to announce that Brother J. Richard LeCrone, Editor of Publications of the Church of God General Conference for the past five years, is retiring August 31, 1978. Brother LeCrone has been a dedicated servant in the ministry and in many areas of the Conference work in addition to his five years on the Conference staff and we wish him and his wife, Jane, many years of enjoyable life in retirement.

We can announce also that Brother Russell Magaw, presently pastor of the Columbia Station Church of God, will become Editor of Publications of the Church of God General Conference effective September 1, 1979. Brother David Krogh will be interim Editor for one year. Brother Magaw has had considerable experience in writing and is presently taking advantage of seminars and courses of study which will help to prepare him for the important job as Editor of Publications for the Church of God General Conference.

At this writing, no replacement has been found for either Brother or Sister Harman in the positions they now fill.

Annual Ministerial Conference

The annual meeting of the Church of God ministerial association will be held in Oregon, IL, May 1 to 5, 1978. We trust that every active minister of the Church of God will make plans to attend this important conference. We trust that each church will encourage its pastor to attend by helping with the expenses and the pool to the conference. It is the local church membership that benefits from the pastor's attendance at these learning and sharing ministerial association sessions.

1978 OBC Graduation

Ten seniors (four men, six women) will graduate from Oregon Bible College on May 12. This is one of the largest classes to graduate from Oregon Bible College since the 1958 and 1976 classes, which also had 10 graduates.

Several of the graduates plan on entering the internship program for the next school year. We pray God's blessing and direction on the graduates as they begin their life's work in the Lord's service.

General Conference Study Committee

The Study Committee that was appointed by the Board of Directors to study the purpose, organization, and administration of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, IL, on April 1 and 2. This committee has met several times and hopes to prepare its final report to the Board of Directors at this meeting.

Conference Finances

The giving for the month of March has fallen four thousand dollars short of the goal. We are grateful to each one who does regularly and systematically contribute to the needs of the Conference financing.

The Conference contributions are used to support the missionaries in the foreign fields and to assist the smaller churches that are in the Church Aid Programs of the Conference. Contributions provide the funds to operate the youth work, print and distribute the free literature, and subsidize the cost of the sale item materials such as Sunday school quarterlies and other study booklets. They provide more than half of the cost of education for each student at Oregon Bible College, and finance the general services provided by the Conference. We covet your continued prayers and concerns for the budget needs and for all the work of the Church of God General Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

	\$249,000.00	
Goal for March		\$23,728.00
Given in March		19,468.00
March Deficit		4,260.00
April Needs		20,750.00
Goal for April	\$25,010.00	

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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).

Saturate Your Community With the Word of God

Literature is an excellent means of introducing people to Christ and to God's Word. It also helps to open the door for later personal contact.

The Home Missions Board wants to offer to the churches a planned program to help you saturate your community with literature containing God's Word. This program will be available for use in your communities this fall, but now is the time to decide if your church will be involved.

Plans call for six special mailings, spaced two weeks apart, which will include specially prepared issues of *The Restitution Herald*, selected tracts, brochures, etc. The literature can be sent directly from headquarters in Oregon, IL, if you will supply the list of names and addresses. Or, if your church has a mailing permit and you prefer to send the literature out from your church, you may follow that procedure.

The approximate cost for a church to have headquarters send the literature to 200 persons would be about \$250.00. If a church wishes to send its own literature, the cost will be about \$200. We would hope that each church could contribute the major portion of that amount. However, we realize that smaller churches might need some financial assistance from the larger churches in order to take advantage of the project.

Literature is a wonderful tool made possible by modern technology, and we are grateful that we can use it to send out God's message of salvation. However, as valuable as it is, it cannot take the place of personal contact. Our purpose in the Literature Saturation Program is to provide an introduction to the church, and the initial contact with people in your community. It will be up to the local church members to make follow-up calls at the homes where the literature is sent, to let the people know there are real live people at that church down the street—people who care about them and their future.

Further information about the program will be sent to the pastors. An application form will be included so we can know soon what churches desire to participate.

Laymen, we encourage you to speak with your pastor about this program and offer your assistance. There will be some preliminary work, such as compiling the names and addresses, preparing information that we will require for the printing of some of the material, etc.

During and after the sending of the literature, people will be needed to call at the homes.

Please *ask* God for his leadership and power in this undertaking. No matter how big our plans, or how hard we work, nothing of value will be accomplished unless we rely on his great power. *Pray* for the Home Missions Board and the Publishing Department as they prepare the literature for printing and distribution. *Pray* for your church and the decision concerning its involvement. *Ask* God to open the hearts of those who will receive the literature and the personal calls. *Ask* him to use you in reaching your community with the Good News of Christ.

Hunger for the Word

An African pastor tells of a man who had yearned for a Bible for a long time. One day he saw a long-awaited shipment of Scriptures being delivered. He hurried over and eagerly asked if he could buy one. When he received his Bible, he turned and started to run for home. But suddenly he stopped, fell to his knees, and began to pray.

It was such a dramatic incident that the pastor turned to a friend and asked why the man was praying. He was told that the man had tried for months to get a Bible, without success, and that now he was thanking God for answering his prayer.

—From an American Bible Society communication.

Missions News

Philippines. The Quezon Church was host to the 1978 annual conference March 20-24. . . . Some of the Quezon brethren are considering settling in another place because of the long drought that has resulted in crop failure. Quezon is unirrigated agricultural land and has not had rainfall since October.

Liberia. Joseph Wilson is the leader of the Gbenolowabi congregation, a branch church two hours walk from the Salala group. Thirty-five persons are participating in the services of this church. . . . The Salala Church is planning for vacation Bible school and will use some of the older boys as teachers of the children's classes.

Mexico. Every evening (except when there are church services) Roberto Badillo and his wife meet with a group of people for one or two hours of Bible study. One couple has expressed interest in being baptized.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Hugh and Mary Harman Resign

We are sorry to announce that Hugh and Mary Harman have resigned their administrative positions at Oregon Bible College. Brother Harman has served as Director of Student Affairs for four years and Sister Harman has served as Women's Dorm Director for two years.

At this writing they plan to seek employment in Arizona. We pray God's blessing upon them.

Governing Board

One important input to the success of any institution is the willingness of the people associated with that institution to spend hours of dedicated labor in deliberation, discussion, debate, and thinking, covering every area of responsibility under its constitutional guidelines.

The most important thinking and debate of any group is that which deals with the philosophy of the institution and the policy that comes from that philosophy. For a Bible college, this requires many hours in prayer and discussion to arrive at ideal goals and purposes. To develop a proper philosophy that has spiritual, academic, and Christian service emphasis is not an easy task, nor is it quickly done.

The governing board of the Bible college must have as a central purpose the developing and establishing of a philosophical, theological, and Biblical basis that can serve as a foundation on which the curricula and programs of the College can be built.

Not only is it fundamental that the Bible college board spend many hours in prayer and policy discussion, it is also important that it remain in close communication with the college administration, so that it may be immediately aware of the administrative application of established policy.

Incorporation Communication

Through mail to the pastors, we have invited the minister and laymen of the church to write to the Bible college, expressing their opinions both pro and con concerning the incorporation of the college. We encourage you to do this. Within limits of available space, the articles you write will be published in the PROGRESS JOURNAL.

The writer is available and will be glad to attend any conference or visit any local church to discuss and answer any questions concerning the incorporation and state recognition of the college.

It is important that our people understand all the questions involved and that we have the time and freedom to completely discuss the issue. Please keep the questions ever before the Lord in your prayers.

Reasons for Incorporation

At the summer meeting of the delegates of the General Conference we stated several reasons we felt the incorporation of Oregon Bible College is important. We would like to review those reasons for you again and hopefully make further clarification.

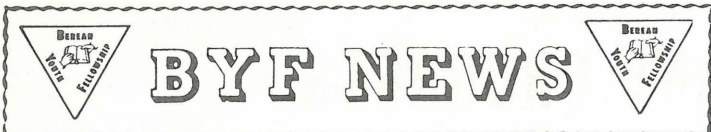
1. *Basis for Future Growth.* Every department of the General Conference seems to be directing its energies toward future growth and development, and church growth experts say that you must plan and build for growth that you do not presently see. By organizing Oregon Bible College and the General Conference according to proven organizational patterns, we will be able to grow and develop in the church and the Bible college without making major administrative changes in the future.

2. *Advice of Consultants.* After examining our administrative structure it has been the advice of all consultants to Oregon Bible College, going back to 1950, that a separate governing board for the college be established. This has also been the recommendation of several of our laymen and pastors throughout the years.

3. *Identity.* Through the process of incorporation, we will establish a legally recognized philosophy, policy, and standard of operation that will clearly define us as a Bible college with recognized goals and purposes. By clarifying our institutional identity, we assist the student in establishing ministry goals. Through incorporation, we become legally committed to that purpose.

4. *Communication.* In another article on this page, we wrote extensively of the importance of the governing board of the college spending much time in in-depth discussion dealing with philosophical and policy issues of the college. Through incorporation this will happen.

5. *Recognized Truths.* Presently, scholars in theology and religion are changing their position relative to the doctrines of the nature of man and the nature of Christ. They now advocate doctrinal opinions that are much closer to our faith. The Church of God has a Scriptural message to present that would be listened to by other church leaders. Unfortunately our voice, for the most part, is silent.



BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Berean Youth Conference

The theme, as well as the curriculum, for this year's International Berean Youth Conference, has now been firmly established. We are in the process of working out the little details which are so necessary to insure a smooth-running program.

Our theme this year will be: "Greater Is He That Is in You" (1 John 4:4). Classes will cover these areas: Doctrine; Prophecy; Morals; Church Relationship; Parental Relationship; Personal Growth; and Dangers of the Cults. Workshops will include Arts, Crafts, and Music.

Enrollment forms have been printed and will be sent to the pastors of all churches for distribution. This enrollment form will also be printed on the back of *Challenge*, beginning with the March-April issue.

Procedure for enrollment will be the same as it has been for the past three years. All campers will be pre-registered. All information requested on the enrollment form should be filled in, and all campers should indicate their first, second, and third choices of classes and workshops. Parents are reminded that they must sign the medical consent statement if their son or daughter is under eighteen years of age. This medical consent statement is required of us by the management of Camp Alexander Mack. The completed enrollment form, along with the required \$10.00 deposit, should be sent in as soon as possible; this assures the camper a better chance of receiving first and second choices of classes and workshops.

The deadline for enrollment without the late fee being applicable has been set at July 1, 1978. All enrollments received by this office after July 1, which do not bear a postmark of July 1 or earlier, will be assessed a \$10.00 late registration fee.

The main purpose of International Berean Conference is its spiritual ministry to young people of the Church of God. Those who attend will find a spiritual atmosphere which creates or rekindles a desire to draw close to our Lord and Savior, as they fellowship and share with some 350 other Church of God young people.

Please encourage the young people of your area to plan to attend this program which is designed especially to meet their needs. We also continue to ask you to make this week, July 16-22, 1978, a matter of concern in your prayers.

APRIL, 1978

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

Christian Workers' Seminar

The fifth annual Christian Workers' Seminar, which was held March 5-11, 1978, at Camp Alexander Mack, was a great success. Eighty-one people from 12 states and provinces, and 25 different churches, spent 5½ days studying and fellowshiping together.

Much of the program for the week centered on very practical subjects, which will help each Christian worker to be more effective in Christian service in the local church. Practical classes on "Church Growth" and "Creative Bible Teaching" were taught, along with classes on "Spirit-Controlled Temperament," "Misused Texts," and the "Book of Romans." Sharing sessions on "Home Missions," "Sunday School Openings," "Hospitality," "Extension Departments," and "Vacation Bible School," along with an evening class on "The Church," balanced out the program.

Again this year, the Phoenix Bible Church had the most people present, with eight.

The Lord blessed our week together with very pleasant weather, despite the deep snow that has blanketed northern Indiana for many months. We also greatly appreciated the improved and remodeled facilities at Camp Mack.

The teaching staff consisted of James Graham, Ray Hall, Joyce Knapp, David Krogh, Michael Mattison, Lois Pryor, Scott Ross, and Warren Sorenson. I wish to sincerely thank these individuals who served without remuneration during the week.

Comments About the Seminar

"Best week I've ever spent at a conference. Just hope I can carry some of the ideas and enthusiasm to my own church."

"I love the Seminar."

"Fantastic week, and the staff has done another great job."

"I came to the Seminar to learn and I feel it has helped me . . ."

"Keep advertising—I surely would like for more people from our church to come."

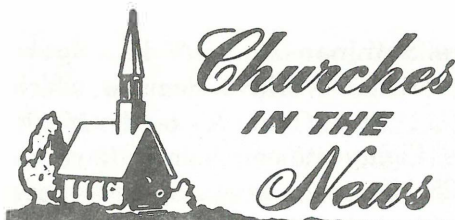
"I think this Seminar was well planned, and I appreciate the hard work and many prayers in preparing it."

"I felt a renewed zeal in my role as teacher. Received good, helpful information, as well as inspiration."

"Terrific. Wish my whole church could have sat in on this class."

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Macomb, IL. We rejoice with the angels over Mrs. Renee Kraff's decision to put on the righteousness of Christ in baptism. She responded to the gospel invitation and was baptized February 5, 1978. We pray God's richest blessings upon her and her husband Kirk, who is a member of the Oregon, IL, Church of God. Both are students at WIU.
Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Bedford, OH. The Bedford Church of the Open Bible welcomes Vickie Cristall into the Body of Christ. She was baptized into Christ Sunday morning, February 13, 1978. We present her to the brethren at large for their rejoicing and prayers.
David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Front Royal, VA. On Tuesday evening, November 15, 1977, during revival meetings, with Bro. Stephen Bolhous in the pulpit, Barry Pomeroy came forward and was baptized in response to the gospel invitation. We rejoice with Barry, and pray that God will richly bless him in his new walk of life.
Richard Alcumbrack, pastor.

Fredericktown, MO. On February 6, 1978, brethren of the Fredericktown Church of God journeyed to the Morse Mill Church, where four people were immersed in the saving name of Jesus Christ. They were Rodger and Etta Gavan, Harold Thomas, and Bill Tripp. Harold and Bill join their wives in the body of Christ. May God bless these four as they grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
V. E. Kirkpatrick, pastor.

Oregon, IL. Darlene Burkhart was baptized into Christ at the Oregon, IL, Church of God, February 26, 1978. From Winnebago, IL, Darlene is a student at Oregon Bible College. We praise God for her decision to follow our lovely Lord.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Hilliard, OH. The Hilliard Bible Church of God is happy to announce that Lou Ann Kinser accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized for the remission of sins on February 8, 1978.

John Edward Kinser and Matthew Allen Kinser were baptized the following week on February 15. All three were baptized by their brother, Deacon James William Kinser. We pray God's blessing on them in their new walk of life.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

TAPE LIBRARY

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

Many messages, lectures, and study sessions of our pastors and laymen are on file just waiting for a good occasion to come to life and speak to one, or hundreds!

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HISTORICAL WAYMARKS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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

This is the first real written history of the Church of God. This fine book sells for \$4.95, postpaid when payment accompanies the order. We encourage you to send in your order, and the book will be delivered immediately. Orders will be appreciated to help supply the funds for the publication costs.

Order Form

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THE PROMISES OF GOD

A 96-page soft cover devotional book entitled, *The Promises of God*, has been authored by Beth Briggs. This book is now available through the Church of God General Conference at \$1.50 each. It contains 70 separate one-page devotions, each on a particular "promise" with a Scripture verse and pertinent comments.

You will remember Mrs. Briggs as one who has contributed articles to *The Restitution Herald* on many occasions. On the back page of her book she writes, "We know from the Bible that the future will be glorious for God's people. I feel that we need comforting NOW, in the hard times we are going through. We can take God's promises to us now, and then enjoy their complete fulfillment in the life to come."

You may send your request for this book together with \$1.50 to **Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061** and the book will be mailed to you postpaid.

MARRIAGES

Saturday afternoon, February 11, 1978, at Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH, Tamara Elaine Speer and Fred Douglas Vinson were married in a double-ring ceremony conducted by the pastor. A reception followed in the church basement immediately after the wedding. The Speer family long has been active in the Golden Rule congregation. J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE CHORALE

April 2, a.m.—Eldorado, IL
 April 21, p.m.—Hedrick, IN
 April 22, p.m.—Northeast Conference, Cleveland, OH
 April 23, a.m.—North Hills, OH
 April 23, p.m.—Brush Creek, OH
 April 24, a.m.—Miami East High School, OH
 May 7, p.m.—Oregon, IL

OBITUARIES

Eldridge Cooper of Browntown, VA, fell asleep in death November 2, 1977; he was 66 years of age. He was baptized into Christ in 1935 and became a member of the Cool Spring Church of God. In 1931 he married Marie Updike. To this union were born four children. Surviving him are his wife; two sons, William and Gary Jackson; a daughter, Flo Coverstone; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the home, with burial following in the Updike family cemetery. May God's promise of resurrection continue to give comfort and strength. Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

DEDICATION AT ELDORADO, ILLINOIS

The Restitution Church of God, located on Seagraves Road in Eldorado, IL, has recently erected a new sanctuary, and is in the process of building new classrooms in the old sanctuary.

On Sunday afternoon, May 21, 1978, at 2:00 p.m., the church will be dedicated, with Bro. S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, delivering the dedicatory message. We cordially extend a welcome to all interested people to attend the service. We are especially interested in having past pastors in attendance if possible.

Lodging and accommodations will be provided in the homes of members of the church. If you plan to attend, please write to Pastor Rex Shaw, Rt 2, Eldorado, IL 62930, or phone him at 618-273-3967.

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Funeral services for Jean Kessler were held at a funeral home in West Milton, OH, February 24, 1978. She was sixty-six years of age.

Surviving are her husband Floyd; one son, Floyd Kessler, Jr.; four daughters, Sarah Sprinkle, Phoebe Swihart, Rebecca Honeyman, and Mary Marshall; two brothers, Van and John Knife; one sister, Florence Hefelfinger; twenty-four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Jean was baptized into Christ in her younger years, at Brush Creek Church of God. She was laid to rest in Wheelock Cemetery to await the call of her Lord. Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

Southlawn Church of God extends its sympathy to Gordon LaHuis and his family at the loss of his wife Merna. She has served the Lord in many ways, including acting as Sunday school teacher and Sunday school superintendent. Merna fell asleep in death November 23, 1977. She is missed at Southlawn church. Michael Berry, pastor.

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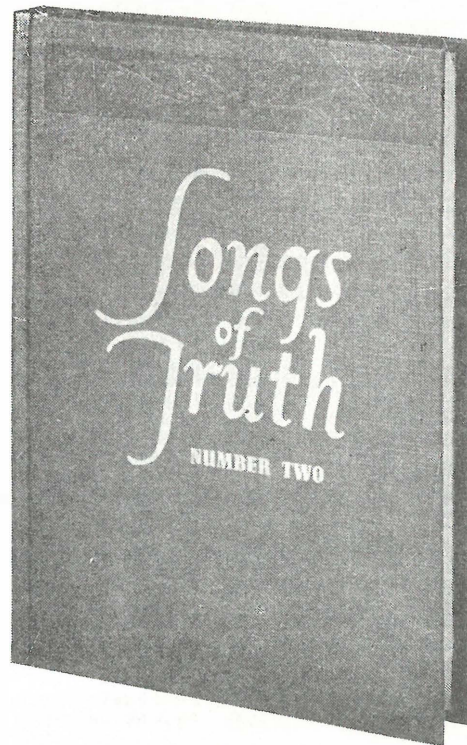
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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director

1978 General Conference Reservations

Reservations for the 1978 Church of God General Conference are now being received. Each person planning to attend must file a reservation form, with a \$5 nonrefundable deposit fee, prior to July 25. Your pastor has the forms and detailed information regarding reservations.

The Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford Illinois, on August 7-11. A firm commitment will need to be made to the College several days before the Conference begins.

Isolated members who do not have access to the reservation forms at a local church may write to: **Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061** and the reservation forms will be mailed to you.

The total cost for the four-day Conference for an adult this year is \$52. For those ages 3-12 the cost is \$39. There is no charge for children under 3 years of age. For those staying off campus and commuting to the meetings, there will be a charge of \$8 per person for the use of the facilities, insurance, and miscellaneous costs.

More details on the Conference, including the daily program, reports, and recommendations, will appear in the June issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL. The theme of the Conference is: "Behold, I Come Quickly." We trust that you will make plans to attend every session of the Conference. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 7. Lunch will be served at noon and the first session of the Conference will begin at 1:15 p.m. The final service of the Conference will be at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, August 11.

Maddox Theatre will be used for the evening services this year. This is a beautiful facility and will add much to the evening services. 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 recreational vehicles and camper-trailers. We are listing here a few of the parks that are accessible to Rockford College.

OAK VALLEY: One and one half miles south of Rockford on US 51 from Junction US 20, then one and one half miles east on Blackhawk Road. 3631 Blackhawk Road, 61109. Grassy sites, some along river. Disposal station, fishing and playground. Reservation deposit required, 14 days refund notice. Telephone 815-874-9995.

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Church Dedication

The Restitution Church of God at Eldorado, Illinois, will be dedicated on Sunday, May 21. A new sanctuary was constructed with the assistance of the Mission Builders League. The new sanctuary will add much to the services and leaves the former sanctuary for additional classrooms and other uses. Your Executive Director will be the dedication speaker and will also conduct pre-dedication services for three nights prior to the dedication.

Boards Meet.

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet in Oregon, Illinois, May 4-6. At this meeting, the annual Conference program is finalized, the departmental reports and recommendations are approved, and the tentative 1978-79 budget is discussed.

The Oregon Bible College Board of Education and the Board of License and Ordination will both meet in Oregon the same week. The graduating seniors who are going into the pastoral ministry will be interviewed for possible ministerial license.

The Board of Trustees of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association will meet the following week.

Conference Finances

We express our thanks and commendation to the local churches, the state Conferences, and the individual members who do contribute to the financial needs of the Conference each month. It is this regular and consistent giving that keeps the work going.

We regret to announce, however, that the giving for the month of April has fallen several thousand dollars short of the goal. We pray that God will bless and inspire the membership to make a special effort during the month of May to meet this deficit and the monthly needs.

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October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

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May Needs		20,750.00

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You Can't Tell a School by Its Name

By Robert C. Sproul

HARVARD, Yale, Princeton, Temple—what do these schools have in common? They all began firmly committed to evangelical Christianity and are now secular in scope and viewpoint. These are but a few of the multitudes of colleges and universities that have made the gradual transition from decisively Christian to nominally church-related to openly secular. This pattern is repeated so often that it seems inevitable. Why? What causes the loss of original identity in so many Christian institutions?

To answer this question thoroughly would take knowledge and analytical skill far greater than mine. What follows is a survey of some possible contributing factors to such a decline. I have separated them into three groups: practical, emotional, and philosophical.

Practical Factors

First and most obvious is *the pressure of finances*. What the students pay usually provides only a part of the needed capital. With the search for endowments, bequests, and public funding comes the danger of controls. The authentic "gift" is rare. Often the larger the gift, the stronger the attached strings. Leaders of a Christian institution may feel forced to compromise its position to meet the demands of payrolls and other pressing expenses.

Second are *accreditation pressures*. If Christian institutions are to compete with secular schools, they need to be approved by state and other accrediting agencies. Although in theory these agencies are neutral about the world view presented by an institution, subtle pressures are often brought to bear on evangelical institutions to broaden their perspectives.

Third among the practical pressures is *the problem of faculty recruitment*. Nothing shapes the direction of our academic institution so much as the faculty. I once spoke with a college president who was about to retire. He had taken a small Christian college with a minor budget and meager facilities and built it into a major institution. Yet he said to me with tears, "I have given all my energy to buildings and funding. I've neglected the area of faculty recruitment. Our faculty no longer has a strong Christian commitment, and it is my fault." The institution he built is now secularized.

Often the paper credentials become more important in hiring than the philosophical and theological perspective of the one who holds them. The Ph.D. from Harvard carries more weight than a Th.D. from a Christian seminary. And such points as "Can this person communicate? Is he or she skilled in teaching?" are often neglected.

I've seen schools where the theology department has five professors, four of whom are soundly committed to Chris-

tianity but are very weak communicators. Their classrooms are dull and stuffy. The fifth professor has wandered far afield from classical Christianity but is dynamic, spontaneous, warm, and exciting in the classroom. Who influences the students the most? We could argue that students should not be influenced by such extraneous factors as personal charisma, but it would be naive to do so. If Christian institutions are to endure, they must have teachers who are both sound and skilled in communication.

Then, fourth, there is *the question of church supervision*. It is a glaring fact of history that where church-related schools have been under close church supervision, their endurance has been greater. This may be *post hoc ergo propter hoc* thinking, but I doubt it. When the school is not answerable to the church, the tendency is for the curriculum to become broader and broader until it no longer represents the church.

The climate of higher education in America is highly unfavorable to church controls. Colleges and seminaries want to lead the church, not serve it. In the past, the seminary and Christian college were seen as servants of the church, filling a highly specialized need for research and training. There was to be a spirit of reciprocity and mutual dependence between church and school. But this concept collides with prevailing notions in secular education. It therefore becomes more difficult, though more necessary, for the school to submit to the church.

Emotional Factors

First among what for lack of a better word I am calling "emotional" factors is *the shibboleth of academic freedom*. If research is to be vital and the pursuit of knowledge is to have integrity, a certain amount of academic freedom must be given to professors. But this freedom cannot extend to the point of *autonomy* if the purposes of a confessional institution are to be served. Yet it now seems to be considered an inalienable right of professors to teach whatever they want. All too often, the banner of academic freedom has been used as a cloak for perjury. Seminary professors take ordination vows professing belief in doctrines that they then deny in the classroom. Professors sign statements of faith and then proceed to undermine them in the name of academic freedom. When an institution seeks to censor or remove a professor guilty of such perjury, the professor is seen as an injured victim and the institution as a menacing, intolerant tyrant. Sometimes an institution would rather tolerate the professor's subversion of its standards than be exposed to public ridicule for "tyranny." The tenure system and faculty unions make this problem all the more acute.

A second "emotional" factor is *the problem of competition*. Every school wants to be regarded as academically excellent. In our culture, secular institutions determine academic trends, and this poses grave problems for the Christian institution. For example, secularists have strong prejudices against Christian beliefs. A question of biblical authority may be met by a response that "no one with any

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intellectual integrity still believes in the Bible." The Christian institution may soften its view of Scripture to earn the credibility of the secular world.

Closely related to this is *the problem of intimidation*. The ridicule of the secularist can be hard on the Christian ego. The insecure Christian scholar or institution is most vulnerable at the point of scholarly reputation. Where courage fails, Christian institutions falter.

The problem of intimidation is rarely discussed among Christian educators. Perhaps we don't want to admit our vulnerability. But it is a reality that we dare not overlook. There is a constant need for mutual support among Christian scholars. We need the encouragement of one another.

Philosophical Factors

The first point in this category is *the demise of natural theology as a cohesive force*. Kant's assault on natural theology and the possibility of establishing crucial theological truths on the basis of theoretical thought created a crisis for higher Christian education. Theology, the queen of sciences, was rudely dethroned. Where Kant was accepted, theology no longer could serve as an integrating intellectual force. The mixed articles of Aquinas could no longer serve as common ground for the pursuit of truth. The university became a multiversity with "religion" subsumed under a larger department of anthropology or sociology. Schools that desired to keep theology in a preeminent position often degenerated into citadels of irrelevant obscurantism. Others sought a compromise with the Kantian framework and slowly capitulated to it. A few institutions sought to develop a Christian intellectual methodology by which they could maintain their Christian world view in a highly intellectual environment. Fideistic philosophies developed by which theology could be defended on grounds other than natural reason. Westminster Seminary is the most notable and successful school

of this type. Another response was to launch a counterattack against Kant and continue the Christian model along the lines of Aquinas. This was partially successful in some Roman Catholic institutions.

A second philosophical factor was *the rise of the phenomenological approach to education*. This grew out of the demise of natural theology. If metaphysics was no longer an intellectual option, then it became the task of education to focus learning on the realm of the phenomenological. Countless Christian educators adopted this method, quite unaware of its philosophical roots or importance. Even in Roman Catholic institutions the competition became keen between the neo-Thomists and the advocates of phenomenology.

I witnessed the subtle intrusion of the phenomenological approach into a Christian college a few years ago. I was invited to address the faculty on "The Uniqueness of Christian Education." As I walked to the lecture hall I noticed a sign on an office door: "Religion Dept." Before the lecture I asked the faculty if the "religion department" had always been called that. A professor replied that until four years ago its name was "department of biblical and theological studies." I asked why the name had been changed. No one knew. The teachers seemed perplexed by my line of questioning. In this Christian college, the change of a core academic department from a classical description to one of phenomenological parlance had gone virtually unnoticed.

These are some of the possible causes of the death of Christian colleges and universities. An awareness of them should help us be more vigilant in our present structures and in the ones we plan for the future. There are no guarantees for the endurance of Christian schools, but there are safeguards. We must take seriously our attrition rate in scholarship. The Christian faith has a vital contribution to make to the enterprise of learning.

The Bible College Solution in Education

By John Lewis

THE ORIGIN AND GROWTH of the Bible college movement in America is one of the most significant developments in the history of education. Bible colleges have provided an environment in which evangelical Christians may educate their young people in the midst of Christian influences that are largely missing in secular institutions. The nine colleges founded during the colonial period were established and supported by churches. Harvard, in the beginning, was essentially a Bible College.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, in his book, "Education with Dimension," points out that the nineteenth century was the period of greatest development of Protestant colleges in the United States. In the early history of America, the first colleges were, essentially, Christian-supported liberal arts colleges and seminaries. They were used for the training of people who planned to enter the pastoral ministry. Dr. Witmer further points out in his book that three influences have radically changed the pattern of education in this country.

First, as prosperity increased, tax-supported schools have become more and more prominent, competing with the original church-supported institutions. Because of the advantage of lower cost to students, tax-supported schools began

to draw students away from the church-financed institutions.

The second development was the great expansion of Catholic institutions of higher education. In the first seventy years of the eighteenth century, thirty-eight Catholic schools of higher education were founded in the United States. The aggressive way in which the Catholic church has provided education for its young people reflects its great ability to provide education resources for its church.

The third movement that has greatly affected higher education has been the secularization of advanced learning. In our early history, church-supported schools, and even state institutions, were committed to a strong religious faith. But through the rise of rationalism and the receding of evangelical faith, secularism in state-supported schools (and in many church-supported institutions) became a prominent development.

These specific movements in American education brought about the origin and growth of the Bible college movement. The Bible college movement began as a specific answer to the secularization of American education. The first Bible college was Nyack Missionary College in New York, which was

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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).

LITERATURE

If you want to let the people in your community know about the good news of Jesus, please consider using the Literature Saturation Program planned by the Home Missions Board for this fall.

The purpose of this project is to: 1) acquaint people with the Church of God; 2) introduce people to Christ; 3) provide contacts for personal follow-up by members of the local church.

There will be six mailings, spaced two weeks apart, which will include specially-prepared issues of *The Restitution Herald*, selected tracts, brochures, etc.

SATURATION

The pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and mission directors of the churches have received detailed information about the program and how it will work. Application forms, which were included in the material, must be in by *May 25*.

What can you do? **Urge** your church leaders to sign up for the program. **Offer** yourself for follow-up calling that needs to be done after the literature is sent. **Pray** for God's power to direct the program and especially to prepare those who will be contacted. **Trust** God to work through the program and through you.

Aid to Home and Foreign Countries

One of the questions asked at General Conference last year had to do with the pastoral aid programs. The Foreign Missions Board has decided to gradually reduce the support to overseas national workers, but here at home the Home Missions Board continues to give pastoral aid. Why the difference?

We feel there are several reasons for the differences in these two programs.

1) Pastoral aid here is more of a "matching" or partial support program where the church supplies part of the money, thereby having some responsibility. Foreign aid has usually been total support.

2) Pastoral aid here has a definite termination program which the church knows about when it enters the program. This has not been the case overseas.

3) There is closer supervision of the program here than there is overseas, due mainly to the proximity of the churches.

4) In the program here, a required report is due at headquarters each month before support is sent. There are reports from overseas, but these have not been a requirement for support being sent.

5) On the basis of experience (both ours and that of others), pastoral support works here and it doesn't overseas.

Be a Builder

If you haven't become a member of the Mission Builders League, we urge you to prayerfully consider

doing so. We hope to have 1200 members by our 1978 General Conference, and the present number is 1026. Husbands and wives who have joined as one member can double their influence by each one joining as a separate member.

Hunger for the Word

There is a deep hunger for the Word of God in Zaire, Central Africa. Millard Fuller, an American missionary serving in Zaire, recently discovered that in Mbandaka Central Prison there was only one tattered Bible shared by 500 prisoners.

One day on his way to the prison to lead Sunday worship, the missionary stopped at a Christian bookstore and purchased ten Bibles. At the service he unwrapped his bundle and said, "I have some Bibles here for anyone who wants one."

The prisoners who received Bibles were jubilant, but a loud clamor arose from the others. The following week Mr. Fuller brought fifty more Bibles. However, as he tried to distribute them, the men were so eager that they began grabbing and snatching the books. Guards rushed in to stop the fighting and confiscated the Bibles.

Authorities told Mr. Fuller that only if he had one Bible for each prisoner could he give them out again.

After a wait of many months, a shipment of Bibles in their native tongue arrived, and the prisoners were thrilled beyond words!

—From an American Bible Society communication.

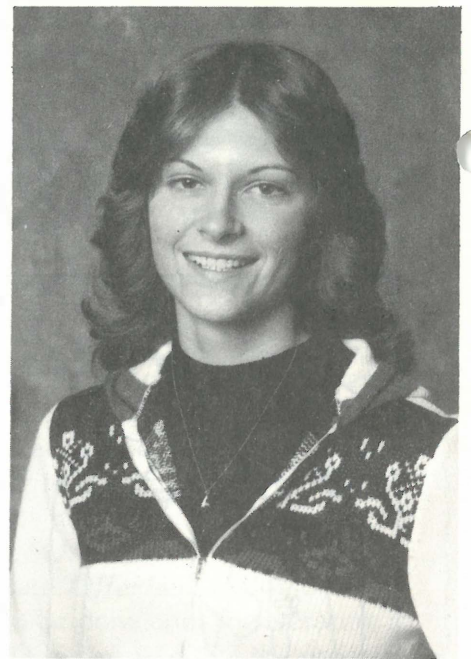
Seniors



SUSAN ANDREW

Susan majored in Theology and has a double minor in Christian Education and Music. She is planning to continue her education in the field of music or nursing.

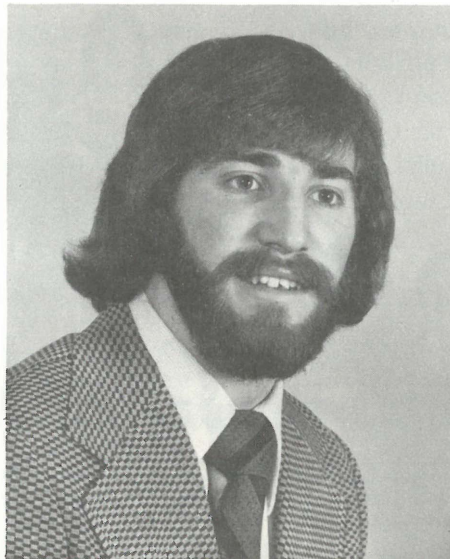
She is a member of the Oregon, Illinois, Church of God.



KAREN CIRCLE

Karen has a major in Theology and a minor in Christian Education. She plans on attending Fuller Theological Seminary in the fall, studying Theology with a special concentration in the area of Educational Ministries.

She is a member of the Lawrenceville Church of God in Ohio.



C. LYNN BOYER

Lynn has a major in Theology and a minor in Pastoral Studies. He plans on attending Southeastern Louisiana University in the fall to study Psychology.

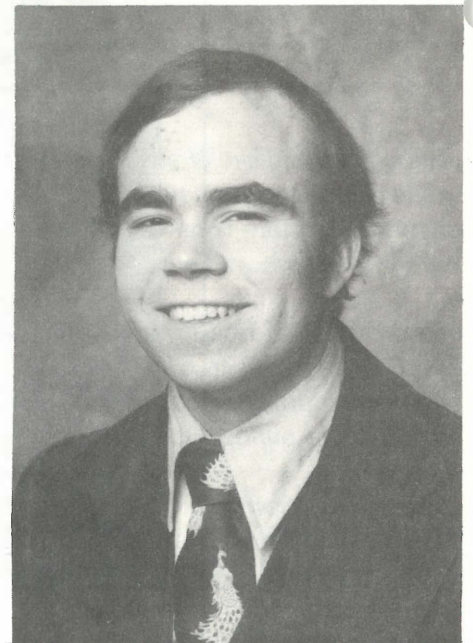
He is a member of the Fort Valley Church of God in Virginia.



KATHY ANGER

Kathy has a major in Theology and a minor in Christian Education. She is hoping to continue her education, possibly in the field of Religious Education.

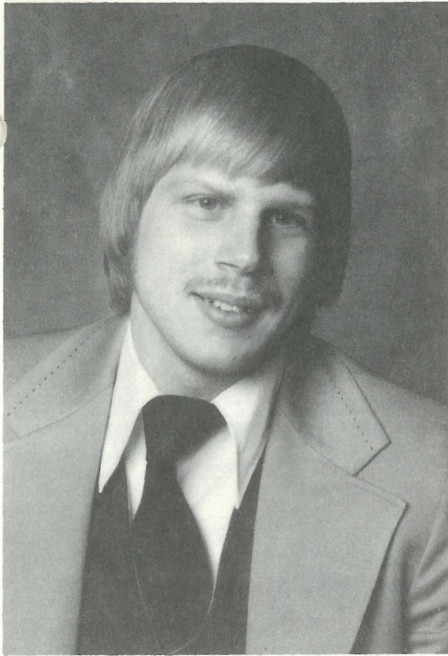
She is a member of the Glad Tidings Church of God in Fontheil, Ontario, Canada.



GREG DEMMITT

Greg majored in Theology with a minor in Pastoral Studies. Next fall he will start an internship program in the Bible Church of God in Phoenix, Arizona, with Pastor Jim Graham.

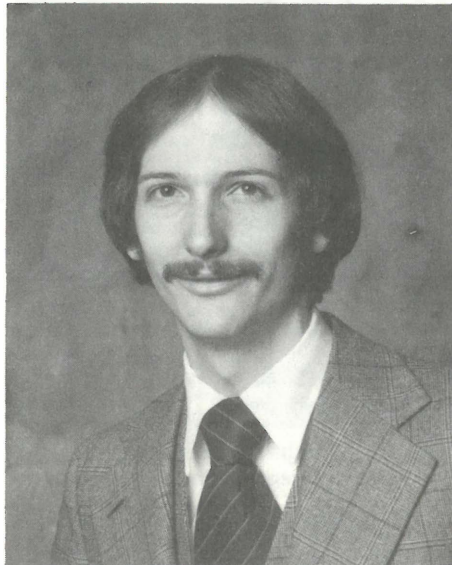
He is a member of the Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio.



THOMAS NEW

Tom has a major in Theology with a minor in Pastoral Studies. He will start an internship program in the fall with the Blanchard, Michigan, Church of God with Pastor Don Needham.

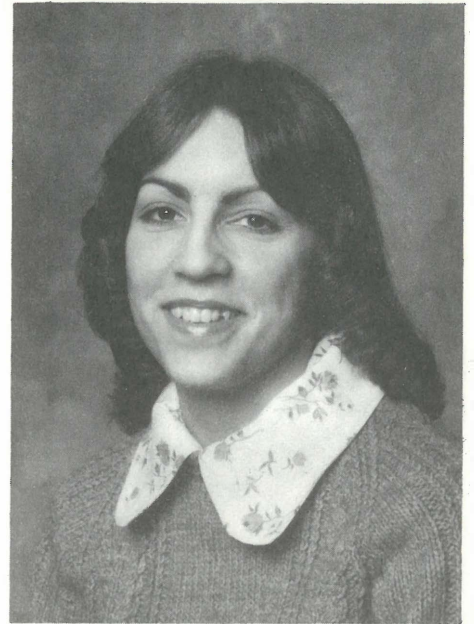
Tom is a member of the Lafayette Church of God in Indiana.



STEVE TAYLOR

Steve has a major in Theology with a minor in Pastoral Studies. He will be involved in an internship program with Pastor Kent Ross at the Pennellwood Church of God (Grand Rapids, Michigan) next fall.

He is a member of the Hedrick Church of God, Hedrick, Indiana.



DONNA WEIDENSALL

Donna majored in Theology with a minor in Christian Education. She is presently living in Phoenix, Arizona, with plans of entering a nursing program soon.

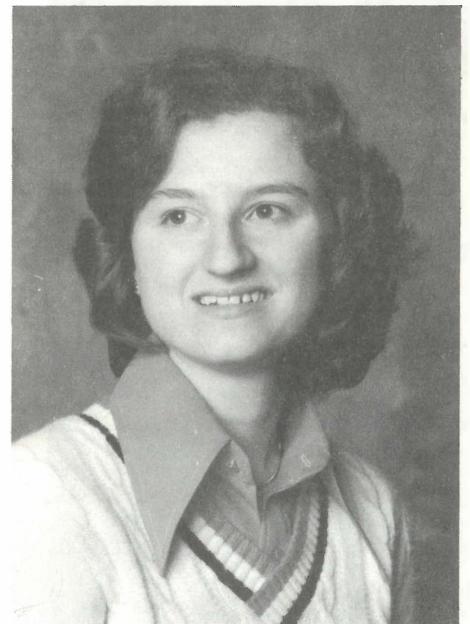
She is a member of the Columbia Station Church of God in Ohio.



CHRISTIE SIMPSON

Christie has a major in Theology with a minor in Music. She plans to further her education in the field of Music.

She is a member of the Lawrenceville Church of God in Ohio.

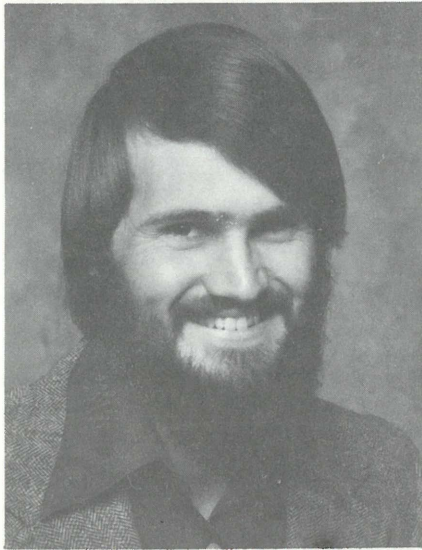


NITA L. WYRICK

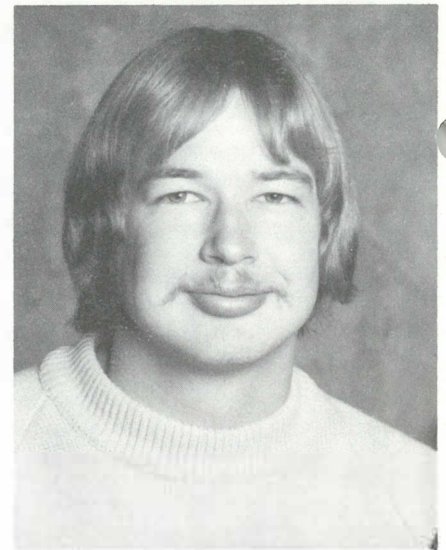
Nita has a major in Theology with double minors in Music and Christian Education. She is hoping to be able to serve in a church in the area of Music Minister or Christian Education. She would also like to further her education in the field of counseling.

She is a member of the Hillisburg Church of God in Indiana.

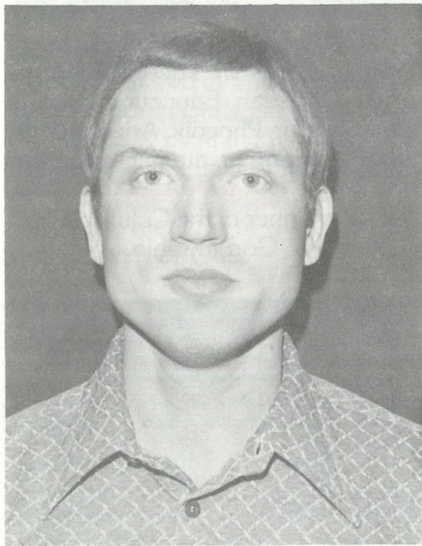
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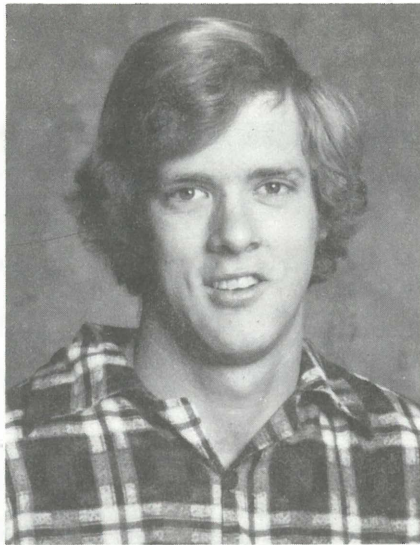
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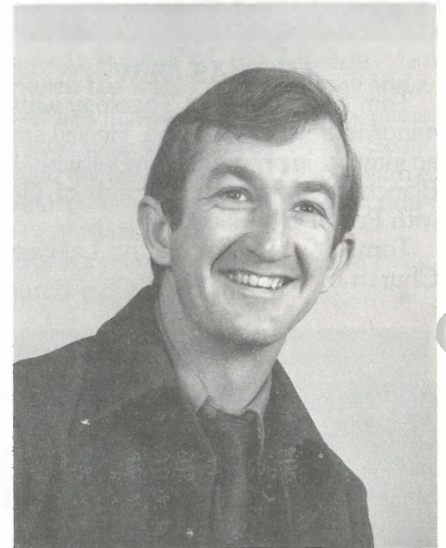
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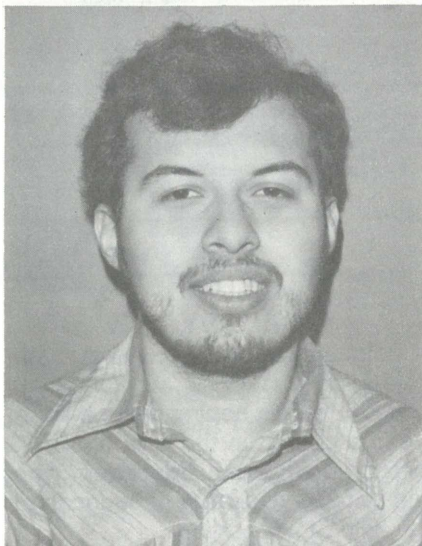
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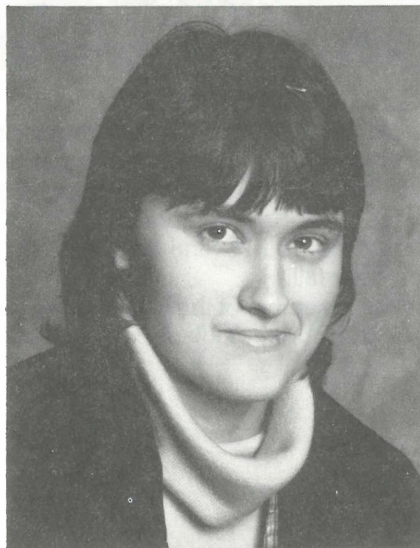
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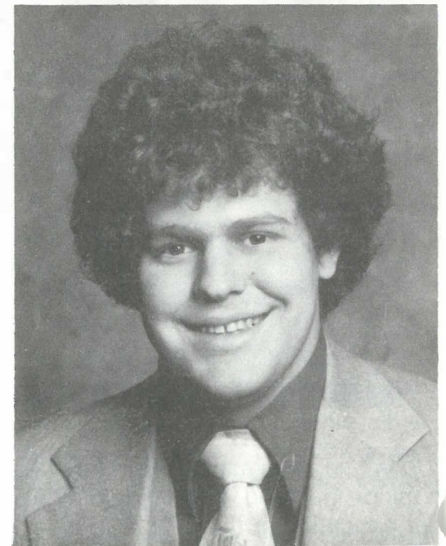
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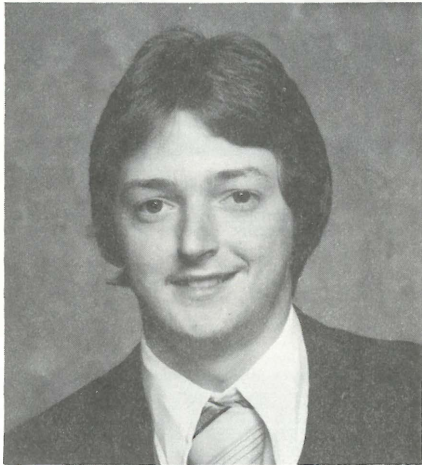


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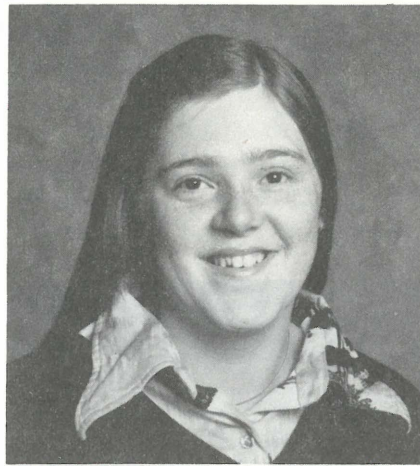


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Sophomores



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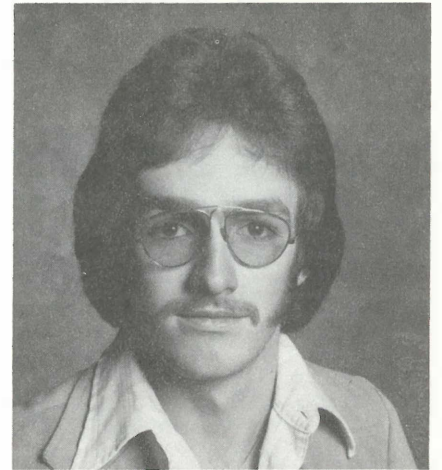
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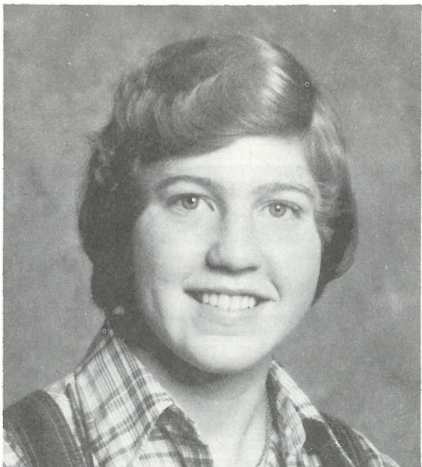
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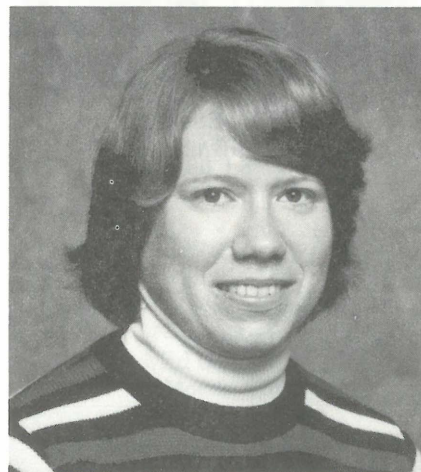
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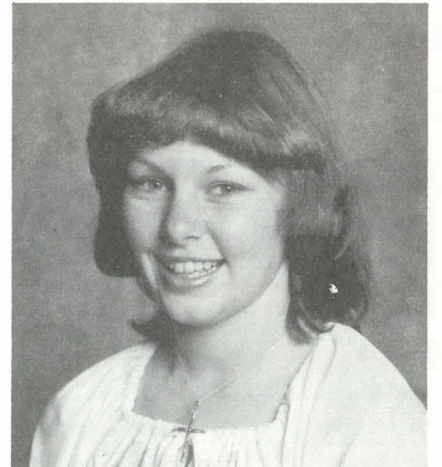
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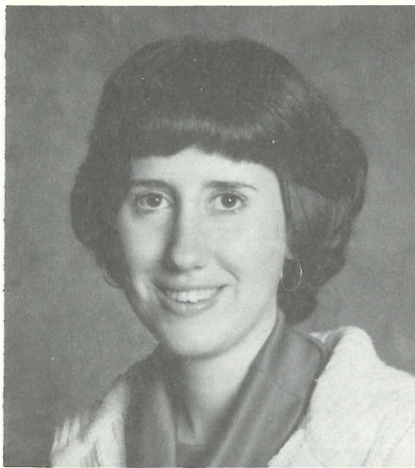
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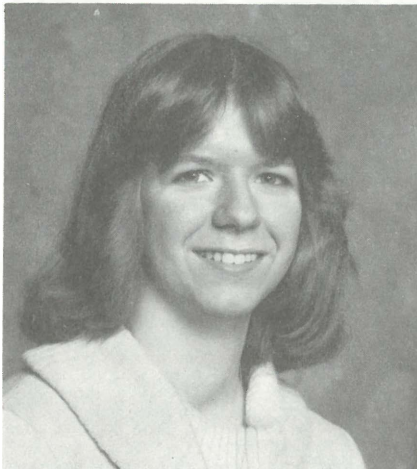
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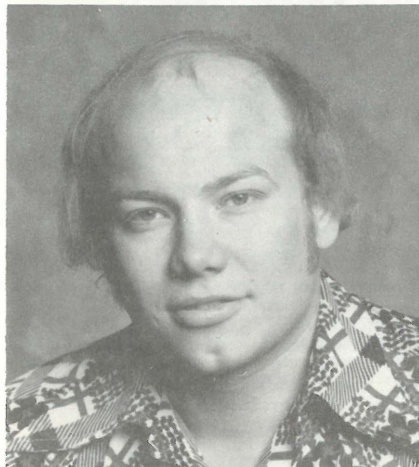
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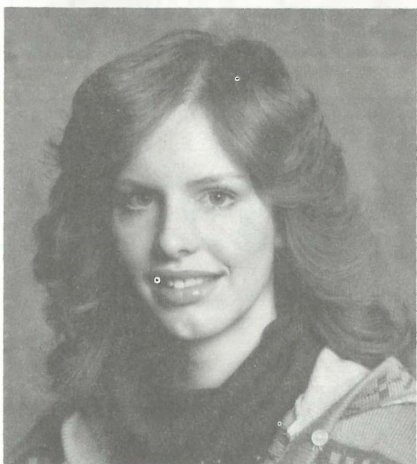
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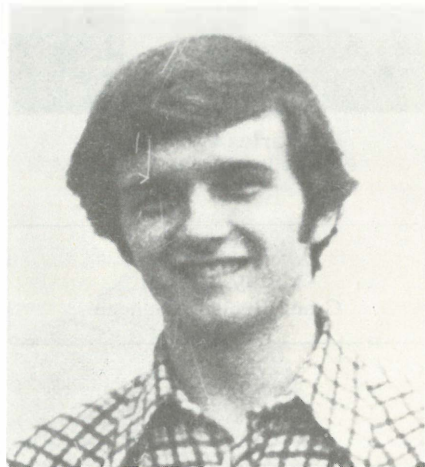
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Joe Good
Frankfort, Indiana



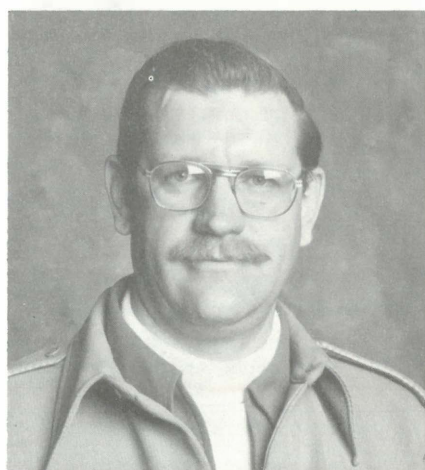
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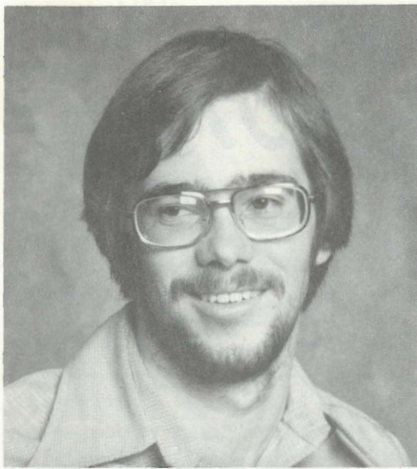
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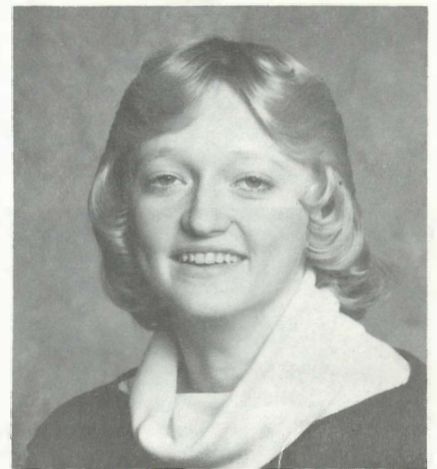
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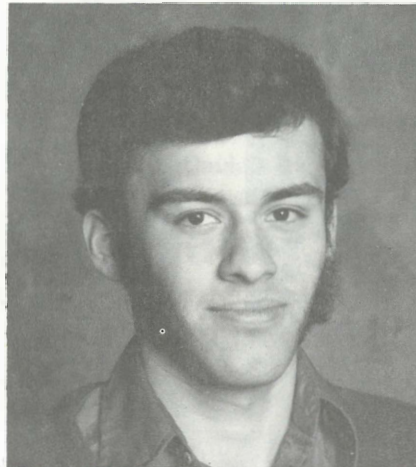
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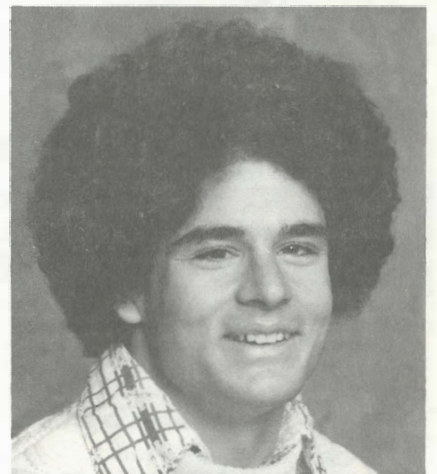
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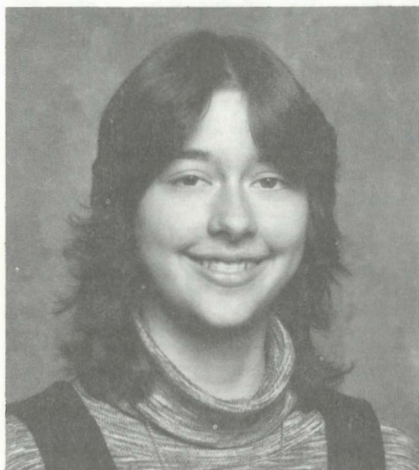
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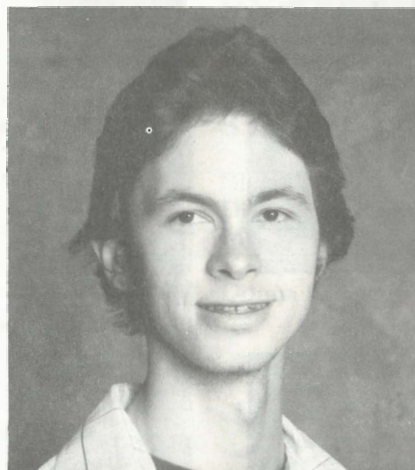
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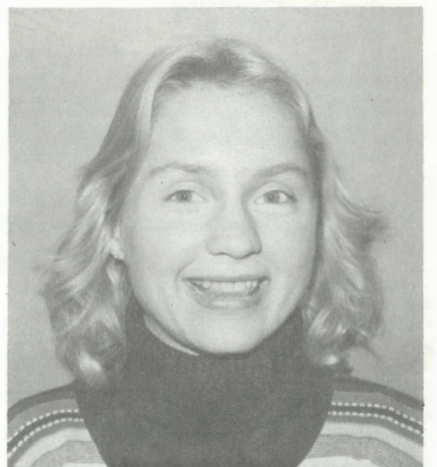
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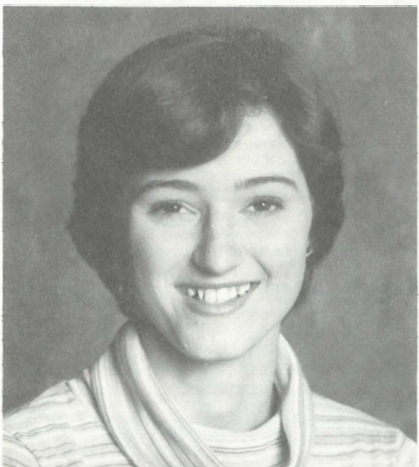
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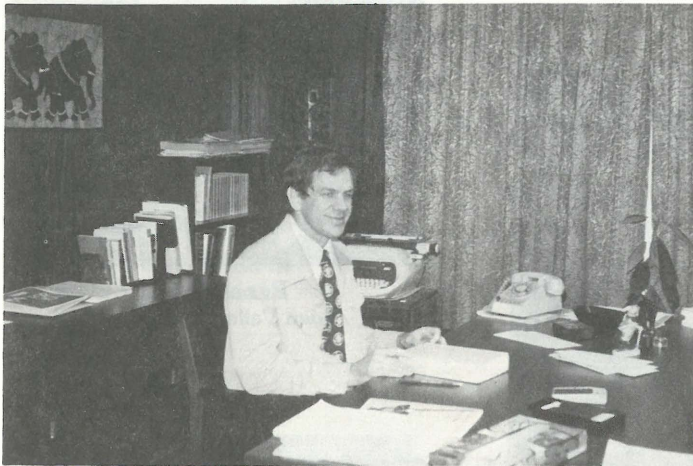


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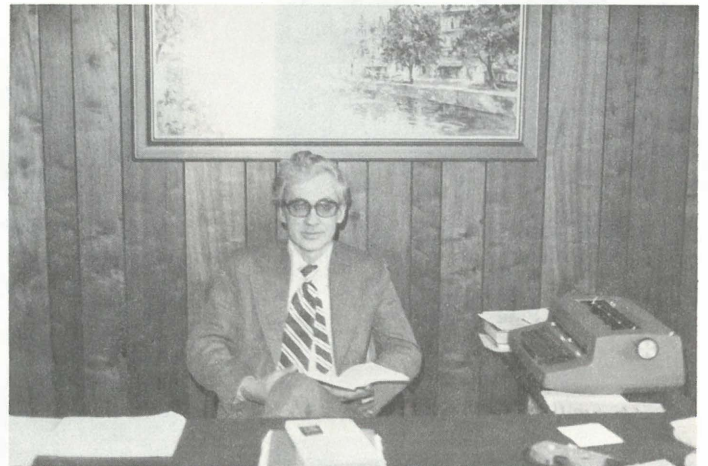
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Part-Time Student

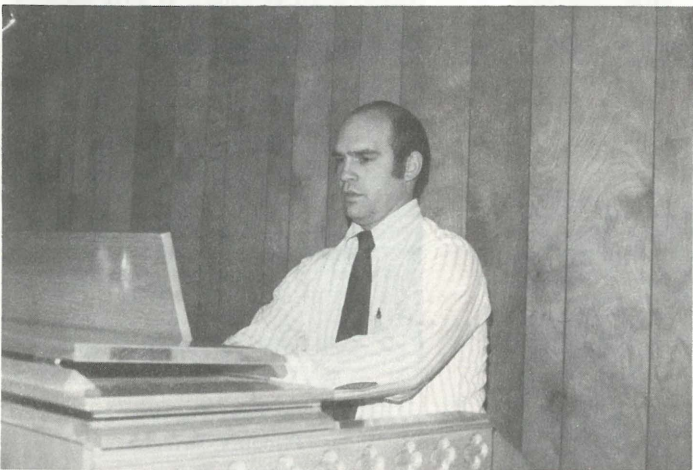
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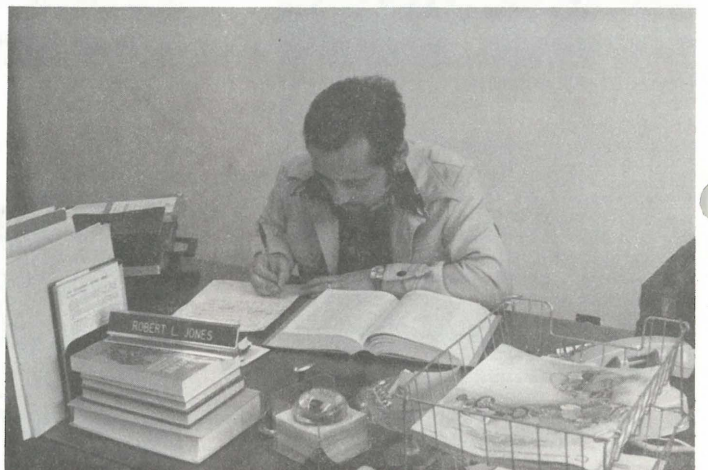
JOHN R. LEWIS
President; Director of Admissions; Registrar; Instructor



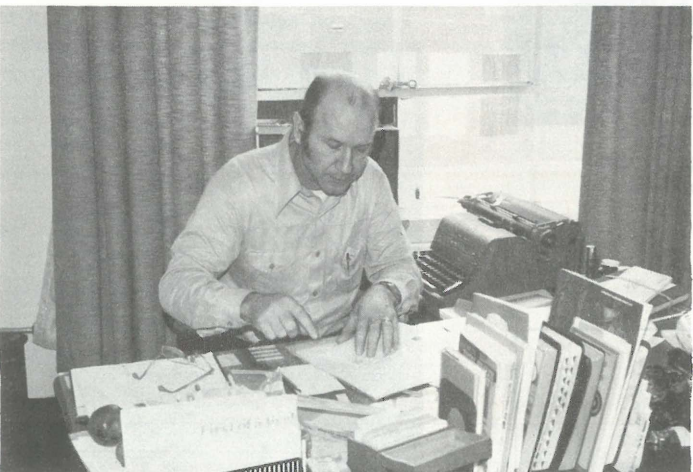
EUGENE STILSON
Director of Academic Affairs; Director of Library; Instructor.



DALE RAMSEY
Director of Music; Instructor.



BOB JONES
Director of Christian Service; Instructor.

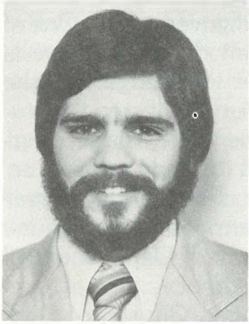


HUGH HARMAN
Director of Student Affairs.



OBC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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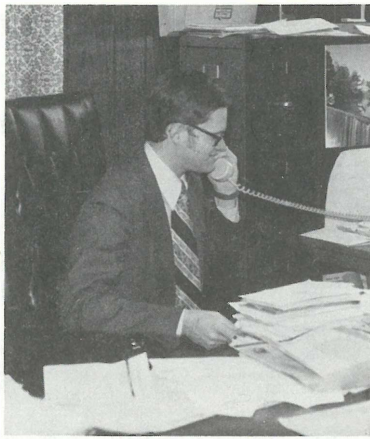
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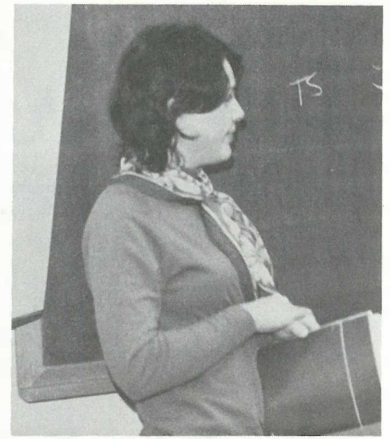
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David Krogh—Church Growth

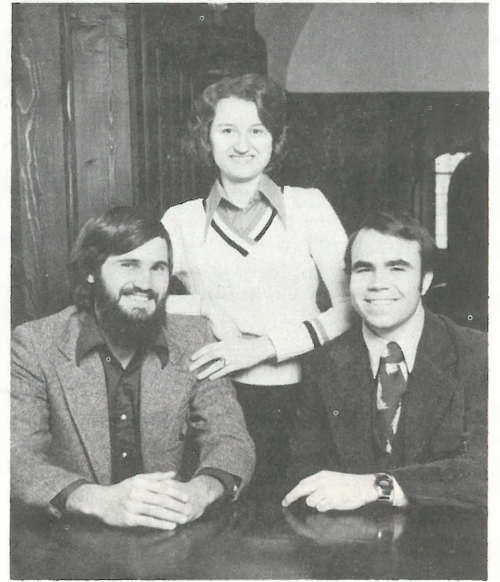
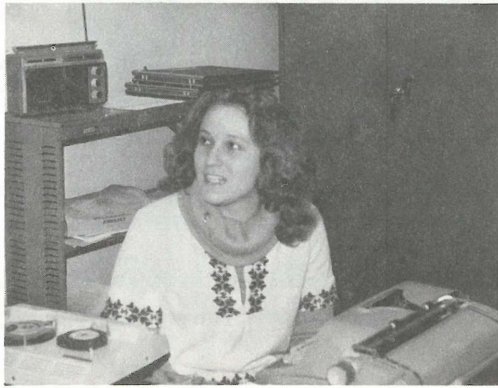


Connie Mongan—English

Faculty



**College Secretaries:
Karen Circle, Becky Hall**



**Librarians: Steve Grant,
Nita Wyrick, Greg Demmitt**

KITCHEN STAFF:

- Glennis Partain,**
- Diane Rademachir,**
- Mary Harman,**
- Kathy Anger,**
- Donna Kennedy**



Dorm Directors



Women's Dorm: Mary, Hugh, Dean, and Heidi Harman



Men's Dorm: David and Betty Hall

Involvement



STUDENT GOVERNMENT: left to right—Michael Hoffman, Karen Circle, Greg Demmitt, Louise Lawson, Joe Good.

with by the student government. One of the most important duties we have is the establishing of the budget for the school year. We also suggested the student project for the year. Chapel offerings are dedicated toward a project established by the student body. This year we bought an electric stencil machine for the Sunday School Department of the General Conference, and a typewriter for the Oregon Church of God. Another project was the designing of the program for the Fall Semester Prayer Day.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Donna Kennedy

The purpose of the social committee is to provide different activities throughout the year which supply the students with an opportunity for times of fun, exercise, and growth. Thus the committee provides a refreshing option from the routine of homework and work. Some activities that have been undertaken this year are Fall Breakfast, Gong Show, Halloween party, swimming and gym nights, and a Spring Banquet:

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

By Greg Demmitt

The 1977-78 school year marked the beginning of the student government of Oregon Bible College. The student organization of the college had been known previously as the student council. Probably the most significant change is that the student government has only five members, while the student council often had over fifteen. This put a great deal of responsibility upon the student government in terms of being truly representative of the needs of the student body. It also involved giving more responsibility to the various committees under the student government, such as the sports committee and social committee. This worked quite well, due to the effective leadership of these committees.

The student government consists of Greg Demmitt, President; Michael Hoffman, Vice President; Karen Circle, Treasurer; Louise Lawson, Secretary; and Joe Good, Freshman Representative. Bro. Lewis serves as our advisor.

A great variety of concerns are dealt



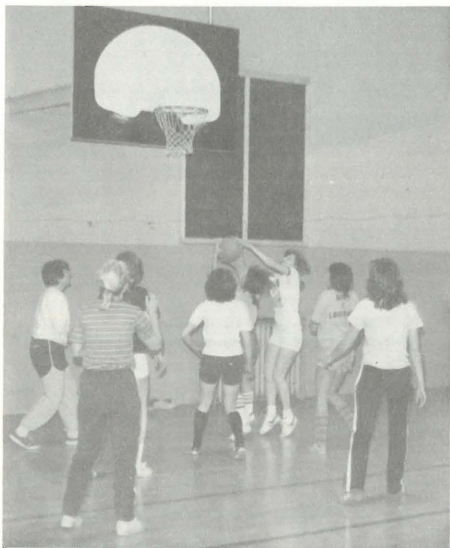
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: left to right—Darlene Burkhart, Kathy Anger, Sandy Fewell, Vickie Wyrick, Debbie Fletcher, James Hill, Leanne Sorenson, Chairman Donna Kennedy, Louise Lawson, Renae Sogge, Karen Mitchell, Elaine Brittingham, Tim Thal.

DORM COUNCIL
By Nita Wyrick

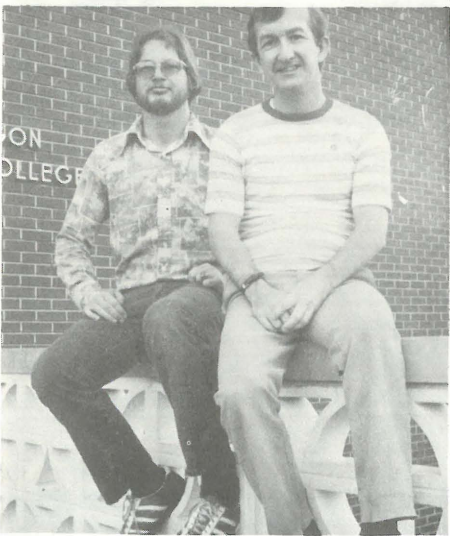
The dorm council consists of seven students who live in the dorm and are willing to involve themselves in every facet of dormitory living. This involves obvious tasks, such as enforcing rules and locking the door; but, what's more important, opening oneself up in a way seldom recognized. The council members by choice serve in a counseling role and try to be responsive to the needs of the people they are living with. These people are special. They are friends; they are brothers and sisters. The dormitory is our home while we're at OBC and we're striving to make it a nurturing atmosphere where we care enough to allow each other to grow and, when necessary, help each other in that process of growth.



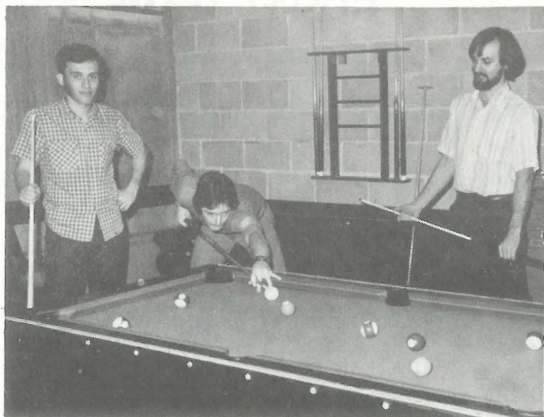
SPORTS COMMITTEE: left to right—Donna Kennedy, Dan Shaw, Cindy Isenhoff, James Hill, Karen Circle, Steve Grant, Nita Wyrick, Greg Demmitt.



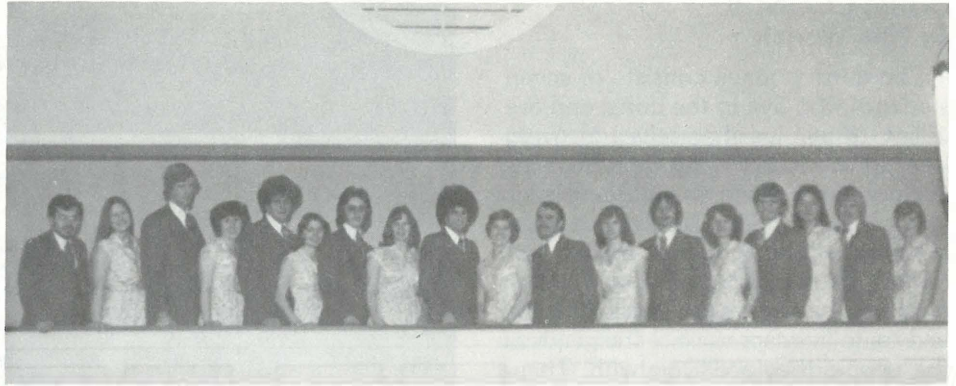
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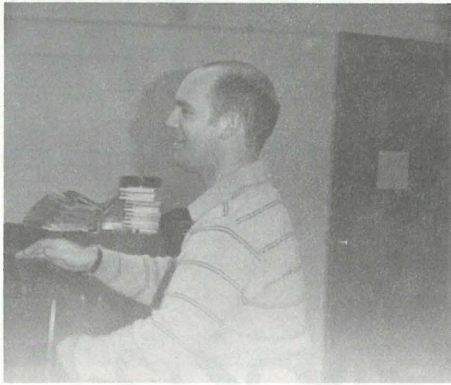
SPORTS COORDINATORS:
James Hill, Howard Robinson.



Sing to the Lord



Chorale: left to right—Allan Shaw, Sue Andrew, Michael Hoffman, Debbie Fletcher, Wade Tierney, Pam Gaskill, Bobby Lee Partain, Christie Simpson, Tim Thal, Elaine Brittingham, Greg Demmitt, Kathy Anger, Steve Taylor, Nita Wyrick, Bob Morrison, Leanne Sorenson, Tom New, Vickie Wyrick.



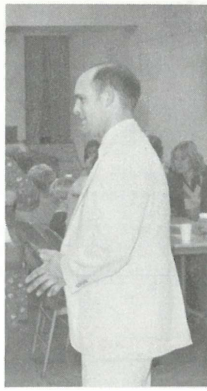
Our Fearless Director



"Angels We Have Heard on High?"



GOSPEL TEAMS



OBC CHOIR, GOSPEL TEAMS, CHORALE by Dale Ramsey

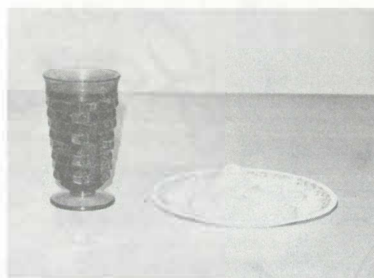
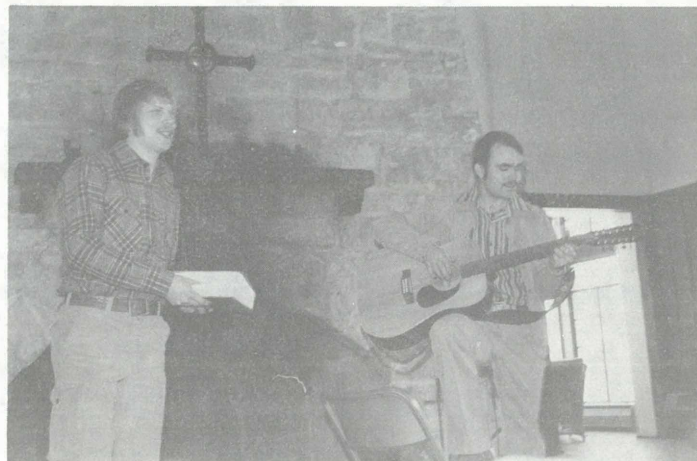
The touring ensembles have been busy traveling and sharing God's Word through music and the spoken word again this year—so busy, in fact, that the OBC van finally wore out and a new one was purchased. God continues to provide safety on the highway, and always provides the way to get to our destination (even though we had two breakdowns in one day).

The OBC Gospel Team presented 15 services during the first semester. It was a joy to fellowship with so many people and share our common love for God. During the second semester the Choir, in combination with the Oregon Church Choir, presented the cantata, "Go Tell Your World," by Don Marsh. The cantata, a collection of gospel songs and hymns, is an experience of commitment and missionary challenge.

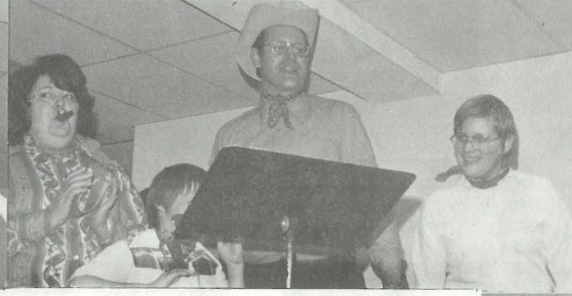
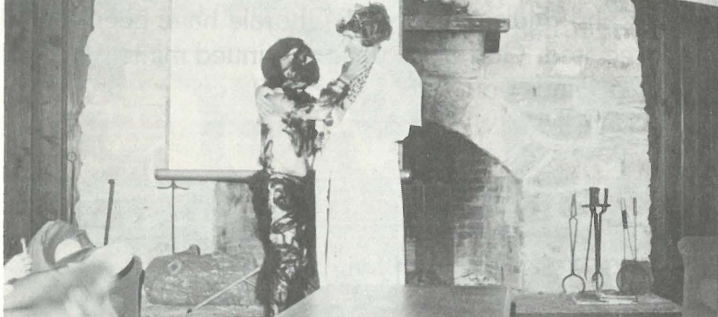
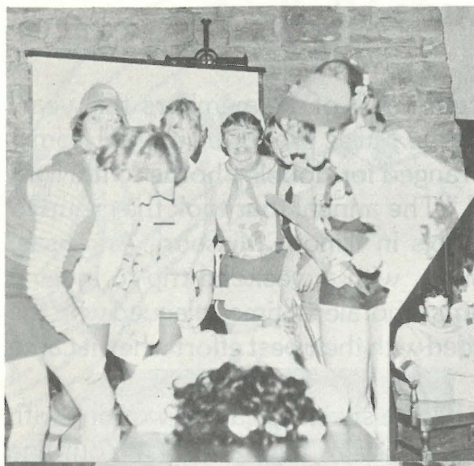
The Chorale, composed of 18 members this year, presented 20 concerts. Music presented ranged from a Baroque Motet arranged for double chorus to the light spiritual "Do Lord." The annual tour took the group to churches and schools in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana, with a weekend trip to Indiana and Ohio. This year's Chorale, at times plagued with the flu, always responded with their best effort when it came time to sing.

As director, it's been a special pleasure working with seven seniors while you were here at OBC. Your fine work and dedication to the Chorale have been much appreciated. God bless your continued ministry wherever he leads you.

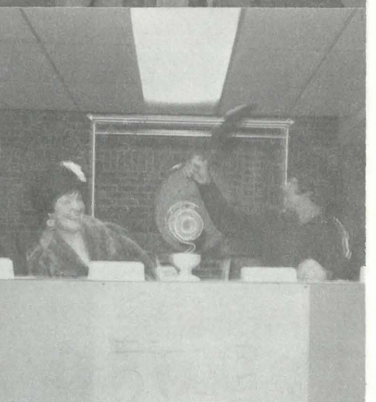
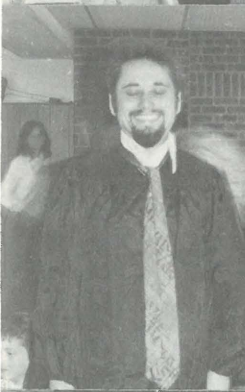
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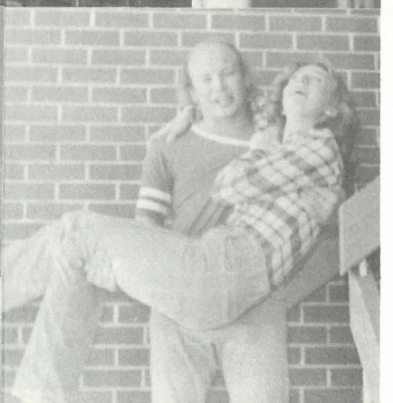
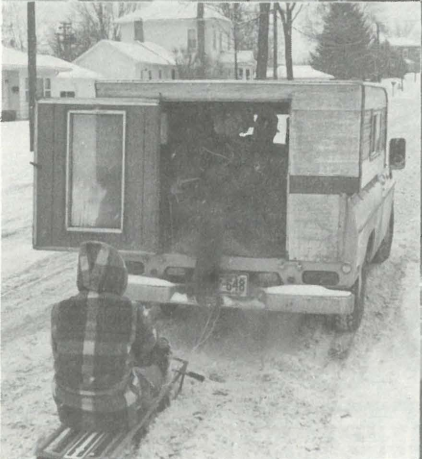
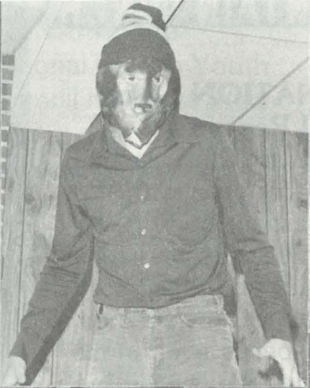
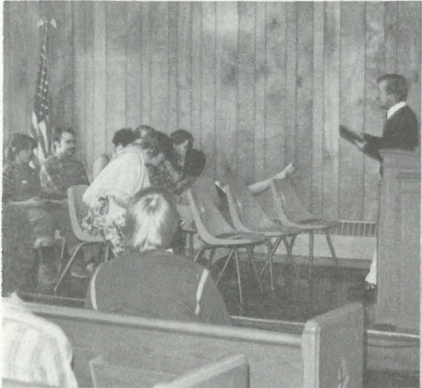
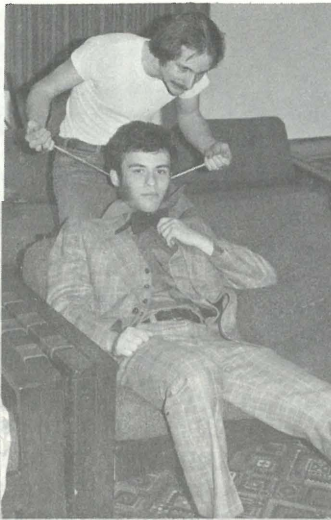
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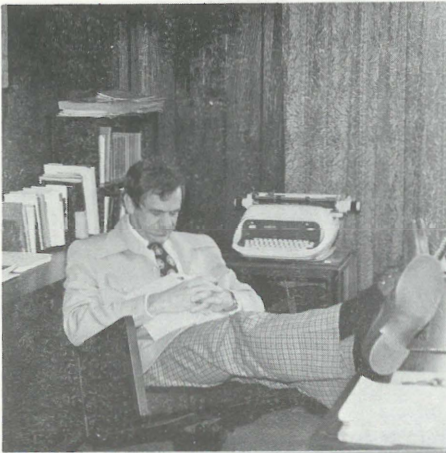


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Just for Laughs...





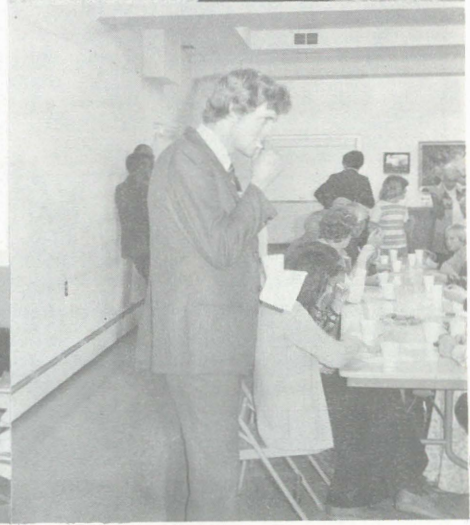
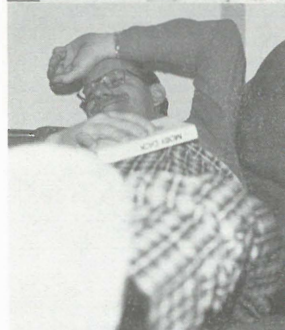
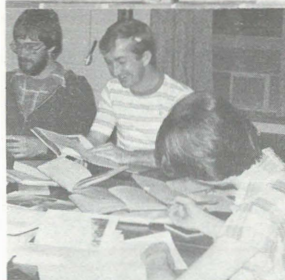
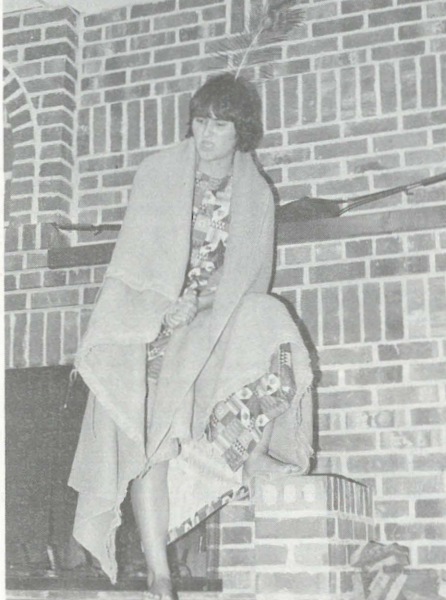
PROCRASTINATION CLUB Annual Report

The Procrastination Club reached an all-time high this year with the majority of the student body never applying for membership and thus meeting the qualifications. Started by our fearless leader Carl Jennings, the club has prospered even in his absence. First order of business was to look over the applications for presidency of this elite group. After much thought and consideration it was decided that Donna Kennedy was best qualified for this position since she never got around to applying for this job. (And that alone should tell you how organized this group is!)

We had high hopes of playing football last fall but it snowed before we got around to it. The snow brought ideas of a skiing trip but that plan "snowballed" when we saw the birds on their return flight from the south. Then we were going to have a freshman initiation but by the time we got around to it they had graduated.

It may sound like we never got around to doing much this year, but we did come up with a statement of faith which gives meaning for the existence of this organization. "Always put off until tomorrow what you could have done today, or yesterday, or the day before, or . . ."

NOT PICTURED: The Procrastination Club—they never got around to having their picture taken.





BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Youth Conference Plans Nearly Complete

The planning of the 1978 International Berean Youth Conference is nearly complete. We still have just a few details to work out.

The staff for this year's Youth Conference is now complete. It includes the following people: Jim and Karen Babcock, Colvert, MI; Ed and Mimi Bender, South Bend, IN; Mike and Denise Berry, Wyoming, MI; Ed and Margaret Bond, Phoenix, AZ; Jim and Charleen Graham, Phoenix, AZ; Hugh and Mary Harman, Oregon, IL; Carl and Pam Jennings, Hector, MN; Loie and Martha Jones, Pelzer, SC; Dan and Carola Landry, Greenbrier, AR; Mike and Sharon McCarney, Battle Lake, MN; Joe and Dana Myers, Dixon, IL; Don and Becky Needham, Blanchard, MI; Skip and Sharon Wilkins, Tempe, AZ; Russ and Gayle Reye, Columbia Station, OH; Carol Daniels, Phoenix, AZ; Greg Demmitt, Troy, OH; Joe Duncan, Springfield, OH; Judy Hively, Akron, IN; Billie Kennedy, Eden Valley, MN; Kay Kizer, Plymouth, IN; John Lewis, Oregon, IL; Marge Overmyer, LaPorte, IN; Tim Palmer, Wyoming, MI; Lois Pryor, Monroe, LA; Jay Ramsey, Strasburg, VA; Maurice Robinson, Hammond, LA; Joyce Schroth, Columbia Station, OH; Wade Tierney, DeSota, MO; Pat Warner, Grand Rapids, MI; and Faye Wegner, Minneapolis, MN.

We sincerely thank these people for taking the time out to work in this week-long youth program. The work that goes in is much, but the rewards of being involved are great.

Enrollment Forms for Youth Conference

In order to insure that enrollment forms are available to those who choose to attend, we have done three things: individual forms were mailed to all campers who attended in 1977, to their last year's address; packets of enrollment forms were mailed to the pastors of all our churches; and the form was printed in the March-April issue of *Challenge*. It will also appear in the May-June issue.

Those who do not have access to an enrollment form may obtain one by writing to this office.

Deadline for Enrollment Without Penalty.

We again remind young people who plan to attend this year's camp that the deadline for enrollment without penalty has been set for July 1, 1978. Any enrollment form received by this office not post-marked on or before this date will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee.

MAY, 1978

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

Mini-Seminars

On March 18, Joyce Knapp and I conducted a training seminar for the Indiana Conference at Hedrick. Over 80 people were present for the sessions on teaching principles, Sunday school hospitality, Sunday school growth, and the challenge of Christian education.

On April 7 and 8, Jim Graham and Scott Ross, along with Warren Sorenson of the Home Missions Board, conducted a mini-seminar for the Southwest Conference at the Phoenix church.

We appreciate these opportunities to meet with our members in various parts of the country.

Attendance Statistics

Below are the figures which compare the average Church of God Sunday school attendance of October through December 1976 with the averages for the same months in 1977:

	1976	1977
October	4,392	4,139
November	4,327	4,016
December	4,326	3,855

I regret to point out that this indicates a 7.7% average decrease over the past year. Weather conditions in December forced some of our churches to close for at least one Sunday during the month, and the attendance on December 25 was our lowest for the year with 3,223 present. However, the decline in October and November is unexplained at this time. I hope that the leadership of each of our Sunday schools will try to determine what they were doing during this period, and then try to discover why the attendance increased or declined.

Adult Teacher's Guide

Samples of the new Adult Teacher's Guide have been mailed to all Sunday schools that use our General Conference Truth Seeker's Adult Quarterly. This guide was released May 1 for use in the summer quarter. It contains many helps, including resource material suggestions and class-time helps. The class-time helps include ideas for introducing the topic, different ways to approach the Bible text, Bible applications, and suggestions for things to do to carry out the lesson aims. The first edition of this guide was mailed free to all churches; however, future editions will be 90¢ each.

THE BIBLE COLLEGE SOLUTION IN EDUCATION

(Continued from page 3)

started in 1882. Moody Bible Institute was also one of the earliest Christian-supported schools established to implement a stand against increased secularization in education. It had its beginning in 1886.

The number of Bible colleges in America greatly accelerated during the first half of the twentieth century. They originated as an answer to secularism, humanism, and agnosticism in state-supported schools. Dr. Witmer points out that the Bible college movement is the only development in Protestant higher education provided to offset the decline of spiritual emphasis in education.

The Bible college curriculum has primarily used literary content made up of English, logic, philosophy, natural science, ancient and modern history, and geography. It has included theology found in the study of Christian Evidences, Bible, New Testament Greek, Systematic Theology, Church History, and Pastoral Theology. The Bible college curriculum also taught practical aspects, such as Homiletics, Evangelism, Sunday School Work; and Music.

The greatest growth and development of Bible colleges took place in the first thirty years of the twentieth century. Two hundred thirty-four Bible colleges were founded in America between 1900 and 1930. All of these were founded by churches for the purpose of providing a biblical spiritual atmosphere for education, to stand against the influences that had destroyed this environment in other schools. Evangelical churches that founded Bible colleges designed their constitutions, by-laws, and policy books to assure biblical education and church control of their schools. More than two hundred fifty Bible colleges have maintained biblically oriented curriculum and church control status from the beginning, because that was their purpose and design. These schools are recognized in the states in which they exist, and by various accrediting associations such as the American Association of Bible Colleges and the North Central Accrediting Association.

One of the purposes for establishing the AABC was to provide a "cooperative association that maintains Christian distinctives." Clearly, one of the basic reasons for the existence of the Bible college in America is to maintain the existence of educational opportunities in a biblical spiritual environment, staunchly resisting educational trends that have removed these elements from liberal Christian institutions, state colleges, and seminaries.

We note specifically in his article, "You Can't Tell a School by Its Name," that Mr. Sproul does not talk about Bible colleges or the Bible college movement. Instead, he directs his thoughtful concern toward liberal church-supported schools and seminaries. The leaders of the Bible college movement specifically recognize these same problems cited by Mr. Sproul.

Through careful planning, the Bible college is able to write into its documentation the specific guidelines that will maintain its biblical, spiritual, and church-related principles. Specific statements can be included that will assure its control by the church and its relationship to the church. These things remain, and thus define a Bible college. These guidelines cannot be changed unless the members of the church choose to change them.

In his article, Mr. Sproul points out the demise of natural

theology and the rise of the phenomenological approach to education. From the perspective of the Church of God, this is not an unwelcome development. It was through natural theology that mystical arguments were used, in efforts to prove the doctrines of the trinity and the natural immortality of man. In contrast to natural theology, the phenomenological approach allows students of the Scriptures to observe what is actually in the Scriptures, without outside influences and prejudices. This kind of study of God's Word has led to the recent turmoil in the theological world, in which Bible students are challenging the orthodox concept of the nature of man and the nature of Christ. We do not share with Mr. Sproul his objection to the phenomenological study of the Scriptures.

In looking specifically at the influences Mr. Sproul cites as a cause for Bible colleges becoming secular, we noted earlier that he does not address the question of the Bible college directly. He centers his attention on church-supported liberal arts colleges and seminaries. Nor does his article address the matter of incorporation. However, his practical and emotional factors do point out areas in which Oregon Bible College would be influenced.

Under the consideration of the pressure of finance, Oregon Bible College has never sought, and is not now seeking, any kind of public funding in order to operate. Our income presently comes from two sources: tuition and room and board payments received from students; and contributions from our churches and individual members. This will continue to be our source of income in the future.

The second practical factor Mr. Sproul mentions is accreditation pressures. Oregon Bible College will not seek accreditation from any association that would require us to compromise our Scriptural or doctrinal position, or that would interfere in any way with the control of our internal affairs.

In faculty recruitment, our highest priorities when selecting faculty members have been adherence to Church of God doctrinal positions, personal and spiritual leadership qualities, skill in teaching, and educational training in the areas of their specific assignments. These will continue to be the criteria we use in the selection of faculty personnel. Oregon Bible College will continue under the direct supervision of the people and churches of the Church of God General Conference. We will always be answerable to this group and our constitution and by-laws will be carefully written, including statements that will make this clear.

In the area of emotional factors, Mr. Sproul suggests that the area of academic freedom continues to be a problem in church-related schools. At Oregon Bible College, instructors will enjoy academic freedom, but they will not be retained on the faculty if they undermine the doctrinal position of the Church of God, or do not uphold its spiritual teachings in all areas.

Secondly, we have no desire to compete with secular institutions, and will not in any way weaken our view of Scripture to gain credibility in the secular world.

Finally, we feel that we cannot be intimidated by any other group and/or organization, no matter how much ridicule may come our way, as long as we have the full support of the people we are serving.

As Oregon Bible College moves toward improving its program, we trust that we will have the presence and direction of God and the support of his people in these efforts.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Front Royal, VA. Upon confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, David Mills of Front Royal was baptized into the body of Christ at the Royal Village Church of God, March 12, 1978, by Pastor Cecil Smead. David is the husband of Rachel Mills, a charter member and a faithful worker in the church. Praise God as we welcome another member into this growing church.

Cecil Smead, pastor.

Tempe, AZ. We praise God for what he is doing in the lives of his people. We rejoice with those who have recently accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior:

January 8, 1978—Joe Pfeiffer, 703 E. Vaughn Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283.

January 8, 1978—Bonnie Pfeiffer, 703 E. Vaughn Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283.

February 5, 1978—Gerald Pechacek, 707 E. Vaughn Dr., Tempe, AZ 85382.

February 5, 1978—Shelly Pechacek, 707 E. Vaughn Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283.

February 19, 1978—Barbara Courter, 207 E. Harvard Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283.

February 26, 1978—Nancy Binkley, 1957 E. Minton, Tempe, AZ 85282.

March 19, 1978—Helen Burkett, 1910 E. Harvard Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283.

March 19, 1978—Bud Burkett, 1910 E. Harvard Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283.

R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

Fonthill, Ont. It was a time of rejoicing among the brethren of Glad Tidings when May Dorey confessed her faith in Christ as her Savior. She was baptized in his name for the remission of sins. It is our prayer that God will richly bless her as she walks with him.

John Hearp, pastor.

Hedrick, IN. On February 26, 1978, Judy Merrill and Jean Merrill were baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are daughters of Ray and Delores Merrill of West Lebanon, IN. Just recently, Ray and Delores transferred their membership to the Hedrick Church of God. We are blessed and thankful to God for this increase in his family.

Timothy New, pastor.

Ripley, IL. Sunday morning, February 19, Patty Lewis responded to the Gospel invitation to receive Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Patty had been giving this step prayerful consideration for some time. She was baptized the same day she came forward. We of the Ripley Church invite the brethren everywhere to rejoice with us over Patty's decision. Her address is: Patty Lewis, Rt. 3, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

Dale Harshman, pastor.

Front Royal, VA. On Sunday afternoon, April 9, 1978, we rejoiced to baptize Charles Ronald Sager in the saving name of Jesus Christ. He is the husband of Linnie Sager, who has been a member and Sunday school teacher in the Royal Village Church for several years. They have three children. We pray God's richest blessings on this Christian family.

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

Pomona, CA. At 7:00 a.m. on Easter, March 26, 1978, Greg Rossington was united with Christ Jesus in death, burial, and resurrection in the waters of Christian baptism. Not having taken lightly the admonition to examine himself, Brother Rossington entered the household of faith soberly and advisedly. He unhesitatingly committed himself to the Word and will of God.

Both Greg and the congregation found the prospect of new life on an Easter morning ex-

citing and meaningful. We pray that God will continue to guide and direct Greg Rossington, and that he will instruct us in our sensitivity to Greg's spiritual needs. David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Arkansas City, KS. On Easter Sunday, March 26, 1978, three people were baptized by the writer. They were: Mary Jane Irwin; Bill Irwin; and Patty Nuss. The Irwins are man and wife.

Clyde M. Long.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 25 - July 1—Indiana Family Camp, Camp Mack.

Aug. 16-20—Iowa State Conference, Waterloo, IA, 1050 Conger St. Francis Burnett, guest speaker.

MACOMB CHURCH OF GOD

The Gospel Searchers Sunday School Class of the Macomb Church of God held a fellowship and social March 11, 1978, in the church basement. Lyle Lewis was honored for his thirteen years of faithful service as a teacher. In appreciation, a Bible commentary was presented to him. Everyone enjoyed an evening of gospel singing, games, and Christian fellowship. Refreshments, including a cake decorated for the occasion, were served. The Macomb congregation is very proud of our fine Sunday school staff, and we pray God's blessing on each as they continue in the service of the

King (2 Tim. 2:15; Matt. 11:29; Psa. 27:11).

Gene Gaddis and Kirk Kraft were extended the right hand of fellowship during the Sunday morning services March 19, 1978. Gene expressed his faith in Christ by submitting to immersion a few years ago. Kirk transferred his membership from the Oregon Church of God. We praise God for these decisions, and welcome them into this body of believers. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

OBITUARY

Anna M. Long, of Mount Sterling, IL, died February 28, 1978. Sister Long was born the daughter of John and Melinda Howell, July 15, 1883. On October 15, 1905, she was baptized in the name of Jesus and became a member of the Ripley Church of God. She married John Long on October 8, 1908. She served as a Sunday school teacher in the Ripley church for many years. Several of the leaders of the church today received early Christian training in Sr. Long's classes. She is survived by two grandchildren—Whitney Long of Waterloo, IA, and Carol Wynn of Las Vegas, NV—and one sister—Violet Bailey of Roseville, IL. She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, and four sisters. Services were conducted by the writer at the Ripley Church of God. Burial was in the Herche Cemetery, Schuyler County, IL. Sister Anna taught her students of the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead. May her hope be soon realized.

Dale Harshman, pastor.



FAMILY LIFE FEATURES



Keeping Lines of Communication Open With Your Child

"Carol, age twelve, was tense and tearful. Her favorite cousin was going home after staying with her during the summer.

CAROL: Susie is going away. I'll be all alone.

MOTHER: You'll get over it.

CAROL: Oh, mother! (Sobs.)

MOTHER: You are twelve years old and still such a crybaby.

"Carol gave mother a deadly look and escaped to her room, closing the door behind her.

"This episode should have had a happier ending. A child's feelings must be taken seriously, even though the situation itself is not very serious. In mother's eyes a summer separation may be too minor a crisis for tears, but her response need not have lacked sympathy. Mother might have said to herself, 'Carol is distressed. I can help her best by showing that I understand what pains her.' To her daughter she might have said any or all of the following:

'It will be lonely without Susie.'

'You miss her already.'

'It is hard to be apart when you are so used to being together.'

"Such responses create closeness between parent and child. When the child feels understood, his loneliness and hurt diminish, because they are understood, and his love for mother is deepened because she understands. Mother's empathy serves as an emotional bandaid for the bruised feelings."*

"Be ye kind . . . tenderhearted" (Eph. 4:32).

*Excerpt from *Between Parent and Child*, by Haim Ginott, Macmillan Company, New York.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Every year, in the month of May, Memorial Day is observed throughout the United States. It is a day set aside to remember those who served their country in the armed forces, and particularly those who died while thus serving their country. In Canada, Remembrance Day is the day set aside for the same purpose. The day set aside for this is November 11.

On November 11, 1977, a wreath was laid at the war monument at the center of Digby, Nova Scotia, in memory of Pastor Raymond L. Brown. The wreath was later relaid at his grave, across from the church which he served for seven years.

Bro. Raymond was remembered in Digby, not so much as a veteran of World War II, but as a

former pastor and brother in Christ. Bro. Brown was well respected in Digby, and the members of the Lighthouse Church of God felt it to be fitting that this man of God be remembered on Remembrance Day.

Pictured are Bro. James Ross and Pastor Dale Swartz, laying the memorial wreath on Bro. Brown's grave. Dale Swartz, pastor.

THANK YOU, MISSION BUILDERS

We express our thanks to the members of the Mission Builders League for the generous assistance given to the Valley Church of God, Glendale, California. With this assistance from the Mission Builders and from the Southwest Conference, the Valley Church of God is in position to pay its indebtedness and to secure the services of a full-time pastor.

We are pleased that Pastor Joe Martin has accepted the invitation to the Valley Church pastorate and will begin work with the church in September. Harold Doan.

ARKANSAS CITY CHURCH OF GOD

Bro. Clyde Long of Holbrook, NE, reports that he conducted Easter services at the Arkansas City, KS, Church of God on March 26, 1978, for the seventeenth consecutive Easter. He thinks that might possibly be some kind of a record. Can you top it?

He also reported an interesting coincidence. Mary Jane Irwin, Patty Nuss, and Tim Simmons of that congregation are the children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Simmons of Arkansas City. Each of them is the parent of one child. All three children are girls.

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 Partlow: "Jerusalem in Prophecy"; "I Can't Understand the Bible."
Harvey Krogh (deceased) "The Sunday School Teacher."

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"The significant fact of life is not the immensity but intensity."

Contributors to the General Conference: March, 1978

Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	25.00	Troy View Church	109.60	Golden Rule Church	50.48	Oregon Jr SS Dept	77.70
Mr & Mrs Wayne Johnson	10.00	Eternal Hope Church	116.49	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	120.00	Edith Eades	20.00
Litchfield Church	38.58	New Hope Church	75.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	23.50	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	224.42
Clara Broberg	10.00	Paul Hatch	10.82	Mr & Mrs Sherman Fauntleroy	20.00	North Hills Church	97.90
Troy View SS	10.69	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	20.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	22.00	Mr & Mrs James Scott	25.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Mrs Ethel Johnson	50.00	Mrs J F Paustian	20.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Mathews	50.00
Mr & Mrs Mike Hall	25.00	Mr & Mrs William White	50.00	Holbrook SS	9.40	Koszta Church	85.00
Macomb Church	187.89	S Bend Hope Chapel	138.56	Connie Ross	70.00	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	10.00
Eden Valley Miss Soc	393.00	Blessed Hope Church	97.56	Allen Wegener	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Stone	25.00
Brush Creek Church	259.25	Lenoir Church	125.00	Royal Village SS	11.35	Carol Scholtes	40.31
Mr & Mrs Jack Wiggins	15.00	Guthrie Grove Church	100.00	Verne Berry	25.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00
Anonymous	2.00	Greenville Church	25.00	Nina Hicks	10.00	Mitchell Rutkowski	3.00
Pomona Dorcas Soc	30.00	Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine	50.00	Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson	30.00	Debbie Schmidlapp	2.00
Fonthill Church	184.78	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	16.00	Margaret Duval	90.00	Mr & Mrs E C Harvey	100.00
Jay Ramsey	130.00	Mr & Mrs James Mattison	16.50	Lakeshore Christian Ladies League	25.00	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	120.00
Chris Ramsey	150.00	Raker Union SS	22.00	Mary Krogh	25.00	Anonymous	1.00
Adult SS Class of Dayton	25.00	Anonymous	31.00	Mr & Mrs Dick Fridley	75.00	Larry Appleby	50.00
Brush Creek SS	38.78	Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Anonymous	50.00	Anonymous	10.00
Anonymous	50.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	1,312.12	Raymore Church	25.00	Alice Marshall	10.00
June Routson	50.00	Hector Church	100.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	20.00	Southlawn Church	750.24
Melvin Rogers	20.00	S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	78.00
Richard Edge	5.00	Leota Hanson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	65.00	Dessa Copeland	10.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	60.00	Scot Burnham	12.00	Katherine Tackett	92.00	Frances McCormack	6.00
NE Conference	265.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Ramsey	50.00	LA Contributors	50.00	J Anon	70.00
Mr & Mrs John Huston	50.00	Cool Spring Church	51.42	Anonymous	112.00	Gatesville Church	50.00
Milo Magaw	25.00	Fredericktown Church	8.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	15.00	Mr & Mrs Louis Policz	8.50
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Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	25.00	IL State Conference	165.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	15.00
Mr & Mrs Ronald Johns	50.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	125.00	Edna Claypool	10.00	W G Beavers	5.00
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Mr & Mrs Alden Palmer	25.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Mr & Mrs William McLaughlin	250.00	Mr & Mrs James Lippert	40.00
Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Julian W Hazlewood	10.00	Forest Hills Church	25.15	Mary Miller	10.00
Helen Lewis	15.00	Mrs Joe Shelly	20.00	In Memory of Maurice Stephenson:		Pleasant Hill Church	170.11
Frances Wood	236.00	Everett Rogers	28.00	Bessie Stephenson	25.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	128.58
IN State Conference	180.14	Lucille Bradley	5.00	Bessie Stephenson	1.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	200.00
May White	20.00	Marjorie Mogle	50.00	Muriel Hass	50.00	San Jose Church	80.00
Pleasant Hill SS	58.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde A Shaw	50.00	Anonymous	25.00	Happy Woods Church	250.24
Stephen Adams	10.00	Springfield, MO, Radio Ministry	13.82	Ben Carpenter	25.00	Phoenix Bible Church	2,334.00
Blanchard Church	270.44	MI State Conference	79.44	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00	Conger St Church	65.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Anna Parks	12.00	Lawrenceville Church	774.38
Annie Welch	5.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	166.17	Mr & Mrs Oral Miller	100.00	Lois Blakely	15.00
Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Jr	20.00	Mr & Mrs Galen Hillman	33.00	Mr J B Guthrie	2.00	Digby Church	48.00
Mildred Somers	35.00	Eldorado Church	111.00	Henry Van Dyken	1.00	Jay St Church	128.58
Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Morning Star Church	17.22	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	300.00	Bedford Church	306.80
Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Alice Bassett	40.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Lewis	10.00
Blood River Church	131.16	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	26.00	Barry Landry	12.00	Bess Kasper	60.00
Oregon SS	11.16	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	150.00	Jennifer Landry	12.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	80.00
SW Conference	170.00	Fonthill SS	16.15	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	60.00	Clair Rice	40.00
Mrs O A Messersmith	5.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademachir	138.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	30.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	35.00

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Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

Theme: "Behold, I Come Quickly"

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 May 4, 1978. The report was prepared and assembled by the Directors of the various departments and the Executive Director, and presented to the Board of Directors for approval. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1978 General Conference business sessions (August 7-11, 1978, Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois) 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. Any special items of interest in the interim will be reported orally at General Conference. The Director of each department presents a written report to the Executive Director monthly. The business office presents to the director of each department a financial statement of their department to keep them abreast of their expenditures in relationship to the budget. We express our thanks and appreciation to the directors of each department and all the members of the General conference staff for their dedicated service. Following is the report of each of the several departments of the Church of God General Conference:

Berean Youth Department

The most significant program sponsored by the Berean Youth Fellowship is our International Berean Youth Conference. This program brings together Church of God young people from some twenty states and Canada. The conference is designed to allow our young people the opportunity to study, to share, and to praise our God and his Son, while enjoying fellowship with other Christian young people and adults. This week-long experience has been very meaningful and influential in the lives of our young people for many years.

The 1977 International Berean Youth Conference was conducted at two separate sites, the Shipshewana Retreat Center and Camp Alexander Mack. These two sites have allowed us to conduct programs aimed at specific age groups.

The Retreat Center hosted 71 post-high students and was manned by a staff of 12 counselors. Camp Alexander Mack, our high school camp, played host to 203 campers and was manned by a staff of 34.

We have experienced a decline in enrollment at the high school level over the past three years, thus causing us to

reevaluate the necessity of maintaining two separate sites, when Camp Mack is capable of handling the numbers which attended in 1977.

Therefore we have made the decision to put the camps back together in 1978. We will still maintain separate programs for the two age groups. Financially, it is to our advantage to use only the one site. This has been a request from our young people ever since the camps were separated. The dates for the 1978 Berean Youth Conference are July 16-22, 1978. The tuition will remain at \$55.00.

Youth Week was observed in most of the local churches during the week of October 24-30, 1977. Some Berean groups used alternate dates, due to conflicts. Youth Week is a time of service and leadership.

Some 17 groups entered the annual Youth Week competition. The Youth Advisory Council declared a tie for first place between the East Peoria Bereans, East Peoria, Illinois, and the Phoenix Bible Church Bereans of Phoenix, Arizona. These two groups were featured in the March-April issue of *Challenge*.

Challenge, the single publication of the Berean Youth Department, continues to be sent out on a bimonthly basis. This youth publication features activities of various groups, news, and articles relating to young people. Its circulation stands somewhere around 1400.

The annual post-high mid-winter retreat was held December 29-January 1, 1978, at Camp Alexander Mack. Forty-two post-high or 12th-grade young people from ten states and Canada were in attendance. Hugh and Mary Harman served as staff. Our expectations for this year's retreat were fully met.

The annual "Coins for Christ" crusade during 1977 surpassed any other previous year. During this crusade, groups work for and solicit funds over a one month period of time. These funds are then sent to the Berean Youth Fellowship to be used for furthering the work of that department.

Several groups raised large amounts of money and the total of the '77 crusades reached almost \$6,500.00. The Guthrie Grove Bereans of Pelzer, South Carolina, were the largest contributors, raising \$2,675.00. The Berean Youth Department certainly appreciates the efforts of the contributing groups and their sponsors.

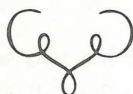
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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Behold, I Come Quickly"

Conference Workers:

General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Office Manager: David Krogh
 Program Directors: Joe James, Hollis Partlowe,
 Donald Needham, S. O. Ross
 Music Director: Dale Ramsey
 Head Usher: John Huston
 Director, Children's Classes, 2nd grade and
 under: Marie Johns
 Director, Children's Classes, 3rd-6th grade:
 Iva Mae Holt
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
 Ministers' Meetings: R. Warren Sorenson
 Priscilla Meetings: Cheryl Ross
 Camp Nurse: Margaret Duval
 Business Office Staff: Becky Hall, Supervisor;
 Paul Newell, Mary Krogh, Betty Jannereth,
 Mildred O'Neil



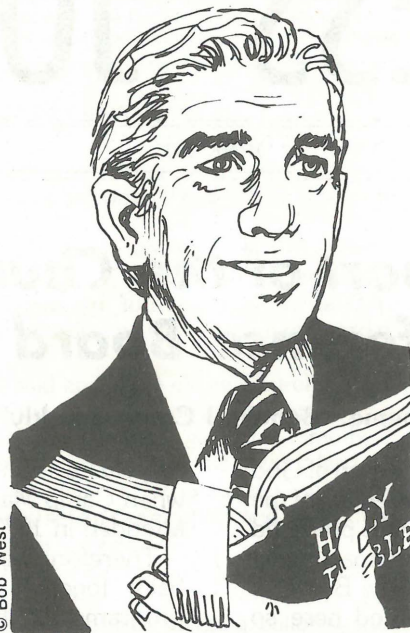
DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 7

9:30 Registration Begins
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 "Abraham and the Second Coming,"
 Scott Ross
 1:45 First Business Session
 Welcome by Chairman William Lawrence
 Seating of the delegates
 Chairman's message
 Introduction of new delegates and
 delegations
 Communications
 Question period on written reports of
 committees and boards
 Report on activities of the Board of
 Directors
 Financial report
 Berean Youth Fellowship business
 Publications business
 4:00 Recess the meeting
 4:15 Youth—Feedback and Discussion
 Publishing—Feedback and Discussion
 4:15 Choir Practice
 Meeting: Isolated members—Home
 Missions Board
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
 Worship Leader; Z. B. Duncan, Speaker,
 "Jesus is Coming"
 8:30 Sharing and Discussion on "The Welfare
 of the Ministry and the Retired Ministerial
 Situation"; John Hearp and John
 Fauntleroy, Co-leaders
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available
 9:00 Planned recreation, Sydney Kirkpatrick
 10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, August 8

7:15 Breakfast
 8:30 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Elmo Gaspar;
 Youth, Ministers, and Priscillas)
 8:30 Children's Classes



8:45 Adult Bible Study, Vivian Kirkpatrick II
 Youth Class, Joe Duncan
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Presentation and Discussion of Study
 Committee Report, as amended
 11:45 Lunch
 11:45 Luncheon Meeting, Home Missions Board
 and State Conference Presidents
 1:15 "The Role of Egypt and the Arabs,"
 Francis Burnett
 1:45 Children's Recreation
 1:45 Business Session
 Reading of Monday's minutes
 Action on Study Committee Report
 4:00 Recess business session
 4:15 Choir Practice
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
 Worship Leader; Hollis Partlowe, Speaker,
 "Russia and Armageddon"
 8:30 Conference Board and Department
 Boards and committees meet
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available
 9:00 Planned recreation, Sydney Kirkpatrick
 10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, August 9

7:15 Breakfast
 8:30 Prayer Service (Adult, Doris Richmond;
 Youth, Ministers, Priscillas)
 8:30 Children's Classes
 8:45 Adult Bible Class, James Ritch, "Let Them
 Be for Signs"
 Youth, David Cheatwood
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Oregon Bible College Report

11:00 Sunday School Department Report
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 "Jerusalem in Prophecy," Richard Worley
 1:45 Business Session
 Reading of Tuesday's minutes
 Nomination of two directors
 Oregon Bible College business
 Sunday School business
 4:00 Recess business session
 4:15 Oregon Bible College—Feedback and
 Discussion
 4:15 Sunday School—Feedback and Discussion
 4:15 Choir Practice
 5:15 Dinner
 6:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey,
 Worship Leader; Ordination Service,
 Kenneth Milne; Harold Doan, Speaker,
 "Times of Restitution"
 8:30 Ministers Voluntary Retirement
 Association Biannual Meeting
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available
 9:00 Planned recreation, Sydney Kirkpatrick
 10:30 Lights out

Thursday, August 10

7:15 Breakfast
 8:30 Prayer Session (Adults, Charles Graham;
 Youth, Ministers, Priscillas)
 8:30 Children's Classes
 8:45 Adult Bible Study, Gary Smith, "The Seal
 of our Inheritance"
 Youth, Dale Harshman
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Home Missions Presentation
 11:00 Foreign Missions Presentation
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 "Significance and Highlights of the
 Jerusalem Peace Conference," S. O. Ross
 1:45 Business Session
 Reading of Wednesday's minutes
 Election of two directors
 Home Missions business
 Foreign Missions business
 General business
 Adoption of a budget
 4:00 Dismissal of business session
 4:15 Home Missions—Feedback and
 Discussion
 Foreign Missions—Feedback and
 Discussion
 4:15 Choir Practice
 5:15 Dinner
 6:30 Installation of Officers, Warren Sorenson
 7:00 Multi-Media Presentation, "Middle East—
 Past, Present, and Future," Alva G. Huffer
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available
 9:00 Planned recreation, Sydney Kirkpatrick
 10:30 Lights out

Friday, August 11

7:15 Breakfast
 8:30 Communion Service: Comments,
 V. E. Kirkpatrick
 Prayer for the Bread, Joseph Astolfi
 Prayer for the Cup, Larry Mayberry
 9:00 Closing Message, "Occupy Till I Come,"
 Stephen Bolhaus
 10:00 Campus must be vacated

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Our young people not only reached, but surpassed their goal for giving during the 1976-1977 fiscal year. Their goal of \$10,000.00 was surpassed by over \$600.00. They are certainly to be commended.

Bro. Hugh W. Harman, Director of the Church of God General Conference Youth Department for the past four years, has resigned that position—effective August, 1978.

Publishing Department

The Publishing Department continues to operate with the full support and cooperation of the brethren. As the various departments of our General Conference increase their activities, it is inevitable that demands for more publishing will also increase. Some of this increased demand can be met with new and more efficient equipment. Other requirements will eventually necessitate the addition of more trained personnel.

Circulation figures for *The Restitution Herald* are as follows:

October	9,650	February	9,550
November	10,100	March	9,150
December	10,150	April	10,000
January	10,150	May	9,150

This is an average of 9,750.

Early this year, the mailing list of *The Restitution Herald* was "purified." Cards were sent to nonmembers who were receiving it, with the request that if they wished to continue to receive it they would fill out and return the card. This resulted in the dropping of 1,195 names from the mailing list. A few who do not wish to continue to receive it returned the card, giving their reasons for no longer wishing to be on the list. The vast majority simply ignored the request. How many actually received and considered the request we have no way of knowing.

In the late fall, the heads of the various departments gathered to go over available tracts together, evaluate them, and decide which ones should be reprinted and kept in stock and which ones should be dropped when the present supply is exhausted.

Four new tracts were printed during the year, and one that has been out of print for some time has been reprinted and is now available. They are: "Why I Believe in the Premillennial Coming of Christ"; "An Invitation to Life"; "The Guiding Light"; "From One Who Cares"; and "Chart of the Ages." The latter is the reprint mentioned above.

World Literature Sunday was observed October 16, 1977. To promote it, bulletin inserts were mailed to all churches, and other publicity was given to it.

Quite a number of our people indicated that they would pray for the literature outreach effort. Names were also sent in to be added to the mailing list of *The Restitution Herald*. Special tracts were ordered.

Approximately \$500 in special contributions were received for the Free Literature Campaign.

The Publishing Department has cooperated fully in the Literature Saturation Campaign now being promoted by our Home Missions Board.

The Systematic Bible Course continues to go to many corners of the world. Completions, however, continue to run far behind enrollments. In this respect, the best records come from the Bible classes which use the course as a guide.

The Sunday School Board and the various editors of the quarterlies are constantly striving to improve the quarterlies.

After much prayer and soul-searching, your editor decided to retire August 31 of this year. We wish to thank the brethren for their fine cooperation and many encouraging words. Editing our publications has been a rewarding experience.

Oregon Bible College

We are greatly encouraged by the response of the Church of God young people to the challenge of a full-time Christian ministry. There is no greater need facing modern society than the need for spiritual leadership. We are grateful for each person of the Church of God who responds to that need and attends Oregon Bible College.

Fifty-two students enrolled in Oregon Bible College during the 1977-78 academic year. The students represented 11 states, Canada, and Liberia, Africa. There were 20 women living in the Women's Dormitory, and 15 men living in the Men's Dormitory. Ten seniors were graduated in May. Sue Andrew from Oregon, Illinois, graduated with a program emphasis in Music and Christian Education. Kathy Anger from Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, concentrated her studies in Christian Education. Lynn Boyer of Seven Fountains, Virginia, graduated with an emphasis in Pastoral Studies. Karen Circle of Springfield, Ohio, concentrated her studies in Christian Education. Greg Demmitt of Troy, Ohio, received his minor in Pastoral Studies as did Thomas New of Frankfort, Indiana and Steven Taylor of Oregon, Illinois. Donna Weidensall of Phoenix, Arizona, graduated with a minor in Christian Education, and Nita Wyrick of Michigantown, Indiana, graduated with a double in Music and Christian Education. Christie Simpson of Urbana, Ohio, graduated with a program concentration in Music. All of these students, of course, majored in the Bible.

John Lewis served as President, Director of Admissions, Registrar, and instructor. S. O. Ross was Director of Business Affairs and part-time instructor. Eugene Stilson was Director of Academic Affairs, Director of Library, and instructor. Dale Ramsey was Director of Music and instructor. Hugh Harman served as Director of Student Affairs. Connie Mongan was a part-time instructor and advisor to the student newspaper. Robert Jones served as Director of Christian Service and instructor. David Krogh served as Director of Student Recruitment and Public Relations and part-time instructor. Sam Voorhies served as part-time instructor. David Hall was Men's Dormitory Director and Mary Harman was Women's Dormitory Director and Director of Kitchen and Dining Facilities.

Greg Demmitt served as President of the Student Government and Donna Kennedy was Social Committee Chairperson. Prayer Days were November 9 and February 21, with the Student Government and Steve Grant and Louise Lawson in charge of these activities. Thomas New was editor of the student newspaper and Louise Lawson served as editor of *Maranatha*.

Kent Ross served as Christian Emphasis Week speaker and conducted a seminar on "Church Growth" October 24-27. Dale Ramsey attended a Music conference in St. Louis in February. Robert Jones attended an archeology seminar in Wheaton during the month of October. Eugene Stilson, David Krogh, and John Lewis attended the AABC Convention in Chicago in October. David Krogh attended a management seminar in Chicago during the month of October.

Eugene Stilson, David Krogh, and John Lewis visited the offices of the Illinois Board of Higher Education in February, and visited with Dr. Goudy regarding the recognition of Oregon Bible College by the State of Illinois.

Eugene Stilson is in the final stages of his graduate work in New Testament Studies at Wheaton College. Connie Mongan is also completing her graduate work at Northern Illinois University. Sam Voorhies is also finishing up his graduate work in Christian Ministries at Wheaton College.

A large percentage of the college students were involved in gospel team, chorale, and choir activities during the year.

We continued our cooperative program with Rock Valley College. Using our facilities, the Rock Valley instructors taught Western Civilization I and II, Art History, and Philosophy.

Richard Young successfully completed his internship studies under Vernis Wolfe of the Happy Woods Church in Hammond, Louisiana.

The Board of Education, consisting of Chairman Charles Pryor, Vernis Wolfe, Robert Johnson, and John Hearp, met several times during the year, concentrating their energies on the questions of Bible college philosophy and policy and the possible incorporation of the College. We appreciate the many hours of time that the Board of Education spends on working for Oregon Bible College of the Church of God General Conference.

Sunday School Department

The Sunday School Department gains a great deal of satisfaction from the opportunity we have to help the Church of God in its ministry not only to Church of God people, but to others in the world.

Much of what this department does can be classified in two areas: 1) helping to improve instructional tools; 2) helping to train the people who will use these tools. Our department is working simultaneously in both of these areas, and the accomplishments of this year are as follows:

1. Christian Workers' Seminar. Working closely with the Home Missions Board and the Family Life Committee, the fifth annual Seminar was planned and held March 5-11, 1978, at Camp Alexander Mack. A total of 81 people attended from 12 states and provinces, and from 25 different churches. Practical classes on Church Growth and Creative Bible Teaching were taught, along with classes on Spirit-Controlled Temperament, Misused Texts, and the Book of Romans. Sharing sessions on Home Missions, Sunday School Openings, Hospitality, Extension Departments, and Vacation Bible School were conducted during the week. A valuable evening class, which improved our understanding of the church and its ministry, was also conducted.

The staff consisted of James Graham, Ray Hall, Joyce Knapp, David Krogh, Michael Mattison, Lois Pryor, Scott Ross, and Warren Sorenson.

The Seminar continues to provide an informal learning environment for Church of God leaders and potential leaders. We praise God for the great success of this venture year after year.

2. Other Seminars. Members of the Sunday School Board have conducted training sessions at the following places:

Bedford, Golden Rule, and Columbia Churches—

November 19, 20

Indiana Conference—March 18

Southwest Conference—April 7, 8

We appreciate these opportunities to visit local churches and state conferences.

3. Production of Bible school material. The theme of the 1978 material is "The Lord's Prayer." Charleen Graham, Myra Hamilton, Mary Mickey, Judy Myers, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Deirdre Kirkpatrick, Rachel Carr, Mary Milne, and David Krogh served as editors for the seven manuals. We very much appreciate the fine work which these individuals have done on this Bible school material.

The theme of the 1979 Bible school material is "Speak Out for God." The emphasis will be on the growth of the church. We feel there is an urgent need for us to encourage the Church of God to continue to think about, plan for, and bring about the growth of our churches.

4. Collection of Sunday school attendance figures. Figures have now been collected for more than a year and we are able to make a comparison between our attendance for Oct.-Dec., 1976, and the same months in 1977. The average for these months in 1976 was 4,352. The average for the same months in 1977 was 4,014. This is an average decrease of 7.7% over last year.

I regret to report this decline; however, it is important for all of us to know the facts. At this time, I do not know the reason for this decline. Weather was a problem in December, and the attendance in most Sunday schools on December 25 was quite low. However, there was also a rather substantial decline in October and November which presently has no explanation.

I would like to encourage each Sunday school to consider what has happened to its attendance, and try to determine why the attendance has climbed or fallen. I would hope that each Sunday school would try to repeat those things which help improve attendance, and deal with those problem areas which are contributing to declines.

5. Progress toward 10-year goals. In addition to the aforementioned accomplishments, progress has been made in several other areas in accomplishing the goals which were adopted at General Conference last summer:

a) Goal #1—Develop a coordinated and complementary program of Christian Education for our denomination among all departments of the General Conference. A philosophy of Christian Education has been prepared and it has been shared with the heads of our General Conference Departments, and with a number of people around the country. This philosophy will be refined further and will be shared with all of our people in the future.

b) Goal #2—Produce the best possible Sunday school material. In an effort to reach this goal, meetings have been held with the editor of our Adult Quarterly and work is progressing in making some improvements in our curriculum. We have studied formats and techniques that are being used by other publishers and we are implementing those things that we feel would be most helpful to our people.

c) Goal #4—Produce a Teacher's Guide for the Adult Quarterly. A Teacher's Guide has been produced and it was released May 1 for use in the summer quarter. This guide provides many helps to the teacher, including resource material suggestions, class-time helps which will offer several different approaches to the lesson which the teacher may choose to most effectively get the lesson message across, and other helps. The first edition of this guide was mailed free to a churches. Future editions will be 90¢ each.

d) Goal #5—Develop a 10-year VBS curriculum. A basic

10-year curriculum has been tentatively approved by the Sunday School Board. This curriculum covers many important areas which are not adequately covered by our Sunday school curriculum.

The Sunday School Board continues to appreciate the work which our quarterly editors and writers are doing in preparing Christian Education material for our people. The current editors are: Sue Hall, Beginner; Ruth Overholser, Primary; Lynne Krogh (interim editor), Junior; Shirley Urish, Teen; Jesse Pestle, Adult. Ruth Lewis asked to be relieved of her responsibilities as Junior editor, after serving faithfully for the last ten years. We are very thankful to Sr. Lewis for her years of service, and we are thankful to the other individuals who make the publication of our materials possible.

The present Sunday School Board members are James Graham, Joyce Knapp, Michael Mattison, Scott Ross, and David Krogh, Director.

Home Missions

The Home Missions Board, along with Superintendent of Missions Rachel Carr, met twice during the year—in October and February. In addition, there were several telephone meetings. Kent Ross is presently serving as chairman of the board; Lois Pryor is secretary; and Warren Sorenson is the third board member.

One of the goals set by the Home Missions Board is to enroll 1,200 members in the Mission Builders League by 1978 General Conference. The League was promoted among the churches this year, and March 5 was set aside for special Mission Builders emphasis. The membership was increased from 698 in March, 1977, to 1,026 in April, 1978. We urge those who are not yet members to join in helping to provide church buildings for sister congregations.

The Board has as a goal to hold regional seminars and to participate in the Christian Workers Seminar. Two of the Board members were on the staff of the 1978 Christian Workers Seminar, and all three members plan to participate in the program at the Virginia Conference in July.

Developing new evangelistic tracts was another item that the Board worked on, and at the 1977 General Conference several new tracts were available. Work will continue on lessons that will be suitable for use in home Bible study evangelism.

We have felt the need for personal visits to our churches which receive Church Development Aid (formerly called Pastoral Aid and Special Church Aid). In the past year, Board members have visited several of these churches as well as some of the others. We plan to visit all aid churches on a regular basis.

A literature saturation program will be available for use among the churches this fall. Over a twelve-week period, six mailings will go to two hundred or more persons whom you select from your community. The purpose of the program is to: 1) Acquaint people with the Church of God; 2) Introduce people to Christ; 3) Provide contacts for personal follow-up by members of your church.

The Short-Term Missionary Program is a project whereby persons offer their services to a church for six weeks this summer. Teams of two will go to a church (which has requested help) to aid in youth work, calling, Sunday school, or wherever they are needed.

The Home Missions Board is in contact with the state conference presidents regarding the possibility of new churches

in their areas. Again this year at General Conference, we want to meet with the presidents of the conferences to discuss what progress is being made.

We are also considering having a "church planting team" whose main purpose would be to go into an area to get a new church started.

As we have gone about our work this year we have come to see a real need for a full-time Home Missions Superintendent. This person would be constantly available to go to our churches prepared to offer specific on-site assistance. In addition, he would oversee all the programs of the department.

As a Board, we acknowledge our dependence on God and his power in the accomplishment of any goals that we set. No matter how big our plans or how hard we work, nothing of real value will result without the working of God.

We thank you for your prayers and ask that you join with us in continuing to seek God's will in the area of home missions.

Foreign Missions Department

Members of the Foreign Missions Board continue to read and research, to learn how the work of foreign missions is successfully carried on by other Christian organizations. We are more and more convinced that it is very important for anyone who goes overseas to be prepared before going. An understanding of cultural differences and how to communicate with those of other cultures will be a requirement. This training can best be gained in classes taught by trained people who are knowledgeable and experienced in that kind of thing.

Understanding the mind, values, circumstances, language, and habits of those of other cultures is very basic to building rapport with them and being able to lead them to true conversion. After their conversion, it is necessary to remain with them long enough to be an example and to bring them to spiritual maturity so they will be confident and able to follow Christ and teach others. When we leave without bringing them to this degree of maturity, we leave them vulnerable to temptation and confusion. We have learned from experience how tragic this can be for all concerned.

Although the decisions of last year were traumatic, it appears that viable work has been strengthened in some of our mission fields as a result. It is too soon to know what will happen in any of the countries, but we still think it was the right decision to back off with the heavy financing, slow down, and redirect our monies and efforts toward professional training in missions. In Liberia there is a branch church where the right attitude seems to prevail, and now we know not to risk spoiling that by sending money instead of missionaries. In Bangalore, South India, the people appear to be slowly sorting themselves out, assuming responsibility, and building a solid foundation. Conflict has flared in the Mexico and Philippine work. Church of God members from the State of Washington unaffiliated with the General Conference have sent workers, have married with the nationals, and have plans to bring some of the Filipinos here to visit. We have advised them of our experiences and concerns and will have to leave the results in God's hands.

We have not heard from Bro. Paulson in Ravulapalem, South India, and we are concerned about him. We wonder if his area was affected by the cyclone.

Throughout our churches and at Oregon Bible College, we are making known the need for young persons who are willing

to make foreign missions a career and to receive the necessary training. We plan at least one brochure, to be ready for distribution to the churches by fall. This will explain what a person desiring to become a missionary can expect in the way of qualifications, duties, and training.

Wheaton College's recent decision not to accept OBC students into its program has been a disappointment to us, as it is so close to OBC and we had hoped to work out a training program there. Considerable correspondence has been carried on with various Bible institutions which offer a degree in missions, and it appears that Fuller Theological Seminary in California best suits our needs.

At present, we have more applications from young women than men. We do not feel it wise to send women alone until we have at least one or two couples in a field. We encourage both men and women to train in another field of service in addition to Christian service. The reason is that they may need to get into a foreign country through secular credentials.

We have one student in training now. Steve Grant received his B.S. in Business Administration from Arizona State University in May, 1976, and spent that summer and fall gaining management experience. He expects to graduate from Oregon Bible College in December, 1978, and to enter Fuller Theological Seminary in January, 1979, for his cross-cultural training. Included will be an internship, which will provide at least one year of service at home and overseas.

After the announcement of the decision to cut back on funds sent overseas, the most frequent question asked was, "What will we do with missions money now?" We feel spending it on training professional missionaries is putting the money to the best use. It is the suggestion of the Foreign Missions Board that the General Conference use missions monies to assist Steve Grant with his education expenses at Fuller. Ultimately, we hope the churches and/or conferences will "raise up" missionaries from within their own congregations and be responsible for their encouragement and educational assistance where needed, as well as their support in the field. This would give the churches the "personal involvement" in foreign missions they have been craving and would, in turn, fill the need of the missionary for a strong emotional, spiritual, and financial support system back home.

We feel excited that the Church of God is growing spiritually and "growing up" in missions. We ask your continued prayers for the Foreign Missions Board members and their decisions, for prospective missions trainees, and for all of those who have been witnessed to overseas, regardless of their present status and commitment. The Foreign Missions Board consists of Mardy Lawrence, Chairperson; Paul Overholser, Secretary; J. Don Swartz; and Rachel Carr, Superintendent of Missions.

General Conference Finances

The General Conference Board of Directors and the staff members appreciate the dedicated financial giving of the membership, churches, and state conferences. On March 31, the middle of the fiscal year, the giving for the budget items has fallen short of the needs. We believe, however, that—with the prayers and concerns of many—the needs will be met. 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 education of each student at Oregon Bible

College, and fund the many general services provided by the General Conference staff.

In addition to meeting the budget, which this year is \$249,000, the membership does respond regularly to many additional needs. Over \$40,000 has been contributed to various restricted funds. These include Oregon Bible College Booster Fund, Oregon Bible College Library Fund, Oregon Bible College Building Funds, special mission projects, and so forth. We are pleased that the bank loan which was made for the construction of the new Oregon Bible College Women's Dormitory has been paid off. Loans were also received from several individuals and churches and \$35,000 of these loans are yet to be paid. We pray for your continued prayer, concerns, and support for the General Conference needs.

General Services

Your Executive Director works closely with local churches in finding replacements for vacant pulpits. He has information on 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 also 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. As Executive Director, he is automatically the Secretary-Treasurer of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. The Executive Director is required to complete many forms and questionnaires from various governmental, civic, and religious agencies.

The 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 advises and suggests as to how life insurance policies, annuities, trusts, and so forth can be beneficial both to the Church of God General Conference and to the donor. New tax laws have been passed which make it possible in estate planning to give a sizable contribution to a charitable organization such as the Church of God General Conference, and to take little or nothing from the heirs, but only lessen the amount payable in taxes. Anyone who desires assistance or additional information in any of these deferred giving programs may contact the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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, workshops, and other activities. They often fill the pulpit when a local pastor is 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.

God has richly blessed the Church of God in many ways. Our prayer is that he will continue to bless each avenue of service of the Church of God General Conference in these latter days before he sends his Son Jesus Christ to set up his wonderful kingdom here upon this earth.

Report of the General Conference Study Committee As Amended by the Board of Directors

The General Conference Study Committee was appointed by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors in May, 1977. The Committee was given the following assignment:

"The General Conference Study Committee is a committee of seven members appointed by the Board of Directors to study and evaluate the organization and administration of the Church of God General Conference. They should define the purpose for which the Conference was organized and determine if the purpose is presently being fulfilled.

"After study and evaluation of all phases of the operation of the Church of God General Conference, the Committee should make recommendations for any changes they deem advisable to more adequately fulfill the purposes and needs. The Committee should be prepared to make a final report by the 1978 General Conference."

The Study Committee was organized at the 1977 sessions of the General Conference. It held three full meetings during the Conference, in addition to one meeting with the Board of Directors. Some of the Study Committee members also met in an open session of all the elected and appointed Boards and Committees during the conference. The Committee met again in Oregon, Illinois, October 8, 9, 1977; January 7, 8, 1978; and April 1, 1978.

In addition to these meetings, different combinations of Study Committee members conducted feedback meetings in various parts of the country with nine different groups of Church of God General Conference leaders. These included past and present Directors, employees, members of Boards and Committees, pastors, and other individuals active in the work of the General Conference. The committee also interviewed Department heads individually and conducted other personal interviews.

Information was made available to the Committee concerning the organization and administration of the Advent Christian Church. Some consultation was provided by a non-Church-of-God expert in Management Services and Corporation Organization.

The study and evaluation done by the Study Committee was confined to the "organization and administration of the Church of God General Conference," and this report concerns the basic purpose and organizational and administrative structure of the General Conference.

Purpose

The first objective of the Study Committee was to review the Purpose of the Church of God General Conference.

The Committee reviewed the statements of purpose in the 1921 Constitution and By-Laws; the 1944 revised Constitution and By-Laws; and the current Constitution and By-Laws, amended in 1974. It also referred to the stated purposes of earlier General Conferences in 1888 and 1889. It reviewed the statements of purpose which have been developed by Oregon Bible College and the Home Missions Board.

It was concluded that the Church of God General Conference has been guided by these purposes as stated and has

tried to achieve the objectives stated and implied in these documents.

The Study Committee further concluded, however, that the Purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated, as now written in the By-Laws, is somewhat vague and limited. We believe the Purpose should now be revised to better reflect the principal function of the General Conference—evangelism and church growth. We recommend the following statement of purpose to replace Article 1, Section 1 of the By-Laws:

"The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated is to assist Church of God members, churches, and conferences to perform their commission to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel to all the world, by providing trained personnel, services, resources, and materials."

The Committee believes that this statement of purpose will put emphasis upon the following facts:

- 1) The Bible teaches that the principal work of the church is to "feed the Church of God" and to "preach the gospel" in all the world. Evangelism and church growth—both numerical growth and spiritual growth toward maturity—should be the focus of attention by the Church of God General Conference and its membership. Every indication is that the leadership of the Church of God is agreed upon these goals.
- 2) The local congregation, at home and abroad, is where Church of God members are fed and matured, and it is the place where most people are brought to Christ and his salvation. The responsibility for evangelism and church growth is primarily upon the local congregation.
- 3) The role of the Church of God General Conference is to support and assist evangelism and church growth in the local church by providing trained leadership, training of local workers, literature, materials, programs, financial assistance, and other resources where needed.

If this purpose is accepted as defining the reason for the existence of the Church of God General Conference, then the stated purpose can be used as a measurement for the value and effectiveness of everything that the General Conference is doing or planning to do. The basic questions will be: Does this assist the member churches and people to preach the gospel in all the world and feed the church? Are there other, more efficient ways to accomplish the purpose?

Identifying the Problem Areas

After agreeing upon the Purpose, the Study Committee turned its attention to identifying problem areas that might exist in the current organization and administration of the General Conference. Information was received from the Committee members, the Board of Directors, the open discussion with all the Boards and Committees, meetings with Department heads, nine feedback sessions, and individual interviews.

Although many specific problem areas were recognized, there was a general appreciation for the General Conference,

its employees, boards, committees, and the many volunteer workers. The amount and quality of work done by these people is an expression of dedication and sacrifice which seems to be widely recognized and appreciated within the Church of God.

Lists were made of specific problems. Most, if not all, of these could be categorized in one of the following four general problem areas:

- 1) The Church of God General Conference has too small a numerical base, with many churches struggling to maintain an adequate local church program. The Church of God has not experienced enough church growth.
- 2) There are too many Advisory Boards and Committees in the General Conference organization. Their work often overlaps and conflicts. The Conference is too diversified and overly organized for its constituency.
- 3) There often is not a clear-cut line of responsibility, authority, and accountability. There is often confusion between employees, elected Boards, appointed Boards, and Committees, as to who has the responsibility and authority for decisions and who is accountable for performance.
- 4) There is a weakness in communication between departments and department workers. There is insufficient communication between the Conference and its members.

Evaluation

After establishing the Statement of Purpose and reviewing the problem areas of the Church of God General Conference,

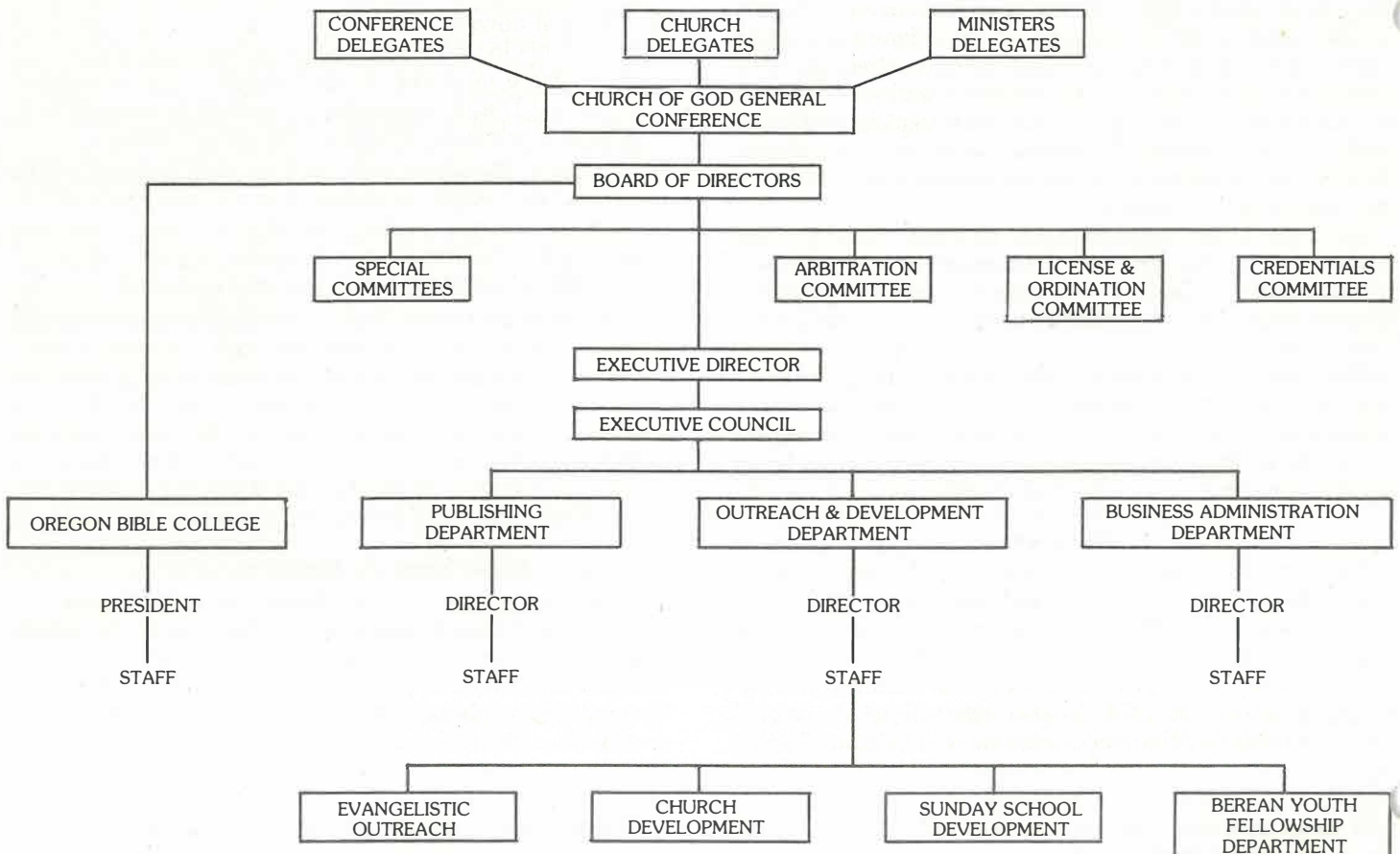
the Study Committee proceeded to evaluate the present Church of God General Conference organization and administration.

First, there was a thorough review of the present organizational chart. There was detailed discussion of the responsibility and field of service of each person and department involved. Discussions concerned the role of delegates, the annual Conference business sessions, the Board of Directors, the permanent and special committees, the Executive Director's office, Oregon Bible College, Publishing, the Sunday School Department, the Berean Youth Fellowship, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and the General services of the Conference. The financial program of the Conference was reviewed and attention given to the percentage of funds used in different phases of the Conference work.

Having agreed upon the Purpose and being informed about the current organization and administration and some of the problems involved, the Committee addressed itself to what changes might be made to improve the Conference organizational structure. The ideal would be to fulfill the Purpose; focus attention of the Conference on evangelism and church growth; facilitate efficient management; establish a clear-cut chain of responsibility, authority, and accountability without duplication; provide for maximum communication within the organization; and make most efficient use of the amount of financial resources that can be reasonably expected to support the work of the Conference.

The organizational chart which follows was developed after long discussion, presentation to feedback groups, and several revisions.

AS AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



EXPLANATION OF THE CHART OF ORGANIZATION

Delegates

Local churches and state conferences send delegates to the annual meeting of the Church of God General Conference. The Study Committee has no recommendations concerning these delegates except that emphasis should be placed continually upon the importance of their position and the importance of selecting the best qualified delegates to represent the churches and conferences. Instructions should be given delegates early in each conference, explaining the authority which they have and the responsibility that rests upon them.

Ministers are also delegates to the General Conference. The Committee recommends that the General Conference conduct a study of ministerial delegate representation. There is some question about whether or not a minister should have a vote equal to that of a delegate representing from 15-50 people, and whether inactive or retired ministers should be recognized as delegates.

We observe that in the current Constitution, Article 2, Sections 1 and 2 have very minimal requirements for church membership in the General Conference. We recommend that these sections be studied and improved with more specific requirements for membership.

The General Conference Delegate Meetings

The Study Committee has no recommendations regarding the annual Church of God General Conference delegate meetings.

The Board of Directors

The Study Committee believes that the three-year term of office is not sufficient to learn the complex issues which are handled by the Board of Directors and to deal knowledgeably with these issues. Every three years, three new members are elected to the Board. This is too great a change in one year.

We recommend that Directors be elected for four-year terms. Two members would be elected each year except one, when only one member would be elected. This would give better continuity to the Board of Directors and provide a greater pool of experience on any given Board.

We recommend that the Board of Directors meet more often, with one meeting per year being devoted entirely to evaluation and long-range planning. This meeting should be held away from the corporate offices.

We recommend that the Board of Directors be relieved of administrative detail as much as possible and that it concern itself primarily with matters of policy, planning, and evaluation of the total work of the Church of God.

Committees

The Study Committee has no recommendation concerning special committees, the License and Ordination Board, or the Credentials Committee. Suggestions that were received concerning the License and Ordination Board have already been put into effect by the Board of Directors.

Executive Director

The Study Committee recommends that much of the detailed administrative work now done or supervised by the Executive Director be transferred to the Business Administration Department and the Director of Administration.

The Executive Director's responsibilities would include the following:

- 1) Chairman of Executive Council

- 2) Coordination and General Management
- 3) Public Relations
- 4) Financial Planning
- 5) Fund Raising
- 6) Supervision of capital funds and investments
- 7) Staff supervision and development
- 8) Counseling and consultation with staff and churches
- 9) Member of the Counseling and Arbitration Committee
- 10) Member of the Ministerial Retirement Association
- 11) Pastoral supply consultation
- 12) Develop and maintain, in cooperation with the Executive Council and approved by the Board of Directors, a policy and management manual.

Executive Council

The Study Committee recommends the formation of an Executive Council. The Council would include the Executive Director, Chairman; the Director of Publishing; the Director of Outreach and Development; and the Director of Business Administration. The Council would meet weekly at a designated time in an open session of sharing. The President of Oregon Bible College will attend all meetings of the Executive Council to advise and keep open the channels of communication, but will be a non-voting member. The purpose of the Executive Council would include:

- 1) A vehicle of management for the Executive Director
- 2) A vehicle of communication between the Executive Director and the departments and between the departments
- 3) A think tank for developing new ideas and programs
- 4) A planning, advisory board for each of the departments
- 5) A forum for work assignment and handling personnel problems
- 6) Evaluation and feedback on current programs

We believe that the Executive Council can solve most of the problems of communication and overlapping of work and duplication of effort, and provide clear-cut channels of authority and accountability.

Oregon Bible College

There was much discussion in all meetings concerning the position that Oregon Bible College should occupy in the General Conference organization.

We believe that the documentation and definition of purpose required by the College should be inserted in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference.

The Study Committee agrees that the function of Oregon Bible College is to educate pastors, missionaries, teachers, musicians, and other Christian workers for the Church of God. In addition to the four-year curriculum leading to a major in Bible Theology and minors in selected fields, we recommend that Oregon Bible College expand its educational outreach to include such services as correspondence courses, extension courses, short courses on or off campus, seminars, and symposiums.

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference recommends that Oregon Bible College and the President of Oregon Bible College be placed directly under the administration and supervision of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

DEPARTMENTS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Publishing Department

The Study Committee believes that Publishing is specialized work which requires professional skills. We believe that the work of publishing should be delegated to a department where these professional skills can be obtained, developed, and maintained. The responsibility, authority, and accountability for all publications should be in a department directly responsible to the Executive Director and the Board of Directors and responsive to the Executive Council. The necessary expertise and coordination of programs and literature can be developed and controlled more easily within one department.

The responsibilities of the Director of Publishing and his staff would include:

- 1) Establishing publishing policy
- 2) Selecting literature to be published
- 3) Selecting editors of publications
- 4) Supervising writing, editing, production, and circulation of all publications of the Church of God General Conference
- 5) Consulting with other departments and directors individually and through the Executive Council, concerning the publishing needs of each department.

Business Administration Department

The Director of Business Administration will become responsible for many of the functions now handled by the Executive Director. The responsibilities of the Director of Business Administration and his staff will include:

- 1) Maintaining financial records and statistics
- 2) Supervising computer operations
- 3) Purchasing agents
- 4) Handling resale materials
- 5) Bookkeeping
- 6) Administering all insurance and Social Security
- 7) Supplying necessary forms and information to governments
- 8) Supervising maintenance of buildings and grounds

Outreach and Development Department

This department is a consolidation of the functions now being performed by the Sunday School Department, the Berean Youth Department, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. These departments are now headed by three part-time employees and four advisory boards.

We recommend that a full-time Director of Outreach and

Development and a staff be employed. The functions of this department would be divided into four areas of responsibility:

- 1) **Evangelistic Outreach** (which includes)
 - a) Survey fields for establishment of new churches
 - b) Select and develop missionary personnel
 - c) Develop a planned program for establishing new churches
 - d) Maintain liaison with mission churches and workers at home and abroad
 - e) Develop programs for use of mass media in evangelism
 - f) Plan programs of financial support
 - g) Utilize the tape ministry
- 2) **Church Development** (which includes)
 - a) Administer the Mission Builders League program
 - b) Administer pastoral aid
 - c) Administer special church aid
 - d) Develop and administer programs for continuing church growth
 - e) Administer the Family Life program
 - f) Administer the Home Bible Study programs
 - g) Arrange Christian Workers' Seminars
 - h) Provide on-site counseling and consultation
- 3) **Sunday School Development** (which includes)
 - a) Arrange Sunday School Workers' Seminars
 - b) Develop programs for superintendents to improve their Sunday school programs
 - c) Provide promotional materials and programs
 - d) Establish growth and attendance goals and record results
 - e) Coordinate with the Publishing Department the observed needs, trends, and necessary improvements for Sunday school literature
- 4) **Berean Youth Fellowship Development** (which includes)
 - a) Plan and administer the International Berean Youth Conference and related programs
 - b) Plan and administer retreats
 - c) Provide promotional literature and programs to local BYF groups
 - d) Visit local and regional youth activities
 - e) Provide BYF leadership training programs
 - f) Coordinate with the Publishing Department observed needs, trends, and necessary improvements in Berean Youth Fellowship literature

We believe that the formation of this Outreach and Development Department will focus attention of the General Conference on its area of greatest opportunity and responsibility. It will be a step toward fulfilling the Purpose of the General Conference to assist the membership to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel in all the world.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS REORGANIZATION

- I. This report is being submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration at its May, 1978, meeting. We understand that recommendations for the 1978 General Conference are decided at this meeting.
- II. We recommend that the Board of Directors consider this report and attendant recommendations and refer them in their entirety to the delegates of the 1978 General Conference.
- III. These recommendations require the following Board and delegate actions:
 - A. Recommend to the delegates the adoption of the Study Committee's report and its recommendations.
 - B. To amend Article 1, Section 1 of the By-Laws to read: **Section 1.** The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated is to assist Church of God members, churches, and conferences to perform their commission to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel to all the world by providing trained personnel, services, resources, and materials.

- C. To amend Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution to read: **Section 6.** The term of office for all Church of God General Conference Directors shall be for four years. No director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: two in 1978 for three years; one in 1979 for three years; two in 1979 for four years; two in 1980 for four years; continuing therefrom with every director being elected for four years.
- D. To recommend to the delegates that the Sunday School Board, Home Missions Board, Foreign Missions Board, and Board of Education continue to function in their present capacity until the Conference of 1979, and that at that time these Boards be terminated in lieu of the full implementation of the reorganization.

- IV. We recommend that the reorganization begin immediately upon approval and that it be completed by September 1, 1979.

In regard to item D, it is our belief that the Executive Council will eliminate the need for permanent advisory boards. Many qualified individuals have consistently contributed their skills and expertise to the General Conference in carrying out projects and other missions of the General Conference. The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, and the Department Directors are encouraged to continue utilization of resources such as these. In carrying out the functions of the departments as outlined in this report, temporary committees, study groups, and advisory groups can be formed at any time for special projects or to fill specific needs. The Executive Council should approve committees recommended by Department Directors.

SUMMARY

The Study Committee has confined its work and its report to the organization and administration of the Church of God General Conference. We believe that the implementation of the recommendations contained in this report will be a firm first step toward giving the Church of God General Conference and its membership a new sense of direction.

In general, we believe the reorganization can have these results:

1. Focus the attention of the Church of God upon evangelism and church growth—its most important functions.
2. Emphasize the responsibility of each local church congregation throughout the world to evangelize and to feed the Church of God.
3. Improve communications within the Church of God General Conference organization and between the Conference and the membership. General Conference employees and members of the Board of Directors are accessible at all times to receive questions and suggestions from the membership.
4. Consolidate job functions within departments which are given the responsibility and authority to perform them, making it easier to select personnel with specific professional

skills who will be accountable for performance.

5. Eliminate some of the duplication of effort and overlapping of duties and competition for programs.

6. Allow the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Executive Council, and Department Directors to analyze their programs and measure them by the stated Purpose. Unfruitful programs, projects, and products can be eliminated. New programs, projects, and products will have to meet the standard of assisting in evangelism and outreach.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to work together as a Study Committee. We thank God for his presence and help in our meetings. We respectfully submit this report, praying that it will be of benefit to the Lord's work through the Church of God General Conference.

Harold Doan, Chairman
Shirley Urish, Secretary
Elmo Gaspar
Joe James
Robert Petry
S. O. Ross
Richard Worley

RECOMMENDATIONS

- I. We recommend the adoption of the amended report of the General Conference Study Committee as it appears in the June, 1978, issue of *PROGRESS JOURNAL*.
- II. We recommend that the reorganization as outlined in the Committee Report begin immediately upon approval, and that it be completed by September 1, 1979.
- III. We recommend that the Sunday School Board, Home Missions Board, Foreign Missions Board and the Board of Education continue to function in their present capacity until the Conference of 1979, and that at that time these Boards be terminated in lieu of the full implementation of the reorganization.
- IV. We recommend that Article 1, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Church of God General Conference be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: "The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated is to assist Church of God

members, churches, and conferences to perform their commission to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel to all the world by providing trained personnel, services, resources, and materials.

- V. We recommend that Article 4, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Church of God General Conference be amended to read:

Section 6: "The term of office for all Church of God General Conference Directors shall be for four years. No Director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: two in 1978 for three years; one in 1979 for three years; two in 1979 for four years; two in 1980 for four years; continuing therefrom with every Director being elected for a four-year term."

MINISTERS' FUND

The Ministers' Fund of the Church of God General Conference is supported by contributions from the membership. The fund is used for loans or gifts to ministers or their families in times of emergency. Since the last report, \$800 has been given in gifts to three ministers who have had emergencies or death in the family. Two are receiving monthly assistance from this fund in the total amount of \$600 a year.

As of March 31, 1978, the fund balance is \$3,943.00. 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

MINISTERS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association at a special meeting held in August, 1977, voted to use the Aetna Life Insurance Company as an investment vehicle for the funds of the Association. Since January 1, 1978, the retirement checks are mailed to the retirees directly from Aetna Life Insurance Company. They are investing the funds and assure the membership that the association is properly funded.

Presently there are 49 ministers, 55 churches, and 7 conferences in the Association. Seven retired ministers and one retired minister's widow are receiving retirement benefits.

At the regular biennial meeting, which will be held August 9 during General Conference, several proposals will be acted

upon which will update and further strengthen the work of the Retirement Association. We are pleased that most of the new ministers who take pastorates are enrolling in the Retirement Association.

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 Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference is automatically the secretary-treasurer of the Association. The vice-chairman is elected by the Association and the present term expires in August of 1978.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman
Willard Naylor, Vice-Chairman
S. O. Ross, Sec'y-Treas.

COUNSELING AND ARBITRATION BOARD

The Counseling and Arbitration Board of the Church of God General Conference was called only once during the past year. We would encourage a church whose members are having internal problems among themselves or with the pastor to please contact the Counseling and Arbitration Board before the problem becomes too large or divisive. Too often the Board is called in when it is too late to counsel and often too late for any arbitration.

We are grateful that the work of the local churches in most

cases is going well and that there is a unified effort to carry out the commission of spreading the Gospel Message of Salvation to the people of the world. We commend the local churches for their dedication to this task and for the unity that is exhibited among the membership. This Board stands ready to assist a local congregation in any way possible.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman
S. O. Ross, Secretary
Wayne Laning, Member

LICENSE AND ORDINATION BOARD

We wish to thank and give a note of appreciation to our faithful ministers who are serving in the Church of God. In the issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL of November, 1977, a list of 121 names was published.

Of the 121 ministers, 23 were listed as inactive, having preached fewer than 20 sermons during the church year. This list also included 11 licensed foreign mission workers. This would leave 87 who are serving the Church of God in America, and have presented more than 20 sermons.

Our records show that of the 87 active ministers receiving annual recognition cards, only 32 have been ordained by the General Conference. We encourage our pastors to consider this, and give more thought and prayer to the ordained ministry. All licensed ministers who have served in active work as pastors or evangelists for approximately three consecutive years may apply for ordination. Recommendation of at least two elders of the church in which he has worked is required.

We are happy to report the addition of Michael Brown, who is serving the Gatesville, Texas, Church of God; Richard Alcumbrack, who will be serving New Hope Church of God, Little Rock, Arkansas; Carl Jennings, serving the Church of God at Hector, Minnesota; John Mattison, serving the Church of God at San Jose, California; David Wilsterman, serving the Pomona, California, Church of God; Kenneth Cook of Culver, Indiana; and Scott Millard, who is attending school in Dallas, Texas.

The following were ordained last Conference: Donald Needham, James Mattison, Michael Mattison, David Krogh, and Roy Graham.

We also express our regrets at the loss of two of our ministers: Paul C. Johnson, Oregon, Illinois; and Roy Graham, Lakewood, Colorado. Although M. O. Williamson did not hold license with the General Conference, he did faithfully serve Guthrie Grove Church of God for 37 years and died at the age of 95.

We wish to commend each of our ministers for the immediate response to the annual renewal of applications. We want to state again, if your name was not included in the November PROGRESS JOURNAL, it was because you did not respond. Application blanks are mailed out from headquarters about July 1. If you do not receive an application form, and have previously been licensed, write to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, and request

one. License recognition cards will be issued from applications received and will be presented, if possible, during General Conference meetings at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois. Ordained ministers do not need to renew their card annually.

Kenneth Milne, Chairman
James Mattison
Billie Kennedy

Additional Conference Information

Site: The 1978 Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 7-11. Rockford College is located on East State Street (US Highway Business 20). See map on page 14.

If one is traveling on Interstate 90, he 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. He will pass a large Wards 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 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 (east) 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 leaving every hour 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 the Sweden House (the second stop) in Rockford. The General Conference van will meet each bus from O'Hare at the Sweden House on Monday, August 7, (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 7, at 9:30 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 forms.

The cost of the Conference this year is \$52 per adult, \$39 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, pillow, and towel.

For those staying off the campus, the cost this year is \$34 per person for meals and the use of all facilities, except a sleeping room, for all 3 years old and over.

Gymnasium and Pool: Gymnasium and pool will be available each evening after the evening service. Bro. Sydney Kirkpatrick is in charge of planned recreation each evening. 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 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 Iva Mae Holt will be in charge of the classes 3rd through 6th grade.

Children's classes for those in 2nd grade and younger will be in charge of Marie Johns.

Classes for children will be held only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The time of closing the class will be announced later and parents are requested to go to the classroom and call for their children at the time of dismissal.

Each afternoon there will be planned recreation for these children, but no classes will be held.

Delegates 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

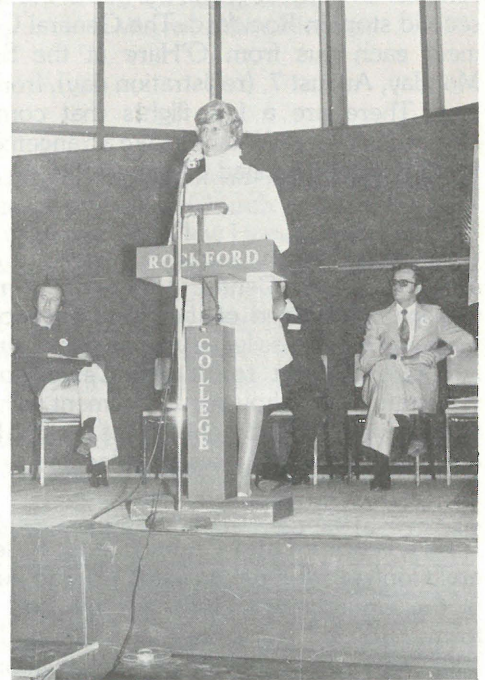
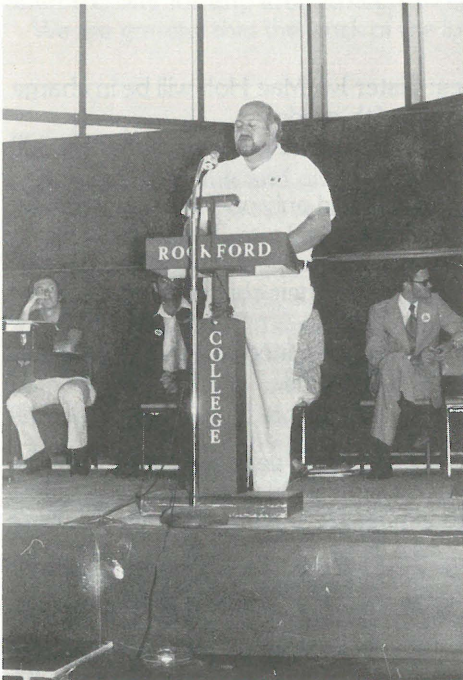
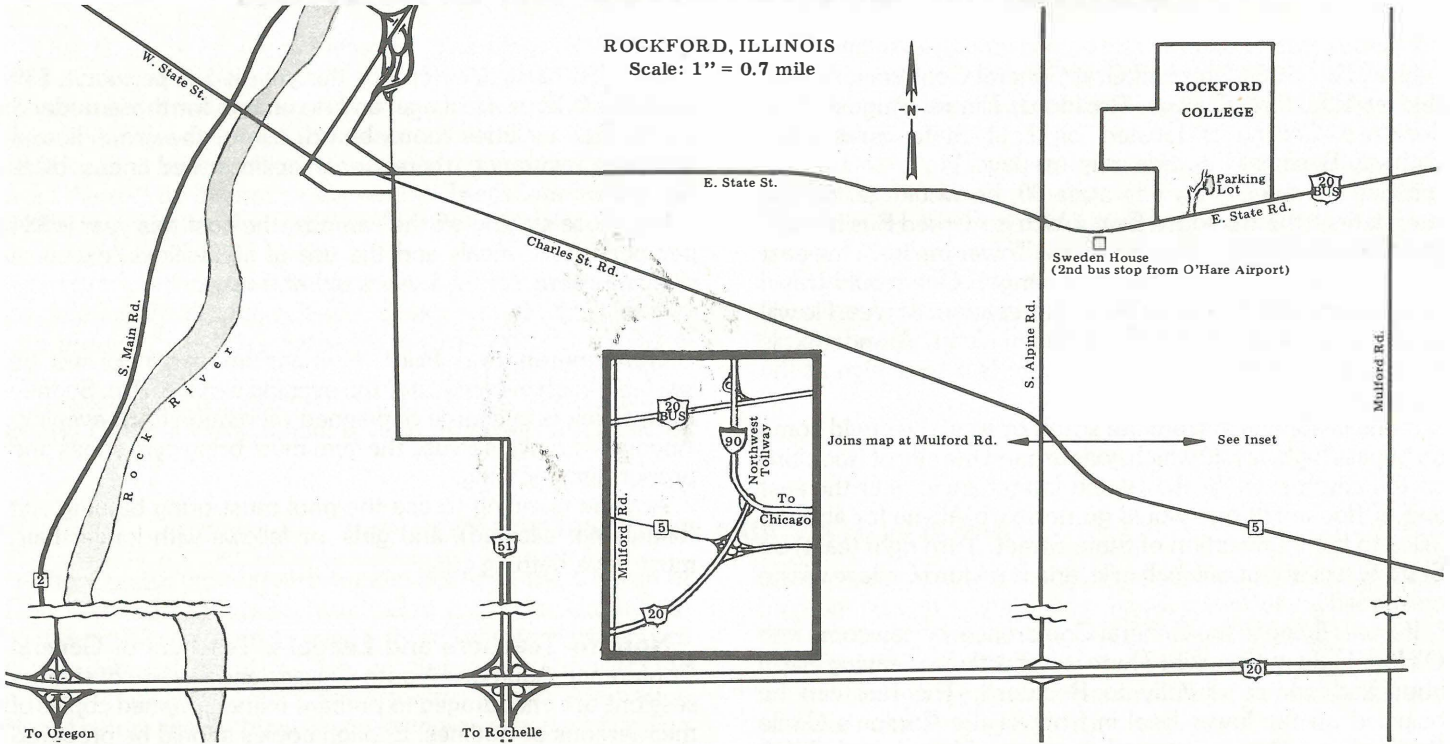
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Sunday School Board: Two members to be elected. The terms of Scott Ross and Michael Mattison will expire this year (these may be reelected).

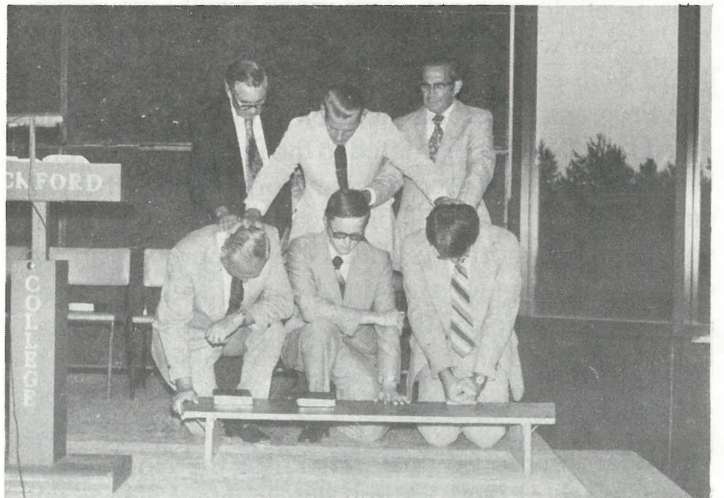
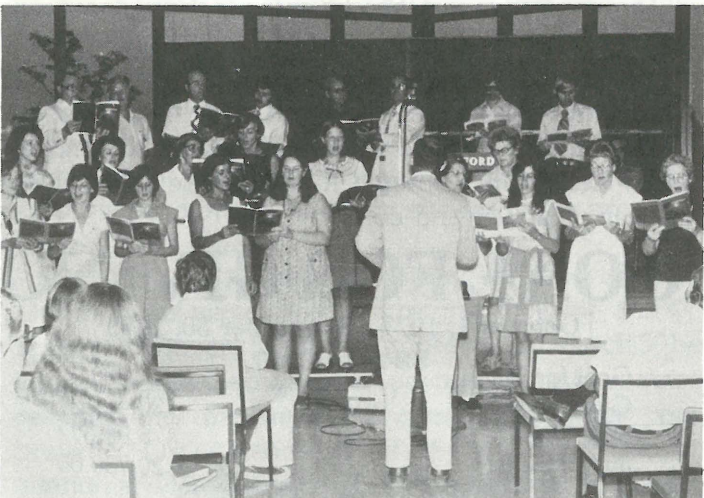
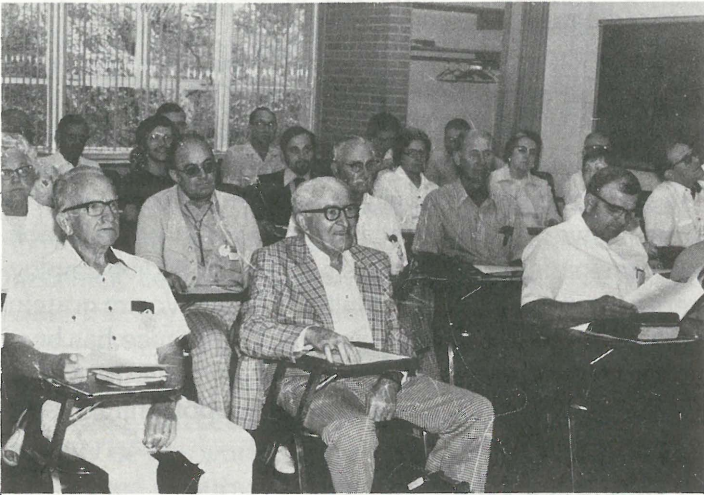
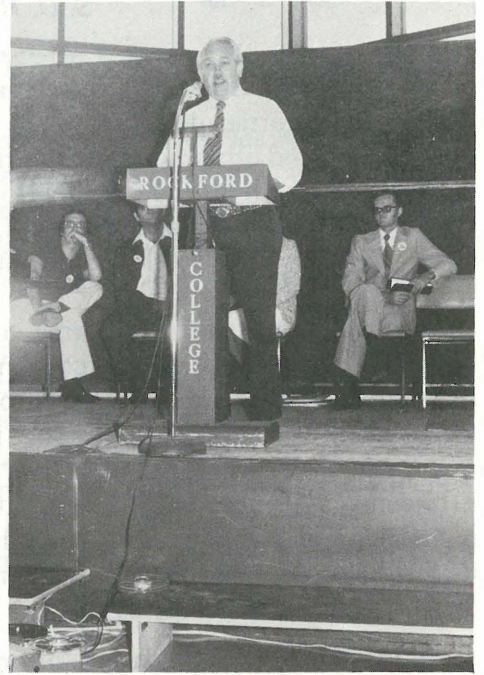
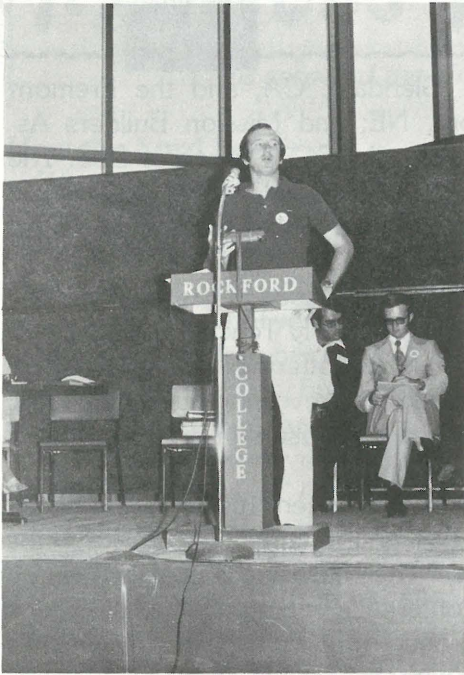
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Home Missions Board: One member to be elected. The term of Kent Ross expires at this Conference (may be reelected).

This information is given so churches and State Conferences can instruct their delegates to make particular nominations. Proposed nominees for any of these offices 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.

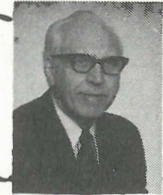


Scenes From the 1977 Conference



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, Illinois, August 7 to 11, 1978. The theme of this 58th annual Conference is "Behold, I Come Quickly."

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, together with a \$5 deposit fee. Your pastor has the forms. Reservations should be in prior to July 25.

General Conference Study Committee

The final report of the General Conference Study Committee was presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on May 5th. After considerable discussion with the Oregon Bible College Board of Education, the Board of Directors did amend the committee report regarding Oregon Bible College (see report in this issue).

The proposal for incorporation of Oregon Bible College will not be presented to the delegates at the 1978 General Conference sessions.

Board of Directors Actions

The Board of Directors, at its meeting on May 4, 5, and 6, approved the General Conference program, the departmental reports, and the special reports.

Increase in tuition, room, and board for Oregon Bible College students for the year 1978-79 was approved. The tuition will be \$350 per semester and room and board \$475 per semester.

A Progress Report on the book writing project of Dr. Alva G. Huffer was submitted to the Board of Directors. Bro. Huffer is in the process of authoring a book that will be a positive presentation regarding the matter of conditional immortality. The Board approved an increase in mileage for staff and board travel to 15¢ per mile and agreed to pay the full amount of the hospitalization insurance plan for Conference employees.

Correspondence and resolutions were received and considered from individuals and district conferences. The Board approved pastoral aid for the North Hills, OH, Church of God; church development aid for the

Valley Church in Glendale, CA, and the Fremont Church in Fremont, NE; and Mission Builders Assistance for the Greenville, SC, Church of God. The Board also gave authority to the Home Missions Board to present a proposal for a new revised program of church development aid.

The Board was very enthused regarding the new Adult Sunday School Quarterly Teacher's Guide. Action was taken to use the offerings during the 1978 General Conference for the revolving publishing fund. This fund is established to be used for printing costs of new books and publications.

It was noted that Bro. Clement Richey has resigned from doing the repair and maintenance work for the General Conference. The Board and staff of the Church of God General Conference very much appreciate the fine work that has been done by Bro. Richey over the past several years without remuneration.

EEOC Hearing

Your Executive Director was called to a hearing of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission in Milwaukee, WI, on May 8th. Testimony at this hearing was taken from various religious and secular organizations regarding employees being kept from religious services due to work schedules. It appears that considerable discrimination and duress is being exhibited by employers in many areas of the United States. We are grateful that the Church of God General Conference has been recognized by the commission that is located in Washington, D.C., and that we did have opportunity to have input into this matter.

Conference Finances

I am sorry to report that the giving to the budget funds has fallen far short of the needs the past few months. Many expense items have increased tremendously. Student tuition, room, and board fees have ceased for the summer. For these reasons we have had to make a large loan from restricted funds. Please make this a matter of prayer and concern.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

	\$249,000.00	
Goal for May		\$ 27,380.00
Given in May		20,417.27
May Deficit		6,962.73
June Needs		\$ 20,750.00
Goal for June	\$27,712.73	

Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

How the Lord Leads

When my friend Eunice came to pick me up for our regular Thursday morning evangelistic visitation, she told me about a problem that was bothering her. There was only one week left until income tax reports were due, and she had not yet received some information she needed to complete her form. She had written letters and made phone calls, but the "computers" just hadn't seemed to take her seriously.

The next day I received a phone call from Eunice with "the rest of the story." After our morning of calling, she had gone on to the post office, fully expecting that the Lord would answer her prayer and she would find the needful information in her post office box. But . . . nothing was there. So she followed through on her plan to do further visiting in the afternoon.

As a deaconess in the church, she has certain persons of the congregation under her care. One of them is a man whom she had known before he became a Christian, when she was ministering to his ill wife.

When Al answered the door, he called to his wife to come because someone was there to see her. But Eunice said: "No, I came to see you, Al." His face broke into a smile and he welcomed her in. It seems that he had lately been feeling that, although the church people were friendly, no one seemed to come over to visit or really be his friend. So Eunice knew that the Lord had directed her in making this visit at this time.

Then, when Eunice asked Al what he had been doing, he said he was working on income tax. He had recently completed a course at the community college on how to fill out income tax forms. So Eunice told him of her problem, and when he explained everything to her, she realized she didn't need to wait for the information she had been seeking as it did not apply in her case.

So Eunice was grateful to the Lord for his leading her to make that particular call—which enabled her to help satisfy a need and also find an answer to her problem.

News From Ghana

You may recall that in January we reported that Oliver Amani was injured in a bicycle accident, and we requested prayers for him. In a letter dated March 30 he writes, "Praise God with me! I am now fit and have since resumed my ministerial services. Thanks for your prayers." Oliver also reported on the Christmas Convention at which the chapel at Nkwanta was dedicated.

Because of transportation difficulties, the attendance was not as high as expected, but 207 people attended the closing session. Commenting on the work in general, Oliver writes, "The work is going steadily under the Lord's own guidance. Thank him for everything!"

Overseas News

We are sorry to report two deaths that have occurred recently among our overseas brethren. Gabriel David of Bangalore, India, died in January, and we have just received word (the first of April) of the death of Dennis Boykai, son of Pastor Cornelius Boykai in Liberia. Please remember the families of these two in prayer, asking that God will give his comfort to them in their loss.

Philippines Report

"The 17th annual conference of the Church of God Philippine Conference and the Berean Conference were held March 20-24 at the Quezon Church. The conference theme was 'Self-Supporting; a Church Survival.' Lectures on the theme were very much emphasized in all the classes.

"As usual, there were lecture classes for adults, young people, and children. There were also business sessions and Board-Ministers' meetings, where the general situation of the Church as a whole was discussed and studied. There were two evangelistic night meetings, where people of different faiths came to study in the open forum.

"The 24th was the Berean Youth Day. It was a day of meetings, Bible studies, Bible quizzes, recreation, and ball games for the Bereans as well as for the adults. In the evening, the Bereans and the whole conference joined together for the observation of the Lord's Supper.

"In the conference thirteen souls submitted themselves for baptism."—Eleodoro S. Ortiguero.

Be A Builder

We are grateful that there are presently 1037 members of the Mission Builders League, an organization that assists in providing buildings for worship. If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to become one this summer. Two appeals of \$10 each are made each year. JOIN AND BE A BUILDER!

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

BAPTISMS

Blanchard, MI. On April 9, 1978, at the conclusion of a wonderful week of revival meetings with Pastor Billie Kennedy bringing the messages, five persons were immersed in the waters of baptism. They were: Shelly Payne; Phil Crowley; Dennis Eldred; Dale Karcher; and Willard Haenke. The baptisms of the latter four men unite their homes in Christ. We praise God for his wonderful blessings, and the outpouring of his Spirit during this week.

Don Needham, pastor.

Columbus, OH. On Sunday, April 9, 1978, Tim and Brian Morczek were baptized into the body of Christ for remission of sins. Both have been studying the Systematic Bible Study Course. Their baptisms unite the entire Al Morczek family in their faith. Bro. Curtis Simpson immersed them in the waters of baptism.

Julie Tawney was baptized last October, following special meetings led by Bro. C. F. Pryor. We are happy to welcome these fine young people into the Church of God.

Pat Simpson, secretary.

Phoenix, AZ. The Phoenix Bible Church rejoices with our Lord over the recent baptisms of Sue Ferdugo and James Lohr on January 29, 1978; Jeff Madorski on February 5; and Doug Miller, April 16. In addition, we also welcome the membership of Mary Lou, Elaine, Cheryl, and Lyda Brittingham from the Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God; and Donna Weidensall from the Columbia Station, OH, Church of God.

James A. Graham, pastor.

Lawrenceville, OH. The Lawrenceville Church of God rejoices in the baptism of Harley Beechler into the body of Christ. Bro. Beechler came forward April 23, 1978, and was immersed in the waters of baptism that evening. It is a joy to see God working in his life as he begins living for God.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

MARRIAGES

Meredith Terrall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Terrall of Houston, TX, and Alice Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bird of Arlington, TX, became husband and wife in the presence of family and friends in a candlelight ceremony in Woods Chapel, Arlington, on February 4, 1978. Words of commitment to God and one another were sealed by the giving and receiving of rings. They are making their home in San Angelo, TX, as their vows of love find fulfillment in one another.

Scott Millard, pastor.

Margaret Edith Capron and Randy Myron Smith were united December 30, 1977 at the Burr Oak, IN, Church of God by Pastor Darrell Maddock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Capron of Plymouth, IN, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Smith, of Williamston, MI. A reception was held in the church's social room following the wedding. Some one hundred fifty guests were present.

Pastor Darrell Maddock.

In a lovely afternoon ceremony, on April 5, 1978, the Lawrenceville Church of God was the scene of the uniting of Pam Brittingham and John Clarkson in holy matrimony. Pam is the daughter of Mary Lou Brittingham of Phoenix, AZ, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Overholser of Springfield, OH. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clarkson, also of Springfield, OH. We ask God's blessing on Pam and John as they begin their lives as one.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

On Saturday, April 29, 1978, the Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God was filled with relatives and friends who came to witness the exchange of marriage vows between Tamala Gremler and James Jenkins. Tamala is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boggs; and James is the son of Mrs. John Jenkins. The double-ring ceremony was performed in a beautiful candlelight setting. We pray God's blessing on this union as they begin their lives together in seeking to do the Master's will.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

On April 1, 1978, at 4:00 in the afternoon, Miss Sandy McClain and Mr. John Farrow were united in marriage. Pastor Ray Hall performed the double-ring ceremony at Garden Park Church of God, Grand Rapids, MI. John left for Okinawa, Sunday, April 30, where he will reside for one year, compliments of the United States Marines. Sandy will be joining John in June or July. We wish them the best in this new life as man and wife, and know that God will be with them.

Betty Alters, secretary.

NORTH SALEM CHURCH OF GOD

Our vacation Bible school was conducted in March during spring vacation time at the public schools. Shirley Pearson directed the school, assisted by an able staff of teachers. Of the 109 students enrolled, 46 achieved a record of perfect attendance. The high attendance for one day was 82.

The women of the church organized the North Salem Ladies' Circle this winter and are meeting in the homes of the members. They chose Sr. Mildred Macy as chairman and Sr. Shirley Pearson as secretary-treasurer. At present, the ladies are engaged in quilting a bedspread. They also provided food for the Indigan Minister's Fellowship when they met at North Salem.

The congregation has been blessed by the addition of two new families: the Carlslises of Argos; and the Berrys from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Attendance at the church has risen steadily.

The youth of the church have been flying kites, attending youth rallies, conducting paper drives, and are now practicing for the Indiana Bible Quiz. Wood Talcott is youth director and Judy Carlisle and Beth Reaker are directing the quiz team.

Bro. Macy serves periodically as hospital chaplain in Plymouth and Sr. Macy is conducting a weekly radio program on station WTCA in Plymouth. Having a full-time pastor has meant much to our church. Looking ahead, the church is considering plans to remodel and add to the church plant.

Timothy Pearson, secretary.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

HAMMOND Church (Happy Woods), Hammond 70401
Vernis D Wolfe, Pastor, Rt 2, Bx 16-R, Hammond 70401
Mrs. Frances Landry, Sec, Rt 2, Bx 65JJ, Hammond 70401

David Wolfe, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 16-TA, Hammond 70401
Mrs. Robert Hall, Miss Chair, Rt 4, Bx 51-C Hammond 70401

GARDEN PARK CHURCH OF GOD

April 30, 1978, Pastor Ray Hall gave a call for those who had not been baptized to come forward. He then gave the announcement that those who had been baptized and wished to rededicate their lives to God should also come forward. It was a time of great rejoicing to those who witnessed how many wished to rededicate themselves to the Lord. Three came forward to be baptized. Their names will be announced following baptismal services, which will be at a later date.

Betty Alters, secretary.

"A hungry soul wants bread, not amusement."

OBITUARIES

Rhoda Leithliter, age 90, of Rt. 1, Eldorado, IL, died April 11, 1978, following an extended illness. She was born in Saline County, the daughter of George and Mary McKelligott Davenport, January 15, 1888. Her brother Randall and her husband James preceded her in death. Rhoda was a member of the Restitution Church of God, Eldorado, IL, having been baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ, June 3, 1922. Surviving are two daughters, Pauline of Eldorado and Bernice of Arlington, TX; and two sons; Phillip of Mt. Carmel, IL, and Bob of Eldorado; four grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held at a funeral home in Eldorado, with the writer officiating. She was laid to rest in Lindale Memorial Gardens Cemetery, to await the voice of her Lord (John 5:28).

Rex Shaw, pastor.

Gene D. Lebwick, age 77, died at his home in Oregon, IL, April 9, 1978. He was owner of The National Clothing House. Since 1940, several young Oregon Bible College students were employed by him. In addition to the wages paid them, they benefited from his business experience, and also his help in supplying some of their material needs. Mr. Lebwick was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Words of comfort and hope from the Scriptures were spoken by the writer.

Francis E. Burnett.

Sister **Lucy E. Fuson** died April 29, 1978, in the Union Hospital in Terre Haute, IN, at the age of 89 years. She was a faithful member of the Restitution Church of God at Casey, IL, for many years. Sister Fuson leaves to mourn her death one son, Jean Lansbury; one granddaughter; two great grandchildren; and two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Isenberg and Frances Crouse. Words of hope and comfort were spoken by the writer in a service at the Markwell Funeral Home in Casey, IL, and Sister Fuson was laid to rest in the Washington Street Cemetery in Casey to await the call of the Master on that great resurrection day.

Pastor S. O. Ross.

Beatrice Ellen (Betty) Hightower fell asleep in Christ April 24, 1978, at the age of fifty. Her death followed a long illness. Sister Betty was born October 23, 1927, the daughter of Rolla and Minnie Hightower. She was baptized into Christ October 12, 1952, and was a member of the Ripley, IL, Church of God until the time of her death.

Words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer April 27, 1978. Pastor Rex Cain of the Macomb, IL, Church of God offered prayer and read from the Scriptures in the service. Burial was in the Huntsville Cemetery. May our Lord Jesus Christ soon return to claim his own, even from among the dead.

Dale Harshman, pastor.

STAFF ADDITIONS

We are happy to announce the appointment of Bro. and Sr. Russell Reye to the General Conference staff effective August 1, 1978. Brother Reye will be the Director of Student Affairs for Oregon Bible College, and Sister Reye will be the Women's Dormitory Director.

Sister Dianne Rademachir will be in charge of meal services for the school year of 1978-79.

I WAS GLAD

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psa. 122:1). No doubt, this attitude toward worship was one reason why God found in David a man after his own heart. True worship is never a bore to the worshiper. We enjoy hearing others talk or sing about that which we love—even though the singing may not be the best, and the sermon leaves room for much improvement. We are not there as critics of the worship service, but as friends of the Lord.

If you are sometimes disgruntled about the quality of the music and the dullness of the sermons at your church, try going in a spirit of happy anticipation of a joyous time of serving the Lord. You may be surprised at how much the hymns and the sermon have improved in the space of one week!

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

ARTICLE I, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference states the purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated.

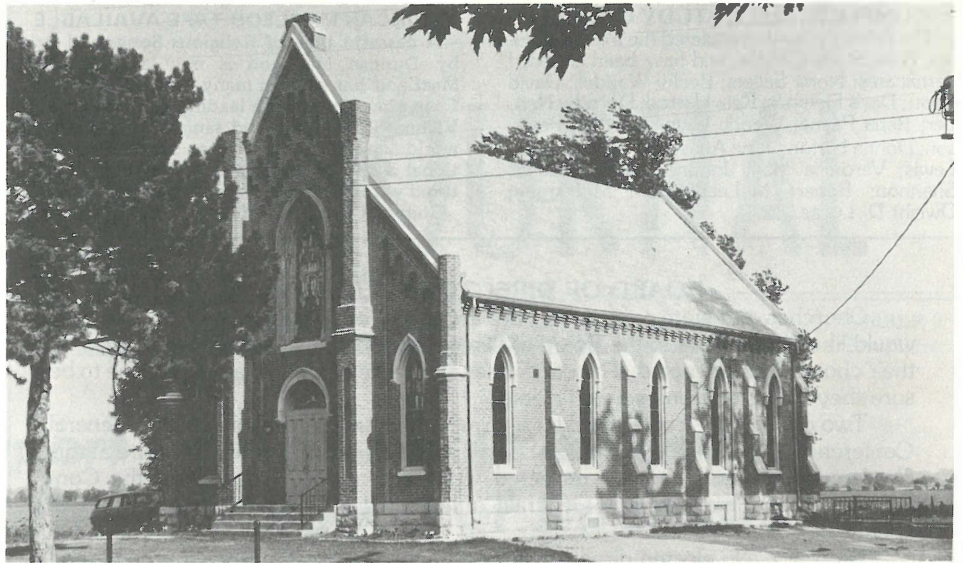
We recommend that the present Article I, Section 1 be deleted, and we further recommend that the following be inserted: Section 1: "The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated is to assist Church of God members, churches, and Conferences to perform their commission to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel to all the world by providing trained personnel, services, resources, and materials."

Explanation: The recommended statement of purpose will put the proper emphasis on the role of the local church and the role of the General Conference. The purpose as stated here can be used as a measurement for the value and effectiveness of everything that the General Conference is doing or planning to do. It will basically assist the member churches and people to preach the gospel in all the world and feed the Church of God.

ARTICLE IV (Officers of the Conference), Section 6 now reads: "The term of office for all General Conference Directors shall be for three years. No director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: Three directors the first year, two directors the following year, and two directors the next year, and directors shall be elected in this order hereafter."

We recommend that ARTICLE IV (Officers of the Conference), Section 6 be amended to read: "The term of office for all Church of God General Conference Directors shall be for four years. No Director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: two in 1978 for three years; one in 1979 for three years; two in 1979 for four years; two in 1980 for four years; continuing therefrom with every Director being elected for a four-year term."

Explanation: We believe that the three-year term of office is not sufficient to learn the complex issues which are handled by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, and to deal knowledgeably with these issues. Every three years, three new members are elected to the Board. This is too great a change in one year. Under the above proposal, two members would be elected every year for three years, and the fourth year one member would be elected.



FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

Lafayette, Indiana

Faith Chapel Church of God at Lafayette, IN, had its beginning in 1954, when a group of believers initiated a Bible class under the leadership of Pastor Curtis Simpson. The class met in the homes of its members.

Pastor James Watkins continued the Bible classes after Brother Simpson moved away. In April of 1966, he called a meeting of the group. It was decided the time had come to go forward in faith, and to organize a church. Even though it was not known where the first church service would be held, the date was set for May 15.

An empty store building located at 12th and Central streets was found. It would be suitable for our needs, and was for sale. Many of the materials needed to convert the store into a sanctuary were found in the basement. Our sister churches helped us prepare the building for church services. By May 15, we were ready.

In September, Brother Watkins died of a heart attack. For about a year following his death, Oregon Bible College students and pastors from Hedrick, Hillisburg, and Kokomo helped fill the pulpit.

Our first full-time pastor, Brother Russell Magaw, came to us in 1967. Under his leadership, a lot was purchased and plans for erecting a new church were made.

Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II succeeded Brother Magaw in 1972. Improvements on the property and blueprints for the planned church building were made during this time. The ground-breaking ceremony was held April 7, 1973. For some reason unknown to us, our hopes to have a church on the lot we had purchased never materialized.

A special meeting was called in October of 1974 to discuss the possibility of submitting a bid on an old church in Shadeland. The windows were boarded up and the building would require a lot of work to remodel. A realtor had appraised the property value as \$4,000 to \$5,000. It was known that the owners had received a bid of \$6,000, yet we felt led to offer \$4,500. We believed that if it was God's will for us to have this building, our bid would be accepted.

In a few days, we were informed that our bid had been chosen, even though a bid for \$6,800 had been received. Preference had been given to us because we desired to restore the building and use it for a church.

Soon work was started. One year later, the roof had been repaired, the outside sandblasted and the sanctuary painted. Despite many inconveniences, Sunday school and church services were held in the Shadeland church, as remodeling continued.

Pastor Arnold Johns and Pastor Kirkpatrick exchanged pastorates in September of 1977, after each had accepted his call.

Work went forward steadily on the basement, sanctuary, and grounds.

It was an exciting time for all when some of the Sunday school classes could be held in the basement, even though it was not completely finished. When the Oregon Bible College Chorale came to Lafayette, it was a thrill to have them as our guests at the "grand opening" of the fellowship hall.

At last, the long-awaited day arrived, the day for which many people had prayed, worked, and planned—the joyously anticipated time for the Dedication Service.

Our only regret is that some who worked toward this goal were unable to come and share this joyous occasion on June 5, 1977. Our guest speakers were Pastors Curtis Simpson and S. O. Ross.

We pray God will help us to be an active church, working to bring others to our Savior.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Nona Sellers; Becky Waddell; David Elliott; Doris Fletcher; Reta Harrod; Dorothy Napier; Rena Payne; Wendy Payne; George Peterson; Donna Hirton; June Anes; Lyle Murfin; Patty Lewis; Veronica May; Johnny Wilson; Patrick Shannon; Robert McLead; Fred McHargue; Dwight D. Lucas.

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.

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 1978 General Conference. The terms of **Hollis Partlowe** and **John E. Fautleroy** 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.

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.

Cost: \$3.00 for each cassette.

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

Contributors to the General Conference: April, 1978

Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhaus	35.00	Everett Rogers	28.00	Blessed Hope Miss Soc	10.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	300.00
IN State Conference	262.53	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Anonymous	37.00	Lafayette Faith Chapel Lydias	20.00
In Memory of Elder		Anonymous	264.00	Mr & Mrs Wilber Coulter	20.00	Mr & Mrs George DeForest	50.00
& Mrs Richard Humphreys	600.00	Anonymous	46.92	Mr & Mrs John Prak	200.00	Anonymous	65.00
Mr & Mrs Kurt Laurent	80.00	Jaynes St Church	830.82	Eden Valley Miss Soc	27.00	Mary Krogh	50.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Young	27.00	Blood River Church	105.02	SW Conference	465.00	Mr & Mrs L F Slocum	75.00
Pennellwood-Southlawn-Garden		Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Sr	20.00	Eldorado Church	116.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Parsons	100.00
Park Services	105.40	Macomb SS	16.86	Blanchard Miss Soc	175.00	Mr & Mrs Loyd Cooper	80.00
Eunice Otto	25.00	Golden Rule SS	25.00	Mr & Mrs Scott Ross	50.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00
Pomona Church	120.00	Cool Spring SS	25.00	Inez Gordon	20.00	Doris Reye	10.00
Lafayette Faith Chapel	60.00	Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers	20.00	Springfield Radio Ministry	9.40	Arthur/Ruth Fletcher	25.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Carlisle	20.00	Anonymous	5.00	Mr & Mrs Dean Vance	25.00	Fonthill SS	16.23
Macomb Church	178.96	Brush Creek Church	282.10	Lauren Steiner	25.00	Edith Eades	10.00
Anonymous	1.00	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	23.50	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	25.00	McGintytown Church	50.00
Milo Magaw	50.00	Mrs J F Paustian	20.00	Anonymous	20.00	Monroe Elton	25.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Hedrick Church	109.11	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	105.00	Garden Park Church	315.00
Mr & Mrs Leo Rager	27.00	Eden Valley Church	262.29	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	37.00	Mr & Mrs Oral Miller	100.00
Paul Hatch	10.82	Leota Hanson	10.00	Grace Marsh	20.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00
Mr & Mrs Dean Urish	7.00	Alice Bassett	40.00	Pennellwood Church	305.32	Guthrie Grove Church	1,033.48
Eurie Mosher	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Helen Lewis	10.00	Kosza Church	36.00
Ripley Miss Soc	70.00	Mr & Mrs W M Williamson	10.00	New Hope Church	75.00	Anonymus	5.00
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	27.93	Verna Freeman	50.00	Dale Elzinga	20.00	Alice Marshall	5.00
Truth Seekers SS	16.60	Mr & Mrs Myron Krienke	5.00	Blessed Hope SS	19.91	Southlawn Church	359.91
Litchfield SS	10.48	Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	50.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademacher	81.00
Marjorie Mogle	50.00	MI State Conference	149.60	May White	17.00	Blessed Hope Church	106.76
S Bend Hope Chapel	132.89	Mr & Mrs Burton Smith	200.00	Forest Hills Church	23.10	Mr & Mrs John Waterman	20.00
Raker Union SS	22.00	Clyde Long	25.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Cramer	10.00	Flagg Center Church	47.00
Mildred Somers	35.00	Glad Tidings Outreach	30.00	Lakeshore Christian		J Anon	40.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Oregon SS	12.36	Ladies League	25.00	North Salem Church	150.73
Mr & Mrs Virgil Claypool	1.00	Burr Oak Church	449.97	Hector Dorcas	9.70	Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson	10.00
Eternal Hope Church	107.94	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00	Mr & Mrs Z B Duncan	20.00
IL State Conference	165.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	120.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	25.00	Connie Ross	65.00
Lakeshore Bible Church	412.80	Ruth Reid	30.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	65.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	125.00
Blanchard Church	352.01	Mr & Mrs O A Messersmith	5.00	M A Patrick	300.00	Seattle Group	665.85
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	20.00	Anonymous	21.00	Fonthill Church	302.99	E Oregon Chapel	55.15
Oregon Mary & Martha	25.00	Katherine Tackett	102.00	Greg Demmitt	12.00	Allen Wegener	15.00
Maurertown Church	17.28	LA Contributors	50.00	Mr & Mrs Everett Kraft	400.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	30.00
Golden Rule Church	54.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	150.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00	Royal Village SS	16.67
Julian Hazlewood	10.00	Anonymous	200.00	Fremont SS	14.40	Mr & Mrs Jerry Kerr	235.00
Fredericktown Church	6.50	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	30.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	26.00	Mr & Mrs Bill Andrew	200.00
Cool Spring Church	54.18	Mrs Otis Lippincott	25.00	Brush Creek SS	36.40	Conger St Church	41.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	60.00	Mr & Mrs Daniel Ryan	30.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Nina Hatcher	22.00
NE Conference	265.00	Michael Gallagher	15.00	Marion Partlow	50.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	65.00
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Columbia Church	477.44	Phoenix Bible Church	180.00	Mr & Mrs C L McCorkle	250.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Mary Hale	15.00				

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Editor Retires

Brother J. Richard LeCrone, who has been Editor of Church of God publications for the past five years, has retired



J. R. LeCrone

effective August 31. Brother LeCrone has had a very active ministry for the past 46 years—holding a number of pastorates, serving on the General Conference Board of Directors, the License and Ordination Board, and as Editor of Church of God publications for the past five years. We appreciate the dedicated service of Brother & Sister LeCrone, and we wish both of them God's rich blessing in their retirement years.

Harmans Move to Arizona

Brother & Sister Hugh Harman and their family (Dean and Heidi) have moved to the State of Arizona. Brother Harman resigned his position as Director of Student Affairs at Oregon Bible College, but will continue as Youth Director of the Church of God General Conference and will serve in that capacity from Arizona. We are sorry to have

him leave the Oregon Bible College staff, but are pleased that he will continue serving in the capacity of Youth Director for the coming year.

Sister Harman served as Director of the Women's Dormitory, and was Director of Food Services for Oregon Bible College the past few years. Her services will be missed.

We are pleased to announce that Sister Dianne Rademachir will serve as Director of Food Services for Oregon Bible College this current school year.

Other Changes and Additions

We welcome to the General Conference staff Brother and Sister Russell Reye and their family. Brother Reye will serve as Director of Student Affairs and will be an assistant to the registrar of Oregon Bible College. Brother Reye has been in the public school field for many years as teacher and in administration.

Sister Gayle Reye will serve as Women's Dormitory Director. She comes well qualified for this position with many years of service with the youth in both the State and General Conference levels.

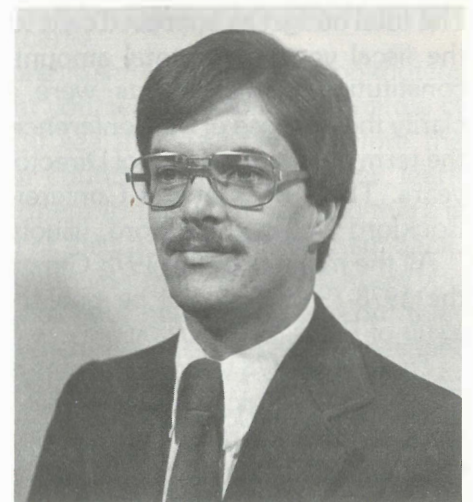
Brother Sam Voorhies is now a member of the General Conference staff. He is serving part time as instructor in Oregon Bible College and part time with the Sunday School Department in the area of quarterly curriculum and related work.

Brother David Krogh will serve as Editor of Church of God publications on an interim basis for the next year. He will continue to serve as Director of the Sunday School Department, but will be relieved of his duties as Office Manager and Supervisor of the mailing department.

Bro. Paul Newell began serving as

Office Manager, Supervisor of the Mailing Department, and Supervisor of Computer Operations on August 15. Paul, who is married to the eldest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Hollis Partlowe, has been working part time in the bookkeeping department of the Conference during the past year while attending Northern Illinois University. He was graduated in May of this year with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Minor in Banking. He was a member of the Phoenix Bible Church of God before he and his wife Rachel moved their membership to the Oregon Church of God in 1976.

On August 15th, Sr. Rachel Newell began work as secretary for Oregon Bible College. Since moving to Oregon, she has held a responsible position in the offices of Wood Bros., Inc., a large manufacturing firm.

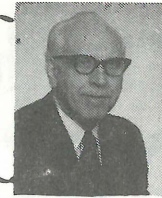


Paul Newell

We are pleased to welcome each of the new members to the staff and pray God's rich blessing on those who are leaving us.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



1978 General Conference

The 58th Annual Church of God General Conference, which was held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois August 7-11, was an inspirational experience to the 635 who attended. The amended report of the General Conference Study Committee was presented. Prior to the Conference business session, the Board of Directors recommended the following change to the published report, "When the Board of Directors is acting as the Board of Oregon Bible College, the Executive Director will be present and serve as an advisor to the Board." The change was added to the flow chart. The amended report was adopted.

Harold Doan of Los Angeles, CA, and Dwaine Demmitt of Troy, OH, were elected to the Board of Directors. The officers of the Conference for the coming year: William Lawrence, Chairman; Harold Doan, Vice-Chairman; Joe James, Secretary; and Russell Magaw, Treasurer. The three-year term of Brothers Hollis Partlowe and John E. Fauntleroy expired at this Conference. We commend these men for the dedication and strong input to the work of the Church of God General Conference Board the past three years.

Scott Ross and Michael Mattison were reelected to the Sunday School Board; Kent Ross was reelected to the Home Missions Board; and Paul Overholser was reelected to the Foreign Missions Board.

The Board of Directors presented a budget that would require \$285,000 in contributions. The delegates then voted to add \$41,000 for increases of staff salaries. The total budget as approved calls for contributions for the fiscal year in the total amount of \$326,000. Two constitutional amendments were approved—one to clarify the purpose of the conference and one to extend the term of office of Board of Director from three to four years. The 1979 General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 6-10.

All the minutes of the 1978 General Conference and the 1978-79 Budget will be published in the October issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL.

There were 178 voting delegates during the sessions. The various services and activities of the Conference were a real inspiration to all who attended, and we commend each one who had a part in making this a most successful General Conference.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois on August 5 and 6 and also met on several occasions during the General Conference. The report of the Executive Director and the financial report were reviewed and approved. The report of each department of the General Conference was reviewed.

The next business meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Oregon, Illinois, November 30 - December 1 and 2. Any items of business that should be brought on for discussion should be presented to the Executive Director or one of the Board Members prior to that date.

Retirement Association Biannual Meeting

The biannual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association was held on Wednesday evening, August 9, at Rockford College. Brother Dean Urish of Freeport, Illinois, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Association for a four-year term. He was elected to replace Bro. Willard Naylor of Nappanee, Indiana, who chose not to be a candidate for the office. Brother Naylor has been a member of the Board of Trustees since the organization was established in 1968 and we commend him for his dedication and concern for the Retirement Association during his years of service. The other members of the Board of Trustees are: Bro. Clyde Randall, Chairman; and the Executive Director, who is automatically Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

Conference Finances

We are pleased to report that the Goal for Giving for the months of July and August have been reached. We are grateful to the membership and the churches for the response to the needs of the Conference. We covet your continued prayers and concerns for all the avenues of service of the Church of God General Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

\$249,000.00

Goal for July-August	\$41,500.00
Given in July-August	41,858.00
September Needs	20,750.00

GOAL FOR SEPTEMBER \$20,750.00

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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).

Literature Saturation Program

We are glad that twenty-one churches are participating in the Literature Saturation Program which begins this month. Much time and effort have gone into preparing for these literature mailings. Please pray that this effort will bear fruit and that people will respond to Christ as a result. Pray specifically for the participating churches and the members who will be making follow-up calls on those who receive the literature.

Missions, Music, and Media People—Attention!

Because you are involved in these important areas of ministry, you are very important people. Your contribution to the overall ministry of your local church is appreciated.

Here is an opportunity for all of you to work together to provide an inspiring and challenging program for Missions Month (November).

Dick Anthony has written a missionary musical that has a powerful message. It is entitled simply "Harvest" and presents a musical picture of the fields of people that are waiting to be harvested for the Lord.

The music can be made even more effective by the addition of appropriate colored slides shown while the choir sings. Two songs especially lend themselves to this. While the song "Seedtime and Harvest" is sung slides showing scenes from nature (fields of grain, rain, sun, etc.) can be used. The following song, "Let Me See," could use slides depicting different kinds of people who are in need of what Christ has to offer.

Another effective missionary cantata that you might use is "Go Tell Your World" by Don Marsh. This collection of gospel songs and hymns (including "Only One Life," "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," and "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus") is an experience of missionary challenge and commitment. You will want to go to your Christian bookstore to look at both of these works to determine which one would be suited to the size and abilities of your choir.

"For This Cause"

This is the title of a play based on the ministry and martyrdom of John and Betty Stam, missionaries to China. If you have persons in your church who are interested in drama, we feel this would be a very moving presentation to prepare for Missions Month.

"For This Cause" is a reader's theatre play. This

means that members of the cast (four men and three women) may legitimately use scripts during the performance. No scenery or special costumes are really needed.

For more information about the play, write to the Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

You Are Not a Leader, But You WANT to Be Involved?

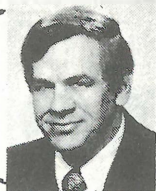
In July we considered some suggestions in answer to the question, "What do you suggest a person could do who does not feel like a leader, but still has a desire to be a part of evangelism?" We continue with additional ideas.

6. Are you a caring person? This is such an important part of the ministry of Christ's church. There are periods of transition in people's lives when their normal everyday routine is disrupted by irregular events. Such things as the death of a family member, divorce, loss of job, addition to the family, and personal injury or illness are examples. During times like these a friend who cares and who expresses that concern can be a great strength to those in need of extra support. Also during these transitional times, the unchurched are more responsive to a change in life style (which certainly is involved in becoming a Christian). Be aware of your friends' needs and when these irregular events occur, be there to offer a helping hand. A phone call, a visit, running errands, doing a favor—there are many ways to show that you care and that God cares.

7. During your worship services, be on the lookout for new people. Appoint yourself a welcome committee of one. Make sure you see that new family before the members leave your church. Introduce yourself, learn their names, direct them to the guest book so there is sure to be a record of their address. Invite them back. Later in the week, go to visit them. Let them know you are glad they came to your church and find out their response to your worship service. If you are hesitant about making the visit alone, take an outgoing person with you, or encourage another couple to make the call. Pray—no matter who goes.

8. Perhaps your abilities lie more in the area of secretarial work. If your church does not employ a secretary for your pastor, volunteer your services a few hours each week to free your pastor for more pressing

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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

Connie Mongan Resigns

Connie Mongan has taught English at Oregon Bible College for four years. We have very much appreciated her dedication and excellent teaching ability. Mrs. Mongan has decided to seek full-time employment in another field. We thank her for the work she has done for us and pray the Lord's blessing on her.

Rock Valley Courses

Oregon Bible College has offered courses in cooperation with Rock Valley Community College this past year. Because of efforts to expand their program in the Oregon Community, Rock Valley is planning to offer courses in the local high school this fall, rather than using the Bible College facilities. We will enroll our students in those general education courses which are applicable to our program as Rock Valley College makes them available.

Fall Semester

During this fall semester, students are enrolled in such courses as New Testament History, Systematic Theology, Major Prophets, Old Testament History, Hermeneutics, Pauline Epistles, Beginning Greek, Speech, Music Theory, Beginning Hebrew, Intermediate Greek, Homiletics, Church Administration, Bible Study Methods, Christian Education Principles, Christian Education of Children, Church Music, Personal Growth, Ecclesiology, Chorale, and Choir.

In our cooperative program with Rock Valley College, students are taking Sociology and Earth Science I.

New Faculty Members

Instructor Sam Voorhies will be teaching Christian Education of Children, Christian Education Principles, and Personal Growth. He will also direct the Christian Service Program.

Russell Reye is Director of Student Affairs and will be in charge of Dormitory Directing, counseling, testing of students, and research.

The addition of two new well-qualified members greatly improves our program, and will help our students to adjust to life and education.

Education in Perspective

There is no universal agreement on what the central thrust of education should be. American public education has been directed by the philosophy that every individual has the right to formal learning. European education, on the other hand, has been directed on the

principle that only those who display superior learning abilities should be encouraged to go on to advanced education. If we were to compare secular and Christian education, we would find their goals quite different.

Kenneth Gangel, an administration and Christian education consultant, advocates that a Christian Institution of higher learning should possess three different qualities. The first of these qualities is evangelical commitment. A Christian Institution will identify its doctrinal statement before the public, and will clearly indicate that both its faculty and board are committed to that position. This doctrinal position will be in evidence in many different ways, testifying to the beliefs of its board and faculty members.

Mr. Gangel also states that the Christian Institution must serve the church. There are five questions that can be asked to test this statement: 1) Is the curriculum oriented to the church's ministry? 2) Are students required to attend church services? 3) Are students required to engage in Christian service ministries while in school? 4) Does the college genuinely listen to pastors? 5) Where do the graduates go, both in terms of their vocational choice and worship experience?

A third component of a Christian Institution is educational quality. Mr. Gangel advocates that "an institution of Christian higher education ought to be accredited by appropriate professional agencies. It is impossible for parents or local churches to check all the variables in an attempt to establish educational quality. Faculty credentials, library holdings, curriculum design, instruction pattern, facilities and equipment, transferability of credits, can all be measured under the broad banner of accreditation."

Mr. Gangel believes that the rejection of educational qualities leads to "superseparatism which produces intellectual incest, academic inbreeding, stagnation of educational quality and smug complacency."

The Bible College has the unique and important task of integrating faith and learning. If we are to seriously face the question of Christian higher education, we must understand clearly the important role we play in the training of our young people.

Junior-Senior Weekend

This year we are sponsoring two Junior-Senior Weekends. The Fall Junior-Senior Weekend will be October 19-21, and the Spring Junior-Senior Weekend will be April 5-7.



BYF NEWS



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

International Berean Youth Conference

In looking back at the 1978 International Berean Youth Conference, I find myself feeling that we experienced one of the best conferences ever held. This conclusion came after reading the camp evaluations, which each year are prepared by the campers and staff. I certainly praise our Lord for the end results.

Two hundred and eighty-one campers (seventy-one post-high and two hundred nine high school young people) from all over the United States and from Canada attended this year's conference, which was held at Camp Alexander Mack near Milford, Indiana. It is an inspiring sight on the first day of conference to watch these young people come in. They seem to be so full of excitement and anticipation. Our young people are truly an asset to the Church of God and to our Lord.

The staff of this year's camp truly did an outstanding job, which was evidenced by the interest shown in the various activities which were carried out during the week. Especially meaningful to the campers were the classes conducted each morning and the campfires each night. The teachers and campfire directors certainly did a super job.

To me, the greatest thrill of the camp week occurs on Thursday night, which is when the traditional Decision Night Service is held. We had ten young people accept Christ as their personal Savior this year. I can only praise the Lord for their decisions. We certainly pray for the Lord's richest blessings on the following young people as they begin to live their lives for God and his Son: Kim Banks; Lisa Beresh; Teri Carpenter; Carolyn Davis; Greg Garlough; Carmella McDonald; Jim Owens; Ricky Owens; Stanley Partain; and Karen Stevens.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of this year's camp. You are certainly to be commended for your super job. I would also like to thank all young people who attended as campers. Your cooperative attitude was unparalleled.

Concerning the Youth Department for 1978-79

Many people have asked about the status of the Youth Department for the coming year. It has been my privilege to have served these past four years and to have been asked to serve for the coming year. All correspondence should continue to be sent to Box 100, Oregon, IL, except that which is personal. This should be addressed to Box 28124, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Sunday School Attendance Figures

Below are the figures which compare the average Church of God Sunday School attendance of January through March, 1977, with the averages for the same months in 1978:

	1977	1978
January	3,776	3,605
February	4,164	4,042
March	4,262	4,234

These figures show a slight average decline of about 2.7% over the past year. This is an improvement over the 7.7% decrease which we experienced for the months of October, November, and December.

I am happy for those churches and Sunday Schools which are concerned about the many people in their area who have not accepted Christ and who do not attend Sunday School or church.

The Oregon Church recently looked into the needs of the people in its community to discover the potential for growth. They discovered that there are about 7,000 people in the Oregon School District. After contacting all of the churches in the area, it was discovered that there are on the average about 2,500 people who attend Sunday School and/or church on Sunday morning. This leaves a balance of about 4,500 people who are either unbelieving church members or confessed nonchristians. These are people who have spiritual needs and it is the desire of the Oregon Church to minister to them through the services and programs of the church.

There is undoubtedly an equal, or greater, number of people in the area of your church who do not know the Lord and who are in need of hearing the gospel. When Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them (Matt. 9:36). Do you care about those who have fainted and who are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd? If the people of your church care, I imagine that effort is being put forth to contact these people, and invitations are being extended to them to come to services.

Many churches are making contacts through the Literature Saturation Program which began this month. Over 4,000 people will be reached through this effort. I trust that follow-up personal contacts will be effective in bringing many of these people to a knowledge of the truth.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Churches IN THE News

BAPTISMS

Garden Park, MI. We at Garden Park Church of God rejoice with three of our congregation who were baptized during July of 1978. They are: Dean Johnson, baptized July 9; Diane Perkins, baptized July 19; and Judith Hazel, baptized July 23. We welcome them as new members at Garden Park Church and as our new brother and sisters in Christ.
Betty Alters, secretary.

Fort Valley, VA. Upon their confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord before the Fort Valley Church of God, July 30, 1978, Ardith Sullivan, Cristina Sullivan, and Dianna Delinski were baptized immediately following in Passage Creek for the forgiveness of their sins.

We pray God's blessings on these young ladies as they begin the Christian life.

James Mattison, pastor.

Plymouth, IN. We welcome into the fellowship of the North Salem Church of God four fine young people: Tracey and Wendy Carlisle, Argus, IN; and Terri and Mike Miller, Plymouth, IN. They were baptized by Wood Talcott at the Eugene DeMien's pond, July 16, 1978.

In response to the invitation given at the close of the service July 30, 1978, at North Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Rebecca Ramsey) Grubbs came forward requesting baptism. They were immersed in the waters of the DeMien pond immediately following the morning service.

Emory Macy, pastor.

Macomb, IL. Brenda Osborn was baptized May 14, 1978, at the Sunday evening service of the Macomb Church of God. She had stepped forward the Sunday before, requesting baptism and professing her faith. We rejoice with the angels in Brenda's decision.
Phyllis Davis, secretary.

Albert City, IA. Our hearts were made glad for the confession of Christ as Savior by Peggy Jo Milton, and it was my privilege to take her into the waters of baptism Sunday morning, July 9, 1978. May she walk steadfastly in the new life she has begun with Jesus Christ as her Lord.

J. Arthur Johnson.

Pleasant Hill, OH. Linda and Keith Willis responded to the gospel invitation and were baptized July 2, 1978, in the Curtis Vance creek. They are husband and wife. We greatly rejoice with them in their decision to begin their life together in Christ.
Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

Bedford, OH. We of The Open Bible rejoice with the angels in heaven over the baptism of Cheryl Boyd. She was baptized in Tinker's Creek, July 9, 1978, following a Sunday School picnic. We welcome Cheryl into the Body of Christ and membership in The Open Bible. May God bless her and us through her changed life.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. June 17, 1978, at the close of Long Lake Bible Camp, Pastor Billie Kennedy baptized Scott Stewart, Wade Hamilton, and Violet Sandry into the body of Christ.

June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Phoenix, AZ. The Bible Church of God rejoices over the recent baptisms of: Christy Bulard, May 14, 1978; Jackie and Joseph Masei, May 21, 1978; and Jeanna and Louis Tourville, May 28, 1978. May God bless them as they begin their new walk in Christ at the Bible Church.

James Graham, pastor

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

J R LeCrone (Jane), 201 Hagar Ave., P.O. Box 96, Millledgeville, IL 61051.

MARRIAGES

On June 10, 1978, Lawrence Kooyman took Juanita Phillips as his wife in a beautiful garden wedding at the home of her parents. May God bless these two who have now become one.

David A. Cheatwood, pastor.

Sarah Ann Foster became the bride of Kenny Paul Cronin, June 17, 1978, at the Koszta Church of God, rural Marengo, IA. The parents are Bro. and Sr. Raymond Foster, Sycamore, IL, and Bro. and Sr. Clark Cronin, East Wenatchee, WA.

Sarah and Ken are members of the Church of God. Their marriage is (as it ought to be) in obedience to the Word of God. They will make their home on Route 2, Belle Plaine, IA. Officiating were Delbert and Darrell Rankin, co-pastors of the Restitution Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, Belle Plaine.

May God richly bless them as they dwell together, and serve their Master together.

Delbert Rankin, pastor.

At 2 p.m. June 10, 1978, Bro. Randy Hall, son of Bro. and Sr. David Hall of Oregon, IL, and Sr. Marianne Kastner, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Al Kastner of Dixon, IL, exchanged their vows of commitment to God and to each other before many friends and relatives.

They had a large part in making plans and arrangements for each step of the wedding. Bro. Hollis Partlow read the scriptures used, and offered the prayer. Sr. Louise Lapp played the organ music, and Bro. Francis Burnett sang. The writer led them in speaking their vows and commitments.

Following the wedding, a large crowd gathered in the church social hall for refreshments and well-wishing.

May our God keep them true to the beautiful service, which inspired them for a life of love. They will reside in Dixon, on Squires Ave.

C. E. Lapp, former pastor.

July 1, 1978, marked the marriage of Miss Donna Robins and Michael Matthews. The afternoon ceremony was held in the Ripley, IL, Church of God. Many guests attended.

The writer was privileged to officiate in their exchanging of vows and the giving and receiving of rings. We wish this young couple the best of God's wonderful blessings. Donna and Mike will make their home in Rushville, IL.

Dale Harshman, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Steven N. Krug; Joyce Hancock; Dan Hancock; Marie Kemble; Ray Merrill; Elizabeth Dix; Linda Loveless; Clayton Browning.

OBITUARIES

David B. Bruce was born in Springfield, IA March 25, 1922, and died Thursday, July 5, 1978. He married Evelyn J. Nejol, September 1, 1951. To this union were born three children: Suzanne, Diane, and Keith. For the past fourteen years they have resided in Lombard, IL. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. Memorial services were conducted by the writer at Brust Funeral Home in Lombard, with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.
Clyde E. Randall.

Glen R. Hoskins was born March 26, 1901, on the home farm of W. F. (Doc) Hoskins and Ruth Hoskins, near Eden Valley, MN. He attended the corner school house (district 69), graduated from Eden Valley High School and continued to live on the farm. He was a longtime member of the Church of God in Eden Valley, having served the church in several capacities. On August 28, 1924, he was married to Mabel Bennett. To this union was born one son, Richard. After a lingering illness of about two years, he died at the St. Cloud, MN, Hospital on July 5, 1978. He leaves to mourn his death his wife of 53 years; his son; two grandchildren, Alan Hoskins and Kathy Schoenherr; one step-grandson, Sam Collins; four great-grandchildren; five sisters: Madge Savage of Pomona, CA; Orpha Ferrell, Easley, SC; Noma Beliveau, Minneapolis, MN; Shala Hamilton, Eden Valley; Iva Smith, Easley, SC; and a host of relatives and friends. Glen's hope was anchored in Christ his Savior, and his hope was in the wonderful promise of Christ's second coming and the kingdom of God. He rests in sleep, waiting the resurrection that will come. May it be soon.

June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Ella J. Tritabaugh was born March 28, 1888, in Wisconsin. She died at the age of 90 years. Services were held June 12, 1978, at Eden Valley, MN, with Pastor Billie Kennedy officiating. Interment was in the Lester Prairie, MN, cemetery.

June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

The membership of the Phoenix Bible Church of God was saddened by the unexpected death of one of our members. **Mary Thal** succumbed to the enemy death on May 8, 1978. We join in prayer with her husband Ted and the family for the soon return of Christ and that day when death is forever destroyed and we again will see Mary in the resurrection.

James Graham, pastor.

Mrs. Marguerite Burton, a longtime member of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, CA, fell asleep in death June 14, 1978. Born in Monument, Co, in 1896, Sr. Burton's family moved to the Seattle area, where she was baptized into Christ by Bro. Corbaley in 1911. In 1924 she moved to Bell, CA, where she married J. George Burton in 1926. Suffering from an extended bout with cancer, Sr. Burton fell asleep peacefully. Surviving are her daughter, Evalyn Amirault; a son, Charles G.; a sister, Frances McCormack; a brother, Maynard Schaeffer; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thes. 4:16). This was the hope of Sr. Burton, even as it is of those of us who still live.

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Staying calm is the best way to take the wind out of an angry man's sails.

MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE

The Michigan Church of God State Conference, with approximately 37 ministers and delegates present, met June 3 at Southlawn Church for the Annual Business meeting.

Recommendation: Even though we recognize we have weaknesses, that in the coming year we make a greater effort in weeding out the unnecessary and make a greater effort to go forward.

There was a lengthy discussion on disbanding the State Conference. A vote showed that 23 were for continuing, 7 for disbanding.

New officers elected are: President, Kent Ross; 2nd Vice President, Robert Smith; Treasurer, Ed Dykstra.

Recommendation: We withdraw our official 1973 automatic offer to support the L'Anse minister from the books. It was passed.

Joyce Knapp reported the Rockford, MI, area as very favorable to start a home Bible study group.

The budget was discussed and adopted. One thousand dollars is to be sent to the Church of God General Conference, and a gift of one thousand dollars to be given to the Richard Eldred family, which this month will be moving to Oregon, IL, so Richard can enter Oregon Bible College this fall. Frances Wood, secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 10-17—Special meetings at Guthrie Grove, SC. Gordon Landry, speaker.

Oct. 6-8—Illinois Fall State Conference at Effingham.

Oct. 13-15—Church Growth Seminar at Restitution Church of God, Eldorado, IL. S. O. Ross, Kent Ross, and David Krogh, guest workers.

Oct. 15-18—Special Meetings at Eden Valley Church of God. Pastor Richard Worley, guest speaker.

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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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MISSIONS NEWS

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duties. Volunteer to keep an up-to-date card file for your visitation chairman. Keep records of calls made on prospects, who called, what information was gained, etc.

9. Perhaps you are a shut-in, or for some other reason are unable to attend church services. One of the most important things you can do is pray. Ask a friend who attends mid-week prayer service to write down the requests that are made there and give them to you the next morning. Uplift your pastor in prayer as he carries out the many responsibilities involved in ministering to

God's people. Write and ask to receive the monthly Praise and Prayer Calendar for requests for God's work both at home and abroad.

10. Here are some things we can do to prepare a good climate for telling about the One who makes a difference in our lives. Learn to smile. Speak to everyone. Pay a sincere compliment each day. When someone does a good job or a good deed, let him know you appreciate it.

11. Be prepared! "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Pet. 3:15, NIV).

Contributors to the General Conference: June, July, 1978

Delia Stanton	10.00	Anonymous	1.00	In memory of Dennis Driskill:		Ft Valley SS	137.53
Mr & Mrs John R Lewis	420.00	Bill & Ruth Williams	20.00	Pastor & Mrs Leon Driskill	125.00	Anonymous	5.00
Anonymous	21.00	Golden Rule SS	15.00	Dennis Driskill Memorial:		Virginia Henninger	20.00
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Mr & Mrs Vernon Chaplin	300.00	Anonymous	20.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Moreland	20.00	Leota Hanson	10.00
Ark City Hope Chapel SS	60.00	Fremont SS	46.40	Digby Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum	20.00
Anonymous	2,888.82	Mr & Mrs Burton Smith	250.00	MI State Conference	1,095.71	Lowell E Holt	100.00
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