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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By William D. Lawrence, M.D.

TODAY I'd like to share with you some thoughts from Ephesians 1:3-10. As we go through this, I want you to think that this really applies to us. This is a doctrinal affirmation, this translation says. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us." I think we have all been chosen to be here at a crucial time in the General Conference history. "Chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him." His knowledge is infinite and perfect and he knew that we were going to be here on this day in August, 1978, and knew that we were going to be talking about these things. "He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." We have to keep that in mind.

As I studied and prayed in preparation for this meeting, I had a couple of things out in front of me: one was to pray, and the other was to remember that this is Jesus' church. "According to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he has freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." These things really apply to this Conference.

Today I come to you really humble. I realize that I, as an individual, don't know the answers to the problems that

we will be confronting during this meeting.

I have spent a lot of time in prayer, specifically about this week. I have spent a lot of time in discussion and searching my own soul and on my own ideas, and I have not known the direction to go. Fortunately, the Board of Directors has been meeting for the last couple of days and I feel as though I understand the direction that God wants us to go better than I did when I arrived at O'Hare with my wife on Friday afternoon. I feel full of facts and I have heard so many things. I have heard from many of you and I appreciate that. These have been personal communications verbally or in letters. I have heard a lot of opinions. I have my own thoughts about it and I know the thoughts of others. I have talked with Stan Ross, John Lewis, Alva Huffer, and a lot of people that are deeply involved; Harold Doan and his committee; and Mardy and I have obviously spent a lot of time in discussion. I talked about it with my pastor, with the delegates from Phoenix, and maybe 30 other people there and, of course, with the Board of Directors in the last two days. I have done a lot of reading. John Lewis has sent out a lot of material, and I was so vitally interested in what the decisions were going to be that I wanted to gather all the knowledge I could, so I read everything he sent me—a couple of books and a lot of papers.

At this time I still really don't know what God wants us to do. I absolutely don't know what you want to do at this Conference nor do I know what you are going to do. One thing the Board of Directors really wants to know is what you want to do. In some ways I know

exactly what God wants. He wants this church to go forward and I think this is obvious to all of us. I have been trying for openness with God first and openness with others secondly. At first I was very enthused about the Study Committee Report, and then I questioned it as people wrote me letters and I heard things from individuals. Then again, I have become very positive about it, amended in another way you haven't seen yet, but it has been amended a couple of times now. I think it is the way to go, but cautiously.

I have read a book that David Krogh sent entitled "A Manual for Church Growth Surveys," and it made me very introspective about our group—why we are doing the things we are doing and why we are going in the direction we are going. It is important for us to look, because we *are* going in *some* direction. For those of us with leadership responsibilities (and that includes all of you, because you are all here as church leaders and delegates), it is not inopportune for us to take a look at ourselves. We need to assess our strengths and weaknesses. We need to look at the past, not to become morbid, but to gain experience from what we have done, both the good and the bad so that we can project ourselves onto a path more meaningful for progress for God.

We need to look deeply at our strengths so we can capitalize on them. We need to look at our weaknesses so we can eliminate, as we are able, those things that are detrimental and an impediment to fulfilling our tasks.

About two years ago, the Home Missions Board—Warren Sorenson, Kent Ross, and Merle Patrick—went to

Kansas City and heard a man speak by the name of Thomas Zimmerman, the General Superintendent of the Assembly of God. I have heard his tape and I took from it eight things that can happen as an organization grows older:

1) The visual elements replace the invisible.

2) Self-continuity becomes the reason for being (in other words you are just staying alive—this becomes your main thrust).

3) Tendency for the means to become the end, and this becomes the image that we begin to serve in this instance, the General Conference; we serve the organization.

4) Doctrines and beliefs are substituted for reality and experience. It then becomes what we say and not what we do.

5) Quantity dominates quality.

6) Conformity to a master plan tends to replace individual initiative and creativity.

7) Increased dependency upon liturgy and corporate worship, accompanied by professional, clerical development instead of having a continuing cultivation of lay participation. In other words, it is easier to pay the preacher and the staff than to roll up our sleeves and do the job ourselves.

8) Start new things but seldom eliminate things that have been done in the past.

I am sure that many of us can see that these things are happening or have happened to the General Conference of the Church of God. In my introspection, I have wondered if we are really a part of God's church; is what we believe right? I looked to the Scripture and I

found that it easily supports the things we believe. I don't think the Scriptures support at all what we are doing. God wants success in the General Conference and in the member churches. God wants big numbers.

When his church started out on this earth some 2,000 years ago—around the time of the Day of Pentecost—3,000 people through Peter by the Holy Spirit, were added in one day. We are not doing anything like that. God wants big numbers! We are not utilizing the Holy Spirit the way Peter did. Why aren't we doing this? I believe that some of you are afraid of it: afraid to say (let alone shout), "Hallelujah," or "Marantha," or even to say, "He is risen" on Easter morning; afraid that if you do that you will be called Pentecostal, or you are leaning that way and that you are going to speak in tongues.

This church has traditionally been afraid of the Holy Spirit, yet it is obvious that God's presence was there through the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. I'd like to quote my close friend and former pastor, Bro. Hollis Partlowe: "The Charismatic movement is here to stay and we need not fear it. Our theology on the Spirit is sound; however, we do need to face the issue honestly in light of God's Word. Perhaps the reason some of our people have been attracted to the movement is that we haven't given them enough of

the Spirit and assurance of their salvation. That's worth thinking about. Let's keep a balanced theology." He just couldn't have said it any better. I wanted to bring that to you because it wasn't published some place where a lot of you would have a chance to see it.

I am not convinced that we have a burden for the lost. I am not convinced that I really have a burden for my acquaintances and relatives that they are going to burn in the lake of fire unless they accept Jesus as their personal savior. We all must believe that about everybody.

I'm not convinced that we in the position of leadership are willing to give enough time to get the job done. In the last couple of days the Board of Directors has made a commitment that for the coming year or two we will put in several more days in a year's time doing the work of the General Conference Board of Directors. There is much work to be done and a lot of leadership that needs to be given through the Board.

I am not sure that we share enough of our successes, or if we do that it is just quietly at home. We need to talk about our successes and uplift each other. Some may say, "Why is Bill so fired up today about these things, and why did the Board of Directors appoint that Study Committee anyway. What is wrong with the way things are going?"

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## Minutes of the 1978 General Conference

By Joe E. James, Secretary

### Monday, August 7

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference convened on the campus of Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, on Monday, August 7, 1978. Chairman William Lawrence called the first business session to order at 1:45 p.m. Pastor Richard Worley led the delegates in prayer.

Ruth Overholser, Chairperson of the

Credentials Committee, seated the delegates and explained all procedures to be followed by the delegates during business sessions. She reported that a total of 101 delegates were registered prior to lunch. These included 6 officers, 32 ministers, and 63 delegates.

The Chairman recognized the following; delegates who were attending General Conference for the first time, new

churches represented, and newly licensed ministers in attendance.

Chairman Lawrence presented a devotional message in which he emphasized the importance of prayer and recognition of Jesus as head of God's Church as the delegates in Conference consider the important issues of the business sessions. He challenged all present to become involved in a unified



effort to bring about numerical and spiritual growth in the Church of God.

Special Reports as printed in the June, 1978, issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL were considered. The Chairman read the report from the Family Life Committee which was not printed in the PROGRESS JOURNAL. Edward Goit moved and Don Swartz seconded that the delegates approve the reports of the Family Life Committee, Ministers' Fund, Counseling and Arbitration Board, and License and Ordination Board. Motion carried.

J. E. Fauntleroy, a member of the General Conference Board of Directors, reported on the activities of the Board of Directors during the past year.

S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, presented the financial report of the General Conference for the first nine months (October 1, 1977-June 30, 1978) of the current fiscal year and answered questions relative to the report. Bro. Ross also discussed the Restricted Funds Report for the first nine months of the fiscal year. He explained that we have spent a total of \$162,344.28 plus \$12,730.00 in interest on the new women's dormitory and grounds. He stated that \$140,118.58 has been received in contributions on the dormitory, leaving a balance of approximately \$35,000.00 still owed on the women's dormitory. Robert Coverstone moved and Kenny Vancil seconded that the financial reports be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Hugh Harman, Director of the Youth Department, presented the report of the Youth Department. He expressed appreciation to all individuals who contributed to the success of the youth programs during the past year. Bro. Harman gave special recognition to the Guthrie Grove (SC) BYF group which has led in the Coins-for-Christ Crusade for the past three consecutive years. Bro. Harman informed the delegates that he is leaving the General Conference as a full-time employee but will continue to direct the Youth Department on a part-time basis from his home in Arizona.

J. R. LeCrone, Director of the Publishing Department, reported on the activities of his department. Bro. LeCrone announced that he is retiring this year. The delegates gave Bro. LeCrone a standing ovation in appreciation of his work as Editor and Director of the Publishing Department.

Charles Jones moved and Russell Johns seconded that the delegates approve the reports of the Youth Department and Publishing Department. Motion carried.

The session was dismissed with prayer.

### Tuesday, August 8

The second business session was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by the Chairman. Bro. Elmo Gaspar opened the session with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the Monday afternoon business session.

The Chairman called upon Harold Doan, Chairman of the General Conference Study Committee, to lead in a continuation of the discussion of the Study Committee Report which began in an earlier sharing session. This discussion was very thorough and focused on the Study Committee Report as amended by the Board of Directors, the proposed organizational chart, the related recommendations, and other issues concerning the Study Committee Report.

Betty Jannereth moved and J. Arlen Marsh seconded that the General Conference delegates adopt, as presented in its final form by the Board of Directors, the amended report of the General Conference Study Committee. (The final presentation clarified the proposed organizational chart printed in the June, 1978, PROGRESS JOURNAL by showing the Executive Director in an advisory position in relation to the Board of Directors and by indicating communications between the President of Oregon Bible College and the Executive Council with a broken line between the two. The following statement of explanation was added to the final paragraph of the Report on page nine of the June, 1978, PROGRESS JOURNAL: "When the Board of Directors is acting as the Board of the Oregon Bible College, the Executive Director will be present and serve as an advisor to the Board." Ed Bender moved and Scott Ross seconded that the motion to adopt the amended report of the Study Committee be tabled. The motion to table was defeated. The motion to adopt the amended report passed with 155 voting "Yes" and 10 voting "No."

John Huston moved and J. Don Swartz seconded the adoption of Recommendation II: "We recommend that the reorganization as outlined in the amended report of the Study Com-

mittee begin immediately upon approval and that it be completed by September 1, 1979." Motion carried.

Willis Turner moved and Z. B. Duncan seconded the adoption of Recommendation 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." Motion carried.

Edward Goit moved and Emory Macy seconded the adoption of Recommendation IV: "We recommend that Article I, 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."

Motion carried.

Robert Huddleston moved and Jack Hearp seconded the adoption of Recommendation 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."

Motion carried.

It was announced that 175 delegates were registered with 165 voting in this business session.

The session was dismissed with prayer.

### Wednesday, August 9

The third business session was called to order by the Chairman at 1:45 p.m.



Jerry Graham opened the meeting with prayer. Joe James, secretary, read the minutes of the business session on Tuesday.

David Krogh announced that the Delegate Expense Pool had been tabulated and amounted to \$72.10.

The Chairman explained that the terms of two members of the Board of Directors, Hollis Partlowe and John Fauntleroy, expire at the end of this General Conference.

Nominations were opened for Director One. Shirley Urish was nominated by Joe James, and Dwaine Demmitt by Paul Overholser. Kenny Vancil moved and Charles Jones seconded that nominations for Director One be closed. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Director Two. Harold Doan was nominated by Warren Sorenson, John Huston by Richard Worley, J. Roy Humphreys by David Rainwaters, and John Hayse by Austin Railton. Warren Sorenson moved and Eddie Demmitt seconded that nominations for Director Two be closed. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that two directors will be elected at the Thursday business session.

President John Lewis was called upon to respond to any questions or concerns relating to Oregon Bible College business and his report. No additional business concerning Oregon Bible College was brought before the delegates.

Chairman Lawrence introduced Dr. Alva Huffer, who shared with the delegates the progress on the book he is writing under the sponsorship of the Church of God General Conference. This book will be a positive presentation on conditional immortality, the triumph of the resurrection, and misused Bible texts on this subject. Dr. Huffer expects the book to be completed and published by January 1980.

David Krogh of the Sunday School Department presented the report of his department and responded to questions regarding Sunday School work and the report.

The floor was opened for nominations for Sunday School Director One. Michael Mattison was nominated by Charles Bottolfs. Paul Overholser moved and David Cheatwood seconded that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Michael Mattison. Motion carried.

The nominations for Sunday School Director Two were opened. Scott Ross

was nominated by Russell Johns. Kenny Vancil moved and Charles Jones seconded that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Scott Ross. Motion carried.

Ruth Overholser gave the Credentials Committee Report, stating that 177 delegates were registered for the business session today.

The session was dismissed with prayer.

#### Thursday, August 10

The Chairman called the final business session of the 1978 General Conference to order at 1:45 p.m. Kent Ross opened the session with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the business session on Wednesday.

Executive Director S. O. Ross introduced Adrian Shephard, Executive Vice-President of the Advent Christian General Conference, as a fraternal delegate. Bro. Shephard expressed greetings from the Advent Christian General Conference and addressed the delegates.

The Chairman called for the tellers to pass out the printed ballots for the election of two directors. Dwaine Demmitt and Harold Doan were elected to fill the vacancies on the General Conference Board of Directors.

Chairman Lawrence announced that Russell Magaw has been selected by the Board of Directors to fill the position of Director of the Publishing Department beginning September, 1979. He further described that the Board of Directors will work toward filling all new positions approved in adopting the Study Committee's Report with highly qualified people.

Rachel Carr responded to questions and comments about the report of the Home Missions Department and activities of this department.

The term of Kent Ross as a member of the Home Missions Board has expired. The floor was opened for nominations for the vacancy on the Home Missions Board. Kent Ross was nominated by Warren Sorenson. Cecil Railton moved and Charles Bottolfs seconded that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Kent Ross. Motion carried.

Rex Shaw, pastor of the Restitution Church of God, Eldorado, Illinois, read a statement expressing appreciation to the Church of God General Conference for the financial aid given that church for the past three years.

Rachel Carr and members of the Foreign Missions Board answered questions and responded to comments about the work of the Foreign Missions Department.

The floor was opened for nominations for the vacancy on the Foreign Missions Board resulting from the expiration of the term of Paul Overholser. Paul Overholser was nominated by Dwaine Demmitt. Edward Goit moved and Joe Astolfi seconded that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Paul Overholser. Motion carried.

S. O. Ross presented the Proposed Budget as amended and submitted to the delegates by the Board of Directors. Willis Turner moved and Oral Miller seconded that the amount for salaries in the proposed budget be increased to \$200,000.00. Motion carried.

John Huston moved and Larry Mayberry seconded that the Amended Proposed Budget requiring \$326,000.00 in "Goals for Giving" for Fiscal Year 1978-79 be adopted. Motion carried.

Ruth Overholser gave the final report of the Credentials Committee for the 1978 General Conference. There were 178 voting delegates for the Conference which included: 8 directors, 62 ministers, and 108 delegates. 13 conferences and 68 churches were represented. The membership reported by churches on delegate forms totals 3,967.

Joyce Knapp moved and Dorothy Siple seconded that the 1978-79 budget total be divided by the total membership figure to determine what the cost should be for each church member, and that a letter be sent from the General Conference to each member church informing them of this and with a word of encouragement for them to be responsible for their share as the Lord blesses their lives. Motion carried.

The Chairman gave the delegates an opportunity to have an informal discussion and present ideas that might be helpful to the committee studying the Constitution.

Edward Goit moved and Rex Shaw seconded that the minutes of the 1978 General Conference be approved, published, and filed. Motion carried.

Russell Magaw moved and Joe Duncan seconded that the business sessions of the 1978 General Conference be adjourned. Motion carried.

The session was dismissed with prayer.

Joe E. James



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## General Conference Minutes

The minutes of the 1978 annual Church of God General Conference delegate sessions appear in this issue. The annual budget can also be found in this issue. I urge you to read the minutes carefully. It is now up to the Board of Directors and Executive Director and the Conference staff to carry out these programs and recommendations as directed.

## 1979 General Conference Program

The 1979 General Conference will be held at Rockford College August 6-10. The Executive Director and Department Directors will plan the program. Any program suggestions may be sent to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Conference Offerings

An offering is received at each evening service during the Church of God General Conference. The offerings this year were designated for the revolving publishing fund. This fund is used for major printing projects, such as the new hymnal and other book publications of the General Conference. I am pleased to report to you that a total of \$2,466.78 was received in these Conference offerings.

## Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Because of the adoption of the amended Study Committee Report at the 1978 General Conference, there is a need for several changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Church of God General Conference. No major changes have been made in the Constitution since 1961.

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference has appointed a committee to thoroughly study the Constitution and Bylaws and make those recommendations that will update the Constitution according to the present needs.

The following committee was appointed to make this study: Brothers Donald Needham, Chairman; John Hearp; and Ken Vancil. S. O. Ross was appointed an ex-officio member of the committee.

## License and Ordination Board Appointment

Brother James Mattison has been an active member of the License and Ordination Board for the past three years. Brother Mattison is now in a change of pastorates and because of illness in his family he found it difficult or impossible to attend the meetings of this important Board.

The Board of Directors did appoint Brother Richard Worley to fill the one year unexpired term of Bro. Mattison on the License and Ordination Board. The other members of the Board are: Brothers Billie Kennedy and Kenneth Milne, Chairman. We are grateful to Bro. Mattison for his dedicated service while on this board.

## Conference Finances

As this report is written, the contributions to the Goals for Giving are still short of the needs. We trust that the total goal will be met by September 30, the end of the fiscal year.

May God continue to bless the work of the Church of God General Conference in this new Conference year.

## Israel Peace Congress Tapes

At the Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem that was attended by 28 delegates of the Church of God General Conference last January-February, a tape was made of each message given during the Conference. These tapes are now available for loan and can be acquired by writing to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

The highlight of the Conference was when Prime Minister Begin spoke to the delegation. This tape together with 8 others is available. The full list:

- 1) "Israel and the Fourth Dimension" A. T. Olson and Prime Minister M. Begin.
- 2) "Not as Cain" I. Carmona.
- 3) "The True Christian Attitude Toward Israel" C. Smith.
- 4) "The Price of Peace" A. T. Olson
- 5) "The Makings of Peace" P. F. Hansen
- 6) "The Wall of Partition" B. Resnikoff and G. Douglas Young.
- 7) "The Future of Israel" (Ceremony at Masada) C. Smith.
- 8) "Role of Israel Today in Light of the Bible" G. Giacomakis, Jr.
- 9) "Final Session of the Congress" Carmona Lafferty and Patillo.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978-September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

October needs

\$ 27,167.00

**Goal for October \$ 27,167.00**



# Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

## Foreign Missions Begin at Home



**By Mardy Lawrence,  
Chairperson of the Foreign  
Missions Board**

In July I attended the Association of Church Missions Committees National Conference (ACMC) in St. Paul, Minnesota. I ached to have all of you there with me to share the information, the insights, the vision, and the thrill of being with five hundred people who are actively interested and involved in missions. Most were on the missions committees of their local churches. Many others had spent much of their lives on the mission field. Speakers for the general sessions were all well-known missionary evangelists, authors, and/or executives of international mission organizations.

The ACMC is an international and transdenominational organization of Christian evangelical congregations working together to strengthen the role of the local church and to produce practical lay-oriented resources. Affiliate Member Churches may copy any of their material and have permission to change any statements where they differ doctrinally, provided they omit the ACMC logo from those pages which have been changed.

This year's conference addressed "The Challenge of the Great Commission" in terms of three compelling tasks:

1. MOBILIZING YOUR CHURCH
2. UTILIZING OPEN DOORS
3. PENETRATING BARRIERS

There were five practical workshops in each of these areas to teach us how to succeed in each task. The accumulation of research and experience plus the expertise in presentation were fantastic!

Thirty-two mission organizations had manned display booths. This enabled me to engage in direct and meaningful conversation with leaders of those organizations and ask my own questions as well as those which many of you have asked me.

It was comforting to know that other organizations have suffered many of the same frustrations and disillusionments as have we, the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, and have learned a better way. It is especially comforting to know that they are willing to share and help us as we "grow up" in missions.

This was the third annual meeting of the ACMC. The next two meetings will be held in Boston and Los Angeles, respectively.

I attended and the Foreign Missions Board has purchased their condensed seminar of the last year's conference, "The Local Church Can Change the World." This seminar has been specifically designed for the local church. The entire seminar, which consists of professionally prepared slide-sound sets, overhead transparencies, and individual workbooks, can be presented in as little as six hours, plus meals and/or coffee breaks. I think this is the place to start in developing a foundation for missions involvement in our churches. The Foreign Missions Board would welcome invitations to present the seminar at your church. For more information write to Foreign Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Helping at Home

For some years now, Bro. Ralph Childs and his family of the Dayton, Ohio, Church have been actively engaged in a ministry that is reaching many people, especially the handicapped and those in prisons. We appreciate the fine work they are doing in telling the good news of life in Christ.

There are several ways in which you too can be involved in this ministry.

1. People are needed to read Christian books on tape so the blind can benefit from these writings.
2. Ralph is available to come to your church to present a service of music, testimony, and telling about his work.
3. Pastors, tapes of your sermons—as well as your—notes—will enable many more people to receive the benefits of good Bible messages.

For more information about the above, we suggest that you write directly to Bro. Childs at 16 Reich St., Trotwood, OH 45426.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*John R. Lewis, President*

## **Junior-Senior Weekend**

The fall Junior-Senior Weekend, October 19, 20, and 21, is open to high school juniors and seniors. We want to encourage young people to visit the campus, and experience and learn about the life of a Bible College student.

## **New Students**

Each new year brings new students to Oregon Bible College from all parts of the United States and Canada. Seventeen new students have come this year, to grow in the knowledge of God's Word. Those students who are new to Oregon Bible College are Robert Alcumbrack, Kentwood, MI; Lorene Armes, South Bend, IN; Gary Burnham, Berea, OH; Tracy Chapman, Portland, OR; Lisa Cooper, Fredericktown, MO; Alan Demmitt, Troy, OH; Richard Eldred, Blanchard, MI; Edith Fridley, Oregon, IL; Janice Knapp, Wyoming, MI; Jennifer Landry, Oregon, IL; Kathy Lewis, Oregon, IL; David McKinney, Lawrence, KS; Debra McKinney, Lawrence, KS; Sharon Moore, Little Rock, AR; Sandy Ratering, Wayland, MI; Kim Williams, Kokomo, IN; and Suzanne Worley, Tipp City, OH.

## **Class Officers**

Class Officers for the 1978-79 academic year have been selected as follows:

For the Sophomore Class, Cecil Rademachir is President, Karen Mitchell is Secretary-Treasurer, and Denise Donaldson is Student Government Representative.

In the Junior Class, Cindy Isenhoff, President, Pam Gaskill is Secretary-Treasurer, and Student Government Representative is Bobby Partain.

In the Senior Class, Ken Howe is President and Wade Tierney is Student Government Representative.

## **Chapel Services**

We encourage all ministers who will be traveling to Oregon or near the Oregon area to write to Dale Ramsey so that he might schedule you as a guest speaker in our chapel services. Chapel is from 10:50 to 11:30 each Tuesday and Thursday. We would enjoy very much having as many of our ministers and laymen as possible as speakers at our chapel services.

## **Grace Cain Memorial Fund**

We announced at the Summer General Conference meeting that monies contributed to the Grace Cain

Memorial Fund would be used to purchase a new piano for the college. Presently we have about 50% of the purchase price. If you would still like to contribute to the memorial fund, please send your contribution to Dale Ramsey.

## **Foundation for the Christian College**

We are in the process of sending a series of articles on the Bible College and the Christian College written by Kenneth O. Gangel of Dallas Theological Seminary to the ministers and youth leaders of the Church of God. These articles discuss the development and the present state of Christian education, the integration of faith and learning, and developing a philosophy of teaching. We would be glad to send these articles to anyone else who requests them.

## **Expanded Program**

Recently the faculty and staff of Oregon Bible College have been investigating the possibilities of scheduling classes during the afternoon. Since our earliest history, we have provided classes only during the morning hours.

It is increasingly difficult to provide the needed classroom time for students by limiting the hours for classes to morning sessions.

It appears that in the near future we will begin to offer classes to our students during the afternoon hours.

## **A Large Student Body**

In looking forward to the development and progress of Oregon Bible College over the next few years, one of our most pressing needs will be to expand the student body. By having a larger student body, we can better fulfill the needs of leadership of the Church of God General Conference and operate the school much more efficiently.

We would like for the laymen and ministers in the Church of God to make the need for more students a matter of personal prayer and service.

## **AABC Meeting**

On October 26-28, faculty members Eugene Stilson, Bob Jones, John Lewis, and Board Member Russell Magaw will be attending the annual AABC Convention in Chicago. The Convention will present ideas on fund raising, financing and accounting, general education in the Bible College, expository and discovery teaching, effective Bible instruction, and developing courses.





## BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

### Berean Youth Department

During General Conference, many people asked about the Berean Youth Department for the coming year. This question was answered there, but I felt like it might be wise to speak to it in this column.

I am most happy to have the opportunity to continue as Berean Youth Fellowship Director from Tempe, Arizona. I anticipate no confusion or problems in the department resulting from my move. I am certain that the Youth Department will not suffer, and I am confident we will have a very good year filled with our usual activities as well as some new ideas. With careful consideration, I chose the materials and records most pertinent to the youth work to bring to Arizona. As you may know there are many resource centers and people available in this area. I am looking forward to utilizing all things possible to bring new life into the Youth Department.

In the past I have requested (and do so again) any ideas the people at large have to offer. We do consider all ideas. Some are feasible in our present structure and, of course, some are not. We want you to be assured that all ideas are appreciated. *Send them in!*

Anyone wishing to send personal correspondence may address it to Box 28124, Tempe, AZ 85283. This would include articles for *Challenge* as this will be edited in Tempe. All other correspondence may continue to be sent to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. This includes mail containing monies being sent in for any of the Youth-Department sponsored programs.

Again, I would like to assure you that I desire to continue in the Youth Directorship and appreciate the opportunity to do so.

### Berean Youth Conference Dates Set for 1979

The 1979 International Berean Youth Conference will be held at Camp Alexander Mack on July 15-21, 1979. More information concerning this youth program will be passed on later, but we would appreciate your encouraging those young people you're in contact with to set these dates aside and plan to join us in 1979. We had a super week in 1978, but we're planning on bigger and better things for 1979.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

### Board Election

During the business session at General Conference August 9, Pastors Michael Mattison and Scott Ross were reelected to the Sunday School Board. Sr. Joyce Knapp and Pastor James Graham continue as members of the Board.

I am very thankful to have all of these individuals as members of the Sunday School Board during the coming year as we make the transition to the new organizational structure adopted at General Conference. Our Board will continue during the year to be heavily involved in the many projects that are presently being carried on by our department.

### Sam Voorhies Working in Department

We are very happy to have Sam Voorhies as a new part-time employee of the Sunday School Department during the coming year. Sam recently graduated from Wheaton College with extensive training in Christian Education and we believe he will be a real asset to our work. He will be assisting with the production of the Adult Teacher's Guide as well as in consultation and advisement regarding our Sunday School curriculum.

### Christian Workers' Seminars

Be certain to see the advertising in the Journal regarding the 1979 Christian Workers' Seminars which will be held at Francisco Grande, AZ, January 8-12, 1979, and at Camp Mack, IN, March 25-31, 1979. Make plans now to attend.

### Many 1978 Bible Schools Successful

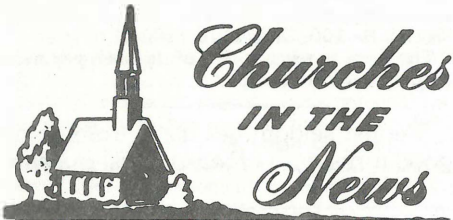
During the past several weeks I have been reading many church bulletins which tell of very successful Bible Schools that have been held this summer. Here are two excerpts:

"Bible school is over, yet there is much work to be done. Attendance during the week was 164, 187, 205, 195, and 215. Ten children were in Sunday School last Sunday as a result of V.B.S. and the follow-up really has not even begun.—*Hope Chapel, South Bend, Indiana.*

"Praise the Lord for the most successful V.B.S. the Fredericktown Church of God has ever recorded. God truly blessed our Bible School with record attendances of 70, 80, 94, 102, and 103. The highest recorded attendance of a past Bible School was 60 on one day. When everyone works together in their respective jobs and leaves Christ as the head, great things can happen!"

—*Fredericktown, Missouri.*

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**North Salem, IN.** Following Indiana family camp, Bro. Wood Talcott baptized Tracey Carlisle, Wendy Carlisle, Mike Miller, and Terri Miller. These young people are full of enthusiasm for the Lord. Two weeks later, on July 30, 1978, Bro. Emory Macy baptized Michael and Becky (Ramsey) Grubbs. We wish the Lord's blessing on this young couple. Tim Pearson, Sec.

Roy Lee Gross and his wife, Elizabeth Gross, with their foster daughter Karla Linderman, were baptized into Christ August 13, 1978, at the Eugene DeMien pond, near Plymouth. We welcome them into the fellowship of the North Salem Church of God. Emory Macy, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** Mr. Ron Bliss was baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins on July 9, 1978. This unites the Bliss family in the Lord. On July 16, Carol Obermeyer and Steve Fewell put on Jesus as Savior in the waters of baptism. On July 30, Carmella McDonald was baptized in the name of Jesus. Carmella responded to the gospel invitation while at Berean Youth Conference. On Sunday, August 20, Susie Fewell and Patty Corn were baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. We praise God and welcome these new members into the Jay Street Church of God. John A. Railton, pastor.

**Tempe, AZ.** The Lakeshore Bible Church of God in Tempe, AZ, rejoices with those who have recently accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. Edmund and Sherrill Nutter of Scottsdale, AZ, were baptized on July 30, 1978. Mrs. George (Madeline) Winney and her son Jeff of Scottsdale were baptized on July 25.

R. Warren Sorenson, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** Cheryl Calvert was baptized July 16, 1978, during the evening service, and David Lewis, Jim Osborn, and Teresa Hays were baptized during the evening service on July 23. All of the above stepped forward at the morning service. David and Jim attended this year's International Youth Conference. Our prayers go with these young people as they begin their walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Pleasant Hill, OH.** On September 3, 1978, at the close of the morning worship service Danny and Joyce Hancock responded to the gospel invitation. They were baptized immediately after services at the Curtis Vance Pond. It is our prayer that God will richly bless Danny and Joyce as they walk their new life together.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Plymouth, IN.** North Salem Church of God rejoiced on August 13, 1978, when Lillian Hullinger confessed her Savior and was baptized in the afternoon by Brother Emory Macy.

Tim Pearson, secretary.

**Phoenix, AZ.** The brethren of the Phoenix Bible Church of God rejoiced August 13, 1978, over the baptisms of Miss Bobbi Watson and R. Lee Givauden. May God bless them as they begin their new life in Christ. James Graham, pastor.

Jon Welch was baptized at Missouri State Youth Camp, Epworth Among the Hills, Arcadia, Missouri, on July 7, 1978. Jon, who is from Watson, Illinois, placed his membership in the Fredericktown Church of God. We pray God will daily direct his life in service to him.

Vivian Kirkpatrick, pastor.

The Hilliard Bible Church of God, Faith of Abraham, is happy to announce that on August 16, 1978, Lisa Rena Talbott was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Lisa Rena is 9½ years old and our youngest baptized member. We pray God's blessings upon her and that he will lead and guide her in all things.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Bedford, OH.** We of the Bedford Church of the Open Bible proudly present to you the brethren a new brother in Christ. Frank Roper, Sr., put on Christ August 20, 1978, at the morning worship service. We ask your prayers and support for our new brother.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** We, the members of Southlawn Church of God, rejoice with Kim Groendyk who gave her life to the Lord and was baptized August 6, 1978. We are thankful to God for the fellowship we enjoy with Kim as she walks in the Spirit.

Mike Berry, pastor.

## MARRIAGES

At one p.m. on August 26, 1978, the writer performed the marriage of Mark Wood and Jane Dilley at the Diamond Lake Community Church in south Minneapolis, MN. Mark is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Willard Wood of Litchfield, MN, and Jane is formerly of Northfield, MN. A fine reception was held in the Chart House in Lakeville.

The couple have established their new home in Minneapolis. May God richly bless them with many years of happy life together. S. O. Ross

The Bedford Church of the Open Bible presents to the brethren at large Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boyd. Bob Boyd and Laurie Murray were united in marriage at the Church of the Open Bible on the afternoon of September 9, 1978, by the writer. We seek your prayers for their lives together.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

## CHRISTMAS TRACTS AVAILABLE

The Church of God General Conference has several appropriate Christmas tracts in print. Entitled "Peace, Good Will," "God's Son," "What Christmas Means to Me," and "Welcome to Christmas," they can be given or sent with your Christmas cards to enhance the richness of the Christmas spirit. Order free from Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## DAVID KROGH INJURED

On August 21, Brother David Krogh, Editor of General Conference publications and Sunday School Director, fell while trimming a tree in his back yard. As a result, he did break a vertebrae in his lower back. Brother Krogh was in Rockford Memorial Hospital for 24 days. He is now at home in a cast and will remain in bed for another three weeks. The cast will remain for at least three months. Remember Brother Krogh and his family in prayer.

## TAPE LIBRARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bro. Byron Jay, administrator of the Church of God Tape Library, has moved from 9118 N. Dixie Dr., Dayton, OH 45414, to **194 Maple St., Winter Haven, FL 33880.** All correspondence relative to the Tape Library, as well as requests for tapes, should henceforth be sent to the Florida address.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

## NEW MISSION BUILDERS

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Mr & Mrs Ed Dodd	Mr & Mrs Chuck Morrison
Mr & Mrs Mark Ryan	Mr & Mrs Dan Anes
Mr & Mrs Joe Pfeiffer	Robert/Mary Morrison
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Clyde Randall: "Break Up the Fallow Ground."

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

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

### Doctrine

Leon Driskill: "War With the Lamb."

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

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

### Others

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

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

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## OBITUARIES

Hearts were saddened by the death of **Melissa Ann Armstrong**, eight-year-old daughter of Ruth and Carl Armstrong. Melissa died Tuesday, August 15, 1978, as the result of a car-pedestrian accident. Surviving besides her parents are a sister, Annette Marie, at home; maternal grandparents Willard and Betty Wagner; and paternal grandparents Earl and Betty Armstrong. All are from Mount Pleasant, Nova Scotia. Funeral services were held Friday, August 18, at the Light-house Church of God, with Pastor Dale Swartz officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Digby. Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

**Mable D. Overmyer** of Culver, IN, died July 27, 1978, at her home as a result of a sudden heart seizure. She was born at Camden, IN, September 24, 1899, to Claude and Bessie Dee Mills. She was married December 27, 1919, at Argos, IN, to Dewey Overmyer.

She was baptized by C. E. Maple and was a faithful member of the Burr Oak Church of God for 52 years. She is survived by her husband; three children—Margaret (Mrs. Burton) Feece, Plymouth; and Donavan and William Overmyer, both of Culver, IN—11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers; four sisters; and three step-sisters.

Services were conducted at the Burr Oak Church of God by the writer. She was laid to rest at the Culver Masonic Cemetery to await the call of the master. Emory Macy, pastor

Funeral services for **Sr. Mildred A. Grobe** were held September 9, 1978, in Dixon, Illinois by the writer, assisted by Pastor Joe Myers. She is survived by her husband Roy; two daughters, Elsie Kraft and Shirley Kastner; two sons, Ivan and Ernest, all of Dixon. She was laid to rest in Sugar Grove Cemetery to await the call of Jesus Christ at his return. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Frank M. Morrison**, age 66 died quite suddenly at Home Hospital on August 5, 1978. Frank was instrumental in our building program and became an active member of Faith Chapel. Both he and his wife Dorothy were baptized on June 26, 1976. He is survived by his wife; three sons, Charles, Robert, and John; one daughter, Donna O'Connor; three sisters and 4 brothers.

Funeral services were held in Hippensteel Funeral Home, where words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer. Frank was laid to rest in Springvale Cemetery to await the call to life eternal by his Lord Jesus. Arnold Johns, pastor.

**William Wesley Fey** was the son of Frederick and Johanna Houser Fey. He was born in Schuyler County, IL, June 9, 1883, and died at Rushville, IL, August 21, 1978, at the age of 95 years. He was a retired farmer and produce buyer. He was married to Myrtle Cooper January 3, 1904. To this union were born four daughters: Lucille Lewis, deceased, the mother of Bro. John Lewis; Helen Lewis, Ripley, IL; Hildreth Weber, Macomb, IL, mother of Bro. Darrell Maddock, Culver, IN, and Bro. Richard Worley, Tipp City, OH; and Mildred Hetrick of Mt. Sterling, IL. Myrtle preceded him in death in 1918. On September 2, 1923, he was married to Lorene (Collis) Clark. He is survived by a stepson, Collis Clark; three daughters; eleven grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Bro. Fey was a long-time member of the Ripley Church of God where words of comfort were brought to his loved ones. He was buried at Mt. Sterling, IL. Three grandsons, all ministers, assisted in the committal service at the grave. They were Bros. John Lewis, (President of Oregon Bible College), Darrell Maddock, and Richard Worley. Pastor C. E. Lapp

## 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.

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## 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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People seldom get dizzy from doing good turns. —Pleasant Hill Bulletin.

## 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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## HISTORICAL WAYMARKS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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### VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we would like to share with you what we are now doing in our work in the field of alcoholism and drug abuse. At the same time we are sharing how the Lord is leading us to do his will.

After fifteen years in the active pastoral ministry, we felt the Lord was leading us into something else. In May of 1977 Jean was selected to work as secretary in the alcoholism program (New Day Treatment Center) at the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center in Baraga, Michigan. In December of 1977 Jim was hired as assistant cook in the same program. Our director realized Jim's potential was quite a bit more than cooking, and in June, 1978, Jim was transferred to Unit Manager. Being a unit manager consists of dealing closely with residents, some "spur-of-the-moment" counseling, handling an occasional crisis situation, and helping fill the residents' needs. Every staff member in our program is trained to deal with residents and their immediate needs. If any of us are not equipped to do this, inservice training is given. We have learned much about alcoholism and people's life problems in this area.

Two areas we feel our church has not been active in are the field of alcoholism-substance abuse and working with minorities in general (in the U.S.A.). We feel that most of us have been taught we should be very judgmental where alcoholism is concerned. Yet we need to realize the physical and emotional plight of alcoholics, and that they need Jesus for salvation the same as anyone else. People generally do not realize the dangers of drinking, and unless they are taught otherwise, they feel it is okay, nothing in it is harmful, and it is socially acceptable. Only when they are caught up in the vicious circle of alcoholism, and end up in jail, very ill, or really "hit bottom" do they possibly realize that they might need help.

Alcoholism among the American Indian people is rampant. In fact, in the overall population alcoholism is increasing by leaps and bounds in youth and women. Drinking is such a generally acceptable thing in today's society that alcoholism develops before a person realizes that he is addicted. Then it is too late; one cannot be "cured," only learn, through treatment for it, what to do for himself. Jim's father was an alcoholic, so he knows what the life is like. We feel the program we work in is of utmost importance. Once the alcoholic has been through treatment and attained sobriety, then he can be reached for the Lord.

Our program is the only Native American residential treatment program in the state of Michigan. We do accept non-Indian people, but in general priority is given to people of Indian heritage. Our program uses the Alcoholics Anonymous principles in treatment. Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual program which urges one to turn things over to one's Higher Power (God as you understand him). If only we could all do this 100% of the time, life would be much easier.

The Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon (for relatives and friends of alcoholics) programs are fantastic. We attend Al-Anon and have received much spiritual strength from it which enhances our Christian growth. Also we have met many warm, wonderful people who are involved in these programs. *Very Special People!* We are so thankful that God has led us to this place, in this time, to work in this field. We hope many of you might someday have as wonderful an experience.

Many of you might have read this prayer from time to time. To us it has many special meanings.

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## ANNUAL BUDGET CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE October 1, 1978, to September 30, 1979

<b>ANTICIPATED INCOME:</b>	
Tuition, Room & Board (OBC)	\$ 55,000.00
Gross Profit from Sales (Sales less printing & purchase)	8,000.00
<b>Total Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$ 63,000.00</b>
<b>Anticipated Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	\$200,000.00
Utilities	20,000.00
Insurance	13,500.00
Social Security	10,000.00
Postage & Freight	8,000.00
Supplies & Expense	10,000.00
Depreciation & Repairs	5,000.00
Auto & Travel	14,000.00
Departmental Printing	9,000.00
Food (OBC)	14,000.00
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Rock Valley College Instruction	3,500.00
Revolving Publishing Fund	2,500.00
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Replacement	1,000.00
Conference Wagon replacement (1/2 of cost)	3,000.00
Capital Expenditure Fund	2,000.00
Foreign Exchange & Miscellaneous	1,500.00
<b>MISSIONS</b>	
Assistance to Foreign Missions	\$ 6,500.00
Assistance to churches	13,000.00
Board Expense	7,000.00
Mission Opportunities	3,000.00
	<b>\$ 29,500.00</b>
<b>Total Anticipated Expense</b>	<b>\$389,000.00</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED</b> (Goals for Giving)	<b>\$326,000.00</b>



# Photo Report of the 1978 Christian Workers' Seminar

Camp Mack, IN, March 5-11, 1978



Jim Graham's "Advancing the Smaller Church" Class



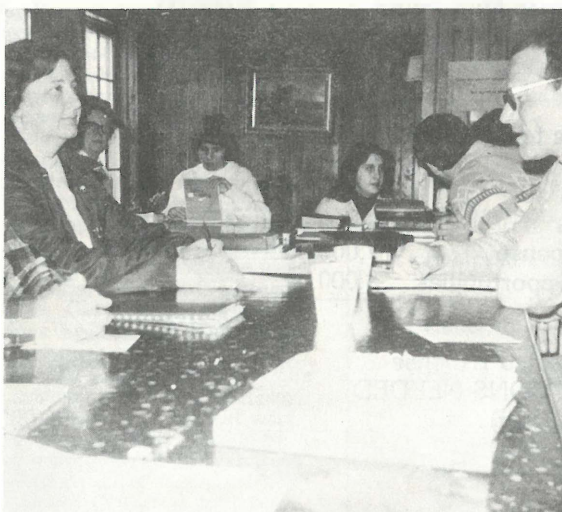
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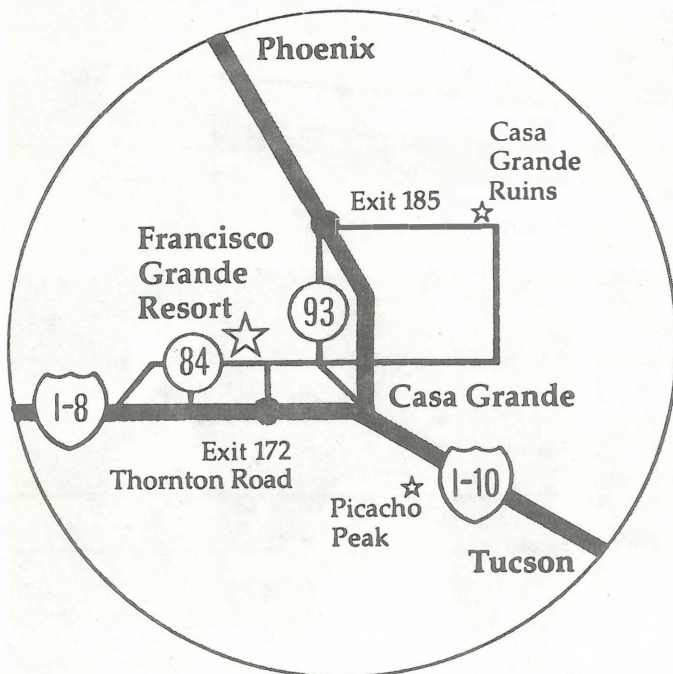
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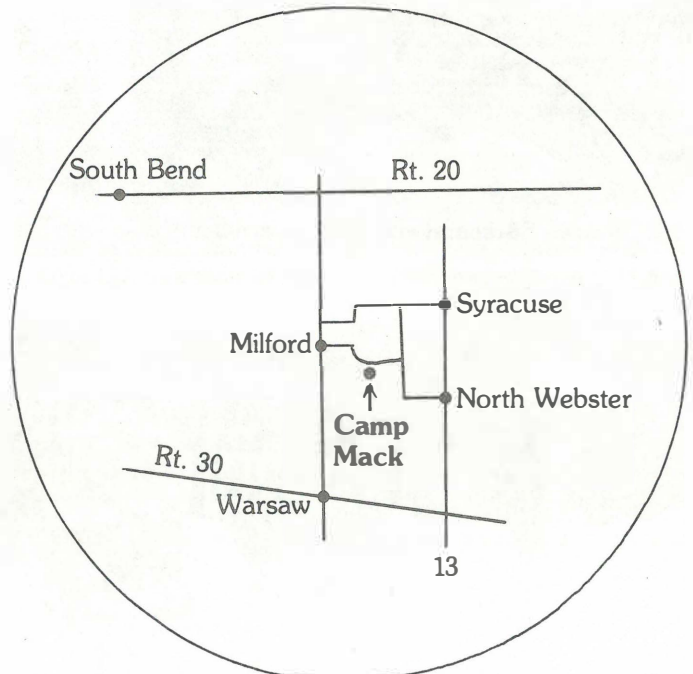
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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

(Continued from page 2)

Let me share with you a few sample statistics that I got from headquarters a few months ago. Fifteen years ago when I started coming regularly to the General Conference, we had 93 churches. When I put this together we had 91, and with the one just started, I guess we have 92. In the fifteen years I have been associated with it, it has gone down. In those same years of training pastors at our Bible College, we only increased from 72 to 80 in the field. In the last quarter of 1977 when the weather was bad, the Sunday School attendance went down seven percent from the preceding year and in the first quarter of 1978 when the weather was bad too, it went down two and a half percent from the first quarter in 1977. During the same fifteen years I am talking about, the membership went up 429, which is seven tenths of a percent. This means that we are going down, you know, in relation to the rest of the world, because the population in the United States has gone up considerably more than that percentagewise in the last fifteen years.

We are not doing bad financially. We are not losing as we are peoplewise. The budget we adopted in 1974 was \$195,000,

and in 1977 it was \$249,000. This is nearly a nine percent financial growth each year—a tiny bit ahead of inflation. I'm really happy for this, because it takes money to run the organization and run God's work, print *Restitution Herald*s, and do everything else that needs to be done. So we need to give more if we want to do the Lord's work. And we need to get motivated in serving in time as well as in money.

In our meetings, we need to evaluate honestly, analyze correctly, and adjust courageously as prerequisites to progress. Protectiveness and a desire to cling to previous patterns, which have been at best partially successful, often create a spirit of negativism. We cannot allow ourselves to do that. Even though I am establishing some negative thoughts to give you a base to go from, I certainly don't feel negative about the General Conference or what is going to be done here. Unfortunately, the negative spirit is sometimes intensified by fear of the new and possibly unproved methods that are sometimes recommended. We have some new things that are unproved and we are recommending some things. Some don't like the pain of looking at the past. My wife will tell you that I don't like the pain of looking at the

past. We don't seek causes of our non-growth in order to blame, but you must recount what has happened in the past in order that you may judge what should happen in the future. Dr. Zimmerman, speaking for his group, said, "If we are what we ought to be, we will better do what we ought to do." And then the Assembly of God started on a year of revival and repentance; they didn't start the way we are doing with some changes in the organization; they just started changing individuals. We'd like to dream, pray, and hope that we can start to do both at the same time. They did not want to emphasize another technique or program, but for each member to get revitalized, under-girded with prayer, changed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Let people know if you feel the Holy Spirit; let somebody know that you feel it; get alive for Jesus. To me this sounds really good. Now while we are here this week we need to take some actions to redirect our organization, which I am afraid has been directed downward. The statistics say that at least. At the end of this week, I really pray that this group individually and collectively feels the assurance to face up to the facts and make genuine efforts to find a better way.

## Contributors to the General Conference: August, 1978

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# Church of God PROGRESS JOURNAL

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## *Missions News*

By Rachel Carr

### **But What Can Just One Person Do?**

Here is an interesting story of what one person did and how his action had far-reaching effects on millions of people.

David Farrah was working as a Wycliffe Bible Translator in South America when he became friends with a colonel in the Bolivian army. Because he was concerned about his friend and wanted him to accept Christ too, he began to pray for him. But suddenly political revolution forced his friend into prison. Although no one else dared to identify himself with the colonel, David visited him in prison and gave him a Bible. Then he continued to pray that God would use his Word in a special way.

While the colonel was in prison, he read the Bible that David had given him. And the powerful Word of God began to speak to the colonel's heart.

Before long, a victory came for the colonel's political forces. He was freed from prison and became the President of Bolivia!

The new president was very grateful for David's friendship and especially for his gift of God's Word which had influenced his life. Now as leader of his country, the president expressed to David a growing concern about the moral and spiritual decay of Bolivia. Together the two men discussed the need for a spiritual and moral revolution that would change the hearts of Bolivia's millions.

The first thing the president did was ask a noted South American evangelist, Luis Palau, to speak to the whole country on national television.

This man spoke about important moral questions which the Bible answers and offered to give free copies

of the New Testament. So many people requested these that the Bolivian president proposed that the New Testament be required reading in the nation's classrooms. He asked David to help him get a million copies so they could be distributed to all the schools.

Of course, David was thrilled to think that every school child would be able to read God's Word and learn of God's great love and the gift of his Son. David contacted the World Home Bible League, which began sending the New Testaments to Bolivia.

As the students began to read the Bible, they responded with enthusiasm. Many took copies home to share them with their families. As a result of this program, many people's lives are being changed! The entire country is undergoing a spiritual revolution because God's Word spoke to them.

And miracles continue throughout South America. Because of what has happened in Bolivia, other South American countries want Bibles for their schools. Leaders of Peru, Brazil, El Salvador, and Guatemala have all come to the World Home Bible League asking for copies of the New Testament to distribute among their students.

And all of this came about because *one* man was willing to be used by his God.

"I am only one, but I *am* one. I can't do everything, but I *can* do something. And what I *can* do, that I ought to do. And what I *ought* to do, by the grace of God, I *shall* do."—Edward Håle.

*(This story was adapted from a letter received from William A. Ackerman of the World Home Bible League.)*



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

We encourage you to save this directory and when traveling you may more easily locate a place of worship with a Church of God congregation.

## Advise of Address Changes

We encourage you to advise immediately of any address change. It is imperative that we keep our addresses up to date. On any Conference mailing if an address has been changed, the mailing will not be forwarded but it will be returned to us. We pay 25¢ for each return. This can become very costly.

## Reorganization Under Way

The delegates at the 1978 General Conference adopted the reorganization program as presented by the Study Committee and as amended by the Board of Directors. The implementation of this reorganization has begun and will be completed by September 1, 1979.

The Executive Council has begun having meetings weekly. The Council consists of the Executive Director and the Directors at the head of each department. The President of Oregon Bible College attends each meeting of the Council to assure complete communication between Oregon Bible College and the departments of the General Conference.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will have its first meeting of the Conference year in Oregon, Illinois, on November 30, and December 1 and 2. This will be the first meeting since the election of two new directors—Harold Doan and Dwaine Demmitt—at the annual Conference in August. During the three-day meeting, the Board will deal with all matters of business of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. 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.

## Conference Finances

At the General Conference sessions in August, 1978, the delegates approved the largest budget ever of the Church of God General Conference. In that budget \$326,000 in contributions will be required to meet the needs of the Conference. This is a 30% increase over the 1977-78 budget.

This budget provides the support of the missionaries in five foreign fields, material support to Mexico, Church Aid to five local churches, and the greater part of the pastoral support in Digby, Nova Scotia. It provides the cost of preparing and publishing *The Restitution Herald*, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *Challenge*, 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 Mission projects, and more than half the cost of education of each student in Oregon Bible College.

Contributions in the amount of \$27,167 are needed each month to meet the current needs. As this report is being written, it appears that we will fall considerably short of that amount in the month of October.

We ask that each church, each State Conference, and each individual member of the Church of God make this a matter of prayer and concern during this Conference year. It is evident that we will either need a 30% increase in giving, or we will need to find 30% more contributions to help meet the needs.

The work of the Church of God General Conference is God's work. We believe he wants his work to succeed. We encourage each member of the Church of God General Conference to respond to these needs.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for October	\$ 27,167.00
Given in October	19,508.00
October Deficit	7,659.00
November Needs	\$ 27,167.00

**Goal for November \$34,826.00**

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# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*John R. Lewis, President*

## **Scholarships at Oregon Bible College**

Each year friends and supporters of Oregon Bible College provide several scholarships for students. Generally, the scholarships have been for the purpose of encouraging men and women of the church to prepare for leadership in the Church of God in the areas of Pastoral Ministry, Christian Education Ministry, and Music Ministry. It is the intent of a scholarship to encourage academic achievement and success.

Many times it is difficult for the faculty committee to make decisions regarding the awarding of the scholarships. There are many factors that need to be considered through our understanding of the student, and the request and intent of those who are providing the scholarships.

Currently, we are attempting to reevaluate the scholarships and criteria for awarding them. We are doing this by sending a questionnaire to those friends of Oregon Bible College who provide the scholarship money.

The scholarships are as follows:

S. E. Magaw Scholarship provided by Oregon Bible College Alumni Association; James A. Patrick Scholarship provided by Northeast Conference; Lea Doeden Scholarship provided by the Lea Doeden Estate; Glen and Violet Booth Scholarship provided by Pastor and Mrs. Harry Sheets; Norman McLeod Scholarship provided by Southwest Conference; S. J. Lindsay Scholarship provided by Southwest Conference; Harold Doan Scholarship provided by Southwest Conference; C. E. Randall Scholarship provided by Southwest Conference; Lucian Murphy Scholarship provided by Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis; Helen L. Overholser Scholarship provided by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Overholser; two Michigan State Conference Scholarships provided by Michigan State Conference; Northeast Youth Scholarship provided by Northeast Youth Conference; Otto E. Dick Scholarship provided by Indiana State Conference; Minnesota State Conference Scholarship provided by Minnesota State Conference; Harry and Emily Berry Scholarship provided by Mr. Verne Berry; Troyview-Overholser-Demmitt Scholarship provided by Overholser and Demmitt families; Lawrenceville-Overholser Scholarship provided by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Overholser; Harold Good Scholarship provided by Illinois Berean Youth Fellowship; three Illinois State Conference Scholarships provided by Illinois State Conference; Phoenix

Church Scholarship provided by Phoenix Church; Blanchard Missionary Society Scholarship provided by Blanchard Missionary Society; and Oregon Bible College Grant provided by Oregon Bible College.

In addition to these scholarships, there are funds at Oregon Bible College supplied by the church membership through which money is loaned and given to students in need.

We trust that the Lord will bless those friends of the Bible College who continue to support young people in their Christian training.

## **College Growth**

In the previous issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL, we reported in two articles that Oregon Bible College is in need of a larger student body and an expanded program that uses the afternoon hours for class scheduling as well as the morning hours.

Presently, we only schedule classes from 7:30 in the morning through the noon hour. In order to provide more time so that students can have the time to schedule all of the classes that they need, we need to expand into a full-day program.

Because of our long history of only providing classes during the morning hours, this will require an adjustment on the part of the administration, the student body, and the people of the Church of God General Conference. By scheduling afternoon classes, it will mean that students will not have the amount of time they have previously had for jobs in the community to pay for their education. To adjust to this will require not only a change in attitude on the part of the student, but also a change and understanding of the people of the Church of God who will support students at school. We ask that you pray and discuss this matter in the various churches.

## **Fall Activities**

Under the leadership of Michael Hoffman, the President of Student Government, and Donna Kennedy and Vickie Wyrick, Co-Chairmen of the Social Committee, the students have participated in many activities this fall. On September 20, all students participated in a Fall Breakfast at the Lutheran camp. During one Wednesday evening, many enjoyed an ice-cream eating contest, and most of the student body contributed to the float and information booth that were provided for the Autumn on Parade celebration in Oregon.





# BYF NEWS



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

## Some Thoughts Concerning Youth

Everywhere I go the age-old question is always asked, "Why are our young people falling away from the church?"

I feel like this observation and question are certainly valid. The youth certainly do seem to be falling away from the church, not only the Church of God, but also the Catholic church, Baptist church, Methodist church and, in reality, almost all other denominations. Why? Well, certainly we can say it's the signs of the times. In some cases that may be just a cliché, but in many more cases it is reality—not all of it, perhaps—but definitely a major factor.

In searching for reasons within our own denomination, I have questioned youth of all ages as well as adult members. The answers are as varied as the number of people questioned. I have determined that the major factor is *desire!* There has always been, and will always be, people who choose to serve and people who choose not to serve. This situation is not unique to the youth of the church. When we consider our schools and our jobs, we can observe there are always some who desire to serve more than others. How often have we said, "The same few people do everything"? Somehow we tend to become more alarmed when we see this in the youth. In my opinion our concern should be for the entire church membership. How can we motivate our youth or how can we motivate our people? By prayer, by faith, by example, by commitment, by enthusiasm, by concern?

Could we then assume that, if we in fact believe the Scriptures and seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, all these things shall be added to us? Shall we try?

Let's focus a minute on the youth within the church who desire to serve. There are many. In my experience I am aware of young people who are youth leaders for their Bereans, music ministers, missionary chairmen, pastoral interns, Sunday School superintendents, Sunday School teachers, church secretaries, and faithful members of our churches. Perhaps we need to appreciate more fully those young people who are choosing to serve, and continue to pray for and encourage those who have not yet chosen to serve.

**1978-'79 POST-HIGH MIDWINTER RETREAT  
Camp Mack, Dec. 29-Jan. 1**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

David Krogh, Director

## Christian Workers Seminars

Applications are now being received for the two 1979 Christian Workers' Seminars. The first Seminar will be held January 8-12, 1979, at Francisco Grande near Casa Grande, Arizona. The second Seminar will be held March 25-31, 1979, at Camp Mack near Milford, Indiana.

All Christian workers should consider attending one of these Seminars. You will not only learn valuable information which you can use in your local church, but you will have a great time of Christian fellowship and you will receive a real spiritual blessing.

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

## Training Seminars

Members of the Sunday School Board are available to conduct training seminars in local churches or at state conferences, on weekends or during the week.

Please contact the Sunday School Department if we can be of help to your Sunday School.

## Additional Reports on Successful Bible Schools

Below are two more excerpts from church bulletins telling of Bible Schools that were held in 1978:

"VBS is now history, but we trust it will bear fruit for many years to come. Our attendance was the largest ever: 90, 103, 106, 103, 95, and 135 on Sunday. Our thanks to all teachers, workers, and helpers."—Macomb, IL.

"VBS brought many happy little faces to our church last week. We trust God to work in the lives of the children who heard the message of Jesus Christ."—Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, AZ.

## 1979 Bible School Material

Samples of the 1979 Bible School material will be mailed early in January. The theme of the material is: "Speak Out for God." The lessons will promote home and foreign missions.

# 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; Offices in Men's Dormitory (Ramsey, Voorhies, Library, and Kitchen) 732-2705; Men's Residence Director 732-3334; 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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C Jesse Pestle, Supt, Rt 1, Good Hope 61438  
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Timothy New, Pastor, Rt 3, Williamsport 47993  
Mrs James Hamilton, Sec, 215 Oakwood Dr, Williamsport 47993  
James Hamilton, Supt, 215 Oakwood Dr, Williamsport 47993  
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Karen Mayberry, Supt, Rt 1, Bx 118, Michigantown 46057  
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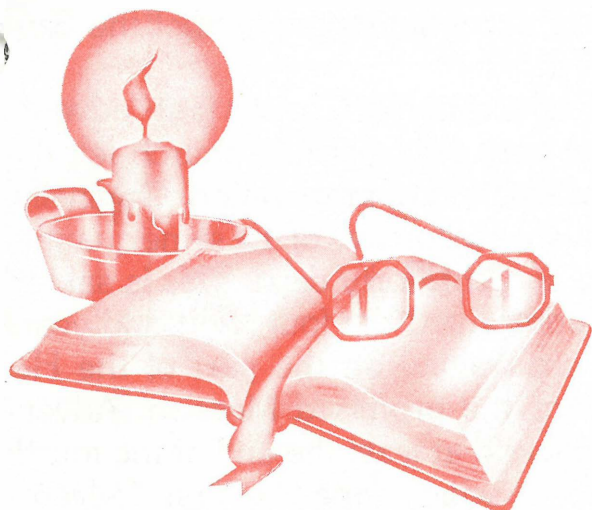
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## THE FASCINATION OF ADVENT

By David Wilsterman

**I**F ANYONE HAD TOLD ME a year ago that I would be participating in a month-long observance of the Advent season I suppose I would have thought of as many ways to bolster my “conservative” image as possible. To me, when someone spoke of a church calendar and celebrations such as Advent my immediate connection was with some of the “traditional” and “orthodox” organizations and paganized Christianity, and my reaction was generally one of disdain and disgust. So imagine my surprised reaction when one of my sisters in Christ, at the Church of the Open Bible, suggested that we begin preparing for the birthday of King Jesus by observing a schedule of Advent sermons, Sunday School lessons, and home devotions beginning the last Sunday of November and concluding on Christmas. As I look back on the experience of our first formal Advent season, I thank God for the great truths he conveyed to this servant throughout the month of December. Last year I was really prepared for Christmas—not just ready for “Santa” and gifts, or friends in for some eggnog—I was ready for the “advent” of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Advent of Christmas and the participation of the Messiah in my life.

If you think of the coming of Christ when you hear the word “advent,” you are correct in your thought. The word finds its origin in the Latin “adventus,” meaning to “approach” or an “arrival.” Particularly, to the Christian “advent” speaks either of the birth of Jesus Christ or his soon return. As any calendar is marked off into seasons which more or less denote the secular interests for each specific time of year, so the year also has seasons which annually inspire specific moods of worship among believers. Focusing on incidents in the life and public ministry of Christ, these worship seasons establish what has come to be known as the “church year.” We are now entering the season of the year which begins all of the events on the church calendar, Advent, when we ask our Father in Heaven to “stir up our hearts” in preparation for the fulfillment of his promise—a Son who will be called the Prince of Peace, the “great light” for those who walk in darkness.

As the year progresses we are able to recognize the child of Bethlehem as the full revelation of God’s love for mankind. We follow him along the roads of Palestine marking the great events with special celebrations such as Christmas, Palm Sunday,



Easter, and Ascension Sunday. The church year is a kind of biography of our Lord Jesus Christ in which we can have a very real part in living, realizing each day that he yet walks among us.

Each season of the church year has an interesting and significant history. It is generally the rule that we can follow the sequence of events resulting in any given season or celebration. Advent is a good case in point.

Although Advent begins the church year, it did not become a part of the recognized church calendar until the festival of Christmas had been established, and that did not come until about the fourth century A.D. For the ancient church, Easter was the major celebration of faith.

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Our Lord's death and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of his promise, were primary in the theology and worship of the ancient church. It was much later that early churchmen reflected on the words of St. Augustine, "If our Savior had not been born, he could neither have suffered and died for our sins, nor sent the Holy Spirit."

The dates of Easter and Pentecost were not difficult to establish, due to the fact that they coincided with Hebrew festivals in existence. There was no way of knowing, however, what day of the year Jesus was born. Gradually, the inexact calculations of

a third century bishop prevailed and, by the year 336 A.D., December 25 had become generally accepted as the date of the Savior's birth.

This celebration of Christ's first "advent" was not very old when the church felt the need of a period of preparation. Originally, the Advent season was of the same quantity of time as Lent, forty days. This is said to have represented the four thousand years of patient waiting on the part of the Hebrews for the promised Messiah. Advent dates back to at least the end of the fourth century at which time the first "advent" sermon is reported to have been preached formally by the Bishop of Turin. Advent was mentioned specifically at the council of Tours in the year 567 A.D. The date for the beginning of this special season of the year is generally figured from the Sunday nearest to November 30, whether before or after.

"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!" Indeed, the King of kings and Lord of lords has been sent from God to the hearts of men, there to generate new life for a dying portion of God's creation. Every year he comes anew, not in flesh, but with renewed appeal to the lives of men to accept him as their king and their lord. This Advent season may our heavenly Father bless you and your family as you look forward to his Son's day of birth, and not just that, but may he greatly bless you as you more earnestly anticipate Christ's second "advent."

\*An Advent Family Observance Schedule has been included in this issue of the *Progress Journal*. It is our prayer that as you prepare for Christ's appearing this Christmas season, both his first and second, you and your family will find this pull-out a beneficial blessing. Remove these pages and place them on a family bulletin board so the Scripture texts and activities can be followed regularly.

The best of Christ is his living biography,  
written out in the words and action of his people.


—Charles H. Spurgeon

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# ADVENT

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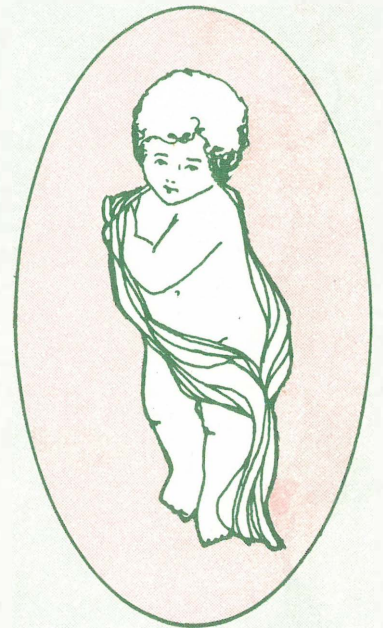
Everybody loves a birthday party! There is a particular brand of excitement that surrounds the celebration of a person's birth, and this fact seems especially true when the person is Jesus. Imagine how tremendously excited the angels in heaven were on the night of Jesus' birth; the entire atmosphere was charged with joy and glorious anticipation. All of creation breathlessly awaited the birth of the King God was sending. The shepherds shook and trembled, not so much from the cold, but at sounds and sights so marvelous. The angels sang to the top of their voices, and the shepherds praised the Lord their God for the fabulous event they witnessed.

A birthday party, and the excitement it generates; the miracle of new life, and the promise held in that life; the celebration of renewed hope—this is the meaning in mood of Advent! Though a preparation for Christmas, Advent has a spirit all its own. It is not a season of fasting, but rather one of expectant prayer. The whole meaning in mood of this time of year is described in the eleventh century hymn:

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel." This month, let us also eagerly anticipate his coming!

One of the most beautiful traditions of Advent is the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath during a weekly family devotion throughout the month of December. A wreath of styrofoam, decorated with evergreen, holly, and berries of glass balls, serves as the holder for three white candles and one pink candle spaced evenly around the unbroken circle.

Each Sunday evening the family gathers around the wreath to remember yet another facet of Christ's coming, or "advent." Each Sunday, in sequence, yet another candle is lit, remembering a different aspect of his coming—this Jesus,



Hark the glad  
sound!  
The Savior comes,  
The Savior  
promised long...  
-Doddridge

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Our Lord's death and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of his promise, were primary in the theology and worship of the ancient church. It was much later that early churchmen reflected on the words of St. Augustine, "If our Savior had not been born, he could neither have suffered and died for our sins, nor sent the Holy Spirit."

The dates of Easter and Pentecost were not difficult to establish, due to the fact that they coincided with Hebrew festivals in existence. There was no way of knowing, however, what day of the year Jesus was born. Gradually, the inexact calculations of

a third century bishop prevailed and, by the year 336 A.D., December 25 had become generally accepted as the date of the Savior's birth.

This celebration of Christ's first "advent" was not very old when the church felt the need of a period of preparation. Originally, the Advent season was of the same quantity of time as Lent, forty days. This is said to have represented the four thousand years of patient waiting on the part of the Hebrews for the promised Messiah. Advent dates back to at least the end of the fourth century at which time the first "advent" sermon is reported to have been preached formally by the Bishop of Turin. Advent was mentioned specifically at the council of Tours in the year 567 A.D. The date for the beginning of this special season of the year is generally figured from the Sunday nearest to November 30, whether before or after.

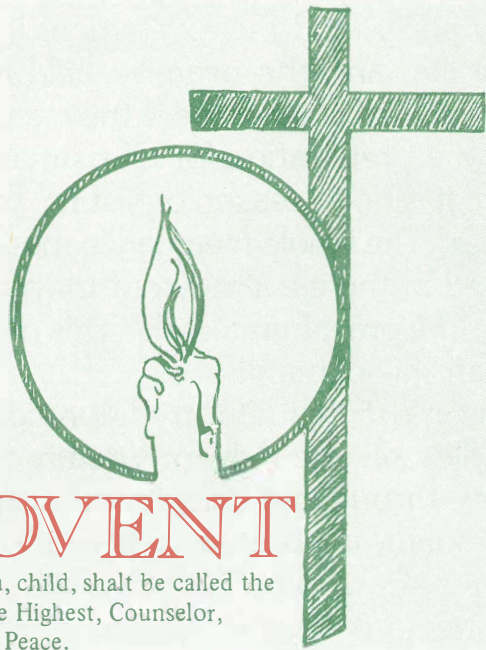
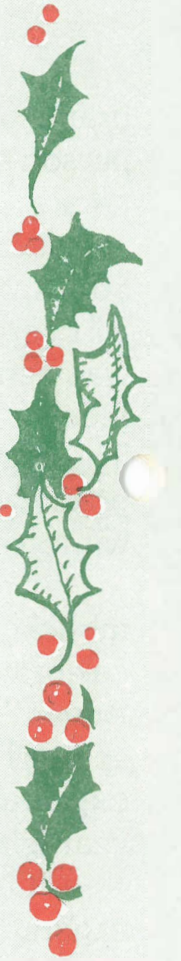
"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!" Indeed, the King of kings and Lord of lords has been sent from God to the hearts of men, there to generate new life for a dying portion of God's creation. Every year he comes anew, not in flesh, but with renewed appeal to the lives of men to accept him as their king and their lord. This Advent season may our heavenly Father bless you and your family as you look forward to his Son's day of birth, and not just that, but may he greatly bless you as you more earnestly anticipate Christ's second "advent."

\*An Advent Family Observance Schedule has been included in this issue of the *Progress Journal*. It is our prayer that as you prepare for Christ's appearing this Christmas season, both his first and second, you and your family will find this pull-out a beneficial blessing. Remove these pages and place them on a family bulletin board so the Scripture texts and activities can be followed regularly.





# Family Advent Devotions



## ADVENT

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son of the Highest, Counselor,  
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It is with deep regrets that we announce to you that two of our Arkansas church buildings have been burned down recently. The Bear church was burned Thursday night, October 5, and the Forest Hills church was burned to the ground about 2:00 a.m. Sunday, October 8. Arson is suspected in both cases since the buildings were in the same general vicinity. The Bear building was not being used. We extend our sympathies to the Forest Hills brethren, and understand that they plan to rebuild as soon as possible. Pray that their needs might be quickly met.

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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.

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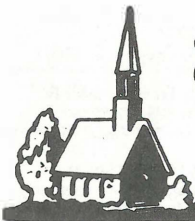
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## Churches IN THE News

### BAPTISMS

**Forest Hills, AR.** On July 30, at the close of the morning service Rebecca Chambers, Chris Davis, and John Howell came forward and requested baptism. It was the writer's privilege to assist them in putting on Christ by baptism. May God bless and guide them in the right way.

On September 10, it was the writer's privilege to baptize Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson of Nampa, Idaho, into the saving name of Jesus. May God's blessings be on them in their new walk of life.

John R. Humphreys, pastor.

**Greenville, SC.** Our church family rejoices in the baptism of James Monroe on August 18, 1978, at Black Mountain, NC, during Southeast Conference Youth Camp. Jimmy is the husband of Martha (Burrell) Monroe. We are happy to have this couple united in the Lord's service.

T. M. Ferrell, pastor.

**Brush Creek, OH.** On Sunday, August 20, Kim Banks was baptized. Kim, the daughter of Paul and Earline (Calahan) Banks, made her confession of faith at International Youth Conference.

On Sunday afternoon, September 3, Mary Ellen Harshman (Mrs. Dale Harshman, Sr.) put on Christ in baptism. We pray God's blessing upon these two as they serve him.

Richard Worley, pastor.

**Plymouth, IN.** On October 1, 1978, it was my privilege to assist Lorence B. Ward, Bourbon, IN, to put on Christ by baptism. He was immersed in the waters of baptism at the Eugene DeMien pond near Plymouth. The North Salem Church of God prays God's blessing upon his new life in Christ.

Emory Macy, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** The Jay Street Church of God welcomes Steve Dillon into its membership as a new brother in Christ. He accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord and was baptized in his name on October 8, 1978. May God be with Steve always.

John Railton, pastor.

**Phoenix, AZ.** The membership of the Bible Church rejoiced over the acceptance of Christ by Dick and Jo Eckert and their baptism into the body of Christ on October 1, 1978. Jo is the daughter of Margaret Howell, a long-time member of the Bible Church. We welcome them into our membership and pray for their continued growth and service for the Savior.

James Graham, pastor.

**Front Royal, VA.** On October 9, 1978, we rejoiced to baptize Lorraine Williams in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

**Cleveland, OH.** William Coss, 18, was baptized at Golden Rule Church of God in a special service Thursday evening, September 28, 1978. Two days later, he was inducted into the Navy and

is now undergoing basic training at the Great Lakes Training Center just north of Chicago. Kevin Marsh, also 18, was baptized following the regular morning worship service at Golden Rule on Sunday, October 8. Kevin, the pastor's youngest son, has been a close friend of Bill Coss for several years. This friendship brought Bill into frequent contact with the pastor and his family and with the church. May God's blessing rest with them both.

J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

**Pomona, CA.** During the morning worship service, September 10, 1978, Rose Pinkerton was baptized into the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rose is 13 years of age, and first came into contact with the Church of the Open Bible through our Vacation Bible School program in the first week of August. Because of her faith in God, her trust in Christ, and her confession of submission to our Lord's will for her life, Rose received the ordinance of baptism. She has put on the "new nature" and is now in the process of being renewed in knowledge after the image of her Creator (Col. 3:10). For this we give God praise!

On Sunday morning, October 8, Cheryl Tempel was baptized into a death, burial, and resurrection like unto her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The family of God here in Pomona rejoices with the Father, the angels in heaven, and Cheryl as she makes this great decision to follow Christ. We pray he will continue to strengthen her and encourage her to grow into full Christian maturity. We also pray he will keep us, her brothers and sisters in Christ, sensitive to her needs.

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

### MARRIAGES

Sandra Kae Davis, daughter of Bill and Lois Davis, and member of the Church of the Open Bible, was married to Mr. Kevin Klinzing on Saturday, September 30, 1978. The couple will reside in Sacramento, where Kevin is employed. We pray that God will bless their marriage with all spiritual blessings, and that he will enable them to build up one another each day of their lives.

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Joe Good and Christie Simpson were united in marriage by the writer on Friday evening, September 29. They will live in Oregon, IL, while Joe continues his education at Oregon Bible College.

John R. Lewis.

### COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Tim Morczek; Bryan Morczek; Connie Keirnan; Donald Raymond; Virginia Carter; Dorthea Lee; Jessie J. Sales; Mrs. Delores Merrill; Suzanne Pitcock.

### MACOMB, ILLINOIS

Pastor Rex Cain was married to Sharon Guiles August 11, 1978, at the Oregon Church of God.

Wendell Weaver, Jr. was married to Brenda Osborn September 2, 1978, at the Macomb Church of God.

A fellowship in honor of the Cain family was held September 24, 1978, at the John Brown home. Eighty people enjoyed the Brown's hospitality. A lovely meal was served and the evening was highlighted by the added celebration of Mary and Francis VeNard's 57th Wedding Anniversary. We praise God for these times of sweet fellowship. The Cains received an abundant "food shower" also.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

### GOLDEN RULE GOLDEN JUBILEE

Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in its present building at 13905 Diana Avenue, September 16 and 17, 1978. Former members of the church came from as far away as Birmingham, Michigan, to participate. John Hearp, now pastor at Fonthill, Ontario, acted as guest speaker Sunday morning; he and his wife, Louise, attended all services. One-time Golden Rule members, now associated with other Churches of God, helped provide music and acted as deacons.

Messages from former pastors and their wives were received by mail and long-distance phone. Other Northeast Conference churches sent notes of congratulation and even flowers.

Invitations to the Jubilee services went out with the initial mailing of the Literature Saturation Campaign, and some were distributed by personal calls. Only four visitors were traceable to this combination mailing-calling, however.

The opening page of the special program noted that "while Golden Rule Church of God traces its origin back into the 19th century, it has occupied its present building 50 years. The pastor's father, G. Eldred Marsh, preached the dedicatory sermon in 1928, when L. E. Conner was pastor."

J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

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### SOUTHWEST MINISTERS' MEETING

The ministers of the Southwest churches met in Pomona, CA, Thursday, September 21, to begin a two-day series of meetings designed to aid them in accumulating more knowledge on the topic of church growth, and then assimilating that information into their own particular church circumstance. On Thursday evening they enjoyed a relaxing time of comfortable fellowship, one of the few times in this two-day block for such activity. At 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 22, the pastors met Mr. Wilbert Eichenberger, Director of the Robert H. Schuller Institute of Church Growth in Garden Grove, CA. As his guests, they attended a lecture by Dr. Schuller to a Christian Singles Seminar, after which they returned to Mr. Eichenberger's office for a time of discussion on church growth with him.

After a late luncheon, they returned to the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona for a sharing and application time, during which time they assessed their home church's potential for growth in light of their talk with Mr. Eichenberger and the information he shared. Later that evening, the ministers reviewed a course in sermon enrichment, taped by John Killinger, a professor of preaching at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN. Again, examining their own sermons in light of this study, considerable discussion was generated and much learning produced.

Saturday morning, September 23, after a time of prayer and communion, the pastors returned to their home churches with new, fresh ideas renewed inspiration, and confidence in the Lord's ability to cause our congregation to grow if we will let him do so.

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.



### VALLEY CHURCH OF GOD REQUEST

The Valley Church of God in 1979 will begin a concentrated effort to make contact with Church of God people or friends in the greater Los Angeles area. If you have a friend or relative in the Los Angeles area and feel they may be stimulated by contact from us, please send any applicable information (address, relation, etc.) to:

Valley Church of God  
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### OBITUARIES

**Sharonlee Frances Gallagher** of Troy, OH, died July 3 at the age of 20. Her death was the result of an automobile accident. She is survived by her grandmother, Frances Stadden of Columbia, Station, OH; her parents, Mike and Hazel of 665 Wilson Road in Troy; and three brothers, Dan and Mark of Troy and Steven of Orient State. Sharonlee was a member of Troy View Church of God. She loved the Lord and was anxious to learn about his Word.

We praise God for the faith Sharonlee held so dear and the hope which has sustained her family and friends through this time of loss. It seems impossible that anyone could face such trials without God and his glorious promises.

Gary Smith, pastor.

On September 6, **Kieffer Zeller** of Fullerton, NE, died—one day short of his 91st birthday. Bro. Zeller was baptized in 1913 by Almus Adams. He is survived by his wife Imogene; two sisters, Frances Paustian of Omaha and Helen Anderson of Alliance; and a brother, Morris of Alliance. Bro. Zeller had great hope in the resurrection and asked before his death that his funeral sermon be preached on Job 14:14.

Scott Ross, pastor.

**Sr. Ruth Grawet** fell asleep in death September 16, at the age of 72. She is survived by her husband Ray; her daughter Betty Chapin of

Scottsdale, AZ; her sons Raymond of Denver, Jerry of Omaha, and Larry of Scottsdale; and her brother, Cleo Dixon of Omaha. She was a member of the Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, NE, where she lived for many years. In 1972 she moved to Scottsdale, AZ, where she resided until her death. Funeral services were in Blair, NE, where she is buried, awaiting her Lord's return.

Scott Ross, pastor.

“The belief that God is made up of several personalities, such as the Christian belief in the Trinity, is a departure from the pure conception of the unity of God. Israel has throughout the ages rejected everything that marred or obscured the conception of pure monotheism it had given the world, and rather than abandon that pure monotheism, rather than admit any weakening of it, Jews were prepared to wander, to suffer, to die.”—*Rabbi J. H. Hertz.*

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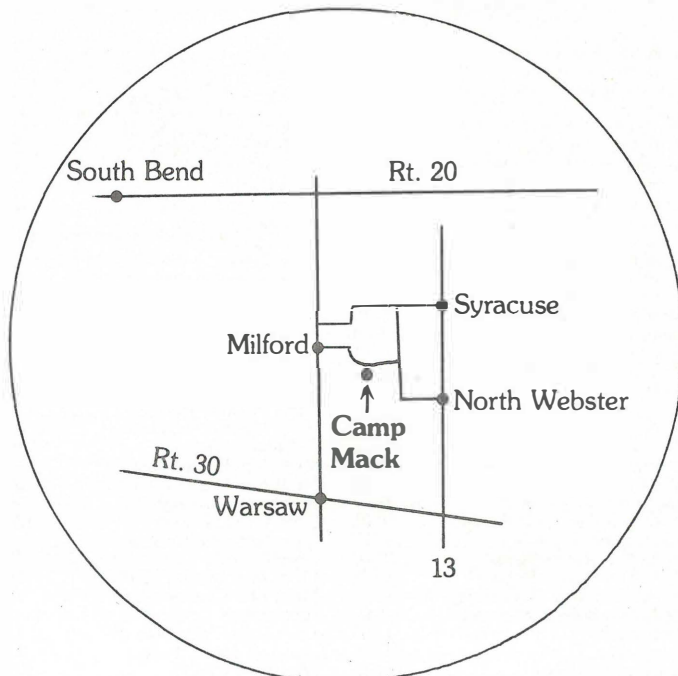
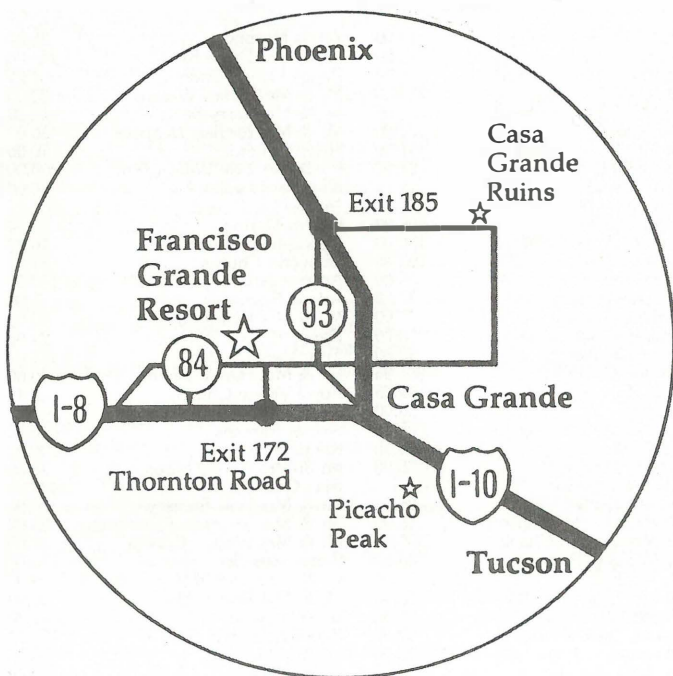
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## Equipped for Ministry

By David Krogh, Editor



The teaching of the New Testament is that every Christian is a minister of the gospel. Nowhere is this more clearly taught than in Ephesians 4:11, 12, where Paul says that God appointed some to be apostles, some to be prophets, others to be evangelists, and yet others to be pastor-teachers. The passage goes on to point out that the work of these individuals is to equip other Christians for the work of the ministry.

In making the application of this Scriptural principle to the church today, it should be clear that the pastor who is employed by the church should devote the majority of his time to training or equipping the members of the church to do the work of the ministry.

We find that Paul was faithful in carrying out the equipping principle in his own ministry. He constantly sought out individuals who would accompany him on his journeys, learn from his example, and be trained to do the work of the ministry on their own later. At Lystra he found Timothy and later instructed him to pay strict attention to Scripture, since it is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17, RSV). Paul also chose Sopater of Berea, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius of Derbe, Tychicus, Trophimus, Crescens, Demas, and Mark, to name only a few who traveled and learned under his equipping ministry. Later in 2 Timothy 4:10-12 we read "Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you; for he is very useful in serving me. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus." Paul equipped these

men for the work of the ministry and they proceeded to minister after they had been trained.

Peter also speaks of the role of each Christian when he says, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

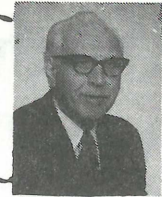
Therefore, in light of the clear teaching of Scripture, we must make certain that we avoid the "one minister—one congregation" concept that is prevalent in most churches today. Instead, we must believe and practice the "equipping pastor—everyone a minister" concept. This, of course, will require a change in the attitude and practice both of the pastor and the congregation. The pastor will need to rearrange his priorities so that rather than spending the majority of his time in doing the work of the ministry, he will spend more time in training others. And the members of the congregation will need to make themselves available to be trained, and they will need to change their attitude of expecting the pastor to make all the calls on the sick, the aged, and the new prospects. They will have to stop thinking of the pastor as the *only* servant in the church since he has been hired to minister to the needs of everyone.

These changes in attitude will undoubtedly not happen overnight, but if we choose to change I am convinced that this will prove to make a big difference in the growth of our churches. When we start having many ministers in our churches rather than one, I am convinced that some great things will happen. When we all start viewing ourselves as ministers of God, with responsibility to love others, to tell them of the love of God and the plan of salvation, to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn, to help those in need, and to serve others as Jesus did, then I believe that the outreach of our churches will be multiplied many times and we will see many more come to a knowledge of the truth.



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Season's Greetings

We are entering into the season of the year when we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Many people of the world will use it as a time of gift exchange, commercialism in the marketplace, and worldly celebration. May we of the Church of God celebrate this season in rededication of our lives to God and to Jesus the Christ, whose birth we are commemorating. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and workers of the Church of God General Conference, and myself, we extend best wishes for a glorious Christmas season and all best wishes for the new year of 1979.

## Voluntary Retirement Association

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association held their biannual meeting on August 9, during the General Conference. The rules and regulations of the association were updated to make the benefits much more appealing to the ministry of the General Conference. Under the new rules, there are now refund privileges if one leaves the ministry or withdraws from the association for any reason.

Some of the active ministers of the General Conference are not presently in the Retirement Program. It is possible for these men to now come into the association by paying a fee for the years that they have not participated. After January 1, 1979, those buy-back fees will be considerably higher. For those pastors not in the program, we urge the local churches to encourage their pastors to enter the program before the buy-back fees are increased.

## Literature Saturation Program

The special mailings for the Literature Saturation Program are in the mail. Thousands of pieces of material have gone to over 3,000 new homes over the past few months. People are being made aware of the Church of God. More importantly, they have had the opportunity to read about God, his Son Jesus, and the great plan of salvation provided through God's Word.

We trust that each church in this program is making a sincere effort through follow-up to reach each of these people with a personal witness. May God's blessing be with each church, each caller, and each one who has received these mailings.

## Evangelism Excitement

Your Executive Director had the privilege in October to be the guest speaker for a series of meetings with a group of people in Weiser, Idaho. This congregation has for years used the Songs of Truth Hymnal and Sunday School materials from the Church of God General Conference. During the six services, thirteen accepted Christ as their personal Savior and were immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of sin. We pray God's blessing on this congregation and its plans and desires to have a full-time ministry.

## Conference Finances

The giving for the budget goals for the months of October and November have fallen far short of the needs. We began the fiscal year October 1 with a deficit, a loan of \$16,000. Since that time, additional funds have been borrowed to meet the current payroll and general expenses.

The delegates at the 1978 General Conference voted a budget that required \$326,000 in contributions. This requires monthly giving of over \$27,000 to meet the current expenses. This includes support of our foreign missionaries, church aid to five local churches, cost of printing and publishing of the free literature, and subsidizing of the Sunday School quarterlies and other sale items. The budget provides about one half of the cost of the operation of Oregon Bible College, and provides the general expenses for the total operation of the General Conference.

We trust that the churches and membership will make this a matter of prayer and respond to meet the December needs of \$50,540.00 plus the total loan of \$27,000.00.

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## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goals for October & November	\$54,334.00
Given in October & November	30,961.00
October & November Deficit	23,373.00
December Needs	\$27,167.00

**Goal for December \$50,540.00**

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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

All of the special mailings for the Literature Saturation Program have been sent and we know that some of the churches are busy with their follow-up calls. If you haven't started your calling yet, now is the time.

One pastor at his Wednesday night Bible study asked some of his members who had been out calling to say a few words about their experiences. They were eager to do so and took up nearly the whole time telling the others what had happened.

The Lord is blessing his Word as it goes out, as well as his people as they go out. Continue to pray that new people will be led to know Jesus.

Please let us know some of your experiences in calling and how the Lord is blessing because of the Literature Saturation Program.

## Missionary for a Summer

Have you ever wondered what a real missionary is like? what his living conditions are? what is involved in the work he does?

Teen Missions International will help you with answers to those questions by giving you the opportunity to be a missionary for a summer. This interdenominational evangelism and work organization sends teens all over the world to lay bricks and get dirty for the glory of God.

The purpose of Teen Missions is not to teach you doctrine—hopefully you already know what God's Word teaches. It aims to get the Lord's work done overseas in the best way possible. In the past eight years thousands of teens have been trained and sent out to serve as summer missionaries.

First there is a two-week session away from civilization at "God's Boot Camp" at Merritt Island, Fla. Here you will learn all about discipline, stamina, and patience.

After boot camp your team will be sent by bus or plane to the particular mission field where you will be serving. Maybe it will be Haiti where you will help to build an orphanage. Perhaps you'll go to Ireland on a "bicycle witnessing" tour. Or you may find yourself in Alaska helping to build an Indian church. Wherever it is, you'll be helping with the Lord's work and learning about missions all at the same time.

I should warn you that it won't all be easy and it won't all be fun. You will actually be working. And you don't

get paid for your work—at least not with money. In fact, you will need to raise sponsorships in order to pay your way to wherever you go. But the rewards are great and you will never forget your missionary summer.

If you have ever given some thought to being a missionary, this could be a good chance for you to see if the Lord is calling you into future mission evangelism or if you aren't cut out for this kind of work.

What are you going to do with your next summer? It's not too soon to think about it.

For more information write to Teen Missions International, Inc., P.O. Box 1056, Merritt Island, FL 31952.

## Special Seminars and Conferences

There are several opportunities available to attend conferences and seminars in the area of home and foreign missions.

Two Christian Workers Seminars will be held in January and March of 1979. A variety of subjects will be offered to aid you in becoming better prepared for service in your local church. The dates and places are: January 8-12, Casa Grande, AZ., and March 25-31, Camp Mack, IN. See the November *Herald-JOURNAL* for more information.

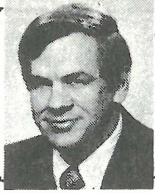
The Association of Church Missions Committees will be meeting in Boston, MA, July 19-22, 1979. This meeting will offer information and ideas for anyone interested in foreign missions, especially those serving on missions committees in their churches.

Next October 16-19, a National Missionary Convention will be held in El Paso, TX. This particular gathering will offer three opportunities for the price of one—opportunities to visit a foreign country, to visit a foreign mission field, and to attend a National Missionary Convention. Since the convention center is only a few blocks from the Mexican border, field trips to visit mission stations will be arranged.

A special missionary conference for students is held every three years at Urbana, IL. We don't have the exact dates yet for Urbana '79, but this conference is usually held the last part of December during Christmas vacation.

Please write to the Missions Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL, for more information on any of these opportunities to become more familiar with mission work, both at home and abroad.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*John R. Lewis, President*

## **A Program for Serving Christians**

**By Sam Voorhies**

As stated in the catalog, Oregon Bible College "is dedicated to the task of preparing men and women to present the whole Bible to the whole world. Its major purpose is to prepare Christian workers to preach, to teach, and to reach all persons in all places for Christ." The Christian Service Program is designed to assist the college in this stated dedication and purpose in the following ways:

First, by providing the student with present realistic opportunities to bring, "the whole Bible to the whole world," right in our local area. These opportunities allow each of us to reach people for Christ by serving and sharing the gospel with them.

Second, the Christian Service Program provides an integrating thread that pulls together the academic content and practical experience of each student. This allows us to relate divine truths to human realities and serve people in a real life setting.

Third, the Christian Service Program provides the opportunity to build significant ministering relationships—relationships with area churches and the community which can enhance and facilitate the sharing of Christ and the growth of the student.

In order for these things to happen, the program is designed in the following way: Area churches and pastors were visited to discover many possible opportunities of service for students. Also, community organizations, such as The Village of Progress (an organization working with the handicapped), Volunteers in Probation, The Senior Citizens Club, the county jail, and nursing homes were visited to discover opportunities for student involvement. All the specific opportunities were then compiled and made available to the students. After carefully considering their individual interest and goals for ministry, each student met with an adviser.

Through the adviser the student received guidance and encouragement in making a specific commitment in one or more of the opportunities for the semester.

There are six advisers, each responsible for five to seven students. The students will continue to meet with the adviser on a monthly basis to share his insights in ministry and personal growth.

Presently, students are involved in five area churches and two community organizations. Students are work-

ing as assistant pastors, song leaders, visitation assistants, Sunday School teachers, assistant teachers, music coordinators, worship leaders, and youth group leaders.

In the community, the nursing home and Volunteers in Probation have provided significant opportunities. In the nursing home, students are spending regular time each week visiting and assisting in the work of the home. This ranges from "adopting" a grandmother or grandfather to helping to feed and care for patients. Those students working with Volunteers in Probation are being assigned to someone who has been given probation in Ogle County. Their task is to meet with this person weekly, build a friendship, and provide support and encouragement as the person seeks to overcome his difficulties.

It's been exciting to see doors opening for students to put their faith into action. It's even more exciting to realize the potential we have to reach and impact this community for Christ. We're seeking to serve him by communicating his love in service to others. Please pray for us as we do.

## **Goal Planning**

The faculty and staff of Oregon Bible College are currently completing a self-study required by the State of Illinois. This is beneficial to us because it helps us to understand and articulate our reason for existence.

Any organization must have a plan and goal toward which it is working. We are carefully preparing our goals and, in doing so, there is a definite need to outline a program by which these goals can be made.

By making goals and preparing plans for the carrying out of these goals, we place ourselves in a position of responsibility. Worthy goals are appropriate, but there must be a program that is equal to the challenge of these goals.

Every plan for the growth and development of the college must be accompanied with financial planning and support. Every program and goal that is considered has its economic implications as we anticipate an expanding program for Oregon Bible College which will efficiently fill the needs of the Church of God. Long-range and short-range planning are necessary important and ongoing functions of the administration of Oregon Bible College. We ask that you pray and plan for continued support of the Bible College and its activities.

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

### Post-High Midwinter Retreat

The annual post-high midwinter retreat will convene at the end of this month at Camp Alexander Mack and, as always, we are expecting to experience a spiritual blessing as well as have a lot of fun.

The retreat will begin Friday evening, December 29, at 6:00, and end on Monday morning, January 1, at 9:00. Classes will be held each morning and afternoon and services will be conducted each evening. The balance of the time will be spent in fellowship or in activities of one's own choosing.

We are very fortunate to have obtained the services of Joe and Dana Myers of Dixon, IL, and Jim and Karen Babcock of Colvert, MI, to be the host staff for this retreat. Both couples are excellent teachers and I'm sure those who attend will receive a blessing for having spent time with these talented Christian people.

The retreat will again be held in Sarah Major Lodge so we have room for as many twelfth-grade and post-high students as can attend. We sincerely hope that there will be many of our young people who can attend this time of fellowship in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Berean Youth Department Finances for 1978

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you adults who supported the Berean Youth Department financially during the 1978 fiscal year. You supported our young people generously and we certainly appreciate it.

As I'm sure you're aware, the young people set a goal for giving each year at International Berean Youth Conference. The goal for 1978 was \$11,000, which was up \$1,000 from the previous year's goal. Although our young people did not actually reach their goal they were very, very close; they fell short by only about \$375. That's real close I would say, and their support as well as yours is greatly appreciated.

### New National Berean Contest Director

Bro. Neil Richardson of Hammond, LA, has consented to serve as our National Contest Director for this coming year. Neil really needs no introduction as he is well known among our young people for his ability as a quizzer and quiz coach as well as his involvement in all of our national youth programs.

We are truly anticipating a great year in our quiz program under the able leadership of Neil. Let's all give him the utmost support in this endeavor.

DECEMBER, 1978

David Krogh, Director

### Sunday School Attendance Figures

Below are the figures which compare the Church of God Sunday School attendance of April through June 1977 with the attendance for the same Sundays in 1978:

	1977	1978
April	4,796	4,104
	5,021	4,259
	4,316	4,063
	4,231	4,113
May	4,218	3,955
	4,300	4,068
	4,236	4,184
	4,187	3,991
June	4,060	3,836
	4,036	4,030
	3,900	3,866
	4,085	4,011
	3,850	3,795

These figures show an average decline of about 5.3% over the past year. This is the third consecutive quarter in which our attendance has been less than it was the previous year. This continued decline is of concern to me and I trust that it concerns you as well.

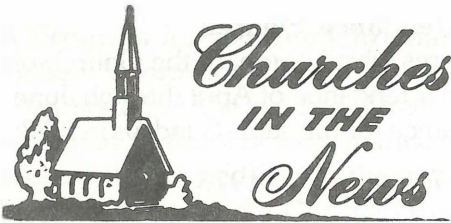
In fact, I hope that this matter concerns you enough that you will be led to do the following: 1) **pray**—pray for the growth of your church—pray for individuals who need to know the Lord—pray that the Lord will help your church to be effective in meeting the needs of people; 2) **invite**—invite friends and neighbors to attend Sunday School and church; 3) **discuss**—Sunday School teachers and officers and church boards should try to determine why attendance is down and plans should be made to try to reverse this trend.

I am convinced that the Church of God has a message that the world needs to hear, and unless we increase the number of people who come to our services, they will not be able to hear. And I am convinced that God will bless our efforts if we are serious about reaching people with the message of the truth.

**1979 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINARS**  
 Jan. 8-12—Francisco Grande Resort, Casa Grande, AZ.  
*Deadline for enrolling—Dec. 15.*  
 Mar. 25-31—Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, IN.  
*Deadline for enrolling—Mar. 5.*  
 Mail entry to Christian Workers' Seminar, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Oregon, IL.** Lois Ewald and Steven Krug were baptized into Christ October 22, 1978, at the Sunday evening service. We praise God for their confession of faith and trust that he will lead them into a life that is fruitful for him.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Pomona, CA.** A spirit of joy filled each member of the congregation of the Pomona Church of the Open Bible Sunday, November 5, as Samantha Pinkerton and Jennifer Jeavons were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. We thank God for these two fine additions to the mystical body of Christ, and pray that he will enable us to encourage them in their spiritual maturity (Col. 1:28, 29).

David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

**Hilliard, OH.** The Hilliard Bible Church of God, Faith of Abraham, is happy to announce that on October 15, 1978, Chris Anthony Robbins accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized the same afternoon for the remission of sins at Big Darby Creek. We pray God's blessings on him in his new walk of life.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Culver, IN.** On Sunday morning, September 9, Richard and Sandra Collins asked to be baptized into the saving name of Jesus. The following Wednesday evening they were immersed in the LaMunion pond, by Pastors Kenneth Cook and Darrell Maddock. We praise the Lord for their decision and pray God's blessing upon this young couple and their family as they continue their life together in Christ Jesus. They were welcomed into the fellowship of the New Hope Church of God the following Sunday at our Communion Service.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

**Wenatchee, WA.** Upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord before the Wenatchee Church of God on September 10, 1978, Carolyn Davis, daughter of Kirby and Bonnie Davis, was baptized at the Wenatchee Church by her father immediately following the morning service. Carolyn made her decision to give her life to the Lord at the International Berean Youth Conference. The Wenatchee brethren rejoiced with Carolyn and extended her the right hand of fellowship.

Barbara France, secretary.

## MARRIAGES

The beautifully decorated Oregon Church of God, filled with well-wishers, was recently the scene of a lovely wedding service. The service, largely planned by the participants, was held the evening of August 11, 1978, at which time it was our privilege to officiate at the wedding of our niece, Sharon Lee Guiles, to Rex F. Cain. The Cains are at home at 821 W. Chase St., Macomb, IL, where they serve as pastor to the people of the Macomb Church of God.

Pastor V. E. Kirkpatrick.

It was our privilege, on the afternoon of September 30, 1978, to officiate at the wedding of Deborah Ann Purucker, to our nephew, Gary Allen Guiles, in a beautiful outdoor service in Battle Creek, MI. The new Guiles family are making their home at 2928 Kenwick Circle, Apt. 9, Lansing, MI, where Gary serves with the law enforcement agency. Pastor V. E. Kirkpatrick.

On August 19, 1978, Susan Crader became the bride of Robert Falcone at the Morse Mill Church of God, Morse Mill, MO. In the presence of friends and relatives they exchanged vows before God. We pray that God will bestow his richest blessings on this couple as they seek to serve him.

Mark Ryan, pastor.

## AVAILABLE FOR A PASTORATE

The following three men were graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1978. They are presently in the Internship Program and will entertain a call to a pastorate for September 1, 1979, or possibly by the first of June if necessary.

**Steven Taylor**  
2251 S. Saulk Trail  
Apt. 109  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
Ph 616-942-4757

**Thomas New**  
Box 66  
Blanchard, MI 49310  
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**Greg Demmitt**  
2240 W. Paradise Dr.  
Phoenix, AZ 85029  
Ph 602-997-6402

## PENNELWOOD CHURCH OF GOD BUS MINISTRY

On behalf of the Bus Ministry Department of the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, MI, I would like to share with you the way God has blessed our church.

Under the direction of Bro. Rick Williams, our number of bus riders has increased from 12 on September 3 to 78 on November 5. Also on November 5, we had 108 in Junior Church. On that evening Mike Smith, one of our bus riders, accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

We are thankful for these blessings. We ask that you pray for us, that God will provide the workers and the room, that we may continue to reach people for Jesus.

Dale Elzinga.

## CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE POMONA, CALIFORNIA

The church Board has given its blessing to a church-operated daycare facility to open here in January. A Board of Christian Education has been appointed, made up of the Pastor, Minister of Christian Education, Sunday School Superintendent Sara See, Director of the daycare facility Debbie Stockdale, and a Trustee, to coordinate the educational processes of the daycare operation and the Sunday School, as well as the total church mission, 70% of which is educational in nature.

The Berean Youth program has been bolstered recently, through both VBS and Sunday School

projects. Sunday, October 15, eleven Bereans met to select their 1978-79 Berean Youth officers. Elected to a second term as President was Tony Porras. Elected to fill a double office of Vice President and Secretary was Cheryl Tempel, and Julie See was elected Treasurer of the organization. We at the Church of the Open Bible are very proud of these young people, and trust God will direct them into many fruitful fields of development, as he prepares them for further service in Christ's church. Our Lord has challenged them with a vision of growth, and grow they will!

David Wilsterman, pastor.

## EVANGELISM TRACTS

Here are free tracts for you to use in witnessing and for your own Christian development. Order from **Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061**. Please be sure to include your name, address, and zip code.

### Quan.

- ... A B C's of Salvation
- ... An Invitation
- ... An Invitation to Life
- ... Better Than Money in the Bank
- ... Bible Faith Stands the Test of Time
- ... Bible Faith Stands the Test of Time, Spanish
- ... Can God Help Me?
- ... Can You Believe?
- ... Does 2 + 2 = 5?
- ... Do You Ever Think About God?
- ... Do You Prefer Insurance or Assurance?
- ... First Aid Information
- ... First Steps in Bible Study
- ... Have A Good Day
- ... Here's My Tip
- ... Meet My Friend
- ... No Fear in Your Future
- ... One Step from Death
- ... Plan of Salvation (memory cards)
- ... See What Real Love Is
- ... Six Steps to a New Life
- ... Something Got You Down?
- ... Steps Toward Salvation
- ... The Blood Bank of the Bible
- ... The Cancer of Racial Hate
- ... The Guiding Light
- ... The Ideal Family
- ... The Truth About God
- ... Traveler's Credit Card
- ... Use the Past to Build a Future
- ... Why Be Baptized?
- ... Your Introduction to the Church of God

## MISCELLANEOUS TRACTS

- ... Chart of the Ages
- ... From One Who Cares
- ... How to Grow in Christ
- ... How Your Pastor Can Help You
- ... Is Faith Possible?
- ... What Can We Read Tonight?
- ... What Should I Give My Child?
- ... Why Worship Regularly?



**Mission Builders Appeal Number Forty-One  
GREENVILLE CHURCH OF GOD  
Greenville, South Carolina**



The Greenville Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith was organized by former members of the Guthrie Grove Church of God who lived in and near Greenville, South Carolina. The organizational meeting was held on October 17, 1971, and the first service held one week later. The services were first held in the Greenville Business and Professional Women's Club building.

A house and 1/3 acre of land has been purchased for a place of worship at a cost of \$27,000.00. Some remodeling was done at a cost of \$5,000.00 and interior furnishings were purchased. The building has an adequate sanctuary, three Sunday School rooms, a small social room, and a kitchen-Sunday School room combination. There are twenty active members from sixteen families. Bro. T. M. Ferrell has been pastor of the church since it began in 1971.

Please enroll me in the Mission Builders League.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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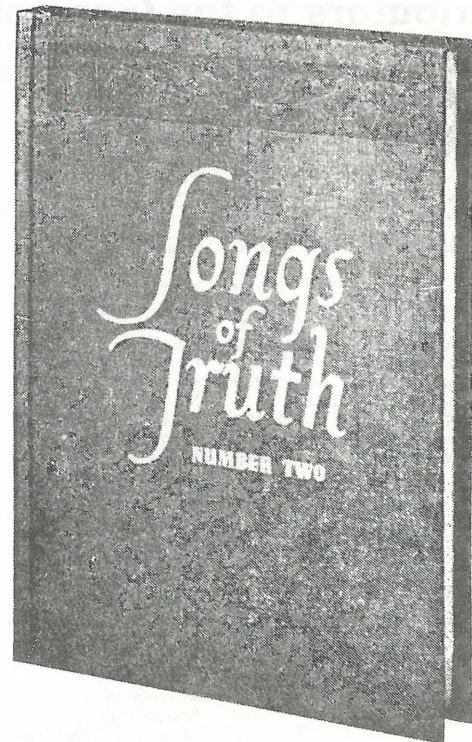
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## OBITUARIES

The New Hope Church of God, Culver, IN, was saddened at the death of our beloved sister in Christ, **Charmaine Miller**, on Sunday evening, October 1. Sister Charmaine died after a lengthy illness with cancer. She was laid to rest in the Culver Masonic Cemetery on Wednesday, October 4, to await the call of the Master when he returns to establish the kingdom. Although Charmaine had only been in Christ since December of 1973, she had shown a steady growth of faith in the Lord. This faith was to sustain her during her illness and be a wonderful testimony to all who knew her. She died in the comforting presence of her Lord. May God bless and comfort her family and friends with this knowledge.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

**Mrs. Lela M. Ballenger** was born January 6, 1896, in Roscoe, OH; she fell asleep in death September 17, 1978, at Columbus, OH, at the age of 82 years.

Sister Lela is survived by three sons, five daughters, one sister, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Services were held September 20, 1978, with Pastor C. F. Roth officiating. Interment was in Franklin Hills Memorial Gardens. Sister Lela now rests in sleep, awaiting the coming of our Lord and Savior. We pray it may be soon. Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Howard Van Zant** was born February 6, 1905, and died September 22, 1978. He married Belle Elizabeth Stetson on February 9, 1929. Howard had made his residence at the Johnson Rest Home in Troy, OH, after his health failed. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Evelyn Stine; two sons, Paul and Norman; eight grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted at Hale & Sarver Funeral Home in West Milton, OH, by the writer. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery at West Milton.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Jeffrey Lynn Bine**, 18, Belle Plaine, IA, died Saturday, August 12, 1978, as the result of a 75-foot fall from an elevator under construction. He was the son of Laurence and Sandra Bine. Jeff was baptized in 1971, and was a member of the Gladbrook Church of God. He attended International Youth Conference for several years. Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Lauri and Diane; a brother, Daniel; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Aura Bine; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reinhard. Services were conducted by Bro. Louis Cronbaugh, and Jeff was laid to rest in the Koszta Cemetery, there to await the call of his Master.

Services were held on October 16, 1978, in Steamboat Springs, CO, for **E. M. "Andy" Gesin**, a former Oregon resident. Andy was the son of Charles and Mary Gesin. He was preceded in death by a brother and a son. Survivors include three daughters, nine grandchildren, and his sisters, Alice Marshall of Florissant, MO, and Mrs. James Lippert of Bethalto, IL. Andy was baptized by F. E. Siple in August of 1923.

**Simon Leroy Rife**, Loveland, CO, died September 15, 1978, following a brief illness. He was married to Maude Dimmick, who survives. He has been a member of the Church of God, Abrahamic Faith, since being baptized by Bro. Almus Adams in 1921. Mr. & Mrs. Rife had, until April, 1978, lived in Wilder, ID.

The hope and comfort of "the scriptures which cannot be broken" were given to those who mourn his death, giving assurance that Jesus is coming again to raise and unite those who are his.

Brother Rife was laid to rest in the Memory Garden Cemetery at Fort Morgan, CO.

Pastor Leon Driskill.

**Vernon Lyle Thayer**, 61, of Winchester, VA, died October 13, 1978. He was born December 1, 1916, in Plymouth, IN, the son of the late Vernon Earl and Verna Shaffer Thayer. Bro. Thayer had served his church, the Royal Village Church of

God in Front Royal, with dedication and distinction in various offices; elder, trustee, and treasurer. He recently retired from a 30-year employment by Smith's Transfer Corporation, where he worked as operations manager. His illness extended for 16 months, but he and his wife were happy to be able to attend the 1978 General Conference in August. Surviving are his widow, the former Georgia Wolford, whom he married July 3, 1937, in Shenandoah County; two sons, Richard and Lawrence at home; and a half sister, Mrs. Jane Gustafson of LaPorte, IN.

Services were conducted at a funeral home in Winchester before a large gathering of relatives, friends, and brethren in Christ. Words of encouragement and comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Pastor Joseph Astolfi of Maurertown. Bro. Thayer was laid to rest in Shenandoah Memorial Park to await the coming of the King and the call to eternal life.

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

The friends and members of the Lighthouse Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia, were saddened by the unexpected death of seven-year-old **Matthew William Milbury**, son of Mrs. Elaine Milbury and the late Clyde Milbury.

Matthew drowned Saturday, October 7, 1978, when he fell from a row boat and attempted to swim to shore. Born in Digby, he was a grade one student at St. Patrick's Elementary School. Surviving besides his mother, are three brothers—Daniel, Clyde, and Willard; and two sisters—Judy and Carolyn, all at home. The service was held at the Lighthouse Church of God with Pastor John Denchfield officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Bear River.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	5.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton, Sr	20.00	M L VanDerWeele	10.00
S Bend Miss Soc	65.00	Weiser, ID, Christian Friends	280.00	Anonymous	100.00	Royal Village SS	12.80
Bess Kasper	120.00	Edith Eades	30.00	Bethel Young Adult Class	25.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Good	200.00
Raker Union SS	22.00	C J Isenhoff	10.00	Mr & Mrs E Richard Smith	15.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Robertson	20.00
Eternal Hope Church	137.71	Everett Rogers	28.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	30.00	San Jose Church	30.00
Lawrenceville Church	396.76	Ripley Miss Soc	195.00	SE Conference	178.00	Mr & Mrs John Carr	50.00
Pleasant Hill Church	137.40	Pennellwood Church	298.07	Mr & Mrs Marshall Wiggins	5.00	In Memory of Etta Macy:	
Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	300.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	50.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	130.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	10.00
Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	300.00	Brush Creek Gosp Gleaners	20.00	Fonthill SS	17.41	Mr & Mrs Lee McQuinn	30.00
Blanchard Church	308.90	Dr & Mrs C Gene Davis	105.00	Fonthill Church	194.40	Brush Creek SS	35.14
Mr & Mrs Mervin Spangler	10.00	Cool Spring SS	21.00	Dorothy Napper	20.00	Helen Thompson	50.00
Blood River Church	166.19	Yvonne Reigelsperger	200.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Poe	25.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00
Alice Marshall	10.00	Verna Freeman	50.00	Eldorado Church	104.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Parsons	200.00
Anonymous	200.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson	25.00	New Hope Church	75.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	50.00
Southlawn Church	342.69	R Pearl Shellhaas	10.00	Golden Rule Church	65.61	Garden Park Church	202.50
Guthrie Grove Church	1,000.00	Macomb Church	179.68	Mr & Mrs Fred Mulder	5.00	Fredericktown Church	54.38
Phoenix Bible Church	154.00	Lois Blakely	50.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	43.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	40.00
Mr & Mrs William Poland	50.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Forest Hills Church	26.40	Mr & Mrs Gerald Sticker	25.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Pearson	80.00	Flagg Center Church	171.50	Mr & Mrs James Ashley	20.00	Alice Marshall	10.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	25.00	Lakeshore Christian Ladies	25.00	Mrs Waldron E Stewart	52.00
S Bend Hope Chapel	164.58	Mr & Mrs Russell Reye	16.00	Clara Broberg	10.00	Advent Christian Church	41.80
Mr & Mrs Wm Shotwell	40.00	Katherine Tackett	85.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Anonymous	400.00
MI State Conference	65.81	LA Contributors	45.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	125.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Lewis	120.00
Anonymous	100.00	Delaware Friends	110.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	75.00	Mr & Mrs Given Cleek	75.00
Anonymous	50.00	McGintytown Church	160.00	Anonymous	125.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Shaw	50.00
Mr & Mrs Orvis Messersmith	5.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	65.00	Mabel Andrew	40.00	Harlingen Church	14.11
Hedrick Church	50.00	Oregon SS	10.52	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	37.00	Lorene Armes	31.00
Truth Seekers SS	14.17	Macomb SS	13.16	Mr & Mrs Rolla Hightower	50.00	Oregon Church	527.78
Cecil Smead	30.00	Anonymous	21.00	Leona Conrad	30.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	125.00
Mr & Mrs Earl Smith	20.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	110.00	Columbia Church	584.99	Anonymous	18.25
Paul Hatch	17.15	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pестle	100.00	Glad Tidings Chapel (Dayton)	260.00	Anonymous	10.00
Julian Hazlewood	12.20	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Dayton Christian Outreach	60.00	Troy View Church	229.84
Happy Woods Church	119.94	Mr & Mrs Carl Moreland	40.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	15.00	Rachel M Alexander	400.00
Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	20.00	Connie Ross	30.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Zeller	75.00
Anonymous	200.00	Dorothy Siple	40.00	Rosa Lee Waggoner	5.00	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	10.00
W E Boyer	50.00	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Wissman	25.00	Mr & Mrs George Minarik	1.00
Maurertown Church	44.03	Mary Krogh	20.00	Mr & Mrs Sherman Fautleroy	20.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	300.00
Alice Bassett	40.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	25.00	Mr & Mrs Fayette Brossard	200.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	130.00
Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	15.00	Eden Valley Church	81.16	Wayne Thompson	25.00	Doris M Reye	10.00
Margaret Duval	250.00	Brush Creek Church	313.31	E Neil Richardson	185.00	Bedford Church	177.23
Mr & Mrs Howard Carlisle	10.00	NE Conference	265.00	Mr & Mrs Oral D Miller	400.00	Blessed Hope SS	14.40
Bob & Leone Flesland	50.00	Anonymous	5.00	Howard E Huey	500.00	Blessed Hope Church	56.76
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Troy View SS	3.21	Mr & Mrs Alden Palmer	50.00		
Mae George	16.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	60.00	Mildred Heyde	10.00		
Adell Chandler Circle	35.50	Lowell E Holt	100.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00		

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## NOTICE

### Director of Outreach and Church Development

Applications are being accepted for the position of Director of Outreach and Church Development for the Church of God General Conference. This department was established by action of the delegates at the 1978 General Conference as a result of the recommendations of the Study Committee.

This full-time position will become available September 1, 1979 when the reorganization adopted will be fully implemented. The functions of this department would cover the areas of evangelistic outreach, church development, Sunday School development, and Berean Youth Fellowship development. The new Director will correlate and supervise the activities of this department.

Anyone interested in this important position is asked to write an application and a resume and send them to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 not later than Monday, February 5, 1979.

It is the desire of the Board of Directors to find the best possible candidate for this important position.

Following is the Study Committee Report as adopted.

#### Outreach and Church 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.



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Executive Director Resigns

I hereby advise the membership that I have submitted my resignation as Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference effective August 31, 1979. Brother David Krogh has been appointed to that position effective on the same date.

This decision was made after much prayer and forethought, yet with mixed feelings. We will do all possible to effect a smooth transition.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met on Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1, 1978, at Oregon, Illinois. The audit report for the past fiscal year was reviewed and approved. The report will be published in the February issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL.

The position of Director of the newly formed Outreach and Church Development Department was discussed. It was agreed to encourage applications for this important position. See the front page of this issue for further information.

The Board approved the application of the Forest Hills Church in Royal, Arkansas, for Mission Builders Appeal #42 which will go in the mail in May, 1979. The Forest Hills Church was destroyed by fire in October.

The Board reviewed the report of Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence on their recent trip to India. The recommendations were approved. The Board gave a vote of commendation and gratitude to Bro. and Sr. Lawrence for their dedication, interest, and concern in taking of their valuable time to visit various mission fields. The Board approved the production of a slide sound set on Church of God doctrines by Dr. Alva G. Huffer. Brother Huffer is working very closely with Dr. Joel A. Benedict, who has his own media company, and these sound sets can be widely distributed through this facility.

Approval was given for the remodeling of the Golden Rule Home for Oregon Bible College office space. We are grateful that a couple has agreed to provide the funds for the remodeling project.

The Board was advised that the Tom Savage Estate is providing a \$20,000 endowment for Oregon Bible

College. It was also noted that the closing will take place shortly on the purchase of the Myers Property immediately south of the present Men's Dormitory-Library-Kitchen Facility. This property came up for sale and was purchased for possible future expansion of the college facilities.

Many good letters and reports have been received by the Board of Directors regarding the changes that have recently been made in the format of *The Restitution Herald*.

## Conference Finances

We are grateful for the many who have responded to the membership letter and to the needs as expressed in the past issues of PROGRESS JOURNAL.

It is true, however, that the contributions for the month of December are falling far short of the budget needs.

We feel that many fine things are happening in the General Conference. The literature saturation program is bringing the message of salvation to many people. The new book by Dr. Huffer, entitled "Triumph of the Resurrection," is progressing well and will be published within the next year. The production of the slide sound set on Church of God doctrine, the progressive changes in *The Restitution Herald*, the updating of our Sunday School material with the helpful teacher's guides, and the two Christian Workers' Seminars are all evidence of progressing Christian Service.

We trust that the churches of the Conference and the entire membership will make the financial needs of the Conference a matter of dedicated prayer and sacrificial response to carry on the work of the Conference without further borrowing. As this page is written, our loan stands at \$20,000, in addition to the deficit in giving for the month of December.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for December	\$50,540.00
Given in December	28,425.00
December Deficit	22,115.00
January Needs	27,167.00

**Goal for January \$49,282.00**

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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).*

## Typhoons in the Philippines

Last fall's typhoons did damage to Luzon, the island where our workers live. The rice crop was damaged, but at this time we don't know how badly. There was also some damage to the roof and walls of at least one of the church buildings. Pastor Eleodoro Javar's two youngest children were ill during the storm and nearly died because they had no transportation to the doctor.

Rebels and outlaws are active again in the mountains of Agbannawag. Because of the danger, Pastor Domingo Valdez has discontinued trips to Agbannawag and is now working to revive the church that was in Abut.

The Philippine ministers met for a seminar in the fall at the Quezon Church. Their purpose was to study together and discuss the problems of the church.

## India Items

Pastor P. M. Paulson writes that his hand was injured in the cyclone that hit India sometime ago. A beam fell on it, breaking a bone. It has not healed well and Bro. Paulson is still suffering with pain and weakness and is not able to use his hand freely. He asks us to pray that the Lord will heal his hand and restore it to normal strength.

We are thankful that Bro. and Sr. Bill Lawrence have returned safely from their trip to India.

During the days Dr. Bill worked and taught at a Bangalore hospital while Mardy visited with the workers, interviewed missionaries, national pastors, and educators, and took care of administrative business. Both of them visited the churches in the evenings where Mardy led 1½- to 2-hour Bible studies on talents and fruit and gifts of the Spirit. Group participation was good and average attendance at Thomas Town was 33 and at Laljinagar, 25.

Bill preached two sermons at each church on stewardship, tithing, and commitment. The last night was a special treat, with films on the life of Christ being shown.

The Lawrences had the opportunity to visit with S. S. Manoah on several occasions. He looks good, is more relaxed, and seems happy. Bro. Manoah has always loved music and is talented in it. He is now teaching piano, organ, and accordion each day at a school and also does private tutoring. In addition he preaches to ten families on Sunday evenings at the YMCA.

Pastor M. R. Noel is doing a fine job of preaching, teaching lay pastors, and giving his committees a chance to serve and make decisions regarding money matters. His sermon outlines are well organized and of good content. He continues to study and attend seminars for his own growth.

Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Rossman (supporters of the clinic work) and the Lawrences were extremely pleased with the clinic. In addition to Dr. Michael, who is hired for three mornings a week, three female doctors each give one-half a day voluntarily. A female psychiatrist also came and volunteered her services for the clinic. Emily Manoah is to be commended for her capable service as administrator of the clinic. It is now a good witness for Christ and our churches in Bangalore.

Continue to pray for the growth—both physical and spiritual—of our churches in India.

## Nigerian News

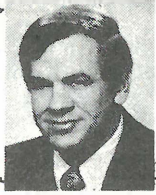
Pastor John Obott has been having difficulties with his church and also personally. John and his people were in the process of having a more permanent church building constructed on some property of Tony Idiong's for which the people had paid a fee. It was nearly complete when the owner of the land and some of his friends argued and fought with the contractor and his laborers. When it was over, the church had been severely damaged with iron bars. Tony wanted additional money for the use of his land, and when John wrote he said they were planning to supply the money by the end of November.

Another problem of John's is a place to live. It has been several months since his landlord asked John and his family to leave his house. John has been staying with a friend while his wife and children have been living with her father. There is a possibility that John can rent some land and put up a small home for his family. Pray concerning both of these matters.

## Boards to Meet

At this writing the Foreign Missions Board is planning to meet a few days before the beginning of the Arizona Christian Workers' Seminar. The Home Missions Board will meet following the Seminar. Members of both boards will be participating in the Seminar—several of them as staff members.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

John R. Lewis, President

## Staying in the Ministry

*Pulpit Helps Magazine* of November, 1978, and *Christianity Today* of January, 1977, both carried articles dealing with the continuing problem of pastors leaving the ministry.

Both articles draw conclusions similar to those reached by a study committee appointed in the Church of God a few years ago. Currently, one out of every four Catholic priests is leaving the priesthood, and one out of eight of every Protestant clergymen is leaving the ministry. The two major reasons ministers gave for leaving was the need for more money and the seemingly ineffectiveness of the work of the church. Bob Dale, a Pastoral Ministries Consultant for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, concluded that dropout in the ministry is related to three crises that come in the pastor's life. The first of these crises comes from three to five years after entering the ministry when reality shatters the ideals the young pastor started with. The second occurs at about age forty when he realizes he has not reached the goals he had originally established for himself. The third crisis comes when the pastor understands that he is looking forward to insecure retirement years.

Being a pastor is one of the most exciting and rewarding of jobs, but at the same time it is one that has nerve-destroying and frustrating responsibilities. Working in a local church demands powerful personal attributes and a strong faith in God.

Clearly it is the responsibility of laymen to cooperate with their pastor and provide a supportive environment so that he feels needed, fulfilled, and rewarded. Two important areas laymen can support the pastor in practical ways are: 1) to see that he has salary commensurate with his needs and the style of living of the people in his church and, 2) to support the pastor by clearly abiding by his teaching and patterning their style of life after the Christian teachings he is presenting.

This same support and encouragement that are given for the pastor must also be provided for the pastor's wife and family.

The encouragement Paul gave to the Corinthians is the same kind of encouragement we will give to pastors. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

## Chapel and Student Activities

Recent speakers at chapel activities have included Fred Lessten, Special Secretary of Church Relations, American Bible Society; Edward Germane, Probation Officer for DuPage County; and Lars Dunberg, Executive Director of Living Bibles International. In a sharing chapel service students reported and shared their growing experiences in the Christian Service Program of the Bible College.

On Wednesday, November 8, James Hill and Gary Burnham led the students in Prayer Day activities. Students voiced their praise, needs, and thanksgiving to God in individual devotions and group prayer activities throughout the morning.

## Gospel Team Activities

Under the direction of Dale Ramsey, students have participated in several gospel team activities during the semester.

In September they participated in the anniversary celebration of the Hope Chapel Church, and in October the anniversary celebration of the Omaha Church. Many other trips are planned for this semester.

## Faculty Staff Activities

October 26-28, Eugene Stilson, Bob Jones, Russell Magaw, and John Lewis attended the American Association of Bible Colleges Convention at Arlington Park, Illinois.

October 4-8, John Lewis conducted meetings at the McGintytown Church of God in Greenbrier, Arkansas. On November 12, he spoke at the Macomb Church of God on the occasion of its annual anniversary celebration.

## OBC Student Government Project

Each year the OBC student body establishes a project goal for the year. Chapel service offerings are used to finance these projects. Past projects have included financing Bro. Manoah's trip to the United States and purchasing videotape equipment, an electronic stencil maker, and a television for the women's dormitory.

This year the students are letting their lights shine forth in the community by advertising the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Preparations are currently under way for a colorful mural depicting a Christian message to be painted on the south side of the Conference building, to be completed in the spring.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

### Christian Influence

Recently I read an article in a Christian magazine which encouraged me greatly. The article reports that in St. Louis, automobile assembly plant employees sing hymns and offer prayers at two daily religious services in the plant chapel.

The meetings started with four men holding private prayer services during their lunch hour. More auto workers gradually joined. Up to 50 now participate. The services at which a visiting minister preaches a short message moved from the lunch room to a locker room, and finally to a basement office.

Years ago when I was in high school, we had what was called "Morning Watch." We were able to meet in a small gym of our school and have prayer, devotions, and much singing of Christian choruses. Most mornings the gym was more than half full. For many it was a first contact with Christ.

Certainly it is a worthwhile thing and I encourage any of you who are willing to, to check with a principal or schoolboard member in your area to see if this could be a possibility in your city. Certainly Christians would be a more positive influence on the students than rock groups and other entertainment. Why not pray about the idea, then for an opportunity to take action.

### Berean Youth Conference Staff Applications

International Berean Youth Conference is not too many months away. Very shortly we will be forming our staff for another wonderful week at Camp Alexander Mack. We certainly would be pleased to have anyone who desires to serve the Lord in this manner to apply by sending in an application. These staff applications should be in the hands of your local pastor right around the first of January. An application may also be obtained by writing directly to me at Box 28124, Tempe, AZ 85283.

Serving on the staff at Berean Youth Conference is an extremely rewarding experience and we are always happy to welcome new people onto the staff and we will use as many as we possibly can.

Preliminary planning for this year's conference is already underway and it promises to be another exciting year. We do hope that you will make your service to this exciting youth program a matter of personal prayer. Remember, our young people are the greatest asset the Church of God has and we should put forth every effort to meet their needs. Camp dates are July 16-22, 1979.



David Krogh, Director

### The Importance of the Sunday School

It is said that we win to Christ 1 out of 3 enrolled in Sunday School and 1 out of 240 not enrolled in Sunday Schools. How important would you say our Sunday School is?

"The importance of the Sunday School scarcely needs to be argued. It is the Church studying the Bible. It is the Church reaching out for new recruits. It is the Church dealing constructively with each age of life in ways suitable to the respective ages. It is a glorious part of the Church—its most fertile field of evangelism."—*Homer A. Kent.*

The greatest need in the church today is trained teachers who will put their whole mind into their preparation, their whole soul into their presentation, and their whole life into their illustration.

"If the gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world . . . and it is;

If the church is the divinely appointed agency for the dissemination of the gospel . . . and it is;

If the church school is the recruiting station and training camp of the church . . . and it is;

Then the church school is the hope of the World."  
—*James DeForest Murch.*

—*From Pastor Rex Cain's bulletin.*

### What Caused the Short in the Attention Span?

"Children just naturally have short attention spans."

Children seated in a Sunday School classroom are said to be unable to give more than *two to ten* minutes attention to anything that is presented.

However, adults have a short attention span also when something is boring to them, or not presented in a captivating way.

Step back and take a look at your last class session. What happened? Who did most of the talking? *What kind and how many visuals were used?*

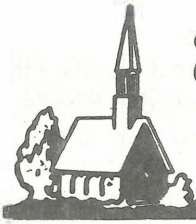
What opportunities did the class have for self-expression? How was the classroom decorated and arranged? Did the teacher and the students enjoy the class session and wish it could have continued longer, or was most everyone glad when the bell rang?

I think this "Short Attention Span" thing on the part of the child has been overemphasized. Could it be we teachers need to be jolted out of our role as "*Short Attention Holders*"?

—*Nancy C. Williamson, adapted.*



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## Churches IN THE News

### Baptisms

**Ripley, IL.** On Sunday, November 19, 1978, Leslie Thompson was baptized into Christ. The Ripley Church of God welcomes him into our fellowship as a brother in Christ. We pray that God will continue to strengthen him in his growth towards maturity in Christ.

Richard Young, pastor.

**Culver, IN.** On Sunday, November 5, 1978, following her confession of faith in Jesus Christ, Rebecca Dunfee was immersed in the waters of baptism. We of the New Hope Church of God welcome her into the fellowship of Jesus Christ and into our congregation. We praise God for Becky's decision and pray that the Spirit of the Lord might be with her as she looks toward the return of our Lord and Master.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

**Front Royal, VA.** On November 19, 1978, Susan Rudacille was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:17, 18, RSV). The Royal Village Church of God rejoices with Susan as she begins her new life with Christ.

Cecil A. Smead, pastor.

**Lawrenceville, OH.** During our Fall Revival services, in which Bro. Billie Kennedy was speaker, the following persons came forward requesting baptism: Kristi Ritch, Kim Loy, Steve Kaffenbarger, Julie Kaffenbarger, Brad Espich, and Mark Stevens. Kristi and Kim made their commitment to the Lord and were immersed on Thursday, November 16, 1978, at the close of our Revival services. Steve, Julie, Brad, and Mark were baptized into the body of Christ at the close of the morning worship on Sunday, November 19, 1978. On this same Sunday, the following young men expressed their desires to follow the Lord: Brad Clark, Daniel Domigan, and Richard Parker. They were immersed in the waters of baptism on Sunday evening, November 26, 1978. We at the Lawrenceville Church of God rejoice with them in this new beginning, and recognize our responsibility to pray for and edify them in their walk.

James Ritch, pastor.

**Phoenix, AZ.** The Bible Church of God rejoices in the baptisms of Dick and Josephine Eckert on October 2, 1978, and of Vondaleen Thal on November 12, 1978. It is our prayer that God will bless these individuals as they begin and grow in the Christian life.

James Graham, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** Ellen Asbell professed her faith and requested baptism during the morning service November 5, 1978, at the Macomb, IL, Church. She was baptized that evening. We welcome her to the body of believers and pray that she will continue to walk with the Master as we all await his return.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Lenoir, NC.** The Church of God of Resurrection Hope in Lenoir, NC, is happy to announce recent baptisms into Christ of Mr. Danny Clontz, Miss Crystal Clontz, Miss Grace Wilcox, and Mr. Jason Phillips, by Pastor Duncan. In the same service, Pastor James Minton baptized his son James into Christ. Pastor Minton is pastor of the House of Prayer of Abrahamic Faith in Piney, NC.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

**Flagg Center, IL.** The Flagg Center Community Church of God rejoices at the baptism of Dave Young into the body of Christ. He was immersed in Kyte Creek on November 19, 1978. At the same service, Pastor Ken Howe of the East Oregon Church of God baptized Alan Shaw, a student at Oregon Bible College. We pray God's direction and blessing upon both these young men as they continue to serve their Master.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

### MARRIAGES

Chuck Bainter and Debbie Vawter were married October 28, 1978, at Macomb, IL. We ask God's blessing on them.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Mrs. Vondaleen Robinson became the bride of Mr. Ted Thal on November 5, 1978, in a ceremony held at the Phoenix Bible Church of God in Phoenix, AZ. It is our prayer that God will bless this marriage as they begin their life together. Ted and Vondaleen will reside at 3140 W. Libby St., Phoenix, AZ.

James Graham, pastor.

### INVITATION

To All Church of God People:

The Larry Magaw family wants to offer our home as a home away from home. We want to offer a warm home and Christian fellowship to all traveling church members. There is also a little selfishness in the offer. It's a chance for us to meet members we may not be able to meet otherwise. Please come.

Larry and Louise Magaw  
213 Washington St.  
Holly, Michigan 48442  
313-634-7816

### OBITUARIES

The membership of the Phoenix Bible Church have been saddened by these recent deaths: **James Floyd Engle**, father of Mrs. Lu Bullard, died on October 28, 1978, after a long illness. **Mr. Walter Martin**, husband of Mrs. Bobbi Martin, died on October 22, 1978. **Mr. Ed Madorski**, the father of Jerry Madorski, died on November 4, 1978. These recent deaths have again caused us to realize the mortality of man and also the sting of the enemy death. It is our prayer that God will comfort all three families and soon send his Son back to the earth to destory once and for all the sting of death.

James Graham, pastor.

**Jesse Burrell**, 72, of Piedmont, SC, died Monday, November 8, 1978. He was a member of the Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Stone Burrell; three daughters—Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cooper, Mrs. Carolyn Willett, and Mrs. Martha Ann Monroe; and nine grandchildren. Services were held Wednesday, November 8, 1978, at Guthrie Grove Church by the pastor, with T. M. Ferrell assisting. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Kenneth Milne, pastor.

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The annual Missionary Conference was held at the Lighthouse Church of God November 17, 18, and 19, 1978. The theme of this year's conference was "Jesus—The Light of the World."

The guest leader was Nina Hatcher of St. Louis, MO. The meetings consisted of special music, inspirational talks, with emphasis on home missions, foreign missions, and prison missions.

Those in attendance were both inspired and encouraged to become better missionaries for Jesus and to let their lights shine so that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven.

Elaine Handspiker, secretary.

### SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE (California and Arizona)

The fiscal year ended for the Southwest Conference with an October weekend meeting at the San Jose, CA, Church of God. The theme of the gathering was "Prophecy." At this conference, the following members were elected to office: Pastor David Wilsterman, President; Mrs. Al Steiner, Treasurer; and Frank Williams, Board Member.

Our Spring conference was held at the Phoenix, AZ Bible Church of God. Pastor Scott Ross of Omaha, NE, was guest speaker. This conference program was formed around a mini-Christian Workers' Seminar.

The fiscal year began last October with a conference at the newly-purchased Glendale, CA, Valley Church. There, Executive Director of the General Conference S. O. Ross and Mrs. Ross were guests. Missions, at home churches and abroad, was the theme. At this meeting, those in attendance voted to assist the Valley Church in a grant of \$5,000 from the Conference Development Fund.

The Southwest Conference has several projects. One, the promotion of the youth work. This is enhanced by an inspiring camp held each year in June at beautiful Camp Maranatha (Advent Christian) near Idylwild, CA. Pastor James Graham is Youth Director of this activity. Tuitions have been paid for members of the Southwest Quiz Teams attending International Youth Camp. Fellowships, scholarships, and grants are given regularly to Southwest students attending Oregon Bible College.

Our next conference will be held at Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, AZ, and is tentatively set for April 20-22, 1979.

Marion Stilson, secretary.

### DIRECTORY CHANGES SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Pres: David Wilsterman, 440 W LaVerne Av, Pomona, CA 91767  
Sec: Marion Stilson, 41035 Cactus Valley Rd, Hemet, CA 97343  
Treas: Mrs Laureen Steiner, 400 S Montezuma Way, W Covina, CA 91790  
BYF Dir: James Graham, 12650 N 42nd Av, Phoenix, AZ 85029

**Delta Church (Raker)**, Delta, OH 43515  
Philip Buehrer, Supt, Rt 2, Delta, OH 43515

John Denchfield of Trufant, MI, requests that his name be removed from the list of licensed ministers of the Church of God General Conference.

### COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

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

### Order Form

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

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*March 25-31, 1979*

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JANUARY, 1979



**PASTOR C. F. PRYOR**

**Pastor C. F. Pryor** was born March 28, 1919, and died November 28, 1978, while serving as pastor of the Blood River Church of God in Springfield, LA. He was hospitalized the morning of November 24th while evangelistic meetings were being held at the church by Pastor Z. B. Duncan. Memorial services were held in Louisiana and then on December 1, 1978, funeral services were held in his native state at Anderson

Chapel Church of God in Hendersonville, NC, by Pastors Daniel Fyfe and Z. B. Duncan, with message in song by Brother Ralph Childs. After twenty-seven years of faithful ministry in the Church of God, serving churches as pastor and being active in many positions with the General Conference, he was laid to rest in Emma's Grove Cemetery in Cain's Creek Section of Western North Carolina to await the coming of our Lord

and resurrection from the dead. He is survived by his wife Helen; two daughters—Mrs. Michael (Anita) Hale and Mrs. Scott (Gayle) Ross; a son, Charles; several grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

The poem enclosed was written by Pastor Z. B. Duncan in loving memory of Brother Pryor on December 1, 1978, and read as the closing thoughts at the service.

**In Loving Memory of Pastor C. F. Pryor**

By Z. B. Duncan

Born in North Carolina, where the mountains reach out high,  
Lived a glorious childhood watching clouds move across the sky.  
Loving parents, sisters, brothers and neighbors in all the town,  
His honest smile and trusting heart was known for miles around.  
His marriage was forever and he loved his wife so well!  
The children made him happy—like a golden wedding bell!

He loved to hear their laughter and taught them always to pray!  
His family must live for Jesus—in every passing day.  
He heard a call from heaven—obeying, his heart was stirred.  
So leaving home and loved ones, he went forth to preach God's Word.  
From churches into the cities, into states and all about,  
From pulpit unto pulpit with a voice so strong and stout!

He proclaimed, "The Lord is coming! The kingdom it is sure."  
He baptized many into Jesus—giving them the HOPE so pure.  
From conferences and committees, in every avenue,

He worked beyond endurance to uphold the things so true.  
He took no idle moments—his living was service filled;  
He fought a glorious battle and all our hearts he thrilled.

With many tears and sorrows, we all stand and mourn this day,  
For a priest and king in Jesus, who's touched us all some way!  
A preacher of the truth of God—a witness to the Word—  
Proclaiming in a loving way to all who ever heard  
That Jesus Christ, God's Son, is Lord—the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
A champion and a hero—in the Christians' Warfare of strife!

With hope and faith and trust in God he laid his armor down,  
To sleep with all the saints of God till we receive the crown!  
Till Christ descending with a shout, in glory shall appear,  
With trump of God and mighty power, he'll raise our loved ones dear!  
And so we say goodnight to him with loving aching heart.  
When Jesus comes, we'll meet again—to never, never part.

**Contributors to the General Conference: November, 1978**

Pleasant Hill Church	125.63	Mrs Dorothy Napper	10.00	Mr & Mrs George O Brown	20.00	Mr & Mrs Harry Lee	50.00
Anonymous	4.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	65.00	Hildred Momsen	10.00	Mr & Mrs Joe D Shelly	25.00
Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	100.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	60.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	160.00	Burr Oak Church	150.00
In Memory of Ernest M Gesin:		NE Conference	265.00	Koszta Church	61.00	Mr & Mrs Orvis Messersmith	5.00
M/M Walter Marshal &		Leota Hanson	30.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00	Ripley Church	285.75
Mrs Douglas Becker	15.00	Mr & Mrs Wm McLaughlin	500.00	Forest Hills Church	35.00	Mr & Mrs John McKinney	655.00
Raker Union SS	22.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00	Verne Learned	50.00	Mr & Mrs Milo Jones	100.00
Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	37.00	J Anon	80.00	Mr & Mrs John Railton	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills	1,000.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Reye	40.00	Albert City Church	100.00	Troy View Church	206.68	Dennis & Rachel Baldwin	10.00
Cecil A Smead	20.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	50.00	Mr & Mrs Albert Kastner	40.00	Mr & Mrs Elmo Gaspar	300.00
Blood River Church	156.40	May White	18.00	Mr & Mrs David R Hall	44.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Potts	35.00
Blanchard Church	436.48	Mildred Somers	35.00	Robert D Mercer	25.00	Mrs R F Dunbar	10.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	129.00	Anna Mae Poland	10.00	Mr & Mrs James Wiggins	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Lutton	25.00
St Louis Church	58.64	Ruth Spence	10.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Shaw	5.00	C David Martin	50.00
Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	35.00	Lakeshore Christian Ladies	25.00	Mrs Lee Fish	10.00	M A Patrick	200.00
San Jose Church	45.00	Phoenix Bible Church	418.35	Mr & Mrs Walter Spangler	500.00	C J Isenhoff	25.00
Golden Rule SS	10.00	Cool Spring SS	17.00	Mr & Mrs Kendal Coats	100.00	Mr & Mrs T E Martin	100.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Crader	25.25	Everett Rogers	28.00	Mr & Mrs Burton Smith	200.00	Carol Scholtes	14.23
Eternal Hope Church	132.19	Mrs Katherine Tackett	60.00	Mr & Mrs William Andrew	200.00	Cheryl & Larry Dickerson	10.00
Litchfield Church	42.59	LA Contributors	55.00	Mary Krogh	25.00	Mr & Mrs Sherman Fauntleroy	20.00
Donald Williams	178.00	Cool Spring Church	85.24	Mr & Mrs John Carr	50.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Heiser	20.00
Mr & Mrs Jess G Williams	52.00	Happy Woods Church	150.73	Connie Ross	40.00	Anonymous	15.00
North Hills Church	228.31	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	38.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Reinhard	15.00	David Onderdonk	25.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	55.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	30.00	Lester H Anderson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Kruiiswyk	10.00
Lafayette Church	51.00	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	200.00	Blessed Hope Church	161.99
Paul M Hatch	11.50	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Mr & Mrs Hollis Neal, Jr	50.00	Phil Jones	20.00
Mr & Mrs Orville Fleming	5.00	Ethel Berry	100.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	15.00	Inez Gordon	20.00
Edith Eades	32.00	Frances Wood	200.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Coppock	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wilber Coulter	40.00
Flagg Center Church	70.00	Mr & Mrs Denny Enyart	25.00	Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	15.00	Eden Valley Miss Soc	102.52
Garden Park Church	62.54	Eldorado Church	125.00	Mr & Mrs Dick Fridley	40.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	300.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Leona Conrad	60.00	Mary Hanson	200.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Cripe	5.00
Fonthill SS	19.69	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Mr & Mrs John Kinsey	25.00	Gayla Purdy	20.00
Golden Rule Church	243.69	IL State Conference	165.00	Grace Reighard	10.00	Jay St Church	132.92
Macomb Church	398.56	Debra McKinney	24.00	Mr & Mrs Daniel Lewis	10.00	Fredericktown Church	121.93
Anonymous	55.00	East Oregon Chapel	110.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademachir	123.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00
S Bend Miss Soc	65.00	Larry & Louise Magaw	5.00	Mrs Esther Jenkins	20.00	Ernest Graham	5.00
Dixon Church	50.00	Mark & Cynthia Bang	10.00	Modesto Bible Church	1,587.36	Anonymous	4.00
Eden Valley Church	169.27	Mr & Mrs Alfred Hetrick	100.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Danskin	50.00	Brush Creek Church	986.51
Eden Valley Ladies Aid	10.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	60.00	Mr & Mrs Ronald Riley	50.00	Conger St Church	187.00
Mr & Mrs Larry Miller	10.00	Mrs Eugene Myers	25.00	In Memory of Paul Johnson:		Macomb Miss Soc	125.00
Pennellwood Church	133.17	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	25.00	Mr & Mrs Gordon Landry	55.00	Anonymous	582.00
Mr & Mrs M D Robinson, Jr	13.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	130.00	In Memory of Melvin Richardson:		VA State Conference	250.00
Oregon SS	26.12	Ethel Johnson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Gordon Landry	55.00	W E Boyer	50.00
Mr & Mrs William Poland	35.00	Hillisburg Miss Soc	250.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	50.00	Maurertown Church	114.63
Donna Miller	100.00	SW Conference	230.00	Bedford Church	177.10	Hope Chapel S Bend	662.91
Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	30.00	Anonymous	175.00	Bedford SS	30.07	Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhaus	20.00
Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	130.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00	Holbrook Church	233.89	Southlawn Church	401.43
Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver	80.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Eldred	92.00	Vernon Vant	2.00	Southlawn SS	11.55
Mr & Mrs W M Williamson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	100.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Moore	25.00	Kathleen Wilson	100.00
Miss Sara Beddow	71.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	Mr & Mrs E A Frederick	100.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Pearson	40.00
Julian Hazlewood	12.20	Anonymous	30.00	Royal Village Church	14.00	Mr & Mrs Malcolm McLeod	50.00
Alice Bassett	40.00	Mr & Mrs Alden Palmer	30.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Mr & Mrs Rolla Hightower	50.00
Lawrenceville Church	523.65	Mr & Mrs Harold Gallagher	10.00	Allen Wegener	10.00	Mrs Warren Ives	10.00
Brush Creek SS	38.34	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	50.00	Anonymous	25.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Haenke	50.00
Omaha SS	34.28	Clyde Long	25.00	Anonymous	25.00	Mr & Mrs Allan Steiner	25.00
Fremont SS	32.70	Daniel & Wilma Heard	10.00	Clark Ballentine	50.00	Mr & Mrs E C Harvey	50.00
Macomb SS	17.36	Bertha Partlow	100.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	140.00	Mary & Martha Missionary Soc	100.00
Anonymous—Rockford	1.00	Marjorie Mogle	100.00	Cheryl Lynn Gyorgyi	5.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Young	10.00
Raymore Church	80.00	Fred E Hickox	20.00	In Memory of Mary Pack:		Valerie Mowrer	50.00
June Routson	27.00	Mrs Marion Erdmann	10.00	J O Pack	50.00	Margaret Newton	3.00
Bobby Lee Partain	14.00	Mr & Mrs John Taylor	200.00	Mr & Mrs Hiram Schier	50.00	Mrs Zelma Powell	10.00
Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Mr & Mrs Oral Miller	300.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	150.00	Jack & Betty Reining	150.00
Fonthill Church	751.63	Patsy Zimmerman	33.00	Mr & Mrs P G Coverston	100.00		

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



The above photo is the current Board of Directors. From left to right: Dwaine Demmitt, Troy, OH; Carroll Bennett, Paynesville, MN; Harold Doan, Vice Chairman, Santa Monica, CA; Russell Magaw, Treasurer, Columbia Station, OH; Joe James, Secretary, Greenville, SC; William Lawrence, Chairman, Phoenix, AZ; Donald Needham, Blanchard, MI.

These seven Board Members are elected by the delegates to carry out the policy and the programs adopted by the delegates at the annual General Conference. The elected directors then select the officers for the year.

### Financial Statement

The financial statement of the Church of God General Conference for the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1978, appears in this issue. This printed statement is part of the full report of the audit made by the Ramsey Accounting Firm in Warsaw, IN. We urge you to review the report and feel free to contact the Executive Director or one of the members of the Board of Directors if you have any questions on the report.

### Two Stalwart Pastors Succumb

The Church of God General Conference will sadly miss two of its stalwart pastors who died one month apart. Brothers C. F. Pryor of Springfield, LA, and E. Milon Hall of Minneapolis, MN, were the same age at the time of their deaths. Both have served on the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

Brother Pryor served for several years on the Board of License & Ordination and was chairman for a period of time. Brother Hall served on a part-time basis as Sunday School Director and was also on the Board of the Ministerial Association. Both served pastorates in several churches, were dedicated workers in their respective State Conferences, were regular attenders at the annual General Conference, and faithful workers in many avenues of service.

The dedicated service of these two men will continue to be an inspiration to all. May God comfort and bless the two widows and their families.

### Brother Kennedy to Nova Scotia

We commend the Eden Valley Church of God for releasing their pastor, Brother Billie Kennedy, so he could spend the month of January pastoring the Digby, Nova Scotia, Church of God. We are grateful to Brother Kennedy and his family for accepting this challenge. Other churches may be called on to do this until a full-time pastor can be found for Digby.

### Conference Finances

The contributions to the Goals for Giving for the fiscal year are still not meeting the needs. We again emphasize that about \$95 per family per year would more than meet the goals. We realize, of course, that many give much more than that. We encourage those who have not done their part to consider becoming helpers in this cause. We have a \$25,000 loan, which was necessary to meet the current expenses. This amount, plus the February deficit, is needed to get into the black. Your prayers and response are needed now.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for January	\$49,282.00
Given in January	35,786.00
January Deficit	13,496.00
February Needs	27,167.00

**Goal for February \$40,663.00**



# Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

## India Project

When Bro. and Sr. William Lawrence were in India they saw the real need that Pastor Noel has for dependable transportation. Because of the distance between the three churches and their various members, it is necessary for Pastor Noel, as the only pastor, to do a lot of traveling each week. The churches are not located in places that are easily accessible by public transportation, so much valuable time is lost in walking or waiting for transportation.

Because of these factors we have decided that supplying a motor scooter for Pastor Noel is a worthy project for us. The vehicle will belong to the pastor and he will be responsible for maintaining and providing the gasoline.

The cost of the scooter is \$800 and of that amount \$600 is still needed. After the money arrives in the bank in India, there will be a waiting period of eight months before the scooter can be secured.

Any individual, class, church, or group that wishes to contribute to this project may send your money to: India Scooter, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Not Over Yet

We might say that the Literature Saturation Program is now history since all the mailings have been sent. But in actuality it is not completed yet. In some of the Churches of God, people are still making calls on those who received the literature. In others, all the calls have been made. But the results of the literature and the calls may be seen for some time to come.

We need to cultivate those who have shown interest in the message we have shared. Make a return visit and let them know that you are interested in them and care about them. Be sure they know about your regular services, as well as your special programs. When they come to your church, make them feel especially welcome.

There are several things that can be done to make newcomers feel at home in your church. Regular members need to be observant so when new ones are present they can introduce themselves and give a cheerful greeting. In addition it is helpful to have two or three people serve each Sunday as official greeters.

One of our churches has recently secured some name pins for the members to wear. The name of the church is at the top with the individual's name below. Newcomers can see each person's name, as well as hear it, when introduced.

Be sure to get the new person's name and address recorded in your guest book to aid in future follow-up.

Another helpful idea is to print a layout of your church plant showing where the various classrooms and the sanctuary are located. Also list the grades and topics (for adults) and teachers of the classes. The greeters can give these sheets to newcomers and direct them to the proper areas.

We are glad for each church that participated in the Literature Saturation Program and we pray for good results in people being brought to know our Lord. Churches involved in the program are encouraged to write and tell us how the program went in your area, about experiences you had, and any suggestions that would be helpful to us for a future program.

## Personal Literature Distribution

We do not need to depend on a special literature campaign to get the printed word out to people. Each of us in our personal lives comes into contact with many people in the course of a week. And these people present to us an opportunity to share the good news.

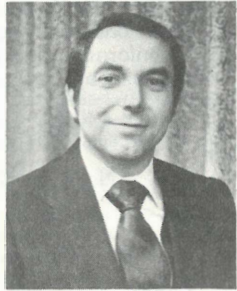
Carry a supply of gospel tracts with you and look for ways in which you can distribute them. "Have a Good Day" is appropriate to give to someone who has provided a service for you. Someone who has lost a loved one will need the comfort offered by a message of resurrection and hope for tomorrow. "Here's My Tip" is a good tract to leave along with your monetary tip at a restaurant.

Exercise care in your use of tracts. In a newspaper column prepared by a well-known evangelist, there appeared a letter from a widow with two children who worked as a waitress. She was angry with "religious people" who came in and left a gospel tract *instead of* a tip. She felt that she tried to give good service and needed the income for her family. We want to be careful that we do not cause an adverse reaction to the gospel by the way in which we present it.



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*John R. Lewis, President*



**Russell Reye**



**Joseph Myers**

## **New Administrative Positions**

We are pleased to announce new administrative responsibilities for Bro. Russell Reye and a new administrative position for Pastor Joseph Myers.

Bro. Russell Reye joined the staff of Oregon Bible College last August when he was named Director of Student Affairs. At its December Meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed Bro. Russell Reye Director of Admissions and Registrar. John Lewis has been serving in this capacity for several years.

Through his administrative experience in public education Bro. Reye is well qualified for these new positions. We are sure that he will administer these new offices in a credible and efficient manner.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Joseph L. Myers to the public relations position of Director of Student Recruitment and Alumni Relations.

Pastor Myers is 1973 graduate of Oregon Bible College. During his years at Oregon Bible College, he participated in many of the school activities including, three years in the Oregon Bible College Chorale and Student Council President his Senior year.

Upon his graduation, Pastor Myers and family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan where he served as an Assistant Pastor at the Pennellwood Church of God under the direction of Pastor Kent Ross. Pastor Myers has also served pastorates in Denver, Colorado and Little Rock, Arkansas. Currently, he is serving at the Dixon Church of God in Dixon, Illinois. Pastor Myers and his wife Dana have two children Bethany age five, and Samuel John-Thomas nearly two.

Bro. David Krogh has served as Director of Public Relations and Student Recruitment during the past two years. We appreciate his dedication and effectiveness in this area of service.

We ask for your prayers and continued support of

Oregon Bible College and Bro. Russell Reye and Pastor Joseph Myers as they continue to serve the Lord in these areas. Any questions or suggestions you would have regarding either of these areas of service can be addressed to these two gentlemen at Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

## **Junior-Senior Weekend**

We would like to remind High School Juniors and Seniors that the Bible College will be sponsoring the second Junior-Senior Weekend this year April 5 through 7. We invite all Juniors and Seniors of the Church of God to visit the campus during that weekend and consider Christian Service as their future career.

If you plan to visit on that weekend please send your intent to Pastor Joseph Myers in care of Oregon Bible College.

## **Building Plans**

At the Delegate Conference in August, we revealed a plan to develop and use the Golden Rule Building.

After careful study and examination by Bro. David Seger, he recommended to the Administration and the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College that the Golden Rule Building be renovated and remodeled for Administrative purposes.

Previously, we had felt that the best use of the building was for a future Library. However, after looking at remodeling and structure design problems, it was determined that to remodel the building for Library space would require more expense than could be justified. Immediately, there is a need for more office space for the persons that are being added to the Administration of the General Conference. Bros. Dale Ramsey and Sam Voorhies are presently located in temporary offices in the Men's Dormitory.

When the initial remodeling of the Golden Rule Building is completed Bros. Dale Ramsey, Sam Voorhies, and another Bible College staff member will have offices in this building. This will free space in the present administration building for the Director of Outreach and Church Development of the Church of God General Conference.

For immediate needs and the future growth and development of Oregon Bible College this seems to be the best use of the Golden Rule Building. We praise God for those of the Church of God who are financing this project.



# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Church of God General Conference

October 1, 1977 — September 30, 1978

We have examined the Statements of Financial Position of the Church of God General Conference as of September 30, 1978, and the related Statements of Income & Expense (or Statements of Receipts & Expenditures) and Statements of Fund Balance for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1977, and ending September 30, 1978. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the exceptions, modifications, and explanations contained in the notes to the financial statements, explanations,

and footnotes, the accompanying Statements of Financial Position, Statements of Income & Expense (or Statements of Receipts & Expenditures) and Statements of Fund Balance present fairly the financial position of the Church of God General Conference at September 30, 1978, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year October 1, 1977, to September 30, 1978, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, on the accrual basis, applied consistent with that of the preceding year, except as noted.

Allan M. Ramsey  
Public Accountant  
Warsaw, Indiana

November 20, 1978

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION September 30, 1978

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Oregon Bible College	Annuity Fund	Trust & Endowment Funds	Other Student Funds	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash on Hand & in Banks—							
Checking .....	\$ 73.20	\$ (18,956.32)	\$ 15,209.66	\$ —	\$ 69.90	\$ —	\$ (3,603.56)
Cash in Bank—Savings .....	8,979.49	19,040.82	5,883.33	10,478.50	153,861.82	3,255.86	201,499.82
Petty Cash Fund .....	200.00	—	—	—	—	—	200.00
Accounts Receivable .....	1,737.87	—	—	—	—	—	1,737.87
Notes Receivable .....	—	31,818.14	216.00	—	24,842.31	130.00	57,006.45
Contract Receivable .....	—	103,741.07	—	—	—	—	103,741.07
Inventories .....	16,474.40	—	1,055.52	—	—	—	17,529.92
Investments .....	—	—	2,000.00	10,000.00	6,914.46	—	18,914.46
Land .....	79,311.25	—	16,005.66	—	—	—	95,316.91
Improvements to Grounds .....	—	—	2,785.29	—	—	—	2,785.29
Buildings .....	33,110.38	—	393,657.85	—	—	—	426,768.23
Furniture & Equipment .....	31,685.54	—	100,397.16	—	—	—	132,082.70
Motor Vehicles .....	5,170.40	—	8,985.05	—	—	—	14,155.45
Accumulated Depreciation ....	(27,535.57)	—	(79,819.18)	—	—	—	(107,354.75)
Deferred Expense .....	5,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$154,206.96</b>	<b>\$135,643.71</b>	<b>\$466,376.34</b>	<b>\$ 20,478.50</b>	<b>\$185,688.49</b>	<b>\$ 3,385.86</b>	<b>\$965,779.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>							
Accounts Payable .....	\$ 3,664.16	\$ —	\$ 3,611.52	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,275.68
Notes Payable .....	17,420.00	—	33,000.00	—	—	—	50,420.00
Accrued & Withheld Payroll							
Taxes .....	2,474.04	—	—	—	—	—	2,474.04
Accrued Hospitalization							
Premiums .....	8,490.55	—	—	—	—	—	8,490.55
Deposits & Fees .....	—	—	2,004.22	—	—	—	2,004.22
Annuities .....	—	—	—	20,000.00	—	—	20,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$ 32,048.75</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 38,615.74</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 90,664.49</b>
Fund Balance .....	122,158.21	135,643.71	427,760.60	478.50	185,688.49	3,385.86	875,115.37
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE .....</b>	<b>\$154,206.96</b>	<b>\$135,643.71</b>	<b>\$466,376.34</b>	<b>\$ 20,478.50</b>	<b>\$185,688.49</b>	<b>\$ 3,385.86</b>	<b>\$965,779.86</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE October 1, 1977, to September 30, 1978

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Oregon Bible College	Annuity Fund	Trust & Endowment Funds	Other Student Funds	Total
<b>INCOME &amp; RECEIPTS</b>							
Contributions—General .....	\$275,015.97	\$ 27,179.21	\$ 10,556.53	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 14.50	\$312,766.21
Contributions—Designated ...	1,034.00	—	18,051.55	—	—	—	19,085.55
Contributions—Non-Cash ....	2,900.00	—	—	—	—	—	2,900.00
Tuition, Room, & Board .....	—	—	56,158.47	—	—	—	56,158.47
Interest .....	684.93	7,872.95	404.35	1,336.09	12,422.66	101.54	22,822.52
Conference, Camps & Seminars .....	22,293.30	20,188.14	—	—	—	—	42,481.44
Laundry .....	—	—	608.54	—	—	—	608.54
Miscellaneous .....	370.00	455.67	336.37	—	—	—	1,162.04
<b>Total Income &amp; Receipts ...</b>	<b>\$302,298.20</b>	<b>\$ 55,695.97</b>	<b>\$ 86,115.81</b>	<b>\$ 1,336.09</b>	<b>\$ 12,422.66</b>	<b>\$ 116.04</b>	<b>\$457,984.77</b>
Gross Profit or (Loss) on Sales ..	(11,347.43)	—	330.90	—	—	—	(11,016.53)
<b>Total Operating Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$290,950.77</b>	<b>\$ 55,695.97</b>	<b>\$ 86,446.71</b>	<b>\$ 1,336.09</b>	<b>\$ 12,422.66</b>	<b>\$ 116.04</b>	<b>\$446,968.24</b>

EXPENDITURES							
Salaries .....	\$ 46,772.58	\$ —	\$ 90,329.21	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$137,101.79
Utilities .....	914.43	—	13,117.31	—	—	—	14,031.74
Telephone .....	2,649.01	—	2,344.52	—	—	—	4,993.53
Insurance .....	2,315.41	—	5,132.62	—	—	—	7,448.03
Postage & Freight .....	8,786.43	—	613.43	—	—	—	9,399.86
Office Supplies & Expense .....	946.15	—	1,456.07	—	—	—	2,402.22
Depreciation .....	2,990.54	—	7,855.88	—	—	—	10,846.42
Repairs & Maintenance .....	769.82	—	2,095.49	—	—	—	2,865.31
Travel .....	16,360.76	2,500.00	4,175.05	—	—	—	23,035.81
Towel & Laundry Service .....	318.00	—	—	—	—	—	318.00
Conference, Camps & Seminars .....	21,876.97	21,024.24	—	—	—	—	42,901.21
Printing .....	9,225.24	—	1,229.80	—	—	—	10,455.04
Assistance to Mission Points ..	8,798.00	—	—	—	—	—	8,798.00
Assistance to Churches .....	15,336.30	16,046.27	—	—	—	—	31,382.57
Assistance to Ministers .....	—	1,400.00	—	—	—	—	1,400.00
Literature .....	31,623.02	—	—	—	—	—	31,623.02
Supplies & Expense .....	4,905.76	—	6,664.90	—	—	—	11,570.66
F.I.C.A. Tax .....	4,282.90	—	5,740.05	—	—	—	10,022.95
Professional Services .....	1,855.77	—	618.58	—	—	—	2,474.35
Motor Vehicle Expense .....	1,399.26	—	1,105.17	—	—	—	2,504.43
Miscellaneous .....	883.97	—	576.38	—	325.00	—	1,785.35
Bad Debts .....	107.33	—	—	—	—	—	107.33
Foreign Exchange .....	1,002.83	—	—	—	—	—	1,002.83
Staff Training .....	953.57	—	516.70	—	—	—	1,470.27
Special Misions Projects .....	580.00	1,735.00	—	—	—	—	2,315.00
Contributions (Ministers Retirement Association) .....	25,177.76	—	—	—	—	—	25,177.76
Advertising .....	—	—	377.82	—	—	—	377.82
Speakers .....	—	—	390.00	—	—	—	390.00
Food .....	—	—	14,745.14	—	—	—	14,745.14
Assistance to Students .....	—	—	2,425.00	—	—	100.00	2,525.00
Outside Instructors .....	—	—	1,392.00	—	—	—	1,392.00
Dues & Subscriptions .....	—	—	987.73	—	—	—	987.73
Interest .....	—	—	2,469.20	—	—	—	2,469.20
Annuity Payments .....	—	—	—	1,126.38	—	—	1,126.38
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$210,831.81</b>	<b>\$ 42,705.51</b>	<b>\$166,358.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,126.38</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$421,446.75</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME OR (LOSS) ..</b>	<b>\$ 80,118.96</b>	<b>\$ 12,990.46</b>	<b>\$ (79,911.34)</b>	<b>\$ 209.71</b>	<b>\$ 12,097.66</b>	<b>\$ 16.04</b>	<b>\$ 25,521.49</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>							
Dispositions of Equipment .....	—	—	1,410.71	—	—	—	1,410.71
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 80,118.96</b>	<b>\$ 12,990.46</b>	<b>\$ (78,500.63)</b>	<b>\$ 209.71</b>	<b>\$ 12,097.66</b>	<b>\$ 16.04</b>	<b>\$ 26,932.20</b>
<b>OTHER DEDUCTIONS</b>							
Annuity Benefits .....	\$ 9,376.11	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 9,376.11
Property Tax .....	108.12	—	—	—	—	—	108.12
<b>Total Other Deductions .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,484.23</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 9,484.23</b>
<b>NET INCOME OR (LOSS) .....</b>	<b>\$ 70,634.73</b>	<b>\$ 12,990.46</b>	<b>\$ (78,500.63)</b>	<b>\$ 209.71</b>	<b>\$ 12,097.66</b>	<b>\$ 16.04</b>	<b>\$ 17,447.97</b>

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES October 1, 1977, to September 30, 1978

#### ORGANIZATION

This organization is incorporated under the not-for-profit Illinois Corporation Act. It is exempt from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The books and records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. The bookkeeping system is divided into General Fund and Restricted Fund, with each fund being a complete and separate record. The receipts and expenditures of each fund are classified to the department to which it is applicable. The Restricted Fund includes Annuities and Trust and Endowment Funds.

#### STUDENT FUNDS

There are four (4) student loan and assistance funds which are accounted for outside of the books and records of the General Fund and the Restricted Fund. These funds are reported under the title, "Other Student Funds."

#### INVENTORIES

All inventories are reported on a cost basis.

#### INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried on the books at cost, except the stock held by the Hall-Alexander Trust. It is reported each year at the going market value.

#### LAND, BUILDINGS, & EQUIPMENT

Land, Buildings, and Equipment are reported at cost, except assets received as a gift in kind. Those assets are recorded at the established value when received, and continued to be carried at this substituted cost. All assets are titled in the name of the General Conference, and not in any department.

#### DEPRECIATION

The Administration Building has not been depreciated since September 30, 1967. The Men's Residence Hall has not been depreciated since September 30, 1966. The Women's Residence Hall, built more recently, has not been depreciated. The two old buildings, Golden Rule Home and the Old Print Shop Building, continue to be depreciated. All equipment is depreciated on a normal basis, but not at tax-accounting rates.

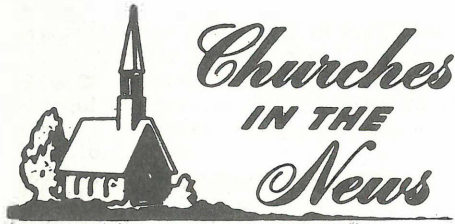
#### INCOME & RECEIPTS

All monies received and designated by the donor for restricted uses are reported as income in the year received. The income and expenditures are identified by the applicable fund. Individual fund balances are maintained at all times on a continuing basis.

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, December 1, 1978.



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Phoenix, AZ.** The membership of the body of Christ praises God for the recent additions to our church. The following have put on Christ in the waters of baptism: Genevieve Hood, November 19, 1978; Janice Langley, December 3, 1978; Kristy Green, December 10, 1978; Josephine Petruso and Nita Nicewarner, December 17, 1978; Doris Hart, Linda and Dale Ashenfelder, Fred Howell, and Scott Miki, December 31, 1978. We rejoice with these recently baptized members as they join Keith and Barbara Huffer and Nellie Alders as recent additions to our church membership. May God be praised for his working in their lives. James Graham, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** The first Sunday in 1979 was a time of rejoicing at the Oregon Church of God when five persons were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins. They were as follows: Patty George, Marianne Stilson, David Dick, Dennis Coil, and Mary Ann Mortellaro. We praise God for them and for the Gospel to teach and preach in these crucial days. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** Marianne and Joyce Jones, having accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior, were baptized in his name for remission of sins at the evening service December 10, 1978. After the service a social was held in the Fellowship Hall in their honor, at which time they were officially welcomed into our local church family and into the Church of God throughout the world. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** We at North Hills are pleased to announce the recent baptisms of Dan and Rhonda Wyatt, Kurt Davis, and Connie Jackson. Dan and Rhonda were baptized November 26; Kurt and Connie were baptized December 3. Joseph Duncan, pastor.

**Bedford, OH.** On December 3, 1978, we of The Open Bible Church of God witnessed the baptism of Jonathan Harold Cheatwood into the body of Christ. We ask your prayers and encouragement for our new brother in the Lord. David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

**Lawrenceville, OH.** At the close of the morning worship service on December 24, 1978, Mindi Garlough and Patty Martin came forward during the invitation expressing their desire to follow Christ. Mindi was immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of her sins immediately following the worship hour. Mindi's baptism unites all her family into the body of Christ and we especially pray for her and her family as they settle in their new home in Texas. Patty Martin was baptized on December 31, 1978. We greatly rejoice in her decision to begin her life with Jesus Christ as her Lord. We welcome these sisters into the body of Christ and the fellowship of the Lawrenceville Church of God. James D. Ritch, pastor.

**Burr Oak, IN.** August 27, 1978, Dan and Lisa Davis, grandchildren of Albert and Evelyn Overmyer of the Burr Oak Church of God, were baptized in Yellow River by Ted Armes, acting pastor. Marilyn Kelly, secretary.

## EXTRA HERALDS

We have several thousand undated copies of the August and September 1978 *Restitution Herald* available. These were the special issues which were used in the Literature Saturation program last fall. Please order these excellent issues for distribution in your area.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course: Richard Kingsley Yao Mantey (Ghana), Marla Lewis, Kevin Lewis, Jim Osborn, Alan Cain, Lana Davis, David Lewis, Matthew Pestle, Sara Lewis, Dwight Pestle, Jennifer Pestle.

## AVAILABLE FOR A PASTORATE

<b>Thomas New</b> Box 66 Blanchard, MI 49310 Ph 517-561-5021	<b>Greg Demmitt</b> 2240 W. Paradise Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85029 Ph 602-997-6402
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## MARRIAGE

Susanne Haberer became the bride of Jimmy Cox in a double-ring ceremony performed in the Brethren Church in Dixon, IL, on December 22, 1978. Pastor Joe Myers sang three solos. We pray God's blessing on Jimmy and Suzanne in their life together. Pastor Gordon Landry.

## 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, 194 Maple St., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

## OBITUARIES

**Howard Hollis Moore**, a son of the late John and Carolyn Moore, was born April 24, 1900, in Morrow, OH, the youngest of five children. On August 6, 1924, he was united in marriage with Thelma Railsback in Los Angeles. In 1925, he was baptized into Christ and became a member of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham. He was an electrician by trade. He resided about eight years at Mineral, CA, where he was employed by Mt. Lassen National Park Service as an electrician and radio telephone maintenance technician. In 1948, he moved to Trinidad, CA, where he was developer and builder of Moonstone Heights, a subdivision near Trinidad. He made his home there until he fell asleep in death, September 5, 1978.

Funeral services were held at McKinleyville Funeral Chapel, September 8, 1978, with Dr. Alva G. Huffer, officiating. He was laid to rest in Trinidad Cemetery, where he waits for the return of Christ to earth and the glorious resurrection to immortality.

Howard Moore is survived by his wife, Thelma; two sons, Dean H., Little Rock, AR, and Jerrold A., Eureka, CA; two grandsons, two granddaughters, two brothers, Capt. Huron C. Moore, Falls Church, VA; and John M. Moore, Red Bluff, CA; a sister, Mary Richardson, Madera, CA; several nieces and nephews and many friends. Alva G. Huffer.

**Lonnie Lee Singleton** was born December 29, 1890, in Burnett Co., TX and fell asleep in death on December 8, 1978, at the Irving Community Hospital, Irving, TX at the age of 87. On August 10, 1912 he married Sadie Lou Mae Baker at Mills Co. on the Williams Ranch and lived near Mullin most of his life.

Mr. Singleton became a member of the Church of God when he was young and was baptized at Mullin.

He was preceded in death by his wife on December 27, 1963, and one son, Ferrel Singleton on Jan. 26, 1978.

Survivors include two daughters June Reeves of Irving and Virginia Oxley of Dallas; one brother Emmett Singleton of Goldthwaite; ten grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were in Goldthwaite and burial was at Mullin. Michael Brown, pastor.

**Rita Carol Bliss**, 40, fell asleep in Christ December 10, 1978. She was born December 22, 1937, to Fred and Helen Snyder. She accepted Jesus as Savior and was baptized in his name June 28, 1952. She was married to Ron Bliss August 14, 1955, and they were blessed with four children, Dave, Rhonda, Dan, and Dale. Rita was a member of the Jay Street Church of God and she will be sadly missed by her family, friends, and church. Burial was in Crown Point Cemetery where she will await the call of Jesus at his coming. John A. Raiton, pastor.

**Ormin Cooper, Sr.**, 71, died September 15, 1978, at St. James, MO. He was a charter member of the Fredericktown, MO, Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Enloe Cooper; two sons, William R. and Ormin Jr.; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Judith Lynn) Huster; nine grandchildren; one brother, Chlorus; and two sisters, Sibyl Holshouser and Billie Cooper.

He was laid to rest awaiting the return of his Lord Jesus Christ. His faithfulness to the Lord, and his cheerful disposition, were examples for all of us to follow. Vivian Kirkpatrick, II, pastor.



**TOUR OF BABYLONIA AND THE CLASSIC LANDS OF THE BIBLE**

Dr. Alva G. Huffer will be hosting a 22 day tour of the Mediterranean area, the Holy Land, and Mesopotamia including Baghdad, Babylon, Nineveh, and Ur of the Chaldees. The dates are April 16 to May 7, 1979. The cost from New York City is \$2,199.00.

For more information please write to Dr. Alva G. Huffer, 1857 East Alameda Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.

**MARRIAGE**

Deborah Zirkelbach, daughter of Tom and Anita Zirkelbach of Temple, TX, and member of the Church of God in Gatesville, was married to Earl Nottingham, also of Temple, on November 4, 1978. The couple were married in their home town at the First Christian Church with the writer officiating. May God's richest blessings be upon Deby and Earl. They will reside in Temple where Earl's profession will be in photography.

Michael Brown, pastor.

**DIRECTORY CHANGES**

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Mrs Bonnie Schmidt, Miss Chair, RR#2, Culver 46511

**Contributors to the General Conference: December, 1978**

Ben Carpenter	25.00	Sarah L Kuehne	10.00	Northeast BYF	30.00	Harry B Franklin	40.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Reye	25.00	James W L Isham	1.00	Cool Spring SS	10.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	100.00
Mr & Mrs Don Needham	70.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Larsen	30.00	Frances McCormack	3.00	Steven N Krug	18.00
Dan Shaw	10.00	Mr & Mrs Max Cronbaugh	100.00	Fredericktown Church	53.33	Fremont SS	8.00
Sidney A Hatch	1.00	Mr & Mrs Z B Duncan	25.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	30.00
San Jose Church	36.00	Leta Louks	2.00	Mr & Mrs David R Hall	63.00	Mr & Mrs Albert Swanson	25.00
Mr & Mrs John Masterson	5.00	Gordon Roach	25.00	Mrs John Robison	5.00	In Memory of Eurie Mosher:	
Mr & Mrs William Cramer	10.00	Mary Seman	10.00	Mr & Mrs George Savage	5.00	Anonymous	17.00
Lenoir Resurrection Church	100.00	Macomb SS	15.95	Mrs Nina Maxham	1.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	265.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Duncan	10.00	Margaret L Duval	80.00	Anonymous	10.00	Lakeshore Ladies League	25.00
Mr & Mrs Howard Moore	50.00	Anonymous	250.00	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Alwine	5.00	Ethel Johnson	50.00
Frances I Boyle	1,000.00	Mrs J F Paustian	10.00	Mrs Cora Rank	2.00	Anonymous	100.00
In Memory of C F Pryor:		Bedford Bereans	4.98	Sid Cunningham	3.00	In Memory of Etta Macy:	
Mr & Mrs Joe James	15.00	Sandra Jones	10.00	Betty Noble	3.00	Edith Eades	10.00
In Memory of Jessie Burnell:		Cool Spring Church	52.27	Mr & Mrs John Carr	204.00	In Memory of Eurie Mosher:	
Mr & Mrs Joe James	15.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Mr & Mrs Harry Payne	33.00	Edith Eades	10.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	150.00	Burr Oak Church	398.35	IN State Conference	104.80	Blessed Hope Church	84.82
Dessa Copeland	25.00	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Good	100.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00
Mr & Mrs Dave Kizer	4.00	Blood River Church	163.94	Muriel Hass	30.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Whelpston	20.00
Mr & Mrs Sam Carroll	340.00	Mr & Mrs Leroy Elkins	30.00	Troy View SS	11.76	Milton Huxman	2.00
Lawrenceville Church	482.63	S Bend Hope Chapel	113.11	Mr & Mrs Ralph Lutton	15.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00
Mr & Mrs Michael Brown	20.00	Anonymous	500.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Mary Kathryn McDaniel	10.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossem	100.00	Garden Park Church	144.00	Lowell E Holt	100.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Roberson	100.00
Denise Donaldson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Karl Eychaner	5.00	Southlawn Church	302.74	Anonymous	500.00
Anonymous	10.00	Mr & Mrs Malcolm McLeod	50.00	Mae G Tierney	100.00	Mr & Mrs James Mattison	50.00
Bernice Carpenter	1.00	Mabel Alexander	15.00	Brush Creek SS	35.52	Mr & Mrs Neil Hammer	100.00
Milo Magaw	50.00	Julian Hazlewood	12.20	Iris M Kirkley	10.00	Allen C Wegener	5.00
Nina Hatcher	10.00	Alice Bassett	40.00	Golden Rule Ladies Guild	20.00	Mr & Mrs Lawrence Keys	200.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	50.00	Mr & Mrs E J Demmitt	1,000.00
Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	40.00	Dr & Mrs A D Norris	5.00	Golden Rule SS	10.00	Mr & Mrs James Ashley	15.00
Mrs Grace Blomquist	15.00	Forest Hills Church	30.50	Mr & Mrs Wallace Stone	30.00	Hillside Church	194.75
Mr & Mrs John Huston	50.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	30.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	222.00	Faith Comm Mpls Church	250.00
Eunice Cleo Orr	100.00	Ft Valley SS	148.60	Holbrook Church	200.00	Mr & Mrs Orval Lynd	500.00
Lorene Orr	100.00	Arlington Church	100.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Duncan	15.00	Clara Lamb	10.00
In Memory of C F Pryor:		Monroe Elton	25.00	Edith Eades	25.00	Alice Marshall	20.00
Mr & Mrs Ed Schroth	10.00	Blanchard Church	695.38	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	74.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00
Doris Reye	10.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Terri L Emmett	13.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Fletcher	10.00
Columbia Church	200.00	Fairy Lyon	25.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	151.21	Flagg Center Church	63.25
Anna Myers	10.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton A Ramsey	50.00	Miss Jennifer Sheeley	25.00	Mr & Mrs J Don Swartz	500.00
Gladys DeCausin	10.00	Mrs William Bauder	2.00	Hedrick Dorcas Soc	12.81	Hector Dorcas	16.08
Mr & Mrs Tim Greenfield	2.00	Everett Rogers	38.00	New Hope Church	350.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson	25.00
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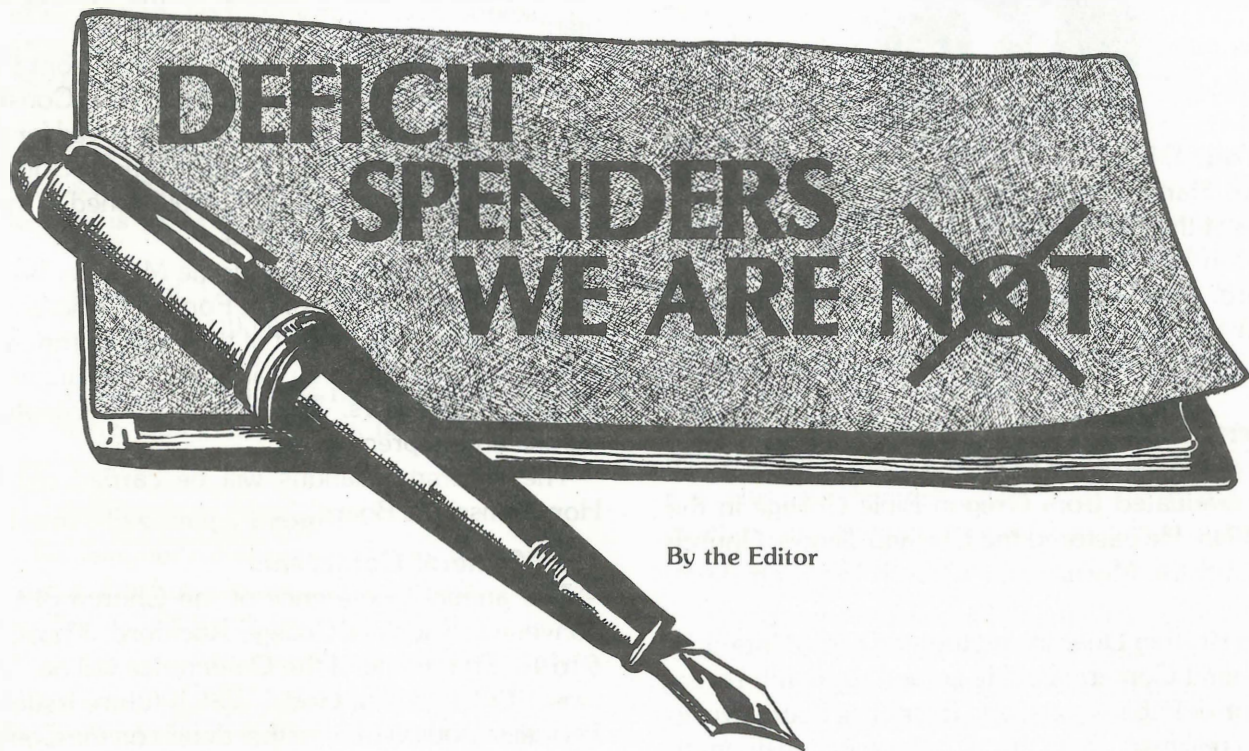
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By the Editor

We are not deficit spenders by choice. It is not the desire of the General Conference staff to spend more money than we now take in. We would prefer not to have to borrow money to pay our bills at the end of each month.

However, we do not have much choice. Once the delegates have adopted a budget at the August General Conference, we proceed to make commitments for the expenditure of funds. Once we have made these commitments we do not feel we can break them.

For example:

- \$1,075.00 is sent each month as pastoral aid to five churches. These churches are depending on this aid and we do not feel that we can withhold payment when the Goals for Giving are not met.
- \$696.00 is sent each month to nineteen missionaries who serve in five foreign countries. These men and wom-

en are counting on receiving their checks each month. We do not feel that we can stop these checks even though the Goals for Giving are not met.

- We have agreed to subsidize the education of all students at Oregon Bible College this year. About 40 students this semester are counting on us to pay the instructors, the grocery bills, and the utility bills, and we do not feel that we can eliminate any of these services, even though the Goals for Giving are not met.

- We have agreed to send *The Restitution Herald* to all who wish to receive it and even though this will cost about \$30,000 this year, we do not feel that we can stop publishing the *Herald*, even though the Goals for Giving are not met.

This list, of course, could go on and on. But the point is, our delegates adopted Goals for Giving totaling \$326,000 and the General Conference

Board of Directors and staff have made commitments to spend this amount, this year, in the work of the Lord. We are convinced that this is what you want us to do and we believe that when you become fully aware of the need you will respond generously as you have in the past.

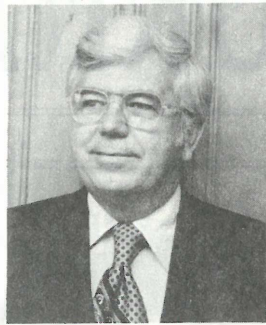
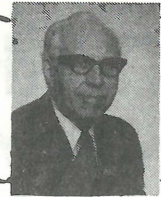
It has been estimated that if every member family in the Church of God were to give \$95 to the General Conference during this year, the Goals for Giving would be easily met. Naturally many of us will want to give more than \$95 during the year and this will help to make up for those families who may be unable to give that much. But together and with the Lord's help, we can meet the budget requirement.

We are certain that you do not want us to be deficit spenders, and with your help, we can pay our current bills and repay the money we have already borrowed. Thanks for caring and helping.



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Know Your Director

Brother Harold Doan was elected to the Board of Directors at the August, 1978, General Conference. He was chosen Vice-Chairman by his fellow directors on the Board. Brother Doan has served two previous terms on the Board of Directors, the last term being 1971-74 in which he was chairman each of the three years.

Brother Doan grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was graduated from Godwin Heights High School. He was graduated from Oregon Bible College in the class of 1945. He pastored the Chicago, Illinois, Church of God and the Morningstar Church in South Bend, Indiana.

In 1955 Brother Doan joined the staff of the Church of God General Conference. He served as Youth Director, Editor of Publications, and Executive Secretary. In 1968 he resigned from his Conference position to become pastor of the Valley Church at Van Nuys (now Glendale), California, and to join his brother Michael in an advertising firm. He and his wife Jean live at 2700 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, California. They have two sons: Greg and Chris, both of whom are married.

Brother Doan's years of experience and dedicated leadership in the Conference work make him an invaluable asset to the Board of Directors and the work of the General Conference.

## Board of Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois, February 8 and 9. The Board approved an annuity contract with an individual in the amount of \$10,000. We are grateful for members who provide funds for the future work of the General Conference by the avenue of deferred giving.

Brother Paul Newell was appointed to serve as Director of Business Administration effective September 1, 1979. This is one of the departments under the reorganization and administration as approved at the 1978 General Conference. Brother Newell is presently Office Manager and in charge of the Mailing Department.

Reports were received and approved from the various departments of the Conference. The Constitution Committee Report as revised was approved for presentation to the delegates at the 1979 General Conference. These proposed changes will be published in the June, July, and August publications.

Pastor Kent Ross of the Home Missions Board and Brother Howard Shute of the Fonthill, Canada, Church of God presented a report of their survey trip to Digby, Nova Scotia. This survey was made at the request of the Board of Directors. The report was accepted with thanks and appreciation.

The recommendations will be carried out by the Home Missions Board.

## 1979 General Conference

The annual Conference of the Church of God will convene at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 6 to 10. The theme of the Conference will be: "Awake! Arise! O Church of God." Watch future issues of the PROGRESS JOURNAL for further details on the Conference and for reservation information.

## Conference Finances

Contributions to the Goals for Giving for the month of February have fallen far short of the needs. We ask your prayers and concerns that the financial needs of the Conference may be met. We do express thanks and appreciation to those who make special effort to meet these needs.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for February	\$40,663.00
Given in February	18,802.00
February Deficit	21,861.00
March Needs	27,167.00

**Goal for March \$49,028.00**

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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).*

## **April 1—Mission Builders League Day**

No fooling—we want you to be a Mission Builder! The League was formed to offer assistance to churches that are in need of an adequate building for worship, Christian education, and fellowship. Two appeals are made each year, and members give at least \$10 to each appeal. So far 40 churches have received aid from the League.

At the present time 1,069 people, churches, and organizations have joined this "helping hand" organization. Our goal is to have 1350 members by the fall of 1979.

On Sunday, April 1, your pastor will have some enrollment cards and you can sign up as a member of the Mission Builders League; or, if you wish, you may send in your name and address right now to: Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Your sister churches thank you!

## **Short-Term Missionary Program**

Again this summer we are offering you the opportunity to serve the Lord in one of our United States churches. Teams will be chosen and sent to a church that needs some extra help with things such as Vacation Bible School, community survey, youth work, and special programs to build enthusiasm and give encouragement.

This program is open to persons in the 11th grade of high school on through those who are retired. If you are interested in doing something significant, something that really counts for God, write for more information about this summer's program. Write to: Short-Term Missionary Program, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## **In Training for Missions**

"Dear Lord, I realize that I am yours. You created me and gave me life. I give that life back to you, Lord. Mold me; form me into someone you can use."

That was the promise I made to God some six years ago. At the time, I had no idea he would take me at my word.

I pursued my business degree and upon graduation went to work in the area of business management. It was about this time I heard of our need for someone in the mission field. Somehow, I was interested in that position!

Yet, I kept asking myself, "Why me? I'm not trained or

prepared. I'm an assistant manager of an insulation company in El Paso, Texas."

My excuses were in vain. With each passing month my interest in working for the Lord grew and my interest in business declined.

In December of 1976, I stopped fighting and said, "Okay, Lord, if you want me back in school, you'll have to show me the way." I gave my notice on Monday. Within three days someone from Phoenix phoned offering financial assistance if I would quit my job and go back to school. The Lord didn't waste any time!

Three semesters at Oregon Bible College have come and gone. My eyes and my heart have opened up to a world greatly in need of the gospel. In many ways I'm still a babe in Christ, yet I do feel the Potter's hands molding and forming this vessel.

My plan of action? I'm striving to equip myself with as many tools as I can for the work the Lord chooses for me. This includes OBC, plus graduate training, and as much practical experience as I can gain in order to fulfill Christ's command to "go . . . and preach the gospel."

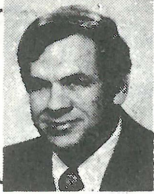
Thus Stephen Grant of Phoenix, Arizona, expressed himself in an interview by Carol Daniels last summer. Since then Steve has completed his studies at OBC and has enrolled in the Graduate School of Missions at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

He began his missions studies the first week in January and is finding them stimulating. He says, "I am living in a mission environment. The professors here have accumulated over 150 years of mission experience. Such men as Drs. McGavran, Hiebert, and Winter are opening my eyes to a world of 'hidden people' just waiting to hear of Jesus Christ."

While he is attending Fuller, Steve is also working with Pastor Joe Martin in the Valley Church in Glendale. He is gaining practical experience and is finding his work with the people rewarding.

We are thankful for Steve's interest in missions and his dedication in serving the Lord. Steve's church and the General Conference Missions Department are helping him with the cost of his missions training. If you are interested in assisting this young man in his preparation for missionary service, your contributions will be gratefully received by the Missions Department. Send them to: Missions Training, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*John R. Lewis, President*

## **Honor Students**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved high honor during the Fall Semester. Michael Hoffman from Tempe, Arizona, and Gary Burnham from Berea, Ohio, achieved a 4.0 on a 4.0 scale. Pam Gaskill from Fort Wayne, Indiana, received a 3.80; Karen Mitchell from Blanchard, Michigan, received a 3.79; Suzanne Worley from Tipp City, Ohio, achieved a 3.63; and Ken Howe from Frankfort, Indiana, achieved a 3.55.

## **Teaching the Bible**

A new course this spring taught by Bro. Sam Voorhies is called "Teaching the Bible." The course is designed to help the students to experience and develop Bible-teaching skills, to put into practice their particular philosophy of Bible teaching, and experience a significant influence on the lives of others through teaching.

During the semester each student will experience real life teaching situations several times under the guidance of the instructor. He will prepare lesson plans, work with small groups, and make practical application of Biblical teachings into everyday life. Students spend seventy minutes in class. Fifty minutes of the class are spent in teaching, and twenty minutes are allowed for evaluation. This semester the book that is used as a model in the class is the book of Ephesians. Students are also allowed to prepare a lesson out of any other book of the Bible of their choosing. As an aid to improving teaching techniques, students were videotaped in the class, and at a later time viewed the tapes for personal evaluation.

Through evaluation and instructor guidance, students discover areas of weakness and are encouraged to maximize their areas of strength in teaching. They practice teaching various age levels under different specific settings.

Teaching the Bible is an important part of our curriculum that will help a student improve in his service to the Lord.

## **Church Growth**

Bro. David Krogh is teaching a class this semester on Church Growth. The purpose of the class is to help students become convicted of the need for our churches to grow, to become aware of the factors that affect church growth, to develop a strategy for church growth,

and to become involved in a growing church.

The students become involved in observation and study by observing local churches, and examining the programs conducted by these churches, evaluating the programs, and then preparing practical strategies to bring about change in a church that will produce growth.

In addition to reading four required textbooks in the class, students are exposed to an intensive bibliography of more than fifty books on church growth.

We trust that our students are exposed through this class to the practical aspects of church development and growth.

## **Junior-Senior Weekend**

We remind you that Junior-Senior Weekend at Oregon Bible College is April 5 through 7. Bro. Joe Myers, Director of Student Recruitment and Public Relations, is planning an excellent program for those dates. We look forward to the opportunity to have High School Juniors and Seniors visit our campus and experience the Bible College environment. Oregon Bible College is a significant step for anyone planning to serve in any capacity in the Church of God. We encourage our young people to examine their own career plans and to picture the Bible College program as a means to their future goals. Youth leaders and students should make their reservations by writing to Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees for Oregon Bible College met on February 9 to make plans and discuss the growth and development of Oregon Bible College. Plans for remodeling the Golden Rule Building into administrative offices were examined and evaluated. Brothers S. O. Ross and John Lewis will proceed with the finalization of plans and will soon be talking with contractors.

Eugene Stilson presented an explanation of the present Bible College curricula and programs. Paul Newell was appointed Director of Business Affairs and will assume this responsibility on September 1, according to reorganization plans of the Study Committee.

The Board also received a report presented by President Lewis showing the number of Oregon Bible College graduates and the percentage of graduates that have remained in the ministry.

*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

*David Krogh, Director*

### **Post-High Retreat a Success**

Forty young people from around the country attended the annual post-high midwinter retreat. The retreat was held at Camp Alexander Mack on December 29-January 1. Joe and Dana Myers of Dixon, IL, and Jim and Karen Babcock of Colvert, MI, served as staff. Classes were held each morning for a two-hour period, fellowship and games took up the afternoons, and services were held each evening. From the reports I received, those who attended received a spiritual blessing and had a lot of fun. Even the absence of snow and the presence of rain did not put a damper on anyone's enthusiasm.

My thanks to all of the young people who attended. A special thank you goes to Joe, Dana, Jim, and Karen for their willingness to share themselves with our young people, and also to those young people who freely shared in some of the responsibilities of the retreat.

### **Youth Week Winners Declared**

The Youth Advisory Council, at its annual meeting at the midwinter retreat, brought to a close last year's competition by choosing winners from among the groups which participated. As usual the judging was close; there were several groups this year which sent in excellent reports.

First place this year went to the Guthrie Grove Bereans of Pelzer, SC. They had an excellent youth week and the group and its leaders are certainly to be congratulated on a job well done. Second place was awarded to the Blood River Bereans of Springfield, LA, and third place was awarded to the Phoenix Bereans of Phoenix, AZ. These two groups also had excellent youth weeks and are to be congratulated along with their leaders.

Some seventeen groups participated last year and I would like to say thanks to each one. May God's richest blessing be with each one during this new year.

### **International Berean Youth Conference**

Due to an increase in cost passed on to us by the site owners, the tuition for this year's conference has been raised to \$60.00. Conference dates are July 15-21, 1979. The theme for this year's camp is, "I Will Never Leave Thee Nor Forsake Thee." We are looking forward to another great camp and we hope that you will encourage the young people of your church to plan to take part in the 1979 International Berean Youth Conference.

### **Great Seminar in Arizona**

The Christian Workers' Seminar held January 8-12, 1979, at Francisco Grande near Casa Grande, AZ, was an overwhelming success. Sixty-two people from 8 states and 13 churches spent a profitable time studying and fellowshiping together.

Classes offered were: The Local Church Can Change the World, Creative Bible Teaching, So You Want Your Church to Grow, Church of God History, Living for God as a Family, and Leadership Principles for Christian Workers. Sharing sessions on Creative Worship Services, Effective Sunday School Openings, Duties and Responsibilities of Church Officers, and Personal Witnessing were held in the afternoons, and a class on the Power of Prayer was conducted each evening. Recreation, visiting, and sightseeing were also planned in the program.

The teaching staff consisted of Rachel Carr, James Graham, Joyce Knapp, Mardy Lawrence, Charles and Lois Pryor, Kent Ross, S. O. Ross, and Warren Sorenson. I would like to thank these individuals who served during the week.

Because of the great success of this Southwest Seminar, another will be planned for this area in 1980. Details will be made available later.

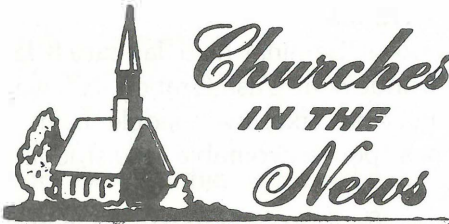
### **A Tribute**

We have recently had several individuals retire from the writing staff of the Adult Quarterly after lengthy years of service. These men and their years of service are as follows: Cecil Smead—10 years; Cecil Patrick—8 years; Roy Graham (deceased)—12 years; Kenneth Milne—8 years; James Mattison—over 19 years; Emory Macy—nearly 19 years. In a recent letter to the writers of the Adult Quarterly, Editor Jesse Pestle wrote: "There is no way an editor, fellow writers, the General Conference staff, or the Conference at large could pay for this literary contribution, except to say thank you. God alone knows the edifying influence their written expositions have had upon readers and the number led to Christ through their efforts."

In addition to these individuals named, many others have served shorter periods of time as writers, and we presently have a dedicated staff which is making a valuable contribution to the Christian education of our people. We very much appreciate the many hours contributed by all of these individuals in this important work.



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## OBITUARIES

### PASTOR E. MILON HALL

On December 31, 1978, **E. Milon Hall**, pastor of the Minneapolis Church of God, fell asleep in death. Milon had served his God well, pastoring churches during the last 31 years in Illinois, Indiana, Canada, Michigan, Ohio, and Minnesota, as well as fulfilling duties for the General Conference on the Board of Directors, editing youth quarterlies, and directing youth camps.

Milon's vitality and deep dedication to his calling will long be remembered and will be sadly missed, but we rejoice in his confidence and hope: "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

He is survived by his wife Joan; three sons—Ken, Ray, and Kerry; and two daughters—Connie and Gayle. May God be very near to them at this time.  
Pastor Richard Worley.

**Rachel Pearl Shellhaas** was born in 1893 and fell asleep in death on January 7, 1979. Pearl was a lifelong member of the Brush Creek Church of God and was diligent in passing her faith on to her children. Services were conducted at the Brush Creek Church of God and she was laid to rest at the Curtis Cemetery in the midst of many faithful brethren to await the call of her master.

Richard Worley, pastor.

**Edith Gray** succumbed to the enemy death on January 9, 1979. Edith had a great confidence in God's promises and we rejoice in her faith. Services were conducted at the Brush Creek Church of God on January 12 and she now awaits the call of her Master. Richard Worley, pastor.

**Harold Allen**, member of the Macomb Church of God, fell asleep in death December 10, 1978, at Springfield, IL, Memorial Hospital. He had been in poor health for some time. Services were conducted by Pastor Rex Cain. Bro. Allen will be sadly missed by this congregation. We cling to the everlasting hope and promises of our Lord as we await his soon return when he will raise the dead in Christ first.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Cleona Swanson**, of Mt. Sterling, IL, died December 31, 1978, at the age of 92. Her death was the result of an illness that caused her to spend the last several weeks in the hospital. She is survived by three nieces and four nephews. She has been a member of the Ripley Church of God for three years.

Richard Young, pastor.

Funeral services for **Alvie Carl** and **Wayne Ealy**, both of Marengo, IA, were held in Marengo on January 15 and 17, 1979, respectively.

Alvie Carl, 79, died on January 10, 1979, at Rose Haven Nursing Home, Marengo, following a lengthy illness. Surviving are his wife Jennie, longtime member of the Church of God; a daughter, Judy (Mrs. Wayne) Turnbull of Cedar Rapids, IA; and two granddaughters. Officiating were the writer and Pastor Louis Cronbaugh. Interment was in the Koszta Cemetery.

Wayne F. Ealy, 65, died on January 14, 1979, at Hallmar Mercy Hospital, Cedar Rapids, IA, following a lengthy illness. Surviving are his wife Ellen; four sons—Tom of Peoria, IL; Ted of Belle Plaine, IA; and Michael and Marty, both of Cedar Rapids, IA; seven daughters—Merlene Swanson of Marengo, IA; Colleen Barnes of Waterloo, IA; Carolyn Hill of Atkins, IA; and Suzanne Cavros, Julie Morton, Joy Tiernan, and Vicki Graybill, all of Cedar Rapids, IA; 43 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The writer officiated. Interment was in the Marengo Cemetery.

May our God show to these bereaved the blessedness of the message of resurrection, our Gospel hope.  
Delbert Rankin, pastor.

Bro. **Benjamin H. Carpenter**, 90, fell asleep in Christ February 10, 1979, at White Pines Manor, Oregon, IL. He was born September 11, 1888, in Perryville, KY, being one of eight brothers and two sisters. He is survived by three daughters: Genniel Anderson and Lois Cline, both of Oregon, IL, and Rosalie Wyrauch of West Chicago. Bro. Carpenter attended Sunday School regularly here for 64 years, and served faithfully from time to time as Sunday School Superintendent, trustee, elder, and adult teacher, and was active in the music department. We praise God for his dedication, and ask God to comfort his family as we are reminded again of the certainty of death, the uncertainty of life, and of our need of him who is the resurrection and the life.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

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## BAPTISMS

**Magazine, AR.** Sunday, October 16, 1978, Charlene Downs and her grandson, Douglas Hice, were baptized into the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. They are members of the Clark's Chapel Church of God. We welcome them into the family of God.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

**North Salem, IN.** North Salem rejoiced when Monica Ann Propes came forward at the Sunday service. She was baptized December 22, 1978, at Hope Chapel. We pray for her. Living continually in the Lord's service will help each one to grow up in Christ.

Emory Macy, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** On the evening of December 17, 1978, Grace Bass, Angie Ober, and John Essig were baptized into the body of Christ. It is with great joy that we welcome them into the North Hills Church.

Joseph Duncan, pastor.

**Harlingen, TX.** While she was home during the Christmas holidays visiting her parents, Sheri Lyn Foster requested baptism. This sacred service was performed by the writer in the Harlingen church baptistry on December 30, 1978, in the presence of most of the church members. Sheri is a teen-ager and has been attending services at the

Harlingen Church until recently when she moved to San Francisco. She attended two of the national youth camps at Camp Mack. May the blessing and guidance of God be with her in the days ahead in her new life in Christ.

Pastor Harry Goekler.

**Front Royal, VA.** January 28 was a blessed day. The writer had the pleasure to assist Steve Whittington and Vicki Williams in baptism. We rejoice in their confession of Christ and pray God's blessing in their lives.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

## MARRIAGE

Joy Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin O. Lewis, was married to Thomas W. Lair on December 2, 1978, at the Macomb Church of God.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course: William Merrill, John Hollis, Dorothy Hollis, Betty Watkins.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 23, 24—Illinois State Conference at Macomb, IL
- April 27-29—Northeast Conference at Bedford Church of the Open Bible
- April 30-May 3—Annual Ministerial Conference at Oregon, IL
- May 11—Oregon Bible College graduation at Oregon Church of God
- June 8-10—Illinois State Conference at Oregon, IL
- July 15-21—International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack
- August 6-10—Annual General Conference at Rockford College, Rockford, IL

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

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## NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

SS Dir: Larry Domigan, 5600 Willowdale Rd, Urbana 43078

# Contributors to the General Conference: January, 1979

Mr & Mrs John Lewis	130.00	Mr & Mrs Merritt J Thoms	10.00	Marion Manuel	10.00	North Salem Church	160.81
Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	74.00	Fonthill Church	236.02	Edna Claypool	15.00	Mary Krogh	65.00
Kathy Lewis	20.00	Dorothy Napper	20.00	Cool Spring SS	10.00	Fred E Hickox	10.00
Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	100.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Shute	100.00	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Philip Leithliter	20.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Pearson	40.00	Mr & Mrs Brian Arnold	25.00	Cool Spring Church	91.07	Mr & Mrs Harry Payne	15.00
Bertha Partlow	100.00	Mr & Mrs Glenn Canfield	500.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	1,729.00
Marion Partlow	100.00	Steven N Krug	20.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	200.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	15.00
Ripley Church	315.20	Oregon SS	12.18	Lakeshore Christian Ladies	25.00	Mr Sandy Bowen	2.00
Mr & Mrs Norvald Sogge	100.00	Mr & Mrs Donald McCombs	100.00	Fonthill SS	24.37	Ft Valley Church	874.50
Eden Valley Church	416.67	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	130.00	Mr & Mrs Ray Adams	20.00	Mr Zelma Powell	10.00
Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Frederick	100.00	Valley Church	200.40	Mr & Mrs Charles Baldwin	200.00	Pennellwood Church Miss Dept	200.00
Mr & Mrs Fred A Pensyl	100.00	SW Conference	91.00	Burr Oak Church	170.35	Pennellwood Church	125.00
Ben Carpenter	50.00	S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	85.00	Fremont SS	9.65	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	50.00
Mr & Mrs William Cramer	10.00	Verna Freeman	50.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton Sr	20.00	Dr & Mrs William Lawrence	2,025.00
Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers	10.00	Raker Union SS	22.00	May White	18.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	30.00
Anonymous	6.00	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	50.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00
Mamie Wham	1.00	Bedford Agape Soc	32.20	Mrs Dwight Hale	10.00	IN State Conference	250.35
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	150.00	Ripley SS	125.24	Doris M Reye	20.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	130.00
Anonymous	150.00	Macomb SS	15.64	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	228.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	100.00
Dixon Church	50.00	Mildred Somers	35.00	Helen McMurtrie	1.00	Dan Shaw	3.00
Mrs Anna P Johnson	50.00	Macomb Church	209.53	Mr & Mrs Doyle Ward	43.35	Bess Kasper	60.00
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Mr & Mrs Delbert Dunbar	110.00	San Jose Church	41.00	Mr & Mrs Dick Fridley	20.00	Mr & Mrs James Robinson	30.00
Anonymous—Rockford	1.00	Garden Park Church	293.16	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00
Burr Oak Ladies Aid	120.00	Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Highland Bible Study	12.00	Mr Joe D Shelly	20.00
Lois Blakely	25.00	Jess Williams	57.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde D Shaw	20.00	Laura Keenan	10.00
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Mr & Mrs Howard Carlisle	50.00	Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	In Memory of Milon Hall:		Kate Ewbank	10.00
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Mr & Mrs Clair Alcumbrack	100.00	Katherine Tackett	117.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	31.67	Anonymous—R	200.00
Pleasant Hill Church	126.20	LA Contributors	55.00	MN State Conference	102.82	Leland McDowell	10.00
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MI State Conference	86.97	Edith Eades	10.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	15.00	Mrs Clifford Clemmons	1.00
Mr & Mrs Ed Dykstra	200.00	In Memory of Milon Hall:		Columbia SS	50.16	Mrs Goldie Thul	5.00
Golden Rule Church	64.96	Edith Eades	10.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Newman	26.00	Mr Mary A Harris	5.00
Blanchard Church	446.80	Jaynes St Church	549.79	Dayton Glad Tidings	225.00	Walter Lankheim	5.00
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# Church of God PROGRESS JOURNAL

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## Oregon Bible College Progress

John R. Lewis, President

### A Day Like We Have Never Seen

In the Spring Prayer Day experience at Oregon Bible College, faculty member Bob Jones gave the account of the sun standing still for Israel when Joshua led his army against the Amorite kings at Gibeon. The tenth chapter of Joshua makes the statement: "There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man." It is this kind of day and this kind of experience that we envision for Oregon Bible College and the Church of God. We want a time in which the church will realize the potential personal, spiritual, and numerical growth we feel God has intended.

As we focus our attention, energy, and resources on personal, spiritual, and body growth, the Lord will bless us with a day unlike any other that this modern world has ever seen. Faith has always been the energy of the church that has caused it to be triumphant in the past. We must be united in faith.

Oregon Bible College has a significant role in the growth and progress of the church. Oregon Bible College is the place for people to prepare for many areas of Christian service representing Christ to the world. As we see last-day events happening in the nations of the earth, in culture, and in society around us, we realize that we will need strong spiritual resources to be a growing people in this time. We must work and pray that God will be in our preparation of leaders for the triumphant church.

To accomplish growth goals, we will direct our curriculum and program of studies toward that task of preparing Christian leadership in the Church of God. Our goal is to train strong pastoral and other kinds of Christian leadership to help the body of Christ move forward. This is not the time to cut back on programs and wait for another day. The time for the church to be united with a testimony for the world is now.

This task is not one for the college alone, but is the responsibility of the entire body of believers—collectively

and individually. Christ is the head of the church, and as the body of Christ we represent him on the earth by carrying out his work. No individual member in the church fully represents Christ to each person we are preparing for the ministry. In the Bible College, each faculty member is a part of a team effort making a contribution to the growth and preparation of each student. Each has a gift in Old Testament, New Testament, Christian education, or some other area so that the learner is exposed to the best kind of knowledge. No one faculty member is the total answer for the complete education of any individual, but together we are able to provide an in-depth knowledge of Biblical and Christian education. Each member of the faculty and administration has a special gift that he offers and provides for the student. The Bible College team is extended through the gifts and example of laymen and pastors who provide their special gifts as further encouragement and growth for the student so that spiritual, capable Christian leaders are the result.

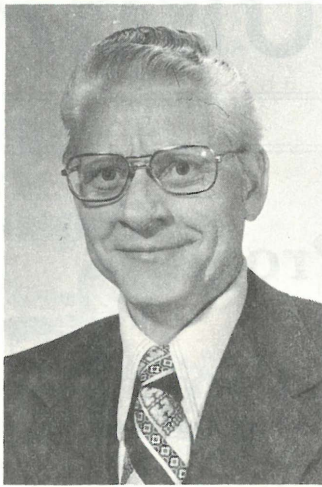
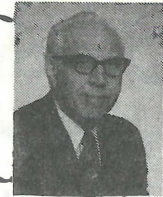
Our love for one another and concern for the lost of the world must unite us in a supportive relationship in the Bible College and all other programs of the church. By being able to concentrate our spiritual energies upon the goals we have before us, we will successfully overcome the problems that would delay the church in its intended purpose. It is clear that as a people of God we must set goals and then with full intent of heart work together to accomplish those goals. The example of the New Testament church clearly indicates to us what can be done when we are united in our aim. We need not fear failure and defeat, because the leadership of Christ in our lives and the church will accomplish his intended purpose in the world through us.

As a unified body of Christ, we can provide the support, environment, and encouragement that will result in strong spiritual leadership for the growth of the body of Christ.



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Director of Outreach and Church Development

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Brother Warren Sorenson (see photo above) to the position of Director of Outreach and Church Development for the Church of God General Conference effective September 1, 1979. We are grateful that Brother & Sister Sorenson have agreed to accept this important position. This position was established by the delegates at the 1978 General Conference in adopting the report of the Study Committee.

Brother Sorenson graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1950 and has served successfully in pastorates at Ripley, IL; Burr Oak, IN; Macomb, IL; and Tempe, AZ. Brother Sorenson was elected to the Missions Board of the General Conference in 1961 and has served continually in various capacities, and is presently a member of the Home Missions Board. He is also currently president of the Ministerial Association of the Church of God General Conference. Brother Sorenson will spend most of the first year at Fuller Theological Seminary in California, developing additional techniques and insights that will be most helpful in his new position. He will be serving as director during this period of study.

## Youth Director

We take this opportunity also to announce the appointment of Brother Joe Myers to the position of Youth Director of the Church of God General Conference and Director of Recruitment for Oregon Bible College effective September 1, 1979. Brother Myers is

currently serving as Recruitment Director and receiving only travel expenses. As Youth Director for the General Conference, Brother Myers will serve under Brother Sorenson, who will direct the total Outreach and Church Development area.

## Annual Ministerial Conference

The annual meeting of the Church of God Ministerial Association will convene in Oregon, IL April 30 to May 3. We trust that each church will encourage its pastor to attend and will assist in the expenses and Conference pool. The local church membership will benefit from the pastor's attendance and participation in these services and activities. The pastors of the Northeast Conference are planning the program for this Conference.

## Constitution Committee

Brothers Donald Needham, Chairman; John Hearp; and Kenneth Vancil, with the Executive Director, ex-officio member, were appointed as a committee to study the Constitution and By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference. The committee has made its report and several proposals for change have been submitted. The Board of Directors has approved the proposals that will be presented to the delegates for action at the 1979 General Conference. These proposals will be printed in the May, June, and July issues of PROGRESS JOURNAL, as required in the Constitution.

## Conference Finances

The Board of Directors and staff of the Church of God General Conference are making every effort to hold down expenses. Certain fixed costs must be met regularly. As this is written, we have borrowed \$20,000 to meet the current needs during the first six months of this fiscal year. This is necessary, since contributions are falling far short of the budget needs. We covet your prayers, concerns, and response now.

# GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for March	\$49,028.00
Given in March	18,253.00
March Deficit	30,775.00
April Needs	27,167.00

**Goal for April \$57,942.00**

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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).*

## Opportunity Knocks!

How would you like to be involved in a real home missions service project this summer? The opportunity is available to you if you are willing to exchange a few weeks of your life for it.

The purpose of the Short-Term Missionary Program is to help some of our churches by sending in a team of people for a few weeks of assistance. Teams or individuals can help with Sunday School, youth work, and special programs that help to build enthusiasm and give encouragement.

This program is open to persons in the eleventh grade of high school on through those who are retired. Team members will be chosen from among those who make application. On page 6h of the *April Restitution Herald Member Supplement* you will find an application blank.

Here is an opportunity for real service to God. This is not just talking missions, but it is making a sacrifice. This commitment is doing something really significant, doing something that really counts for God.

Talk to God about it and then make your decision about accepting this challenge!

## Mission Builders

If you missed signing up as a member on April 1, Mission Builders Day, it's still not too late. We would be glad to receive your name and address and enroll you as a member of this "helping hand" organization. Just write and tell us you would like to join, and twice each year you will be notified of the opportunity to assist a church with its building.

## Items for India

In India a young Christian woman named Lalitha Prathap had a desire to help the handicapped children in her city. So she started a school for them which was the first school for the handicapped in Bangalore. She was able to help them learn how to help themselves.

Several years ago Mrs. Prathap was chosen to receive a scholarship offered by the Rotary Club. She came to the United States and in one year received her Master's degree in special education. While in this country Mrs. Prathap did some public speaking for the Rotary and at the same time received straight A's in her studies.

After she returned to India some of the Rotary Clubs

sent her materials for use in her school. Mrs. Prathap firmly believes that you don't help people by giving them things or by doing things for them. The best way to help them is to teach them to help themselves. Using the materials that were sent to her, she taught the children to make things and sell them.

This talented Christian has offered to go into our India churches and hold workshops to teach the people how to make and sell items, if we can send the materials for them to use.

If your church is interested in helping our Indian brethren in this way, here are items you may send:

1. Plastic egg cartons (colored ones only)—these can be sold in India for 25¢ each if in good condition; broken ones are used to make Christmas balls.

2. Whipped topping cartons with lids—sell for 37¢ each.

3. Styrofoam meat trays—especially the ones with the groove in the middle so they can be cut into two "frames" for pictures, small objects, etc.

4. Berry baskets—they make a mud pot to put inside, grow a plant, and sell it.

5. Greeting cards for all occasions—they cut out the pictures and glue them on the meat tray frames, put a string through the top and sell for 12¢ each. (To save postage, cut away the blank pages; but send the scripture or the verses inside.)

6. Multi-color glitter—to be used to surround each picture in its frame. Send just enough to use on your parcel, so it doesn't get charged duty as a new item.

7. Glue—one large bottle of Elmer's with each parcel.

8. Scraps of felt and cloth.

These items are light weight so the postage is inexpensive. This gives the church people a way to "earn" money for their church, and provides a fellowship time getting together to make and sell the items. The people buy these things like hotcakes because they are colorful and they are from America.

Send the materials to Pastor M. R. Noel, Christ Union Charitable Clinic, Laljinagar, Lakkasandra Layout, Bangalore 560027, S. India.

Both inside and outside there should be a label stating: "Discarded, throw-away article; used items." Also itemize and tell the count. This is important so overseas postal officials won't steal the items.



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

### Quiz Program For 1979

The material chosen for this year's National Quiz Program takes in the entire books of 1 & 2 Peter. This material was used in 1965 and is 166 verses in length. It's exciting material and certainly worthy of in-depth study.

As you know, we have a new Contest Director this year. He is Bro. Neil Richardson of Springfield, LA, and we know that, with his enthusiasm and expertise, we will have some great competition at this year's International Berean Youth Conference.

Bro. Neil has opted to follow the same format we have followed for the past three years—three-team competition with a winner's and a consolation bracket. This is good in that each team which enters the competition will play at least three games.

Certainly it promises to be a most exciting year in quizzing and we sincerely hope that each of you will not only talk our quiz program up but will actively encourage the young people of your church to form a quiz team and take part in the state competition.

We need at least 12 teams for this year's competition so if your state is not represented presently, see if you can get a quiz team started. All it takes is three or four young people.

### International Berean Youth Conference

It's hard to believe, but International Berean Youth Conference is now only three months away. We trust that all of you parents and interested parties are encouraging your children or the kids of your church to make plans to be in attendance at this most important youth program.

Enrollment forms have been sent to each of last year's campers as well as being printed on the back page of each issue of *Challenge*. The dates are July 15-21, and the tuition is \$65.00 for the entire week.

We are following the same format as that of the past three years as far as enrollment is concerned. We urge preregistration of all classes and workshops. Each enrollee is required to mark his first, second, and third choices of classes and workshops on his enrollment form before sending it in. Also each enrollment form is to be accompanied by the necessary \$10.00 deposit. To guarantee choices of classes it is necessary to send the enrollment forms in early, and we encourage you to do so. Also remember that enrollment forms received after the deadline (July 1) will be charged a \$10.00 late enrollment fee.

### Sunday School Attendance Figures

Below are the figures which compare the Church of God Sunday School attendance of July through December 1977 with the attendance for the same Sundays in 1978:

	1977	1978		1977	1978
July	3,735	3,588	Oct.	4,187	3,921
	3,795	3,715		4,135	3,964
	3,629	3,669		4,234	4,062
	3,771	3,595		4,086	4,122
	3,774	3,645		4,132	4,105
Aug.	3,684	3,497	Nov.	4,147	4,261
	3,770	3,686		4,154	4,165
	3,997	3,708		4,116	4,138
	4,019	3,718		3,695	3,855
Sept.	3,950	3,780	Dec.	4,180	3,653
	4,059	3,778		3,830	3,969
	4,053	3,997		4,230	4,175
	4,518	4,105		3,232	4,083

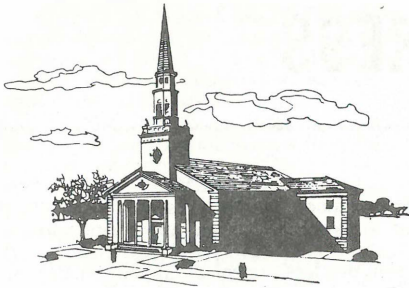
You will notice that on eight Sundays the 1978 attendance was larger than in 1977. However, for the entire 26 weeks there was a slight decline of 2%. We are thankful for the thousands of people who are studying the Bible each week in Sunday School and we trust that during 1979 even more will be brought into our churches to learn the way to salvation.

### Price Increase for Sunday School Quarterlies

Due to increased cost of paper, printing, and postage, the price of all Sunday School quarterlies with the exception of the Beginners Teacher's packet, will be increased 10¢ effective with the June-July-August quarter. Each quarterly will cost \$1.00. Since the last price increase three years ago, postage costs alone have increased 155%.

This price increase will more nearly meet the actual cost of publication.

**MISSION BUILDERS LEAGUE**



The Mission Builders League is a group of people, churches, and organizations which are prepared to offer assistance to churches that are in need of an adequate building for worship, Christian education, and fellowship. Two appeals are made each year, and members give at least \$10 to each appeal. So far 40 churches have received aid from the League.

At the present time 1,082 individuals and groups have joined this organization. Our goal is to have 1,350 members by the fall of 1979.

If you are willing to join this worthwhile League, please fill out the coupon at the bottom of this page and send it to: Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Listed below are the names of those who have recently joined the League.

**NEW MISSION BUILDERS**

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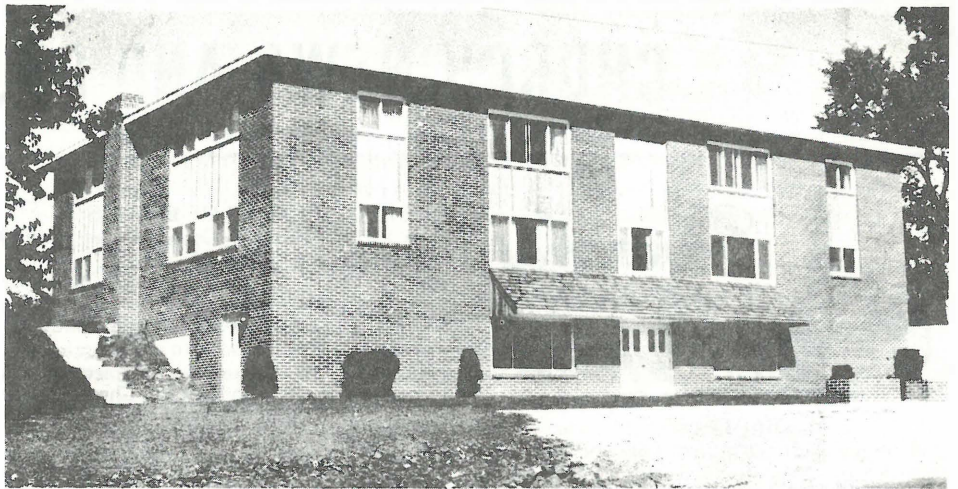
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The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course: Grace Marsh, Kathie Rager, Eva Fisher.

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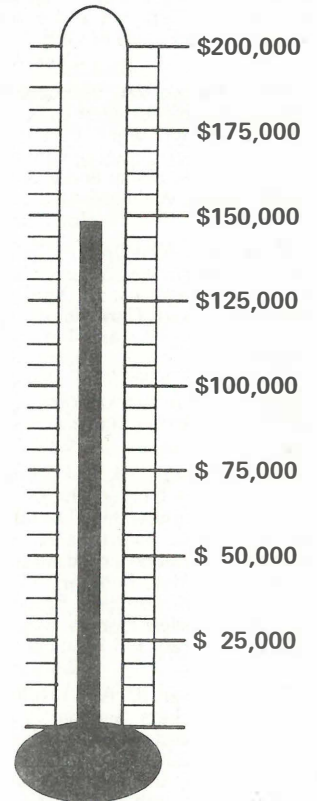


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The thermometer at the right shows the total that has been paid or committed to be paid by the membership.

Cost of building & equipment	\$162,300
Interest paid on loans	13,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$175,450</b>
Cash received and paid on loans	149,000
Present unpaid loans	26,450

Each contribution helps to lessen the interest payment. Your continued support of this project is appreciated.



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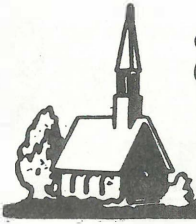
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## Churches IN THE News

### BAPTISMS

**Blanchard, MI.** On Sunday, January 28, Nona Pendell responded to the gospel invitation by accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She was soon baptized, and we welcome her into the redeemed Family of God.

Don Needham, pastor.

**Front Royal, VA.** February 25, 1979, was a time of rejoicing for all of us at the Royal Village Church of God when Jennifer L. Sager was baptized into the body of Christ. She was given the hand of fellowship and was received into the church family. We thank God for her decision to follow Jesus.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** The Oregon Church rejoices with the Christian conversion of Kathie Rager, Darcey Rager, and Mark Leather. They were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins February 25, 1979, and have risen to walk in newness of life. God be praised! After the service a social was held in the Fellowship Hall in their honor and to provide opportunity for the congregation to get better acquainted with them.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** The Garden Park Church of God praises God for the newest additions to our church membership. The following accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized in his name for remission of sins: January 7, 1979—Jill Hall; February 18—Stacey Alters, Rick and Mark McClain, Bruce Fyfe; February 25—Mrs. Ethelyn Horton. We praise God for these new sisters and brothers in Christ.

Betty Alters, secretary.

**Flagg Center, IL.** As a result of attending the Christian Workers' Seminar in Arizona, Bonnie Seebach decided to rededicate her life to Jesus Christ, and subsequently requested rebaptism into his name and service. She was immersed Wednesday, March 7, 1979. We ask God's blessing to rest upon her in her new walk with the Master.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

### MARRIAGE

On August 26, 1978, Marilyn Taylor became the bride of Robert Morrison, Jr., at the Church of God in Hedrick, IN. In the presence of friends and relatives, they exchanged vows before God. It was a privilege, as brother of the bride, to assist in the service with Pastor Timothy New. We ask God's richest blessings on their lives together. They will reside at 571 Gordon Ct., Lafayette, IN.

Pastor Steven Taylor.

### CROSS AND CROWN PINS

The Columbia Church of God Sunday School has decided to discontinue the use of Little's Cross and Crown Award pins. A supply of pins is on hand for sale to any interested church. Please contact Columbia Church of God, 11388 Root Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028, Attention Marion Burnham.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27-29—Northeast Conference at Bedford Church of the Open Bible

April 30-May 3—Annual Ministerial Conference at Oregon, IL

May 11—Oregon Bible College graduation at Oregon Church of God

May 25-27 & May 30-June 3—May meetings and 75th anniversary; Fonthill, Ont., Church; speakers: C. E. Randall, Emory Macy, Ed Goit, and John Hearp.

June 8-10—Illinois State Conference at Oregon, IL

July 15-21—International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack

August 6-10—Annual General Conference at Rockford College, Rockford, IL

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

**Hillisburg Church**, Rd 200 N, North of Hillisburg, Rt 1, Bx 118, Michigantown 46057

Larry Mayberry, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 118, Michigantown 46057

Mrs Patricia A Huffer, Sec, Bx 115, Michigantown 46057

Mrs Patricia A Huffer, Supt, Bx 115, Michigantown 46057

Mrs William (Betty) Good, Miss Chair, Rossville 46065

**Ripley Church**, Hwy 24, Ripley, IL

Dick Young, Pastor, Rt 3, Mt Sterling 62353

Mrs Mary Winner, Sec, Rt 3, Bx 2R, Mt Sterling 62353

Allen Tomlinson, Supt, 301 E Washington, Rushville 62681

Mrs Helen Lewis, Miss Chair, Rt 3, Mt Sterling 62353

**Pomona (Church of the Open Bible)**, 440 W LaVerne

Av, Pomona, CA 91767

David Wilsterman, Pastor, 442 W LaVerne Av, Pomona

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Mrs Robert See, Sec, 18535 Bellorita, Rowland Heights

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Mrs David Wilsterman, Supt, 442 W LaVerne Av, Pomona

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Mrs Madge Savage, Miss Chair, 1802 Cordova, Apt D,

Pomona 91768

**St Louis Church**, 2301 Wallis, St Louis 63114

Mark Ryan, Pastor, 3546 Lindscott, St Louis 63114

Mrs Bernice Heard, Sec, 4600 Arsenal, APT C, St Louis

63116

Joyce Bollinger, Supt, 429 Highland Av, St Louis 63122

**Raymore Church**, 414 Franklin St, Raymore, MO 64083

Don Ward, Pastor, PO Bx 413, Raymore 64083

Mrs Leroy Elkins, Sec, Bx 505, Raymore 64083

George Sheeley, Supt, 501 N Jefferson Av, Raymore

64083

**Tempe Church (Lakeshore Bible)**, 6415 S Lakeshore

Dr, Tempe, AZ 85283

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### DIRECTORY ADDITION

#### Church of God Minister

Harshman, Dale (Faye), Rt 1, Bx 156-A, Holden, LA 70744 Ph 504-294-2308

### 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!

A catalog listing hundreds of subjects, and scores of speakers, can be yours for the asking.

Write: Tape Library, 194 Maple St., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

### THANK YOU

The members of the Gatesville Church of God want to express the great appreciation that we have to you and to everyone who helped with the Mission Builders Appeal for our church. We had a great need for this building and it is being used for Sunday School rooms, enlarged fellowship and kitchen area, and a nice pastor's study. We thank everyone who gave that we might expand and use this to God's glory.

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Gatesville, TX, church.

### EVANGELISM TRACTS

Here are free tracts for you to use in witnessing and for your own Christian development. Order from **Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061**. Please be sure to include your name, address, and zip code.

#### Quan.

- ... A B C's of Salvation
- ... An Invitation
- ... An Invitation to Life
- ... Better Than Money in the Bank
- ... Bible Faith Stands the Test of Time
- ... Bible Faith Stands the Test of Time, Spanish
- ... Can God Help Me?
- ... Can You Believe?
- ... Does 2 + 2 = 5?
- ... Do You Ever Think About God?
- ... Do You Prefer Insurance or Assurance?
- ... First Aid Information
- ... First Steps in Bible Study
- ... Have A Good Day
- ... Here's My Tip
- ... Meet My Friend
- ... No Fear in Your Future
- ... One Step from Death
- ... Plan of Salvation (memory cards)
- ... See What Real Love Is
- ... Six Steps to a New Life
- ... Something Got You Down?
- ... Steps Toward Salvation
- ... The Blood Bank of the Bible
- ... The Cancer of Racial Hate
- ... The Guiding Light
- ... The Ideal Family
- ... The Truth About God
- ... Traveler's Credit Card
- ... Use the Past to Build a Future
- ... Why Be Baptized?
- ... Your Introduction to the Church of God

### MISCELLANEOUS TRACTS

- ... Chart of the Ages
- ... From One Who Cares
- ... How to Grow in Christ
- ... How Your Pastor Can Help You
- ... Is Faith Possible?
- ... What Can We Read Tonight?
- ... What Should I Give My Child?
- ... Why Worship Regularly?

## OBITUARIES

Funeral services for **Clifford Hill** were conducted February 17, 1979, at the Unger Funeral Home in Rochelle, IL. Afterward he was laid to rest in Lindenwood Cemetery to await the call of Jesus Christ at the last day.

Cliff invited Jesus into his heart and life on his deathbed in the hospital. We are thankful for his confession of faith. We ask God to comfort his widow, Edith, who has been in a wheelchair since birth.  
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Sr. Hazel May Mattison**, 83, of Burr Oak, IN, died March 8, 1979, in the home of her son, Pastor James Mattison. Funeral services were conducted for her at the Oregon, IL, Church of God, March 11, 1979. Because of the conditions at Riverside Cemetery, the committal service was also held at the church. She was born July 30, 1895, at Oregon, IL, to Samuel and Nellie Ward Lindsay. She was a member of the Burr Oak, IN, Church of God. Surviving are her husband, Henry A. Mattison; two children, Pastor James Mattison and Mrs. Ray Foster of Sycamore, IL; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Etta Mattison of Franklin Grove, IL; and one brother, Ward Lindsay of Oconomowoc, WI. We praise God for the assurance of resurrection to immortality when Jesus comes.  
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

## HOW YOU CAN MINISTER TO YOUR PASTOR

**Church of God Congregations:** You can minister to your pastor by urging him to attend the 1979 Spring Minister's Conference in Oregon, Illinois, April 30 through May 3. There are two reasons why it is important for your pastor to be present for this Conference: 1) for his spiritual enrichment; 2) for the benefit of your congregation.

The Lord said in Jeremiah 3:15, "I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." If our pastors are to continue to feed you, it is vital that they meet together to be fed. In addition to time spent in prayer, Bible study, personal renewal, and fellowship, this Conference will offer special sessions on Church Growth, and ministering to those who are facing suffering, grief, and other personal problems.

Encourage your pastor to spend these days at this Conference. And I would encourage you to make it financially possible for him to attend by paying his travel pool expense. Our pool averages the travel expenses of all who attend so that everyone pays the same amount whether he lives close to or far from Oregon, Illinois.

Thanks for doing yourself and your pastor a favor.—*The Editor.*

## Contributors to the General Conference: February, 1979

Jesse W Cooke, Jr	2.00	Maurertown Church	31.39	Phoenix Bible Church	210.35	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	20.00
Taylor Crowe	7.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	70.00	Alice H Bassett	40.00	Jane Messersmith	5.00
Mrs David Sapp	1.00	NE Conference	265.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Johnson	25.00	Mrs Z A Greer	4.00
Mr James G Freeman	2.00	San Jose Church	25.00	Hector Church	225.00	Oregon SS	7.68
Mabel Snell	10.00	Stephen Adams	5.00	Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	50.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	75.00
Dr & Mrs William Tierney	12.00	Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	5.00	Macomb Church	177.68	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	40.00
Richard Zimmerman	5.00	Milo Magaw	60.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	130.00	Anonymous	100.00
Bedford Church	337.68	Mr & Mrs Glenn Canfield	100.00	Macomb SS	10.20	Mr & Mrs James Mattison	25.00
Pomona Church	50.00	Vena Logsdon	10.00	New Hope Church	200.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Hummel	100.00
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Eden Valley Miss Soc	39.00	Mr & Mrs David Little	25.00	Anonymous	125.00	Paul Moore	15.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Pearson	40.00	Golden Rule Church	35.07	Lakeshore Christian		Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	310.00
Fredericktown Church	57.16	Anonymous	12.32	Ladies League	25.00	Harry Brown	4.00
Forest Hills Church	31.53	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	250.00	Mrs Howard Roland	1.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	225.00
Margaret Duval	100.00	Helen White	10.00	Nolan B Orr	5.00	Mr & Mrs T R Meier	6.00
Brush Creek Church	286.63	Lakeshore Bible Church	355.57	J H Footitt	10.00	Fremont SS	7.40
Anonymous	4.00	Happy Woods Church	106.64	Henry Schuitema	5.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	35.00
Pleasant Hill Church	91.70	Lawrenceville Church	396.96	Gwendolyn Rummel	2.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	100.00
Mr & Mrs John Waterman	40.00	North Hills Church	221.57	Helen Adams	1.00	Mrs Alice Curtis	45.90
Blanchard Church	463.56	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	30.00	Mrs Lucille Wulff	50.00
Garden Park Church	222.31	MI State Conference	84.65	Mae G Tierney	100.00	Mr & Mrs S M McLeod	5.00
Blessed Hope Church	188.46	Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Alice Marshall	20.00	Mr James R Hiner	3.00
Kathy J Cooper	12.00	Carrol Hutchinson	20.00	Mr & Mrs David R Hall	416.00	Mr & Mrs John L Hutcheson	2.00
Inez Gordon	20.00	Blood River Church	137.68	Mr & Mrs Wayne Laning	100.00	Mrs Larry A Wilcox	20.00
Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	27.00	Paul M Hatch	11.75	Mr & Mrs Dwaine Demmitt	75.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00
G J Naber	5.00	Mrs L A Jackson	2.00	Nelle M Barkley	100.00	Anonymous	15.00
Hettie Scroggins	5.00	Mrs T A Sanders	5.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Berry	15.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	100.00
Francis Glass	1.00	Anonymous Rockford	1.00	Raymore Church	225.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademacher	179.00
Mr & Mrs Joe Duncan	15.00	Mr & Mrs Delia Middleton	20.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	140.00	Ethel Berry	5.00
Anonymous	25.00	Edith Eades	25.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Bess Kasper	60.00
Jay St Church	64.31	Golden Rule SS	5.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	58.00	Mrs Grace Osteen	1.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	30.00	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs S L Rife	16.00	Lillie B Martindale	10.00
S Bend Miss Soc	93.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Wissman	25.00	Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	20.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Schroth	31.69
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Mildred Somers	35.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	65.00	Cool Spring Church	47.17	Mr & Mrs Harry Payne	10.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Young	12.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	20.00	Mr Russell Fowler	5.00	Mrs Esther Jenkins	10.00
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Royal Village Church	330.00	S Bend Hope Chapel	106.72	Mr & Mrs Carroll Bennett	50.00	Mr & Mrs Jess Williams	50.00
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# Church of God PROGRESS JOURNAL

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director

### 1979 General Conference Reservations

Reservations for the 1979 Church of God General Conference are now being received. Each person planning to attend must file a reservation form, with a \$10 non-refundable deposit fee, prior to July 25. Your pastor has the forms and detailed information regarding reservations.

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 Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, on August 6-10. A firm commitment of attendance will need to be made to the college several days before the Conference begins.

The total cost for the four-day Conference for an adult this year is \$55. For those ages 3-12 the cost is \$40. There is no charge for children under 3 years of age. For those staying off campus and commuting to the meetings there is a charge of \$8 per person for the use of facilities, insurance, and miscellaneous costs. Should the commuter wish to take the meals, the total cost would be \$35 for the above benefits and the meals.

There is no charge for one attending the evening services only.

Children and young people under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a full schedule of classes and activities planned for all ages and the youth are expected to attend all of the planned services. These activities will include a Junior Church each evening for those 3 to 12 years of age.

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: "Awake! Arise! O Church of God." We trust that you will make plans to attend every session of the Conference. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 6. Lunch will be served at noon. The first business session of the General Conference will convene at 1:15 p.m. The Conference will end after the 7:30 breakfast on Friday, August 10. There will be a joint prayer service at 7:00 a.m. Make plans now to attend.

### Camping Information

Many delegates and friends who attend the annual Church of God General Conference enjoy traveling and staying in recreational vehicles and camper-trailers. Campers are not allowed on the campus. There are three camping parks relatively close to Rockford. Oak Valley Campground is 2 miles, Rock Cut State Park is 9 miles, and Lowden Memorial State Park at Oregon, Illinois, is 22 miles.

### Boards Meet

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference will meet at Oregon, Illinois, on May 3 to 5. At this meeting the annual Conference Program is finalized, the departmental reports and recommendations are approved, and the tentative 1979-80 budget will be discussed and proposed.

The annual Ministerial Conference will be held in Oregon the week of April 30 to May 3. The Board of License & Ordination will meet in Oregon that same week. Oregon Bible College graduating seniors who are going into the pastoral ministry will be interviewed for possible ministerial license at that time.

### Conference Finances

We are grateful for the more positive response of the membership to the financial needs of the Conference during this current month. Since the membership letter of March 12th, the giving has increased considerably.

I would like to share the testimony of one couple. Their letter says, "My husband read your letter and told me to draw \$500 from our bank savings to send. It appears that the General Conference staff is very conscientious in trying to keep costs down. It is a good work you are doing." Many others have written similar letters. Praise God! We trust the needs will soon be met.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for April	\$57,942.00
Given in April	28,663.00
April Deficit	29,279.00
May Needs	\$27,167.00

**Goal for May \$56,446.00**



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**Hilliard, OH.** The Hilliard Bible Church of God is happy to announce that on March 19, 1979, Brenda Keck was baptized into the saving name of Jesus for the remission of sins. On Sunday morning, March 25, 1979, Debra Sorrell accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized that afternoon. Pastor C. F. Roth, with the assistance of Elder Duane Johnson and Deacon Ronald Roth, performed both services. We pray God's blessings and guidance on Brenda and Debra in their new walk of life.

Margaret Ware, secretary.

**Little Rock, AR.** The membership of the New Hope Church of God rejoiced as Gary Cheek was baptized into Christ during the morning worship service, March 18, 1979. We pray that Gary will grow in Christ, and that God's richest blessings will be upon him in his new walk.

Richard Alcumbrack, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** The Oregon Church of God rejoiced when Glyn Craig and his daughter Julie responded to the Lord's invitation. They were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Sunday evening, April 8, 1979. A social followed in the Fellowship Hall so all could get better acquainted with the new members. We praise God for his great salvation so freely offered in Jesus Christ.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** Eva Fisher stepped forward at the close of the morning worship service March 4, 1979, professing her faith in Christ Jesus and her desire for baptism. Pastor Rex Cain baptized Eva at the evening service that same day. Eva had prepared herself for this important decision by successfully completing the 29 lessons of the Systematic Bible Study Course.

We of the Macomb Church congregation rec-

ognize the responsibility we hold to encourage and support this believer as she continues to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We welcome her into this body of believers.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Springfield, OH.** On the evening of March 11, 1979, Melissa Kaye Black was baptized into the fellowship of the North Hills Church of God. We praise God for Misty's testimony and her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Joseph Duncan, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** The Jay St. Church of God welcomes into its membership Tony Leroy Dix. He was baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins on April 8, 1979. We pray God will fill him with the Holy Spirit and bless him in his walk with Christ.

John Railton, pastor.

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## MACOMB NEWS

The OBC Chorale presented an excellent and inspiring service March 18, 1979, during the morning worship service. They presented a three-part program of songs and praises to God, a Cantata, and a variety of vocal musical selections to an audience of over 150. This fine presentation

was followed by a carry-in dinner. We are pleased to have such a group dedicated to the service of the Lord. God bless them as they continue to glorify his name through music!

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

## MARRIAGE

Many relatives and friends attended the double-ring wedding ceremony uniting Curtis Yost and Lynn Hively on March 24, 1979. The service was conducted at the Columbia Church by Pastors Edward Bender and Russell Magaw. The couple spoke meaningful vows and shared in Communion, symbolic of committing their lives in Christ to each other. They are making their home at 9859 W. River Road, Columbia Station, OH.

Russell Magaw, pastor.

## AVAILABLE FOR A PASTORATE

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11—Oregon Bible College graduation at Oregon Church of God

May 25-27 & May 30-June 3—May meetings and 75th anniversary; Fonthill, Ont., Church; speakers: C. E. Randall, Emory Macy, Ed Goit, and John Hearp.

June 8-10—Illinois State Conference at Oregon, IL

June 24-30—Indiana State Family Camp at Camp Mack

July 7—Annual Indiana State Conference Business Meeting at North Salem

July 15-21—International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack

August 6-10—Annual General Conference at Rockford College, Rockford, IL

## CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Constitutional Committee and the Board of Directors propose the following amendments to the present Constitution and By-laws. Where changes are proposed, the present section will be quoted and then the proposed change will be quoted with new material in italics and underlined.

### FRONT COVER

#### CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

**Proposed:** Church of God General Conference, *headquarters Oregon, Illinois.*

#### ARTICLE II

##### Delegates

**Section 1.** Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof.

**Proposed:** Add the following.

*Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God.*

**Section 2.** A member church is a Church of God which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

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God *which adheres to the Statement of Faith contained in this document, and* which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

**Section 3.** The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

**Proposed:** *These shall be considered as delegates at large:*

*a) The Board of Directors and one delegate from each state or district Conference;*

*b) The following licensed or ordained ministers: one who is actively pastoring a church; a full-time employee of the General Conference; those who have met the above qualifications, and have reached retirement age.*

#### ARTICLE III

##### Business Sessions

**Section 1.** All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in

a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

**Proposed:** Drop the following Phrase: *"And no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section."*

**Section 2.** A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

**Proposed:** *A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of fifty percent of the recognized delegates at that Conference.* Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Officers of the Conference

**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 church leaders.

**Proposed:** Add the following phrase: *A director may be either male or female.*

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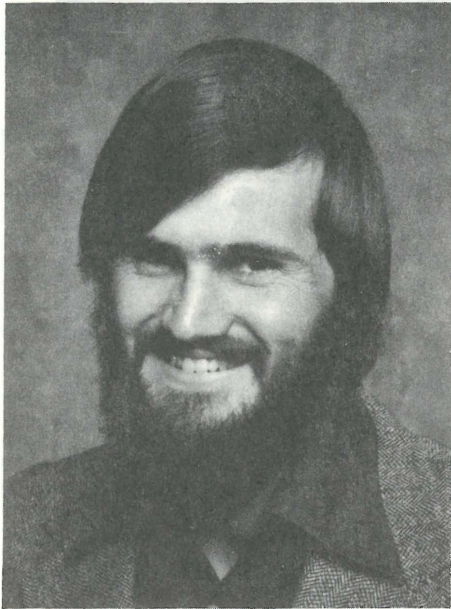


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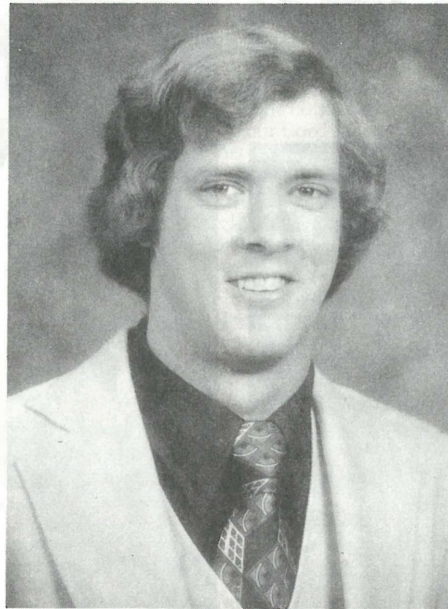
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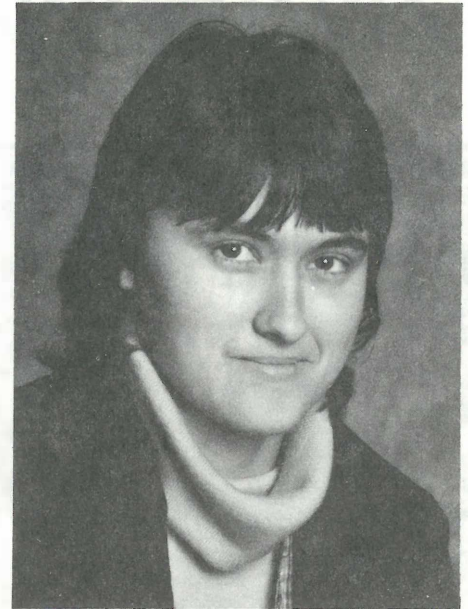
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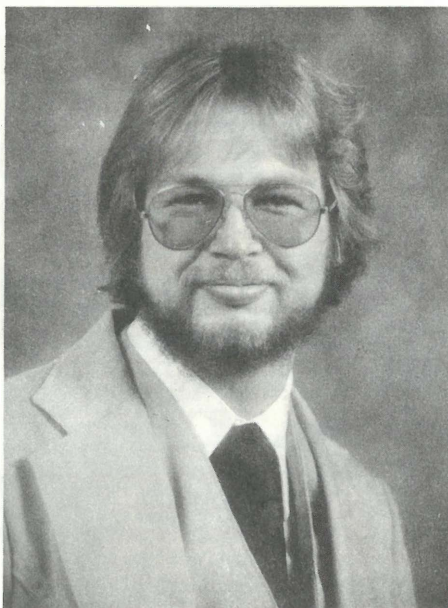
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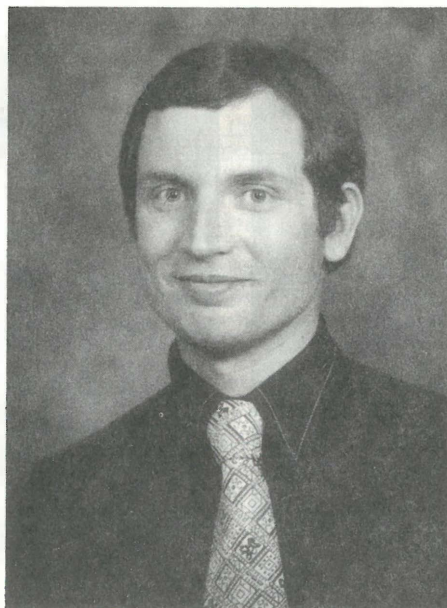
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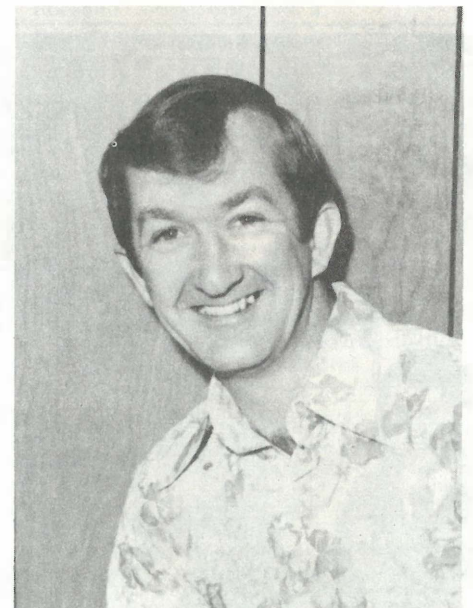
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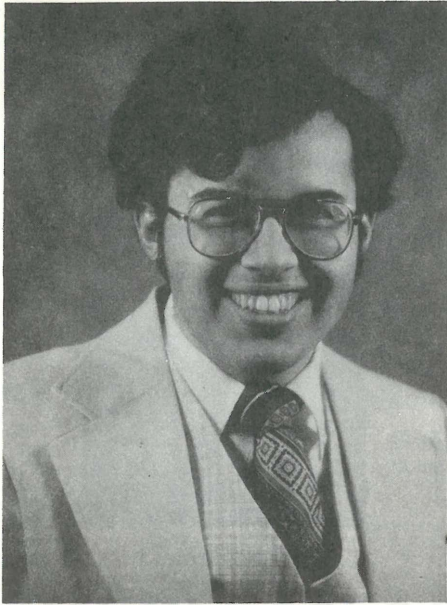


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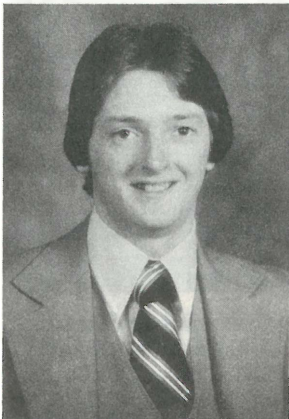


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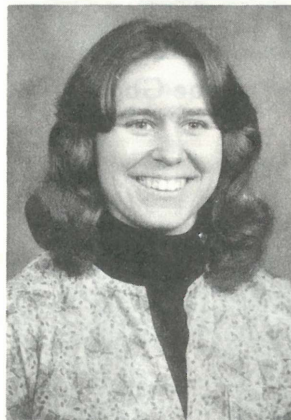
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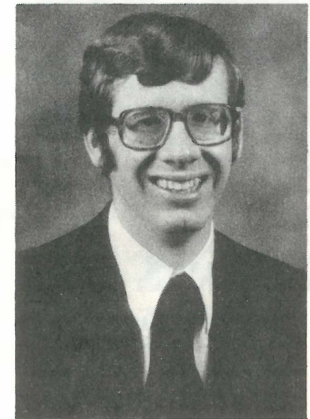
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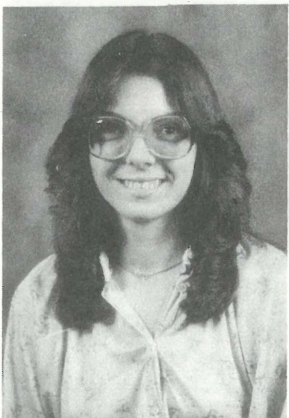
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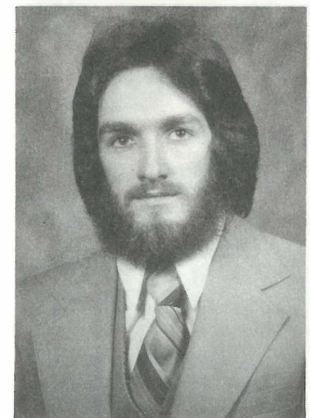
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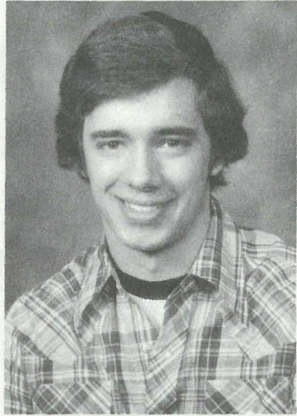
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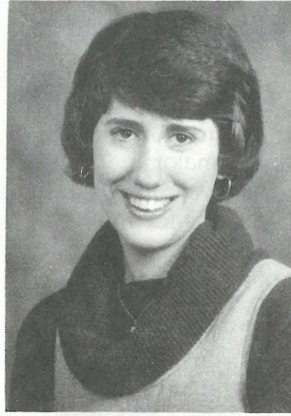
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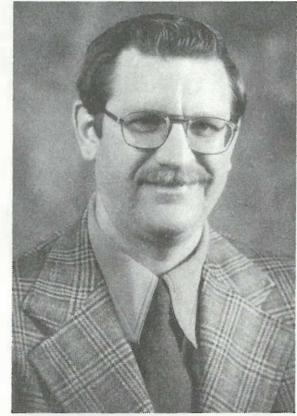
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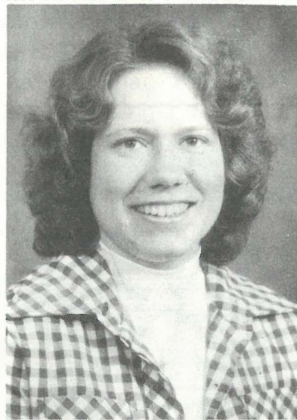
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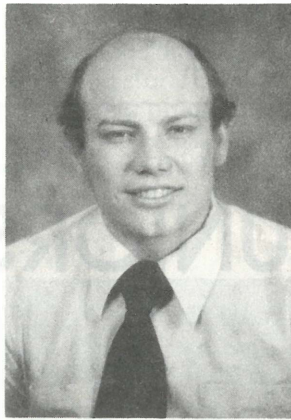
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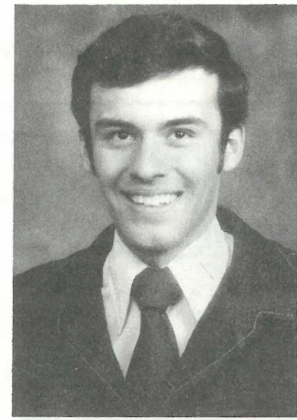
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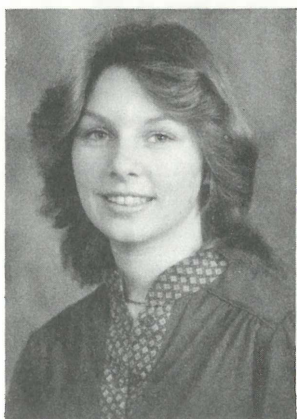
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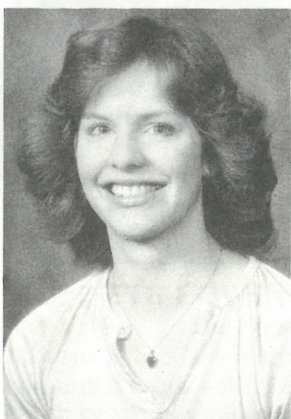
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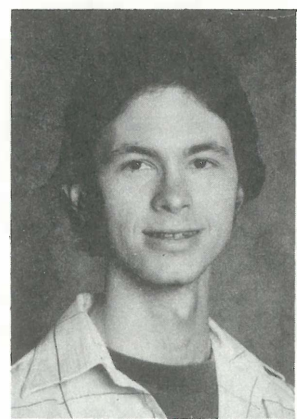
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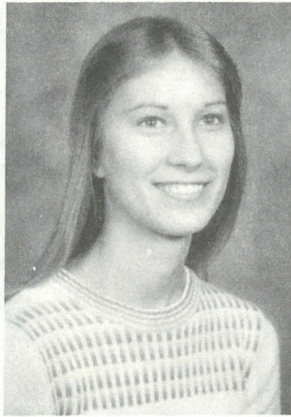
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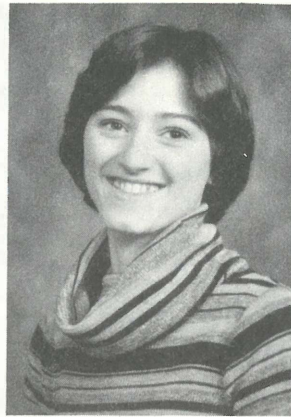
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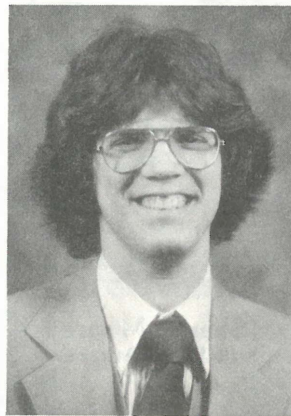


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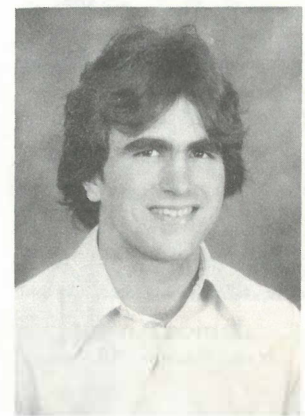
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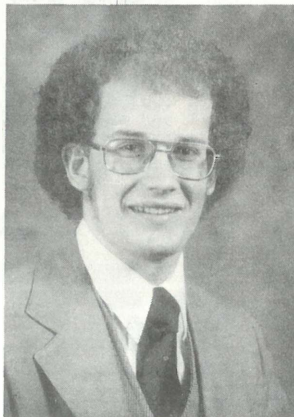
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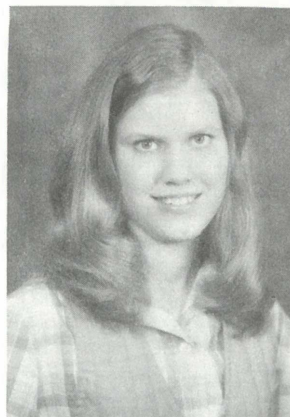
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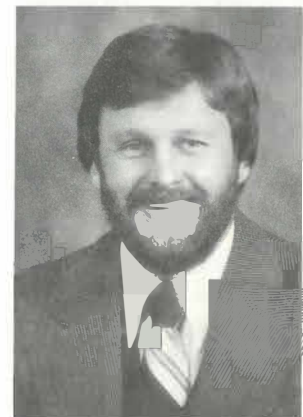
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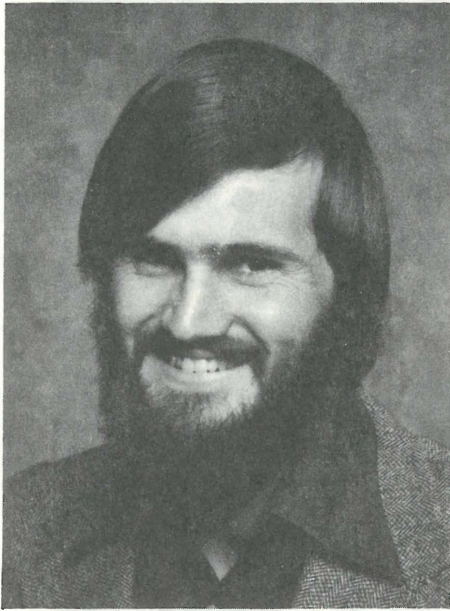
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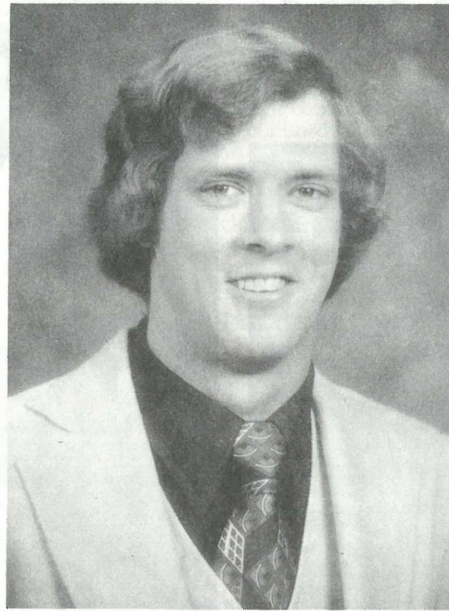
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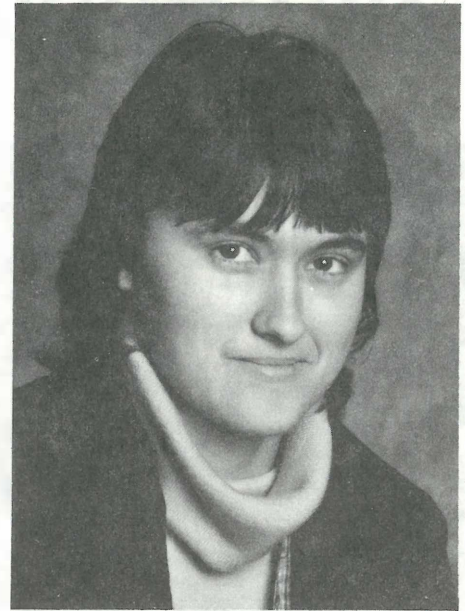
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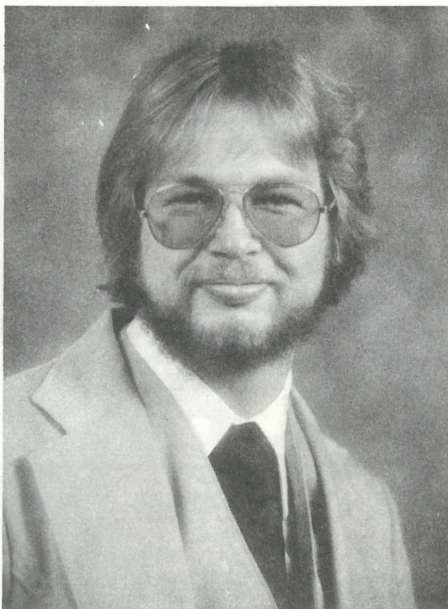
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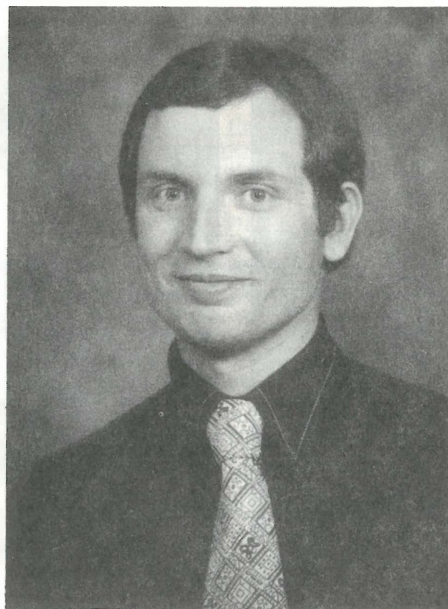
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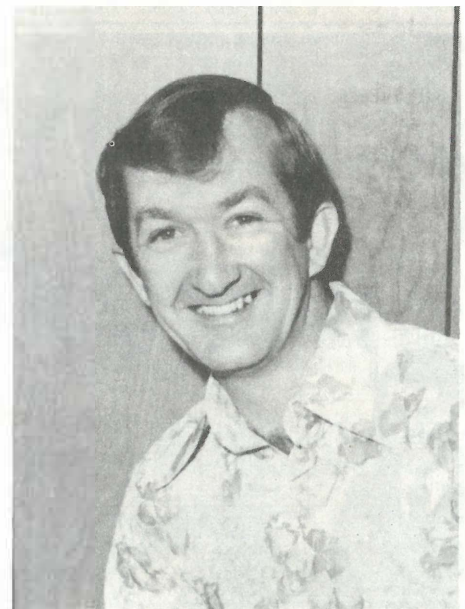
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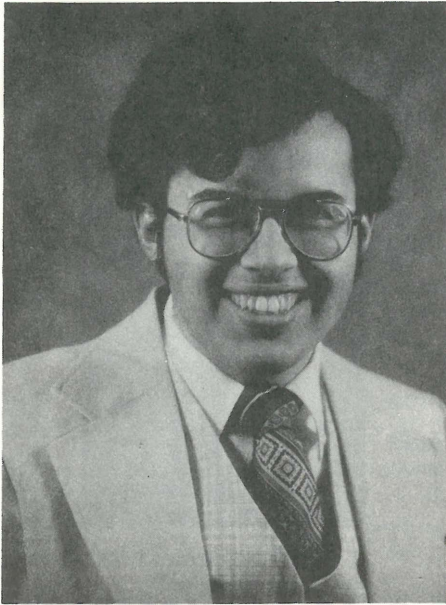


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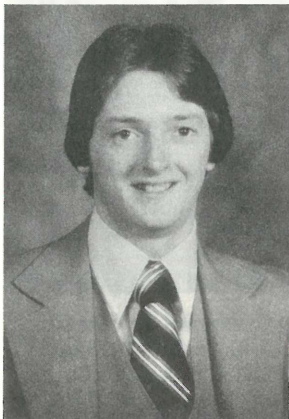
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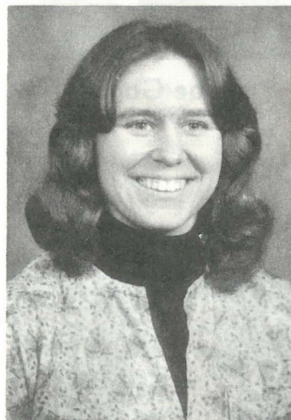
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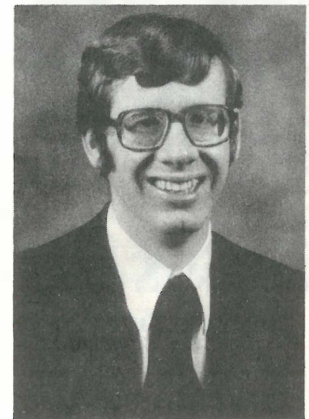
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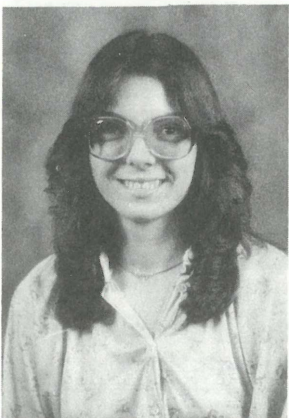
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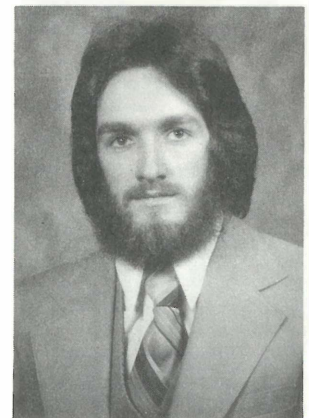
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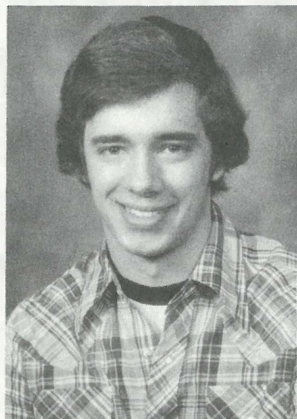
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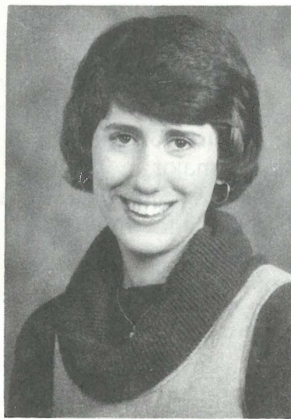
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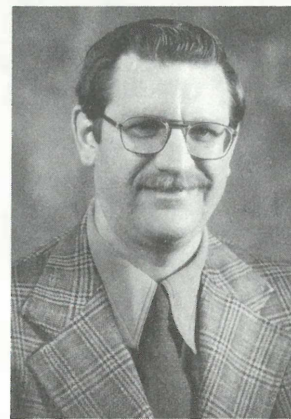
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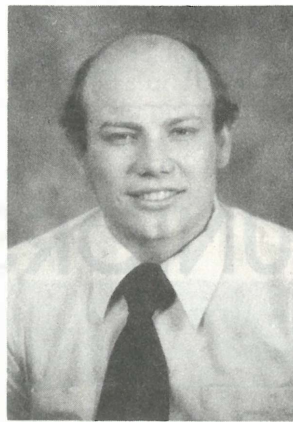
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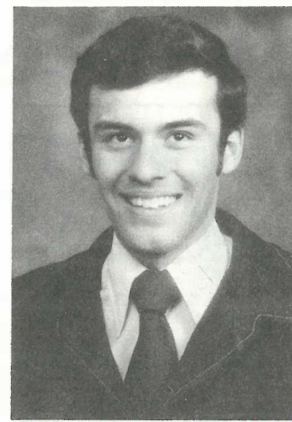
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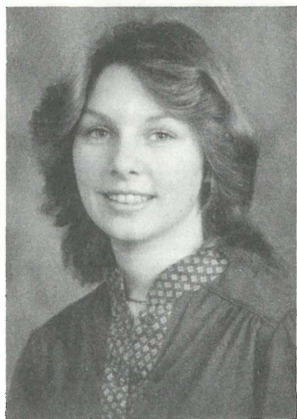
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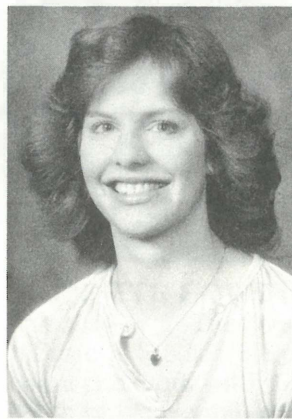
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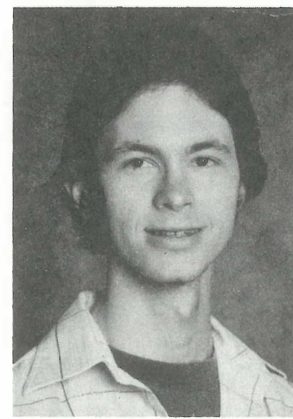
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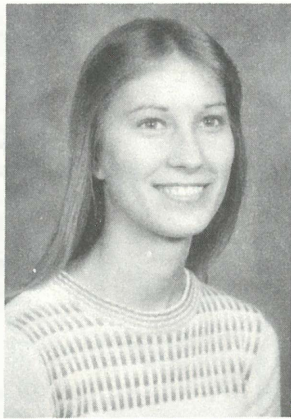
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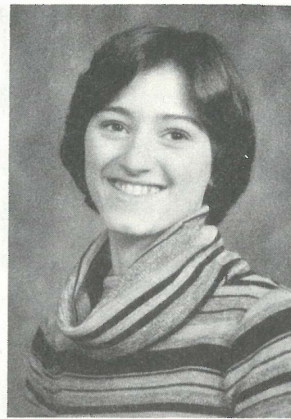
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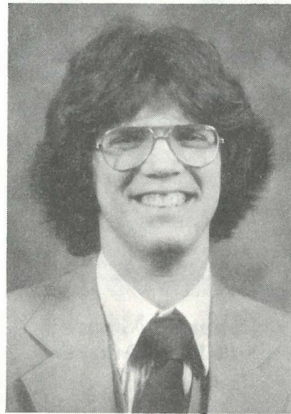
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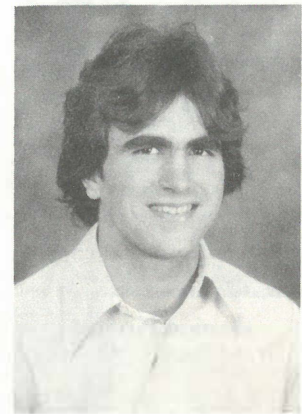
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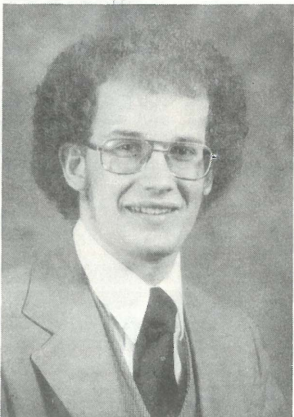
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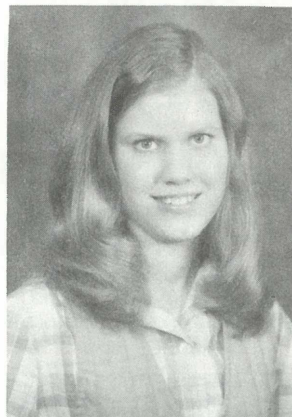
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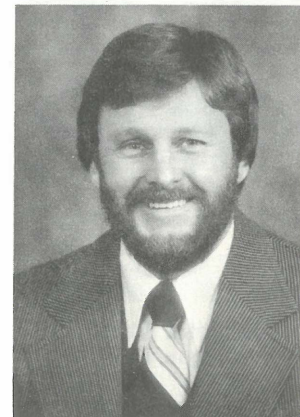
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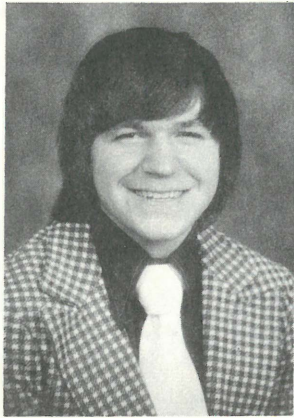


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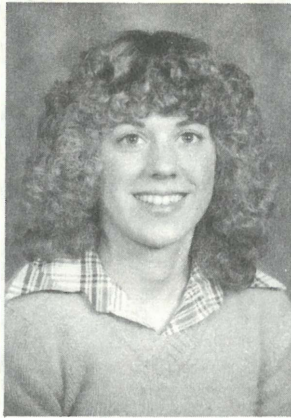


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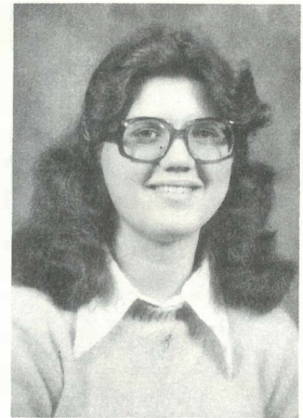




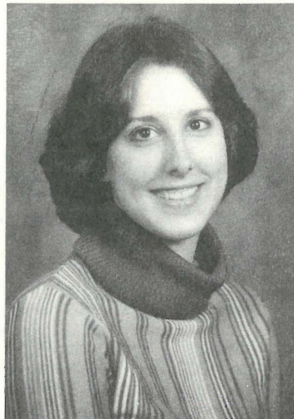
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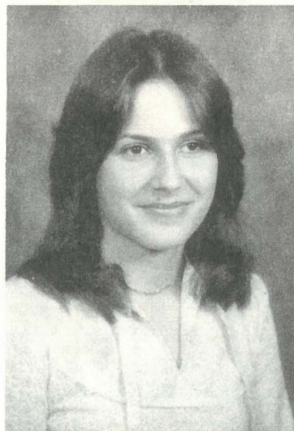
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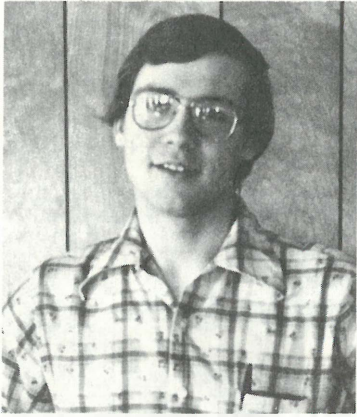
**Jennifer Landry**  
Oregon, Illinois

Not Pictured:  
**David McKinney**  
Lawrence, Kansas

This was the first float OBC ever entered in the "Autumn on Parade Festival." It read, "Jesus, You Light Up My Life," in the form of the Bible.



# PART-TIME STUDENTS

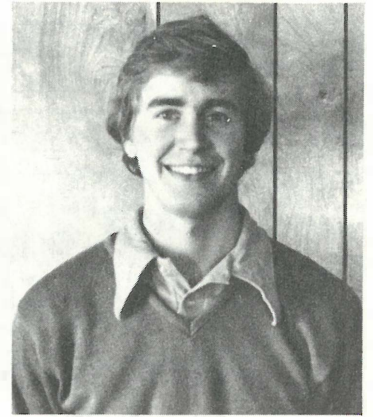


**Brian Atra**  
Byron, Illinois

Not Pictured:

**Edith Fridley**  
Oregon, Illinois

**Lynne Seger**  
Oregon, Illinois



**Kent Parks**  
Byron, Illinois



**Barbara Graham**  
Dixon, Illinois



**Glennis Partain**  
Pelzer, South Carolina



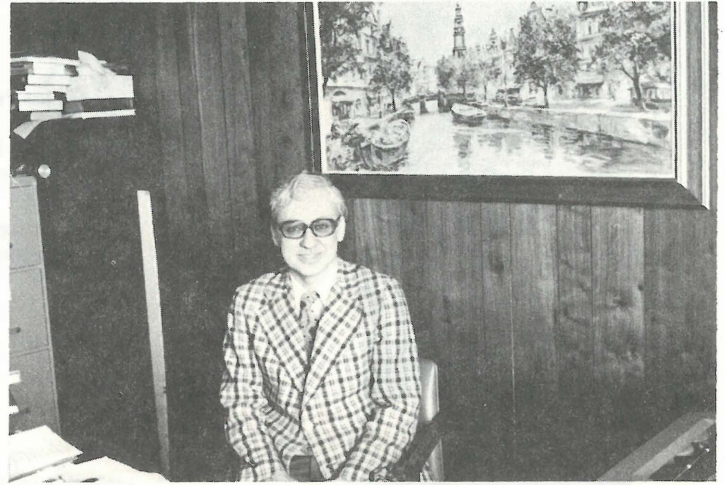
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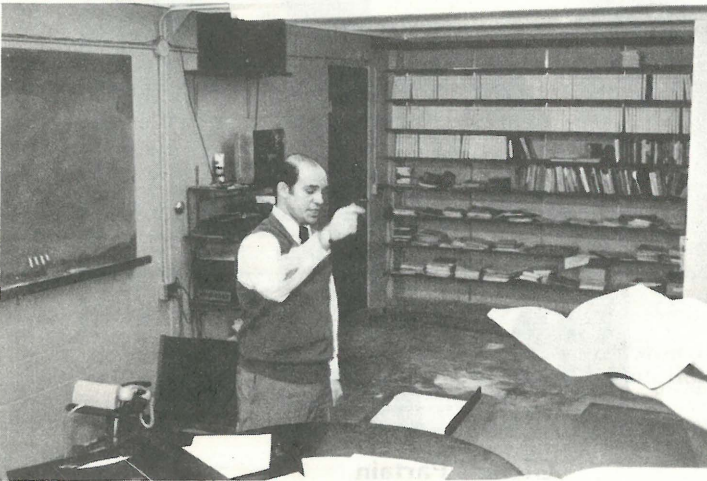
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President; Instructor



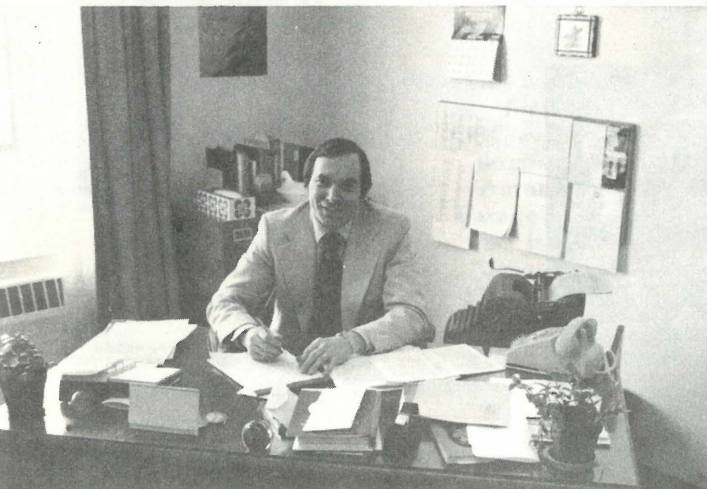
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Director of Academic Affairs; Director of Library; Instructor



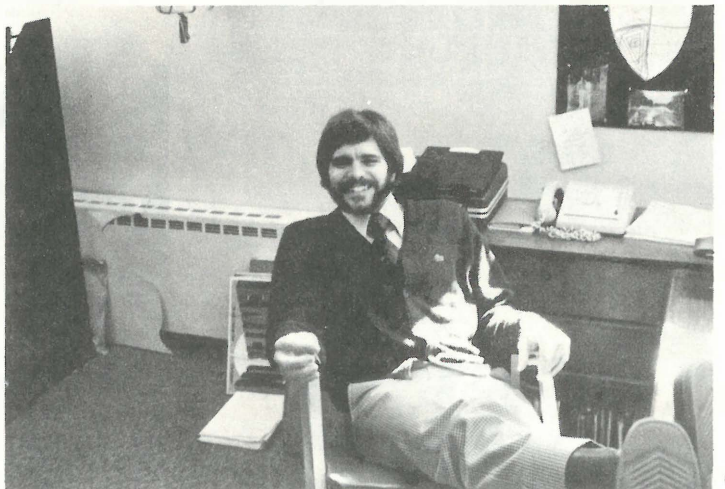
**DALE RAMSEY**  
Director of Music; Instructor



**BOB JONES**  
Instructor



**RUSSELL REYE**  
Director of Student Affairs; Director of Admissions and Registrar



**SAM VOORHIES**  
Director of Christian Service; Instructor



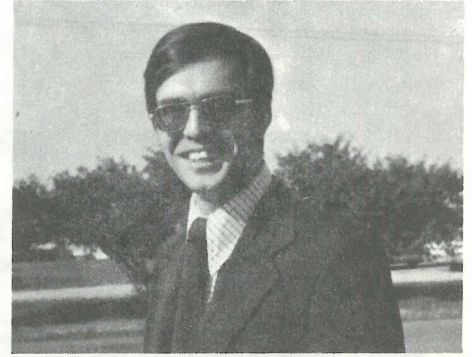
# FACULTY AND STAFF



**David Krogh**  
Editor; Part-time instructor



**Paul Newell**  
Business Manager; Part-time Student



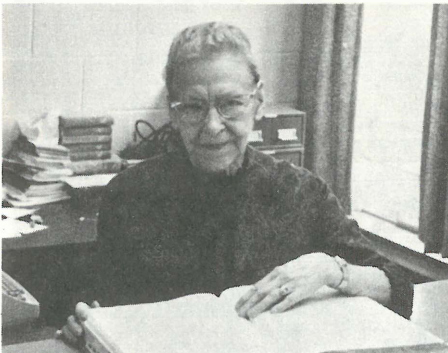
**Joseph Myers**  
Director of Student Recruitment and Public Relations



**Secretaries**  
Becky Hall and Rachel Newell



**Cooks**  
Back row (left to right)—Darlene Burkhart, Donna Kennedy;  
front row—Gayle Reye, Diane Rademachir, Glennis Partain,  
Jennifer Landry



**Librarians**  
Above, Miss Stoffregen;  
below, Sharon Moore, Gary Burnham,  
Debbie Fletcher, Patrick Landry



**Women's Dorm Parents**  
Russell and Gayle Reye

# DORM DIRECTORS



**Men's Dorm Parents**  
David and Betty Hall



# ORGANIZATIONS



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Left to right—Gary Burnham, Denise Donaldson, Bobby Lee Partain, Wade Tierney, Michael Hoffman

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government is the primary representative organization of the students to the Administration. The Student Government works closely with the Director of Student Affairs on suggestions and programs. This year the Student Government organized and proceeded to raise funds to paint a mural on the south exterior wall of the General Conference Building.

This year the officers were: Michael Hoffman, President; Wade Tierney, Vice-President; Denise Donaldson, Treasurer; Bobby Lee Partain, Secretary; and Gary Burnham, Freshman Representative.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee organizes and directs the social activities of the college. Among the social activities this year were: the ice cream social, the Halloween party, the Christmas party, and a special family film night featuring "The Great Race."

The Social Committee also organized a Dinner-Theater Banquet in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, where the student body saw a capable presentation of Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma."

## DORM COUNCIL

The Dorm Council is an organization of students who volunteer to assist the Dorm Directors in the everyday tasks of the college. Among the duties of Dorm Council is locking the doors at curfew and representing the student body in decisions made concerning the two dormitories.

This year the Dorm Council was instrumental in acquiring the new washing machines for the men's dorm and updating the Student Handbook for the 1979-80 school year.



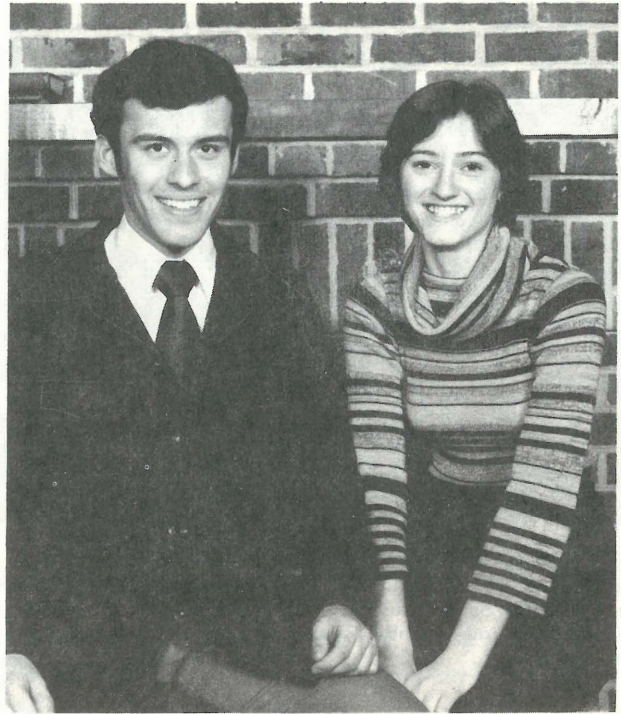
## DORM COUNCIL

First row (left to right)—James Hill, Wade Tierney, Debbie Fletcher, Cindy Jo Isenhoff; second row—Darlene Burkhart, Charles Durham, Denise Donaldson, Dan Shaw

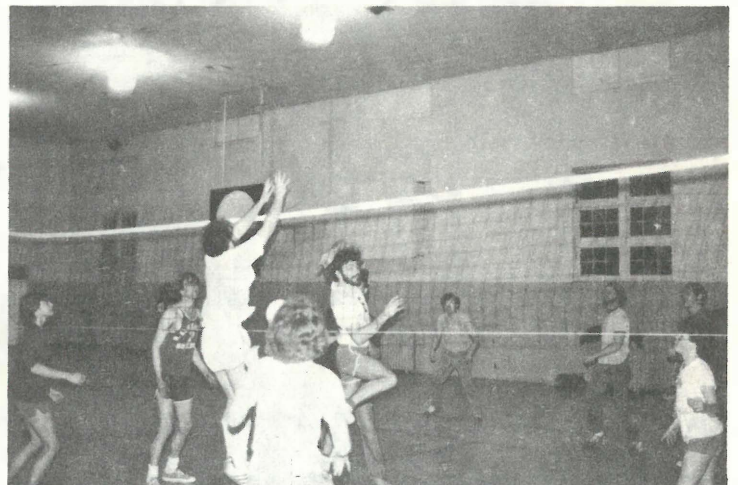




**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
Karen Mitchell, Denise Donaldson



**MARANATHA EDITORS**  
Daniel L. Shaw, Vickie Wyrick; photographer Tracy Chapman

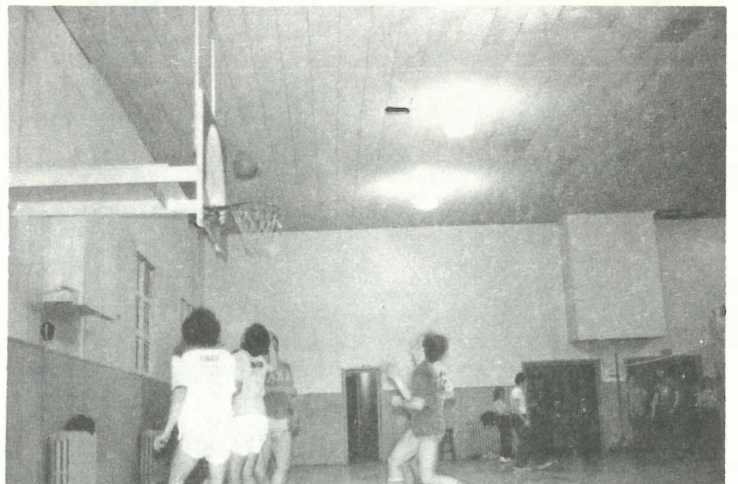


# SPORTS

Recreation is a very important part of the college curriculum. Students need exercise to work off the pressures of homework and school life. That is what the sports program at OBC has provided this year.

During the year the students competed in teams or individually in tennis, bowling, pool, ping-pong, volley-ball, and basketball.

Not only do the students develop their physical potential, but they are able to exercise good sportsmanship and Christian conduct.





# MUSIC



## Gospel Team to Peoria

Back row (left to right)—Alan Shaw, Dave McKinney, Alan Demmitt, Sharon Moore, Sandy Ratering, Daniel Shaw, Suzanne Worley, Joe Good; front row—Debbie McKinney, Kim Williams, Pam Gaskill, Donna Kennedy.



## Choir

Back row (left to right)—Jennifer Landry, Patrick Landry, Gary Burnham, Vickie Wyrick, Janice Knapp, Alan Shaw, Bart Tackett, Wade Tierney, Bobby Lee Partain, Sandy Ratering, Daniel Shaw; front row—Dale Ramsey, conductor; Darlene Burkhart, Barbara Graham, Kim Williams, Pam Gaskill, Denise Donaldson, Glennis Partain, Karen Mitchell, Debbie Fletcher.



## CHORALE

The Oregon Bible College Chorale toured the midwest and east coast this year—from Waterloo, Iowa, to Pelzer, South Carolina. All the way up to Fonthill, Canada, and back to Illinois through Michigan, the Chorale sang in praise to God.

Back row (left to right)—Gary Burnham, Glennis Partain, Janice Knapp, Bobby Lee Partain, Sandy Ratering, Debbie Fletcher, Bob Alcumbrack; middle row—Pam Gaskill, Vickie Wyrick, Debbie McKinney, Denise Donaldson; front row—Charles Durham, Daniel Shaw, Wade Tierney, Tracy Chapman, Alan Shaw.



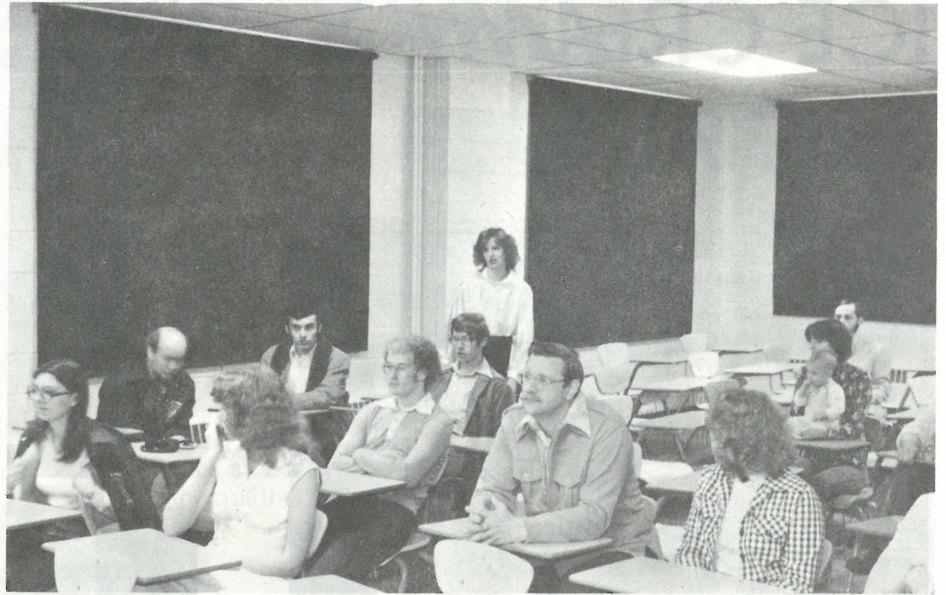
In the picture to the left, the Chorale loads up after a concert in Omaha, Nebraska.



# ACADEMICS

Academics is a major part of Oregon Bible College. Students can be seen studying for tests, quizzes, or examinations all over the OBC campus.

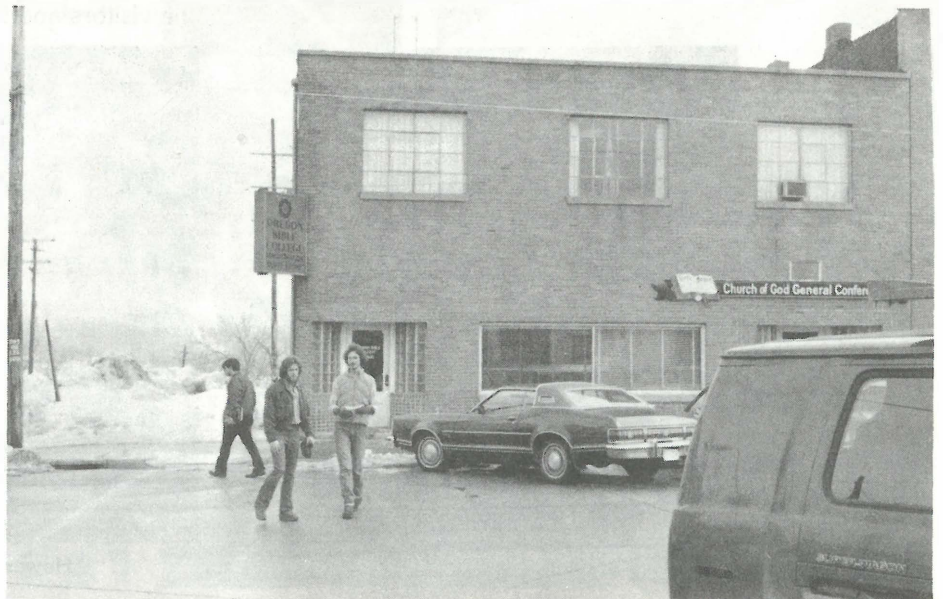
The students are responsible not only for written assignments, but for oral presentations as well. Training in Christian Education is an important goal at OBC as many of the students may eventually take teaching positions in the various churches.



Oregon Bible College maintains a sufficient library that is still growing to assist the students in their research. Students spend long and concentrated hours before their typewriters, preparing reports for the eighteen currently available classes at OBC.

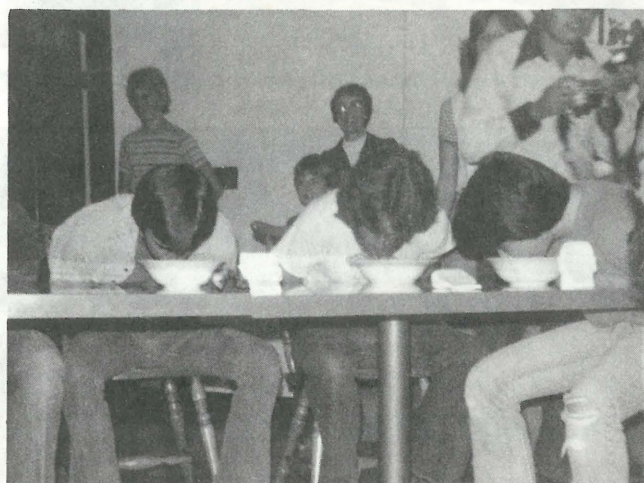
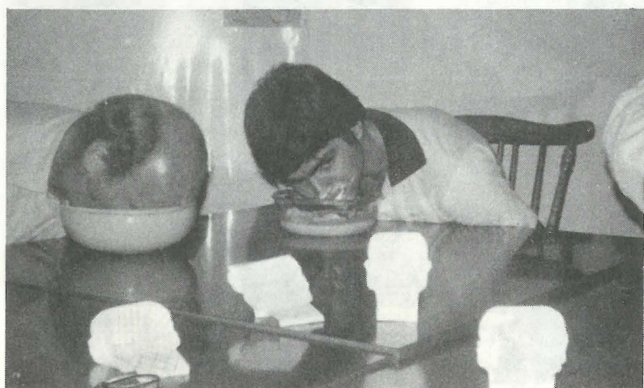
The faculty of Oregon Bible College is at all times available and willing to counsel or assist the students on assignments and classes.

Classes are also provided by Rock Valley College at the local high school where students may earn credit hours in fields not related to Theology for outside reference.





# ICE CREAM SOCIAL . . .



## JUNIOR-SENIOR WEEKEND

Each year Oregon Bible College holds a Junior-Senior Weekend for students to visit and have a taste of OBC life.

Students from many of the churches come and spend two or three days living in the dorms, eating the meals, and attending devotions like a regular OBC student.

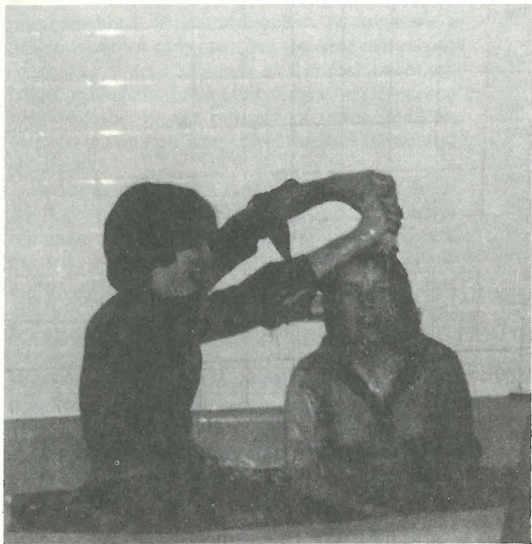
Junior-Senior Weekend is always enjoyable for both the visitors and the students of Oregon Bible College.



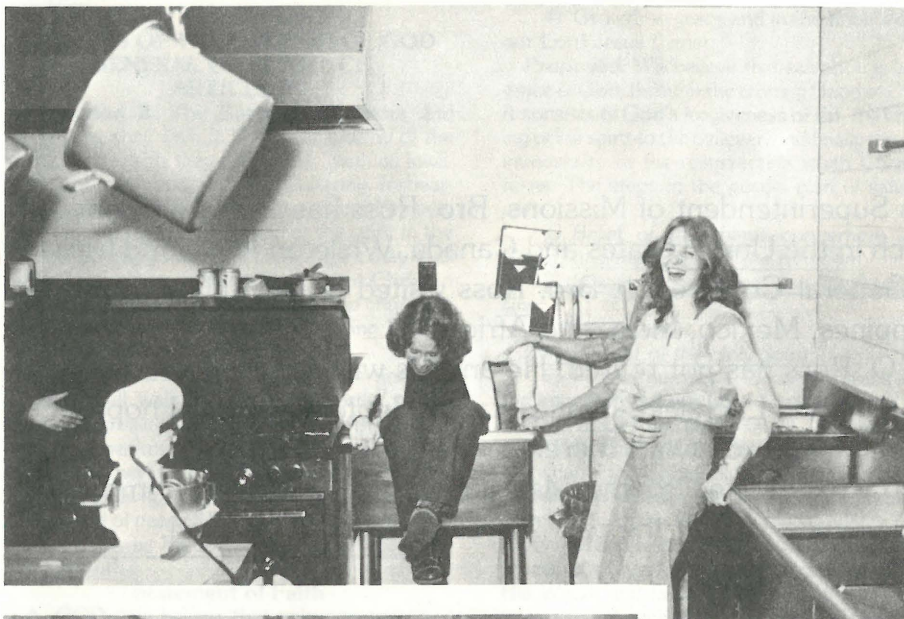
Howard and Dan attempt to lead "I'm in the Lord's Army" at devotions.



# LETTING OUR HAIR DOWN . . .



After a day of study and work the students retreat to the dorm where they "let their hair down." A fun time listening to a favorite recording or just in a group talking over the day's happenings builds life-long friendships and memories students will carry with them all their days.





# THANK YOU, S. O. ROSS

S. O. Ross has worked closely with the General Conference for the past twenty-nine years. He has served ably and faithfully as a member of the Board of Directors, and over the last eighteen years as Office Manager, Superintendent of Missions, Instructor of Church of God History and Missions at Oregon Bible College, and Executive Director.



As Superintendent of Missions, Bro. Ross has visited almost every church in the United States and Canada. While on two world trips for the General Conference, Bro. Ross visited mission churches in the Philippines, Mexico, India, and Africa.

S. O. Ross has not retired. He and his wife Peggy are returning to their home in Litchfield, Minnesota, on September 1 and hope to be involved in church work there.

Bro. Ross stated to the Maranatha staff that he has immensely enjoyed every day of the past 29 years of service to God.

We, the students of Oregon Bible College, would like to thank you, Bro. Ross, and let you know we appreciate you for all the work you've done with the college, and to say that we'll miss you. We wish you the best and may God bless you richly.

In Christian Love,  
The Students

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Continued from page 2)

**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.

**Proposed:** 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. The total list of all nominees shall be submitted to the delegates for election. If no majority is reached in the first balloting, the list of nominees shall be reduced to the three receiving the highest number of votes. When no majority is reached with the list of three nominees, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the list. Of the two remaining nominees, the one receiving the majority of votes cast is elected. If other directors are to be elected, all names, except the one(s) previously elected, shall be resubmitted, and the same election process repeated until all positions are filled.

### BY-LAWS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### ARTICLE I

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [throughout the church] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.;

**Proposed:** The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [DROP: "throughout the church"] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." They shall unite to edify the body of Christ by proclaiming the following Biblical truths:

#### Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, immortal, and the Creator of all things.

**Proposed:** Drop the parentheses around the word "corporeal."

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

**Proposed:** We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He existed only from his birth.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of his people.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of his people. It is not a person.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that

it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration. It is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

**Proposed:** We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All persons, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;
- 2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;
- 3) Baptism—which is immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;
- 4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Proposed:** We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ. It consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of his spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the things concerning Jesus Christ, and the gospel of the Kingdom;
- 2) Sincere repentance and confession of sins;
- 3) (no change)
- 4) Receipt of the Holy Spirit;
- 5) Former number 4. Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. (no change)

H. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Teacher. It will be exemplified by love, prayer, study of God's Word, development of the fruit of the Spirit, stewardship, and tithing. The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

I. ISRAEL. (no change)

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "new heavens and a new

earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

**Proposed: THE RETURN OF CHRIST.** We believe that the Millennial Kingdom will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the church as joint-heirs with Him. His millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked. (Remainder of the section deleted)—"after which will be established 'new heavens and a new earth' wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all."

#### New Section:

**K. THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on a renewed and perfect earth, with God being all in all.

### ARTICLE II

#### Duties of the Officers

Sections 1-5. (no change)

**Section 6.** (all new material) The Board of Directors shall serve as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College, which was established by the Church of God General Conference August 8, 1939, to educate men and women for the Christian ministries on the collegiate level through programs of Biblical and Theological studies, general education in the arts and sciences, and professional studies in the pastoral ministry, Christian education ministry, music ministry, and church vocational areas deemed desirable.

**Section 7.** (formerly Section 6 with no changes A through E)

(F) To employ a competent Executive Director who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of the General Conference, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

**Proposed:** Eliminate (F) in its entirety.

Former Section G becomes Section F.

Former Section H becomes Section G.

**Section 7.** The work undertaken by the General Conference shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

**Proposed:** That former Section 7 be eliminated completely.

### ARTICLE V

#### Amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. (no change)

**Section 2.** (new material) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the secretary of the Board of Directors by a member church, a member Conference, or the Board of Directors in sufficient time to be properly published.

#### INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

#### EXPLANATION:

When the delegates at the 1978 General Conference adopted the amended Study Committee Report, it appeared that some changes in the Constitution and By-laws may be advisable or even necessary. A committee was appointed consisting of Brothers Donald Needham, chairman, John Hearp, Kenneth Vancil, and S. O. Ross as an ex-officio member, to study the present Constitution and By-laws. The above proposals are the results of the committee report and final approval by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. These proposed changes will come up for action to adopt during the business sessions of the 1979 General Conference.



# Contributors to the General Conference: March, 1979

Mr & Mrs Richard Worley	98.65	Mr & Mrs James Mattison	100.00	Emma Miller	10.00	Flossie G Thompson	25.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	217.75	Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	10.00	Clyde M Long	25.00	Laura K Heiser	25.00
Maurertown Church	87.71	Fonthill Church	192.30	Pennellwood Miss Soc	125.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Taylor	25.00
Mr & Mrs John Raitlon	20.00	Dorothy Napper	40.00	Anonymous	500.00	Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver	100.00
Eden Valley Miss Soc	210.62	Anonymous	25.00	Blessed Hope Church	157.07	Cecil A Smead	25.00
Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	46.15	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Nellie B Welch	10.00	Anonymous	11.00
In Memory of Monroe Elton:		Helen M Lewis	10.00	Dan Shaw	10.00	Mr & Mrs Howard McCombs	30.00
Mrs Daisy Hoffman		Mr & Mrs James Slusser	25.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Ryan	25.00	Frank A Perkins	2.00
Mrs Ruth Sullivan		Mr & Mrs Bert E Decker	23.50	Mr Verne Learned	50.00	Mr & Mrs P G Coverston	200.00
Mr & Mrs Searles Deck	10.00	Mrs Gladys Volentine	100.00	Mr & Mrs Carl Davenport	100.00	Clair L Rice	50.00
Troy View Church	144.04	Mrs Joe D Shelly	25.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Laning	100.00	Mr & Mrs Duane Stetzer	10.00
Jay St. Church	122.75	Margie Lichliter	2.50	Fred E Hickox	10.00	Nina Hatcher	10.00
Mr & Mrs J Don Swartz	100.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	55.00	Elsie R Burkhart	50.00	Mr & Mrs C M Butler	10.00
Mr & Mrs Joseph Duncan	15.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	200.00	Mr & Mrs Gary J Smith	10.00	Mr & Mrs Julius Reid	10.00
Margaret Duval	75.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	130.00	North Hills Church	196.33	Lois L Blakely	50.00
Edith Eades	30.00	Lakeshore Christian Ladies League	25.00	IN State Conference	377.15	Mr & Mrs Michael Berry	16.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	55.00	Mrs Etta Parrish	50.00	Mr & Mrs Daniel Heard	10.00
Sara Montross	25.00	Clara Lamb	25.00	Mr & Mrs Mark Bang	50.00	L Anderson	10.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	93.00	Bob Tucker	3.00	Mr & Mrs Carroll Bennett	50.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Poe	25.00
Mr & Mrs Elmer McChesney	65.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	35.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00	Rachel E Pumphrey	50.00
Mr & Mrs Leo Rager	22.00	Mildred Somers	35.00	Cool Spring SS	15.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Lovelett	100.00
Doris M Reye	25.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton A Ramsey	50.00	Mr & Mrs J R Lopez	20.00	Conger St Church	97.50
Oregon Church	491.94	Macomb Church	686.05	Mr Raymond Whittaker	5.00	Alice Marshall	10.00
Ethel A Johnson	50.00	Phoenix Bible Church	421.11	Mr & Mrs Larry Zobrist	15.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00
Mrs Ralph Kennard	10.00	Burr Oak Church	463.62	Mr & Mrs Paul Crader	50.00	Flagg Center Church	243.20
Mr & Mrs William Poland	50.00	Fredericktown Church	56.49	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademachir	117.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Seebach	10.00
Dorothy Siple	150.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Stone	200.00	Mr & Mrs Oral Miller	100.00	Mr & Mrs Delbert Dunbar	100.00
Ripley Co-Workers	25.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Smith	15.00	Anonymous	20.00	New Hope Church—Arkansas	100.00
Mr & Mrs J Arthur Johnson	80.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	20.00	Mr & Mrs Paul McPherson	250.00	Mr & Mrs Bryant McKinney	100.00
Ruth Reid	15.00	Mrs William Hanson	425.00	S Bend Morningstar	23.60	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00
Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	40.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	135.00	Bedford Church	48.26	Anonymous	10.00
Mr & Mrs David Little	20.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Bertha Partlow	50.00	Anonymous	15.00
Milo Magaw	70.00	J N Fox	7.50	Marion Partlow	25.00	Mary Krogh	30.00
St Louis Church	54.01	Paul M Hatch	11.75	Mr George B Saunders	5.00	Pleasant Hill Church	199.73
MI State Conference	66.51	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	10.00	Mr A Harvey Adams	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dean Vance	45.00
Clark Ballentine	50.00	Ft Valley SS	144.94	Mrs Loraine Byall	10.00	Mrs Anna Mae Poland	5.00
Anonymous	50.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00	Mr Harold McMurtie	5.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	100.00
Raker Union SS	22.00	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	50.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Dickerson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Smith	50.00
In Memory of Monroe Elton:		Mr & Mrs Stanley Parks	16.00	Leota M Foster	300.00	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Kruiis	20.00
Mr & Mrs Ralph Lutton	55.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	100.00	Southlawn Dorcas	200.00	Bess L Kasper	60.00
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Mr & Mrs Delbert Dunbar	35.00	Dixon Church	50.00	Gretta J Jacobs	52.00	Ruth V Fogle	10.00
Mary M Hanson	300.00	Mr & Mrs James Howell	20.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Follin	40.00	Mr & Mrs John Prak	300.00
Golden Rule Church	54.40	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	150.00	Mrs Frank Fautleroy	3.00	Mr & Mrs Bernard Hightower	100.00
Mr & Mrs Arlie Townsend	10.00	Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	50.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald McCauley	5.00	Valley Church	172.69
Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers	20.00	Raymore Church	94.70	Mr & Mrs Robert Cochran	5.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Zavitz	100.00
Mr & Mrs Gene Steele	5.00	Mrs Thelma Ohm	20.00	Mr & Mrs Joseph B Sheeley	20.00	Betty M Schwier	100.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Wissman	10.00	Garden Park Church	184.30	Leona Conrad	60.00	Eden Valley Church	93.30
M A Patrick	200.00	Anna Schier	5.00	IL State Conference	165.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Walkington	100.00
Fremont SS	8.65	Ken Walters	10.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Fridley	100.00	Mrs Estelle Whisnant	5.00
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Milne	180.00	Mr & Mrs James Ashley	20.00	Lyle E Murfin	25.00	San Jose Church	71.00
Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhaus	20.00	Mr & Mrs Edgar C Harvey	50.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Morrison, Jr	25.00	Teenza Flint	43.00
Mr & Mrs James Coulter	50.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	80.00	Anonymous	500.00	North Grove Christian Church	100.00
Ark City Chapel SS	60.00	Mr & Mrs William Andrew	100.00	Mr & Mrs Philip Leithliter	100.00	Lauren E Steiner	25.00
Mabel Andrew	30.00	Mrs Fritz Zbinden	10.00	Mrs & Mrs Malcolm McLeod	50.00	Dayton Glad Tidings Church	150.00
Mary & Martha Miss Soc—Oregon	50.00	Mr & Mrs Gregg D Stockdale	15.00	Mr R F Dunbar	50.00	Dayton Outreach Department	120.00
LA Contributors	55.00	Elizabeth Herron	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Lutton	25.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Young	100.00
Katherine Tackett	62.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Reye	45.00	Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs E Richard Smith	15.00
Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver	140.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	300.00	Mr & Mrs Leon Driskill	40.00	Fonthill SS	55.45
Anonymous—Rockford	1.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	80.00	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Frederick	100.00	Opal E Smith	100.00
Julian W Hazlewood	12.20	Mr & Mrs J R LeCrone	50.00	Mr & Mrs Stephen LaDew III	30.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills	100.00
Mr & Mrs John Carr	40.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	125.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Pearson	80.00	Mr & Mrs John Shuey	2.00
Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	100.00	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	55.00	Mrs Otto Graf	25.00	Mr Robert Robinson	1.00
Anonymous	100.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	140.00	Mary Purcell	22.37	Mr & Mrs Loyd Babcock	100.00
Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	200.00	Charles H Durham	15.00	Mr & Mrs Tim Kaffenbarger	22.00	Blanchard Church	891.71
Mr & Mrs C Gene Davis	100.00	Ethan Carpenter	5.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Schmidlapp	40.00	Mr & Mrs S L Rife	20.00
Vinnie Tyler	10.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	83.04	Mr & Mrs Richard Emery	50.00	Mr & Mrs Leland Wendroth	10.00
MN State Conference Miss Soc	50.00	Hugh Welsh	100.00	Mrs Frank Heaton	20.00	Mr & Mrs Oda Tate, Jr	95.00
NE Conference	265.00	Mr Herbert F Sargent	5.00	Mr & Mrs John Ward	50.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Duncan, Sr	10.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	70.00	Mr Calvin E Moore	5.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	137.00	Mr & Mrs Henry Austen	15.00
Macomb SS	13.20	Mr & Mrs G Gordon Landry	20.00	Mae George	20.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Jenkins	10.00
Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Robertson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Vernon Chaplin	300.00	California Member	350.00
Blood River Church	116.03	In Memory of May White:		Mrs Linda Moore	5.00	Petsy Rudacille	25.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	100.00	Mrs J F Paustian	20.00	Mrs Connie Jackson	2.00	Columbus Church	100.00
Eternal Hope Church	108.83	Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum	60.00	Kathleen Wilson	5.00	June Routson	50.00
Happy Woods Church	73.44	Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson	58.85	In Memory of Milon Hall:		Mr & Mrs Victor Ralston	100.00
William Foster	5.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Magaw	200.00	MN State Conference	100.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Zobrist	10.00
Alice H Bassett	40.00	Lorene Orr	100.00	Erma J Van Blaricom	40.00	Mrs T Dorsey	40.00
Blessed Hope SS	20.43	Eunice Cleo Orr	100.00	Mr & Mrs James Ring	10.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	250.00
Jay Ramsey	195.00	Alice Malbrecht	10.00	Grace Reighard	10.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	772.76
Anonymous	5.00	Oregon SS	16.45	Mr & Mrs W A VanDerWee	100.00	Royal Village Church	203.50
Brush Creek Church	288.89	Marie Foster	2.00	Beulah Stott	10.00	C David Martin	100.00
Leoda Huckenstine	10.00	Koszta Church	36.00	Mr & Mrs John Huston, Sr	100.00	Don & Vera Mattison	100.00
SW Conference	100.00	Blanchard Dorcas	12.93	Mr & Mrs Robert Johnson	100.00	Mr & Mrs Alvin Ratering	100.00
Everett S Rogers	28.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	150.00	Mr Leland Freeburg	5.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	480.00
Leota B Hanson	10.00	Clara E Birch	10.00	Mrs Dorothy Lucas	2.00	Ruth Reid	15.00
Mr & Mrs Earl Smith	20.00	Mrs Ruth F Fink	5.00	Mr & Mrs Vandean Clouse	5.00	Terri Emmett	20.00
S Bend Hope Chapel	135.05	Mrs Anna Brown	5.00	Elizabeth Ackels	10.00	VA State Conference	80.66
Forest Hills Church	38.20	Mr & Mrs Clark Lambert	5.00	Mr & Mrs Melvin Weaver	20.00	W E Boyer	200.00
Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Mrs Helene Peters	2.00	Mr & Mrs G W Mathews	25.00	Harold Tjossem	150.00
Mrs Mary M Foulk	1.00	Mr Clyde Crews	10.00	Patsy R Zimmerman	10.00	Anonymous	100.00
Miss Mae Turnbow	5.00	Edward S Wyss	1.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	80.00		
Harlingen Church	22.13	Mrs Maxine Triff	6.50	Cindy J Isenhoff	15.00		
Mr & Mrs Harry Sheets	100.00	Mr Chuck Gilbert	5.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Potts	100.00		

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## **Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors**

**Theme: "Awake! Arise! O Church of God"**

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 3, 1979. The report was prepared and assembled by the Executive Director and the Directors of the various departments and presented to the Board of Directors for approval. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1979 General Conference business sessions (August 6-10, 1979, 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 Department Heads and the Executive Director meet as an Executive Council each week. The President of Oregon Bible College meets with the council.

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 are grateful for each departmental Director and all the members of the General Conference staff for their united and dedicated service to the work of the Church of God General Conference. Following is the report of each of the several departments:

### **Publishing Department**

During the past year, this Department has continued to have oversight in two main areas of responsibility:

1) All published material of the Church of God General Conference. Such materials include *The Restitution Herald*, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *Challenge*, Sunday School quarterlies, tracts, booklets, study courses, and Oregon Bible College catalog.

2) All printing needs of all of the Conference departments. These items include letterheads, envelopes, order blanks, advertising materials, Mission Builders appeals, and forms.

The format of *The Restitution Herald* was changed slightly during the year to include two sections: 1) an evangelistic section directed toward reaching people who are not Christians; 2) an edification section especially directed toward building up the members of the body.

Though several thousand copies of *The Herald* are distributed each month in racks or through special distribution

programs conducted by the churches, it is becoming apparent that very few people come to our churches as a result of this evangelistic approach. A continuing study is being made of *The Herald* to determine its effectiveness as a means of bringing people to our churches and winning them to Christ.

All of our publications depend upon many dozens of people who receive no remuneration for their writing. I would like to thank all who have written articles, lessons, or other items for us. Without this volunteer help, it would be impossible to carry out our publishing goals.

I am very glad for the opportunity I have had during this year to serve as interim editor of our Conference publications. I have developed a much greater appreciation for all of the efforts that are being put forth in this vital ministry area.

—David Krogh.

### **Sunday School Department**

The Sunday School Department is being operated this year under the direction of a Board consisting of James Graham, Joyce Knapp, Michael Mattison, Scott Ross, and David Krogh, Director.

Two Christian Workers' Seminars were held during 1979 with a total attendance of 84. The first Seminar was held January 8-12 at Francisco Grande near Casa Grande, AZ, and the second was held at Camp Mack near Milford, IN, March 25-31. People from 21 different churches benefited from the practical sessions which were held. We thank God for his blessing upon these learning experiences for Church of God people.

The theme of the 1979 Vacation Bible School material is "Speak Out for God." Charleen Graham, Enid Maddock, Mary Mickey, Paula Kirkpatrick, Carol Daniels, John and Rachel Carr, 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 1980 Bible School material is "God's Great Warriors." The emphasis will be on faith in God. If our churches are to grow, our faith must increase so that we will have the courage to go forward to accomplish the things he would have us do for him.

Sunday School attendance figures for the entire Church of God indicated an upward trend in the last month of 1978. Though there was a slight decline for the final quarter of the

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# THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Awake! Arise! O Church of God"

**Conference Workers:**  
 General Chairman: S. O. Ross  
 Office Manager: David Krogh  
 Program Directors: Department Heads and Executive Director  
 Music Directors: Stephen & Joyce Bolhous  
 Head Usher: Charles Jones  
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser  
 Ministers' Meetings: Scott Ross  
 Priscillas' Meetings: Cheryl Ross  
 Camp Nurse: Margaret Duval  
 Business Office Staff: Paul Newell, supervisor;  
 Becky Hall, Betty Jannereth

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 6

9:30 Registration begins  
 11:45 Lunch  
 1:15 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  
 Discussion and action on proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws  
 3:15 Recess the meeting  
 3:30 Sharing Sessions  
 1) Family Life, Dallas & Nancy Demmitt  
 2) Christian Womanhood, Mary Harman  
 3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine, Dr. Alva G. Huffer  
 4) General Discussion on Outreach and Church Development Department, Warren Sorenson, Director  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 4:30 Free time  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; James Graham, Speaker, "The Birth of the Body," and Communion Service  
 7:00 Junior Church age 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi  
 8:30 Conference Board and Department Boards Meeting  
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available  
 8:30 Gym and pool available  
 10:30 Lights out

### Tuesday, August 7

7:15 Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer Service, Scott Ross  
 8:30 Classes for children and young people ages 3 through grade 12 (See complete program at end of regular program)  
 9:15 Classes and babysitters for 2 years and under  
 9:15 Ministers' Meetings  
 Priscillas' Meetings  
 Adult Bible Study, Robert Jones  
 10:15 Church Growth Presentation, David Krogh  
 11:00 Things I Always Wanted to Know About Foreign Missions, Mardy Lawrence and Rachel Carr  
 11:45 Lunch  
 11:45 Luncheon Meeting, Home Missions Board and State Conference Presidents  
 1:15 Business Session  
 Reading of Monday's Minutes  
 Continue action on amendments to the Constitution and By-laws  
 Publications Business  
 Berean Youth Fellowship Business  
 Sunday School Business

3:15 Recess Business Session  
 3:30 Sharing Sessions  
 1) Family Life  
 2) Christian Womanhood  
 3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine  
 4) Publishing Department, David Krogh and Russell Magaw  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 4:30 Free Time  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; Warren Sorenson, Speaker, "Growth of the Body"  
 7:00 Junior Church, age 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi  
 8:30 OBC Alumni Meeting  
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available  
 8:30 Gym and pool available  
 10:30 Lights out

### Wednesday, August 8

7:15 Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer Service, Scott Ross  
 8:30 Children and Youth Classes  
 9:15 Classes and sitters for 2 years and under  
 9:15 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 Adult Bible Study, Robert Jones  
 10:15 Church Growth Presentation, David Krogh  
 11:00 Things I Always Wanted to Know about Oregon Bible College, Eugene Stilson and David Krogh  
 11:45 Lunch  
 1:15 Business Session  
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes  
 Nomination of three directors  
 Oregon Bible College Business  
 Home Missions Business  
 Foreign Missions Business  
 Recess Business Session  
 3:15 Recess Business Session  
 3:30 Sharing Sessions  
 1) Family Life  
 2) Christian Womanhood  
 3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine  
 4) Oregon Bible College, David Krogh and Eugene Stilson  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 4:30 Free Time  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; Ordination Service, License & Ordination Board; Donald Needham, Speaker, "Be a Body Builder"  
 7:00 Junior Church, age 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi  
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available  
 8:30 Gym and pool available  
 10:30 Lights out

### Thursday, August 9

7:15 Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer Session, Scott Ross  
 8:30 Children and Youth Classes  
 9:15 Class and Sitters for 2 years and under  
 9:15 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 Adult Bible Study, Robert Jones  
 10:15 Church Growth Presentation, Lois Pryor  
 11:00 Things I Always Wanted to Know About the Ministerial Association, R. Warren Sorenson  
 11:45 Lunch  
 1:15 Business Session  
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes  
 Election of three directors  
 General Business  
 Adoption of a budget  
 3:15 Dismissal of Business Session  
 3:30 Sharing Sessions  
 1) Family Life  
 2) Christian Womanhood

3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine  
 4) General Conference, S. O. Ross, Executive Director  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 4:30 Free Time  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; Installation of General Conference Officers, Scott Ross; Speaker, Kent Ross, "Going Forth With Joy"  
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available  
 8:30 Gym and pool available  
 10:30 Lights out  
**Friday, August 10**  
 7:00 Joint Prayer Service, Scott Ross  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 9:00 Campus should be vacated

## YOUTH PROGRAM

### Grades 4 to 12

8:30 Chapel (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), Joe Myers  
**Tuesday, August 7**  
 9:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Kurt Laurent  
 Grades 7 and 8—Joe Myers  
 High School—Pam Jennings  
 10:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Kurt Laurent  
 Grades 7 and 8—Pam Jennings  
 High School—Joe Myers  
**Wednesday, August 8**  
 9:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Louise Humphreys  
 Grades 7 and 8—Ed Schroth  
 High School—Oral Miller  
 10:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Louise Humphreys  
 Grades 7 and 8—Oral Miller  
 High School—Ed Schroth  
**Thursday, August 9**  
 9:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Denise Berry  
 Grades 7 and 8—Greg Demmitt  
 High School—Sharon Cain  
 10:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Denise Berry  
 Grades 7 and 8—Sharon Cain  
 High School—Greg Demmitt

### Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

11:00 Attend Conference Sessions  
 11:45 Lunch  
 12:45 Free Time

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

2:00-5:00 Swim and Gym Time  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Service, Over 12 years, Conference Program  
 7:00 Junior Church, 12 years and under, Joe Astolfi  
 8:30 Swim and Gym Time

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### 2 years and under

9:15-10:00 Class, Sandi Withers and Ellen Laurent  
 10:00-11:45 Hired Sitters, Sharon Mattus, Sandee Messer, and Deirdre Kirkpatrick  
 1:15-4:00 Hired Sitters  
 7:00-8:30 Hired Sitters

### Ages 3 - 8

8:30-11:45 Bible School, Margene Rager  
 1:15-4:00 Bible School, Margene Rager  
 7:00-8:30 Junior Church (3 to 12 years), Joe Astolfi

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year over the figures for the same period in 1977, for the month of December there was an increase of 2.6%. We are thankful for this improved picture and we trust that the Lord will continue to lay a burden upon our hearts for people who need to hear the gospel message of salvation.

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; Cheryl Ross, Junior; Shirley Urish, Teen; Jesse Pestle, Adult.

I have appreciated the opportunity I have had to serve as Sunday School Director during the past three years.—*David Krogh.*

### Berean Youth Department

The Berean Youth Department continues to be thankful for the support shown financially, in service, and prayer by both young people and adults. It has been a good year and we feel blessed as always that the programs sponsored by this department continue to be supported by the participation of individuals and local church youth groups and for this we are grateful. The programs sponsored by the Berean Youth Department include International Berean Youth Conference, Post-high Midwinter Retreat, Mission Dollar Club, Berean Youth Week, and the publication of *Challenge*. A few facts concerning these programs are as follows:

The International Berean Youth Conference was held at Camp Alexander Mack in July, 1978. This was the first time in four years that both the post-high and high school camps had been held together at the same facility. A staff of forty-five adults, seven at the post-high and thirty-eight at the high school level, conducted these two separate programs. Seventy-two post-high and two hundred nine high school campers attended. It proved to be a very successful program and the decision was made to continue the same format for the conference of 1979 to again be held at Camp Alexander Mack.

The annual Post-high Midwinter Retreat was held December 29, 1978, through January 1, 1979, at Camp Mack. This retreat is open only to twelfth graders and post-high students through age twenty-five. This program was also well attended with forty-four young people from eleven different states attending. Despite some adverse weather conditions, all who attended grew spiritually, enjoyed themselves, and termed the retreat a success.

The annual Youth Week competition was held again this year. Fifteen church youth groups sent in reports on their activities of the week. Excellent reports were received from several of the groups and it was difficult for the Youth Advisory Council to choose a winner. However, after much deliberation the Guthrie Grove Bereans of Pelzer, SC, were judged first place. They were followed by the Blood River Bereans of Springfield, LA, and the Phoenix Bereans of Phoenix, AZ. These participating groups and their leaders are to be commended for their hard work and dedication in the service of our Lord.

The publication of the *Challenge*, a sixteen-page magazine

especially for our young people, continues to be published on a bi-monthly basis. This publication has a circulation of about twelve hundred.

It has been my privilege to serve as the Berean Youth Department Director for the past five years and I would like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity. I would also like to thank the young people for their support of me as well as the department programs over this time period and I pray for God's richest blessings to be yours as you continue to serve him. God bless and thanks again for the opportunity of service.—*Hugh W. Harman.*

### Home Missions

The Home Missions Board consists of: Chairman: Rachel Carr; Secretary: Lois Pryor; Board Members: Kent Ross and Warren Sorenson.

One of the major projects this past year was the Literature Saturation Program. Twenty-one churches participated and at this writing we are receiving their evaluations of the program in their areas.

The Home Missions Board continues to oversee the Mission Builders League and the Church Development Aid (Pastoral Aid) Program. On April 1 special emphasis was given throughout our churches to enrolling new members in the Mission Builders League. Presently there are 1,107 people, churches, and organizations who are helping to provide buildings for sister churches. The Greenville, SC, Church and the Forest Hills, AR, Church were recipients of aid this year.

Churches receiving regular Church Development Aid are North Hills, OH, and North Salem, IN. Special Church Aid is going to our churches in Fremont, NE; Glendale, CA; and Front Royal, VA.

Last summer 4 young people and 2 churches participated in the Short-Term Missionary Program, and this year we are again offering this opportunity for service. In this program the Home Missions Board acts as coordinator, matching willing workers with churches in need of help for a few weeks in the summer.

Members of the Home Missions Board participated in the Christian Workers' Seminars held this year. The classes and sharing sessions included subjects dealing with church growth, witnessing, and the Christian's gifts. A regional Home Missions seminar is planned for the Illinois Conference in June.—*Rachel Carr.*

### Foreign Missions

The Foreign Missions Board consists of: Chairman: Mardy Lawrence; Secretary: Paul Overholser; Board Member: Don Swartz.

The Foreign Missions Board appreciates your patience during this time as we have stopped to take stock of our situation and have made changes in our approach to foreign missions.

We believe we are headed in the right direction and continue to work toward the goal of training workers here to go overseas to teach and train others.

Since our last annual report Steve Grant has completed his studies at Oregon Bible College and is presently enrolled in

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the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. We encourage your generous contributions to the Missions Training Fund to assist Steve in his preparation for missionary service.

Members of the Foreign Missions Board have traveled to different parts of the country to present seminars and to participate in missionary conferences. Trips have also been made to India and to Washington where the Philippine work was discussed.

Financial assistance from the General Conference continues to go each month to workers in Ghana, Nigeria, India, and the Philippines. Soon we hope to be able to offer them aid in the form of spiritual guidance and training for service by prepared missionaries.

We thank each of you for your generous prayer and financial support of all our mission work, at home and abroad.—*Mardy Lawrence*.

### **General Conference Finances**

The delegates at the 1978 General Conference voted the largest budget ever adopted by the General Conference in the amount of \$326,000. The Board of Directors, Department Heads, and staff members appreciate the dedicated financial giving of the membership, churches, and state conferences. In mid-year, the giving has fallen somewhat short of the Goals for Giving for the budget items. We believe, however, that with prayer and dedicated concerns the needs will be met. The budget provides the funds for many things. It subsidizes the publications of the General Conference, carries on the mission work both at home and abroad, supports the work of the youth and the Sunday School departments, provides at least half the cost of education of each student at Oregon Bible College, and funds the many general services provided by the General Conference staff.

In addition to meeting the budget needs, the membership provides funds for repayment of the Oregon Bible College Women's Dormitory Building Fund. Other restricted funds provided by the membership are the Oregon Bible College Booster Fund, Oregon Bible College Library Fund, several special mission projects, and so forth. We pray for your continued prayers, concern, and support for all the work of the Church of God General Conference.

### **General Services**

The Executive Director is automatically the secretary-treasurer of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. He 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 responsible for all General Conference personnel, for promotions and public relations, for the upkeep and maintenance of all properties, for the management of the day-to-day business, and generally supervises all the work of the Church of God General Conference. The Executive Director is required to complete many forms and questionnaires from various governmental, civic, and religious agencies.

The Executive Director gives assistance and counsel in Estate Planning, Deferred Investments through annuities, trusts, and life insurance and is available for counsel in any financial matters pertaining to the Church of God General

Conference. He and the staff members of the Conference perform many services in addition to 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. May God soon send his son Jesus Christ back to this earth to establish his wonderful kingdom.

### **Oregon Bible College Annual Report**

Oregon Bible College makes a significant and specific contribution to the life preparation of young people for Christian Service. A College career is not an end in itself, but is designed and planned with the purpose of preparing people for the basic issues and work of life.

Forty-seven students attended Oregon Bible College during the 1978-79 academic year. The student body came from fourteen different states and represented many different local churches in the Church of God. Nine seniors graduated in May: Stephen Grant, Phoenix, AZ; James Hill, Royal, AR; Michael Hoffman, Tempe, AZ; Kenneth Howe, Frankfort, IN; Donna Kennedy, Eden Valley, MN; Howard Robinson, Front Royal, VA; Alan Shaw, Montrose, MI; Wade Tierney, DeSoto, MO; and Kenneth Walters, Eden Valley, MN. There were fifteen male students in the Men's Dormitory, eighteen female students in the Women's Dormitory, and nine married students during the year.

John Lewis served as President and Instructor during the year; S. O. Ross served as Director of Business Services; Eugene Stilson was Director of Academic Services, Director of the Library, and Instructor; Dale Ramsey was Director of Music and Instructor; Bob Jones was Instructor; Russell Reye was Director of Student Services, Director of Admissions, and Registrar; Sam Voorhies was Director of Christian Service and Instructor; Joe Myers was Director of Student Recruitment and Alumni Relations; Gayle Reye and David Hall served as Dormitory Directors; Diane Rademachir was Director of the Kitchen Staff; and David Krogh was part-time Instructor.

John Lewis, Eugene Stilson, Bob Jones, and Board Member Russell Magaw attended the American Association of Bible Colleges meeting in Chicago during October. Dale Ramsey attended a Music Workshop during the year. Sam Voorhies took several students to a Child Development Seminar in Kentucky in February. John Lewis, Russell Reye, Joe Myers, and Sam Voorhies attended a Success Rally in Chicago in March. Pastor Michael Mattison conducted a Christian Emphasis Week Program in October.

Michael Hoffman served as president of the Student Government; Denise Donaldson and Karen Mitchell were co-chairwomen of the student body social committee. James Hill, Gary Burnham, Darlene Burkhart, and Dick Eldred led in Prayer Day activities during the year. Dan Shaw and Vickie Wyrick were co-editors of *Maranatha*.



Sam Voorhies was named Director of the Christian Service Program this year; Russell Reye was appointed Director of Student Services, Director of Admissions, and Registrar; Joe Myers donated his time to the College as Director of Student Recruitment and Alumni Relations.

We continued the cooperative educational program with Rock Valley Junior College. During the year it provided our students with classes in General Earth Science, Introduction to Sociology, and Psychology.

Greg Demmitt, Tom New, and Steve Taylor successfully completed Internship Programs under Pastors James Graham, Don Needham, and Kent Ross.

The students were very active in many Christian Service Programs involving participation in the activities of local churches and community activities including Nursing Homes, Volunteers In Probation, and Youth Service Bureau. There were many gospel team activities and the Chorale toured the southeastern United States during the spring break.

We appreciate the support of the membership of the Church of God and the dedication of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees consists of Chairman William Lawrence, Vice-Chairman Harold Doan, Secretary Joe James, Treasurer Russell Magaw, and Directors Dwaine Demmitt, Carroll Bennett, and Don Needham.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I. We recommend the adoption of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws of the Church of God General Conference as duly published. (Pages 14 and 15, this issue.)

II. We recommend that the Mission Builders League standards for applying for Mission Builders League assistance be amended by adding the following statement to section 8 of the standards:

"In the event that no church request is approved for Mission Builders League assistance, the appeal will be used for capital expenditures for the Church of God General Conference and/or Oregon Bible College. At the time the appeal is mailed, a full explanation of how the funds will be used will be included."

*Explanation:* For the first time in over 20 years, no request from any church is on file for Mission Builders League assistance for the fall appeal. There is, however, a special need for capital funds at the General Conference at this time. During the winter, a major heating system return pipe in the basement floor of the Men's Dormitory sprang a leak and it was necessary to replace the pipe at a cost of \$2,624. Also, during the winter several serious leaks developed in the flat roof on the General Conference building on North 3rd Street, necessitating a new roof.

Additional insulation will be added when the roofing is done, to conserve heating costs. As this is written a firm bid has not been received.

Since no church has made a request for Mission Builders assistance for the fall appeal, and since the aforementioned building needs were not covered by our current operating budget, the adoption of this motion will meet a need at this time, and will be available if no appeals are received at some time in the future.

### MINISTERS' FUND

The Ministers' Fund of the Church of God General Conference is used for loans or gifts to ministers or their families in times of emergency. Since the last report, gifts in

the amount of \$900 have been given to three ministers in emergency situations. Two are receiving monthly assistance from this fund in the total amount of \$600 for the year. The Ministers' Fund is supported by contributions from the membership and from churches. As of March 31, 1979 the fund balance is: \$2,803.49. The Fund is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon, Illinois Churches, the Director of Student Services 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 is growing in strength and stability each year. The funds of the Association are invested by Aetna Life Ins. Co.

At the 1978 biannual meeting several areas of the Rules & Regulations were updated, including refund benefits if one withdraws from the ministry. These refund benefits, however, will not take effect until January 1, 1980.

Presently there are 52 ministers, 58 churches, and seven Conferences in the Association. Eight retired ministers and one retired minister's widow are receiving retirement benefits.

The Board of Trustees is established by the Rules & 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 Brother Dean Urish of Freeport, Illinois, was elected to a four-year term in August of 1978.

Brother Willard Naylor had been Vice-Chairman since the Association was organized in 1968, but chose not to accept the nomination last year. Brother Naylor brought much expertise to the Board of Trustees on investments and related matters and we are grateful for the many years of dedicated service he has given to the Association.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman.

Dean Urish, Vice-Chairman.

S. O. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer.

### COUNSELING & ARBITRATION BOARD

We are grateful that the work of the local churches of the Church of God General Conference is generally going well. The Counseling & Arbitration Board has been called only once during the past year.

We would again encourage each church whose members may be having some internal problem among themselves or with the pastor to contact the Counseling & Arbitration Board before the problem gets too great and too divisive. Usually the Board is called in when it is too late to counsel and often too late for any meaningful arbitration.

This Board stands ready to give help in counseling whenever it is necessary. The Board, however, must be called by the church to enter into counseling and arbitration. Under our rules, we are not allowed to inject ourselves into a church problem. Most local church problems would be amicably solved if all concerned would exhibit a willing and loving spirit. This Board stands ready to assist a local congregation at any time and in any way possible to strengthen the work of the Church of God.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman.

S. O. Ross, Secretary.

Wayne Laning, Member.



## LICENSE AND ORDINATION BOARD

We are thankful for the dedicated, untiring services offered by the ministers to the Church of God General Conference. We thank God for each of you.

The License and Ordination Board is available for any help and encouragement we can give.

We ask your prayers and ideas in our endeavor to update the License and Ordination system. We have met many times for many hours to discuss areas where we can improve. Some of our thoughts were presented to the ministerial body in April.

The License and Ordination Board was called upon twice this year to investigate charges made against three of our ministers. From these meetings one license was not renewed. This license was placed on file and can be reapplied for at a later date. One ordination was removed permanently.

Two young men applied for and were granted Pastoral License. They were Bro. Steve Taylor and Bro. Greg Demmitt. Steve spent his internship at Pennellwood and Greg at Phoenix.

Three other applications were received and reviewed at Ministerial Conference.

Bro. Waldon Winner, Jr. was ordained at General Conference last year.

Our records show 33 ordained ministers of the 119 listed in the November, 1978, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. We would encourage our pastors to consider this and give more thought to the Ordained Ministry.

We express our regrets at the loss by death of three very active ministers: Bro. E. Milon Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Bro. C. F. Pryor, Springfield, Louisiana, and Bro. John Lewis, Oregon, Illinois.

We wish to commend each of you for the immediate response to the annual renewal of application. We want to state again that if your name was not included in the November *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, it was because you did not respond.

Application blanks are mailed from headquarters about June 1. If you did not receive an application form and have previously been licensed, write to the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

License recognition cards will be issued from applications received and will be presented, if possible, during General Conference.

Ordained ministers do not need to renew their cards annually.

Billie Kennedy, Chairman.  
Richard Worley.  
Kenneth Milne.

## FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles and Lois Pryor participated in behalf of the Family Life Committee at Christian Workers' Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona, January, 1979.

Dates and discussion are underway for a weekend seminar with Dallas and Nancy Demmitt for some of the Illinois churches in the fall.

For the past year Carol Daniels has been editing and contributing to the Family Life column in the *Restitution Herald*, which is a new dimension for the work of the committee.

Committee members will be conducting a sharing session on Family Life at the 1979 General Conference.

Dallas and Nancy Demmitt,  
Co-Chairpersons

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## Additional Conference Information

**Site:** The 1979 Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 6-10. Rockford College is located on East State Street (U.S. Highway Business 20).

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. One would 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 would 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 (on the half hour) and comes directly to Rockford. The bus can be boarded on the lower level in front of Carson's

Circle Restaurant. This is located between TWA and United Airlines. One would get off the bus at the Sweden House (the second stop) in Rockford. A Conference vehicle will meet each bus from O'Hare at Sweden House on Monday, August 6 (Registration Day) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Other arrivals will be met if we are notified. There are a few flights that come directly to Rockford Airport, mainly on Ozark Airlines. We will make arrangements to pick you up there if we are notified of arrival data.

**Registration:** Registration begins on August 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Burpee Center. At the end of the main entrance to Rockford College 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, since we need to notify Rockford College several days before arrival. 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 \$55 per adult, \$40 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 campus and commuting to the meetings, there is a charge of \$8 per person for the use of the facilities, insurance, and miscellaneous costs. Should the commuter wish to take the meals, the total cost of the Conference would be \$35. There is no charge for those 3 years old and under.

There is no charge for one attending the evening services only.

**Youth:** The youth are encouraged to come to General Conference *only* if accompanied by a parent or a responsible guardian. A full schedule of activities is planned for the youth. (See program in this issue.) All youth attending the Conference will be expected to attend all of the planned services and activities.

This action is necessary due to the problems created at the 1979 General Conference. The Conference had to remit to Rockford College considerable funds for breakage and destruction of furniture and equipment which occurred during the Conference. Full cooperation of the youth and parents at this Conference will be appreciated.

**Children's Classes:** A full schedule of activities is planned for all children 8 years of age and under (see program in this issue). Hired sitters are being provided to attend the children 2 years and under and one class each morning from 9:15 to 10:00 will be conducted by Sandi Withers and Ellen Laurent.

Junior Church will be conducted by Pastor C. Joseph Astolfi at 7:00 p.m. each night for those 3 to 12 years of age.

**Gymnasium & Pool:** The gymnasium and pool will be

open each afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 for the youth, grades 4 through 12.

The gymnasium and pool will again be open to all each evening from 8:30 to 10:30. 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.

**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 and each is urged to enter the pool. This is a fair means of assuring general delegate representation.

## ELECTIONS DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE

**Board of Directors:** Three members will be elected to the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. The terms of William D. Lawrence, Joe James, and Russell Magaw will expire at General Conference (these cannot be reelected).

At this 1979 General Conference one director will be elected for a three-year term and two directors will be elected for four-year terms. In the future all directors will be elected to four-year terms.

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 this important board.

## 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.

At the 1979 General Conference one director will be elected for a three-year term and two directors will be elected for four-year terms. The terms of **William D. Lawrence, Joe James, and Russell Magaw** 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 of 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 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.

If the proposed amendments to the Constitution are passed before the election, there would be a change in Sections 3 and 5 above. (See the proposed Constitutional amendments in this issue.)

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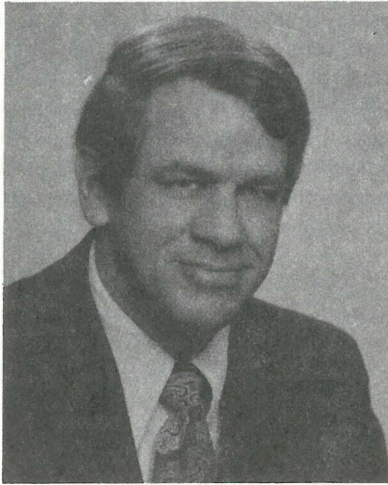
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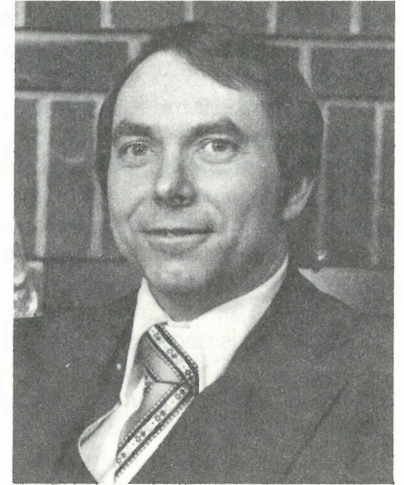
# IN MEMORIAM



John Lewis



Ruth Lewis



Russell Reye

On the evening of April 20, the enemy death claimed the lives of John and Ruth Lewis and Russell Reye. The words of Paul which he spoke to Timothy are brought to mind at this time. These three individuals had indeed fought a good fight. They had indeed kept the faith. And we have absolute confidence that a crown of righteousness is laid up for them, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall grant to them and to all those who love his appearing when he comes again. (2 Tim. 4:7, 8.)

Though we all understand the inevitability of death, and though our great hope is in the resurrection when Jesus comes, a void has been created in our hearts and in the Lord's work because of their loss.

And yet the memory of their exemplary conduct and their faithful and dedicated service will continue to be a pattern which many will follow.

Since the time of his graduation from Oregon Bible College over 20 years ago, Bro. Lewis had committed himself to the cause of the gospel. He had served as pastor of our churches in Eldorado, IL, and Troy View, OH. He had served first as Vice-President and then President of Oregon Bible College. But not only did he serve the Lord during his working hours, he also actively served the Lord in the local congregation. He was one of the most regular and faithful attenders at every service of the church, setting an example not only for the local members, but for the students of the college whom he sought to influence.

Sr. Lewis was a faithful wife who encouraged her husband in his ministry and who stood firmly by his side. She had served as a part-time instructor of Oregon Bible College for several years, and she had edited the Truth Seekers Junior Sunday School Quarterly for 10 years. She too was a responsible and involved member of the local church.

Bro. Reye was always active in the Lord's work. He and his wife Gayle were active especially in youth activities at their home church in Columbia Station, OH, before moving to Oregon nine months ago. As Director of Student Services, Russell was in a position to give encouragement and help to the students of Oregon Bible College—help which he freely gave. He too was actively involved in the local church and he and his family were among the most faithful attenders at every service.

It was clear to all observers that these three persons had made the Lord's work their first priority in life.

Our friends were very much aware of the promises of Scripture and their hope can be summarized in the words of King David, when he so eloquently stated his hope, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Psa. 17:15).

Today we take comfort in the knowledge that the next voice these friends and loved ones will hear will be the voice of the one whom they so faithfully served. Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly.

STATEMENT FROM THE STUDENTS OF OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

We the students of Oregon Bible College believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." In light of the recent tragedy, it is our desire to encourage the entire Church of God General Conference with our example of unity and positive hope for the future. The deaths of John and Ruth Lewis and Russell Reye were devastating losses, leaving a void in each of our lives. However, in all faith and hope we know that these leaders will live again. It is our steadfast intention to continue without delay or hesitation the lasting example of dedication to God's work exemplified in the lives of these two men. We the students of Oregon Bible College therefore fully expect the entire Church of God General Conference to join with us in a spirit of unity to continue the purpose of winning the lost to Christ - the purpose for which John and Russ lived. Our prayer is that this loss will be a gain for the body of Christ as we strive to share with the world the message of hope in which we find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Michael Hoffman  
Student Body President

Wade K. Tierney

James Hill

Patrick M. Lundy

R. Joe Ford

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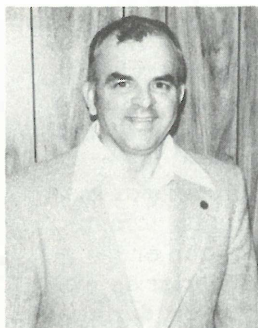
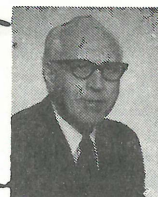
Howard Polunji

Debbie Fletcher



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## Board of Directors Meets

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, which also serves as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College, met in Oregon, Illinois, on May 3, 4, and 5. There was much discussion regarding the appointment of President of Oregon Bible College. It appeared that a permanent replacement could not be found by September 1, 1979.

Your Executive Director had resigned his position effective August 31, 1979. The Board of Directors has asked me and I have agreed to continue in the position of Executive Director for one additional year.

David Krogh, who had been appointed to be Executive Director effective September 1, 1979, has agreed to serve as Acting President of Oregon Bible College through the 1979-80 school year.

We covet the concerns and prayers of the membership for the Board of Directors as it selects the new President for the college. We would appreciate receiving information on individuals who may qualify for this important position. We ask for your prayers for the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College in this interim period of transition.

The Board of Directors approved the program and the various reports that will be presented to the delegates at the 1979 General Conference.

Dr. Alva G. Huffer presented to the Board a sample of the slide-sound set on Church of God Doctrines. The Board approved Dr. Huffer to proceed with preparing six master sets of slides. Brother Joe Myers, who had previously accepted the appointment of Youth Director and Director of Student Recruitment for Oregon Bible College, asked the Board to be relieved of this appointment. The Board of Directors accepted Brother Myers' request. Brother Myers has accepted the pastorate of the Pennellwood Church of God in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Board reviewed the salary schedule and approved a tentative proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

	<b>\$326,000.00</b>	
Goal for May		\$56,446.00
Given in May		30,672.00
May Deficit		25,774.00
June Needs		27,167.00

**Goal for June \$52,941.00**

## Know Your Director

Brother Dwaine Demmitt was elected to the Board of Directors at the August, 1978, General Conference. Dwaine grew up near Troy, Ohio, and attended the Brush Creek, Ohio, Church of God. He was graduated from Staunton High School, and attended Wilmington College and Ohio State University. Dwaine returned home to farm with his father, E. J. Demmitt, and has remained on the farm near Troy doing general farming and operating a beef feed lot. Dwaine is married to the former Joyce Overholser, and they have five sons. He is a charter member and has been elder of the Troy View Church of God since it began in 1959.

Dwaine has been youth director and Sunday School teacher at Troy View, president of the Northeast Conference for two different terms, and previously served a term on the General Conference Board of Directors.

Dwaine has been an officer of the Miami County Cattlemen's Association, the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, and the National Cattlemen's Association; has served two terms as President of The Ohio Beef Marketing Association; and was general chairman of the Buckeye Beef Congress for three years.

Dwaine is a dedicated Christian and brings much expertise and stability to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

## Tragedy Strikes

The staff and entire membership of the Church of God General Conference were saddened by the tragic automobile accident that took the lives of Brother John Lewis, President of Oregon Bible College, his wife Ruth, and Russell Reye, Director of Student Services and Registrar at Oregon Bible College. Their lives and influence upon students and friends is a continuing testimony to the entire membership of the Church of God General Conference.

# Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

## **Cross-Cultural Training . . . Essential to Effective Service Abroad**

The missionary has a life-fulfilling message to proclaim: Through Jesus Christ man can be restored to a right relationship with God and can, under his control, serve his generation well and work through the issues of life in a just and righteous way that brings glory to God.

The gospel applies to all areas of life, and its message is applicable to all cultures. But the avenue or doorway into each culture must be carefully explored so that the message will be clearly understood within the context of that culture.

With cultural distinctives becoming more rigidly held and barriers more difficult to penetrate, it becomes increasingly important that a missionary discover the most effective ways of building positive relationships with people of different cultural background in order to be an effective ambassador for Christ among them.

A missionary's first few weeks abroad are crucial. He will be making decisions consciously and unconsciously during that time which will govern how deeply he will become involved with the people. Those decisions will also greatly affect how well the people will accept him. Cross-cultural training and orientation play a vital part in getting him off on the right foot. The testimony of missionaries who have taken the time for proper pre-field training verifies this fact.

A missionary who put this training into practice reports:

"Within a month of Missionary Internship we were on the field and so had practical and immediate opportunity to apply what we learned. We truly praise the Lord for bringing us in contact with M.I. and for using the principles we learned there to give us a smooth adjustment as we entered a very complex cultural and linguistic situation here. Adjustments have not been difficult, and I believe it is because we learned at M.I. how to enter a new culture, what to expect, and perhaps most important of all—proper attitudes toward the cultural and linguistic problems that have arisen."

The foregoing was quoted from a brochure printed by Missionary internship of Farmington, MI. This evangelical agency offers a variety of programs aimed at providing orientation for the overseas missionary.

In the March issue of Advent Christian Missions, there appears a letter from Alice Brown, who has recently entered the Philippines as a missionary. Before

going overseas, Miss Brown took the three-week pre-field orientation program at M.I. She says, "We grappled with the differences and conflicts that we were all soon to face as we entered into our new countries of service, working through concepts that would help our adjustment. I gained many valuable insights from this program."

We believe that anyone going overseas will want to be as well prepared as possible in order to be of utmost effectiveness for God. We recommend cross-cultural training, such as that offered by M.I., as part of that preparation.

## **News From India**

Pastor Paulson in Ravulapalem, India, writes that they have had good response from meetings held in the villages. Over 100 indicated their desire to accept Christ as Savior.

The India brethren are grateful for the aid we sent after the cyclone struck their area, and they have repaired their damaged church building.

Bro. Paulson can use cassette tapes of Bible messages, lessons, and music. If you are interested in recording some of these at your church, please write to the Missions Department for more information.

## **Questions for Conference**

Are there things about foreign missions that you have always wanted to know? If so, here is an opportunity for you to get some answers. At this summer's General Conference we will have a special time for answers to your questions. All we ask is that you write down your questions ahead of time and send them to Mrs. William Lawrence, 32 E. Marshall, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

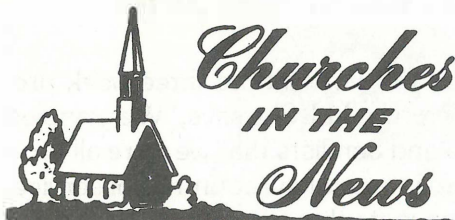
## **Praise and Prayer Calendar**

Each month this publication is sent free of charge to anyone who requests it. It contains praises and prayer requests concerning the Lord's work at home and abroad.

If you or your church have a special prayer request or praise for something God has done, please send it to us to share with others. We ask that you have information to us by the first of the month preceding publication. Write to: Praise and Prayer Calendar, 4542 E. Pecan Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040.



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Lenoir, NC.** The Church of God of Resurrection Hope, Whitnel Section of Lenoir, NC, was made to rejoice as Mr. Eric Brewer of Statesville, NC, was baptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ our Lord at the morning worship service on March 11, 1979. After the baptism service, a communion service was held by the entire congregation. This was followed by a reception into the membership of Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Brewer and daughter Sheila all by transfer from the Troyview Church of God along with Eric, their son. The Brewers now live at 545 Davie Ave., Statesville, NC 28677. A dinner in honor of the whole family was held after these services.

On March 25, the congregation again praised God as Mr. Dennis McLean and wife Mary, along with their two sons Keith and Kenneth, were baptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ our Lord at the evening service. Mr. Dennis McLean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McLean who were both founders of the church here when we came into the Church of God. Mr. F. M. McLean is an elder in our church. A pie fellowship followed in recognition of the Dennis McLean family after receiving them into the fellowship after baptism.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

**Harlingen, TX.** Only recently her husband had died, but Mrs. Edna Josephine Henry came forward asking to be baptized. On March 18, 1979, she was immersed in Jesus' name for the remission of her sins. Her active life in her church family is a joy to us all. Austin Railton, pastor.

**Kokomo, IN.** We praise the Lord that Matthew Snyder and Rachel Slusher accepted Jesus as Savior and were baptized in his name on April 22, 1979. We welcome them into the membership of the church and pray the Lord will fill them with his spirit.

We praise the Lord for the decision of Mike Slusher to accept Jesus as his Savior. He was baptized in the name of Jesus on April 29, 1979. We pray God will guide him in his new walk with Christ.

John Railton, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** On March 4, 1979, the Pennellwood Church was blessed by the baptism of four of our young people: Kim Gaunt, Lisa Rupe, Brett Deacon, and Mike Smith. Lisa and Mike are two of our bus riders and have been very helpful in our bus ministry. Please pray for these four young people as they begin their new life.

Dale Elzinga, reporter.

## MARRIAGE

Elaine Magaw became the bride of Larry Newman at Troy View Church of God, Sept. 2, 1978, before a packed house of relatives and well-wishers. Wedding vows, promises, and rings were exchanged and communion was observed in the candle-lit ceremony. Pastors Joseph Duncan and Russell Magaw officiated. God bless the happy couple in their new home at 324 E. Bruce, Dayton, OH 45405.

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Demmitt, Greg, 2025 W Indian School Rd, #112, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Shaw, Rex L. (Doris), 6639 Bryant Av N, Minneapolis, MN 55430 Ph Off 612-561-7569 Res 561-0480

**Raymore Church**, 414 Franklin St, Raymore, MO 64083

Don Ward, Pastor, 413 Franklin St, Raymore 64083

Cecil Smead, Asst Pastor, Box 311, Raymore 64083

Mrs Leroy Elkins, Sec, Bx 505, Raymore 64083

George Sheeley, Supt, 501 N Jefferson Av, Raymore 64083

**Springfield Church (North Hills)**, 2950 Moorefield Rd, Springfield, OH 45502

Joseph Duncan, Pastor, 3919 Urbana Rd, Springfield 45502

Mrs Vileen Rowell, Sec, 4610 N Plateau Dr, Springfield 45503

Mrs Donna Deane, Supt, 5185 Upper Valley Pk, Springfield 45502

Mrs Donna Deane, Miss Chair, 5185 Upper Valley Pk, Springfield 45502

## THANK YOU

I have been thankful for every card, letter, visit, or other communication. I am doing as well as possible, and if any should write, please use "large dark letters." I am thankful to all for your prayers and, above all, I praise God for his watchcare over me. I could fill an issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL relating the blessings I have had since June, 1978. My address is: Capri, 1501 East Orangewood, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

Gerald L. Cooper.

## SEEKING PASTOR

The Bedford, Ohio, Church of God is seeking a pastor for this fall. Those interested in serving should call 216-543-4736.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 8-10—Illinois State Conference at Oregon, IL

June 24-30—Indiana State Family Camp at Camp Mack

July 7—Annual Indiana State Conference Business Meeting at North Salem

July 15-21—International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack

August 6-10—Annual General Conference at Rockford College, Rockford, IL

August 15-19, 1979—Central High Plains Conference; guest speaker, Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick

September 21, 22—Junior Berean Youth Retreat at Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course: Ruth Yentes, Jean Merrill, Kathy Merrill, Lauren Fields, and Mrs. Lynn Lariviere.

## MEMORIAL FUND

The Blood River Church of God has established a memorial fund for Bro. C. F. Pryor. The fund will be used to purchase drapes for the sanctuary. Contributions to the fund may be sent to the church secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Edwards, Box 328, Springfield, LA 70462.

## FOUR FROM THE OREGON CHURCH KILLED ONE EVENING

On the evening of April 20, 1979, four of our number were killed in car accidents.

John Lewis, President of Oregon Bible College, his wife Ruth, and Russell Reye, Director of Student Services, were involved in an accident. Russell and Ruth were killed instantly, and John was dead on arrival at Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, IL.

David Seger, a deacon and Sunday School teacher, was killed earlier the same evening when his new car (one day old), which was parked on an incline in the driveway of his home, ran over him.

The deaths of these four fine Christian persons have left our church family stunned and will be felt for many days, but God has been good in giving grace and comfort.

A memorial service was held for Bro. Reye Sunday evening, April 22, at Farrell Funeral Home in Oregon. He was then flown to Columbia Station, Ohio, for another service and burial.

Funeral services for Bro. David Seger were held at the Oregon church, April 23, conducted by Bro. Clyde Randall and assisted by the writer. Afterward he was buried in Washington Grove Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his honor.

Funeral services for John and Ruth Lewis were held at the Oregon Church, April 24, conducted by the writer and assisted by S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the General Conference. They were buried at Daysville Cemetery.

Although the shock of the sudden deaths of these four was great, and we'll feel their loss for many days, we praise God for the wonderful hope we have in the second coming of Christ and assurance of resurrection to immortality for God's church. May Jesus come soon!

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

## LEWIS-REYE ACCIDENT

At 5:20 on the afternoon of April 20, John and Ruth Lewis and their son Wesley were on their way to Rockford when they were involved in a two-car accident north of Byron at the intersection of Illinois 2 and Kennedy Hill Road.

Ruth was taken to the hospital in Rockford for treatment of a bump on the head. John and Wesley were taken to Oregon by the State Police.

A short time later, Russell Reye took John to the hospital to bring Ruth home. It was on the return trip at about 8:20 that a car turned in front of them north of Byron near the intersection of Illinois 2 and Meridian Road. Russell and Ruth were pronounced dead at the scene and John was pronounced dead on arrival at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford.

Our hope is in the resurrection when Jesus comes again.

## MACOMB CHURCH

The Macomb congregation was pleased to hold the Illinois Spring Conference, April 23-25, 1979. Over 150 people attended. The theme was "What Is Our Rock and Anchor?" with Pastor Richard Young as one of the speakers. The Conference concluded Sunday with the worship service conducted by Bro. Sydney Kirkpatrick, followed by a potluck dinner and afternoon service.

We of the Macomb Church felt uplifted and spiritually blessed to host such a Conference and we pray the Lord's blessing on all efforts in the state work.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.



## OBITUARIES

**Sr. May White** fell asleep in death February 8, 1979, at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur, and she is survived by three children: Mrs. Russell (Doris) Johns of Bennington, NE; Mrs. Harlan (Fay) Dierking of Amelia, NE; and Gilbert White of Tollison, AZ. Sr. White was a faithful member of the Church of God and was actively involved in starting the Fremont Church of God. She was a woman of faith in the promises of God, hope in Christ's return, and love for God and her fellowman. Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Scott Ross and Ron Macy. Scott Ross.

**Tomas J. Hays**, 88, of Magazine, AR, died March 19, 1979. He was baptized by Elder J. M. Morgan. Surviving are his wife Blanche, a stepson, a stepdaughter, and three step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Cox Funeral Home in Paris. He was laid to rest in Havana Cemetery. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. John R. Humphreys, pastor.

**David Seger** was born in Rockford, IL, June 21, 1936, to John and Bernice Seger. He married Lynne Chaffee, October 7, 1955. To this union three children were born: Stephen, Matthew, and Katie—all living at home. David was baptized by Pastor C. F. Pryor, June 17, 1966, and remained an active member of the Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL, until the day of his death, which was caused by an unusual accident at his home, when a car behind him broke loose, pinning him beneath.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastors Hollis Partlowe and C. E. Lapp. The community in which he was most active and served well paid its last tribute to Dave by packing the Oregon church.

Burial was in Washington Grove cemetery, a few miles southeast of Oregon, where he awaits the trumpet sound at the soon coming of our blessed Lord. So we say, "Good bye, David; we'll see you in the resurrection morning!"

Clyde E. Randall.

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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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## FOREST HILLS CHURCH OF GOD

Royal, Arkansas

(Under Construction)

The Forest Hills Church of God began in 1963. The congregation met for three years in the home of Pastor John R. Humphreys. In 1966 land was purchased and a building erected and the first services were held in the new building in September of 1966. The church was dedicated in 1967 with Brother V. E. Kirkpatrick as dedication speaker.

Brother John Humphreys has continued as pastor of the church since it was built and Brothers J. Roy Humphreys and Dean Moore have filled in from time to time.

In September of 1978 the church was totally destroyed by fire. The new building is now under construction on the same site as the previous building. The new facility will have five classrooms, a nursery, library, social area, lavatory facilities, pastor's study, storage area, and a sanctuary seating approximately 100 people. The congregation has a Vacation Bible School each year, is active in the Arkansas State Conference and in the Arkansas State Camp work, and is a member of the Church of God General Conference. The present membership is 42 and attendance about 50 for each service.



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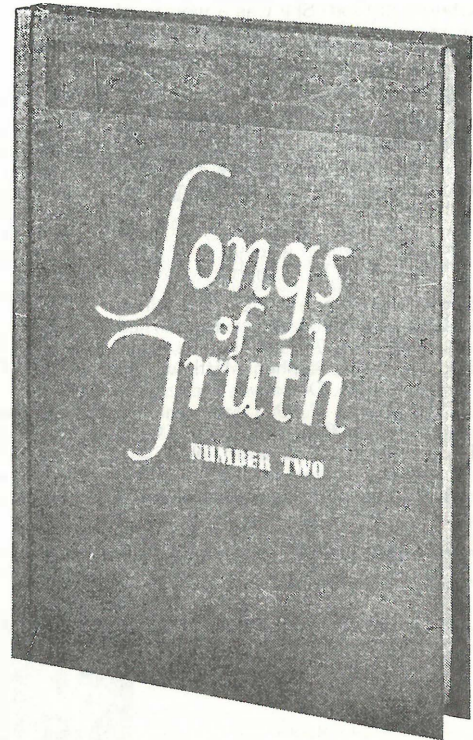
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## CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Constitutional Committee and the Board of Directors propose the following amendments to the present Constitution and By-laws. Where changes are proposed, the present section will be quoted and then the proposed change will be quoted with new material in italics and underlined.

### FRONT COVER

#### CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

**Proposed:** Church of God General Conference, headquarters Oregon, Illinois.

### ARTICLE II Delegates

**Section 1.** Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof.

**Proposed:** Add the following.

Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God.

**Section 2.** A member church is a Church of God which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

**Proposed:** A member church is a church of God which adheres to the Statement of Faith contained in this document, and which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

**Section 3.** The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

**Proposed:** These shall be considered as delegates at large:

a) The Board of Directors and one delegate from each state or district Conference;

b) The following licensed or ordained ministers: one who is actively pastoring a church; a full-time employee of the General Conference; those who have met the above qualifications, and have reached retirement age.

### ARTICLE III

#### Business Sessions

**Section 1.** All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all

members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

**Proposed:** Drop the following Phrase: "And no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section."

**Section 2.** A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

**Proposed:** A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of fifty percent of the recognized delegates at that Conference. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers of the Conference

**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 church leaders.



**Proposed:** Add the following phrase: A director may be either male or female.

**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.

**Proposed:** 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. The total list of all nominees shall be submitted to the delegates for election. If no majority is reached in the first balloting, the list of nominees shall be reduced to the three receiving the highest number of votes. When no majority is reached with the list of three nominees, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the list. Of the two remaining nominees, the one receiving the majority of votes cast is elected. If other directors are to be elected, all names, except the one(s) previously elected, shall be resubmitted, and the same election process repeated until all positions are filled.

## BY-LAWS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE ARTICLE I

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [throughout the church] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.;

**Proposed:** The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [DROP: "throughout the church"] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." They shall unite to edify the body of Christ by proclaiming the following Biblical truths:

### Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, immortal, and the Creator of all things.

**Proposed:** Drop the parentheses around the word "corporeal."

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

**Proposed:** We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He existed only from his birth.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of his people.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of his people. It is not a person.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that

it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration. It is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

**Proposed:** We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All persons, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;
- 2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;
- 3) Baptism—which is immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;
- 4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Proposed:** We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ. It consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of his spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the things concerning Jesus Christ, and the gospel of the Kingdom;
- 2) Sincere repentance and confession of sins;
- 3) (no change)
- 4) Receipt of the Holy Spirit;
- 5) Former number 4. Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. (no change)

H. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Teacher. It will be exemplified by love, prayer, study of God's Word, development of the fruit of the Spirit, stewardship, and tithing. The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

I. ISRAEL. (no change)

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "new heavens and a new

earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

**Proposed:** THE RETURN OF CHRIST. We believe that the Millennial Kingdom will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the church as joint-heirs with Him. His millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked. (Remainder of the section deleted)—"after which will be established 'new heavens and a new earth' wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all."

### New Section:

K. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on a renewed and perfect earth, with God being all in all.

## ARTICLE II

### Duties of the Officers

Sections 1-5. (no change)

**Section 6.** (all new material) The Board of Directors shall serve as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College, which was established by the Church of God General Conference August 8, 1939, to educate men and women for the Christian ministries on the collegiate level through programs of Biblical and Theological studies, general education in the arts and sciences, and professional studies in the pastoral ministry, Christian education ministry, music ministry, and church vocational areas deemed desirable.

**Section 7.** (formerly Section 6 with no changes A through E)

(F) To employ a competent Executive Director who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of the General Conference, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

**Proposed:** Eliminate (F) in its entirety.

Former Section G becomes Section F.

Former Section H becomes Section G.

**Section 7.** The work undertaken by the General Conference shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

**Proposed:** That former Section 7 be eliminated completely.

## ARTICLE V

### Amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. (no change)

**Section 2.** (new material) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the secretary of the Board of Directors by a member church, a member Conference, or the Board of Directors in sufficient time to be properly published.

INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

### EXPLANATION:

When the delegates at the 1978 General Conference adopted the amended Study Committee Report, it appeared that some changes in the Constitution and By-laws may be advisable or even necessary. A committee was appointed consisting of Brothers Donald Needham, chairman, John Hearp, Kenneth Vancil, and S. O. Ross as an ex-officio member, to study the present Constitution and By-laws. The above proposals are the results of the committee report and final approval by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. These proposed changes will come up for action to adopt during the business sessions of the 1979 General Conference.



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IL State Conference	165.00	Mr & Mrs Ferrill A Purdy	10.00	Mr & Mrs Oral Miller	150.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Huey	500.00
Guthrie Grove Church	1,252.48	Gayla D Purdy	10.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Rhoades	100.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Niles	510.00
Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	125.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Haenke	38.00	Don Reece	1.00	Mr & Mrs Ward Countryman	10.00
Ripley Miss Soc	70.00	Mr & Mrs John Raitlon	10.00	New Hope Church—Arkansas	100.00	Cool Spring Church	116.92
Troy View SS	16.94	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00	Julian W Hazlewood	24.20	Mr & Mrs Frank Morrison	225.00
Eden Valley Miss Soc	114.00	Albert & Irene Christie	100.00	Doris M Reye	10.00	Frank O Johnson	400.00
Melvin Rogers	50.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Reinhard	20.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	25.00	E W Cardin	20.00
Mr & Mrs Robin Hayse	10.00	Anonymous—Rockford	1.00	Newell C Brooks	10.00	Melvin Hackett	1.00
Mr & Mrs Gary Ramsey	40.00	Mr L B Punter	10.00	Mr & Mrs James Howell	10.00	Hazel M Shaw	50.00
Alice H Bassett	40.00	Garden Park Church	253.91	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	100.00	Sarah & Clayton Nelson	50.00
Mr & Mrs Samuel Carroll	250.00	Eden Valley Church	97.74	James Hill	8.31	Mr & Mrs Lawrence Keys	10.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Pryor	50.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Button	50.00	Cindy Jo Isenhoff	10.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	320.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Hummel	115.00	Mr & Mrs Burton E Smith	300.00	Anonymous	25.00	Mrs Joe D Shelly	25.00
Stephen Grant	47.11	Anonymous	52.00	E Peoria Church	96.00	Wynn Winner	7.00
Mary H Seman	10.00	Mr & Mrs V Cunningham	20.00	Anonymous	100.00	Ripley Church	371.22
Mr & Mrs Dick Alcumbrack	10.00	Olive Stephenson	40.00	Burr Oak Church	343.40	Mary Prather	100.00
Terrie L Baldwin	100.00	Blessed Hope Church	38.71	IN State Conference	246.14	Mr & Mrs Robert Lawson	10.00
Mildred Somers	35.00	Brush Creek SS	71.54	Maurertown Dorcas	20.00	Mr & Mrs Waldon Winner, Sr	20.00
Mr & Mrs Lee Moore	100.00	Mr & Mrs John Taylor	100.00	Anonymous—Michigan	5.00	Lyle E Murfin	10.00
SW Conference	88.50	Hillisburg Miss Soc	50.00	Anna M King	50.00	Mr & Mrs William Wells	200.00
Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	50.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	15.00	Mr & Mrs Elvin Hughes, Jr	15.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	37.00
James Kamara	2.00	Frances Stadden	35.00	Blessed Hope Church	60.21	Mr & Mrs E E Stilson	100.00

# Church of God PROGRESS JOURNAL

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



### Conference Program

The Program for the 1979 Church of God General Conference (Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 6-10) can be found in this issue. The program has a full schedule of services for all ages. There are times of study, prayer, devotions, music, recreation, and the delegate business sessions.

The theme of the Conference is: "Awake! Arise! O Church of God." This is a Conference of spiritual inspiration and outreach thrust. The evening messages are:

- Monday—"The Birth of the Body" (Acts 2:1-41) James Graham
- Tuesday—"Growth of the Body" (Acts 2:41-47) Warren Sorenson
- Wednesday—"Be a Body Builder" (1 Corinthians 12:1-7, 12-27) Don Needham
- Thursday—"Going Forth With Joy" (Philippians 3:12-14; Psalm 126) Kent Ross

See the program schedule for youth and children's classes and activities. Babysitters will be provided for children 2 years and under. Please enroll your child if you desire babysitter service.

### Conference Reservations

Each person attending the Conference is requested to complete a reservation form and mail it together with a \$10 nonrefundable fee to Conference Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 prior to July 25.

Local pastors have the reservation forms and the reservation information. Isolated members may write directly to the address above for reservation forms.

### Conference Delegates

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to church and conference secretaries. Secretaries are urged to complete these forms very carefully and return them promptly in the envelope enclosed therewith.

This information is very important to assure proper delegate representation at Conference. If a secretary has not yet received the proper forms, please contact the Executive Director, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 immediately.

We urge churches and conferences to carefully study the reports and recommendations and instruct their delegates regarding the proposals.

Specific information regarding election of members to the Board of Directors is on page 8. Nominations are made from the floor and churches and State Conferences are urged to select specific delegates to be nominated at the Conference. Proposed nominees should be contacted ahead of time to be sure that they would be willing and able to serve if elected.

### 1979-80 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for the 1979-1980 church year can be found in this issue. This is an innovation since previously the budgets were not made available until Conference time.

### Conference Finances

The delegates to the 1978 General Conference approved a budget for the current fiscal year which requires monthly contributions in the amount of \$27,167. Except for the months of April and May, the giving has fallen far short of this amount each month. We therefore dropped behind each month and are now needing \$31,019 to make up the to-date deficit in giving. This, of course, makes the current needs a very large sum. We have borrowed \$21,000 to try to meet the current needs.

There will be no PROGRESS JOURNAL in August, so we show the July-August needs in the Goals for Giving. We covet your prayers and concerns that these needs will be met.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

**\$326,000.00**

Goal for June	52,941.00
Given in June	21,922.00
June Deficit	31,019.00
July-August Needs	54,334.00

**Goal for July-August 85,353.00**



# THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Awake! Arise! O Church of God"

## Conference Workers:

General Chairman: S. O. Ross  
Office Manager: David Krogh  
Program Directors: Department Heads and Executive Director  
Music Directors: Stephen & Joyce Bolhous  
Head Usher: Charles Jones  
Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser  
Ministers' Meetings: Scott Ross  
Priscillas' Meetings: Cheryl Ross  
Camp Nurse: Margaret Duval  
Business Office Staff: Paul Newell, supervisor; Becky Hall, Betty Jannereth

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 6

9:30 Registration begins  
11:45 Lunch  
1:15 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  
Discussion and action on proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws  
3:15 Recess the meeting  
3:30 Sharing Sessions  
1) Family Life, Dallas & Nancy Demmitt  
2) Christian Womanhood, Mary Harman  
3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine, Dr. Alva G. Huffer  
4) General Discussion on Outreach and Church Development Department, Warren Sorenson, Director  
4:30 Choir Practice  
4:30 Free time  
5:15 Dinner  
7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; James Graham, Speaker, "The Birth of the Body," and Communion Service  
7:00 Junior Church age 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi  
8:30 Conference Board and Department Boards Meeting  
8:30 SnackBar and lounges available  
8:30 Gym and pool available  
10:30 Lights out

### Tuesday, August 7

7:15 Breakfast  
8:30 Prayer Service, Scott Ross  
8:30 Classes for children and young people ages 3 through grade 12 (See complete program at end of regular program)  
9:15 Classes and babysitters for 2 years and under  
9:15 Ministers' Meetings  
Priscillas' Meetings  
Adult Bible Study, Robert Jones  
10:15 Church Growth Presentation, David Krogh  
11:00 Things I Always Wanted to Know About Foreign Missions, Mardy Lawrence and Rachel Carr  
11:45 Lunch  
11:45 Luncheon Meeting, Home Missions Board and State Conference Presidents  
1:15 Business Session  
Reading of Monday's Minutes  
Continue action on amendments to the Constitution and By-laws  
Publications Business  
Berean Youth Fellowship Business  
Sunday School Business

3:15 Recess Business Session  
3:30 Sharing Sessions  
1) Family Life  
2) Christian Womanhood  
3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine  
4) Publishing Department, David Krogh and Russell Magaw  
4:30 Choir Practice  
4:30 Free Time  
5:15 Dinner  
7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; Warren Sorenson, Speaker, "Growth of the Body"  
7:00 Junior Church, age 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi  
8:30 OBC Alumni Meeting  
8:30 SnackBar and lounges available  
8:30 Gym and pool available  
10:30 Lights out

### Wednesday, August 8

7:15 Breakfast  
8:30 Prayer Service, Scott Ross  
8:30 Children and Youth Classes  
9:15 Classes and sitters for 2 years and under  
9:15 Ministers' Meeting  
Priscillas' Meeting  
Adult Bible Study, Robert Jones  
10:15 Church Growth Presentation, David Krogh  
11:00 Things I Always Wanted to Know about Oregon Bible College, Eugene Stilson and David Krogh  
11:45 Lunch  
1:15 Business Session  
Reading of Tuesday's Minutes  
Nomination of three directors  
Oregon Bible College Business  
Home Missions Business  
Foreign Missions Business  
3:15 Recess Business Session  
3:30 Sharing Sessions  
1) Family Life  
2) Christian Womanhood  
3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine  
4) Oregon Bible College, David Krogh and Eugene Stilson  
4:30 Choir Practice  
4:30 Free Time  
5:15 Dinner  
7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; Ordination Service, License & Ordination Board; Donald Needham, Speaker, "Be a Body Builder"  
7:00 Junior Church, age 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi  
8:30 SnackBar and lounges available  
8:30 Gym and pool available  
10:30 Lights out

### Thursday, August 9

7:15 Breakfast  
8:30 Prayer Session, Scott Ross  
8:30 Children and Youth Classes  
9:15 Class and Sitters for 2 years and under  
9:15 Ministers' Meeting  
Priscillas' Meeting  
Adult Bible Study, Robert Jones  
10:15 Church Growth Presentation, Lois Pryor  
11:00 Things I Always Wanted to Know About the Ministerial Association, R. Warren Sorenson  
11:45 Lunch  
1:15 Business Session  
Reading of Wednesday's Minutes  
Election of three directors  
General Business  
Adoption of a budget  
3:15 Dismissal of Business Session  
3:30 Sharing Sessions  
1) Family Life  
2) Christian Womanhood

3) New Slide Sound Set on Church of God Doctrine  
4) General Conference, S. O. Ross, Executive Director  
4:30 Choir Practice  
4:30 Free Time  
5:15 Dinner  
7:00 Evening Worship Service, Stephen Bolhous, Worship Leader; Installation of General Conference Officers, Scott Ross; Speaker, Kent Ross, "Going Forth With Joy"  
8:30 SnackBar and lounges available  
8:30 Gym and pool available  
10:30 Lights out

### Friday, August 10

7:00 Joint Prayer Service, Scott Ross  
7:30 Breakfast  
9:00 Campus should be vacated

## YOUTH PROGRAM

### Grades 4 to 12

8:30 Chapel (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), Joe Myers  
**Tuesday, August 7**  
9:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Kurt Laurent  
Grades 7 and 8—Joe Myers  
High School—Pam Jennings  
10:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Kurt Laurent  
Grades 7 and 8—Pam Jennings  
High School—Joe Myers  
**Wednesday, August 8**  
9:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Louise Humphreys  
Grades 7 and 8—Ed Schroth  
High School—Oral Miller  
10:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Louise Humphreys  
Grades 7 and 8—Oral Miller  
High School—Ed Schroth  
**Thursday, August 9**  
9:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Denise Berry  
Grades 7 and 8—Greg Demmitt  
High School—Sharon Cain  
10:00 Class, Grades 4, 5, and 6—Denise Berry  
Grades 7 and 8—Sharon Cain  
High School—Greg Demmitt

### Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

11:00 Attend Conference Sessions  
11:45 Lunch  
12:45 Free Time

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

2:00- 5:00 Swim and Gym Time  
5:15 Dinner  
7:00 Evening Service, Over 12 years, Conference Program  
7:00 Junior Church, 12 years and under, Joe Astolfi  
8:30 Swim and Gym Time

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### 2 years and under

9:15-10:00 Class, Sandi Withers and Ellen Laurent  
10:00-11:45 Hired Sitters, Sharon Mattus, Sandee Messer, and Deirdre Kirkpatrick  
1:15- 4:00 Hired Sitters  
7:00- 8:30 Hired Sitters

### Ages 3 - 8

8:30-11:45 Bible School, Margene Rager  
1:15- 4:00 Bible School, Margene Rager  
7:00- 8:30 Junior Church (3 to 12 years), Joe Astolfi

# Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

## Update on Ghana

In a report from Pastor Oliver Amani he tells about the "house churches" and the school he operates.

The "house churches" are groups that meet in the various homes of members for the purpose of Bible study and worship. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, and in addition there are daily morning devotions from 5:00 to 5:30.

Each group chooses its own leader, considering such characteristics as zeal, faithfulness, good morals, and especially his knowledge of Scripture. Once each quarter Bro. Amani organizes a "doctrinal orientation course" for leaders, using the General Conference publication "Words of Truth" (a subject concordance).

Members of these groups give tithes and offerings, half of which go for pastoral support and half for miscellaneous expenses.

Presently there are 7 house churches with an average of 18 members in each group.

A total of 104 students (67 boys and 37 girls) are attending the school. Of this number, 49 are baptized members of the Church of God and 11 more are being prepared for baptism. There are 4 men teachers and 2 women teachers, each giving instruction in two subjects. The instructors receive small salaries from students' tuition fees.

Bro. Amani personally teaches the two required Bible courses: the General Certificate of Education Bible Course, based on a government-approved syllabus, and the Systematic Bible Study Course on Church of God doctrine. Students attend these classes a total of 6 hours each week.

## India Scooter

Funds are still needed for purchasing a motor scooter for Pastor Noel in Bangalore, India. In order for him to effectively minister to the members of the three churches, he needs a dependable means of transportation. Any contributions will be appreciated by him and us. Send to: Scooter, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Philippine Conference

April 10-13 the members of the Philippine Churches of God gathered at the Quezon Church for their 18th annual conference. This year's theme was "Self-Sacrifice" and lectures and classes emphasized the sacrificial giving of tithes. Two evangelistic night meetings offered the opportunity for persons of different faiths to come and join in an open forum. Two people of the Quezon Church submitted themselves for baptism during the conference.

## Nigerian News

Pastor Ephraim Udo writes, "About 800 members were able to attend the Easter Conference. Praise God for Bro. Edet Udofia, a police constable, who accepted the Lord and was baptized. Pray for his steadfastness.

"Pray for Doctor E. U. Ekpo for his humanitarian services to help our children with medical treatments against measles and epidemics.

"Our churches are still nine as before. . . . They are all lively churches. We ask you to pray for spiritual growth in our churches. Pray also for our pastors to be strengthened spiritually that they may be able to carry on with the Lord's work.

"Pray for peace in Nigeria as the country is going to poll from July 7 through August 11, 1979. Pray for God to choose a good leader as the Army is going to hand over the government to civilians in October this year."

Register for...  
**God's Ultimatum:  
World Evangelism  
Now!**



National Missionary Convention  
October 16-19, 1979 El Paso, Texas

**National  
Missionary  
Convention**

You may want to take advantage of several opportunities that will be offered by this missionary convention. Trips to Mexico mission stations are planned; you will be able to talk with missionaries from all over the world; missionaries will have display booths where you can learn more about their work and their countries; there will be daily sessions with missionaries, as well as evening services. For more information about how you may attend, write to Mrs. John Carr, 4542 E. Pecan Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040.

## What I Read in the Newspapers

Will Rogers once said, "All I know is just what I read in the newspapers." If other people feel that way, then we can be thankful that through the efforts of the Bible Societies, Scripture Selections were printed in more than 236 million newspapers during 1978. These newspapers, from many countries of the world, have a combined circulation of more than 236,285,000 copies. And unlike our own country, three or four readers may share the same copy of the paper before it is thrown away.

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# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*David Krogh, Acting President*

## **Transition**

Because of the tragic deaths of John and Ruth Lewis and Russell Reye, the past few weeks have been difficult for our College family. However, the Lord has sustained us. He has given us strength and help. And though it will take a long time for the void in our lives to be filled, we have the assurance that the God who has asked us to cast all of our cares on him will continue to sustain us in the coming weeks and months.

During this time of tragedy, our student body has maintained a mature and stable posture. They performed superbly in pulling themselves together and they applied themselves with special diligence to complete the school year.

As was previously announced, the Board of Trustees has asked me to serve as Acting President through the coming school year. I did not seek this position, but neither did I shrink from accepting this great responsibility when the Board asked me to serve. I have continually asked the Lord to use me to do whatever he wanted me to do. And though I have not always understood why God was asking me to do certain things, I have always had an overriding confidence that he knows what is best for me and what is best for his work. And so with your support, with the help of the faculty and staff of the College, and with the cooperation of the students, I will fill this position in the best way that I can.

Oregon Bible College is very fortunate to have an excellent faculty. Our faculty consists of men of Christian character. They are men who have a strong commitment to the truth of the Scriptures. They have a Biblical philosophy of education. And they have adequate preparation in undergraduate and graduate studies.

I believe that God wants Oregon Bible College to continue without hesitation in the work of training leaders for the Church of God. I believe that God continues to call us to excellence, and I don't believe he is satisfied with second best. Therefore, we will rise above the recent tragedy and zealously carry on with the work God has called us to do.

We very earnestly solicit your prayers for the work of our College. We urge you to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send young men and women to us who will prepare for work in bringing in the harvest. We welcome

your comments and suggestions regarding our programs and activities.

## **Commencement**

At commencement exercises in the Oregon Church of God on Friday night, May 11, 1979, nine seniors were graduated. Pastor David Wilsterman of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, California, was the commencement speaker. Michael Hoffman, President of the Student Government, spoke words of welcome to those who attended, and Ken Howe, President of the Senior Class, made brief remarks on behalf of the class. Members of the faculty took part in various ways in the program.

## **Golden Rule Building Progress**

Work is progressing on the remodeling of the Golden Rule Building on the College campus. The interior walls have been removed and construction of new room partitions will begin soon.

Present plans call for offices and a Conference room to be constructed on the main floor, and four classrooms and a lounge on the upper floor.

We hope to have the project completed by early summer of 1980. Completion will centralize most of the College activities in one general area in Oregon.

Consideration is being given to an overall campus development plan which will enable us to most effectively use the land available to us.

## **Booster Campaign**

In April, former President John Lewis asked the membership of the Church of God to become Boosters of Oregon Bible College by sending contributions and by agreeing to pray regularly for the work of the College. He stated that previous Booster campaigns had generated in excess of \$3,000 in contributions, and he stated that we were praying and trusting that we would receive in excess of \$5,000 this year. As of this writing, approximately \$4,000 has been received. Contributions are still being received, and we trust that, if you have not yet responded to this appeal, you will do so immediately.

Funds collected in this appeal will be used to print the Oregon Bible College Catalog, to send several of our staff members to a Bible College Seminar, and to support the operation of our library.

Our thanks is extended to all of you who have sent contributions and agreed to pray for the College.

### **Board of Trustees Meet**

The Board of Trustees for Oregon Bible College, which is also the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, met May 3-5 in Oregon. Two important documents were approved by the Board which will lend stability to the College, especially during this critical time of transition. The first document approved was the Constitution and By-Laws of Oregon Bible College. This document is a complement to the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Conference. Its purpose is to tightly link the College to the General Conference, and it clarifies that the people of the Church of God have full and final authority over College affairs through the Board of Trustees which they elect. The By-Laws spell out the duties of the Trustees, the Administrative Officers of the College, and the faculty.

The second document adopted was the Oregon Bible College Organization and Administration Handbook for Administrators and Faculty Members. This policy manual provides rather detailed job descriptions for the faculty and staff of the College, as well as pointing out the relationships between these individuals.

The approval by the Trustees of these two policy documents will provide continuity to the College program and will clarify our working relationships.

The Trustees also spent many hours discussing the selection of a new permanent President for the College. A Search Committee—consisting of Don Needham, Eugene Stilson, Charles Pryor, and David Krogh—was appointed to seek possible candidates for this position. Suggestions of individuals who might qualify for this position would be appreciated from the membership of the Church of God.

### **Marriage**

Sam Voorhies, our Christian Education instructor, will be married July 28 to Emily DeFee. In connection with her work, Emily has been offered a position in Nairobi, Kenya, so Sam and Emily will be going to Africa in January, 1980. Sam will continue to serve on the staff during our Fall Semester, teaching courses in Christian Education.

We pray God's blessing on this couple as they begin their life together.

### **Dean of Women**

Gayle Reye has been appointed to serve as Dean of Women during the coming school year. She will serve as Director of the Women's Dormitory and also be involved in several Student Services activities. In the Student Services area, she will be assuming several of the responsibilities handled by her husband Russell before his death in April. We are happy that Gayle has agreed to be a part of our staff during the coming year.

### **Student Government President**

At the close of the Spring Semester, the student body elected Bobby Lee Partain as the Student Government President for the coming school year. When College begins the end of August, each class will elect one of its members to serve in the Student Government along with the President. The President of the College will serve as the faculty adviser for this organization during the next school year.

### **Honor Students**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved high honor during the Spring Semester: Gary Burnham, 3.89; Darlene Burkhart, 3.65; Pam Gaskill, 3.77; Michael Hoffman, 3.57; Tim Kaffenbarger, 3.54. Those who achieved honor status were: Dick Eldred, 3.45; Ken Howe, 3.43; Karen Mitchell, 3.14; Cecil Rademachir, 3.36.

### **Fall Semester Schedule**

For Freshman students, the College dormitories will open on August 23 at 1:00 p.m. Orientation for Freshman students will be held on August 24 at 8:00 a.m. Returning students will be able to move into the dorms on August 25 at 1:00 p.m. and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. August 27. Any questions regarding the Fall Semester may be directed to David Krogh, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

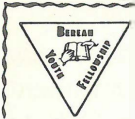
### **A Tribute to the Board of Education**

The Study Committee recommendations, which were adopted by the delegates at the 1978 General Conference, called for the termination of the Board of Education at General Conference time in August. The Board of Education has served in an advisory and promotional capacity for the College, and has made recommendations regarding its operation to the Board of Directors of the General Conference.

On behalf of the members of the General Conference and the College staff, I would like to thank the current members of the Board of Education who have faithfully served for a number of years as follows: Vernis Wolfe—9 years; Robert D. Johnson—9 years; Charles Pryor—8 years; John Hearp—3 years. Many others have served on this Board over the years and we appreciate the work that all of these individuals have done in the development of Oregon Bible College.

With the termination of the Board of Education, the Board of Trustees of the College will assume full responsibility for governing College affairs. Three Directors-Trustees will be elected by the delegates at General Conference next month. I trust that each church and conference will give careful consideration to people who could serve effectively in these positions.





# BYF NEWS



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

David Krogh, Director

## Berean Youth Conference Classes

There have been several requests for information concerning the classes which are taught each year at Berean Youth Conference. The following are the class descriptions of those being taught this year:

### *Not Individuals, but a Body*

This is an exciting class of discovery—the discovery of the fact that we are parts of the body of Christ. As parts, we have something to give to the overall cause of Christ. Based on 1 Corinthians 12:27, “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular,” this class will attempt to reveal the marvelous place a Christian youth has in the church. It will deal with the God-given abilities that each possesses and give guidelines for his ministry to the body. “To equip God’s people for work in his service, to the building up of the body of Christ. . . . Bonded and knit together by every constituent joint, the whole frame grows through the due activity of each part, and builds itself up in love” (Eph. 4:12-16, NEB).

### *Personal Vultures*

Pride, jealousy, anger, hate, lust, fear, vengeance, guilt—these are personal vultures. “Birds” that prey on the very life of our Christianity, they can and will destroy the blessings God has in store for us.

This class is designed to help the Christian youth overcome these vultures. It deals with the interpersonal relations of Christians: how to deal with guilt; freedom through forgiveness; overcoming pride; what to do when you are confused; how God deals with fear, and much more.

### *Becoming a Prayer Warrior*

“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thes. 5:17). This is another “discovery class” and it deals with an exciting Bible subject—prayer. Some say it is a key to a Christian’s life. This class will deal with becoming a warrior in prayer. We know that when we pray things happen. This class is designed to help the Christian teen in the quest for a dynamic and victorious prayer life. Answers, helps, examples, when to pray, how to pray, why pray, and much more will be examined.

### *Temple Maintenance*

“Surely you know that you are God’s temple, where the Spirit of God dwells” (1 Cor. 3:16, NEB). This is a very precious Bible truth; yet we sometimes forget, and the temple may need repair, cleaning, or even remodeling.

*(Please turn to page 10)*

## Sunday School Attendance Figures

Below are the figures which compare the Church of God Sunday School attendance of January through March, 1978, with the attendance for the same Sundays in 1979:

January		February		March	
1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
3,329	3,307	4,048	3,784	4,091	3,875
3,981	3,497	4,036	3,865	4,189	3,963
3,681	2,459	3,975	3,463	4,112	4,092
3,841	3,636	4,120	3,670	4,545	3,960
3,193	3,634				

These figures show an average decline of about 8% from 1978 to 1979. According to my records, there were more churches and Sunday Schools closed for one or more Sundays in 1979 than in 1978 because of severe snowstorms.

## A Tribute to Sunday School Board Members

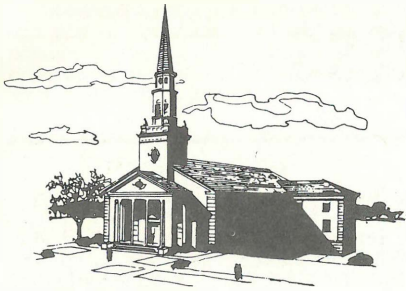
As a result of the Study Committee report adopted by the delegates at the 1978 General Conference, the Sunday School Board will be terminated at General Conference time next month. The work of the Board will be carried on by the Outreach and Church Development and Publishing Departments, the Executive Council of the Conference, and committees or consultants who will be appointed from time to time for special assignments.

The present members of the Sunday School Board have served faithfully for a number of years as follows: Joyce Knapp—10 years; Scott Ross—8 years (nearly a year of which he served as part-time Director of the Department); Jim Graham—6 years; Michael Mattison—3 years.

These individuals have spent hundreds of hours serving as seminar and workshop leaders, planning and carrying out Sunday School projects, writing for quarterlies and teachers’ guides, and directing the work of this department. In the past 10 years, many improvements have been made in our Sunday School quarterlies and Vacation Bible School material. Christian Workers’ Seminars were started under the direction of this Board and they have become a valuable tool in teaching hundreds of Church of God people to be more effective Christian workers.

I have appreciated the opportunity to work with these people during the past several years. Their insights and knowledge have helped to stimulate great progress in the Church of God.

**MISSION BUILDERS LEAGUE**



The Mission Builders League is a group of people, churches, and organizations which are prepared to offer assistance to churches that are in need of an adequate building for worship, Christian education, and fellowship. Two appeals are made each year, and members give at least \$10 to each appeal. So far 40 churches have received aid from the League.

At the present time 1,108 individuals and groups have joined this organization. Our goal is to have 1,350 members by the fall of 1979.

If you are willing to join this worthwhile League, please fill out the coupon at the bottom of this page and send it to: Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Listed below are the names of those who have recently joined the League.

**NEW MISSION BUILDERS**

- Cleveland Advent Church Bereans, Morrilton, AR
- Marie Cooper
- Norma K Warmolts
- Mr & Mrs Randy Hall
- Mr & Mrs Norm Ruhn
- Caryl Aarud
- C David Martin
- Mrs Lois McCoy
- Mr & Mrs J LaMattina
- Mr & Mrs Jerry Simpson
- Marlene Keller
- Sylvia Bradley
- Harold McMurtrie
- Inez S Heaton
- Velma Leonard
- Mr & Mrs Roy Humphreys
- Robert & Shirley Bormes
- Estelle B Whisnant
- Bonita Pinkerman
- Connie Jackson
- Mr & Mrs John Essig
- Roberta Ober
- Ruth Stabler
- Larry & Cheryl Dickerson
- Dr J R Essig
- Guthrie Grove Ladies Circle #1

Please enroll me in the Mission Builders League.

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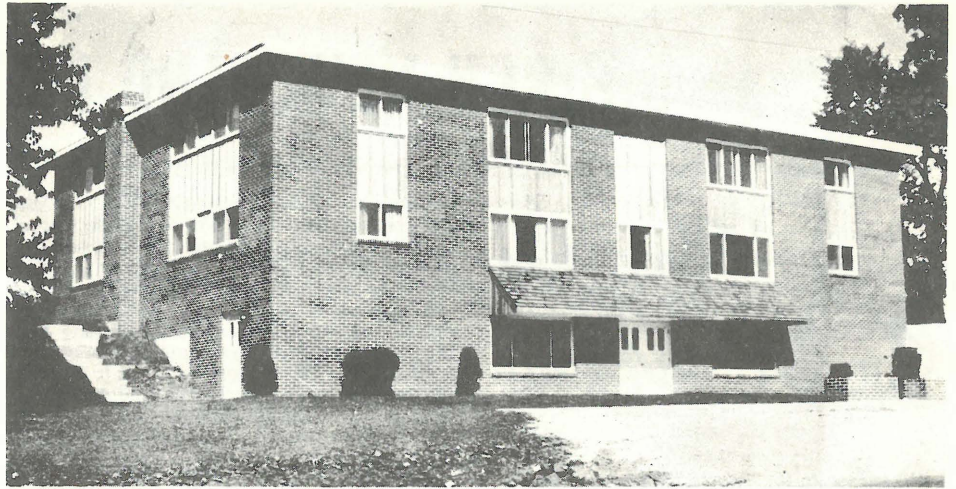
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**COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE**

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Geraldine Downs, Mrs. Vera Cusey, and Beulah Stott.

**The Seventh Day Sabbath: Is it Still in Operation?** A booklet containing a thorough study of the matter of the Sabbath day. 35 cents each when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

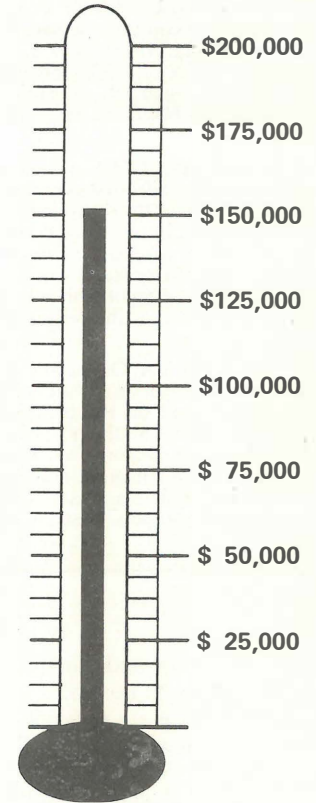


**Oregon Bible College  
Dormitory**

The thermometer at the right shows the total that has been paid or committed to be paid by the membership.

Cost of building & equipment	\$162,345
Interest paid on loans	14,975
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$177,320</b>
Cash received and paid on loans	152,600
Present unpaid loans	24,720

Each contribution helps to lessen the interest payment. Your continued support of this project is appreciated.



**Total Commitments**

Please fill out and mail to:

Oregon Bible College Building Fund  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061

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

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed herewith
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month until paid
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year until paid

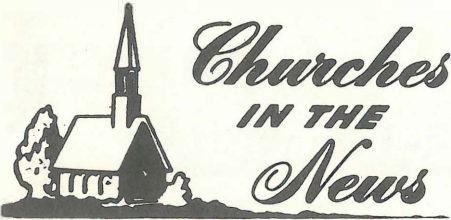
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Eldorado, IL.** On May 20, 1979, at the close of the morning service, Billy Kittinger came forward and requested baptism. He was baptized by the writer that same afternoon at 2:00 in the church baptistry. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over his conversion. We pray that God will bless Billy as he has begun his new walk with Christ.

Rex L. Shaw, pastor.

**Lawrenceville, OH.** On Easter Sunday, April 15, 1979, Linda Oldham was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. We of the Lawrenceville Church of God welcome her into the fellowship of Jesus Christ and into our congregation. We praise God for Linda's decision and pray that the Spirit of the Lord might be with her as she looks for the return of our Lord and Master.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

**Browtown, VA.** On the afternoon of May 27, 1979, the congregation of the Cool Spring Church of God gathered on the banks of a mountain stream to share in the joy of witnessing the baptism of four persons into Christ. Immersed were Timothy Johnson, Linda Johnson, Linden Dixon and Frederick Dixon. We pray God's blessing on these new Christians as they walk with Christ.

Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

**Phoenix, AZ.** Recent decisions for Christ filled the congregation of the Phoenix Bible Church with joy. We rejoice in reporting the following immersions: Rochelle Loeffler, February 11; Sue Koning, April 22; Michael Johnson, May 6.

In addition to these, Dennis Hudson was reimmersed on April 1 and Michael, having been previously immersed, joined our church on April 8. We thank God for these additions to the body of Christ and pray that he will continually bless them in their Christian growth.

James Graham, pastor.

**Fort Valley, VA.** We praise God for Kathy LaVerne Boies who accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the close of the Virginia Conference. She was baptized into Christ on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1979. We praise God for her decision and ask God's blessing on her as she follows in the footsteps of the master.

Dale Swartz, pastor.

**Omaha, NE.** On June 3, Christy Jane Ross came forward at the close of the worship service at the Jaynes St. Community Church of God, expressing her desire to accept Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and be baptized into him. On June 10 she was immersed in the waters of baptism. It is always a joy to assist someone to put on Christ in the waters of baptism, but especially so when it is your child. We truly rejoice with the angels in heaven at Christy's decision.

Scott Ross, pastor.

**Bedford, OH.** The Bedford Church of the Open Bible gladly presents to the brethren at large, Bro. Alan Koston and Bro. Tony Szekely. They were baptized into the body of Christ on Sunday morning June 3, 1979. We are pleased with their decisions to live for God and ask your prayers for their continued spiritual growth.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

## MARRIAGES

On November 24, 1978, Leslie Evans, daughter of Henry and Marilyn Evans, became the bride of Gary Brasher. The ceremony was held at the Phoenix Bible Church. The couple now reside in Aurora, CO, where Gary is attending school and working for the FBI. May God richly bless them as they grow together in his service.

On February 10, 1979, it was our privilege to officiate at the wedding of Lisa Evans, daughter of Henry and Marilyn Evans to K. C. Gingg. The service was held at the Phoenix Bible Church. We rejoice with Lisa and K. C. and pray that God will bless them as they now walk together in his service.

On the afternoon of March 3, 1979, Charlotte Miller of Tempe, AZ, became the bride of David Fauntleroy of Hammond, LA. They were married in a lovely service at the Lakeshore Bible Church in Tempe. The new Fauntleroy family will be residing in Tempe, AZ. May God bless them in their new relationship in him.

We would also like to report to the membership of the Church of God the following marriages:

On March 23, 1979, Robin Steele became the wife of David Bobst. We ask that God will richly bless this new family in their service together.

Fred Bergmann and Kathy Long were married on March 30, 1979, at a service held at the First Evangelical Free Church in Phoenix. May God bless Fred and Kathy in their new life together.

On June 2, 1979, Lori Powell became the bride of Paul Culver. The ceremony was held at the Phoenix Bible Church. We rejoice with this young couple and pray that God will richly bless them as they grow together in his service.

James Graham, pastor.

John Humphrey and Kim Szekely were united in marriage by the writer on May 12, 1979. The congregation welcomes this wonderful couple into our fellowship as one. Their love for God and each other encourages us all. May God bless their union.

David Cheatwood, pastor.

## 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.

At the 1979 General Conference one director will be elected for a three-year term and two directors will be elected for four-year terms. The terms of **William D. Lawrence, Joe James, and Russell Magaw** 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 of 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 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.

If the proposed amendments to the Constitution are passed before the election, there would be a change in Sections 3 and 5 above. (See the proposed Constitutional amendments in this issue.)

## THANK YOU

The Family of John and Ruth Lewis is deeply grateful for the prayers, flowers, cards, money, etc., that were given at the time of our loss.

We are especially thankful to the many individuals and churches who contributed to the memorial fund. It is our prayer that this fund may grow enough to provide a continuing tuition scholarship to Oregon Bible College. If anyone should desire, contributions could be sent to S. O. Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061 or Lyle D. Lewis, 1419 West Grant, Macomb, IL 61455. Once again, thank you. We shall always remember your love and concern.

Kathy and Wesley Lewis.

## NO AUGUST RESTITUTION HERALD OR PROGRESS JOURNAL

It has been our policy in the past not to print an August issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL since many of our people are gathered at the annual General Conference during this month.

However, this year, in an effort to cut expenses, the Board of Directors has authorized the Publishing Department to also eliminate the August issue of *The Restitution Herald*. Therefore the current issue is called the July-August issue, and we will resume monthly publication in September. The elimination of this issue will result in a savings of approximately \$2,000.

### NURSES NEEDED

Phoenix, AZ, is in dire need of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. If any qualified persons are thinking of changing locations, here is opportunity for both a good job immediately, and association with a growing dynamic Church of God in Phoenix or Tempe. We especially appeal to those nurses who are now isolated from their church family.  
William D. Lawrence, M.D.

### THANKS FROM LEOTA HANSON

Sr. Leota Hanson recently broke her hip and has been confined to the hospital. In a recent letter to the General Conference she said, "I appreciate all the cards and prayers everyone has sent to me and for me." Her address is Anna Henry Nursing Home, 637 Hillsboro St., Edwardsville, IL 62025.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 7—Annual Indiana State Conference Business Meeting at North Salem  
July 15-21—International Berean Youth Conference at Camp Mack  
August 1-5—Iowa State Conference at Waterloo; Scott Ross, guest speaker; Joe and Dana Myers, guest workers.  
August 6-10—Annual General Conference at Rockford College, Rockford, IL  
August 15-19, 1979—Central High Plains Conference; guest speaker, Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick  
September 21, 22—Junior Berean Youth Retreat at Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Goekler, Harry (Thelma), 110 N 26th St., Harlingen, TX 78550 Ph 512-428-1171

**Gatesville Church**, State School Rd, Rt 4, Bx 45, Gatesville 76528

Michael Brown, Pastor, 338 State School Rd, Gatesville 76528

Mrs June Sanders, Sec, Rt 4, Bx 115, Gatesville 76528

Mrs Virgil Hammer, Supt, 208 Leon St, Gatesville 76528

**Culver Church (New Hope)**, Bx 65, Culver, IN 46511

Darrell Maddock, Pastor, 203 E Washington St, Culver 46511

Mrs Ruth Barton, Sec, Bx 65, Culver 46511

Mrs Wayne Butler, Supt, 513 W Jefferson St, Culver 46511

### 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."

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, 194 Maple St., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

Below is a proposed annual budget for the Church of God General Conference which will be discussed at the Conference Business Session on August 9. This proposed budget calls for contributions of \$346,000, which is \$20,000 more than contributions needed in this current fiscal year. This is an increase of about 6%.

This proposed budget may be revised if decisions are made at Conference by the delegates which would require financial support.

### PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

October 1, 1979, to September 30, 1980

#### ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Tuition, Room and Board (OBC)	\$ 60,000
Gross Income from Sales	40,000
OBC Endowment Interest	8,400
<b>Total Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$108,400</b>

#### ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$189,150
Light & Fuel	18,000
Telephone	6,900
Insurance	15,700
Postage	8,400
Office Supplies	2,650
Advertising	800
Repairs & Maintenance	4,300
Travel	14,300
Printing	32,900
Editorial	1,300
Speakers	1,200
Assistance to Mission Points	6,500
Assistance to Churches	20,000
Literature Campaign	32,000
Food	20,000
Supplies & Expenses	10,500
Rock Valley Instruction	4,400
Social Security	10,550
Subscriptions and Dues	1,450
Professional Services	3,700
Auto Expense	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Foreign Exchange	1,400
Golden Rule Contract	11,000
Staff Training	6,400
Special Missions	4,000
Mailing Supplies	1,000
Furniture and Equipment	2,900
Building Fund	1,000
Library Books	5,000
Wagon Replacement	3,000
Multi-media project	1,500
Purchase of resale items	9,000
<b>Total Anticipated Expense</b>	<b>\$454,400</b>

#### CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

(Goals for Giving) \$346,000



**BYF NEWS**

(Continued from page 6)

This class is on Christian morals. What does God want us to do? And how does he want us to live? These are great questions facing the Christian teen today. This class is designed to offer Scriptural help in the maintenance of the shrine of God—our lives.

"Do you not know that your body is a shrine of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the Spirit is God's gift to you? You do not belong to yourselves; you were bought at a price. Then honour God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20, NEB).

**Building Your Great Wall**

As Christians, we have protection. It is God's Word. "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit" (Heb. 4:12a).

This class is a "discovery class" of the teachings of God—the truths of God. It deals with doctrine and understanding: God, Jesus Christ, man, the second coming, love, Christian living, the kingdom of God, and much more. "Every inspired scripture has its use for teaching the truth and refuting error, or for reformation of manners and discipline in right living, so that the man who belongs to God may be efficient and equipped for good work of every kind" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17, NEB).

**OBITUARIES**

Hearts from throughout Columbia Township, OH, were shocked beyond belief when news reached the community of the tragic death of **Russell Reye** in an automobile accident near Rockford, Illinois, April 20, 1979.

Russell was in the Columbia School system 14 years, serving as teacher and principal in elementary education, before taking the position of Director of Student Services at Oregon Bible College in July, 1978.

He was born in Cleveland May 4, 1942, and had made his home in Berea at one time. He was a graduate of Columbia High School, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, and a member of Columbia Church of God, Columbia Station, OH.

Surviving are his wife, Gayle (nee Patrick), to whom he was married almost 11 years; daughters Julie and Emily, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Doris Reye (nee Stadden), North Olmstead, OH; and a brother, George, Fairborn, OH. His father, George, preceded him in death.

Well over 500 friends and relatives were received in Baker Funeral Home, Berea, on Monday, April 23. Mourners overflowed the funeral home during services conducted Tuesday, April 24. Burial was in Columbia Cemetery.

When death comes so swiftly to a loved one in the Lord, the living cannot adjust in like manner. Our search for life in great quantities of days and years seems unbounded. But Russell Reye's short 36 years reminds us that quality of life counts most.

The lifestyle that Bro. Reye enjoyed certainly deserves emulation by those who loved him. As a family man he was a compassionate, constant, and true husband and father. Few men alive stand as strongly for moral principle as did Russ Reye. Yet his staunch sense of right and wrong did not limit his reach into the lives of others. Because of his moral fibre he touched hearts with compassion, concern, and care. He could be called day or night; we could show up on his doorstep "any time," and he would take us in. It's been a long time since a man cared as much as did this man.

In addition, Russ was a man of humor. His stories and practical jokes provided gaiety for the whole neighborhood. In all this, Russ was motivated to morality, love, and laughter by his complete trust in the known will of God, revealed in the Bible and the life of Christ. In following God's way he led us toward a closer walk with the Lord. Whether he was encouraging prayer in the school classroom, leading teen-agers to Christ through

the church youth group, sharing his walk with Christ in community functions, or lending his leadership in Columbia Church of God, Russ always gave the last full measure of himself.

By the way he lived, Russ fulfilled one of his personal goals as expressed in a favorite scripture: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8.)

May our hope in the resurrection of all the faithful at Christ's return as expressed in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 comfort us until that day dawns.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15). "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life . . . nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39).  
Russell Magaw, pastor.

The Phoenix Bible Church of God was saddened recently by the tragic death of **Gene Broyles** on May 19, at the age of 34. Gene was a member of the Bible Church, having been baptized on July 10, 1977. He leaves his wife Kathy and his daughters Lisa and Kelli, and a hope that cannot pass away. That hope was in his Savior, Jesus Christ. With them we look forward to the second coming, the resurrection, and God's kingdom when death will never again cause a tear to be shed.  
James A. Graham, pastor.

Funeral services for **Walter S. Netts**, 75, were conducted April 14, 1979, at the Richards Memorial Home in Springfield, OH. Afterward he was laid to rest in the Ferncliff Cemetery to await the call of Jesus Christ at the last day.

Bro. Netts, baptized Oct. 3, 1939, is survived by his wife Dorothy; a son, Morris; a daughter, Mrs. Ray (Jodie) Watson; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Clark Ballentine; and several nieces and nephews.

We ask God to comfort his widow and children in their loss.  
James D. Ritch, pastor.

**ANNIVERSARY**

February 4, 1979, was a very special day in the lives of Sam and Lillian Boyer as they celebrated 50 years of marriage. The Boyers have been members of the Fort Valley Church of God all through their married lives and therefore the entire Church and family were privileged to enjoy this celebration with a reception at the church on Sunday afternoon. Sam and Lillian are shining examples of Jesus Christ in the church and in the community. We of the Fort Valley Church of God are thankful for Sam and Lillian and ask God's richest blessing to continue on them as they go on serving their master Jesus Christ, until his return.  
Dale Swartz, pastor

**SEEKING PASTOR**

The Bedford, Ohio, Church of God is seeking a pastor for this fall. Those interested in serving should call 216-543-4736.

**SEVEN GREAT THINGS**

- Great Salvation (Heb. 2:3)
- Great Love (Eph. 2:4)
- Great Peace (Psa. 119:165)
- Great Joy (Luke 2:10)
- Great Goodness (Psa. 31:19)
- Great Mercy (Psa. 103:11)
- Great Faithfulness (Lam. 3:32, 33)

**JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?**

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

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

**50% OFF BOOKS AND PUZZLES FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS**

These are surplus books, puzzles, and other items from past Beginner Sunday School Packets. We are offering these materials to you at **ONE HALF of the retail price!**

Quantities are limited and orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are offering these materials at a price **below** our cost, we ask that you include 20¢ per item for postage and handling.

NUMBER	ITEM	RETAIL	50% OFF	TOTALS
_____	The Story of Noah's Ark (book)	.69	.34	_____
_____	We Learn About Jesus (Nursery Pupil's Bible Picture Set)	.29	.14	_____
_____	Jesus Grows Up (Julie and Jeff Learn About Jesus)	.69	.34	_____
_____	The First Christmas (Activity Book)	.59	.29	_____
_____	Going to Church (Game)	1.00	.50	_____
_____	A Big Fish Swallowed Jonah (puzzle)	.59	.29	_____
_____	The Animals Enter Noah's Ark (puzzle)	.59	.29	_____
_____	The Great Surprise (Arch books)	.69	.34	_____
_____	God Gives Food (book)	.69	.34	_____
_____	It's Time to Thank God (book)	.69	.34	_____
_____	Zacchaeus Sees Jesus (puzzle)	.59	.29	_____
_____	Teaching Pre-Schoolers (ages 3 to 5)	.75	.37	_____
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# CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Constitutional Committee and the Board of Directors propose the following amendments to the present Constitution and By-laws. Where changes are proposed, the present section will be quoted and then the proposed change will be quoted with new material in italics and underlined.

## FRONT COVER

### CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

**Proposed:** Church of God General Conference, headquarters Oregon, Illinois.

## ARTICLE II Delegates

**Section 1.** Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof.

**Proposed:** Add the following.

Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God.

**Section 2.** A member church is a Church of God which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

**Proposed:** A member church is a church of God which adheres to the Statement of Faith contained in this document, and which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

**Section 3.** The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

**Proposed:** These shall be considered as delegates at large:

a) The Board of Directors and one delegate from each state or district Conference;

b) The following licensed or ordained ministers: one who is actively pastoring a church; a full-time employee of the General Conference; those who have met the above qualifications, and have reached retirement age.

## ARTICLE III Business Sessions

**Section 1.** All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

**Proposed:** Drop the following Phrase: "And no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section."

**Section 2.** A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

**Proposed:** A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of fifty percent of the recognized delegates at that Conference. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

## ARTICLE IV

### Officers of the Conference

**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 church leaders.

**Proposed:** Add the following phrase: A director may be either male or female.

**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.

**Proposed:** 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. The total list of all nominees shall be submitted to the delegates for election. If no majority is reached in the first balloting, the list of nominees shall be reduced to the three receiving the highest number of votes. When no majority is reached with the list of three nominees, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the list. Of the two remaining nominees, the one receiving the majority of votes cast is elected. If other directors are to be elected, all names, except the one(s) previously elected, shall be resubmitted, and the same election process repeated until all positions are filled.

### BY-LAWS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### ARTICLE I

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [throughout the church] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.;

**Proposed:** The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [DROP: "throughout the church"] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." They shall unite to edify the body of Christ by proclaiming the following Biblical truths:

#### Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, immortal, and the Creator of all things.

**Proposed:** Drop the parentheses around the word "corporeal."

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

**Proposed:** We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He existed only from his birth.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine

power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of his people.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of his people. It is not a person.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration. It is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

**Proposed:** We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All persons, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;

2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;

3) Baptism—which is immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;

4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Proposed:** We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ. It consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

1) Belief of the things concerning Jesus Christ, and the gospel of the Kingdom;

2) Sincere repentance and confession of sins;

3) (no change)

4) Receipt of the Holy Spirit;

5) Former number 4. Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. (no change)

H. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

**Proposed:** We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Teacher. It will be exemplified by love, prayer, study of God's Word, development of the fruit of the Spirit, stewardship, and tithing. The Church of God will



recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

I. ISRAEL. (no change)

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "new heavens and a new earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

**Proposed: THE RETURN OF CHRIST.** We believe that the Millennial Kingdom will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the church as joint-heirs with Him. His millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked. (Remainder of the section deleted)—"after which will be established 'new heavens and a new earth' wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all."

**New Section:**

**K. THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on a renewed and perfect earth, with God being all in all.

## ARTICLE II

### Duties of the Officers

Sections 1-5. (no change)

**Section 6.** (all new material) The Board of Directors shall serve as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College, which was established by the Church of God General Conference August 8, 1939, to educate men and women for the Christian ministries on the collegiate level through programs of Biblical and Theological studies, general education in the arts and sciences, and professional studies in the pastoral ministry, Christian education ministry, music ministry, and church vocational areas deemed desirable.

**Section 7.** (formerly Section 6 with no changes A through E)

(F) To employ a competent Executive Director who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of the General Conference, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

**Proposed:** Eliminate (F) in its entirety.

Former Section G becomes Section F.

Former Section H becomes Section G.

**Section 7.** The work undertaken by the General Conference shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

**Proposed:** That former Section 7 be eliminated completely.

## ARTICLE V

### Amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. (no change)

**Section 2.** (new material) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the secretary of the Board of Directors by a member church, a member Conference, or the Board of Directors in sufficient time to be properly published.

INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

### EXPLANATION:

When the delegates at the 1978 General Conference adopted the amended Study Committee Report, it appeared that some changes in the Constitution and By-laws may be advisable or even necessary. A committee was appointed consisting of Brothers Donald Needham, chairman, John Hearp, Kenneth Vancil, and S. O. Ross as an ex-officio member, to study the present Constitution and By-laws. The above proposals are the results of the committee report and final approval by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. These proposed changes will come up for action to adopt during the business sessions of the 1979 General Conference.

## Contributors to the General Conference: May, 1979

Mr & Mrs Warren Sorenson	279.00	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	50.00	Clara Lamb	25.00	Audrey Densmore	8.00
Mr & Mrs Gordon Landry	20.00	Lyle E Murfin	10.00	Carl M Sullivan	35.00	Mr & Mrs William D Lawrence	50.00
Mrs Ruth Blankenbaker	10.00	Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	75.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	70.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Thompson	50.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Gallagher	10.00	Mr & Mrs Stephen Zimbelman	10.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	150.00	Mr & Mrs Steven Leichter	25.00
Faye Graf	5.00	Sam Bradley	10.00	Frank H Roper	50.00	Grace Blomquist	60.00
Mr & Mrs Victor Ralston	10.00	Royal Village Church	107.72	Mrs William Hanson	105.00	Blair Johnson	12.00
In Memory of Ben Carpenter:		Everett S Rogers	40.00	S Bend Hope Chapel	145.37	Mr & Mrs James Ashley	15.00
Anonymous	300.00	MI State Conference	129.68	Mr & Mrs Fulton A Ramsey	70.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Hudson	25.00
Macomb SS	20.35	Mr & Mrs Harold Edwards	45.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	110.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00
Conger St Church	87.00	NE Conference	265.00	Fonthill Church	260.71	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	27.00
Macomb Church	214.83	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	70.00	Mrs C Dilamarter	20.00	Mae George	20.00
Anonymous	20.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Johnson	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	10.00	Mr & Mrs John Carr	225.00
Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers	20.00	Mr & Mrs L W Hoffman	50.00	Mrs D Napper	20.00	Miss Sara Beddow	150.00
Mr & Mrs Edgar C Harvey	175.00	Mrs Cora Munshaw	3.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	51.00	Cecil A Smead	30.00
Mr & Mrs John H Huston	10.00	Linda S Whaley	15.00	Frances Stadden	10.00	Mr & Mrs Bob Jones	80.00
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Mr & Mrs Dale Johnson	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth A Frederick	50.00	Mr & Mrs Albert D Harper	10.00	Mary Krogh	34.00
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Jay St Church	145.45	Byron G Jay	20.00	Pastor Leonard Brown	5.00	Cool Spring SS	13.00
San Jose Church	28.00	Mr & Mrs Charles G Jones	95.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Stone	30.00	Mary Lou Brittingham	10.00
Maude F Stilson	105.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	100.00	SW Conference	160.00	Alice L Marshall	30.00
Lakeshore Bible Church	504.76	Flagg Center Church	88.50	Garden Rule Church	55.70	Mr & Mrs Ronnie D Frame	15.00
Ellen Tierney	12.00	Eden Valley Church	299.40	Mr & Mrs Given Cleek	75.00	Lois L Blakely	25.00
Mr & Mrs Wm N Tierney	100.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	250.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills	100.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	50.00
St Louis Church	104.57	Mr & Mrs Clyde E Randall	25.00	Mr & Mrs James Norwood	20.00	Ruth V Fogle	20.00
W E Boyer	125.00	Mrs Vera Vandenburg	3.00	Harold L Tjossem	100.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	50.00
Maurertown Church	53.98	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton Sr	20.00	Julian W Hazlewood	14.00	In Memory of John & Ruth Lewis:	
Anonymous	72.00	Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver	100.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	100.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	100.00
Mr & Mrs Leon Driskill	80.00	Allen C Wegener	10.00	Raymore Church	372.55	Garden Park Church	302.08
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Mr & Mrs Gordon Aarud	5.00	Daisy L Nokes	2.00	Bedford Bereans	134.00	Fredericktown Church	210.66
Mr & Mrs John H Evans Jr	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph W Lutton	25.00	Mrs Gayle Reye	30.00	Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademachir	123.00
Mr & Mrs Jerry Seebach	10.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Dickerson	250.00	Janet Lee Simpsom	17.00	Brian J Atra	15.00
Mr & Mrs C Joseph Astolfi	20.00	Mr & Mrs Paul A Newell	106.00	Forest Hills Church	49.95	Mrs Cora Munshaw	25.00
Bedford Church	195.01	Esther Wendroth	30.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	220.00	Bernice Cherry	5.00
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Mr & Mrs Donald Needham	37.00	George & Nancy Reye	160.00	Grace M Marsh	10.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffman	95.00
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Phoenix Bible Church	356.00	Alice H Bassett	40.00	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	20.00	Blessed Hope Church, Rkfd	328.70
Pleasant Hill Church	122.74	Mary Hatten	50.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Bormes	25.00	Southawn Church	701.37
Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	80.00	Maude Rife	35.00	Mr & Mrs Mike Hall	50.00	Mr & Mrs Sheldon Mickey	10.00
Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	10.00	Anonymous	20.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	150.00	Anonymous	25.00
Leota B Hanson	10.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	10.00	Flagg Center Priscillas	25.00	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Milne	180.00
Eden Valley Miss Soc	122.63	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	145.00	Charles H Durham	60.00	Donna Kennedy	20.00
Mr & Mrs Harry Webb	75.00	Mr & Mrs George DeForest	40.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Burr Oak Miss Soc	295.30
Kathleen Wilson	31.00	Kathy J Cooper	25.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	14.00	Mr & Mrs Albert Overmyer	50.00
Brush Creek Church	431.87	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	345.00	Oregon SS	13.75
Anonymous	12.00	Ethel Berry	100.00	Brush Creek SS	50.78	North Hills Church	115.18
Anonymous	100.00	Anonymous	10.00	Eternal Hope Church	143.27	Anonymous	25.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Lakeshore Christian Ladies	25.00	Mr & Mrs Orland Barnes	200.00	Anonymous	60.00
Little Rock New Hope Chapel	100.00	Mr & Mrs Wm K Lammers	10.00	Carol Hutchinson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ward Countryman	20.00
Ruth Reid	15.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Pryor	50.00	Blood River Church	138.61	Ft Valley Bereans	105.00
Mr & Mrs Jess Williams	50.00	Paul M Hatch	15.67	Ida Lapp	10.00	Mr & Mrs Richard K Smith	100.00
Russell T Fowler	9.00	Debra McKinney	22.38	Mr & Mrs Paul Alvey	20.33	Fonthill Miss Soc	191.08
Fonthill SS	25.58	Sherry Ann Bennett	5.00	Mr & Mrs Doyle Ward	100.00		
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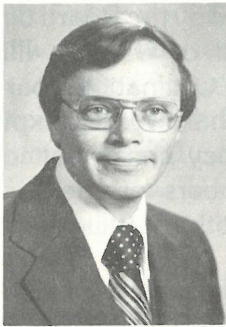
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## Church of God General Conference Staff Changes



### **Director of Publishing Department**

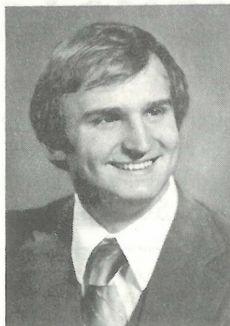
Brother Russell Magaw assumed his duties as Director of the Publishing Department and Editor of Church of God publications August 15. Russell, his wife Joyce, and their three children—Kent, Sharon, and Robert—moved to Oregon the end of July. Russell was graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1961 and has served pastorates at San Jose, California; Lafayette, Indiana; and Columbia Station, Ohio.

### **Director of Outreach and Church Development**

Brother Warren Sorenson assumed his position as Director of the Outreach and Church Development Department September 1. Warren graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1950 and has served as pastor of the following churches: Ripley, Illinois; Burr Oak, Indiana; Macomb, Illinois; and Tempe, Arizona.

Warren and his wife Irene will be living in Pasadena, California, during the next nine months furthering their education in the areas of church ministries.

The Sorensons have two children, Ron and Leanne, who will continue to live in Arizona.



### **Office Manager**

Brother David McClain of the Pennellwood Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was appointed to serve as Office Manager effective July 24. Paul A. Newell resigned this position July 15.

David recently graduated from Ferris State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accountancy and Data Processing.

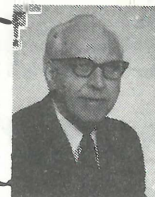
David is married to the former Ellen Jannereth.

We are happy to welcome these three individuals to our General Conference staff and we look forward to working together with them.



# General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



## 1979 General Conference

The 59th Annual Church of God General Conference convened at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 6 through 10. From various parts of the United States and Canada, 563 persons enjoyed a very inspirational Conference. There were 162 voting delegates compared to 178 delegates in 1978.

James Graham and Shirley Urish were each elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors, and Charles Pryor was elected to a three-year term. Henceforth, all terms of the Board of Directors will be for four years.

The seven directors elect their own officers. For the next Conference year the officers are: Harold Doan, Chairman; Dwaine Demmitt, Vice-Chairman; Shirley Urish, Secretary; Carroll Bennett, Treasurer; and Donald Needham, James Graham, and Charles Pryor, Directors.

William Lawrence, Joe James, and Russell Magaw completed their terms of office on the Board of Directors and could not be reelected in accordance with the Constitution. We appreciate the dedicated service of these outgoing officers during the past three years.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were adopted with some changes. Recommendation #2 regarding changes in the Mission Builders League Standards was adopted.

Resolutions of commendation were adopted on behalf of the Sunday School Board, the Home Missions Board, the Foreign Missions Board, the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College, and the Family Life Committee. These Boards and Committee ceased to exist after Conference, due to the amended Study Committee report that was adopted at the 1978 General Conference.

The budget that was approved by the delegates will require contributions for the year in the total amount of \$348,000. This budget need reflects an increase of about 6% over the 1978-79 budget, which is considerably less than the percentage of inflation.

The entire Conference was a tremendous inspirational experience. We express our thanks and commendation to each one who took part in any program to make the Conference a real success. We were espe-

cially appreciative of the fine music provided during this Conference.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois, on August 4 and 5, and also met several times during the General Conference. The Song Book Committee reported to the Board of Directors. The Committee was authorized to proceed with the printing, and hopefully the book will be ready before General Conference, 1980.

Sections of a policy manual for the administration of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College was approved by the Board of Directors.

Brother Francis Burnett of Oregon, Illinois, was appointed to the License & Ordination Board for a six-year term. The term of Richard Worley expired at this Conference. Brother Worley chose not to be reappointed. The other members of the License and Ordination Board are Brothers Billie Kennedy and Kenneth Milne.

The next business meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Oregon, Illinois, on November 15, 16, and 17. The full minutes of the 1979 General Conference sessions and the 1979-80 budget will be published in the October issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL.

## Conference Finances

As this report is written in mid-August contributions are short of the two-month needs; however, we have reduced the loan to \$7,000. We are grateful for the concerns of the membership and trust that the total needs will be met by September 30th, the end of the current fiscal year. May God richly bless the membership and the work of the Church of God General Conference.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

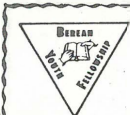
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**\$326,000.00**

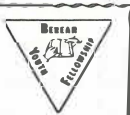
Goal for July-August	\$85,353.00
Given in July and August	48,783.00
July-August deficit	36,570.00
September Needs	27,167.00

**Goal for September \$63,737.00**

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# BYF NEWS



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*Hugh Harman, Youth Director*

*David Krogh, Director*

## **International Berean Youth Conference**

I am happy to report how richly God blessed our 1979 Berean Youth Conference. Each year I marvel at how God sees our needs and fulfills them, causing so many big issues to become small as we commit the leadership and the results of this important week to him. It's a special blessing to me to experience the sharing, the coming together of Christian adults who sacrifice time, energy, and money to help assist our young people in their Christian growth. Thank you, Lord! Even greater for each of the counselors is sharing in the lives of these young people whose smiles and tears, joys and sorrows come easily and unashamed. Thank you, Lord!

This year we were blessed in many special ways. Our enrollment was up over past years. The high school camp under the direction of Bro. Jim Graham had a total enrollment of 201. The post-high camp under the direction of Bro. Don Needham had a total enrollment of 85, thus making it the largest post-high camp ever held.

It should also be noted that the Lord was truly glorified in the giving at this year's conference. Our young people contributed \$2,315.75 during the week toward the work of the Berean Youth Department. As far as I know, this is the largest amount ever given during a conference week. Our young people are certainly to be commended for their stewardship.

The spiritual atmosphere of this year's camp was something to behold. This was borne out when 25 young people came forward, committing their lives to Jesus Christ and requesting baptism.

Outstanding camper awards for the Eleventh and Twelfth grades were given to Dale Bliss and Beth Demmitt. The same awards for the Ninth and Tenth grades were given to Bill White and Heidi Harman. Nominations for the above awards are made by the staff and then voted on by those present at camp.

This was one of the finest camps that I have had the pleasure of working in and certainly one that I will remember for years to come.

## **Newly Elected Youth Conference President**

Congratulations to Tim Jones of Pelzer, SC, for having been elected to serve as President of the International Berean Youth Fellowship for the next two years. Tim is a fine young man who will provide able leadership for the Berean Youth Fellowship.

## **Christian Workers' Seminars**

Two Christian Workers' Seminars are being planned for 1980. The first will be held at Francisco Grande near Casa Grande, Arizona, January 7-11. The second will be held at the Sheraton Gatlinburg Hotel at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, March 23-28. The tuition for the Arizona Seminar is \$80 per person or \$155 per couple and the tuition for the Gatlinburg Seminar is \$85 per person or \$165 per couple.

Some of the courses offered in Arizona will be: Gifts of the Spirit, Life Transitions, Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman, Christian Writing, Creative Worship, and Effective Christian Speaking. Some of the courses offered in Tennessee will be: Church Music, Dynamic Church Ministries, Teaching the Bible, Enriching Family Life, and a Study of a Bible Book.

The facilities and meals at both sites are excellent and the courses offered will provide very valuable information which you can use in your local church. Participants will also have a great time of Christian fellowship and everyone will receive a real spiritual blessing. More information will appear next month.

## **Sunday School Work**

Effective the first of September, the work of the Sunday School Department has been transferred to the Outreach and Church Development and the Publishing Departments. In the future, the Outreach and Church Development Department will assume the responsibility for arranging Sunday School Seminars, and providing instruction and promotional materials for superintendents. It will also keep track of attendance in our Sunday Schools and will help establish growth and attendance goals.

The Publishing Department will be in charge of all Sunday School educational materials. This department will continue to improve these materials to more effectively meet the needs of our people.

Any suggestions you have in either of these areas should be directed to Warren Sorenson, Director of the Outreach and Church Development Department or to Russell Magaw, Director of the Publishing Department.

## **1979 Bible Schools Successful**

I have been hearing and reading reports of the many successful Bible Schools that have been held during the past several months. I appreciate the time and effort put forth to present God's Word in this way.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

*David Krogh, Acting President*

## Fall Semester

Listed below are the courses which are being offered this fall, and the instructors who will be teaching them. In parentheses following the instructor's name is a number indicating who is eligible for the class, i.e., 1—freshman, 2—sophomore, etc.

Old Testament Survey I—Robert Jones (1); New Testament—Eugene Stilson (3-4); New Testament Survey I—Stilson (1); Music Theory III—Dale Ramsey (2); Expository Preaching—David Krogh (3-4); Teaching the Bible—Sam Voorhies (2-4); Hebrew—Jones (1-4); Missiology—Stilson (3-4); Christian Education Principles (1-2); Systematic Theology I—Jones (2); Introduction to Christian Ministries—Voorhies (1); Church Music—Ramsey (3); Chorale—Ramsey (1-4); Music Theory I—Ramsey (1); Greek—Stilson (1-4); Old Testament—Jones (2); Choir—Ramsey (1-4); English I—Rock Valley instructor (1-2); Western Civilization I—Rock Valley instructor (1-4); Counseling—Voorhies (3-4).

In addition to these courses, all students are required to attend two 50-minute chapel services during the week.

## Junior-Senior Weekends

Again this year, we are sponsoring two Junior-Senior Weekends. The Fall Junior-Senior Weekend will be October 18-20 and the Spring Weekend will be April 10-12. All high school juniors and seniors are invited to visit Oregon Bible College at one of these times. By attending classes and staying in the dormitories, visitors have a first-hand view of life at our College. For more information, please contact your pastor or youth leader.

## Women's Dormitory

In 1974, the delegates at the summer Conference voted to construct a new Women's Dormitory for Oregon Bible College, with construction to be completed so it could be occupied in August, 1975. Though no funds were available for this project, the delegates approved a fund-raising program and instructed the Board of Directors to borrow the necessary funds to complete the project.

Many individuals and churches responded to this need and made promises to contribute to this project over the next five years. The five-year period is

drawing to a close and we are very thankful for the many people who have faithfully contributed during this period to our dormitory project.

At the present time there is a balance of about \$18,000 which must still be paid on our loans. It is our desire to repay these loans as quickly as possible, and any contribution which you could make would be greatly appreciated.

I am very thankful for the vision of our delegates when they chose to proceed with this project even though it was necessary to borrow a substantial amount of money. Recently, out of curiosity, I checked to see how much our identical building would cost today. Of course, I don't need to tell any of you what inflation has done to prices, but I found that our building would have cost a little over \$100,000 more today than it did in the summer of 1975. Instead of costing \$162,000, it would have cost \$262,900. So even though we have had to pay about \$15,000 in interest on the money we borrowed, we have saved a substantial amount of money on the building and, of course, we have been able to benefit from the use of the building during these years as well.

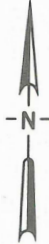
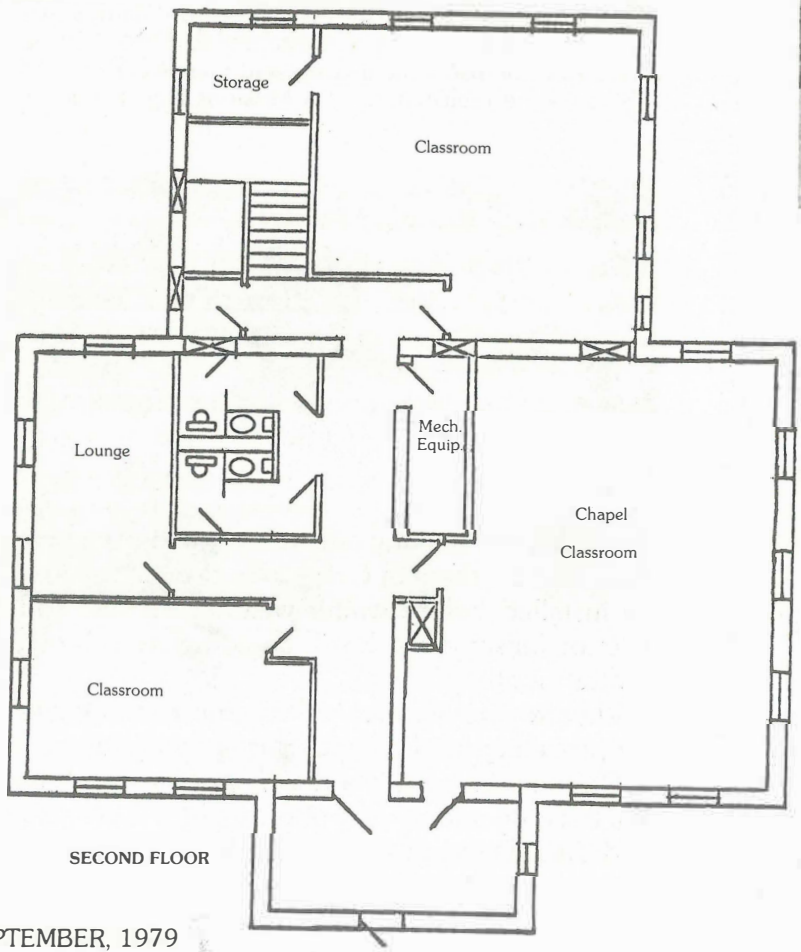
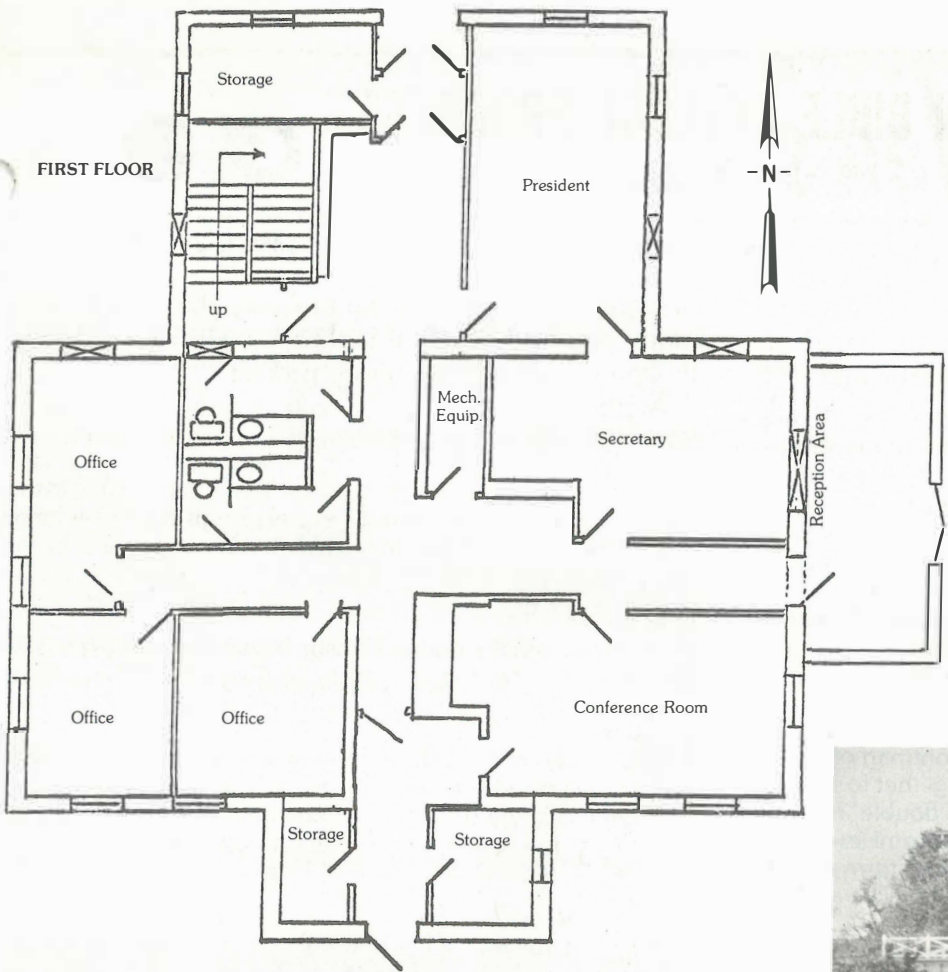
I am very confident that you will respond to the need and that this building will be paid in full soon.

## Golden Rule Building Progress

During the past two months work has been progressing on the remodeling of the Golden Rule Building. Carroll Bennett, a member of the Board of Trustees, spent two weeks in Oregon early in July, directing the leveling of the floors and the interior framing for the building. Late in July, Ed Schroth and his son Eddie from the Columbia, Ohio, Church spent about two weeks installing the electrical wiring in the building. Plumbing and heating are presently being installed by Spangler Brothers of Oregon. New window units will be installed before winter weather arrives, and the interior finishing work will be completed during the winter months.

We are very grateful to Paul and Ruth Overholser for providing the funds for this special project.

On the next page is a drawing of the floor plan for the building, along with photos which were taken in mid July. Pictured are Carroll Bennett and Eugene Stilson.





# Missions News

By Rachel Carr



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

## Visiting Mexico

July 9 was the first day of the 1979 Bible School for the children of Labor Vieja, Mexico. Nearly 50 boys and girls came to sing choruses, hear the Bible story, and make handwork. Assisting Lupe Badillo with the children were Sr. Shirley Corbaley of Cashmere, WA, and Bro. and Sr. John Carr from Phoenix, AZ. While the boys and girls were busy in the church building, Bro. William Wachtel taught an adult class in Roberto's home. Six to eight persons participated in this study of the Book of Galatians.

During Bible School on Tuesday, the wind began to blow and rain and hail began to pound on the tin roof of the church. It was as if the storm we had sung about in "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man" was happening to us. Later, in surveying the damage in the village, we saw several uprooted trees and some damaged buildings. A large tree fell on the front part of one of the member's homes, and the men worked together to saw it in pieces and remove it. A beautiful bright double rainbow appeared in the sky, reminding us of God's promise.

Some of the little ones were frightened by the storm and the next day or two attendance wasn't quite as high. The average for the week was about 35.

Four evening services were also conducted during the week with Bro. Wachtel bringing messages concerning the coming of Christ and the kingdom of God. One of the services was the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Presently there are six members in the Labor Vieja Church of God. In addition, the two older sons of Roberto and Lupe are members, but are living in the United States. Leonardo is married to the former Alice Aldrich, and the former Jenice Wachtel is Nacho's wife.

It has been close to twenty years since Roberto returned to his village with a Bible he received from the Blanchard, MI, Church of God while working in the fields near there. Ever since his baptism Roberto has continued to live a changed life, one of faithfulness to the Lord. We are grateful for the fine witness of Roberto and his wife in their village.

It was a privilege for us to spend this time with our Mexican brethren, and we are glad we had the opportunity to accompany Bro. Wachtel and Sr. Corbaley on this mission trip. Our thanks to the Lakeshore Bible and Cashmere Churches of God and to the General Conference for providing the funds for this journey. Special praise goes to God for his guidance and blessing all along the way.

## Pennellwood Mission Team

We appreciate the Pennellwood youth team and their leaders, Bro. and Sr. Keith Williams, for their fine work in the Digby, Nova Scotia, VBS held in July. This group of fourteen worked hard to raise funds for their mission trip, and God blessed their efforts.

Classes were held for all ages and the average attendance for the week was 103. The last night, the Digby VBS attendance record was broken when 120 people came to praise the Lord and study his Word!

Before the school began, many people participated in a "prayerthon" (from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. one day), asking God to

bless their school. We praise God for answering those prayers.

Please continue to pray for our Digby brethren and for God's guidance in the future of the work.

## Items for India

Thank you to all who collected and sent egg cartons, plastic meat trays, etc., to our people in India. These items will help the people to raise needed funds. Several groups have sent large amounts of these things, so we ask that no more be sent for now. Thank you again.

## Urbana '79

Every three years during Christmas vacation, thousands of students gather at the University of Illinois at Urbana for a missionary conference sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

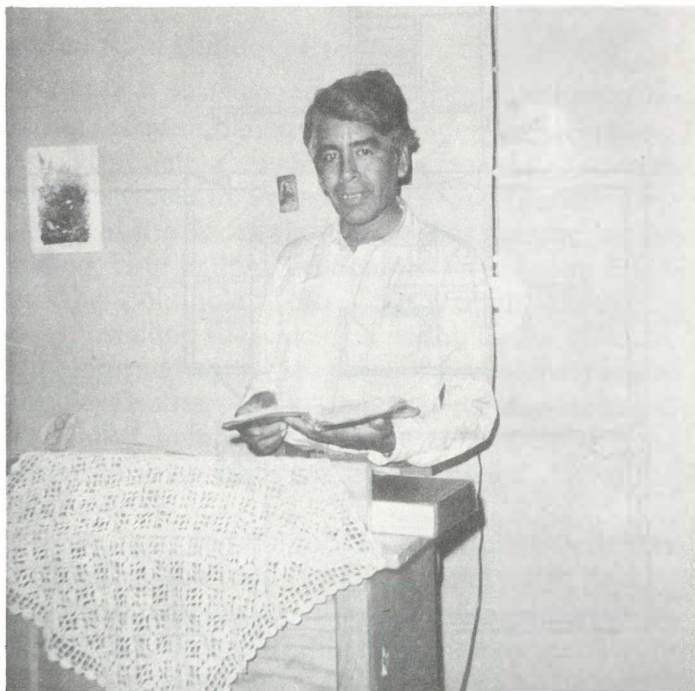
This conference provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about missions and to come face to face with the challenge of the Great Commission.

Students interested in information about this December's conference, write to the Missions Department.

## Special Thanks

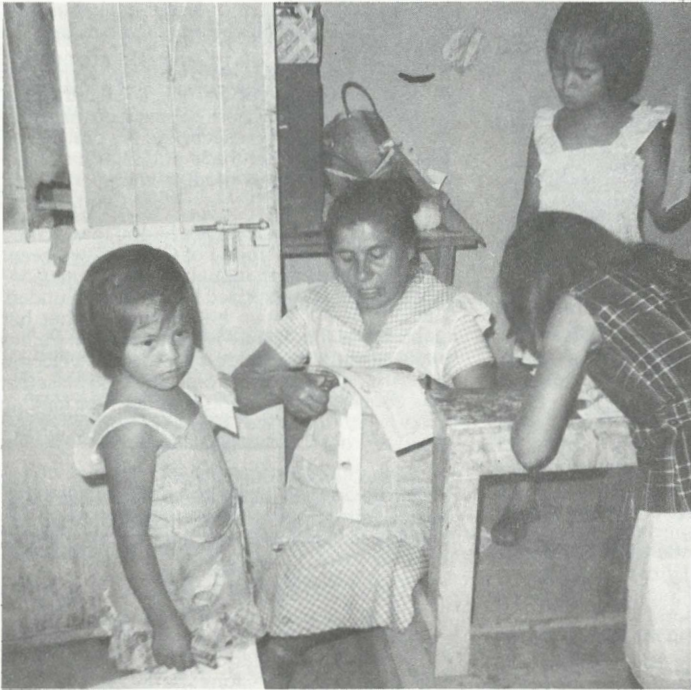
We want to give special recognition to those who have faithfully served on the Home and Foreign Missions Boards in recent years. Our thanks to the Foreign Board—Mardy Lawrence, Paul Overholser, and J. Don Swartz; and to the Home Board—R. Warren Sorenson, Kent Ross, and Lois Pryor.

Since the establishment of a Missions Department in the



Roberto Badillo, leader of the work in Labor Vieja, Mexico.

General Conference, many people have served on the Missions Boards over the years. We are grateful to all of these willing workers who have given their time and effort in this important work.



Lupe Badillo helping the children with handwork.



John Carr helping some boys at VBS.

## Historical Waymarks of the Church of God

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

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

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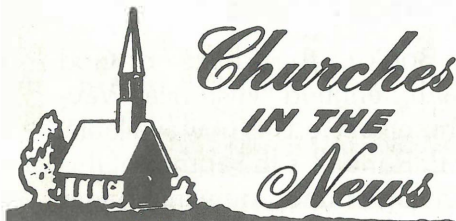
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



## BAPTISMS

**Grand Rapids, MI.** Billy Green answered the call that was made by our pastor Ray Hall on July 1. He came forward and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at the evening service that day.

On July 8, we again witnessed love for Jesus when Craig Fyfe responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as his Savior. Craig will be baptized in Missouri by his uncle.

The Garden Park congregation wishes to congratulate these two fine boys and welcome them into the body of Christ.

Betty Alters, secretary.

**Phoenix, AZ.** The Phoenix Bible Church is happy to report the following baptisms: July 1—Randy Bragg and Chester Wing; July 8—Barbara Jo Sanseverino; July 22—Ginny Jacoby and Kimberly Roche. James Graham, pastor.

**Columbia Station, OH.** Patricia Squires accepted Christ as her Savior during Berean Youth Conference this summer. Upon her return to the Columbia brethren, she was immersed in the name of Christ for the remission of sins at the conclusion of the July 22 evening service in Columbia Church of God. May God grant her power to overcome sin and wisdom to grow in grace. Russell Magaw, pastor.

**Lafayette, IN.** We praise God for the recent decisions to accept Christ made by Cindy and Richie Morrison. They were baptized into the body of Christ on Sunday afternoon, July 22, 1979, in the waters of Wea Creek. We of Faith Chapel pray God's blessing and direction on these two young people as they try to follow the example of Jesus in their lives. Their confession of faith in Christ and subsequent baptism into his body unites all six members of the Charles Morrison family in Christ. Arnold T. Johns, pastor.

**Pomona, CA.** The congregation of the Church of the Open Bible of Pomona is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our fellowship and the Body of Christ. Brian McFadden received baptism for the remission of sins and to put on Jesus as his Lord on Sunday, June 10, 1979. Katie Kessler was immersed in the waters of baptism on Sunday, July 1, 1979. We thank God for these two fine individuals and pray that he will keep us sensitive to their needs as they grow up "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). David Wilsterman, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** June 24, 1979, Cathy Hance, Joyce Calvert, and her son Tom, stepped forward at the close of the morning worship service to profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They were immersed in the waters of baptism that same day by Pastor Rex Cain. We of the Macomb church welcome them as members of this congregation. May they continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we all await his soon return. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Oregon, IL.** Warren Wells and Randy Townsend were baptized into Christ for remission of sins, June 17, 1979. We praise God for these two young men and pray that he will lead them in the way everlasting. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Eternal Hope, Va.** Laura Chapman, John Chapman, and George Schmidt accepted Jesus as Savior at the Virginia State Camp and were baptized by Pastor Dale Ward, July 1, 1979. Marie Ward, reporter.

**Kokomo, IN.** Ruth Elkins was baptized in the name of Jesus on July 15, 1979. She was especially pleased when she found our church because we teach the truths she had found for herself in the Bible. We rejoice with the angels in heaven and we welcome her into the membership of our church. John Railton, pastor.

**Culver, IN.** On Sunday, May 13, 1979, having previously expressed their desire for baptism into the saving name of Jesus Christ, Larry Miller, Jennifer Collins, and Kim Collins were immersed in the waters of baptism. Larry Miller and Jennifer Collins were immersed by the writer and Kim Collins by Pastor Kenneth Cook. We praise the Lord for his continued work in the lives of people and pray a special blessing upon these three as they continue their life in the companionship of Jesus Christ, awaiting his soon return. They were welcomed into the New Hope fellowship Sunday, June 3. Darrell Maddock, pastor.

**Front Royal, VA.** The Royal Village Church is glad to welcome into its membership Braden and Cordelia Manuel, Wilfred Frame, and Ruth Kirby. It was also a privilege to have Darryl Merchant, Joyce Gunter, Rachele Mills and Lula Jones come forward to rededicate their lives anew to our Lord. It is our prayer that each one of us will accept our responsibility as part of the body of Christ and reach out to others in our community. J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

**Blanchard, MI.** April 15, Easter Sunday, was the day for Richard and Crystal Pendell to become part of the body of Christ through confession of faith and baptism. Joyce Peterman accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on May 13. Teresa Krampe was converted to Christ and immersed on May 20. Tom New received her confession of faith and baptized her.

It was an enriching experience to watch 12 young people accept Christ and be immersed on July 8. Included in this group were Mike and David Needham, Paige and David Woodruff, Eddie and Scott Phillipson, Debbie Eldred, Steve Parks, Jody Olrich, Mark Moralez, Mickey Gifford, and April Ward. We welcome all of these persons into membership of the local Blanchard Church. Donald Needham, pastor.

**Bedford, OH.** The Bedford Church of the Open Bible gladly presents to the membership at large the following new members of the body of Christ: Kathy Koston and Tim and Rick Cramer. We rejoice with the angels in heaven for their decisions. They were baptized into Christ July 29, 1979. We ask your prayers and encouragement for them. David Cheatwood, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** On July 8, 1979, Ken and Berti Ober were baptized into the body of Christ. Reva Larkin and Marva Hart were baptized on August 5. The brothers and sisters of North Hills thank God for these changed lives. Joseph Duncan, pastor.

**St. Louis, MO.** On the afternoon of April 8, 1979, the St. Louis Church of God was pleased to witness the baptism of Kathy Waggener. We pray that God will bless Kathy and her decision to follow Christ.

The Missouri State Camp was filled with joy as Mike Brooks and Wes Gerullis accepted Christ as their Savior. They were baptized by the writer on June 22 and 23 respectively. We praise God that these young men have put on Jesus Christ and ask God to bless them as they begin their Christian walk. Mark Ryan, pastor.

**Flagg Center, IL.** We are happy to welcome Gwen New into the body of Christ. Gwen went forward at the International Berean Youth Conference, and was baptized by the writer Sunday, July 29, 1979. Gwen had requested that her camp counselor, Dana Myers, be present for her baptism, and she and Joe were there to welcome Gwen into the Christian fold. May God bless this new convert as she works and lives for him. Gordon Landry, pastor.

## SEEKING PASTOR

The Bedford, Ohio, Church of God is seeking a pastor for this fall. Those interested in serving should call 216-543-4736.

## SEVENTIETH-ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The brethren of the Glad Tidings Church celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Church of God at Fonthill, Ontario, with a series of meetings held May 25 - June 3, 1979. We were privileged to have three of our former pastors with us for the occasion. Inspiring messages were presented on the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come," by Clyde E. Randall, Edward H. Goit, Sr., Emory L. Macy, Sr., and our present pastor, John F. Hearp.

A joyous time was spent feasting on the riches of God's Word. Many friends shared in the wonderful spiritual fellowship as old friendships were renewed and fond memories recalled. Mr. Eric Bergenstein, the Mayor of Pelham, was present to express his personal greetings and congratulations from the community. Special music was presented at all the services by many of our church family and our special guests, Mr. Harold Saylor, organist; Mrs. Lorelei Fletcher, soloist; and the "Treblaires."

Of special significance to our congregation was the dedication service for our beautiful new parsonage, held on Sunday afternoon, May 27. Our hearts further rejoiced as Mrs. June Burke came forward to confess her faith in Christ as her Savior and was baptized in his name for the remission of sins on June 3.

A pictorial directory of Glad Tidings families and church groups was printed to commemorate the occasion and provide a permanent record for future generations.

Though we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Church of God in Fonthill, the work actually began in Ontario in 1845 when community meetings were first held in Bouk's School House. The Church of God in Fonthill was formally organized in 1904 and the first church in Fonthill was completed and dedicated in 1909. Brother F. L. Austin served as the first full-time pastor. The present church was built and dedicated in 1968. We are deeply indebted to the faithful men and women who have labored diligently in carrying on the Lord's work and to the nine pastors who have served as shepherds of the flock.





**Ripley, IL.** On Saturday afternoon, June 30, 1979, Rebecca Moody, daughter of Roger and Carol Moody, became the bride of Mark Miller. The ceremony was held at the Ripley Church of God, with a reception following in the church basement. The couple now reside in Springfield, Illinois, where Mark is a plumber, and Becky is a legal secretary. May God richly bless them in this institution of marriage. Richard Young, pastor.

Cynthia Lee Stonebraker, a member of the Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH, and a 1979 graduate of the School of Nursing, Akron University, was united in marriage June 22, 1979, to Bruce A. McDonald. The Golden Rule pastor assisted in the service, which was conducted at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Akron, OH. The young couple left the following day for a naval air station in the South, where Mr. McDonald will be based as an ensign-pilot.

J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

On June 29, 1979, Louise Lawson, daughter of Robert and Grace Lawson, became the wife of Jay Ramsey, son of Fulton and Ellen Ramsey. The wedding was held in Richfield, MN. The Ramseys will make their home in Virginia, where Jay teaches in public school. Don Needham.

On July 7, 1979, Jonita Strauch, daughter of William and Marian Strauch, became the wife of Kevin Eldred, son of Keith and Christine Eldred. Vows were exchanged at the Blanchard Church of God. Kevin and Jo are very active members of the Blanchard Church. Don Needham, pastor.

Kathy Lewis (daughter of the late Bro. and Sr. John R. Lewis), became the lovely bride of Steven Krug in a beautiful double-ring ceremony in the Oregon Church, July 14, 1979. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Lyle Lewis, of Macomb, IL. The couple are at home at 308 South 8th Street, Oregon, IL 61061. We pray that this fine young couple will find true happiness in sharing their lives together as they serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

John Alvey and Patty George, both of Mount Morris, IL were united in marriage at the Oregon Church of God June 23, 1979. We pray that God will bless their lives together.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

April 28, 1979, Darlene Merchant became the bride of Greg Jones. Their vows were said before a small group of family and friends at the groom's home. Darlene is a member of the Royal Village Church of God.

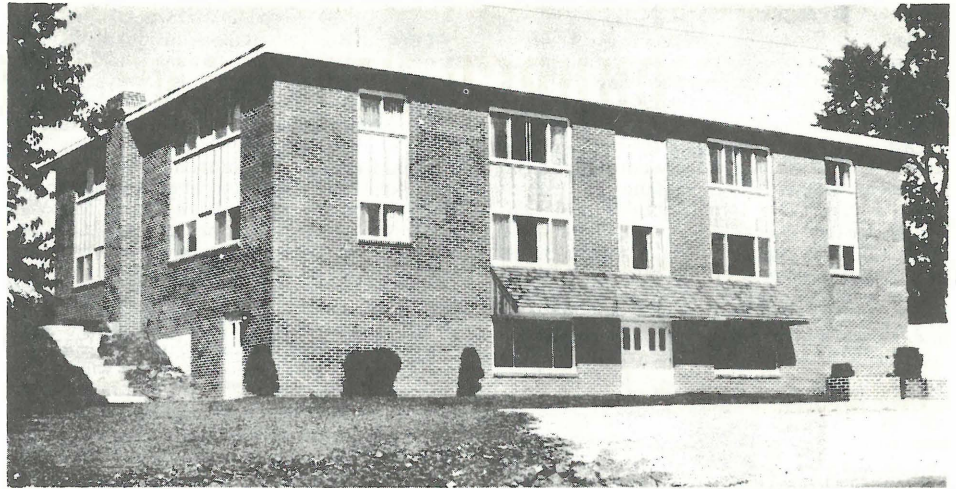
May 19, 1979, Brenda Snapp and Duwayne Day were united in marriage before their family and many friends in a beautiful double-ring ceremony at the Royal Village Church. Duwayne is a member of the Royal Village Church of God. They are making their new home at 111 Accomac Rd., Front Royal, VA.

June 9, 1979, Vicki Williams became the bride of Stephen Whittington. Their vows were said before their families and many friends in a lovely double-ring ceremony. Steve and Vicki are both members of the Royal Village Church of God. They are residing at 511 Randolph, Front Royal, VA.

It is the prayer of each one of us that God will bless each of these young couples as they begin their walk together through life.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

On Sunday, April 15, 1979, Brenda Keck and Duane Johnson were united in marriage by Pastor C. F. Roth at the home of the groom's parents. The couple live at 913 Mooberry St., Columbus, OH. We pray God's divine guidance upon them in their lives together, through their Savior Christ Jesus. Margaret Ware, secretary.

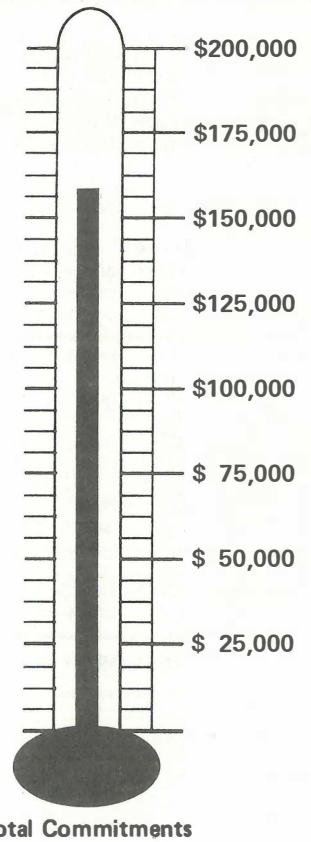


## Oregon Bible College Dormitory

The thermometer at the right shows the total that has been paid or committed to be paid by the membership.

Cost of building & equipment	\$162,345
Interest paid on loans	14,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$177,320</b>
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Each contribution helps to lessen the interest payment. Your continued support of this project is appreciated.



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## RENCONTRE REPORT

We would like to share with you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, what is happening in our lives, how God is guiding us, and what is happening in the field of alcohol and substance abuse in the State of Michigan.

Last winter Jim felt very strongly that he should attend the Western Region Alcoholism Counselor Training Program at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. About \$1,200 was needed for this. We prayed, we wrote letters, and we asked. The money came, little by little. Books and tuition were paid by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in South Dakota, plane fare came from the Methodist Missions Department in Detroit, and our own program (where we work) made up the rest. The Lord must have really wanted him to go!

Upon returning and getting back to a normal routine, Jim was assigned a case load and became much more involved in counseling individuals and actively working in the area of Indian culture as it relates to the Indian alcoholic's low self-esteem.

In May Jim was elected to the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Alcoholism Counselors and Trainers Association (GLACTA), which is an organization of Native American alcoholism programs of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. Their main project at the present time is to work out a training program, through a university, for the alcoholism counselors of the above-mentioned states that are members of GLACTA.

In June, Jim was accepted as a registered member of the Michigan Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MAADAC). He is working now to attain the goal of becoming a Certified Alcoholism Counselor, which requires the passing of an eight-hour exam. Hopefully this will be in the fall.

We have felt the guiding of the Lord in this work. Alcoholism touches many, many people. It ranks near the top as a killer of people in our country, and is the most prevalent disease among our Native American people.

As an ordained Church of God minister, Jim feels his calling is to serve the Lord in this way. To love the unlovable, as Jesus did, seems hard to some. We ask your prayers as we, from time to time, share a little of our work with you.

James and Jean Rencontre.

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## OBITUARIES

**Harold Bengé** was born in Hume, IL, September 6, 1902, and died July 1, 1979, after a long illness. He accepted Christ and was baptized in his name on December 18, 1927. At one time he was quite active in the Jay Street Church of God, holding several leadership positions. He is survived by his wife Edith; three children, 15 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. We look for the time when death will be destroyed. We pray God's comfort on his family.

John Railton, pastor.

The Holbrook Church of God mourned the death of one of its faithful members, **Clara Barnett**, who died April 9, 1979, at the age of 88. She was baptized and joined the Church of God July 21, 1963. She was always willing to do her part in playing the piano and helping with music in the church. A pleasant personality and her faith in her heavenly Father and his son Jesus Christ were stimulated by her faithful attendance at church services, the reading of the

Scriptures, and belonging to a regular Bible reading group here in Holbrook. She awaits the call of the Master. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

At noon on June 12, 1979, Sr. **Gladys Perkins** fell asleep in death. She was buried on June 15. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Alan Grieff of the Blessed Hope Church, Cleveland, OH. May God's blessing be upon her family in this dark hour.

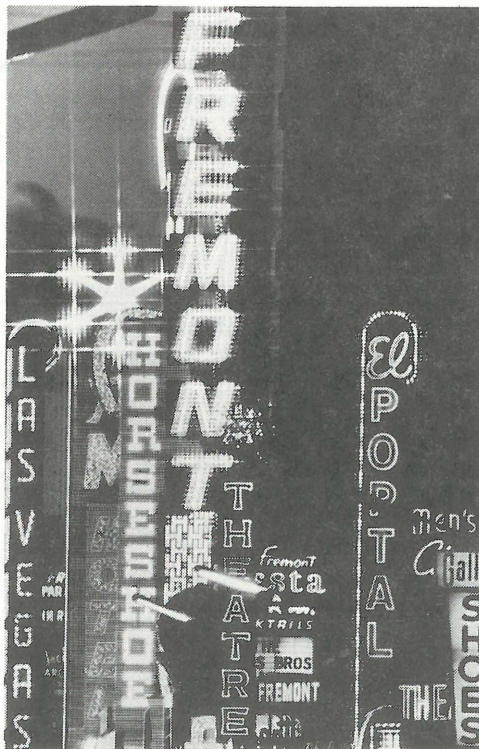
**Robert D. Mercer**, a long-time member of the Macomb Church, died July 9, 1979. He is survived by his mother, four brothers—Richard, John, Joe, and Charles—and two sisters—Mrs. Marv Jarvis and Mrs. Gladys Lucas. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. C. Jesse Pestle.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Miss Lillian M. Gunning**, a member of the Macomb Church of God, died July 10, 1979. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. C. Jesse Pestle.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

# Don't Gamble With Your Estate



Many Christians, who would never gamble money on Fremont Street in Las Vegas, risk their entire estates by not making a will. They gamble that they have plenty of time; risk that their heirs will invest some of their estate in the Lord's work; and take a chance that their executor will dispose of the assets wisely.

Don't gamble! Make sure that your estate will be used as you wish, and that the Lord's work will share in your assets.

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Bro. **Arlie Townsend** was born August 4, 1891 and died May 31, 1979. Services were conducted at the Pennellwood Church by Pastor Kent Ross. Bro. Townsend was a former member of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. The hope of his family and friends is in the soon return of Jesus.

**Edward W. Schroth**, 68, fell asleep in death July 30, 1979, after a long illness. He was born in Cleveland and was a resident of Columbia Station since 1940. Surviving are his wife Ann; seven sons—Roger and Edward A. of Columbia Station; Ronald of Berea; Albert, Wayne and Jim of Columbia Station; and Glenn of Berea—24 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters—Eleanor Brandt of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Pat Diebold of Sheffield Lake; and Betty Breckenridge of Novelty. Funeral services were conducted in Berea with former pastor Russell Magaw and the writer officiating. Burial was in Columbia Cemetery. Steven L. Taylor, pastor.

### ILLINOIS FALL CONFERENCE

The Illinois Fall Conference of the Churches of God in the state, will be held at the Ripley church, October 12-14, 1979. This will be a strictly Bible Conference, with the general theme being: "THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR FAITH."

Arrangements will be made to provide electricity and water for those coming with trailers, motor homes, vans, or campers. People living outside the state are extended as warm a welcome as those in the state. COME ONE—COME ALL! The Conference will begin Friday evening. If housing is needed, please write either Mrs. Richard Young, Rt. 3, Bx 44 R, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353, or Mrs. William Wells, Rt. 1, Rushville, IL 62681. Clyde E. Randall, president.

### JESUS THE CHRIST: WHOSE SON IS HE?

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

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

**The Seventh Day Sabbath: Is it Still in Operation?** A booklet containing a thorough study of the matter of the Sabbath day. 35 cents each when payment accompanies order. The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, Ill. 61061.

### IOWA CONFERENCE

Waterloo, Iowa, was the site of a very inspiring Iowa State Conference August 1-5. "The Power of Prayer," our theme, produced many interesting and thought-provoking lessons and sermons from guest workers Scott and Gayle Ross and Joe and Dana Myers.

The Iowa Conference elected new board members. The staff to serve through the coming year is: Louis Cronbaugh, President; Conrad Lundquist, Vice-President; Linford Moore, Recording Secretary; Annette Schaefer, Corresponding Secretary; Sandra Bine, Treasurer; and Frank Danskin and Max Cronbaugh.

All who attended this year's conference were greatly blessed and touched by God's Spirit.

Annette Schaefer, corresponding secretary.

### MORSE MILL CHURCH

The Morse Mill Church of God is seeking a pastor for the coming year. Anyone interested please call 1-314-468-4441 or write Dr. W. N. Tierney, 705 S. Mansion, Sullivan, MO 63080. Piccola Crader, secretary.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 16-19—Dr. Alva Huffer will present his multi-image slide program at the Oregon Church.

September 21, 22—Junior Berean Youth Retreat at Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN

October 12-14 Illinois State Conference at Ripley

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