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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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The story is told of two boats that were drifting down a rather swift river. Hearing approaching rapids, the boaters were afraid. The people in one boat sat there and debated what they were to do. As they debated and were fearful of rocking the boat, they went under a large overhanging tree. Suddenly the boat broke up in the rapids and the people were destroyed.

In the other boat the people saw that there was no way out but to rock the boat and to reach for that overhanging tree. So when they came to the big overhanging tree all of them stood up and grabbed the branch and pulled themselves up into the tree, and scrambled to shore and safety.

I think that the General Conference is on the great river of life right at this time and that there are rapids ahead, both for us personally and for us collectively as churches, the General Conference, and Oregon Bible College. I hope we won't be like the people in boat number one and be so fearful of rocking the boat that we go on down into the treacherous rapids. I have some real concerns and I hope they will be plain. I'd like to say that my thoughts are my own opinion; I have not shared this talk with anyone. I don't want you to think that because I happen to be the chairman of the Board of Directors that these thoughts represent the Board of Directors. I really want you to understand my deep concerns for the General Conference at this time in our lives. I hope that there is an urgency in my voice because I think that the boat we are in is about ready to pass under the tree and that our chances for salvation are right now.

I have been praying a lot about this, and so have Mardy my wife and every-

one at the Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings in Phoenix, Arizona. The General Conference and the direction we are taking is on the prayer list with about 30 other things that we share together.

I want to establish Mardy and myself as very interested in the General Conference. My grandparents became members of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham at around the turn of the century. My father and mother were instrumental in a lot of the activities that went on in the early Church of God, especially at the Omaha Church where I grew up. My father at one time was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Conference. I was baptized by S. J. Lindsay in Omaha in the middle 1930's. Mardy has been a Christian since the age of 10 and was baptized into the Church of God by Emory Macy in Dallas in 1951 when we lived there and she asked Emory to come up and visit with us. She and I have been active workers in the General Conference. She has not missed the last 16 years in a row, even though she had to come one year in a cast and a wheelchair, and I have only missed one year in the last 16. Our roots are deep in the General Conference and we don't take it lightly. Both of us have a

profound concern for the General Conference.

Some of the problems that are facing us ahead are inflation and unemployment; unfortunately many of you will be unemployed this time next year if the predictions are right. This will be creating more financial problems for the General Conference, problems that we have not had yet, but may have. I am concerned that one of the upcoming rapids is the fact that our members are like many people in the world—too concerned for their personal financial security. This comes high in priorities and, unfortunately, sometimes before God.

My burning desire is that we have less concern for ourselves and more for God. Many have overriding concerns for their personal financial security—"lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." It's summed up in concern for self instead of a burden for the lost.

I'd like to list some of the problems as I see them in our group. We have some unique problems since we are a small denomination. Our employees at the General Conference and Oregon Bible College are in a glass boat and getting too many pot shots taken at them—too much criticism.

I am not trying to get up here and be negative, but I just like to warn against damaging trends I have seen in the 16 years that I have been coming to the General Conference. I think a lot of us suffer with a self-righteous pride, for we are unwilling to admit that others may know more than we do. I think that we have been fearful of the success of others. I think I see this among the ministers and this concerns me. I have seen and heard on many occasions competition between churches

and ministers, put-downs because somebody else is growing in numbers and in their apparent spirituality. It is said, "Well, they must be forgetting the truth," with the idea that it is impossible to grow in numbers and spirituality and still remember the truths of the Scriptures.

In all of us there is a certain amount of anger and self-righteousness, but those things have to be pushed down in our personality or dealt with in a positive way. I find personally that these sins are as bad as what I call the sins of sight. Sins of sight, like drinking, and divorce are wrongs you can see; or as in divorce, evidence written on a piece of paper. I see so much emphasis on the things of sight. I am not saying that I am not against those things; I certainly am. But I believe if I were choosing a father, friend, Christian brother or sister, or a fellow church member, I'd rather have an alcoholic who smoked but treated me with love and support than I would to have someone who prided himself in not doing these things but treated me with subtle anger, resentment, and put-me-downs.

Last year when I spoke to you I quoted from what our Home Missions Board members had brought back from a meeting where they heard Thomas Zimmerman, the General Superintendent of the Assembly of God. He said, "If we are what we ought to be, we will better do what we ought to do." And that denomination began a year of revival and repentance. Even though we talked about that last year we have not enjoyed the success and growth that I know God wants us to have.

For part of my talk today I would like to read to you some excerpts from a letter that David Krogh, the Acting President of Oregon Bible College, wrote to the Board of Directors on May 18, 1979. "I am not sure that I made it totally clear to all of you at our recent meeting where I stand in this matter. I would like to make it clear to you that I do not appreciate the anti-education attitude that is evident in some of our people. Those who hold this view seem to have an arrogant attitude that says, 'I know everything I need to know and nobody can teach me anything.' They seem to think that, if there is a need to learn something new, trial and error will be

the best way to learn.

"Furthermore, I abhor the insidious belief that Church of God people cannot learn anything from non-Church-of-God people. I totally disagree with the philosophy that we are going to be contaminated by those who believe false doctrine if we listen to them speak. It truly upsets me that some of our ministers are offended when a guest speaker makes a doctrinal booby in his lecture.

"I am not pleased with our people who have a 'remnant theology' whereby they take satisfaction in being a minority despised by others. These people consider their unattractiveness a virtue and they enjoy being described as 'separate from the world.' These people have rationalized their lack of success, and whenever success occurs, they claim that someone is not being true to the doctrines of the Bible.

"In the September 1978 Progress Journal, John Lewis quoted from Kenneth Gangel who said that the 'rejection of educational qualities leads to a super-separatism which produces intellectual incest, academic inbreeding, stagnation of educational quality, and smug complacency.' That statement is a pretty good description of the Church of God as a whole. We have become so indrawn that we are literally killing ourselves. We must look beyond ourselves; we must get new drives in our churches; we must broaden our perspective, and we must develop a vision for the future. I believe we can do all of this without forsaking the truths of the Bible."

I would like to expand on a couple of those points. "I abhor the insidious belief that Church of God people cannot learn anything from non-Church-of-God people." To my knowledge none of our churches are big enough to have a Christian grade school and high school. So we send our children, nearly always, to the closest public school without knowing the religion or morals of the people that teach our children. It is a fact that our children learn more from their teachers ordinarily in those years at school than they do from their parents.

We have our automobile fixed by the closest and best mechanic and we don't know his theology, whether he is

a trinitarian or not. I know that, as I stand and watch him fix my car, if he drops the wrench on his toe and takes the Lord's name in vain, I don't push the car out and look for somebody else to fix it. In order to tell someone about Jesus Christ, we learn the English language, dress in clothes, and drive an automobile manufactured, repaired, and fueled by people who do not know the truth.

The point of all of this is, do we really realize how we are strapping ourselves? Where are we drawing the lines? I frankly believe that it is where we feel threatened—threatened by someone, in some aspect of the gospel business, who may know more than we do about techniques. Knowing when and what to say is as important in Christianity as it is in any part of life. The day after your neighbor's mother dies is not the time to say, "Those without Christ have no hope," or, "We don't believe in going to heaven when we die." Those are two facts, and I believe those just as much as you do; but another true fact is that "God is a perfect judge and he will do exactly what is right by your now deceased mother." We should know that this is a time of anger and hurting—anger about death; even resentment of God. We may have to learn that from a psychologist.

I learned a lot of those things outside the Church of God, and I believe I have learned a lot of things outside the Church of God that God has used in me to witness on his behalf with the truths of the Church of God. I'd like to read again this one paragraph in David's letter—"I am not pleased with our people who have a 'remnant theology' whereby they take satisfaction in being a minority despised by others. These people consider their unattractiveness a virtue and they enjoy being described as 'separate from the world.' These people have rationalized their lack of success and whenever success occurs they claim that someone is not being true to the doctrines of the Bible."

We cannot afford to be negative about anything. Christianity is a religion of a man, the man Jesus Christ, and there was nothing negative about him. Everything that we say and do, think, breathe, and pray has to be positive in relation to Jesus Christ. We

have to be positive about the other churches in the Church of God that are growing. We cannot allow ourselves to be negative about them. If we can't say something positive, let's not say anything at all.

I believe that there is a great urgency that we rock the boat a little bit and make some changes. We cannot continue to go downhill. A few weeks ago there was an article in *The Los Angeles Times* and in the recent CIA report that Russia is going to begin running out of oil in 1985. The editorial of the *LA Times* said the obvious thing for Russia to do is to move into the Middle East to take oil. It went on to say in this paper that has a circulation of two million, "And when they do they will take Israel." The *LA Times* predicts this to happen in the '80's. That's urgent! We are only less than six months from the '80's.

Dr. Gene Davis, one of our elders,

said the other night when he was conducting a Wednesday night class, "We can't continue to deal with God on a superficial basis. We need to get our Christian act together, for tomorrow may not come." The urgency is right now!

I'd like to go back to one other of David Krogh's statements: "I believe that we can do all of this without forsaking the truths of the Bible." I am convinced of that myself. I honestly do not believe that my theology, my understanding of the Scriptures, my faithfulness to the doctrines of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham that I accepted 40 years ago, have been changed since I have been learning some things from other people outside of our church.

I'd like to close this with a challenge for unity as a body. I have said some pretty blunt things, and some that I know some of you won't like because some of you have already talked to me

with different philosophies. Paul the apostle spoke of unity of the body in every one of his epistles. It must have been important to him for us to have that message. He also wanted to encourage us. Often we are going to have to subject our personal selves for unity. We are going to have to subject our churches to a certain extent. However, I think we can have churches that are true to the faith, but have different philosophies about some things—not the essential doctrines, but about some things.

I think we can have churches with different personalities. We can have one church which is afraid to use the words "Holy Spirit" because it may lead them to practices of which they are fearful; we can have other churches which can talk openly about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I think that with God's help we can continue to work with a positive attitude until the Lord comes.

MINUTES OF THE 1979 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Monday, August 6

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference convened on the campus of Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, on Monday, August 6, 1979. Chairman William Lawrence called the first business session to order at 1:15 p.m. The session began with a season of prayer.

Chairman Lawrence welcomed all delegates and members in attendance. Special recognition was given to new delegates, newly licensed ministers, and churches represented for the first time. The chairperson of the Credentials Committee, Ruth Overholser, seated the delegates and oriented delegates to procedures for the business sessions.

The Chairman introduced C. E. Randall as the parliamentarian for all Conference business sessions.

Chairman Lawrence presented a challenging keynote address to the delegates. He urged them to broaden their perspective while at the same time adhering to the truths of the Scriptures.

The Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors as printed in the June, 1979, *PROGRESS JOURNAL* was discussed. Charles Bottolfs moved and Charles Knapp seconded that the Conference

accept the Annual Report and Special Reports as printed in the June, 1979, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. Motion carried.

Joe James, Secretary, reported on the activities of the Board of Directors during the past year. He explained that the Board is implementing the organizational changes as directed by the delegates at the 1978 General Conference.

S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, presented the financial reports for the first nine months (October 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979) of the current fiscal year. Bro. Ross commended the members for recent increases in contributions to the Conference which have made it possible to pay off approximately \$14,000 of a \$21,000 loan made to cover a deficit incurred earlier in the fiscal year. John Hayes moved and Hollis Partlowe seconded that the Financial Reports for the first nine months of this fiscal year be accepted as presented to the delegates. Motion carried.

Pastor Donald Needham announced that S. O. Ross was leaving the sessions for today and tomorrow to join his wife in Minnesota where her sister, Lois Allen, will be buried tomorrow. The delegates had special prayer for this bereaved family.

Donald Needham, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, presented the proposed amendments as printed in the June, 1979, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. Donald Needham moved and Kenneth Vancil seconded the adoption of the proposed change on the front cover of the Constitution and By-Laws which reads "Church of God General Conference, headquarters Oregon, Illinois"; and the adoption of the proposed amendments to Article II, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Constitution which will result in the following:

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. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God.

Section 2. 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. 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 or-

dained 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.

Raymond Roberts moved and Arnold Johns seconded that the motion to amend the front cover and Article II be tabled until completion of the voting on all other proposed amendments. Motion carried.

Donald Needham moved and Kenneth Vancil seconded the adoption of the proposed amendments to Article III, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution, which when amended will read:

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.

Section 2. 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.

C. E. Randall moved and Cecil Smead seconded to amend the motion by adding the words "in session" after the word "delegates" in the proposed first sentence of Article III, Section 2. Motion carried. Joe James moved and Rex Shaw seconded that the last sentence of Article III, Section 1 be deleted. Motion carried. The motion as amended carried.

Ruth Overholser presented the report of the Credentials Committee. The 130 voting delegates present for the first business session included 8 directors, 44 ministers, and 78 delegates.

The session adjourned with prayer by John Hayes.

Tuesday, August 7, 1979

The second business session of the Fifty-Ninth General Conference was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by the Chairman. Pastor Cecil Smead opened the session with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the first business session.

Chairman Lawrence called on Donald Needham to continue consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. Donald Needham

moved and Kenneth Vancil seconded the adoption of the proposed amendment to Article IV, Sections 3 and 5 of the Constitution which when amended will read as follows:

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. 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. 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.

The motion to adopt the proposed amendment carried.

Bro. Needham asked that the delegates consider proposed amendments to Article II and Article V of the By-Laws and then consider proposed amendments to Article I of the By-Laws. Since the delegates agreed to this, Donald Needham moved and Jack Hearp seconded the adoption of proposed amendment to Article II, Section 6 which will read:

Section 6. 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"; to adopt the proposed amendments to Article II, Section 7 with Section 7 being identical to the present Article II, Section 6, with the exceptions that paragraph (F) be eliminated in its entirety and that the pre-

sent paragraphs (G) and (H) become paragraphs (F) and (G) respectively; and, that the present Article II, Section 7 be eliminated. Motion carried.

Donald Needham moved and Kenneth Vancil seconded the adoption of proposed Article V, Section 2 of the By-Laws:

Section 2. 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
Motion carried.

Donald Needham moved and Jack Hearp seconded the adoption of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 2, and the Statement of Faith, Paragraphs A through J as follows:

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 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.

B. JESUS CHRIST. 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 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. 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 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. 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) 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, 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.

Alva Huffer moved and Ed Goit seconded that the proposed Statement of Faith, Paragraph F. 4) be amended to read "Indwelling of the believer by Christ through God's Spirit." Motion carried.

Kurt Laurent moved and June Andrew seconded that the word "prayer" be deleted in the second sentence of the Statement of Faith, Paragraph H and replaced with the phrase "prayerful dependence on God." Motion carried.

Alva Huffer moved and Joe Martin seconded the Statement of Faith, Paragraph J be retained as presently worded with the exception that the heading be amended to state "RETURN OF CHRIST AND KINGDOM OF GOD." Motion carried.

Raymond Roberts moved and Greg Demmitt seconded that all Paragraphs A through J in the Statement of Faith be deleted except Paragraph D and that Paragraph D become the entire Statement of Faith. The Chair in consultation with the parliamentarian ruled this motion out of order since it would result in too drastic a change in the Constitution and By-Laws and which intent to amend and change to what extent had not been properly advertised as required for proposed constitutional amendments.

The motion as amended regarding Article I carried.

The Chairman stated that the motion regarding proposed amendments to the front cover and Article II of the Constitution was removed from the Table and open for discussion per the motion to table as passed yesterday.

Allen Ramsey moved and David Rainwater seconded that the words "considered as" be deleted from the first clause of proposed Article II, Section 3. Motion carried.

David Rainwater moved and Maurice Robinson seconded the proposed Article II, Section 3, Paragraph b) be amended to read, "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 either of the above qualifications and have reached retirement age." Motion carried.

The motion regarding the Front Cover and Article II passed.

Chairman Lawrence announced that all proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws had been advertised as required by the Constitution and that all amendments adopted at this General Conference were approved by a favorable vote of more than two thirds of the delegates in session.

The report of the Credentials Committee showed 158 voting delegates for today's business session—8 directors, 52 ministers, and 98 delegates.

The business session was closed with prayer.

Wednesday, August 8, 1979

The third business session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman William Lawrence. Pastor Arnold Johns opened the session with prayer. Minutes of the Tuesday session were read.

David Krogh discussed the report of the Publishing Department and answered questions related to this department. Bro. Krogh stated that Russell Magaw will assume the position of Director of the Publishing Department. Under the new organizational structure and assignment of responsibilities, the Publishing Department has responsibility for all editorial and publishing work for the General Conference.

Greg Demmitt, immediate past president of the Youth Advisory Council,

reported on activities of the Youth Department. Hugh Harman was unable to attend General Conference. Bro. Harman will continue in youth work during the next year. Bro. Demmitt noted that the July, 1979, International Berean Youth Conference held at Camp Alexander Mack was a very successful camp with several responding to the gospel invitation. They were later baptized in their local churches. He stated that Tim Jones of the Guthrie Grove Church of God was elected to serve as 1979-1980 President of the Youth Advisory Council. The Guthrie Grove Berean Quiz Team won first place in the 1979 Quiz Contest. Bro. Demmitt announced that Jeff Smith of Guthrie Grove Church won the Oregon Bible College scholarship in the competition held during Youth Camp. The youth work is expected to continue to progress during the coming year.

David Krogh discussed the work of the Sunday School Department. He praised the work of the retiring Sunday School Board composed of James Graham, Joyce Knapp, Michael Mattison, Scott Ross, and David Krogh, Director. Bro. Krogh reported that two Christian Workers' Seminars are planned for 1980. The Seminar in the Southwest will be held January 7-11, 1980, at Francisco Grande near Casa Grande, Arizona, and the Seminar in the Southeast will be held March 23-28, 1980, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Details for the Seminars will be published in the September, 1979, PROGRESS JOURNAL. Bro. Krogh also informed the delegates that the General Conference is negotiating with the David C. Cook Company and Scripture Press for purchase from one of these firms of the Junior Sunday School curriculum, quarterlies, teacher's guide and all materials. If this arrangement is made, the General Conference will have full editorial privileges so that all materials going to our churches will be doctrinally sound.

The next order of business was the nomination for three members to the Board of Directors, two members for four years and one member for three years. John Huston moved and Arnold Johns seconded that the first two directors elected will be for the four years' term and the third to the three years' term. The motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Board of Directors. The following people were nominated:

Kenneth Vancil by Arnold Johns, James Graham by David Wilsterman, Larry Domigan by Paul Overholser, Charles Pryor by Maurice Robinson, Shirley Urish by Joe James, Dallas Demmitt by Lee Rappleyea and Hollis Partlowe by Joe Martin. Maurice Robinson moved and Charles Bottolfs seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Dwaine Demmitt, member of the Board of Directors, praised the efforts and contributions of all those serving on advisory boards and committees. He moved and Russell Johns seconded adoption of the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the delegates of this 1979 Church of God General Conference express their deep appreciation for the invaluable service rendered by the past and present members of the Sunday School Board, the Oregon Bible College Board of Education, the Home Missions Board and the Foreign Missions Board; be it further resolved that the Board of Directors and the staff of the Church of God General Conference be encouraged to utilize the abilities and gifts of these individuals in the further work of the Church of God General Conference." Motion carried.

David Krogh, Acting President of Oregon Bible College, discussed the business of the College. Appreciation was expressed for the service of the members of the Board of Education, some of whom have served for many years. These members are Charles Pryor, John Hearp, Robert Johnson, and Vernis Wolfe. Donald Needham, chairman of the committee searching for a President for Oregon Bible College, reported on the activities and plans of the committee as they search for someone for the presidency. The committee will eventually recommend a person for the presidency to the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for the final appointment. In the meantime, the committee is developing a list of potential candidates with whom they will have written interviews and then personal interviews with some candidates.

Charles Pryor read an exit statement from the Board of Education in which the members pledged continued support for Oregon Bible College and their availability as resources for the College Administration.

Rachel Carr discussed the activities and programs of the Home Missions Department and Foreign Missions

Department. She expressed appreciation for the dedication and contributions of Lois Pryor, Kent Ross, and Warren Sorenson of the Home Missions Board and Mardy Lawrence, Paul Overholser, and Don Swartz of the Foreign Missions Board. A season of prayer was held on behalf of the work in Nova Scotia. Sister Carr thanked the following for assisting there during this period when the Digby Church has no pastor: C. E. and Louise Lapp, Francis and Iris Burnett, Ralph Childs, J. R. and Jane LeCrone, Emory and Mildred Macy, and Billie Kennedy.

Questions were asked about the Department of Outreach and Development during the next year while Warren Sorenson is in school. Bro. Sorenson explained that S. O. Ross, Executive Director, will supervise and administer the daily work of this department for the next year. He added that suggestions, requests, or other communications should be addressed to the General Conference Office in Oregon, Illinois. Bro. Sorenson added that his department has two part-time employees, Rachel Carr and Hugh Harman, who will assist with much of the work of this department during the coming year.

Delbert Jones moved and Dale Swartz seconded the adoption of Recommendation II as published on page 5 of the June, 1979, PROGRESS JOURNAL: 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." Motion carried.

Mardy Lawrence responded to questions and comments regarding the Foreign Missions Department. She introduced Steve Grant, an Oregon Bible College graduate who is currently preparing for foreign missions work through special studies at Fuller Theological Seminary. Steve covets the prayers, encouragement, and letters of Church of God members. Letters may be sent to him at Box 1041, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California 91101. Sister Lawrence also emphasized the

need for financial support for Steve Grant's training and stated that contributions should be sent to the General Conference Office.

Bro. S. O. Ross read a letter from Sister Joan Hall in which she expressed her thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, concerns, correspondence, and love offerings during the illness and subsequent death of her husband, Pastor Milton Hall.

Ruth Overholser reported from the Credentials Committee that 162 voting delegates were registered—8 directors, 55 ministers, and 99 delegates.

The session was closed with prayer.

Thursday, August 9, 1979

The final business session of the 1979 General Conference was called to order by Chairman William Lawrence. Pastor V. E. Kirkpatrick, Sr., opened the session with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the Wednesday afternoon session.

Maurice Robinson moved and Lee McQuinn seconded that the delegates reconsider the amendment to the Constitution, Article IV, Section 5. The motion failed.

Balloting was held for the first vacancy on the Board of Directors. James Graham was elected to a four-year term on the third ballot.

David Krogh shared with the delegates that the Board of Directors has authorized resources for the completion of the new Church of God songbook.

S. O. Ross announced that the Board of Directors has selected Rockford College as the site for the 1980 General Conference to be held August 4-8, 1980. Bro. Ross also mentioned that some furnishings in the dorm have been damaged and will probably be at the expense of the Conference. He asked the cessation of this destructive behavior.

Mardy Lawrence announced that yesterday's pledges to Steve Grant's support totaled \$2,965.

Don Overmyer moved and Alva Huffer seconded adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved, that this 1979 General Conference express its continuing support for the nation of Israel and its wishes for the good health of Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel, by a letter sent to him by the Executive Director of the Conference." Motion carried.

Bob Lindner moved and Ed Schroth seconded that a committee be appointed to study the problem of vandalism by attendants at General Conference and a program or other means of correcting this situation be developed. Motion carried.

Balloting was held for the second vacancy on the Board of Directors. Shirley Urish was elected to a four-year term on the third ballot.

Balloting was held for the third vacancy on the Board of Directors. Charles Pryor was elected to a three-year term on the second ballot.

S. O. Ross led in a discussion of the proposed 1979-1980 budget. He noted that the Board of Directors has added \$2,000 to the proposed budget for the Department of Outreach and Church Development. This addition will be used to supplement the Youth Conference and to sponsor a youth caravan. Bro. Ross stated that the Board of Directors has approved a Compensation Plan for General Conference and Oregon Bible College employees and that this plan is being implemented.

Don Overmyer moved and Warren Sorenson seconded that the Board of Directors evaluate whether the Free Literature Program is achieving the desired results and if its finding so indicates, approval be given to return to publishing on a subscription basis. Motion carried.

Charles Graham moved and Russell Johns seconded adoption of the Proposed Budget of \$456,000 with Goals for Giving of \$348,000. Motion carried.

Warren Sorenson moved and Jack Heap seconded that the delegates give the outgoing officers and board members a standing vote of appreciation. Carried.

The final report of the Credentials Committee showed 162 voting delegates registered—8 directors, 55 ministers, and 99 delegates.

Ed Goit moved and Bobby Partain seconded that the minutes of the 1979 General Conference be approved and published in the PROGRESS JOURNAL. Motion carried.

Charles Jones moved and Carol James seconded that the 1979 business sessions of the Church of God General Conference be adjourned. Motion carried.

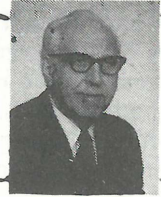
The session concluded with prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Joe E. James, Secretary.

PROPOSED BUDGET
CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE
October 1, 1979 - September 30, 1980

	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total Gen. Conf. & OBC
Anticipated Expenses:			
Salaries	\$ 88,621	\$100,529	\$189,150
Light & Fuel	1,000	17,000	18,000
Telephone	1,900	5,000	6,900
Insurance	6,350	9,350	15,700
Postage	6,800	1,600	8,400
Office Supplies	1,150	1,500	2,650
Advertising	—	800	800
Repairs & Main.	1,800	2,500	4,300
Travel	8,300	6,000	14,300
Printing	30,500	2,400	32,900
Editorial	1,300	—	1,300
Speakers	—	1,200	1,200
Assist. Miss. Pts.	6,500	—	6,500
Assist. Churches	20,000	—	20,000
Free Literature	32,000	—	32,000
Food	—	20,000	20,000
Supplies & Expense	3,000	7,500	10,500
Rock Valley Instruct.	—	4,400	4,400
Social Security	5,550	5,000	10,550
Subscriptions & Dues	250	1,200	1,450
Professional Services	2,000	1,700	3,700
Auto Expense	1,000	1,000	2,000
Misc.	1,000	500	1,500
Foreign Exchange	1,400	—	1,400
Golden Rule Contract	11,000	—	11,000
Staff Training	5,400	1,000	6,400
Special Missions	4,000	—	4,000
Mailing Supplies	1,000	—	1,000
Furniture & Equip.	1,500	1,400	2,900
Building Fund	—	1,000	1,000
Library Books	—	5,000	5,000
Wagon Replacement	3,000	—	3,000
Multi-Media Proj.	1,500	—	1,500
Purchase of Resale Items	9,000	—	9,000
Youth Caravan & Conf.	2,000	—	2,000
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$258,821	\$197,579	\$456,400
Anticipated Income:			
Tuition, Room & Board (OBC)	\$ 60,000		
Gross Income from Sales	40,000		
OBC Endowment Interest	8,400		
TOTAL Anticipated Income	\$108,400		\$108,400
Contributions Needed (GOALS FOR GIVING)			\$348,000

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



1979-80 Fiscal Year

On October first a new fiscal year was begun for the Church of God General Conference. The Study Committee Report adopted at the 1978 General Conference is presently being implemented. The various departmental boards no longer exist. I am sure the knowledge and expertise of the various departmental board members will often be used by the Board of Directors and the department directors in many ways in the future.

Stated Purpose

The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference exists is spelled out in Article 1 of the Bylaws: "The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated is to assist Church of God members, churches, and conferences to perform their commission to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel to all the world by providing trained personnel, services, resources, and materials."

The Church of God General Conference (which is an organization of churches and State and District Conferences) stands ready to assist churches, State and District Conferences, and isolated members in any way possible to help fulfill the purpose of preaching the gospel to all the world. Any member or any church should feel free at any time to contact the Executive Director, one of the departmental directors, or a member of the Board of Directors when the General Conference can be of assistance to fulfill the stated purpose.

Year of Special Prayers

This new Conference year will be a year of special prayers—a year when each member of the Church of God General Conference is being asked to pray for specific things to happen and wait upon the Lord for his leadership and direction. Individuals in each state Conference and in each church will be asked to give special leadership to this project. Watch the November issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL for more details.

Pastoral Changes

There were a number of pastoral changes when the new church year began September 1, 1979. We would ask your prayers for these pastors and their families as they move to new fields and for their churches as they work together in this new church year.

We especially ask your prayers for the three young men who have recently completed their pastoral internship and entered the full-time pastoral service. They are Steven Taylor, Columbia Station, OH; Thomas New, McGintytown, AR; and Greg Demmitt, Associate Pastor at Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ.

General Conference Minutes and Budget

The minutes of the 1979 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 and study the budget carefully. It is now the responsibility of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, and the Conference staff to carry on the work as directed by the delegates.

1980 General Conference

The 60th annual General Conference will convene at Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 4-8, 1980. Please keep this date in mind and begin to make plans now to attend.

The Board of Directors will meet in Oregon, IL, on November 15-17. At that meeting a committee will be appointed to plan the program for the 1980 General Conference.

Conference Finances

As this is written in mid-August, the contributions are still falling far short of the Goals for Giving for the 1978-79 fiscal year. We are grateful, however, that due to the Oregon Bible College room, board, and tuition payments for the beginning of the school year (which have increased our current cash flow), and more frugal spending on the part of the staff, we have paid off our General Fund loan and will hopefully end the fiscal year in the black. Praise God!

The delegates to the 1979 General Conference voted a budget which requires \$348,000 in contributions. As we begin the new fiscal year with this larger budget, we do ask for your continued prayers that the needs will be met monthly.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

\$348,000.00

October Needs

\$29,000.00

Goal for October \$29,000.00



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Acting President

Fall Semester

The Fall Semester of Oregon Bible College was officially launched August 24 with a special orientation program for freshmen and new students. The morning was devoted to getting acquainted with each other and the faculty and staff, as well as learning about the programs and activities of Oregon Bible College. The film, "Step Over the Edge," was also shown. It deals with the need for people in the body of Christ to recognize that each person is unique; each has special abilities that he can contribute to the body; and that each person in the body needs to help build up the others. The afternoon was devoted to registration, academic advisement, and a picnic supper at the Walter Anderson Farm.

Orientation and registration for the entire student body was conducted on Monday, August 27. This program included a time for small prayer groups, meetings of the classes to elect officers, the Bible Content Test, and advisement for the upperclassmen.

We thank the Lord for directing in the start of this school year, and we will appreciate your prayer support as the year progresses.

New Students

We are very happy to welcome the following eighteen new students to Oregon Bible College for this Fall Semester: Brian Atra, Branson, MO; Donald Brown, Cross Timbers, MO; Laura Cain, Macomb, IL; Deb Cook, Mt. Morris, IL; Laurie Davis, Phoenix, AZ; Kevin Demmitt, Troy, OH; Michael Gallagher, Troy, OH; Kerry Hall, Oregon, IL; Julie Harper, Albany, LA; Beth Pardue, Hammond, LA; Stanley Partain, Pelzer, SC; Peggy Rager, Chana, IL; Gary Ratering, Wayland, MI; Becky Roseberry, Tempe, AZ; Jeff Smith, Pelzer, SC; Carolyn Tackett, Hammond, LA; Aaron Wells, Rushville, IL; and Wynn Winner, Mt. Sterling, IL.

Class Officers

Class Officers for the 1979-80 school year have been elected as follows:

Sophomore Class: Tracy Chapman, President; Gary Burnham, Student Government Representative.

Junior Class: Cecil Rademachir, President; Joe Good, Vice President; Karen Mitchell, Secretary; Cindy Isenhoff, Student Government Representative.

Senior Class: Charles Durham, President; Bobby Partain, Secretary; Pam Gaskill, Student Government Representative.

The election of Freshman Class Officers is delayed for six weeks to give the freshmen an opportunity to become acquainted with each other before selecting their leaders.

Student Government

After the classes elected their representatives to the Student Government, the representatives organized themselves as follows: Vice President, Gary Burnham; Secretary, Cindy Isenhoff; Treasurer, Pam Gaskill. The President, Bobby Lee Partain, was elected by the student body last spring.

Junior-Senior Weekend

Our fall Junior-Senior Weekend will be October 18-20. All high school juniors and seniors are invited to visit Oregon Bible College to receive a first-hand view of life at our College. All pastors and youth leaders have received application blanks which should be filled out and returned as soon as possible.

AABC Meeting

On October 25-27, the American Association of Bible Colleges will hold its annual convention at Arlington Heights, Illinois. The program will include sessions on student recruitment, pastoral studies, and financial development. Members of the College staff and the Board of Trustees will be present for these sessions.

Golden Rule Building Progress

During the month of October work on the remodeling of the Golden Rule Building is being carried on in the following areas: new window units installed, removing the old mortar between the bricks and tuck pointing the building, and installation of the drywall. Interior finishing work will be done during the winter months and the landscaping will be done in the spring.

Internships

Four 1979 graduates of Oregon Bible College are currently involved in official Internship Programs. The interns and their cooperating pastors are: James Hill with Pastor Scott Ross at Omaha, NE; Michael Hoffman with Pastor Don Needham at Blanchard, MI; Ken Howe with Pastor John Hearp at Fonthill, Ontario; and Alan Shaw with Pastors Joe Duncan and James Ritch at the North Hills and Lawrenceville churches in Ohio. We are happy for these pastors and churches who are cooperating in the development of these interns for the Lord's service.

Northeast Conference

I was happy for the opportunity to represent Oregon Bible College at the Northeast Conference which met at the Troy View Church August 24-26. The theme of the Conference was "The Gospel of the Kingdom—a Message to be Preached and Obeyed."

Outreach and Church Development News

By Rachel Carr



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

Literature Saturation Evaluation

It was one year ago that twenty-one of our churches participated in the Literature Saturation Program. We asked them to make an evaluation of the program and its effect in their area, and fifteen groups responded.

There were some good things that resulted from the program. One church reported that 37 signed up for church-sponsored Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation classes, 10 enrolled in the Systematic Bible Study Course, and 27 asked to receive *The Restitution Herald* regularly. As a result of follow-up calls, another church had about 100 new *Herald* subscribers.

Another group felt the attitude of the community toward the church was improved as a result. One pastor wrote that the program forced his church people to have a more personal interest in the community. Others reported that the program helped their members to be more active and that some prospects with whom they had been working were helped.

Several churches provided either classes or printed sheets of instruction to aid those who made follow-up calls. In about one-third of the participating churches, the members responded well and took an active part in the program and the follow-up contacts. However, the other churches which reported seemed to have difficulty in getting the laymen interested and involved.

Most of the churches noted that so far they had had very few people, if any, attending their services as a result of the program. Perhaps it is too soon to make a proper evaluation in that area. Several churches indicated that their mailing lists included people who attend other churches and people who live long distances from the church. These would not really be considered prospects.

Although literature distribution has been an effective evangelistic tool in other countries, we are not sure about its effectiveness in our country at this time. It seems as if people get their information from TV and radio and have little time to read. Statistics indicate that the greatest percentage of people come to a church for the time because a friend or a relative invited them.

One of our pastors expressed himself on this subject in his report: "I feel in evangelism we need to work more on building relationships with people—person to person, family to family. Let one family take an unchurched family and build a relationship by socializing, recreation, etc. Then win that family to the church and the Lord."

We thank all of you who participated in the Literature Saturation Program, and we invite you to share with us any experiences you had, any personal opinions or evaluations of this program, or any suggestions about future evangelistic efforts. May God guide each of us that we may be used most effectively in his service.

Frontier Missions

Stephen Grant, our "missionary in training" shares with us the following information concerning the "hidden people" of the world.

Just what is this thing called "frontier missions"? Dr. Ralph Winter, director of the U.S. Center for World Missions, describes it as: "Reaching out to the hidden people of the world."

We can divide the world's population into four segments. First, there are about 222 million active Christians. These are the men and women who are actively living and sharing their faith.

Next, we have about 1,023 million inactive Christians. These are people who follow a Christian tradition but need "renewal" in their Christian walk. Most of our evangelism and mission effort goes out to this group.

The third group consists of 467 million culturally near nonchristians. These are people whose cultural traditions have been penetrated by Christianity. A Christian church exists in their cultural setting which they could attend without having to cross cultural or language barriers.

Finally we turn to our largest group, some 2,411 million culturally distant nonchristians. These are the "hidden people" of the world. These are groups of people who have such differences in their language, society, and culture that the gospel has not broken through to them. Many have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

These hidden people constitute 84% of the total nonchristian population of the world. At present there is no way of reaching these groups through aiding the existing national church work. The only way to reach this vast populace is through sending specially trained cross-cultural communicators of the gospel.

Our part in carrying out the Great Commission of Christ should be to train such men and women both at home and abroad so that all may hear the joyous news of Jesus Christ.

(If you desire to assist Steve with his missionary training, financial contributions can be sent to Missionary Education Fund, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. A personal note of encouragement will reach Steve at Box 1041, Pasadena, CA 91101.)

Prayer Request

Bro. Oliver Amani in Ghana writes that there has been a violent overthrow of their government and that it appears that the present rulers are "Communist inspired." He says, "Things are really bad over here—we are in a state of anarchy. Please remember us (the Nation of Ghana) in your prayers."

Short-Term Missionary Program

There were two churches which requested help from a team this past summer. However, we had no applicants to serve as short-term missionaries this year.

Workshops and Seminars

Church Growth:

Building a Communication Strategy for the Local Church, led by Robert Screen, Nov. 6, 7, 1979, Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California. Cost: \$125.00.

Master Planning for Church Growth, led by Carl George, Nov. 8, 9, 1979, Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California. Cost: \$125.00.

Identifying, Reaching, and Winning New People, led by Win Arn, Feb. 12, 13, 1980, Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California. Cost: \$125.00.

Effective Incorporation of New Members, led by Ray Sells and Donald LaSuer, Feb. 14, 15, 1980, Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California. Cost: \$125.00.

Advanced Church Growth Seminar on how to lead your church to new levels of effectiveness in evangelism, ministry, and membership growth. Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California, Oct. 8-12, Apr. 21-25, 1980. Cost: \$185.00.

For more information on the above seminars and workshops, write to The Institute for American Church Growth, 150 South Los Robles, Pasadena, California 91101.

Sunday School Teaching:

International Center for Learning Seminars and Clinics sponsored by Gospel Light. The theme for both the seminar and clinic: "Come Help Change Lives." Seminars begin Thursday evening and continue through noon on Saturday. The cost is \$43 per person. Clinics begin Friday evening and continue until 3:00 on Saturday. The cost is \$29 per person.

Seminar Schedule:

Oct. 18-20—Lafayette, IN
 Oct. 25-27—Bakersfield, CA
 Nov. 1-3—Minneapolis, MN
 Nov. 8-10—Phoenix, AZ
 Grand Rapids, MI
 Feb. 7-9—Oak Park, IL
 Feb. 14-16—Santa Ana, CA
 Feb. 21-23—Indianapolis, IN
 Feb. 28-Mar. 1—San Diego, CA

Clinic Schedule:

Oct. 12, 13—Rockford, IL
 Oct. 19, 20—Cleveland, OH
 Bellefontaine, OH
 Lewiston, ID
 Nov. 2, 3—Fayetteville, AR
 Nov. 9, 10—Waukegon, IL
 Nov. 16, 17—Monroe, LA
 Wheaton, IL
 Council Bluffs, IA
 Feb. 1, 2—Baton Rouge, LA

For more information on the above ICL seminars and clinics, write to ICL, Box 1650, Glendale, CA 91209.

Missions:

Association of Church Missions Committees, seminar in southern California July 10-12, 1980. There is a possibility of regional meetings throughout the country. For more information write to Association of Church Missions Committees, 1021 E. Walnut St., Suite 202, Pasadena, CA 91106; phone (213) 796-0237.

Urbana '79 Missionary Convention for students on University of Illinois Campus at Urbana, Dec. 27-31, 1979. For more information write to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 233 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703.

Walk Thru The Bible Seminars:

Walk Thru the Bible seminars present an exciting and refreshingly new approach to the Bible. In one day of intensive sessions, WTB staff members use creative memory devices to imprint Old and New Testament facts upon the mind in a way that will thrill young and old. Anyone who attends will be able to talk through the persons, events, geography, and chronology of a testament in only a couple of minutes. It's an experience you will long treasure! Don't miss a chance to go when WTB comes to your area!
 —Robert Jones.

Tempe—

Jan. 5: Old Testament
 May 10: New Testament

San Jose—

Jan. 19: Old Testament
 May 24: New Testament

Long Beach—

Jan. 12: Old Testament
 May 17: New Testament

Des Plaines—

Oct. 6: Old Testament
 Mar. 1: New Testament

Arlington Heights—

Nov. 3: Old Testament
 Mar. 29: New Testament

Kankakee—

Nov. 10: Old Testament
 Apr. 12: New Testament

Grand Rapids—

Oct. 27: Old Testament
 Mar. 22: New Testament

Minneapolis—

Sept. 29: Old Testament
 Feb. 23: New Testament

St. Cloud—

Oct. 27: Old Testament
 Mar. 22: New Testament

Akron—

Dec. 1: Old Testament
 Apr. 26: New Testament

Greenville—

Nov. 17: Old Testament
 Apr. 19: New Testament

Falls Church—

Dec. 1: Old Testament
 Apr. 26: New Testament

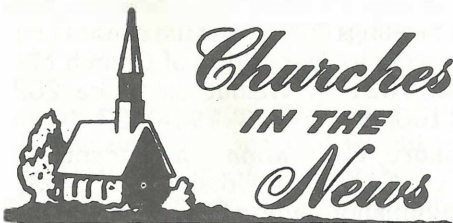
For more information about location and special rates (\$15 pre-registered), write to Walk Thru the Bible, 603 West Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.

Singles:

Single Adult Leadership Training Conference, SALT I, Dallas TX, Feb. 5-7, 1980. Leading singles directors, authors, and speakers, Jim Smoke, Dr. Gary Collins, Jason Towner, Dick Stafford, Ann Alexander Smith, Britton Wood, Ed Bradley, and Mark Fowler will share the newest ministry ideas. For more information write: SALT I, Solo Magazine, 2401 Nowata Pl., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



BAPTISMS

Pomona, CA. On Saturday evening, August 4, 1979, Mary Mellem was baptized in her home pool for the remission of her sins. Mary has been worshipping with the Church of the Open Bible for about a year now, and has come to mean very much to the members of our congregation. We rejoice with this fine young woman, the angels of heaven, as well as our Savior Jesus Christ and the heavenly Father. We pray that we may be as much a blessing to her as she has already been to us in the body of Christ. We are exceedingly thankful for her addition to the praise of the Father.
David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Lockwood, MO. On July 26, 1979, Craig Alan Fyfe, Kaleb James, and Tracy Lynn Fyfe were immersed in the waters of baptism by the writer in Cedar Creek near the Lockwood Church of God.

We rejoice in the decision of these young people to accept Christ as their Savior. May God's blessings rest upon them.
James A. Fyfe, pastor.

Springfield, OH. On August 2, 1979, Bill Blankenship was immersed in the waters of baptism. Despite serious physical handicaps Bill desired to put on Christ. We welcome him with joy into the fellowship of North Hills Church.
Joe Duncan, pastor.

Grand Rapids, MI. The Pennellwood Church of God rejoices in the addition of eleven new members into our church family and the Family of God. On July 22, 1979, Joyce Kruis was baptized by Bro. John Denchfield and Dawn Knowles was baptized by Pastor Ross. On August 19, 1979, which was also Pastor Ross's last Sunday with us, the following were baptized: Betty Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pell and their daughters Terri and Ruth, David and Amy Dodd, and Paul and Wendy Babcock. We praise God for these decisions, and pray that he will bless them in their new lives.
Dale Elzinga, reporter.

Oregon, IL. Steve Myers was baptized into Christ at the Oregon Church of God August 12, 1979. His grandfather, Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick, Sr., of Weiser, Idaho, assisted him in putting on Christ in Christian baptism. We trust that God will lead him to a fruitful life in the Lord Jesus.

Upon his confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and savior from sin and death, Steve Spangler was baptized September 5, 1979. We trust that God will keep him in his care from this day forward.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Springfield, OH. We at the Lawrenceville Church of God rejoice in the recent baptisms for the remission of their sins of Lori Dickerson and Tom Fisher. Lori and Tom were baptized on July 29, 1979, following the worship services. We welcome them into the body of Christ and the fellowship here at Lawrenceville.

Following the evening worship on August 19, 1979, Robbie and Craig Harris were immersed

in the waters of baptism for the remission of their sins. We of the Lawrenceville Church of God praise God for their decisions and welcome them into the fellowship here. We pray that God will bless them in their new walk with him.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. The following were baptized at Long Lake Bible Camp by Pastor Billie Kennedy: Mabel Snell, Laurie Sandry, Marvin Nordmann, James Kennedy, Susie Coulter, Debra Mendroth, and Cleon Miller. May God bless them as they daily walk with him.
June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Koszta, IA. After a week of vacation Bible school in the Koszta Church, six young persons responded to the gospel invitation and were baptized June 10, 1979. We introduce these six new members of the Church of God: Leane Miller, Jim Miller, Debbie Gensley, Brent Gensley, Steve Cronbaugh, Connie (Mrs. Robert) Cronbaugh. We praise and thank God for these new brothers and sisters in Christ and ask his special blessing in their new walk.
Francis Burnett, pastor.

MARRIAGES

On April 28, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. Lori Kirkpatrick became the bride of Tony Schneider at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God. Pastor Billie Kennedy officiated as they exchanged vows and rings in a candlelight ceremony. We pray God's blessing upon them in their new home.
June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

On September 1, 1979, Barbara Smith and Randall Ashley were united in holy matrimony at the Southlawn Church of God, Grand Rapids, MI. The couple will reside in the Seattle, WA, area. May the Lord richly bless Mr. and Mrs. Randall Ashley in their lives together.
Michael Brown, pastor.

Vickie Wagner and Mark Auckerman were united in marriage on July 27, 1979, in the Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God before relatives and friends. May God richly bless them as they grow together in his service.
James D. Ritch, pastor.

DEDICATION AT KOSZTA

On July 19, 1978, a flood destroyed the basement and contents of the Church of God at Koszta, Iowa. Less than a year later, on July 15, 1979, an addition to the church was dedicated. In morning worship services at which Pastor Francis Burnett spoke in regard to readiness for Christ's return, 56 persons from Koszta, Waterloo, Stanhope, and Gladbrook participated. After a noon potluck, 80 people attended the afternoon service at which M. C. Merle Cronbaugh gave a brief history of the church, and Bro. Leo Heller thanked all those who contributed in any way. Bro. Louis Cronbaugh gave the prayer of dedication, using part of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. Refreshments were served following the afternoon meeting.
Francis Burnett, pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 12-14 Illinois State Conference at Ripley

November 7-11—Special meetings and Dedication Service, Forest Hills Church of God, Royal, AR. S. O. Ross, Guest speaker.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Roberta Green (perfect score for the total course), Mary Van Der Weele.

OBITUARIES

Sr. Hattie Aley Woods was born in Knox, Indiana, May 13, 1890, and died July 27, 1979, in a LaPorte, Indiana, Nursing Home the day after she entered. Funeral services were conducted at the Braman and Son Funeral Home, Knox, Sunday, July 29, and burial was beside her husband Clarence in Burr Oak Cemetery. Hattie was a wonderful Christian woman and a member of the Burr Oak Church of God. She was baptized in 1902 by Bro. Austin, and taught for many years in the Burr Oak Church. The greatest tribute we can give her is that she sought first the kingdom of God, always. Mourning her death are her son Sam and family, and the members of the church. She now sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the sound of his voice at the first resurrection.
James Mattison, pastor.

Craig Roger Button was born July 17, 1952. He passed away May 31, 1979 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Funeral services were conducted at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God with Pastors Billie Kennedy and Bruce Goodwin officiating.
June Kirkpatrick, reporter.

Like a friend of God, **Dwight L. Pestle** stood by the people of God all his life. With sadness and hope, the Macomb, IL, Church reports his death to the community of believers. Bro. Pestle died at home on August 17, 1979. Funeral services were held August 20 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home in Bushnell with a surviving son, C. Jesse Pestle, and Pastor Rex Cain, officiating. Burial was in Bushnell Cemetery.

Dwight was born in Schuyler County, IL, October 11, 1908, to Jesse and Phoebe Robbins Pestle. He married Mary Israel at Condo, ND, August 30, 1933; she survives.

Other survivors include the son, Jesse, of Good Hope; a daughter, Mrs. Clarabeth Vancil of Bushnell; six grandchildren; two sisters—Mrs. Kathryn Shriver of Urso, and Mrs. Maxine Spain of Denver, CO; and a brother, Chester, of Bushnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. He attended schools in Fulton County and Prairie City, IL, was a member of the McDonough County Farm Bureau and a charter member of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith in Macomb, where he taught Sunday School for many years.

His faith in the return of Christ for the immortalization of the righteous was professed clearly in his life and during the funeral service by his son.

Zenas Obe Murphy, a long-time member of the Salem Church of God, Martinsville, IL, died after an extended illness at the good age of 91 years, 11 months and 14 days. Zenas was born in Clark County where he lived his life and died in the same county August 22, 1979. He was married to Juanita Tyler, November 11, 1911. To this union four children were born, Don, Hazel, David, and Mildred. The latter having died in infancy, the other three survive both the father and mother. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Greenwell Funeral Home in Martinsville, after which Zenas was laid to rest in the Clarksville Cemetery to await the resurrection of the righteous at the coming of Jesus Christ.
Pastor Clyde E. Randall.

**ATTENTION
CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERS**

This will take just a minute of your time. If you have a recent two by three or three by five mug shot of yourself, please send us a copy. From time to time you do something newsworthy in conference work. When these occasions arise we want to print your sharp, clear photo with a report of your venture. So locate your wallet-size print, seal it in an envelope addressed to the PROGRESS JOURNAL, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, stamp it, and send it with the mailman. And if you will include a short manuscript that would make exciting reading in *The Herald*, our purpose will be doubly blessed.

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.

GOD IS . . .

God or evolution, which? Is the question as simple as that?

In his latest book, "God Is," Alan Hayward answers those two queries on the basis of some surprising scientific and Biblical evidence. Using simple terminology and challenging reasoning, Hayward examines without bias the evidence from both disciplines. The reader gains new appreciation for a rationale that includes both God and science.

If you want a copy of this important work, act today. The General Conference has a limited supply. Enclose \$7.95 per copy with your order and we will pay postage.

ORDER FORM

Please send me _____ copies (\$7.95 each) of Alan Hayward's book "God Is."

Enclosed find _____

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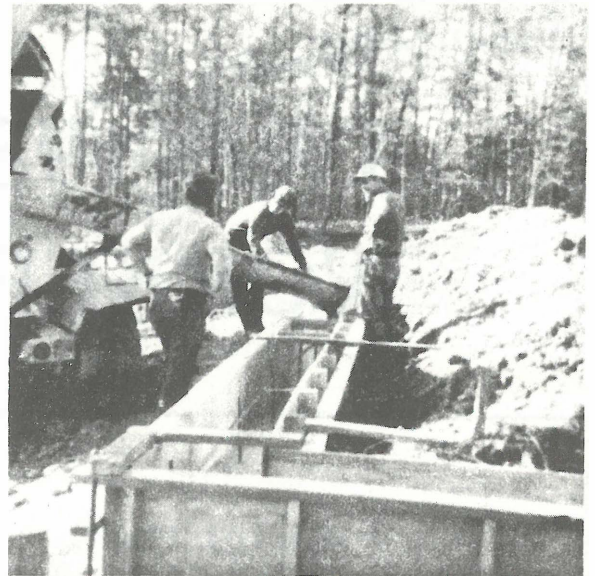
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**Mission Builders Appeal
No. 42**

**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.

WAITING UPON GOD IN PRAYER

During this year of a new beginning in the Church of God, as the plan of reorganization has its beginning, we are asking all persons associated with the General Conference to share together in waiting upon God in prayer.

You will be receiving more information about a specific prayer program in which you can participate. However, the important thing is that you begin to pray personally.

We are suggesting these four prayer aims in our prayer program:

- 1) Pray for God to show us what he wants for his church.
- 2) Pray for understanding of one another, for love, and a deepening of spiritual life.
- 3) Pray for the growth of the body of Christ.
- 4) Pray for the Sorensons as they prepare through schooling for the ministry of church development and outreach.

We have a great potential before us and a great power available to us. We serve a God who answers prayer.

The Biblical basis for this year of prayer is 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

God will do great things in response to earnest, heartfelt prayer.

During the time until General Conference next year, may we as his people wait upon God in prayer. There is no time lost in waiting if you are waiting upon the Lord!

—Warren Sorenson,
Outreach and Development Director.

Announcing

TWO 1980 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINARS

January 7-11, 1980

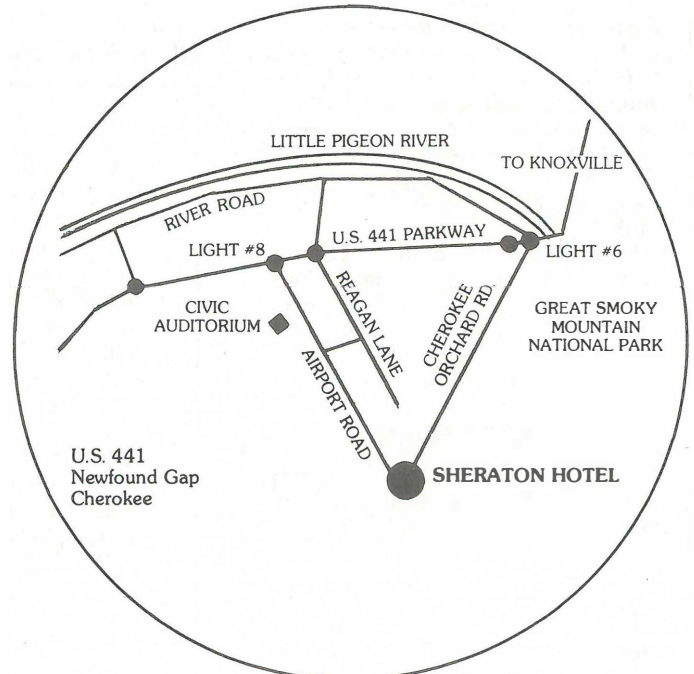
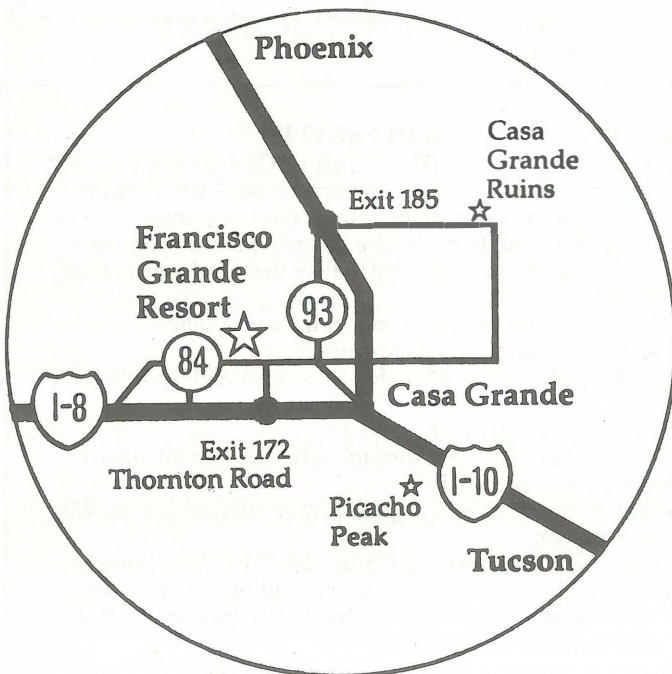
**Francisco Grande
Resort**

Casa Grande, Arizona

March 23-28, 1980

**Sheraton Gatlinburg
Hotel**

Gatlinburg, Tennessee



50 minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix.
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Arizona Seminar

Motivation Course
Gifts of the Spirit
Elective: Life Transitions
 Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman
Workshops: Creative Worship
 Christian Writing
 Effective Christian Speaking
Afternoon Activities: Aerobic exercises,
 golf, swimming
Evening Class: Rediscovering the New
 Testament Church

Southeast Seminar

Church Music
Dynamic Church Ministries
Teaching the Bible
Enriching Family Life (personal, church)
Bible Study
Afternoon Activities: Sightseeing
Evening Class: Rediscovering the New
 Testament Church

Please enroll me in the Francisco Grande Seminar, January 7-11, 1980.

Please enroll me in the Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar, March 23-28, 1980.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

From _____ Church

Is this your first year at the Seminar? Yes _____ No _____ Number of years you have attended before _____
(Seminars have been held in 1974 at Oregon Bible College, 1975-1979 at Camp Mack, and 1979 at Francisco Grande).

I am enclosing a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit per person and will pay the balance on arrival. (Please check one of the boxes below.)

- I would like accommodations at the Francisco Grande Seminar based on four persons per hotel room. (Cost: \$80 per person; \$155 per couple.)
- I would like accommodations at the Francisco Grande Seminar based on two persons per room. (Cost: \$200 per couple.)
- I would like accommodations at the Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar based on four persons per hotel room. (Cost: \$85 per person; \$165 per couple.)
- I would like accommodations at the Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar based on two persons per room. (Cost: \$240 per couple.)

MAIL TO
CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061
Enrollment Deadline for Francisco Grande Seminar: December 15, 1979
Enrollment Deadline for Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar: February 26, 1980



Hugh Harman, Youth Director

Post-High Midwinter Retreat Moves

The Berean Youth Advisory Council, at its meeting during this year's International Berean Youth Conference, made the recommendation that the annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat be moved to a new location not affected by adverse weather conditions. After much discussion it was decided to retain the facility used by the Southwest Conference for its summer youth camp.

Camp Maranatha, owned and operated by the Advent Christians, is located on the edge of the small town of Idyllwild in the San Jacinto mountains of southern California. It is quite an adequate facility and offers some extremely beautiful scenery. Its location is some 130 miles from Los Angeles, with the towns Hemet and Palm Springs nearby.

Those who drive to Idyllwild will find good roads

leading in from either the Palm Springs or Hemet side of the mountains. For those who choose to fly, Palm Springs has an airport which is serviced by at least four different airlines. Connections could be made either from Los Angeles or from Phoenix. Arrangements will be made to pick retreaters up at the Palm Springs airport and transport them up the mountain.

Those who are intending to fly should be advised that their plane reservations should be made as quickly as possible since the retreat is during the holiday season.

The weather at the 5000-foot altitude is quite crisp, so bring warm clothes. Please bring your own bedding as there is no bedding rental available at Camp Maranatha.

We feel that we have an excellent program to offer again this year—one that will be enjoyable and afford the opportunity to grow spiritually. The retreat will be staffed by Hugh and Mary Harman and David and Janis Wilsterman. David is Pastor of the Church of God in Pomona, California.

Enrollment forms will appear on the back of the Sept.-Oct. and Nov.-Dec. issues of *Challenge*. Please take note of the required \$10.00 deposit as well as the December 15 enrollment deadline.

Contributors to the General Conference: August, 1979

Mr & Mrs Cecil Rademachir	60.00	NE Conference	265.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Helen Thompson	50.00
Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	5.00	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	70.00	Vernon New	35.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00
Mr & Mrs S O Ross	195.00	Mrs William Hanson	200.00	Marge Mogle	100.00	Illinois State Conference	330.00
Mr & Mrs David Krogh	74.62	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	250.00	Phil Jones Trust	25.00	Happy Woods Church	74.08
Mrs H McDaniel	5.00	Mr & Mrs John Hayse	50.00	Everett Rogers	40.00	Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00
Mr & Mrs Milo J Jones	50.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00	Mary Hale	10.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00
Flagg Center Community Church	186.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey	50.00	Anonymous	1.00	Lakeshore Christian Ladies League	25.00
Bonnie Seebach	20.00	Anonymous	400.00	Mr George James	5.00	Mr & Mrs Carroll Bennett	50.00
Mr & Mrs Stanley Parks	45.00	Edith Eades	25.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	200.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00
Jay St Church	266.47	Anonymous	50.00	MI State Conference	84.11	Cool Spring Church	57.12
Bedford Church	349.52	Fonthill Church & Members	316.51	San Jose Church	66.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Jones	75.00
Kenneth Lewis	10.00	Katherine Tackett	87.00	Mr & Mrs Robert See	50.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman Sr	100.00
Anonymous	40.00	LA Contributors	65.00	C J Isenhoff	65.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	100.00
Mr & Mrs Kent Ross	35.00	Mr & Mrs Jay Ramsey	70.00	Gayle Reye	65.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	500.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Durham	30.00	June Routson	40.00	Bess L Kasper	60.00	Clair Rice	20.00
Mr & Mrs John H Evans, Jr	25.00	Mr & Mrs George Begger	5.00	Iva Hammond	20.00	Doris Reye	10.00
Springfield Radio Ministry	8.50	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Zizert	50.00	Raymore Church	173.63	United Way	18.17
James E Lippert	34.86	Mr & Mrs Francis Burnett	8.00	Ruth Reid	15.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Ellenburg	10.00
Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	40.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	100.00	Alice Bassett	40.00	Marianne Ferguson	1.00
Blanchard Church	448.89	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	45.00	Mr & Mrs Steve Zimbelman	10.00
Mr & Mrs Warren Sorenson	176.00	Mr & Mrs Daniel Heard	10.00	Martha Court	20.00	Garden Park Church	281.39
Mr & Mrs Hamy Simpson	3.00	Mr & Mrs David Little	25.00	Rev Harold Hazen	1.00	Edna Claypool	20.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	60.00	Mr & Mrs Duane Stetzer	10.00	Dessa Copeland	25.00
Lawrenceville Church	438.42	Fredericktown Church	91.34	Dawnella Fyfe	2.85	Blessed Hope Church	194.34
Howard Kugler	5.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	165.00	Macomb Church	217.04	Fonthill Church	234.70
Paul Hatch	13.33	Forest Hills Church	48.15	Mr & Mrs John McKinney	165.00	Ripley Church Miss Soc	50.00
Oregon Church	413.59	Alice K Wingo	5.00	Eternal Hope Church	127.86	Macomb SS	18.11
Mary Krogh	35.00	Richard Townsend	42.00	Mr & Mrs Greg Elwell	60.00	Minnesota St Miss Soc	50.00
Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	490.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Coppock	10.00	Miss Dorothy Magaw	100.00	Mr & Mrs Malcolm McLeod	50.00
Darrell Anderson	20.00	John R Kugler	10.00	Troy View Church	10.00	Mr & Mrs Don Needham	37.00
Mr & Mrs Mansel Rogers	20.00	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	100.00	Eunice Banks	1.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Fletcher	35.00
Milo Magaw	120.00	Dan Dovenbarger	140.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	50.00	Mr & Mrs Allen E Smith	25.00
Mrs Howard Benge	15.00	Frances I Boyle	1,100.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Pestle	110.00	Central High Plains Conf	45.74
Maurertown Church	84.04	Hope Chapel	132.10	Clara Broberg	10.00	Mr & Mrs Glyn Craig	200.00
W E Boyer	200.00	Brush Creek Gosp Gleaners	20.00	Pleasant Hill Church	210.98	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00
Brush Creek Church	859.40	Clara Lamb	25.00	Gospel Mission Church	7.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00
Brush Creek SS	112.94	Bible Church Phoenix	270.00	Darlene Bauserman	4.65	Mr & Mrs Willard Naylor	200.00
Mr & Mrs Joseph Sheeley	15.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Harman	100.00	Mr & Mrs T E Martin	20.30	Conger St Church	62.00
Mr & Mrs Ben Mattison	25.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	59.00	Mr & Mrs J Arthur Johnson	90.00	North Hills Church	115.41
Royal Village Church	84.86	Ida Lapp	5.00	Eden Valley Church	84.50	Mr & Mrs Clyde Randall	25.00
Blood River Church	360.39	Zelma S Powell	10.00	Southlawn Church	301.22	Mr & Mrs John Mattison	35.00
Carrol Hutchinson	30.00	Anonymous	100.00	Frank Harris	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	20.00
Mr & Mrs Jim Hammer	3.00	Mrs Marvin Howsare	5.00	Glad Tidings SS	21.00	Cool Spring SS	10.00
Golden Rule SS	15.00	Mr & Mrs Delbert Shain	25.00	Mr & Mrs Waldon Winner Sr	20.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Brewer	50.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Wissman	25.00	Kathy Cooper	15.00	Wynn Winner	9.50	Mrs Alice Marshall	72.00
Pennellwood Church	377.47	Mr & Mrs Harvey Westerlund	50.00	Ripley Church of God	31.00	Lucile Bradley	9.00
Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Mildred Somers	35.00	Golden Rule Church	61.83	Oregon Mary & Martha Miss Soc	75.00
Julian Hazlewood	20.00	Mr & Mrs Mark Bang	25.00	Mr & Mrs E C Harvey	100.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Bolhous	20.00
Mr & Mrs John Huston Sr	50.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	433.02	Anonymous	10.00		
Mr Joe Middleton Sr	20.00	Mr & Mrs Lary Zobrist	15.00	Southwest Conference	120.00		

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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Director

Shirley Urish (picture above) was elected by the delegates at the 1979 General Conference to a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The Board members then elected her as secretary of the Board.

Shirley was born in Kewanee, Illinois, grew up in the Ripley Church area, and attended high school at Rushville. She attended Oregon Bible College for two years, and has taken some class work at Highland College, Freeport, Illinois. She is married to Dean Urish, a Vice-President of Economy Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, Freeport, Illinois. They have three children: John, who is married and lives nearby, and Linda and Jamie at home.

Shirley was employed for a few years in the office of Country Companies Insurance in Oregon, Illinois, and worked four years at the Church of God General Conference offices. She has served on the Board of Education of the Pearl City, Illinois, school system; served on the recent General Conference Study Committee and was its secretary; and is presently Editor of the Teen Quarterly for the Church of God General Conference.

Shirley is a faithful worker in the Oregon Church of God. She has taught Sunday School, served as church treasurer, and in various other capacities in the church. She brings to the Board of Directors her expertise in a wide variety of church-related experiences. Her abilities as a secretary will be most helpful to the Board of Directors and the General Conference.

Waiting Upon God in Prayer

Sunday, November 18th, has been designated as the "kickoff" date for the special emphasis program of the Church of God General Conference entitled "Waiting Upon God in Prayer."

Two people have been appointed in each state or district conference to coordinate the program—one as prayer coordinator for the ministry and one for the laity of the conference. Each local church has been asked to appoint a prayer coordinator for that church. The local coordinator, working together with the two district coordinators, can plan out the program however it seems best suited for their area. Whatever the local program, we trust that November 18th will be a day of fasting and prayer for the entire membership of the conference.

We urge special prayers for any items of concern for the work of the Church of God, the body of Christ, plus these four special items:

- 1) Ask God to show us his will in the church.
- 2) Ask God for understanding of one another (love and deepening of spiritual life).
- 3) Pray for growth of the body of Christ.
- 4) Pray for Brother and Sister R. Warren Sorenson as they prepare through schooling for outreach and church development.

Conference Finances

As this is written in mid-October, contributions to the goals for giving are only a few hundred dollars short of the one-half month needs. Praise God! We covet your continued prayers and concerns for these needs.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

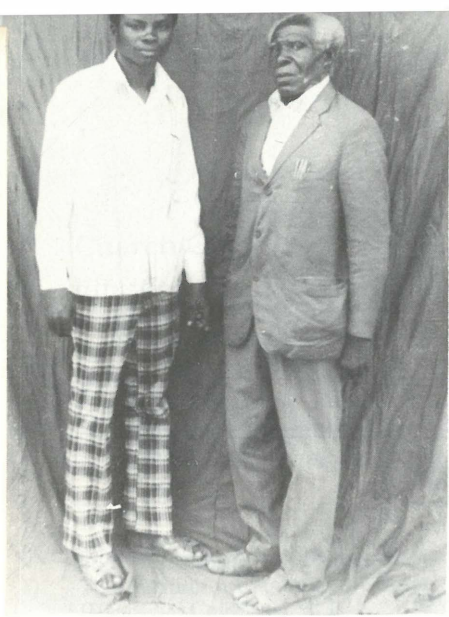
\$348,000.00

Goal for ½ October	\$14,500.00
Given ½ October	13,873.00
Deficit for ½ October	627.00
Needs October 15 - November 15	29,000.00
Goal for Oct. 15 - Nov. 15, 1979	\$29,627

OUTREACH AND CHURCH

By Rachel Carr

Bro. Oliver Amani, leader of the Ghana work, is pictured with Paul Tedeku, a 71-year-old convert who was baptized in July.



Letter From the Sorensons

Dear Brethren,

Irene and I have arrived in Southern California and are now registered for classes at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Our home mailing address is 2043 Edgewood Dr., South Pasadena, CA 91030.

We are attending Fuller Seminary not to gain a "Fuller Understanding," but rather a fuller understanding of effective means through which the church can experience faithfulness to God in reaching persons with the truth of Jesus Christ as the Savior and coming King.

For the first quarter of our schooling Irene and I will be taking the following courses:

1) Introduction to Church Growth. This is a course that teaches basic principles and procedures of church growth, not promotional gimmicks.

2) Techniques of Planting New Churches. This is just what the title implies.

3) Challenges of Lay Ministry. This course provides learning opportunity for involving and equipping the laity to be more active in the work of the church.

I will be taking another course that Irene will not be able to take. I was able to get the last available opening in this class—Mental Health and the Emerging Minister. This course offers specific understanding of the feelings and problems of ministers. Through this course I hope to gain more understanding of the problems pastors are facing, and to offer help and solutions.

These are four very basic needs in the area of church development, church growth principles, starting new congregations, involving and equipping lay persons, and understanding how to best be of assistance to the pastor.

We covet your daily prayers as we fully realize that we need God's help in being able to learn what he

knows we need for his church. In addition to this we realize the importance and magnitude of the task before us. Please pray for us! God bless you for your interest and prayer support. We would be very pleased to have a note or a letter from you. Please write to us.

With Christian love,
Warren and Irene Sorenson.

Sunday School Seminars

On October 5 and 6, Joyce Knapp and Sam Voorhies conducted a Sunday School Seminar at the Rockford Church. Important principles of communicating God's Word were presented and discussed.

If you are interested in having a local or regional Seminar, please write to **Seminars, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061**. The Outreach and Church Development Department is interested in helping Sunday School workers to be as effective as possible in the work God would have us accomplish.

The Year of the Sunday School

1980 is The Year of the Sunday School. During 1980, churches world-wide will observe the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School. Birthday Sunday will be October 5, 1980. However, there are many activities that your Sunday School could be involved in all during the year that would help to revitalize your Sunday School.

A special 47-page booklet has been prepared by Standard Publishing Company entitled "How to Celebrate the Year of the Sunday School." This booklet contains many excellent suggestions of things that your Sunday School can do all year that will have an impact on the work you are trying to do. This booklet sells for \$1.95 and can be ordered from the Church of God General Conference.

A filmstrip is also available, entitled, "I Believe in Sunday School—Its History and Its Heritage." This is a twenty-two minute filmstrip with recorded narration which surveys the Sunday School's history and potential for the future. It is a fascinating historical record with inspiring thoughts for the future. The filmstrip may be borrowed from the General Conference free of charge except for the cost of the return postage.

Several other items are also available which will help you promote the Year of the Sunday School. For children preschool-age through Primary, there is a "Let's Go to Sunday School" coloring book which presents a portrait of the Sunday School throughout its 200-year history. These would make ideal gifts to

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NEWS

give to the children at Christmas. The cost is 59 cents each. Bulletin covers are also available: 100 for \$4.00. Pins 1 1/2" in diameter which say "I Believe in Sunday School" are available for 8 cents each. All of these items can be ordered from the General Conference.

In several weeks, a large 17 1/2" x 22 1/2" poster will be mailed without charge to each Sunday School superintendent which advertizes the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School. If additional copies are desired, they are available at 50 cents each.

I hope that your Sunday School will take advantage of this important anniversary to generate excitement and enthusiasm during the next year.

India Items

A 66-year old man has written to us requesting the Systematic Bible Study Course. This man, who is a retired medical practitioner, has read his Tamil language Bible 13 times since 1973. The power of the Word has enlightened him and he has been converted to the truth. Pastor M. R. Noel baptized him this past August.

Now our brother has the desire to use the remaining years of his life to draw others to the Kingdom of God. He has requested the Bible Course to make himself useful for God's glory and for the good of his people.

Pray that the Lord will use this willing servant to bring others to himself.

Pastor Paulson reports success in a campaign in his area north of Bangalore. For 12 days in September a "pageant of paganism" took place. People came from miles around to take a holy bath in the Godavary River and to worship their idols. Bro. Paulson and his co-workers distributed gospel portions and other pamphlets to the pilgrims and also preached the gospel in the streets. He writes, "Many people heard the gospel interestingly and responded to the gospel. Our country is filled with heathens and heathen gods. Please pray much for our country."

Nigeria News

In a recent letter, Pastor Ephraim Udo reports that there are presently nine pastors serving 1,250 people in nine churches. The smallest church has 20 in attendance and the largest 500.

Plans are being made for the Nigerian National Conference to be held December 20-23 at Ediene where Ephraim is pastor.

Pray that the Nigerian pastors will be strengthened spiritually that they may effectively minister to the needs of their people.



The following is part of an article which was recently published in a national school publication and is worthwhile reading for those who work with or have a special interest in those young people we now refer to as adolescents.

"What is this period we call adolescence? It is a time to begin to be oneself; a time to imagine and create; a time to seek a self-image; a time to look back and to look forward; a time to wonder; a time to begin a love affair with life; a time to doubt; a time to pause with hesitations; it is also a time for young people to approach life's realities, filled with happiness as well as uncertainty. It is a time, in fact, when young people are no longer children, and they are not yet adults.

"Adolescence, almost everyone agrees, begins with puberty—sometime between the ages of 11 and 15. We know that at no other period in the life cycle do environment and heredity produce such a variance in the rate of individual development. Research indicates there can be as much as an eight-year range in achievement at this age level. Similar variances can exist in intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development. Adolescence has now become one of the dominant stages in the life cycle. These changes are responsible for many of the characteristics that create anxieties for parents and older adults. For the adolescents these changes may lead them to be:

- Impulsive in actions and impatient with restrictions.
- Preoccupied with popularity and self-conscious about appearance.
- Deeply influenced by mass media and responsive to fads.
- Plagued by mood swings and subject to forgetfulness and boredom.
- Assertive in independence and moved by competitive situations.
- Charged with energy and confused by self-doubt.
- Embarrassed by social customs and venerated with 'wise-cracks.'

"This can be an anxiety-fraught period for young people and it goes without saying that this can also be a trying period for adults who live and work with them.

"They need intelligent, committed, honest, and sincere adult guidance to examine, understand, and accept the new role and changing relationships that accompany early adolescence."

We as parents and church leaders should be concerned with the needs of this group and honestly and openly work to meet them.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Acting President

Golden Rule Building Progress

Below is a picture of the Golden Rule Building which was taken in early October. The window units were being installed at that time. Work is progressing on the interior of the building during November.



Chapel Speakers

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:20, the students gather in the chapel for a service of prayer, singing, and preaching. We are happy to have many area pastors speak in chapel. Pictured is Bro. Clyde Randall who spoke in chapel recently. 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. I feel that there is great benefit in having our students exposed to the ministry of many of you pastors.

Booster Campaign Report

As was reported in the July PROGRESS JOURNAL, a goal of \$5,000 was set for our 1979 Booster Campaign. As of this writing, approximately \$4,730.00 has been received. There is still time if you would like to be a

Booster of Oregon Bible College. Contributions of any amount would be appreciated. I trust that we will be able to reach our goal of \$5,000 before the end of the year.

Autumn on Parade Festival

Each year in the fall, the City of Oregon sponsors a special weekend to attract visitors to our beautiful city. Individuals and organizations are invited to set up exhibits and booths on the courthouse square to sell homemade items or to show how to make arts and crafts. There is also a harvest-time parade. This year the theme of the parade was "The Harvest Is Plentiful."



Under the direction of Cindy Isenhoff, the Oregon Bible College students prepared the float which is pictured below. The theme of the parade was given a Christian emphasis on our float by having small dolls made by the students fastened to corn stalks. The bountiful harvest this fall should be a vivid reminder to us that there are multitudes who need to be harvested for the Lord before it is too late.



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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EDGE OF THE '80'S WRITING CONTEST

Shortly civilization shall step into its 198th decade since the birth of Christ. Change and transience marked the 10 years of the 70's. What lies ahead in the '80's?

Will change further shrivel our roots? Or will political, economic, and religious stability rebound? Will individuals take a firmer hold on faith in the Lord? Or will this be the decade of dramatic decline from personal reliance on God? Will the Lord finally return to planet earth before the '80's close, as some prophets predict? Or will he grant us stronger faith to hold out longer?

Of course, there's no way we can be sure our answers to questions for the '80's are valid. But concern for the future sparks reaction in all of us. One basic reaction of which we are sure: the uncertain future drives us to what God says in the Bible.

As part of our first step into the '80's, the Publishing Department of the Church of God General Conference is sponsoring a writing contest on the theme, "The Edge of the '80's." Begin work on your manuscript today.

We are looking for articles and stories which will relate to personal faith for the eighties. Contest entries need not particularly emphasize specific predictions or be prophetic in nature. Past works of faith may be relied on for stepping stones into the new decade. There are many accounts of personal dedication, commitment, and action that have never been told. These events may have significant impact in the formation of our faith for the next 10 years. Stories and articles about the use of individual faith done in a personal, informal style will be effective in helping us all to develop a more positive attitude about our church at large. We would encourage writers to be imaginative and innovative in their approaches.

Contest Guidelines

1. The contest is open to everyone. Winners will be announced in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* with their writing being published in *The Restitution Herald*. First prize will be a tuition-free week at a Church of God General Conference Christian Workers' Seminar. Other prizes will be announced in the December-January *PROGRESS JOURNAL*.

Winners will be chosen in the following areas:

First Prize—best all-around article or story, most imaginative, relevant, and thought-provoking.

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Outstanding Story—best narrative style writing about personal faith for the '80's.

Honorable Mention—includes other writing worthy of special notice. These also may be published.

2. We urge that manuscripts be typewritten, double spaced, and on one side of 8½ by 11 inch paper.

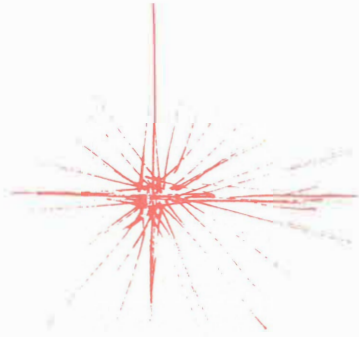
3. We suggest that the manuscript length not exceed 1200 words. One page in *The Restitution Herald* equals about 600 words. We are interested in shorter pieces. Only particularly interesting and vital articles and stories could run to a maximum of 2000 words.

4. **Deadline—February 11, 1980.** We hope judging can be completed in time to include the first prize winner in the April, 1980, issue of *The Restitution Herald*.

We challenge our readers to respond to this invitation even if they have not attempted this type of work in the past. We strongly feel there are many articles and stories which should be written for the blessing and edification of fellow Church of God people everywhere.



The Advent season —
When we remember the coming of
Christ ... and look forward to his
coming again!



and His name
shall be
called Wonderful...

By David Wilsterman



It's nearly Christmas again and many of us still have much to do to prepare for this special festive season. Planning for company, scheduling shopping trips, preparing the house for the festivities, thinking out a menu with your family and holiday guests in mind . . . all this and much, much more is involved as we ready ourselves for Christmas. The year has passed so quickly, and still there are a lot of people getting used to dating their checks with the proper year. Each day of December, too, seems to pass us by as though we were standing still. You may even know people at work who say they'll have to finish their gift buying after they clear their desk on Christmas Eve. Where did the time go? How is it possible that it's "that" time of year already? Why don't I ever get an earlier jump on all of my seasonal preparations?

This, the task of preparing oneself, is the focus of the entire Advent celebration. It's a time when Christians have to prepare for the festival of Christmas. The season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During this season, we get ready on every level of life for a God-pleasing remembrance of the great day when Jesus was born. It was on this day that God's Son, Jesus, the Light of the World, burst upon mankind . . . an event eagerly anticipated by the prophets of old and joyfully remembered by his people of the New Age.

The word "advent" actually means "to arrive," and is used to describe that period of time preceding Christmas during which the people of God prepare to celebrate the fulfillment of our Lord's promise.

Preparation is not a new concept to our God or his children. One recalls the monumental efforts on the part of the ancient

Israelites to ready themselves, the tabernacle and the priesthood for meeting God in worship. If Exodus 40 were read and then briefly paraphrased, it might go something like this: "When you come to worship me, be sure all is ready. No matter how much work it takes, put everything needed for honoring me in the right place. When all is set, have the sons of Aaron prepare themselves to meet me. Then, properly prepared, worship me." Likewise, we are able to read of God's preparations for having a son in Paul's letter to the Galatian brethren (4:4), and his letter to our early counterparts in Ephesus (1:9, 10). The Bible proclaims clearly that God himself made great arrangements for the first Christmas, the birthday of his only begotten Son.

He created Jesus' ancestry, designed a nationality just for him, arranged for a favorable climate in which Jesus would be born, appointed a specific mother and foster father, and when all was in readiness the magnificent King of kings and Lord of lords was born in a stable in ancient Palestine. You see, the history of preparation for the Christmas

event pre-dates Christianity itself. It dates all the way back to our heavenly Father.

Luke records for us an instance when preparation was *not* made for Jesus' arrival (7:36-47). Oh, he was invited and expected, but no advance preparation was made. The common courtesies we afford our average house-guests were not shown him.

Let us then, right now, use the time available to us before Christmas to prepare our hearts and minds for his coming. Remember his first with fondness, and eagerly anticipate the second. Happy preparation! Happy Advent!



ADVENT WREATH

One of the most meaningful activities associated with the season 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 or glass balls serves as the holder for three white candles (representing prophetic fulfillment) and one pink candle (signifying joyous anticipation) spaced evenly around the unbroken circle.

On Sunday evening the family gathers around the wreath to remember a facet of Christ's coming, or "advent." Each Sunday, in sequence, yet another candle is lit, reminding of another aspect of the coming of Jesus, the "light of the world." Then, on Christmas day, a special regal purple candle is placed conspicuously in the center of the wreath and lit in remembrance of the King's birth.

Below is a suggested schedule of devotions for your family. You are encouraged to construct your Advent wreath as best suits your family.

December 2—**Petition for God's help & salvation.**

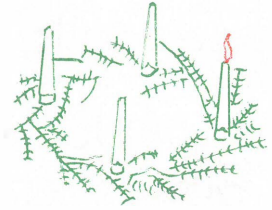
Scripture—Psalm 80:1-7.

Father—Open and close with prayer.

Mother—Read Scripture text.

Youngest Child—Light one white candle beginning devotions.

Song - "Joy to the World."



December 9—**God is not slow, but on his own schedule. Be ready!**

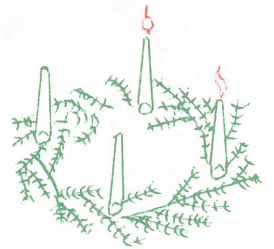
Scripture—2 Peter 3:8-14.

Father—Read Scripture text.

Mother—Open and close with prayer.

Oldest Child—Light two white candles beginning devotions.

Song - "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."



December 16—**Father, don't forget us. We're your creation!**

Scripture—Isaiah 63:16 - 64:8.

Father—Light three white candles beginning devotions.

Mother—Read Scripture text.

Oldest Child—Open and close with prayer.

Song—"The First Noel."



December 23—**John's witness to God's answer to our prayers.**

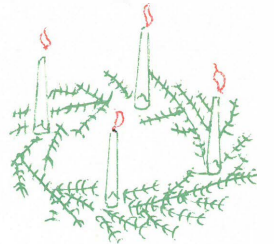
Scripture—John 1:6-9, 19-28.

Mother—Light three white and the pink candle beginning devotions.

Oldest Child—Read Scripture text.

Youngest Child—Open and close with prayer.

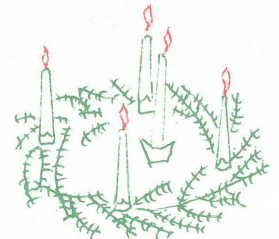
Song—"Silent Night."



Christmas Day—**Jesus grows in God's favor; our answer.**

Scripture—Luke 2:22-40.

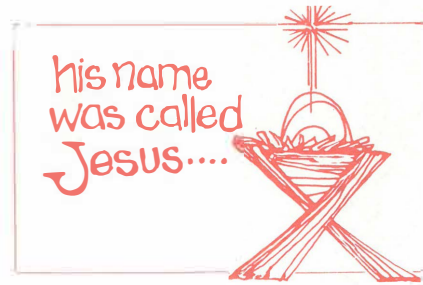
Father—Lead whole devotion as head of home.



ADVENT TREE ORNAMENTS

Each Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday on the Advent calendar provides a symbolic tree ornament idea and text. Each ornament will speak of some new aspect of Christ's coming or earthly ministry. Reading about the event and making the suggested ornament is a great way for children to learn more of Jesus and have fun making something for the Christmas tree. Try it!

December 1979



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>May Christmas bring you the spirit of Love and the peace of God...</p>						1
<p>2</p> <p>Psa. 80:1-7 Manger, Luke 2:10-12 Advent</p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>Key, Rev. 3:7, 8</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>Shepherd Staff, John 10:11</p>
<p>9</p> <p>2 Pet. 3:8-14 Candle, Isa. 49:6</p>	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>Rose, Isa. 35:1-4</p>	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>Star, Rev. 22:16; Num. 24:17</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Isa. 63:16 - 64:8 Lamb, Isa. 53:7, 10, 11</p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>Gift Box, Rom. 5:15 - 17</p>	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>Crown/Scepter, 2 Sam. 7:12, 13</p>
<p>23</p> <p>John 1:6-9, 19-28 Shell, Mark 16:16</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Luke 2:22 - 40 Christmas</p>	26	27	28	29

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS



Baptisms

Glendale, CA. The Valley Church of God recently witnessed three baptisms. They are: Jeremy Martin, Jonathan Poole and John Wood. May the Lord bless these three young men.
Bernedene Jones, reporter.

Omaha, NE. Tiffany Brand, daughter of Steve and Linda Brand, accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized into him on September 9, 1979, at the Jaynes Street Community Church of God. We welcome her into the fellowship of our church and pray God's richest blessings on Tiffany as she grows and matures in Christ.
Scott Ross, pastor.

South Bend, IN. The Hope Chapel Church of God is happy to report that the following responded to the gospel invitation and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ through the waters of baptism. On July 29th: Renee Schermerhorn, 1222 Queen St., South Bend, IN 46616; August 19th: Tina, Robert, and Richard Fry, 1230 Queen St., South Bend, IN 46616; September 2nd: Dorothy Johnson, 705 S. 25th St., South Bend, IN 46615.
Edward Bender, pastor.

Minneapolis, MN. On Sunday, September 9, 1979, at the close of the morning worship service during the Minnesota Fall Conference at Long Lake Bible Camp, Heather Gaspar came forward and requested baptism. It was the writer's privilege to baptize her that same afternoon before a large crowd of witnesses. Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaspar, members of Faith Community Church of God in Brooklyn Center. We pray that God will richly bless her as she begins her new walk with Christ.
Rex Shaw, pastor.

Pleasant Hill, OH. At the close of the morning worship service, August 19, 1979, Laura Sue Satterfield responded to the gospel invitation. She was baptized immediately after church services at the Curtis Vance pond. Our earnest prayer is that God will bless Laura Sue in her decision for Jesus Christ.

On September 30, 1979, Michelle Leigh Pensyl responded to the gospel invitation that was given at the close of the morning worship service. She was baptized on October 7 at the Curtis Vance pond. Her grandfather, Pastor Fred Pensyl, assisted her in putting on Christ in baptism. Everyone greatly rejoiced over her decision. Michelle, her parents, Gary and Sandy, and her brother Terry attend the Lawrenceville Church of God. We pray that God will bless Michelle in her new walk of life.
Pastor Fred A. Pensyl.

Zion, IL. Ronda Coulter, 15, of Isanti, MN, was baptized into Christ at the American International Hospital in Zion, Illinois, September 14, 1979. Ronda died one week later from leukemia.

We praise God for her confession of faith and ask for the prayers of the brotherhood on behalf of her family who have endured so much and who have great faith.
Pastor Hollis Partlowe.

Kokomo, IN. We praise the Lord for John and Rita Pepka who were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ on September 23, 1979. It is wonderful to see a young married couple accept the Lord and begin a new walk together. May God always be with them and bless their entire family.
John Railton, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. The Eden Valley Church of God rejoices with the angels in heaven at the baptism of Anthony D. Cheatwood into the body of Christ. This completes the family circle for the Cheatwood family. They are now all one in the body of Christ. We ask your prayers for Tony as he starts his walk with God. May God always draw him and us to him.

The Eden Valley Church of God also presents to the church at large Sister Nancy Blomker of Box 171, Eden Valley, MN 55329. She was baptized into the body of Christ October 7, 1979, at Long Lake Bible Camp. We ask your prayers and encouragement in her new walk with our Lord.
David Cheatwood, pastor.

MARRIAGES

Andrea Sue McCane and Philip W. Jones were married May 19, 1979, in a lovely ceremony in the Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, CA, by the groom's father. They are making their home in Huntington Beach, CA.

Phyllis Peters and Russell Hodel were married September 15, 1979, in a beautiful garden wedding performed by the writer in Pasadena, CA. They are making their home in Pasadena.
Delbert A. Jones.

Michael L. Ealy and Rosetta Joyce Cronbaugh of Marengo, IA, were united in marriage on Saturday, August 18, 1979, at 5:00 p.m. The wedding took place at the water's edge of Lake Iowa in the presence of approximately 275 relatives and friends. Rosetta is the daughter of Merle and Arlene Cronbaugh, Marengo, all of whom are members of Oaklawn Church of God, Koszta, IA. May God bless this young couple in their future life together and in the new home they have established.
Francis E. Burnett, pastor.

October 14, 1979, at the Bedford, OH, Church of the Open Bible, Fairy Lyon and Joseph Krejcar were married in a simple ceremony before a group of about 50. A reception followed. Sr. Krejcar has been active in the Church of God for many years; her husband has been attending the Bedford Church regularly for some time. Since the Bedford congregation has no regular pastor at present, the writer was privileged to perform the ceremony.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor
Golden Rule Church of God
Cleveland, OH

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Leona Taylor, Clifton, VA; Pattie Sipple, Lafayette, IN; Pearl Pittman, Greenville, SC; Kirk and Renee Kraft, Ventura, IA.

OBITUARIES

Jill Marie Harper was born June 15, 1979 and died September 15 at the age of three months. Jill was the daughter of Jim and Judy Harper of Grand Island, NE. Well known among Church of God families are her grandparents, Jack and Marie Harper of Omaha, and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harper of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Coverstone of the Fort Valley Church of God in Virginia. Although Jill lived for such a brief time, her life had a profound impact upon all who came into contact with her. She taught us much about life, love, priorities, faith, and hope. We take comfort in Christ's words as he gathered the infants upon his knee and said: "Of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).
Scott Ross, pastor.

Mr. Clarence Baker of Lenoir, NC fell asleep in death September 26, 1979, at the age of 74. His wife preceded him in death several years ago. Both were charter members of the Church of Resurrection Hope. Mr. Baker served as a deacon and as an elder for the church for a total of 18 years. He is survived by two sons and three daughters. One son, Earl Baker and one daughter, Mrs. Irene Knight, are members of the church. Funeral services were held at Resurrection Hope Church on September 29, with Pastor James Ritch, nephew of Mr. Baker, and Pastor Z. B. Duncan officiating. Burial was in Mount Zion Baptist cemetery. He lived in hope, died in faith, and now awaits the resurrection at the coming of the Lord.
Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

John H. Coker, 91, died at his home in Williamston, SC, on September 4, 1979. He was married to the late Geneva Stone Coker. It was our privilege to help him put on Christ in baptism on August 27, 1967, in his 79th year. He was a member of Guthrie Grove Church of God, near Pelzer, SC. He is survived by two sons, four daughters, nineteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and one sister. After services on September 6 at Gray Mortuary in Pelzer, he was laid to rest in the hope of resurrection beside his wife at Woodlawn Cemetery, Greenville, SC.
T. M. Ferrell.

Ronda Jean Coulter of Isanti, MN, died on Tuesday, September 18, 1979, at the age of 15. Ronda passed away from leukemia at the North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis. She is survived by her parents, Jim and Nancy; her sister, Paula; her grandmother, Lilly Kantor of Cedar Keys, FL; her grandfather and step-grandmother, Robert and Marge McCannon of Minneapolis; and also by many other relatives and devoted friends.

We praise God for Ronda's faith and trust in him. She had leukemia for 2 years and 7 months, and her faith in God was very strong. Ronda was baptized just one week prior to her burial. She was baptized on Friday, September 14, 1979, by Pastor Hollis Partlowe in the whirlpool in the physical therapy room at the hospital in Zion, IL. It was the first baptism ever conducted there.

The writer conducted services for her at the Eden Valley Church of God on Friday, September 21, 1979. He was assisted by Pastor Truett Lawson of Isanti. She was laid to rest in the Old Eden Lake Cemetery where she awaits the return of her Lord Jesus Christ.
Rex Shaw, pastor.

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You will find in this issue the annual Church of God Directory. Effort has been made to have correct names and addresses; however, if an error does appear, please notify Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, Illinois 61061 at once and correction will be noted in the next PROGRESS JOURNAL. We encourage you to save this directory for addresses and other future reference. When traveling, the directory is helpful to find a Church of God for worship service.

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We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who were so kind and so helpful to us when our son Christopher broke his leg at General Conference this past August. Your love and genuine concern as demonstrated in so many ways were real blessings to us. It felt so wonderful to be a part of the sharing, helping, and loving body of Jesus Christ. Chris has his cast off now and he is fine once again. Thank you all and may God richly bless you in return for your kindnesses extended toward us during that special week.

Bob and Peggy Jones.

COME UP TO NOVA SCOTIA AND HELP US

Just as the plea came to Paul to go into Macedonia I'm making a plea to the ministers of THE CHURCH OF GOD OF THE ABRAHAMIC FAITH. There is here a fine church building, a parsonage, all the necessary equipment, and people who love the Lord. But we need a full-time minister. Yes, we must have a permanent pastor if the church here is to survive.

Since the death of Bro. Raymond Brown five years ago, ten different ministers have served here; some of them have been here twice, for a month or two. Some months there has been no minister at all. Is it any wonder the sheep have become discouraged and wandered away?

I'm praying that one of our ministers will see the challenge to come and help the only Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith in Nova Scotia to live.

In Christian love,
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GOD'S GREAT WARRIORS— 1980 VBS

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WE WERE READY TO GIVE UP,

On Wednesday, March 21, 1979, Etta Marie Wetzel encouraged me to jot down notes of how God had answered our prayers, and then write a testimony for the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. This article is dedicated to her with the hope that all of God's children will know how God leads, and things that happen or work out are not coincidences.

On Sunday, March 4, 1979 the Church at Eldorado voted to re-hire us, but we declined the offer. In fact, Doris and I had talked for some time about leaving the ministry, deciding I would just get a secular job.

On Monday, March 5 I received a phone call from Elder Bill Gaspar from the Faith Community Church of God in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We had been called to accept the pastorate there. I told Bro. Gaspar that we were not even remotely interested and we didn't want to waste their time. Bro. Gaspar told me that was no problem. He asked if they could send a letter explaining their offer along with a resume of the church—location, attendance, etc. He wanted us to think about it, pray about it, and then answer within one week.

I shrugged my shoulders, and said "okay." At least we'd be courteous enough to look at the offer, although we had already made up our minds.

Then I remembered a letter I had received from Pastor Don Needham six days earlier, on Tuesday, February 27. He had heard that we might be leaving the ministry. He encouraged me to, in his words, "exercise the gift of pastor" God had given me. His letter had stared me in the face every day, and I had decided that when we officially said we were through, then I would write back to Don, because I didn't want him to write back and try and influence me some more.

We then began to experience the wonderful working of God's Holy Spirit. We wanted to do the right thing, and we knew prayer would supply the answer.

I called four people in the Eldorado church and asked them to pray for us. It was 11:00 p.m. or later when I called, and I didn't want to talk to the wrong party. For some reason, I wanted to talk to the woman in each instance. I tried to contact Etta Marie Wetzel, Fern Wiggins, Wilma Kittinger, and Georgia Lou Cox. I kept feeling more and more confident as each call was answered, and in all four instances it was the woman who answered. We asked for simple prayer help. We merely asked

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for them to pray for us, to know whether or not God wanted us to stay in the ministry.

On Tuesday, March 6, God's Spirit led, and I knew I needed to unburden myself on a close friend. I picked up the phone and called Don Needham, \$14.44 worth! Don repeatedly asked me, "Had God rejected my calling?" Now I wasn't quite so convinced.

After the call Doris and I talked for a long time, and we finally said the words, "God still wants us to preach." What a tremendous feeling of joy and warmth when we vocally made that decision.

(I later heard Doris tell someone that I was my old self again; a spring in my step, joy in my heart, and a smile on my face.) It was true! I knew God wanted

us. We realized our earlier decision was made in anger and frustration at financial difficulties, near ulcer problems, etc., and we had struck out vocally and said, "We're through."

Again, I called on the four women and asked them to change their prayers. They were excited to know that we had decided to stay in the ministry, and now we asked them to pray that we would know whether or not to accept the pastorate at Minneapolis.

We prayed that if God wanted us in Minneapolis, the offer coming through the mail would be adequate due to the increases in cost of living and inflation. When the letter came, not everything was even spelled out in detail, but we knew the offer was right. In fact, the only mention in the letter about salary was that it was to be paid weekly—there was no mention of the amount. The letter also invited us to visit Minneapolis. I called Bro. Gaspar on Thursday, March 8. I told him that we had accepted their call. We wanted to take them up on visiting Minneapolis but we never once thought of it as a trial sermon. The only reason we were going was to meet the people and see the church and the parsonage. We also wanted to find out exactly when we would start. So we arranged with Bro. Gaspar that we would go and visit Minneapolis on Sunday, March 18.

On Friday, March 9, Doris and I talked about the move. A big concern was selling our tame rabbits we raised and sold for meat. We had 12 breeders, and eight hutches containing 24 cages. We decided that when we got back from Minneapolis, we would put an ad in the paper and sell everything for \$100. We knew if we sold two rabbits here and there, we would end up with less money, and be stuck with empty hutches.

The next morning at 11:00 a.m. there was a knock on the door. The man standing there said, "Do you have any rabbits for sale? I have two boys out of school with nothing to do, and I want to get them started raising rabbits." I said, "Come on in—have I got a deal for you!" I told Doris later; I knew

BUT GOD KEPT US GOING

By Rex L. Shaw

right then this total stranger was going to buy the whole outfit. HE DID!

On Sunday, March 11, the elders at Eldorado called for a special board meeting and gave us permission to go to Minneapolis on March 18. They also said that whenever Minneapolis wanted us to move, they would oblige.

On Monday, March 12, I began to contact the airlines. (None of us had ever flown before.) The Minneapolis folks had told us they would pay our traveling expenses, approximately enough to buy plane fare for myself and Doris. If we wanted to pay the additional expense they would be glad for us to bring our three children along.

After calling a travel agency, and two or three airlines with busy signals, I finally got hold of Ozark Airlines. The cost for all five of us to fly would be \$448. Our hearts sank. We couldn't possibly come up with the additional money. It was also depressing to think of traveling 800 miles, one way, by car. We would have to drive Friday and Saturday, stay only Sunday, and then drive back Monday and Tuesday. We knew we would be very tired, but we said, "That's all we can do." We estimated the gas and meals would cost \$180 and unless we drove out of our way to stay overnight in Oregon, Illinois, we would also have the expense of a motel one night going and one night coming.

At 5:00 p.m. Etta Marie Wetzel called us to see what we had found out. I told her we'd have to drive. She asked me to try some more airlines but I told her I really didn't think it would do any good. She was persistent. She gave me four numbers of different airlines she found in the Chicago Tribune. I told her, "Okay, I'll try, but if the first one or two is anything like Ozark, then I'm not going to call them all." The first one I tried was TWA. A pleasant voice told me that I could buy a full fare, my wife could go for a half-fare, and we could each take two kids free. Total cost: \$201. God had worked through Etta Marie! Praise the Lord!

Our trip to Minneapolis consisted of driving to St. Louis Saturday, board-

ing the plane at 12:45 p.m., and landing in Minneapolis at 2:04 p.m. Coming home we left Minneapolis Monday at 8:25 a.m. and arrived in St. Louis at 9:40 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 13, we again talked about moving. There were things we weren't sure of pertaining to the Minneapolis offer. But there was never a doubt—we knew we were moving to Minneapolis.

We wanted to cut down on things to move plus I had tried since early in January to purchase a boat, motor, and trailer, but our budget was tight and we didn't know how to come up with the money. We prayed about a number of articles; I hadn't hunted

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except for a couple of outings since being in Raymore, Missouri, in 1975. God supplied us with a man who bought all of my guns and gun case. I hadn't played golf but once since 1975. Our neighbor bought my clubs. We hadn't used our tiller since June, 1977. Again God provided. We wanted to sell our canner and 32 dozen jars. God provided. Doris and I talked about selling one of our three 29-gallon aquariums and stand. The next morning we got a phone call from a family who had bought 6 angel fish from us. They wanted to know if we might consider selling one 29-gallon aquarium and stand. Thank you, God, for being so good!

We had other small items; in each case God supplied. Without taking any

money from our budget we had enough cash to buy the boat, motor, trailer, and even other accessories; but without God's help it never would have happened.

On Saturday, March 17, we left for Minneapolis. The weekend was wonderful. We knew it was right! Arrangements were made for us to begin preaching on June 3. Our oldest daughter, Carol, would be out of school on May 30.

On Friday, March 23, I again penned some of my thoughts to help later in writing this article. I went out in our family room and read the Bible for almost an hour. Genesis 37:23-25 leaped off the page at me: "It came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; and they took him and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt." "And then Genesis 45:7, 8: "God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt." Also Genesis 50:20: "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

When Joseph was cast into the pit it was no coincidence that they looked up, and the caravan to Egypt just happened to be there. God worked it out. He directed that caravan to be there, and God still works in the lives and minds of people today.

The man who knocked on our door and bought our rabbits did not visit us by accident. God worked in his mind and sent him to us. We believe God supplied each individual we needed as we needed them.

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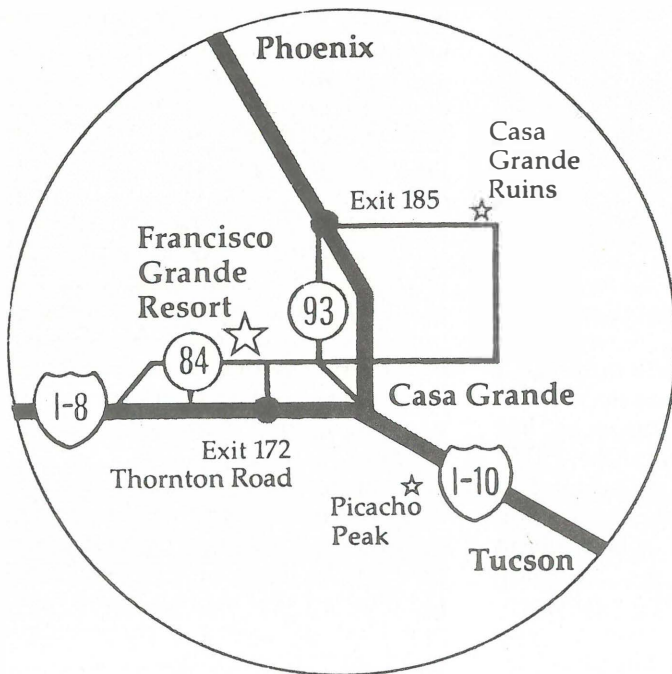
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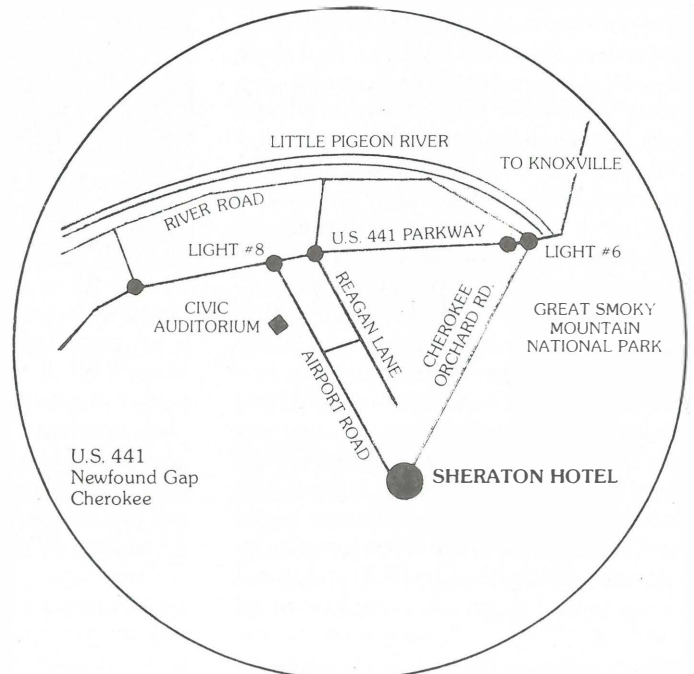
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MAIL TO
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Feb. 21-23—Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 28-Mar. 1—San Diego, CA

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Season's Greetings From Your Staff



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May you and yours have a most joyous Christmas and a spiritually prosperous New Year.

It's been our joy to serve you through the work of Oregon Bible College and the General Conference in 1979. Blessings too numerous to mention have been shared through our specialized areas of service, in our corporate times of prayer, by our opportunities of fellowship. God be praised for his richness to us.

We look to a new year and a new decade with an eagerness to share and serve in the same way, as God grants us each day. We pray for God's continued direction by the power of his Spirit, that what is done by your staff may better assist you in 1980.

May God's blessings so rest with you as we have experienced in miniature in 1979.

Again, happy holidays to you because of what God is doing through the work of Jesus in your hearts and ours!

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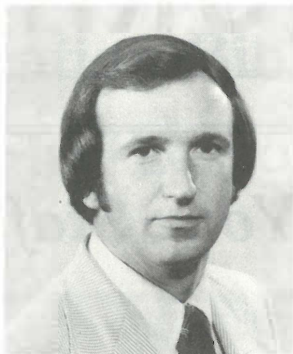
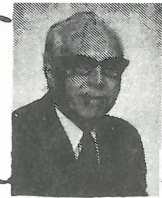
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General Conference Progress

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Know Your Director

Pastor James Graham (picture above) was born in Springfield, Ohio, and grew up in the Lawrenceville Church of God. He was graduated from Oregon Bible College in the Class of 1969. He is married to the former Charleen Johnson of Oregon, Illinois. They have three children: Amy, Jeff, and Heather.

Brother Graham has served pastorates at Hedrick, Indiana and Hope Chapel, South Bend, Indiana, and is presently pastor of the Bible Church of God in Phoenix, Arizona.

Brother Graham has served several years on the Church of God General Conference Sunday School Board and has been Camp Director of the International Berean Youth Camp for several years. He has served several times on the Christian Workers' Seminar staff and has been involved in many other capacities of Christian service on the local, state, and General Conference levels.

Brother Graham was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors by the delegates at the 1979 General Conference. His well-rounded background in all avenues of Christian service will be of great value to the Board of Directors.

Season's Greetings

We take this opportunity on behalf of the entire staff of the Church of God General Conference to extend to each of you Season's Greetings and all best wishes for the New Year of 1980.

At this time of year when we commemorate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, it behooves each of us to further consecrate our lives to him. As the events of time continue to unfold, it appears that the return of Christ and the establishment of his kingdom must be drawing near.

—Cover Photo by Edwin Smith.

May the New Year of 1980 bring rich blessings to the Church of God General Conference, each State and District Conference, each local church, and to each individual member.

Executive Council

Under the reorganization of the Church of God General Conference, an Executive Council was established. The Director of each Department and the Executive Director make up the council, with the Executive Director acting as Chairman. The council meets weekly.

The Executive Council serves as a vehicle of communication between the Executive Director and the Departments and between the Departments themselves. It is a think tank for developing new ideas and programs, and is a planning, advisory Board for each of the Departments. It is a forum for work assignment and handling personnel problems and for evaluation and feedback on current programs. The council assures the smooth operation of the entire work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

December-January JOURNAL

The delegates at the 1979 General Conference, in approving the budget, provided for ten issues of *The Restitution Herald* and PROGRESS JOURNAL during this current church year. Due to that action, the current issue covers the two months of December and January and reflects considerable savings in free literature costs.

Conference Finances

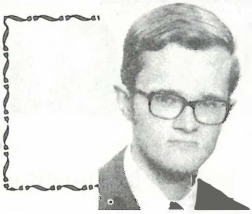
The giving for the one-month period has fallen about six thousand dollars short of the needs. We trust that in the next two months the deficit will be erased. We covet your prayers, concerns, and support of the total conference program.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

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Goal for Oct. 15 - Nov. 15	\$29,627.00
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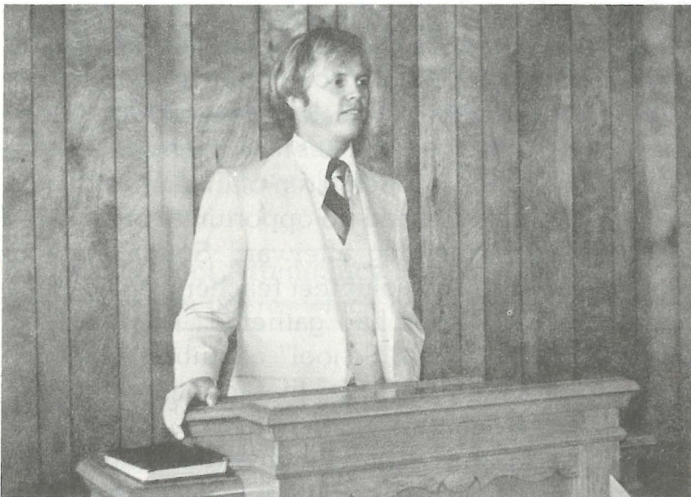
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David Krogh, Acting President

Christian Emphasis Week

November 5-9, Pastor Joe Duncan of the North Hills, Ohio, Church of God was on the College campus as guest speaker for our annual Christian Emphasis Week. This week has traditionally been a high point in the spiritual growth of the students and staff, and this year's program continued in that tradition. Bro. Duncan spoke in Chapel Monday through Thursday, and then the week came to a climax on Friday with our fall Prayer Day. The Prayer Day program began with breakfast at Stronghold Castle near Oregon, followed by an inspiring program and Communion.

Bro. Duncan is pictured below.



Gospel Teams

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

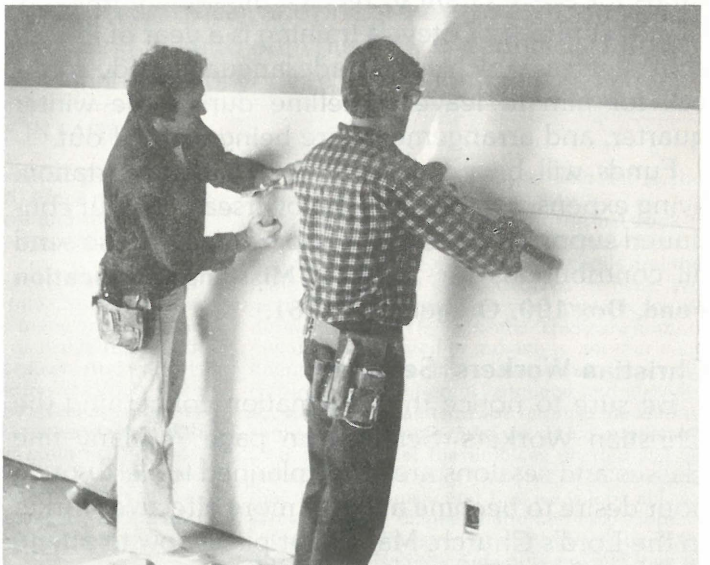
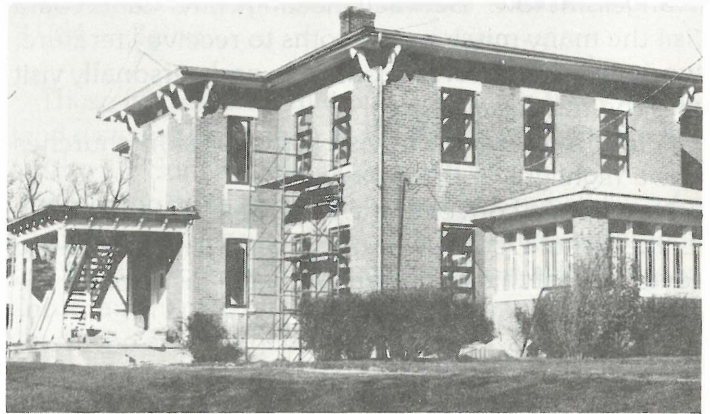
In September a group presented a service at the Hillisburg, Indiana, homecoming weekend. In October a group went to the Columbia Station, Ohio Church, and in November a group visited the Blanchard, Pennellwood, and Garden Park Churches in Michigan. In December a group is traveling to the North Hills Church in Ohio. We are thankful for these opportunities for our students to visit our churches and present services.

Golden Rule Building Progress

As can be seen in the picture, all of the new windows have been installed in the Golden Rule Building. During October, Ed and Ron Schroth from Columbia Station, OH (pictured below), installed the sheetrock

in the building. We appreciate their willingness to donate their time to this special project.

The plumbing and heating work was being completed during November. And Carroll Bennett, a member of the Board of Trustees, did some finishing work before and after the Board Meeting the middle of November.



Booster Campaign Report

I am very happy to report that we have surpassed our goal of \$5,000 in the Booster Campaign for this year. We have received nearly \$5,100 thus far. There are several individuals who made agreements to make monthly contributions to the College, and these amounts are still being received, so we expect our total to go even higher. Our thanks are extended to all who have helped us to reach the goal set by Bro. John Lewis last spring.

By Rachel Carr

OUTREACH AND CHURCH

Missionary Convention Participants

Bro. and Sr. Loyd Cooper and daughter of the Fredericktown, MO, Church attended the 32nd National Missionary Convention held October 16-19 in El Paso, TX. They report a very interesting and informative week.

Missionaries from all over the world were the featured speakers and session leaders at the Convention, which had as its theme "God's Ultimatum—Evangelism Now!" Between meetings, attendants could visit the many missionary booths to receive literature, see items from different countries, and personally visit with the missionaries.

A tour into Mexico to visit some mission churches was a highlight of the convention.

Next year's convention will be held in Springfield, IL, the last of October. Consider attending and taking advantage of this opportunity to gain insight into the work of missions.

Missionary in Training

We appreciate those who are faithfully providing funds for Steve Grant to receive missionary training. The next phase of Steve's training is a year of internship overseas which will include language study. Plans call for him to leave sometime during the winter quarter, and arrangements are being worked out.

Funds will be needed for Steve's transportation, living expenses, and schooling overseas, so your continued support will be much appreciated. Please send all contributions for Steve to **Missionary Education Fund, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.**

Christian Workers' Seminar

Be sure to notice the information concerning the Christian Workers' Seminar on page 7. Many fine classes and sessions are being planned to help you in your desire to become an even more effective worker in the Lord's Church. Make your plans now to attend this seminar in Tennessee.

Nova Scotia News

October 8 was Canada's Thanksgiving Day. The Digby brethren celebrated by gathering at the church the preceding Sunday for a special Thanksgiving message and Communion in the morning and a Praise and Prayer Service in the evening.

A series of special meetings was held in November, as well as several prayer days.

We are thankful for the willingness of Ralph and Gary Childs to minister to the Digby congregation for several months.

Waiting Upon God

We want to remind you about the prayer program, "Waiting Upon God," that we will be involved in during the coming year. We are glad for all those among our churches and conferences who will be giving special leadership in this important program.

"All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22). "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him" (Psa. 37:7a).

A Special Birthday Coming Up

As was reported in the November Journal on this page, the Sunday School is going to have a birthday! In 1980 Sunday School will celebrate its 200th year. It was in 1780 that Robert Raikes first organized Sunday School among the poor children of England who had to work all week and had no opportunity of any kind for education. Not long afterward Sunday School came to America and volunteer teachers replaced the hired teachers Raikes had gathered. Then Sunday School became "Bible School" as public education began to provide "the 3 R's" that formerly had been offered to the rich only.

This "special arm" of the church certainly deserves a celebration in honor of its founding. Homer A. Kent says, "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."

You may want to honor Sunday School in a special way in its 200th year. Birthday Sunday will be October 5, 1980. However, there are many year-round activities which you may choose for your Sunday School. Special materials are available for this purpose from the General Conference. See page 11 for ordering information.

Background on India Pastor Paulson

Bro. Paulson himself first came to know the truths of

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CHURCH DEVELOPMENT NEWS

God's Word through one of the tracts published by the General Conference. He says, "I am proud of the eminent fellowship with the Church of God and for its inspired fundamental truths. The Abrahamic Faith and its doctrines are Scriptural. I cannot forget the day that I was privileged to come into this faith through a tract, 'Is Jesus God?' I strongly believe there is none other truth except ours. Wherever I preach, I preach according to our faith revealed in the Bible. Some people disagree with me. Even though there is much obstacles come in my work I stand on the truth and strive for its growth."

Literature continues to go regularly to Bro. Paulson and his workers. He appreciates receiving *The Restoration Herald* and the Sunday School literature and finds them very useful in his work.

Bro. Paulson is a busy man. Each week he is involved in five meetings at his own church—Sunday School, Sunday worship, Wednesday women's meeting, Friday youth meeting, and Saturday prayer meeting. In addition he makes weekly visits to five other congregations.

Sunday School Attendance Figures

Here are the figures which compare the Church of

God Sunday School attendance of April through June, 1978, with the attendance for the same Sundays in 1979:

April		May		June	
1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
4,124	4,260	4,069	4,161	4,033	3,982
4,276	4,245	4,186	4,180	3,874	3,828
4,080	4,686	3,991	3,942	4,014	3,924
4,119	4,121	3,825	3,812	3,781	3,822
3,964	3,988				

These figures show that on six Sundays the 1979 attendance was larger than in 1978. The average increase for the 13 Sundays was a little over 1%.

Reporting these attendance figures will hopefully make you aware of the general trend that is taking place among our Sunday Schools. Hopefully this report will serve as an encouragement to all of us to be more concerned about those who are absent from our services, and I trust it will serve as an encouragement to everyone to invite others to our services. We have the message of truth which the world needs to hear, and one of the ways for them to hear is to bring them to our churches. We appreciate the efforts that many of you are putting forth to reach people.

AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH

Why are you going to Africa? What will you be doing there? How can we support you in your work there?

Many of you have asked me these questions, and I am deeply grateful for your interest and your desire to help as my wife and I go to Kenya to serve the Lord there.

Some of you may be like I was. I had very little knowledge of what is happening in the African churches today. Most of what I remembered about African missions was a vision of American missionaries living in grass huts witnessing to the "natives." But in the past few months I have learned something about what God is doing there, and I want to share some of these things with you. Then I think you will understand why we are so excited to be a part of his ministry to the "Dark Continent."

Living with a roommate in grad school who had grown up as a missionary kid in Africa helped me realize some new things about life and missions on that continent. This way my first real exposure to the exciting developments in the church there, and the more I heard, the more excited I became! For the story of Christianity in Africa is a remarkable one.

At the turn of the century, the church in Africa was only 3 percent of the population, but now membership is over 30 percent. This number could reach 50 percent in the next 20 years. In fact, a recent survey conducted by the Center for the Study of World Evangelization in Nairobi, Kenya, has shown that, while the Western world has seen large losses in Christianity and world evangelization, in Africa there has been a gain of about 16,600 new believers each day! (*Eternity*,

November, 1979). One missiologist has predicted that by the year 2000 Africa may well be mainly a Christian continent and the home of one of the largest Christian communities in the world.

Our newspapers and news reports are full of stories about the political strife, the persecution and the killings occurring in many of the African countries daily. But in spite of all this, the church in Africa has survived—and grown. And with this growth has come transition—transition from being largely dominated by Western missionaries to indigenization and independence. With the formation of indigenous councils, missions, and agencies, the African churches have assumed their places in the worldwide Christian fellowship. These churches are now ready for the next phase of their development—that of growth, discipleship, and ministry.

Having done my graduate work in the area of Christian ministries, I began to dream that maybe one day God would be able to use me in his ministry to the African people. Then during the past year, God has opened the doors for me to meet several people who are involved in his work on the African continent. As these people shared the needs there, I became more and more excited about possibly working to help meet these needs. Pursuing various possibilities for ministry, I made contact with Rev. Isaac Simbiri with the Africa Inland Church, and this contact led to an invitation to assist him in a new program of ongoing leadership training for African pastors and leaders. We were assured of the perfection of God's timing as he opened the doors for my wife to work with the African office of

Living Bibles International as assistant to the Area Director, Dr. Betta Mengistu.

As we prepare to leave during the first week in January, we are excited about this new ministry and sad to leave our family and friends and the ministry we have been involved in here. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for us during these next few months. There are numerous details involved in moving to another continent and beginning a new work in a new culture, with a different language and lifestyle. My work with a faith mission requires me to raise some support money and we would appreciate your prayers that the finances needed will be provided. Please pray also for our adjustment, that it will be quick, and that we will be able to serve the Lord diligently and faithfully there.

Our new address as of January will be: P.O. Box 60595, Nairobi, Kenya. We would love to hear from you. My experience working with the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College has been a tremendous blessing. It has provided a learning and growing experience for me as well as an opportunity to minister.

We will continue to support each of you in the ministry as God reaches out through you to touch other people. I am deeply grateful for the Christian family we have in the Church of God and trust God that although we will be half-way around the world, we will continue to remain close through the Spirit of God as we minister for Jesus Christ and his coming kingdom. God be with you.

In his love,
Sam Voorhies.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

Hey!
Hey!
Hey!
USA!

So read the poster carried by Lane Tech High School students from Chicago in a November 15, 1979, demonstration supporting the Americans held hostage in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

The blackmailing-kidnapping by Iran's college students who are supported by the politico-religious leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini, has backfired in the U.S. Their demand for the release of the deposed Shah to face Iranian "justice" has stirred patriotic reactions from the hearts of Americans everywhere. To a man our people staunchly support every effort of our leaders to free the hostages without knuckling under to demands for the Shah's life.

Since the November 4 revolutionary student seizing of the Embassy, Khomeini has attempted many tricks to pressure U.S. officials into submission. But each move has been rebuffed by President Jimmy Carter. For instance, when Khomeini threatened to withdraw \$12 billion in Iranian savings accounts from U.S. banks, Carter froze all Iranian assets in this country.

In a November 15 speech to a labor convention in Washington the President labeled the whole incident an act of terrorism. "The United States of America will not yield to international terrorism or to blackmail," Carter blasted in perhaps his strongest speech since he took office.

Thankfully, America seems united in resisting this unprecedented international threat to peace. But how long will the "land of the free and the home of the brave" hold out against this and similar lawless acts that are bound to surface in these last days?

As these thoughts are written we hear that Khomeini placed himself under a three-week rest because of health reasons. Some political watchers feel this Iranian revolutionary may be weakening physically to the point of death. His regime appears to be a streaking rocket that's about to fall, spent from economic exhaustion. Poor management ruined farm production and forced skilled urban workers into the Black Market. Inflation

spirals upward at a rate of 30 percent annually. Fully 33 percent unemployment cripples the economy, setting the stage for another takeover by yet another revolutionary force.

These events weld yet another link onto the chain of global unrest which tie the world to humankind's last hope. As politico-religious leaders one by one fail to break the links of discontent, anarchy soon grips nations, beginning individually, then collectively. Lawlessness will ruin social structure until finally even the most misguided will look to leadership that promises to pull the masses from the edge of oblivion.

Paul predicted that a last-days' condition of prevailing anarchy would force the masses to unite behind a political power promising economic and religious miracles. This coalition would be extolled as God and would use satanic power to perform "signs and lying wonders" (2 Thes. 2:9). While Iran's current holy-man-turned-politician pictures such predictions, obviously he will not succeed as the Man of Sin Paul describes in his second letter to the Thessalonians (see chapter 2). But Khomeini's effort reminds us in miniature how a nation, and eventually the world of nations, will follow misguided charisma in a hopeless situation.

When such times bring pressure on people of faith in God, we shall react with firmer faith in the Almighty. Only those who have lost a love for the truth will fall away. "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth" (2 Thes. 2:13, RSV).

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

There are other verses which bear on the Iranian crisis and the last days of the age. Much could be written from a different perspective. As Church of God Bible students, you have formed conclusions from prophetic texts which foretell Persia's role in last-day events.

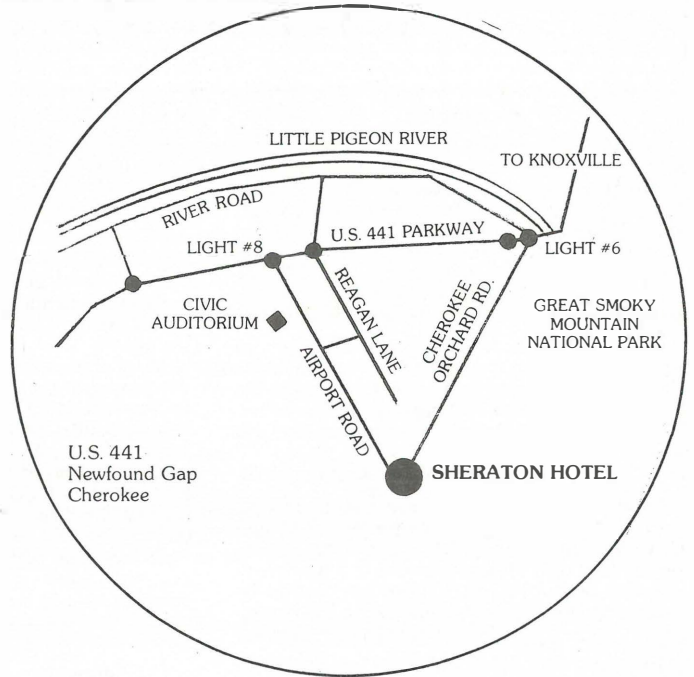
We want to hear from you on these matters. Study well your observations. Write them down in an orderly fashion. Submit them to **The Restitution Herald, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061**. Who knows? You may find your observations in print, reaching into the hearts of thousands of readers.

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WAITING UPON GOD IN PRAYER

The prayer emphasis program "Waiting Upon God in Prayer" for the Church of God General Conference was officially begun in most churches on November 18th. The chief Bible text for this prayer emphasis theme is 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We trust that each member of the Church of God General Conference will especially remember the General Conference and its work in their prayers throughout this year. The specific items for which we ask you to pray at this time are:

- 1) Ask God to show us his will in the church.
- 2) Ask God for understanding of one another.
- 3) Pray for growth of the body of Christ.
- 4) Pray for Bro. and Sr. R. Warren Sorenson as they prepare through schooling for outreach and church development.

Two prayer coordinators have been appointed in each State and District Conference to head up this prayer program. They are acting as co-chairmen to keep the local church informed of prayer items and special prayer requests for the entire Church of God General Conference. A church or member in the State may contact one of these coordinators for additional information.

Following is a list of these co-chairmen (coordinators):

Arkansas	Richard Alcumbrack, Joe White
Illinois	Sydney Kirkpatrick, Carol Ring
Indiana	James Mattison, Judy Hively
Iowa	Francis Burnett, Louis Cronbaugh
Louisiana	Michael Mattison, Charles Bottolfs
Michigan	Don Needham, Joyce Knapp
Minnesota	David Cheatwood, Lorraine Gaspar
Missouri	Vivian Kirkpatrick, II, George Sheeley
Nebraska	Scott Ross, Russell Johns
Ohio	C. E. Lapp, Paul Overholser
SE Conf.	Z. B. Duncan, Joe James
SW Conf.	David Wilsterman, Paul E. Newell
Texas	Dan Landry, John Hayse
Virginia	Dale Ward, Jay Ramsey
Idaho	Vivian Kirkpatrick
Canada	John Hearp

For any other general information on this program, please contact S. O. Ross, General Prayer Coordinator, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Fredericktown, MO. We praise God for the recent addition of two young women into the body of Christ. Laura Cooper accepted Christ at Missouri State Youth Camp and was baptized June 22, 1979. Tami Thomas made a decision for Jesus at International Berean Youth Conference and was baptized August 19, 1979. We pray God will bless Laura and Tami as they work and live for him. Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

Raymore, MO. During the 1979 Missouri State Youth Camp, Lester Koder of the Raymore Church of God came forward in response to the gospel invitation and was baptized by the writer. We praise God for his decision and pray God will strengthen him in new life.

Pastor V. E. Kirkpatrick, II.

Blanchard, MI. Two very special senior ladies came forward making a public profession of faith in Christ on October 28th. That afternoon, Agnes Lint and Helen Wisner were immersed into the Body of Christ. These testimonies by example were a great inspiration to the Body.

Don Needham, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. The members of the Bible Church recently celebrated the following additions to the Body of Christ by baptism: Jeffrey Branson, August 12; Riki Grantham, September 9; Kenneth Hart, September 2; Thomas & Geri Hanby, October 14; William Gene Kennedy, October 21. Also joining our church by transfer of letter has been Billie Cooper and Flora Graham from the Denver, CO, Church of God, Lisa Powell, Lana Powell and Lori Culver from the Tempe, AZ, Church of God, Greg Demmitt from the Troy, OH, Church of God, and Karen Demmitt from the Lawrenceville, OH, Church of God.

James Graham, pastor.

Raymore, MO. The following people have received Christ as Savior and were immersed in his name: Lester Koder on June 22 at the Missouri Youth Camp; Michelle Watkins and Robie McCarty on April 29th; and Mary Fyfe October 10, 1979. It is difficult to overstate the meaning of their decision to obey the gospel and accept the great invitation of the Lord. They share as one the hope of all of God's people, and become the recipients of "great and precious promises." The Raymore Church rejoices with them and prays God's blessing and encouragement on them.

Don Ward and Cecil Smead, pastors.

South Bend, IN. The Hope Chapel Church of God is happy to report that the following responded to the gospel invitation and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ through the waters of baptism. In September: James Smith of South Bend; On September 30: Scott Salyers of Mishawaka; and on October 21: Alan Van Der Heyden of Middlebury, IN.

Edward Bender, pastor.

Southlawn Church, Grand Rapids, MI. We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Ruthanne Titchenell came forward during the worship service and was baptized by the writer on October 21, 1979. May God's richest blessing be upon Ruthanne as she continues to grow in her new walk with Christ.

Michael Brown, pastor.

Royal Village Church of God. On October 21, 1979, we assisted Alvin Day in putting on Christ. Alvin was buried in water and came forth to walk with Christ. Our prayer is that God will always guide Alvin in his life.

J. Roy Humphreys, pastor.

Oregon, IL. Upon their confession of faith, Lisa Dick and Jennifer Noon were baptized into Christ October 21, 1979. We welcome these two fine girls into our local church and into God's redeemed family throughout the world.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Culver, IN. On July 1, 1979, following her confession of Jesus as her Savior, Rhonda Goodman was immersed in the waters of baptism by the writer. On September 16, 1979, Trina Vermillion was immersed in the waters of baptism, into Jesus' saving name, by the writer. We pray that the leading of the Lord will be a constant delight in their new-found way of life. During Youth Conference week, Tony Goodman accepted Jesus as his Savior. On July 29, 1979, he was immersed in the waters of baptism by Pastor Kenneth Cook. We rejoice with Tony on his new life. We are happy to have these three young people join with the New Hope family here in Culver. And pray God's blessing upon our continued growth together until Jesus comes.

Darrell Maddock, pastor.

MARRIAGES

On September 15, 1979, Diana Morrison, daughter of Robert and Mary Anne Morrison, became the bride of Ricky D. Vice at a lovely afternoon ceremony at the Faith Chapel Church of God, Lafayette, Indiana. The couple will make their home at 2608 Main, Lafayette, Indiana 47904.

Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick, II.

On Saturday evening, August 11, 1979, in the Oregon, IL, Church of God, Virginia Humphreys, became the bride of Greg Kraft, son of Everett and Elsie Kraft. Their vows were said before God, family, and friends in a lovely double-ring service performed by the bride's father. It is a joy to nurture and raise a daughter in the Lord and then be able to give her to a young man whose parents have done the same for him. We pray God's blessing upon our daughter and "new" son as they make their home in Dixon, IL.

Pastor J. Roy Humphreys.

On Saturday, September 15, 1979, Natalie McDade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles McDade, became the bride of Mark Gallagher, son of Mike and Hazel Gallagher. The ceremony was held at Troy View Church of God with a reception following. The couple now resides in Troy, Ohio.

On Saturday, November 3, Cathy Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Brown, and Fred Warner, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Dyke, were united in marriage. The service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Troy with the pastors of the Methodist Church and of Troy View officiating. Fred is in the Navy, stationed in Panama, where Cathy will join him soon.

We pray that God will richly bless these two couples in their lives together.

Gary Smith, pastor.

On Saturday evening, August 18, 1979, Karen Circle, daughter of Ruth Circle and the late Everette Circle, became the bride of Greg Demmitt, son of Dwaine and Joyce Demmitt, in a ceremony performed on the lawn of the bride's mother. The setting was lovely for the ceremony and the reception following. The vows were spoken before a beautiful archway. The bride and groom chose to use the same ring vows as were spoken by the groom's parents on their wedding day. Clarence E. Lapp assisted the pastor in the ceremony. The couple are both graduates of Oregon Bible College. Greg served his year of internship at the Bible Church of God,

Phoenix, AZ, and is now serving as the assistant pastor of the church. They are making their home at 2025 W. Indian School Road #112, Phoenix, AZ 85015. We pray that this fine young couple will find true happiness in sharing their lives together as they serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following persons have successfully completed the Systematic Bible Study Course. Dean Williams, Gulane Foster, Opal Hayse, and Cecil Railton, all of Harlingen, TX; Wanda Hayse, Combes, TX; Bonnie Pfeiffer, Tempe, AZ.

ILLINOIS FALL CONFERENCE

Ripley was host to a very successful conference on October 12-14, 1979. Geared to the study of God's Word, the program placed focus on doctrinal truths and prophecy. That Bro. Randall has been very active as president was shown in the lively interest and excellent attendance. Appointed as directors in the Christian Service Department were: Youth, Waldon Winner; Sunday School, Carol Ring; Home Missions, Shirley Urish. Nine churches were represented.

Margaret Duval, secretary pro tem.

OBITUARIES

Gerald L. Cooper, 67, Tempe, AZ, died Wednesday, October 6, in Maricopa County Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona. He was born in Ripley, IL, July 27, 1912, a son of John Wesley and Myrtilla O'Neal Cooper. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Edna Hughes of Rushville and Mrs. Margaret Ward of Canton, IL, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Mary Burnett.

Gerald graduated from Rushville High School in 1930, and later attended Oregon Bible College in Oregon, IL. He was baptized into the Church of God at Ripley in December, 1926, by Bro. F. E. Siple. He served as pastor of Churches of God in Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Arizona, and California. He retired from the ministry in 1961 because of ill health, and returned to Tempe, where he made his home until the time of his death. In addition to his work in the ministry, he wrote many articles for *The Restitution Herald*, and prepared lessons for Sunday School Quarterlies.

During his adult life he spent many years in convalescent homes, but despite his illness, his cheerful attitude toward life and his love for the church were an inspiration to all who knew him. Truly the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7, 8 can be quoted to describe Gerald's life—just as they were used for his father 26 years ago—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Services were held at the Ripley Church of God on Monday, October 8. Burial was in the Ripley Cemetery.

Pastor Francis Burnett.

Ray Saylor was born on June 20, 1887, in Morrill, KS, and died September 10, 1979, in Tempe, AZ. He and his pioneer family moved to Arizona in 1892, bringing with them a deep dedication of religious faith and a strong conviction of Biblical truth. With this spiritual foundation they

1888, but a Modesto, CA, resident since the early 1950's, Mr. Copeland fell into the sleep of death March 26, 1979. Surviving are his wife Dessa and several children. He attended Bible studies in his home and attended services while the Modesto Church of God met in the early 1970's. Funeral services were held in Modesto at Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel on March 28, 1979. Mr. Copeland was laid to rest in Acacia Memorial Park. God bless his family with faith and hope.

God's people at Conger Street Church of God, Waterloo, IA, truly miss a loved one, **Walter R. Tempel**, who fell asleep in Christ September 14, 1979. Bro. Tempel was born November 2, 1911, in Berlin, Germany, son of Richard and Emily Anhalt Tempel. He married Helen Brown November 25, 1937, at Marshalltown, IA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was baptized in 1951 and became a member of the Church of God. He worked for Iowa Public Service for 25 years, retiring in 1974. He is survived by his wife, at home; two sons, H. Patton of Anaheim, CA, and M. Timothy of Waterloo, IA; a daughter, Katherine, at home; a brother, Richard, St. Charles, IL; and a sister, Mrs. Katherine Trumbo, Burlington, IA. Services were conducted by Pastor Linford Moore at the Parrott and Wood Funeral Home, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, September 17, 1979. May God comfort his loved ones with hope for Christ's return to raise all who are his for eternity.

Mrs. Leta McLeod fell asleep in death on October 20, 1979, at her home in Pomona, CA. Sr. McLeod was a lifelong member of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona. Sr. McLeod had been suffering the effects of cancer over the past two years, but had taken great comfort in her relationship with our Lord. Her hope was in the resurrection of the dead at the coming of Christ himself, and she awaits that transformation even now. Mrs. McLeod is survived by five sons: Duncan, Ross, Malcolm, John, and Kenneth; three sisters: Mrs. Verna Rahn, Mrs. Mildred Stantial, and Mrs. Thelma Moore; and 13 grandchildren. Services were conducted by Dr. Alva Huffer and this writer.

David Wilsterman, pastor.

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EDGE OF THE '80'S WRITING CONTEST

As you glance into the 1980's you've observed faith-strengthening concepts you want to put on paper. You may be thinking about writing a manuscript for this contest, but you haven't hit on a style that fits your subject. Perhaps your difficulty is not with style. Maybe manuscript length (too short or too long), proper use of Scripture and anecdotes, or skillful use of a scene from your life may have you stumped. Or again, perhaps your concern is more basic. You may question, "What about the content of my article—will it reach the reader to cause him to respond to the Lord?"

Whatever your writing problem, take heart—you're not alone. Every person attempting to put words on paper has similar difficulties, regardless of his skill or motivation.

One place you may investigate for help is in the pages of *The Restitution Herald* itself. Examine articles and stories from the past 18 months to give you a clue for proper style, manuscript length, use of Scripture and anecdotes, etc.

For instance, you will gain valuable insight in writing a personal story in narrative style by reading again the contributions of Shirley McQuinn, Joyce Knapp, Carol Daniels, David Krogh, and others whose articles were used as a lead for the issue. Note the way the writer outlined his work in scenes, and fashioned each scene with dialogue or other forms of movement.

You will appreciate the writing style of a doctrinal article by examining again such pieces as "The Second Coming" (February, 1979), "Is Hell Hot?" (same issue), "Friend Jim and the Crematorium" (April, 1979), the series of articles on Restitution (October, 1979), and "Is Death Really Death?" (November, 1979). Observe how the article begins with an illustration, develops one key thought on a Bible doctrine, and whets the reader's appetite for more instead of evolving into a theological treatise.

I hope this information encourages you on your way toward writing your manuscript. Remember, our theme is to boost personal faith in the Lord that will stand the demands of the '80's. This could be the decade in which God chooses to send his Son back to planet earth. All who read your article need to know the good news of the gospel in preparation for that event.

Contest Guidelines

1. Everyone is urged to enter the contest. Winners will be announced in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* with their writing being published in *The Restitution Herald*. First prize will be a tuition-free week at a Church of God General Conference Christian Workers' Seminar, or free room and board at the 1980 General Conference sessions in Rockford, IL, August 4-8. Prizes for the Outstanding Article and Outstanding Story will be one half the tuition to a Christian Workers' Seminar or one half the room and board fee at General Conference.

First Prize—best all-around article or story, most imaginative, relevant, and thought-provoking.

Outstanding Article—best doctrinal account of how our particular faith meets the needs of the '80's; can be written in essay style.

Honorable Mention—includes other writing worthy of special notice. These also may be published.

2. We urge that manuscripts be typewritten, double spaced, and on one side of 8½ by 11 inch paper.

3. We suggest that the manuscript length not exceed 1200 words. One page in *The Restitution Herald* equals about 600 words. We are interested in shorter pieces. Only particularly interesting and vital articles and stories could run to a maximum of 2000 words.

4. **Deadline—February 11, 1980.** We hope judging can be completed in time to include the first prize winner in the April, 1980, issue of *The Restitution Herald*.

5. Submit your manuscript to: **Edge of the '80's Writing Contest, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.** Judges for the contest: Shirley McQuinn and Carol Daniels.

We challenge our readers to respond to this invitation even if they have not attempted this type of work in the past. We strongly feel there are many articles and stories which should be written for the blessing and edification of fellow Church of God people everywhere.

Workshops and Seminars

Church Growth:

Identifying, Reaching, and Winning New People, led by Win Arn, Feb. 12, 13, 1980, Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California. Cost: \$125.00.

Effective Incorporation of New Members, led by Ray Sells and Donald LaSuer, Feb. 14, 15, 1980, Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California. Cost: \$125.00.

Advanced Church Growth Seminar on how to lead your church to new levels of effectiveness in evangelism, ministry, and membership growth. Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, California, Apr. 21-25, 1980. Cost: \$185.00.

For more information on the above seminars and workshops, write to The Institute for American Church Growth, 150 South Los Robles, Pasadena, California 91101.

Sunday School Teaching:

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Seminar Schedule:

Feb. 7 - 9—Oak Park, IL
Feb. 14 - 16—Santa Ana, CA
Feb. 21 - 23—Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 28 - Mar. 1—San Diego, CA

Clinic Schedule:

Feb. 1, 2—Baton Rouge, LA

For more information on the above ICL seminars and clinics, write to ICL, Box 1650, Glendale, CA 91209

While these workshops and seminars are not endorsed by the Church of God General Conference, they are resources for increasing skills and shaping methods for Christian workers.

Missions:

Urbana '79 Missionary Convention on University of Illinois Campus at Urbana, Dec. 27 - 31, 1979. For more information write to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 233 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703.

Walk Thru The Bible Seminars:

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—Robert Jones.

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Singles:

Single Adult Leadership Training Conference, SALT I, Dallas TX, Feb. 5 - 7, 1980. For more information write: SALT I, Solo Magazine, 2401 Nowata Pl., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

For more information about location and special rates (\$15 pre-registered), write to Walk Thru the Bible, 603 West Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.

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Please send me _____ copies (\$2.50 each) of the Sunday School Openings Idea Book.

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"YEAR OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL" SUPPLIES

Listed below are materials which may help your Sunday School celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School during 1980.

How to Celebrate the Year of the Sunday School (47-page booklet) \$1.95
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VIRGINIA ADULT RETREAT

On Saturday, October 13, 1979, thirty-three people gathered at Blandy Farms for an enjoyable day of fellowship and spiritual renewal. This was the first Adult Retreat held in the State of Virginia and everyone enjoyed it very much. At the close of the day some people came up to me and asked when we were going to have another one. It was a very inspiring time for everyone.

Blandy Farms is located about 15 miles from Winchester, VA. The activities began around 10:00 a.m. We sang songs for awhile and then saw a good movie called "The Train." It set the day off and everyone knew what we were going to be doing thereafter. Following the movie we divided up into groups and discussed it. We had two more classes during the rest of the day. Also after lunch everyone could go out and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. It sure is pretty here in Virginia this time of year. Our day concluded with a communion service that was very moving. We sat in a circle and passed the bread and the cup around and had each one take when they were served. We concluded the day singing the song, "Blest Be the Tie"—it was a great day to be with God's people. I hope we can do it again next year.
Pastor Joe Astolfi.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, please keep me pure in thought and action. May I keep myself filled with the knowledge of you and your Word, leaving no place for impure thoughts or action. Help me to screen my friends carefully that no evil influence overtake me. Make me "fit for the Master's service." Amen.

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What I See for the Future

by David Krogh

At a recent meeting in Chicago, I heard Peter Wagner give a message entitled, "What I See for the Future of Church Growth in America During the 1980's." As an introduction to his thoughts he gave a brief sketch of the major church trends during the past 30 years.

He said that he believed the 1950's was a period of church growth across most of America.

The 1960's, however, was a period of transition, when some churches stopped growing and in fact many of them made devastating declines. One main-line denomination lost 10% of its membership during the decade.

The 1970's was a period of reassessment for many churches. People began to ask, "Why are so many denominations declining in membership and attendance?" Research showed that churches were declining because of priorities. Preoccupation with the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights movement had almost eliminated effective outreach. Social service preempted evangelism.

Peter Wagner proceeded to say that in the 1980's he looks for the following things to happen on the church scene in America:

1. There will be an attendance turnaround in main-line churches.
2. There will be a new emphasis on Biblical evangelism in Roman Catholic churches.
3. There will be continuing growth of fundamental, evangelical churches, especially among Pentecostal churches who experienced a 47% increase in membership during the 1970's.
4. There will be new stress on starting ethnic churches. Forty-three percent of Americans are not Anglo-Saxon.
5. The church growth movement will help churches evangelize.
6. There will be an emphasis on evangelism that develops responsible church members, not just getting people's names on the role of the church.

I very much enjoyed hearing Peter Wagner's assessment of church trends of the past, present, and future, and his talk caused me to think of what trends had characterized the Church of God during the past, and what we could expect in the 1980's.

In the Church of God, the 1960's I believe were characterized by substantial outreach. Foreign Mission work was expanded in a number of countries, and 10 new Sunday Schools and churches were started in the middle of the decade.

I believe that the 1970's was a period of transition and reassessment for the Church of God. We began to grapple with our philosophy of how to conduct Foreign Mission work. We struggled to keep our attendance at the same level that it had been in the '60's. Fourteen Sunday Schools and churches went out of existence. We reorganized our General Conference, and we began to have dialogue on how we could reach out and bring about the growth of our churches, while at the same time upholding the truths of the Bible which we believe are so important.

As we look to the '80's in the Church of God, I would like to make the following predictions:

1. The world situation will become more uncertain and unstable. It, of course, doesn't take any profound insight to make such a prediction as this in light of current events. However, some observers anticipate that Russia will probably use its incursion into Afghanistan as an opportunity to move on into Iran, and perhaps Pakistan, and even into other Middle East countries, including Israel. Russia will continue to stir up strife in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America.
2. As the world situation continues to deteriorate, people will become more and more open to our message of truth and hope.
3. The Church of God will become more selective in how it uses its resources. With rampant inflation the world over, we will want to use our money in the places that will do the most good. With limited time and

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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: Charles Pryor, Monroe, LA; Dwaine Demmit, Vice Chairman, Troy, OH; James Graham, Phoenix, AZ; Harold Doan, Chairman; Huntington Beach, CA; Carroll Bennett, Treasurer, Paynesville, MN; Shirley Urish, Secretary, Freeport, IL; Donald Needham, Blanchard, MI.

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

Oregon Bible College President

We are pleased to announce that Brother Charles Pryor has accepted the appointment of the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College to become the President of Oregon Bible College beginning in the summer of 1980. We welcome Dr. Pryor to the staff and invoke the Lord's rich blessing on him as he accepts this important position.

Board of Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois, on November 15 and 16. The Blood River Church of God was approved for Mission Builders Appeal number 44 which will go in the mail in May of 1980. The Executive Council and Sister Shirley Urish were appointed as a committee to plan the 1980 General Conference Program.

The annual audit report was approved. (See pages six and seven in this issue for a portion of that report.)

Approval was given to use the David C. Cook lessons for the teen-age quarterly beginning in the fall after the necessary revisions by our publishing staff.

Brother David McClain was appointed Director of

Business Administration for the General Conference. It was reported that the new song books will soon be ready for publication and hopefully will be ready for distribution by the 1980 General Conference.

Dr. Roy Stuckey of Sabina, Ohio, a fund-raising consultant and adviser, made a presentation to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors met again on January 31 and February 1 and 2. This meeting was set basically for long-range planning.

Annual General Conference

The 1980 Church of God General Conference will meet at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, on August 4-8. The cost for the four-day Conference this year will be: adults (over 12 years of age), \$60; children (4-12 years), \$45; children under 4 years, \$4; commuters, \$8.

The theme of the 1980 Conference will be: "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth." There will be lots of good music from the new hymnal, Bible studies, prayer opportunities, worship services, communion, sharing sessions, sermons, Conference business, and good fellowship.

Reservation information will be sent to the pastors shortly. Watch further issues of PROGRESS JOURNAL for more information on reservations and the completed program. We urge you now to begin making plans to attend this important Conference.

Conference Finances

Contributions for the two months (November 15-January 15) have fallen some \$10,000 short of the budget needs. These funds are needed to provide the cost of our publications, support of our missionaries, salaries of employees, at least one half the cost of education of each OBC student, and all general upkeep. We trust the membership will make this a matter of prayer and respond to the needs.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

\$348,000.00

Goal for November 15-January 15	\$64,159.00
Given November 15-January 15	54,627.00
Deficit for the two months	9,532.00
Needs January 15-February 15	29,000.00

Goal for Jan. 15 - Feb. 15 \$38,532.00



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Acting President

New President Secured

It gives me real pleasure to announce that Brother Charles Pryor has accepted the invitation of the Board of Trustees to be the new permanent President of Oregon Bible College.

Charles is the son of the late Pastor C. F. Pryor and Sr. Helen Pryor and he is married to the former Lois Stadden. The Pryors have three children, Elizabeth, Brian, and Todd.

Bro. Pryor received his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio; his Master of Science in Education degree in Guidance and Counseling, and his Doctor of Education degree from Northern Illinois University. He comes to the College with not only a broad background in Education, but with a great deal of knowledge about Oregon Bible College. He was a member of the Oregon Bible College Board of Education for eight years, and he is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the College.

The Pryors will be moving to Oregon in the summer.

We are thankful that the Lord has directed in the selection of our new President, and we believe that the Lord will continue to bless Oregon Bible College under the leadership of Dr. Pryor, as we train Christian workers for the Church of God.

New Position for Rachel Newell

I am happy to announce that Rachel Newell has been appointed to the newly created position of Administrative Assistant to the President. Rachel has served as the College secretary for the past year and a half; however, particularly during the past nine months, she has assumed many additional responsibilities in the area of Admissions and Student Services. Rachel has made a very valuable contribution to the work of the College during our transition period and we are fortunate to have her as a part of our staff.

Board of Trustees Decisions

In mid-November, the Board of Trustees met in Oregon and made some important decisions regarding the future of the College:

Intern Scholarships

For the past four years, the Oregon Bible College Internship Program has been financed by the interns and the cooperating churches and state conferences.

We very much appreciate the generosity of churches and conferences in helping to support the interns.

Recently, however, a bequest was made to Oregon Bible College from the estate of Monroe Elton. It was the request of Bro. Elton that these funds be used for scholarships for those preparing for the ministry.

So, beginning in the fall of 1980, scholarship funds will be available to assist churches and conferences in providing support to interns. Since the amount of available scholarship funds is limited, it will still be necessary for interns, churches, and conferences to share in the funding of the Internship Program.

At the November meeting, the Board approved some proposed intern scholarship guidelines which spell out the application procedures, support guidelines, scholarship limits, and appropriate application forms. A copy of the guidelines will be mailed to any church upon request.

Land Acquisition Policy

In anticipation of the future growth and development of Oregon Bible College, the Board approved a land acquisition policy which will clarify and give direction to future land purchases in the area of the Oregon Bible College campus.

As property is listed for sale in the area adjacent to our campus, the Board has authorized the College Administration to attempt to acquire the property at a reasonable price. Funds for the purchases will be borrowed and repaid from the rents received from the property. All expenses for the properties will also be paid from the rent received. No general fund contributions will be used for property acquisition or maintenance and repair. Our intention is for the purchases to be strictly a self-supporting program.

If the Lord's return is delayed, these purchases will not only give the College room for further expansion, but will also increase the net worth of the Conference and College without using the funds of contributors.

During the past 14 months, we have had opportunity to buy three houses in the area of the campus. All of them have been rented continuously, and the rental income has been sufficient to take care of all expenses, as well as the monthly payments on the money borrowed to make the purchases.

Any questions about this policy can be addressed to the Acting President.

By Rachel Carr

OUTREACH AND CHU

Missionary Student to Go Overseas

As we begin a new decade, the Church of God is on the threshold of new directions in missions. From our own experience and that of others, we have come to realize the importance of training missionaries and sending them to teach and train others in order to have a strong and enduring impact for Christ overseas.

Stephen Grant has been receiving post-graduate education in missionary preparation at Fuller Theological Seminary the past year and is now ready to begin another phase of that training. In February he will be leaving for approximately one year of overseas studies in India and possibly other countries. Steve will not be going as a missionary at this time, but as a student of the culture and the language. He will also study growing churches in the area and will build relationships with our own church members and leaders. No matter in which country Steve may eventually serve, this cross-cultural experience will be invaluable to him. Steve plans to return home in time to begin a new semester at Fuller in January, 1981, and continue to work toward his degree in missions.

We are glad that Steve will be able to travel to India with Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence, who plan to spend about a month in the country. They have been there many times and will be able to help Steve become acquainted and familiar with the people and the area.

While Steve is overseas he will have various needs which we can help supply. There will be the expense of his transportation to India and also the cost of his living while he is overseas. He will also need a bicycle for transportation and a camera and film for recording his experiences so they can be shared with us.

If your group is looking for a missionary project, we would recommend helping this dedicated young man with his expenses as he continues to prepare for missionary service. This project would also be an excellent one for participation by your VBS children.

Additional ways in which you can help Steve include praying for him and writing to him. Pray about these things: that he will find a suitable place to live, that he will quickly be able to adjust to the different culture, that he will be an encouragement to our church people, that he will gain insight into the work of missions, and for his family here at home.

Steve will appreciate receiving letters of encouragement from us. Check at your post office for aerogrammes for writing overseas. Send correspondence to: Mr. Stephen Grant, c/o Pastor M. R. Noel, 42/1 Serpentine St., Richmond Town, Bangalore 560025, South India.

"In the Know"

If we are interested in the Church of God having an effective foreign missionary outreach, it is imperative that we learn as much as possible about how to do God's work in the best possible way. Many people have been involved in mission work over the years and have gained much insight from their experiences. What better way is there to learn than from those who have been there and are "in the know"?

One group that is especially willing to share information is the Association of Church Missions Committees. This is an organization of Christian congregations ranging from those which have little or no experience in missions to those which have had up to 200 years of experience to share. It becomes a case of those who know telling those who don't know but want to know.

The Association sponsors conferences for the missions leadership of the local church and produces needed, practical, and lay-oriented resources such as the ACMC Missions Seminar: "Missions and the Church in the 80's."

This seminar will be held July 10-12, 1980, at Claremont Men's College, Claremont, CA, and we would recommend that pastors and lay members alike plan to attend. This will be a time when you can hear experienced missionaries speak, learn how to help your church become an informed congregation which raises up and sends missionaries, and learn how to help the Church of God General Conference become a proper sending organization.

For more information write to the Missions Department of the General Conference.

Urbana '79

Much prayer preceded and continued throughout the Student Missions Convention held in Urbana, IL, December 27-31, 1979. In attendance were 18,600 and observers said that the commitment of these young people was astonishing. Thousands are concerned

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Pray for the young people who made commitments at this convention that they may follow where God leads them into his service and be used to bring others to him. And high-schoolers, think now about attending Urbana '82.

A Visit With the Director of Outreach

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Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18b). Unparalleled opportunities await us in this new decade. And though we may not understand how the seed germinates, takes root, grows, and produces fruit, this should not deter us from planting seed far and wide. (Mark 4:26-29.) God's Word will not return to him void. (Isa. 55:11.) "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2). "Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee" (1 Chron. 22:16).

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Post-High Midwinter Retreat

As you know, the annual post-high midwinter retreat was held this year at Camp Maranatha in Idyllwild, California. The small town of Idyllwild is a tourist community located high in the San Jacinto mountains of Southern California. This retreat is now history, having been held December 27-30, 1979. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information concerning it.

Seventeen young people traveled many miles cross country to take part in this post-high program. All traveled at least 350 miles with the exception of the one young lady who came up from Pomona, California. There were three who came from South Carolina, one from Louisiana, one from Michigan, one from Ohio, three from California, and the remainder from Arizona.

Although our numbers were smaller this year, we feel that the time spent was thoroughly worthwhile. The classes, fellowship, and the natural beauty of God's handiwork brought us to the realization that only through God and his Son could we truly live life to its fullest measure. I have thanked God many times for the dedication of the young people of the Church of God. It's such pleasure to work with them, associate with them and also to learn from them.

My sincere thanks go to Pastor David Wilsterman and his wife Janis of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, California, for serving as guest staff and teachers for this retreat. They spent a great deal of time and effort preparing classes entitled "God's Will for Our Lives." These classes were very challenging and thought-provoking.

My thanks also to all of the young people who took the time and expended the funds to be in attendance, and therefore made the retreat successful.

The Berean Youth Advisory Council is tentatively considering moving this retreat to South Carolina in 1980.

1980 International Berean Youth Conference

The 1980 International Berean Youth Conference will again be held at Camp Alexander Mack in Indiana. The dates are July 13-19, 1980. Begin to plan now to have your youth in attendance.

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visit with Bro. Warren Sorenson. It was exciting to hear him tell of the things he and his wife are learning and experiencing at Fuller Theological Seminary. They have both been kept very busy with their classes which involve a great deal of reading. During their second semester they will have classes in church renewal and evangelism, the principles and procedures of church growth, and American church growth case studies. Continue to pray for them.



Post-High Midwinter Retreat

As you know, the annual post-high midwinter retreat was held this year at Camp Maranatha in Idyllwild, California. The small town of Idyllwild is a tourist community located high in the San Jacinto mountains of Southern California. This retreat is now history, having been held December 27-30, 1979. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information concerning it.

Seventeen young people traveled many miles cross country to take part in this post-high program. All traveled at least 350 miles with the exception of the one young lady who came up from Pomona, California. There were three who came from South Carolina, one from Louisiana, one from Michigan, one from Ohio, three from California, and the remainder from Arizona.

Although our numbers were smaller this year, we feel that the time spent was thoroughly worthwhile. The classes, fellowship, and the natural beauty of God's handiwork brought us to the realization that only through God and his Son could we truly live life to its fullest measure. I have thanked God many times for the dedication of the young people of the Church of God. It's such pleasure to work with them, associate with them and also to learn from them.

My sincere thanks go to Pastor David Wilsterman and his wife Janis of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, California, for serving as guest staff and teachers for this retreat. They spent a great deal of time and effort preparing classes entitled "God's Will for Our Lives." These classes were very challenging and thought-provoking.

My thanks also to all of the young people who took the time and expended the funds to be in attendance, and therefore made the retreat successful.

The Berean Youth Advisory Council is tentatively considering moving this retreat to South Carolina in 1980.

1980 International Berean Youth Conference

The 1980 International Berean Youth Conference will again be held at Camp Alexander Mack in Indiana. The dates are July 13-19, 1980. Begin to plan now to have your youth in attendance.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Church of God General Conference

October 1, 1978 — September 30, 1979

We have examined the Statements of Financial Position of the Church of God General Conference as of September 30, 1979, and the related Statements of Income & Expense (or Statements of Receipts & Expenditures) and Statements of Fund Balance for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1978, and ending September 30, 1979. 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, 1979, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979, 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 15, 1979

REORGANIZATION

The delegates at the 1978 Annual General Conference adopted a plan of reorganization, which was to become effective and fully implemented on September 1, 1979. The effective implementation date does not correspond to the beginning of the corporation's accounting fiscal year. Therefore, as a practical matter, the changes in the accounting records to reflect the necessary changes for the reorganization structure are being made beginning October 1, 1979.

Under the reorganization structure of the General Conference, Oregon Bible College is given a clearly defined separate entity. Henceforth, it will be responsible directly to the Board of Trustees provided for in the reorganization.

In order to facilitate the presentation of separate financial statements for Oregon Bible College as a separate department of the Church of God General Conference, we implemented that change in our financial statements presented for the previous year. The previous year's report, followed with this report, gave us a better opportunity to observe the problems involved and provide for a smoother transition for the reorganization.

Also, all other departments are realigned under the new reorganization structure, and will be known by new titles. The accounting records were restructured for the opening of the new accounting year on October 1, 1979, to conform to the reorganization plan.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 1979

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Oregon Bible College	Annuity Fund	Trust & Endowment Funds	Other Student Funds	Total
ASSETS							
Cash on Hand & in Banks—							
Checking.....	\$ 4,875.41	\$ (3,124.27)	\$ (49.16)	\$ —	\$ 69.90	\$ —	\$ 1,771.88
Savings.....	2,211.04	35,521.88	5,508.45	20,919.91	175,998.88	2,821.80	242,981.96
Petty Cash Fund.....	200.00	—	—	—	—	—	200.00
Accounts Receivable.....	58.31	—	—	—	—	—	58.31
Loans Receivable—Other Funds.....	—	—	—	—	48,000.00	—	48,000.00
Notes Receivable.....	—	4,730.30	191.00	—	13,821.65	500.00	19,242.95
Contract Receivable.....	62,249.40	105,908.94	—	—	—	—	168,158.34
Inventories.....	15,997.64	10,049.50	222.58	—	—	—	26,269.72
Investments.....	21,000.00	—	2,000.00	10,000.00	—	—	33,000.00
Land.....	83,484.63	—	19,832.28	—	—	—	103,316.91
Improvements to Grounds.....	—	—	2,785.29	—	—	—	2,785.29
Buildings.....	98,523.48	—	387,043.82	—	—	—	485,567.30
Furniture & Equipment.....	37,224.87	—	101,026.12	—	—	—	138,250.99
Motor Vehicles.....	5,170.40	—	8,985.05	—	—	—	14,155.45
Accumulated Depreciation.....	(34,274.01)	—	(68,844.10)	—	—	—	(103,118.11)
Construction in Progress.....	—	—	15,150.38	—	—	—	15,150.38
Deferred Expense.....	6,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	6,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$302,721.17	\$153,086.35	\$473,851.71	\$ 30,919.91	\$237,890.43	\$ 3,321.80	\$1,201,791.37
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE							
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 4,259.20	\$ —	\$ 5,728.15	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 9,987.35
Accrued Hospitalization	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premiums.....	—	8,954.60	—	—	—	—	8,954.60
Accrued Property Tax Payable.....	—	—	194.51	—	—	—	194.51
Notes Payable.....	—	—	16,000.00	—	—	—	16,000.00
Loans Payable—Other Funds.....	—	11,000.00	29,500.00	—	—	—	40,500.00
Mortgage Payable.....	—	—	4,577.57	—	—	—	4,577.57
Contract Payable.....	—	—	13,000.00	—	—	—	13,000.00
Memorial Funds.....	—	3,674.63	505.00	—	—	—	4,179.63
Deposits & Fees.....	—	—	862.32	—	—	—	862.32
Annuities.....	—	—	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00
Total Liabilities.....	\$ 4,259.20	\$ 23,629.23	\$ 70,367.55	\$ 30,000.00	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 128,255.98
Fund Balance.....	298,461.97	129,457.12	403,484.16	919.91	237,890.43	3,321.80	1,073,535.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE.....	\$302,721.17	\$153,086.35	\$473,851.71	\$ 30,919.91	\$237,890.43	\$ 3,321.80	\$1,201,791.37

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

October 2, 1978 to September 30, 1979

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. All assets and income received which are restricted as to their use, either by stipulation of the donor or the Board of Directors, are recorded on the Restricted Fund books, including Annuities, Trust Funds, 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 books. These funds are reported under the title of "Other Student Funds."

LAND, BUILDINGS, & EQUIPMENT

The Land, Buildings, and Equipment are recorded on the accounting records at cost, except assets received as a gift in kind. Those assets are recorded at the established value

when received, and continue to be carried at this substituted cost. All assets are titled in the name of the Church of God General Conference, and not in the name of any separate department.

INVENTORIES

All inventories are reported on a cost basis.

INVESTMENTS

All investments are carried on the books at cost.

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 Old Print Shop Building, continue to be depreciated.

All equipment is depreciated on a normal basis, but not at accelerated tax accounting rates. Normal rates for estimated actual usage are being used.

INCOME & RECEIPTS

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

**CONSOLIDATED
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE
October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979**

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Oregon Bible College	Annuity Fund	Trust & Endowment Funds	Other Student Funds	Total
INCOME & RECEIPTS							
Contributions—General.....	\$283,879.93	\$ ---	\$ 5,509.72	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$289,389.65
Contributions—Devises & Bequests.....	83,249.40	---	---	---	---	---	83,249.40
Contributions—Designated.....	29,103.31	35,824.56	29,932.06	---	---	---	94,859.93
Tuition, Room & Board.....	---	---	60,250.87	---	---	---	60,250.87
Services.....	91.26	---	42.00	---	---	---	133.26
Interest.....	1,553.90	7,735.71	460.12	2,083.08	11,451.36	89.94	23,374.11
Conferences, Camps & Seminars	19,102.35	21,417.16	---	---	---	---	40,519.51
Laundry.....	---	---	786.50	---	---	---	786.50
Miscellaneous.....	1,148.59	---	1,382.69	---	---	---	2,531.28
Total Income & Receipts..	\$418,128.74	\$ 64,977.43	\$ 98,363.96	\$ 2,083.08	\$ 11,451.36	\$ 89.94	\$595,094.51
Gross Profit or (Loss) on Sales	(10,757.92)	---	57.24	---	---	---	(10,700.68)
Total Income, Receipts & Gross Profit or (Loss)...	\$407,370.82	\$ 64,977.43	\$ 98,421.20	\$ 2,083.08	\$ 11,451.36	\$ 89.94	\$584,393.83
EXPENDITURES							
Salaries.....	\$ 55,379.40	\$ ---	\$102,250.38	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$157,629.78
Electric & Fuel.....	1,004.70	---	14,352.72	---	---	---	15,357.42
Telephone.....	2,879.80	---	3,078.74	---	---	---	5,958.54
Insurance.....	5,617.82	---	8,741.90	---	---	---	14,359.72
Postage & Freight.....	8,139.56	---	854.89	---	---	---	8,994.45
Office Supplies & Expense...	1,212.06	---	1,342.90	---	---	---	2,554.96
Depreciation.....	3,493.44	---	10,451.77	---	---	---	13,945.21
Advertising.....	---	---	403.01	---	---	---	403.01
Repairs & Maintenance.....	620.47	---	4,241.11	---	---	---	4,861.58
Travel.....	11,979.60	11,609.70	4,432.39	---	---	---	28,021.69
Towel & Laundry Service...	123.00	---	123.00	---	---	---	246.00
Conference, Camps, & Seminars.....	18,348.33	23,937.81	---	---	---	---	42,286.14
Printing.....	8,930.83	---	1,950.60	---	---	---	10,881.43
Editorial.....	---	500.00	500.00	---	---	---	1,000.00
Assistance to Mission Points.	5,656.00	---	---	---	---	---	5,656.00
Assistance to Ministers.....	---	1,500.00	---	---	---	---	1,500.00
Assistance to Churches.....	15,437.58	17,386.00	---	---	---	---	32,823.58
Assistance to Students.....	---	---	1,150.00	---	---	154.00	1,304.00
Literature.....	23,111.08	---	---	---	---	---	23,111.08
Supplies & Expense.....	4,005.19	202.25	5,318.65	---	---	---	9,526.09
F.I.C.A. Tax.....	4,343.67	---	6,324.41	---	---	---	10,668.08
Dues & Subscriptions.....	362.13	---	2,989.47	---	---	---	3,351.60
Professional Services.....	2,475.86	---	825.28	---	---	---	3,301.14
Mailing Supplies.....	466.30	---	---	---	---	---	466.30
Motor Vehicle Expense.....	1,249.99	---	623.21	---	---	---	1,873.20
Films & Speakers.....	---	---	1,224.75	---	---	---	1,224.75
Outside Instructors.....	---	---	1,957.00	---	---	---	1,957.00
Food.....	---	---	17,175.94	---	---	---	17,175.94
Miscellaneous.....	729.68	---	278.19	---	---	---	1,007.87
Bad Debts.....	15.52	---	---	---	---	---	15.52
Foreign Exchange.....	1,380.43	---	---	---	---	---	1,380.43
Staff Training.....	1,074.20	---	749.36	---	---	---	1,823.56
Special Missions Projects....	3,312.10	3,415.00	---	---	---	---	6,727.10
Contributions.....	26,441.62	---	---	---	---	---	26,441.62
Dorm Council Services.....	---	---	350.00	---	---	---	350.00
Interest.....	---	---	2,245.02	---	---	---	2,245.02
Annuity Payments.....	---	---	---	1,641.67	---	---	1,641.67
Total Expenditures.....	\$207,790.36	\$ 58,550.76	\$193,934.69	\$ 1,641.67	\$ ---	\$ 154.00	\$462,071.48
TOTAL INCOME, RECEIPTS & GROSS PROFIT OVER EXPENDITURES OR (DEFICIT).	\$199,580.46	\$ 6,426.67	\$ (95,513.49)	\$ 441.41	\$ 11,451.36	\$ (64.06)	\$122,322.35
OTHER INCOME							
Rental Income (Net).....	---	1,118.81	2,031.48	---	---	---	3,150.29
Total.....	\$ ---	\$ 7,545.48	\$ (93,482.01)	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$125,472.64
OTHER DEDUCTIONS							
Annuity Benefits.....	\$ 710.71	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 710.71
Property Tax.....	384.79	---	---	---	3,121.09	---	3,305.88
Loss on Disposition of Equipment.....	1,643.63	---	279.68	---	---	---	1,923.31
Total Other Deductions...	\$ 2,739.13	\$ ---	\$ 279.68	\$ ---	\$ 3,121.09	\$ ---	\$ 6,139.90
NET INCOME OR (LOSS)	\$196,841.33	\$ 7,545.48	\$ (93,761.69)	\$ 441.41	\$ 8,330.27	\$ (64.06)	\$119,332.74

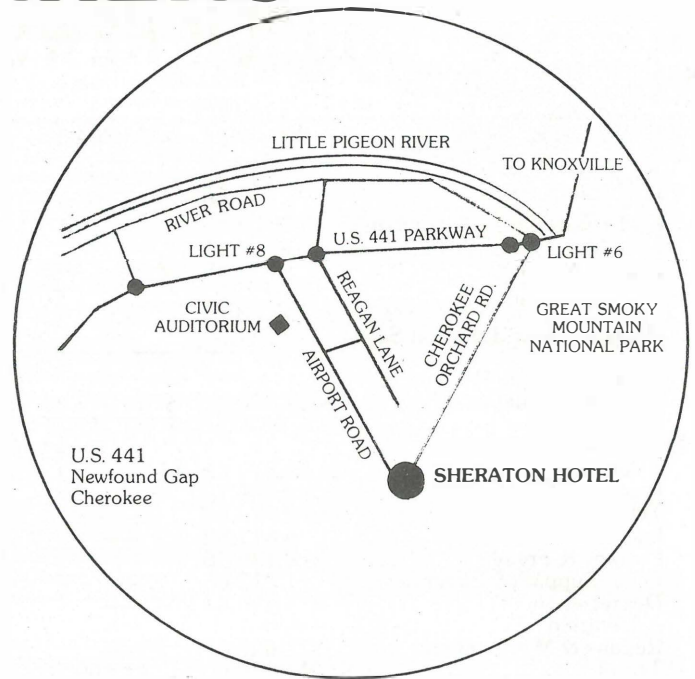
The Annual Financial Statement above is a portion of the detailed report of the firm of Ramsey Accounting, Warsaw, IN, accepted by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, November 16, 1979.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR

March 23-28, 1980

**Sheraton Gatlinburg
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Please enroll me in the Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar, March 23-28, 1980.

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_____ Church

Is this your first year at the Seminar? Yes. _____
No. _____ Number of years you have attended before _____

I am enclosing a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit per person and will pay the balance on arrival. (Please check one of the boxes below.)

- I would like accommodations at the Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar based on four persons per hotel room. (Cost: \$85 per person; \$165 per couple.)
- I would like accommodations at the Sheraton Gatlinburg Seminar based on two persons per room. (Cost: \$240 per couple.)

MAIL TO
Christian Workers' Seminar, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061
Enrollment Deadline February 26, 1980

WAITING UPON GOD IN PRAYER

The prayer emphasis program "Waiting Upon God in Prayer" for the Church of God General Conference was officially begun in most churches on November 18th. The chief Bible text for this prayer emphasis theme is 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We trust that each member of the Church of God General Conference will especially remember the General Conference and its work in their prayers throughout this year. The specific items for which we ask you to pray at this time are:

- 1) Ask God to show us his will in the church.
- 2) Ask God for understanding of one another.
- 3) Pray for growth of the body of Christ.
- 4) Pray for Bro. and Sr. R. Warren Sorenson as they prepare through schooling for outreach and church development.

For any other general information on this program, please contact S. O. Ross, General Prayer Coordinator, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.



CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

PASTORS AVAILABLE

The following pastors are available for a call to a pastorate for September 1, 1980.

Pastor Emory Macy, Rt 1, Box 139, Plymouth, IN 46563. Ph 219-936-4855.

Pastor Scott Millard, 509 Lamplighter Circle, Arlington, TX 76012.

The following men graduated from Oregon Bible College in the Class of 1979 and will complete their internship this spring and are available for a call to a pastorate.

Michael Hoffman, Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310. Ph 517-561-2181.

James Hill, 7606 Jaynes Street, Omaha, NE 68134. Ph 402-238-2274.

Kenneth Howe, Box 1364, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada L0S 1E0. Ph 416-892-6102.

Alan Shaw, 2236 Troy Road, Springfield, OH 45504.

BAPTISMS

Macomb, IL. We rejoiced with the angels that Mrs. Janet Dennis chose to rededicate her life to the Lord, November 18, 1979, by being rebaptized during the evening service. This congregation extends our support through prayers and continued guidance as we all wait for our Lord and Savior's return.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Eden Valley, MN. The Eden Valley Church of God presents to the church at large the following new members of the Body of Christ: Kenneth Mills, Roxann Mills, and Randy Mills. They were baptized into Christ on Saturday, November 17, 1979, by the writer. We ask your prayers and encouragement for them.

David W. Cheatwood, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. Columbia Church of God rejoices, and is happy to report the baptism of Jane Squires on Sunday, November 25, 1979. Jane came forward at the conclusion of the morning service and was baptized by the writer during the evening service. We praise God for her decision and ask that God will bless and direct her as she begins her walk with Jesus Christ.

Steven Taylor, pastor.

McGintytown, AR. On Sunday afternoon, November 18, 1979, Jimmy Bauder was baptized in the waters of Christ's death and resurrection and raised to newness of life. We rejoice at Jim's decision and praise the Lord for his new life in Christ Jesus.

Thomas New, pastor.

Herndon, VA. We welcome Diana Bauerbach to the Christian Fellowship of Eternal Hope Church of God. She made her confession of faith in Christ on December 9th. She was baptized later on the same day by Pastor Dale Ward.

Marie Ward, corresponding secretary.

Macomb, IL. We rejoice that Mrs. Pat Sheets and Mrs. Dora Ward sealed their faith and acknowledged Jesus before men (Matt. 10:32) through baptism by immersion on Sunday night, December 30, 1979. May God use these two sisters in Christ in a wonderful way as they join the membership of the body of Christ and the Church of God.

Rex F. Cain, pastor.

Grand Rapids, MI. We are happy to announce that Ronald Reece was baptized during the morning service on December 2, 1979. Ron received the "Right Hand of Fellowship" the following Sunday as he took his place in the congregation of the Pennellwood Church.

Omaha, NE. On December 9, 1979, Mark Bang put on Jesus Christ in the waters of bap-

tism at the Jaynes Street Community Church of God in Omaha, NE. He joins his wife Cindy as a member of our church. We pray God's richest blessing upon him and his family as he continues his spiritual growth.

Scott Ross, pastor.

Pomona, CA. The Church of the Open Bible rejoices and praises God for the recent additions to his congregation in Pomona. David and Francis Rainwaters (formerly of Arkansas) have transferred their membership in order that they might be actively involved with the work here. We thank God for their dedication. We also praise God for the addition of Hurshall (H. L.) and Robin Jimison to the membership of our congregation. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a student in our day-care program. They are both fine young dedicated Christians, and we look forward to many years of fellowship with them.

The following were baptized after our special fall meetings with Pastor Scott Ross as guest speaker. On Nov. 25, 1979, Gary and Mary Turner, Amy Turner, Michael Patrick, Angela Anderson, and Hope Domigan were immersed in the waters of baptism and began their new walk with the Lord. The Lawrenceville Church of God extended the right hand of fellowship and welcomed them into the body of Christ at the close of services on Dec. 2, 1979. We pray that God will bless as they mature in the knowledge of the Lord and trust in him.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

On Saturday morning, June 17, 1979, at the close of the Minnesota State Junior Camp, Melissa McCarney confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by the writer. The baptism took place at the Long Lake Bible Camp near Eden Valley, MN. Her baptism was witnessed by those who had attended camp, her parents, and several others who had come to take the campers home. We are happy to have Sister McCarney united with us in the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that she will be happy and blessed as she grows in the family of God. Her membership was placed at the Eden Valley Church of God.

Pastor Stanley Lawrence.

Fonthill, Ont. The brethren of Glad Tidings Church of God rejoiced with June Burke in her confession of Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord. She was baptized in his name on June 3, 1979. June began coming to Glad Tidings as a result of our community canvas for our bus ministry. May God richly bless her as she shows the love of Christ to others.

John Hearp, pastor.

MARRIAGES

On November 23, 1979, Sue Vancil and Mark Wolford exchanged wedding vows at the Macomb, IL, Church of God in a ceremony conducted by the bride's uncle, C. Jesse Pestle. May God fill these lives with his love and may we as a congregation recognize our responsibility to promote Christian love and concern as we welcome this couple.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Dwight Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valarian Miller of Wellfleet, Nebraska, was united in marriage to Sandra Cullen on the Miller farm near Wellfleet, Saturday, October 20, 1979 with the writer officiating. After the ceremony the bride and groom drove away through the beautiful scenic canyon by horse and carriage. Later a reception was held in Wellfleet for the young couple.

Pastor Leon Driskill.

Donna Shirton and Daryl Sherlock were united in marriage at Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, Ontario, on Saturday, December 1, 1979. The exchanging of vows in a double-ring service was witnessed by many members of their families and friends. It is our prayer that God will bless them and grant them much happiness in their life together.

John Hearp, pastor.

Leslie Diane Nold and Rodney Wayne Haddix were united in marriage in a beautiful evening ceremony on Saturday, October 6, 1979, at Columbia Church of God, Columbia Station, OH. They are making their home at 333 Edgewood, Berea, OH. We pray God's richest blessings upon them as they begin their new life together.

Steve Taylor, pastor.

GOSPEL MISSION CHURCH, FLORIDA

The Gospel Mission Church of the Abrahamic Faith has been organized and meets weekly in the Hill Building (across from the First National Bank) in the center of Winter Haven, Florida. It is a joy to know there are regular Church of God services in Florida.

Any Church of God member or friend who is vacationing in Florida or planning to retire in the sunshine state is urged to locate in the Winter Haven area and meet for services with this new congregation. For further information on the Gospel Mission Church of the Abrahamic Faith, feel free to correspond with Brother Byron G. Jay, 194 Maple St., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

INDIANA CONFERENCE

Pres: James Hamilton, 215 Oakwood Dr, Williamsport 47993

Sec: Myra Hamilton, 215 Oakwood Dr, Williamsport 47993

Treas: Norman Huffer, RR 1, Michigantown 46057
BYF Dir: Bob Morrison, 571 Gordon Ct, Lafayette 47905

Miss Chair: Bill Schmidlapp, 9098 E 12th Rd, Argos 46501

SS Chair: Ed Bender 1717 S Leer St, South Bend 46613

Michigan Churches

Blanchard Church, Bx 66, Blanchard 49310

Don Needham, Pastor, Bx 66, Blanchard 49310

Jonita Eldred, Sec, Blanchard 49310

Roger Wood, Supt, Rt 1, Blanchard 49310

Lyle Walkington, Miss Chair, Rt 2, Blanchard 49310

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Pres: Elmo Gaspar, Eden Valley 55329

Sec: Edith Eades, Eden Valley 55329

Treas: Mrs Carroll Bennett, Rt 3, Paynesville 56362

BYF Dir: Carl Jennings, Bx 636, Hector 55342

SS Dir: Bill Gaspar, 4895 Vine Hill Rd, Excelsior 55331

Miss Chair: David Cheatwood, Bx 235, Eden Valley 55329

ATTENTION: SAN DIEGO AREA

We have moved to the San Diego, CA, area. Any members of the Church of God visiting this area are most welcome to stop and even spend the night. We desire fellowship with other Christian friends. We urge any Church of God people living in this area to please contact me: Robert Bormes, 14559 Scarboro St., Poway, CA 92064, Phone 714-748-6598.

OBITUARIES

Mr. **Roger A. Underhill**, 40 of Fremont, OH, passed away Saturday, November 17, 1979, at Memorial Hospital in Fremont. He is survived by his wife Cheryl (formerly McClain); son Ralph; daughters Denise and Dawn; father and step-mother, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Underhill; and sister, Mrs. Joyce Gramza. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in Toledo, OH. Burial was in Toledo. Pastor Steven Taylor.

Theron Murphy, son of Silas and Lucille Murphy, was born March 19, 1902, and died November 24, 1979. He was a member of the Salem Church of God at Martinsville, Illinois. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Gladys; a daughter, Marsha Blakely; one daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. At his death he was the operator of one of the oldest establishments in Clark County, IL, being a general store and grocery business. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Greenwell Funeral Home in Martinsville, and he was laid to rest in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Martinsville, IL, to await the call of the Master. Pastor S. O. Ross.

Our eldest member, **Aleatha Egarter**, who was 91, fell asleep in death on July 13, 1979. She requested baptism in obedience to the Lord's command when she was 88 years old! In a service conducted by the writer, she was laid to rest to await the Master's call to everlasting life. John Hearp, pastor.

Bro. **Jess Lee Humphreys** was born September 18, 1902, at Bear, AR. He fell asleep in death Sunday afternoon, December 2, 1979, at Royal, AR. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Humphreys of Royal, AR; two sons: Ishmael of Ft. Smith, AR, and Ross of Royal; three daughters—Pauline Lewarne of San Jose, CA; Ruby McCaslin of Reseda, CA; and Juanita McCall of Hot Springs, AR; one brother, John of Bear; and four sisters—Esther Sprinkle of San Jose, CA; Rachel Morris of Sedro Wolley, WA; Mary Kinsey of San Jose, CA; and Olive Stephenson of Vidor, TX. There are 19 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Bro. and Sr. Humphreys celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary nearly a year ago.

Bro. Humphreys was a member of the Church of God of Abrahamic Faith in which he served as a lay minister, supporting himself and his family with his carpentry work. He spent many years of hard work helping people in different parts of Arkansas. His purpose was to teach people the

truths of the Bible; and he rejoiced as he saw many of the prophecies of the Bible being fulfilled in his time. He trusted in Christ as his Savior, and was confident that God would send him back to earth to establish his kingdom. Bro. Jess was able to help many people during his life. And the good that he was able to do will continue to benefit many more during the years to come. Bro. Humphreys was laid to rest in Lowe Cemetery near Royal to await the coming of Christ, the resurrection, and the glorious kingdom of God. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 4, in Hot Springs, AR. The large attendance showed the love and respect that his many friends had for him and his family. Words of comfort were spoken by Bro. Ernest Cox and Bro. Dean Moore.

Ida Noske, 75, long a member of the Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH, died at the Park Convalescent Home, Euclid, OH, December 2, 1979. Her husband Arthur died several years before. Sr. Noske had been transferred to the nursing home only six days before her death. She had been in poor health for a long time. Services, conducted by the pastor, were held December 6, with interment at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bedford Heights, OH. J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

E. Dorothy "Dolly" Jones fell asleep in death September 5, 1979. Her long and faithful service in the music ministry of Glad Tidings Church of God will be remembered with appreciation by the brethren. She served as director of the sanctuary choir for many years, and then continued as a dedicated member. The funeral was conducted by the writer. She now awaits the resurrection call of her Lord. John Hearp, pastor.

Erna Woolard, 84, of Eldorado, IL, died November 30, 1979, at Pearce Hospital in Eldorado. He attended the Restitution Church of God in Eldorado. He was born on March 22, 1895, the son of George and Mary Ann (Stevens) Woolard. He was a veteran of World War I and was a retired farmer. He is survived by his wife Bessie (Wiggins) Woolard; two daughters—Mrs. Bill (Wilma Lee) Kittinger and Mrs. George (Georgia Lou) Cox, both of Eldorado; two grandsons—Billy Lynn Kittinger and Jeffrey Dale Cox; two brothers—George of Raleigh, IL, and Thurmond of Ridgway, IL; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers—Vernie and Herman Woolard—and one sister, Mrs. Lillie Hutton. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 2, 1979, at Bean's Colonial Terrace in Eldorado. Officiating were

Pastor Rex Shaw and Pastor Ned Sutton. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, where he now waits until the resurrection at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Rex Shaw.

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

The **Valley Church of God in Glendale, California**, has witnessed both spiritual and numerical growth. This has been possible with the Lord's help as he works through us to reach others.

The church board set goals for attendance at the beginning of the year for different occasions during 1979. Each goal was reached and surpassed, and we were excited to see this happen. We hoped for 100 in attendance for the Daily Vacation Bible School in June and that goal was reached on the last day. Our main goal of "80 by '80" was surpassed on December 23 when we had 90 in attendance. These goals were reached by door-to-door calling, letters of invitation, Christian Education training class, special days at the church, Steve Grant's help in the internship program, but most of all, the Lord's help and blessing.

In October the men of the church held a retreat in the mountains. A few weeks later the women assembled for their retreat in the mountains. Both retreats caused the members to grow spiritually with the Lord and toward each other.

There have been four baptisms: Jeremy Martin, Jonathan Poole, and John and Terry Wood. Four people have become members by transfer: John and Elaine Poole, Douglas and Nancy Miller.

The church building has undergone changes: a baptistry was constructed, the furnaces were replaced and air conditioning added, and new carpets were installed in the Sunday School rooms.

The church is looking forward to the challenge of the '80's and is anticipating continued growth.

Bernedene Jones, secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 21-23—Illinois State Conference, East Peoria.
- April 18-20—Virginia State Conference, Hollis Partlowe, guest speaker.
- April 28-May 2—Annual Church of God Minister's Conference, Oregon, IL.



CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE BUILDING AND CLASSROOMS

Due to the severe winter last year and deterioration from years of usage, it was necessary to reroof the General Conference building at 131 North Third Street. To conserve energy, additional insulation was added under the roof. The total cost of this project was \$10,555. There was also considerable repair needed on the heating system of the OBC Men's Dormitory Building last winter at a cost of \$2,624.

The delegates at the 1979 General Conference approved an addition to the Mission Builders League standards as follows: "In the event that no church request is approved for Mission Builders Assistance, the Appeal will be used for capital expenditures for the Church of God General Conference and/or Oregon Bible College."

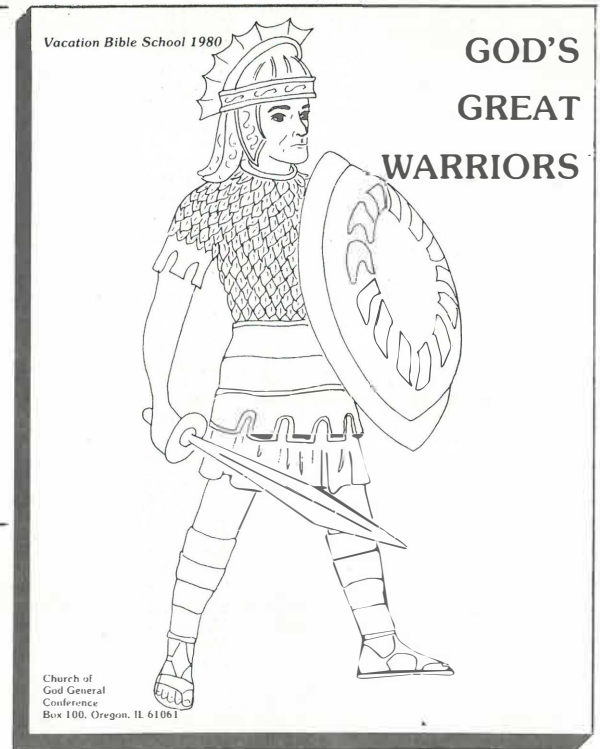
Since no church has requested Mission Builders Assistance at this time, the Board of Directors has approved Mission Builders Appeal number 43 for the above-described expenditures which were unexpected and not in the budget for the past fiscal year.

Please send your contribution to Mission Builders League, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Contributors to the General Conference: November, December, 1979

Mr & Mrs Henry Stone	25.00	Mr & Mrs Luther Wiggins	200.00	Mr & Mrs Harvey Fisher	100.00	Ethel S Witner	10.00
Alana McLain	10.00	Mr & Mrs John H Evans Jr	50.00	Bobbie Martin	5.00	Anonymous	15.00
Muriel Bush	10.00	Miss Sara Beddow	150.00	St Cloud Church	500.00	Flagg Center Church	216.74
Mr & Mrs E Richard Smith	15.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Duncan Sr	10.00	Mr & Mrs John E Savage	500.00	Helen M Lewis	10.00
Rachel E Pumphrey	10.00	Mr & Mrs Daniel G Landry	136.65	Golden Rule Church	22.45	Mr & Mrs Clarence Dimmick	50.00
Kenneth Lewis	5.00	"Metoo"	200.00	Mr & Mrs Dale A Johnson	10.00	Mr & Mrs George Brown	20.00
Anonymous	5.00	Mr & Mrs Monte Sandifer	15.00	Inez Gordon	20.00	Katherine Tackett	115.00
Mr & Mrs Lyle Lewis	100.00	Anonymous	35.00	Mr & Mrs Roy F Jenkins	10.00	LA Contributors	45.00
William E Boyer	100.00	Sandra Weidenfeller	1.00	Mr & Mrs Bill Kruiswyk	10.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Brown	10.00

1980 Vacation Bible School Five-Lesson Plan



Please send the following Vacation Bible School Teacher's Books

	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
DIRECTOR'S MANUAL	_____	1.50	_____
Storyteller's Book	_____	1.50	_____
● Book One—Preschool & Kindergarten	_____	1.50	_____
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Publishing Department News

By the Editor



Your Bible Questions Answered

What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?

If you answered, "The son of David," then what do you do about this next question?

"How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

till I put thy enemies under thy feet?'

If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

(Matt. 22:43-45, RSV.)

I don't know if your Bible questions are so difficult to answer, but we are looking forward to hearing them. Beginning with the May, 1980, issue of *The Restitution Herald*, a Bible Answers column will appear. Bro. Edward Goit of the Glad Tidings Church of God in Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, will field your questions and supply answers. He will be attempting to answer at least three questions in each issue his column appears. Tell your friends about this new feature and sit down yourself to write a question to Bro. Goit. You

may send your query directly to him at 130 18th Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Or if you prefer, send your question to the Conference offices and it will be forwarded to him.

Thanks, Writing Contest Entrants

Manuscripts from all over the country and Canada have been received in conjunction with the "Edge of the '80's" Writing Contest first announced in the November, 1979, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. Judges Shirley McQuinn and Carol Daniels are busy deciding who the winners are in the three categories: First Prize, Outstanding Article, and Outstanding Story. Winners will be announced in the April, 1980, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. The First Prize winner's manuscript will be published in the April *Restitution Herald*.

We truly appreciate your fine response to the contest. It was obvious that many long hours were spent writing, rewriting, and typing the final copy by our wonderful people in the Church of God. Thanks for this investment of yourselves in the important work of spreading the gospel of the kingdom in these last days.

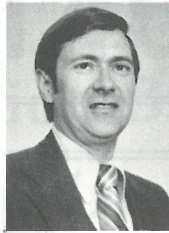
Winners of prizes will be notified as soon as possible, probably within the next several days. Arrangements will then be made for them to "pick up" their prize at the Church of God Christian Workers' Seminar or General Conference meeting of their choice.

Letters to the Editor

Next month a Letters to the Editor column will start in *The Restitution Herald*. It is a joy to hear from our fine readers from around the world. We will be selecting responses that typify a general trend concerning what has been published. If you have a comment concerning *The Herald* for this column, please address your communication: Letters to the Editor, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Know Your Director

At the 1979 General Conference, Brother Charles Pryor (photo above) was elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. He is the son of Sister Helen Pryor and the late Pastor C. F. Pryor. He was born in North Carolina and lived in Virginia and Cleveland, OH, as his father pastored churches there. He is married to the former Lois Stadden and they have three children: Elizabeth, Brian, and Todd.

Brother Pryor received his Doctor of Education Degree at Northern Illinois University. He has been a professor at the University of Houston and is presently an instructor at a university at Monroe, Louisiana. He served on the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College for eight years. He brings much expertise to the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

Dr. Pryor has accepted the appointment to become President of Oregon Bible College effective in mid-summer of 1980. It will be necessary at the 1980 General Conference to elect a replacement for the two-year unexpired term of Bro. Pryor on the Board of Directors.

UPS Mailings

The General Conference is now using United Parcel Service for mailing many packages that formerly were sent by Parcel Post. Packages should be delivered more promptly and all packages are insured with UPS. We would appreciate your comments on our use of UPS and whether or not this type of delivery provides you with better service.

Board of Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference met at Oregon, Illinois, January 31 and February 1. After the necessary general business was conducted, the Board centered on long-range plans and possibilities for the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Following are some of the subjects that were discussed:

- Deferred and Capital Giving and the Position and use of such funds.

- Campus Development and possibilities for long-range development of Oregon Bible College.
- Church of God Youth and Youth Programs.
- Policies and Procedures for recruitment, employment, and management of personnel.
- Foreign Mission Policies and Outlook, and many more.

These studies provide written plans, policies, and procedures for management to follow in years to come, should the Lord tarry.

"Miracle Week" Plans

March 16-22, 1980, is designated as a special week of prayer for the Church of God. Sunday, March 16, is being designated as a special day of prayer.

We trust that each local church will use Sunday, March 16, and the following week in special prayer emphasis for the work of the local church, the State Conference, and especially for the Church of God General Conference.

The State and District Prayer Coordinators have received information which they will pass on to the local prayer coordinators to outline special programs and emphasis and prayer items to be used during that week.

If for some reason a local church is not able to use that designated week, we urge you to select another week in the month of March to take before the Lord in a special way the work of the Church of God, the body of Christ.

Second Chronicles 7:14, 15 are the key verses of Scripture being used during this year of special prayer emphasis. May God bless your church and the work of the Church of God General Conference in a mighty way throughout this year of 1980.

Conference Finances

We are pleased that the contributions for the past month have met the one-month need. We are, however, about \$9,000 short of the total giving for the year to date.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

\$348,000.00

Goal for January 15-February 15	\$38,532.00
Given January 15-February 15	29,658.00
Deficit for the Month	8,874.00
Needs February 15-March 15	29,000.00
Goal for February 15-March 15	\$37,874.00



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Acting President

Director of Business Services Appointed

At its November meeting, the Board of Trustees of the College appointed David McClain to the position of Director of Business Services for the College. David has been serving on our staff since last July and we are happy to have him serve in this important College administrative position. He will simultaneously serve as Director of Business Administration for the General Conference.

Honor Students

Congratulations to the following students who achieved high honor during the Fall Semester: Darlene Burkhart, 3.81; Pamela Gaskill, 3.57; Karen Mitchell, 3.66; Becky Roseberry, 3.84. Those who achieved honor status were: Gary Burnham, 3.49; Kevin Demmitt, 3.40; Charles Durham, 3.23; R. Joe Good, 3.20; Jeff Smith, 3.00; Vickie Wyrick, 3.11.

New Students

We are happy to welcome two new students to our student body this semester. They are Blair Johnson from Hector, MN, and Catherine Myers from the Happy Woods Church in Louisiana.

Resignation of Sam Voorhies

Sam Voorhies resigned from the College staff effective the end of December. He has taught Christian Education courses at the College during the past two years, and he has also served as Director of the Christian Service Department.

Our prayers go with Sam and his wife Emily as they go to Nairobi, Kenya, where Sam will be involved in a teaching ministry there.

Junior-Senior Weekend

Our spring Junior-Senior Weekend will be April 10-12. All high school juniors and seniors are invited to visit Oregon Bible College and to consider Christian Service as their future career. We always look forward to having prospective students visit our campus where they may examine our programs and experience our environment. Youth leaders and students should make reservations by writing to Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Prayer Day

On February 5, classes were dismissed and the students and faculty observed our second Prayer Day

of this school year. Bobby Partain and Cindy Isenhoff planned the morning's program which was beneficial to the College family.

Field Evaluation of Internship Program

During the break between semesters, I had an opportunity to visit three of our four College interns and their cooperating pastors. On January 2, I spent time with Alan Shaw and his cooperating pastors, Joe Duncan and James Ritch. My family and I were in Fonthill January 4-7, where I spoke at the Sunday services and discussed the internship with Ken Howe and Pastor Jack Hearp. January 8, a meeting was held with Michael Hoffman and Pastor Don Needham in Blanchard, MI.

On the weekend of February 23-25, I visited the Omaha Church and met with James Hill and Pastor Scott Ross.

I very much enjoyed discussing the Internship Program with all of these individuals and I am very pleased with the good experience that our interns are having. We appreciate the work of the cooperating pastors, and we appreciate the support of the churches and state conferences which are making these internship experiences possible during this year.

Student Government Project

Each year the student body chooses a special project to which students contribute financially through the Chapel offerings. This year they have set a goal of raising \$1,200 to help furnish the newly remodeled Golden Rule Building. The administration very much appreciates the selection of this project, and the willingness of the students to financially support the work of the College.

Christian Service Opportunities

Gayle Reye is serving as the Director of our Christian Service Program this semester. Under her direction, our students have had an opportunity to be involved in many special activities. Services were held during the month of February, three days a week, at the Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, while their chaplain was on vacation. Services have also been conducted at the White Pines Nursing Home and the White Pines Ranch. All of our students are regularly involved in Christian Service activities in local churches and in service organizations in Oregon.

By Rachel Carr

OUTREACH AND CHURCH

Testimonies from Ghana

I Had No Religion

I was a secondary school dropout, had no religion, and was living on dope and girls. The cinema and theatre had been my favorite haunts. I took no interest in things that were going on around me. I was living a carefree life.

One day in July, 1978, at about 8 p.m. when I was sauntering 'round the truck park in Kwamikrom looking for girls, I came upon a small group of people gathered around a brightly lit Tilley kerosine lamp singing a song: "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?" The melodic tune of that song moved me to get nearer to the people. As the song ceased, a man got up and started to read from the Bible, Book of Hebrews 12:14: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." He also read from 2 Timothy 2:22: "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace." The hearing of these colorful words made me curious and I decided to stand and listen. I noticed also that about 90 percent of the group gathered there were young people like myself. I questioned a young lady standing nearby the purpose of the gathering and she told me it was an evangelistic effort of the Berean Youth Fellowship of the Church of God.

The preacher elaborately spoke about the texts he read earlier, and those were indeed "words of life" by which every youth must abide. I started learning and studying from these people and am happy to say that I am now a baptized member of the Church of God Abrahamic Faith. Also, I am continuing my education at the church's school here in Kwamikrom, Ghana.

—George Attram, student.

From Islam to Christianity

I am a young man of 31 years from a Muslim family. My father is an Al-Hadji and my brother an Imam (spiritual leader of a Muslim community). Owing to the fact that I was initiated into the Muslim faith, I did not believe in Jesus Christ as the "Son of God," but rather regarded him as one of the prophets of Allah. One could be building castles in the air, trying to tell me that

Jesus is the mediator between sinful men and God.

But the truth came to me during a Church of God convention held at Nkonya-Wurupong in May, 1978. A young girl-student handed me a gospel tract entitled "Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God," and invited me to attend the public talk to be given by Pastor Amani that night. The lesson was read from John 3:16-21. After the sermon, I was convinced beyond all doubts that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and that the Bible is infallible.

Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection became very real to me. There and then I decided to become a Christian, and after a few weeks of doctrinal studies I received baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.—Joseph Tahiru.

Praise and Prayer Calendar

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

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

Requests from you are always welcome. If you have a special need for which you would like brethren in Christ to pray, send it to: Praise & Prayer Calendar, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

The State of the Church

Here are some observations of Archie Parrish, Executive Director of Evangelism Explosion III. International:

I carefully reexamined the state of the Church and its mission to this confused world. This is what I saw:

1. There are about 250 million Biblically committed Christians in the world today.
2. Another 750 million are nominal Christians who merely claim the name of Christ but give little evidence of his life in or through them.
3. There are one billion non-Christians who do have cultural contact with Christians.

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4. But there are over two billion other non-Christians who are completely out of contact with any Christians.

I saw the Spirit of God moving mightily in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. But I saw the first group (the Biblically committed Christians) expending 90% of their efforts in evangelism to reach the second group (the nominal Christians who merely claim the name of Christ).

Suddenly, I was overwhelmed with the realization that there were still over three billion people in the world which receive little or no witness at all.

Mr. Parrish has pointed out the great need to reach those who have never heard of Christ. It is those people we want to reach by sending out trained missionaries with the gospel. Pray for Steve Grant as

he continues his overseas training. Pray for other young people to offer their lives for missionary service.

Liberia

One year ago Bro. Cornelius Boykai resigned from his pastoral position in the Salala Church. In December, 1979, we received a letter from him in which he stated that since he could not find anyone to take his place, he is continuing to preach to his people.

Bro. Boykai gives God the praise for helping him through times of worry and discouragement. He likens himself to the prophet Jonah who ran away from the Lord's work and says that God turned him back to preach to his people. Pray for him.



1980 Berean Youth Fellowship Quiz Program

The 1980 Bible Quiz season was launched on March 1, 1980, by the necessary materials being sent to all pastors, youth leaders, and youth presidents. We hope by sending to the above-mentioned people that everyone interested in our quizzing program will have access to this material. In the event there are those who are interested but do not have access, the following material has been selected by our Contest Director, Bro. Neil Richardson, for use during State and National quiz playoffs. The material selected was taken from the Gospel of Mark and includes the following:

- Chapter 3
- Chapter 4
- Chapter 7, verses 1-30
- Chapter 8
- Chapter 10, verses 13-31
- Chapter 12, verses 13-44

The selected material takes in 195 verses compared to last year's 166 from First and Second Peter, but it is easier to study and to learn.

At last year's National playoffs, which are held during Berean Youth Conference, seven states or conferences were entered in the competition. Two states, Indiana and Louisiana, thankfully entered two teams which brought the teams entered to a total of nine. Under our format of quizzing, at least nine teams are necessary to carry out the competition.

This year we are hoping to have twelve teams entered in the competition. This is the ideal number for our quizzing format.

In the past we have had teams from Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Virginia, and we would really like to see these states return to the competition.

We are also counting heavily on the return of teams from South Carolina, Louisiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana, and Arizona.

We would really like to see the year 1980 become the greatest year ever in quizzing, but the only way this will happen is to get greater numbers of church young people participating in this tremendous program. This can be accomplished by encouraging your own children, as well as the young people of your local church, to form a church team and compete against other churches in your state.

Certainly a no more worthy undertaking can one pursue than the study of God's Word. Please encourage your young people to participate.

A PASTOR'S GOALS, FRUSTRATIONS, AND JOYS

In the two churches Pastor Scott Ross has served, God has blessed their ministry in many wonderful ways. Last year Brother Ross was elected President of the Church of God Ministerial Association. Since serving in this capacity while pastoring Jaynes Street Church of God in Omaha, NE, Bro. Ross has grown to appreciate the challenges and opportunities our ministers face each day.

Recently the editor had opportunity to speak with Scott about our mutual concern and appreciation for Church of God pastors. The result is the following interview.

Editor: As a pastor in a local church, what do you see as the number one need of the minister?

Pastor: Like any Christian, a pastor needs a right and sound relationship with God. But since a pastor is unique in his office, most of all he needs to feel an inner confidence that he's fulfilling God's will for his life. Outwardly, he needs to know the church is supportive and working with him for the goal they both share.

Of course, problems develop when the minister doesn't know where he is going, whether the congregation senses his lack of a goal or not. Then on the other hand, sometimes the minister feels he's the only one with a goal—that the congregation is not with him. When this happens, then both the pastor and the church feel unfulfilled—with unmet needs hindering the work.

Editor: How would you describe the sense of accomplishment you and your people feel when goals are reached, new people are disciplined, the church successfully penetrates its community, and God is glorified?

Pastor: That's great when those ideals take place! I would feel an inner satisfaction to know God is working through me. It's exciting to see such things take place—things God is accomplishing through me. Such action inspires awe of God, "for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure," as Paul put it (Phil. 2:13, RSV).

Editor: What do you see as the

greatest personal joy in the pastorate?

Pastor: Seeing lives changed. There are three categories of experience in which lives are changed. It gives me joy 1) When I see people grow spiritually. I like to look back over a year and note the growth these persons have experienced. 2) Seeing people accept Christ as their Savior is always a heart-warming joy. 3) Seeing broken relationships healed makes me especially joyous because formerly sad people are now happy together. When problems are worked out and broken marriages are saved, when parent-child conflicts are resolved—such miracles are beautiful to behold.

Editor: If you were to write a job description for the minister, what would be some of his most important tasks?

Pastor: First, he must FEED the church through sound preaching and teaching. Secondly, he must EQUIP the church so the members see and understand their ministry. This includes preparing and training to fulfill that ministry, and may involve one-to-one discipling of individuals. Thirdly, he must MOTIVATE the membership to fulfill its ministry and be the church.

Editor: In your opinion, what does the average congregation expect of its pastor?

Pastor: You're probably asking the wrong person. Someone in a local church would have an interesting answer. But I imagine a congregation expects three things of its pastor.

1. Good, sound, Biblical preaching. It must be both Biblical and good. Many ministers are judged by their preaching skills.

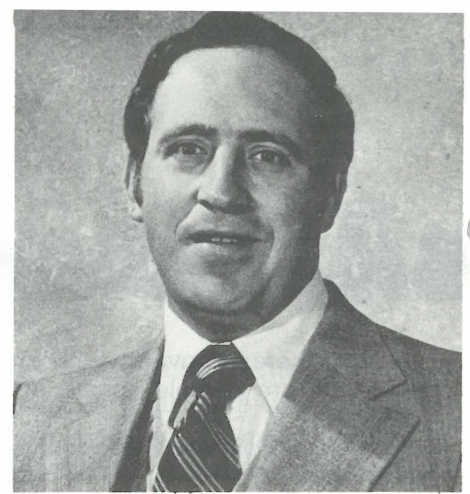
2. Love and concern rate high.

3. Leadership is a must.

Editor: Which area is a pastor's greatest weakness?

Pastor: I can't make a generalization to cover all cases. We have some weakness in all three areas. Ideally, the pastor who exhibits high character and puts himself forward as a professional in his work—that man will have a blend of all three ingredients.

Editor: What do you mean by love and concern?



PASTOR SCOTT ROSS

Pastor: The people must know a pastor is not feigning concern. At times of sickness and death he's there because he cares, not just because it's his duty. This sincerity encourages good relationships in the pastorate. The people in turn learn to love him as a person. Then all aspects of the ministry, including counseling, become easier, produce fruit, and enhance spiritual well-being.

Editor: Define leadership for us.

Pastor: The pastor has a sense of direction for the church. He plans to progress towards goals. It's hard for the minister to always keep this in mind because he can be so burdened by putting out fires and handling small situations. Although such things need attention, they should not blind him to what he wants to accomplish in his pastorate.

Editor: Like any other professional, the pastor appreciates the feeling of tenure and security in his position. What can the congregation do to supply this need?

Pastor: Feelings of tenure and security develop over a period of time. The congregation which realizes its pastor faces many difficult decisions and upholds him through such times goes a long way to provide security. Specifically, a pastor can't always walk a fine line between issues. He must decide one way or another. So the people must not put his job on the line every time he makes an unpopular decision. He must be given the right to disagree and the people will still support him as a person in his office.

It is tragic when the church doesn't support its pastor when it disagrees with him on a small issue. The people are then prone to not be supportive in the larger work of changing lives. As an example, some in the congregation may be hurt when the pastor doesn't

sing the doxology in worship. They then transfer that hurt into an inability to stand behind his programs of evangelism. Petty differences should be laid aside so the church can move forward with unity in reaching lives—its real work.

On the other hand, a very impatient pastor can make a lot of issues when there are no issues. For instance, a pastor may have a conflict with the music director. He may air it before the church board demanding, "It's either him or me!" The board may then choose the music director!

Editor: What's the greatest problem of the ministry?

Pastor: Discouragement. Many of our ministers have a sense of failure. But it's not particularly justified. That's because we have a wrong concept of what it means to be a successful pastor.

We've come to believe that the success of a pastor can be measured by a number on the attendance board. If that's the case, Jeremiah was unsuccessful. But he answered God's call, so he was successful.

Likewise, a pastor is successful not because his church grows, but because he's doing what God called him to do. It's not fair to give God the credit when a church grows, then give the pastor blame when it doesn't.

Editor: What are some of the chief sources of frustration a pastor feels?

Pastor: Pastors are frustrated because things don't happen as quickly as they'd like. Frustration sets in when a pastor feels like he's the only one interested and concerned in the church. Frustration comes when the pastor then realizes his own inadequacies.

Editor: What can be done to eliminate these frustrations?

Pastor: The pastor must remember that God is working according to his timetable. The church should realize this and also be patient.

Next, the minister must share with the congregation his feeling of being the only one concerned about the work. The people will then respond, showing their concern. They will then express that concern by offering to help him in the work.

When personal inadequacies frustrate the pastor, he must learn to accept that he is growing—he hasn't reached perfect maturity—and he must learn to claim God's forgiveness. The people will also accept the pastor as a

growing Christian leader; they do not expect him to be superhuman and perfect.

Editor: What are some of the valid complaints a congregation has of its pastor? What can be done to alleviate these complaints?

Pastor: God's people have valid complaints when they see the pastor is inadequate in the pulpit or is unbiblical in his preaching. People complain when the pastor apparently is not interested or concerned about people. Lack of pastoral leadership is also a common congregational complaint.

When a pastor does something wrong, usually the congregation reacts in one of three ways:

1) Talk to somebody else about it. That's the easiest way out for the people, but the most damaging to the pastor.

2) Just keep quiet about it. On the surface this appears easiest on the pastor, but that's hard on the people emotionally.

3) Speak to the pastor about it. By far this is the most difficult experience for both the pastor and the people. But in the long run it's best for both parties.

Editor: What can be done to keep pastors in the ministry?

Pastor: If discouragement is the number one problem, then the people should make it a point to tell the pastor things they appreciate about him. Activate and communicate the good thoughts one has for the pastor.

Secondly, a pastor is encouraged when you share in his ministry. Let him know he's not the only one working. Something ministers love to hear is, "What can I do to help?"

Thirdly, support the minister adequately. It's difficult to effectively minister while worrying how to make ends meet. Inflation hits everyone—pastors especially so, and for two reasons. 1) Because he starts out on a lower salary and thus has less cushion against inflation. 2) Since inflation's chief problem is the oil shortfall, pastors are hurt because they drive many miles to effectively carry on their work. The pastor's salary should be reviewed annually to keep up with inflation.

Lastly, remember—little things mean a lot. Remember him by taking him and his family out to dinner on his birthday and at Christmas.

Editor: What motivates young people to answer the call to ministry in the local church?

Pastor: Answering that call involves fulfilling a process of things and events. First, a person feels an inclination to be a pastor. He attends Oregon Bible College. Somewhere along the way he feels the motivation to enter the pastoral ministry.

I see the pastorate as the most exciting Christian service available. In this position of leadership in the local church, I am on a one-to-one basis in the work of changing lives. The pastor is on the front line of Christian work.

One way we help our young people answer the call to the pastoral ministry is to speak well of the position and the man in each family group. If parents and others in the church have Biblical respect for the office, then our youth catch the vision of the pastorate.

The Biblical position of the office of pastor-teacher ranks very high. One reason Christ ascended to heaven was to gift the church with leadership. "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11, RSV).

The high calling of the pastor is to train the church to do "the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12, RSV). There is no more important responsibility in the church. What a privilege and joy to be a pastor.

Editor: What advice would you give a church which calls a young pastor to his first pulpit?

Pastor: Tell him the challenge and opportunity that you see for the church. Explain what it expects of a pastor and what the pastor can expect of the church. Explain fully the financial and physical arrangements (salary, parsonage, etc.).

Editor: What is the greatest challenge facing the Church of God minister today?

Pastor: Our greatest challenge is to achieve a proper balance between church growth and doctrinal integrity. There are two extremes to avoid: 1) The temptation to compromise or ignore our doctrinal distinctives in thinking that will promote church growth. 2) To preach the truths without regard to the principles of church growth.

Somewhere there's a positive balance between the two positions. We must proclaim the Biblical truths while following principles which promote a growing church.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Oregon, IL. John and Gail Tuttle were baptized into Christ Sunday evening January 27, 1980. We welcome this fine couple into our local church family and into the Church of God throughout the world. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Digby, Nova Scotia. We praise God for the recent addition into the body of Christ. Cindy Ross and her mother Barbara came forward during the Special Meetings in November. Cindy came to accept Christ, and Barbara came to encourage and support her daughter and for rededication. Cindy was baptized December 16, in the Lighthouse Church of God baptistry. We pray God will bless Cindy in her new walk and her new life. It was a very special blessing as we assisted Cindy in putting on Christ. We had sent the church the liner for their baptistry some years ago and never once thought about someday performing a baptism in it. The Lighthouse Church rejoices with Cindy and prays God's blessings and encouragement on her.

Ralph Childs, pastor.

McGintytown, AR. The Lord has really made January an exceptional month for us at McGintytown. We have found that God blesses in tremendous ways when our prayers are answered. In January we welcomed nine new members into this body of believers. We congratulate and wish to welcome James Holloway and Judy Cardin as they transferred their membership to McGintytown Church of God and rededicated their lives to the Lord. Those that were welcomed into this body and were baptized into Jesus Christ: Ken Bauder, Judy McGinty, Ron McGinty, Lisa Cardin, Kim Cardin, Missy Holloway, and

Tim McGinty. We praise God for these decisions and pray for their continual growth as they mature in him.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe . . . praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42, 43, 47, NIV). Praise God!

Thomas M. New, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. The members of the Bible Church recently celebrated the following additions to the Body of Christ by baptism:

Casey Maurice Girard, December 16, 1979

Gary Patrick Brasher, January 6, 1980

Carol I. Danowski, January 20, 1980

Diana Rene Sorenson, January 27, 1980

Also joining our church by transfer of membership has been Eupert and Dorothy Flint and their granddaughter, Jo Anne Sue Martin. Eupert from the Church of God in Hedrick, Indiana, and Dorothy and Jo Anne from the Denver First Church of God in Denver, Colorado.

James Graham, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. At the conclusion of the worship service on December 9, Rick Swartz responded to the gospel invitation. It was our privilege to assist him in the waters of baptism at our evening Christmas celebration service on December 23. At the conclusion of our morning worship service on December 23, Patty Walkem responded to the gospel invitation and was baptized at our midweek service on Wednesday, January 9. We pray for God's richest blessings on Rick and Patty as they begin their walk with Christ.

Steven Taylor, pastor.

Rochelle, IL. In response to the gospel invitation, Rose and Eddie Johnston (mother and son) were baptized into the saving name of Jesus Christ Wednesday night, January 23. We welcome them into the fellowship of the Flagg Center Community Church of God. In the pastor's absence, Bro. Jim Mickey immersed them. We pray God's blessing upon Rose and Eddie in their walk for Christ.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 21-23—Illinois State Conference, East Peoria.

March 22—Indiana State Conference Missionary Conference, Faith Chapel Church of God April 18-20—Virginia State Conference, Hollis Partlowe, guest speaker.

April 28-May 2—Annual Church of God Minister's Conference, Oregon, IL.

June 22-28—Indiana Family Camp, Camp Alexander Mack

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The following couple have completed the Home Bible Study Course:

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MARRIAGE

On December 21, 1979, in the Lawrenceville Church of God, Springfield, OH, Cheryl Jean Brittingham became the bride of Ernesto Hermosillo Jr. in a lovely candlelight ceremony. Cheryl is the daughter of Mary Lou and Max Brittingham and Ernesto is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Hermosillo Sr. May God richly bless this young couple in their life together.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy V. Walker, 84, fell asleep in death on January 16, 1980. Surviving are two sisters—Mrs. Roy (Lolita) Wimpeny of Elyria, OH and Mrs. John (Esther) Worcester of North Ridgeville, OH; one daughter—Mrs Charles (Helen) Widdowson of Columbia Station; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on Friday, January 18, officiated by the local Baptist minister, David Anderson, and the writer. Mrs. Walker was a member of Columbia Baptist Church and was later involved with Columbia Church of God. Pastor Steven L. Taylor.

Mrs. **Lyla VanFleet**, a long-time member of the Southlawn Church of God, died December 22, 1979, at the age of 82 years in Bradenton, FL. The funeral and interment, conducted by Pastor Ray Hall, was in Grand Rapids, MI, on December 27, 1979. Survivors include two children, George VanFleet of Jenison, MI, and Mrs. Ellen Ramsey of Strasburg, VA, plus seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. We pray God's comfort on her family as we await the return of Jesus.

We mourn the death of Mrs. **Isie Elizabeth Jenkins**, a member of the Southlawn Church of God for many years. She died on January 13, 1980, at the age of 70 years, in Grand Rapids, MI, where she lived all her life. She was a graduate of Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, and worked as a registered nurse for about 40 years. Isie was a very active church worker as she was not only involved in local work, but in the State and General Conference work of the Church of God as well. She actively participated as a leader in youth work and helped in family camps in addition to holding offices at Southlawn. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Pat Lackey, one step-daughter, Beryl Ide, plus three grandchildren. Her husband, Harvey C. Jenkins, preceded her in death. Though her presence will be missed, we find peace through the assurance that death will lose its sting the day Jesus conquers it at his coming and eternal life is given! Michael Brown, pastor.



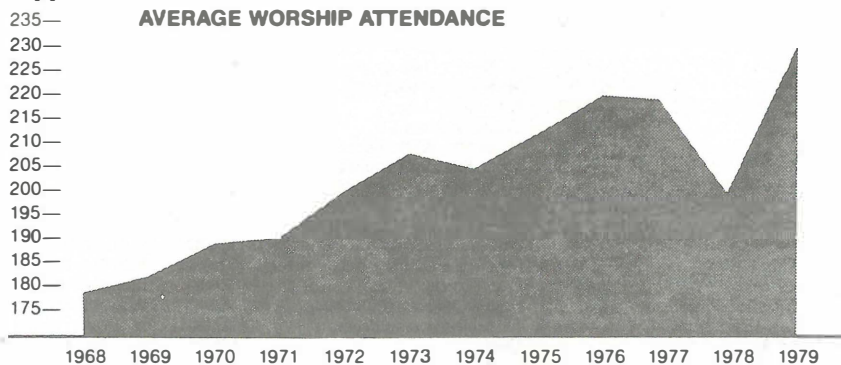
PEOPLE ARE ASKING...

As church growth thinking influences more people and more churches, questions arise. DR. WIN ARN, noted church growth authority and president of the Institute for American Church Growth, brings some of the answers.

Q. There is a feeling within the congregation that the pastor should spend a greater amount of time visiting members rather than non-members. What do you think?

A. How a pastor spends his time has direct implications for the growth or decline of a church. In most cases, the pastor is free to determine the areas he feels should be emphasized. Research confirms that a pastor who spends a significant proportion of his time visiting members does not have a growing church.

This can be illustrated by the Whetstone United Church of Christ in Anderson, Indiana. Study the graph below, of average worship attendance, and it is evident that something happened in 1978 which caused a serious decline in the growth pattern of this congregation. What happened?



Pastor Verlin Smith can clearly identify the cause of this decline. In 1978 the deacons in the church requested that the pastor restrict his visitation to existing church members. According to Pastor Smith, this change in emphasis was a major factor in the decline in worship attendance.

The often unspoken expectation of many church members is that their pastor will make regular calls on members. Would these same people expect their family physician to make house calls every few months to inquire as to their health? Certainly not.

This is not to suggest that present members do not need attention, love, and care. Such a concern is critical if the church is to effectively incorporate its new members. Many churches fill such a need as deacons or elders assume an active role in the body through visitation. (The book of Acts records that the first deacons were chosen to free the apostles for other ministry; Acts 6:1-7.) Caring for those within the body may also be accomplished through cell groups or the "Undershepherd plan." Of course, there are those special needs which only the pastor can meet, based on his involvement, training, skill, and compassion. However, a significant part of the pastor's time should be invested in calling on non-Christians and unchurched people in the local ministry area. One pastor I know has a goal of 50 calls on unchurched people a week—and he insists that his staff of three make the same number of calls. Of course, he leads a vital, living, growing church.

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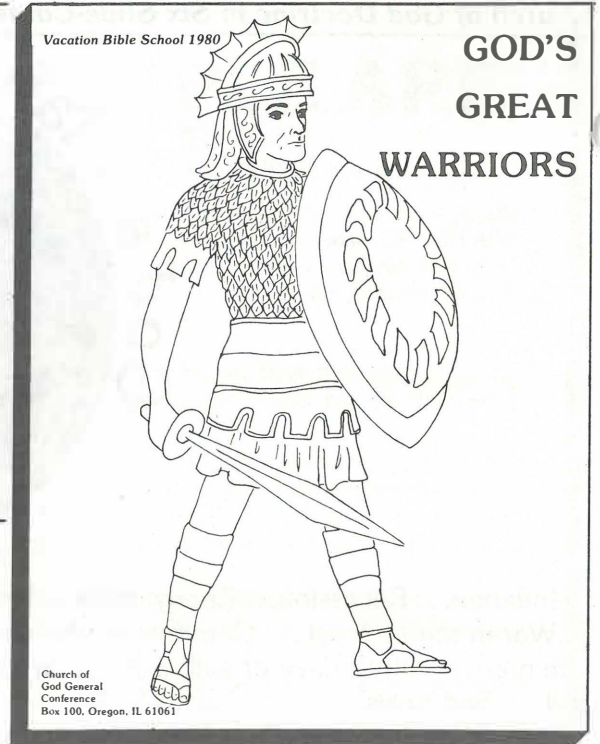
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Publishing Department News

"Edge of the '80's" Writing Contest Winners

Top prize in the contest went to Mrs. Doris Brown of Columbia Station, OH. Her story, "By Just One Minute," appears in the April, 1980, issue of *The Restitution Herald*. For her First Prize winning effort, Sr. Brown has chosen to attend the 1980 meeting of General Conference at Rockford College tuition-free. We congratulate her on a moving story and pray that it will motivate all our readers to live for Jesus as his return draws ever nearer.

"A Salt Talk for Christians," by Pastor John Railton of Kokomo, IN, contained just the right ingredient to merit the award of Outstanding Article. Bro. Railton's illustrative message will be printed in the May, 1980, issue of the *Herald*. He will receive one half of his room and board free at the 1980 meeting of the General Conference for his efforts.

Mrs. Cheryl Norwood of Cedar Springs, MI, has used her prize, one half of her room and board paid, at the Christian Workers' Seminar in Gatlinburg, TN. Sr. Norwood's story, "Face Up or Fade Out?" won the designation of Outstanding Story in the contest.

Three manuscripts were chosen by judges Shirley McQuinn and Carol Daniels for Honorable Mention. "Clouds Over Jerusalem," by Mrs. Verna Brubaker of West Milton, OH; Plymouth, Indiana's Mrs. Mildred Macy's "Thank the Lord Anyway," and Donna Ansehl of St. Louis, MO, with her "Fishers of Men or Fishers of Fish" all were named in this category. While these manuscripts did not earn prizes, they will be printed in future issues of the *Herald*.

Again, congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who submitted manuscripts in the writing contest.

Junior Quarterly and Teacher's Guide

Currently we are in the midst of the second quarter of publishing the Junior Quarterly and Teacher's Guide using the curriculum supplied under special agreement with David C. Cook Publishing Company. Of course we have full editorial privileges in the use of this material. Gradually we are working into the curriculum whole special lessons in regard to prophecy and doctrine. Rest assured that every line in both publications is doctrinally sound according to Scripture. If your Sunday School wishes to place an order, or desires more information about these vital publications, please write accordingly.

1980 Vacation Bible School Materials

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By the Editor

material centered on the theme, "God's Great Warriors." Special doorknob hanger/postcards, award certificates, and pennants (five inch by 12 inch) can be ordered with the order blank appearing on page 9 of this PROGRESS JOURNAL. **New Church of God Hymnal**

"Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs," the new 600-page hymnbook for the Church of God General Conference, will be available by General Conference time in August. Orders are now being filled. Many of your favorite songs, both old and new, find their place in this book. For an order blank and complete ordering information, please see page 12 of this PROGRESS JOURNAL.

Teen Quarterly Agreement

Beginning with the fourth quarter of 1980, the Teenage Quarterly will undergo a change of format and style. A complete Teacher's Guide and handout sheets for students will be offered. The quarterly will be based on original curriculum materials supplied by David C. Cook Publishing Co., and used with permission. Of course, we will have full editorial rights in the publishing of the quarterly.

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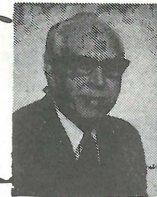
On page 19 of the April, 1980, issue of *The Restitution Herald* you will find a complete supplies order form. Materials ranging from Oregon Bible College Chorale records to the 1980 Sunday School Openings Ideabook are offered. Take advantage of these aids in the educational and evangelistic functions of your church and home. Use these materials as helps in spreading the good news of the gospel of the kingdom of God and the things concerning Jesus Christ to those near and dear to you.

Thanks for your Help

With your assistance the good word of the gospel continues to reach many throughout the world via the printed word. Keep it up.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Annual Ministerial Conference

The Church of God Ministerial Association will convene its annual meeting in Oregon, Illinois, on Monday, April 28th. This is a time when the ministers gather together to be fed, gain spiritual strength, and worship and study together.

We trust that each local church will encourage its pastor to attend and will assist in the expenses and the Conference pool. It is the local church membership that will benefit from the pastor's attendance and participation in these activities. The pastors of the Southwest Conference are the program planning committee for this Conference.

MVRA Biannual Meeting

The biannual meeting of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association will be held on Tuesday evening, August 5, during the annual Church of God General Conference.

Aetna Life Insurance Company is now investing the funds of the Retirement Association, and a full report of these investments will be made at this biannual meeting. Policies and plans for the next two years will be discussed and formed at the meeting. Each local church affiliated with the Retirement Association will send one delegate to the meeting. Each pastor in the Association is automatically a delegate.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference (Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College) will meet in Oregon, Illinois on May 1 and 2. At this meeting the General Conference program and plans are finalized. The salary schedule and tentative budget for the next fiscal year as well as any recommendations to come before the Conference are acted upon at this meeting. Any item of business to be brought before the board should come to the attention of the Executive Director or a member of the Board of Directors prior to the meeting date.

Annual General Conference

Reservation forms and information are in the mail to each local pastor. An isolated member may write to Reservations, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, for a reservation form.

Babysitter service will again be provided for children two years and under. Details of this service are

also included with the reservation information to the local pastors.

Each individual (including children) must complete a reservation form. The cost of the conference this year is: adults (over 12 years of age), \$60; children (4-12 years), \$45; children under four years, \$4; commuters, \$8. There is a \$10 nonrefundable deposit required with each application.

God's Plan for this Planet

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Conference Finances

The budget approved by the delegates at the 1979 General Conference requires \$29,000 each month to meet the needs. This amount is needed to meet the general expenses, the payroll, provide the local church aid, and support of the national missionaries. It does subsidize the cost of printing Sunday School quarterlies, Vacation Bible School lessons and study booklets. It provides the total cost of the free literature, which includes 8,000 copies of *The Restitution Herald* each month, and provides at least one half the cost of operating Oregon Bible College.

We ask your prayers and support for all the programs of the General Conference and trust that the funds will be provided to bring each of these programs to fruition.

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October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

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Goal for Feb. 15 - Mar. 15	\$37,874.00
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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Acting President

Financial Aid to Students

At the beginning of the second semester, a number of scholarships and a grant-in-aid were awarded to the students. Scholarship funds are provided by many individuals, local churches, and State Conferences, and we very much appreciate this support for the students and the College. Listed are the students and the scholarships which they received: S. E. Magaw—Kerry Hall; James A. Patrick—Gary Burnham; Lea Doeden—Charles Durham; Glen and Violet Booth—Beth Pardue; Norman McLeod—Laurie Davis; S. J. Lindsey—Becky Roseberry; Harold Doan—Bobby Partain; C. E. Randall—Debra McKinney; Lucian Murphy—Pam Gaskill; Helen L. Overholser—Cecil Rademachir; Otto E. Dick—R. Joe Good; BYF—Jeff Smith; Harry and Emily Berry—Karen Mitchell; Troy View, Overholser, Demmitt—Kevin Demmitt; Lawrenceville, Overholser—Tim Kaffenbarger; State of Illinois—Deb Cook, Darlene Burkhardt, Wynn Winner, and Peggy Rager; Northeast BYF—Alan Demmitt and Michael Gallagher; John and Ruth Lewis—Vickie Wyrick; Grant-in-Aid—Lorene Armes.

Golden Rule Building Progress

During the past several months, work has continued on the remodeling of the Golden Rule Building. Doors have been hung, paneling has been installed, and staining of the woodwork is being done. Carroll Bennett, member of the Board of Trustees, spent a couple of weeks here assisting with the work.

The Golden Rule Building has been designated as a worksite for the Volunteers in Probation Program in Ogle County. Through this program, individuals who are on probation are required to spend time working at sites in the area. As a nonprofit organization, Oregon Bible College qualifies as a worksite for the program, and thus workers are sent without charge to us to assist in our work. Bobby Partain, one of our seniors, has been supervising the work of those sent. Not only have we benefited by having these workers, but we have had an opportunity to witness to them and expose them to God's Word and Christian principles.

Board of Trustees Meet

The Board met in Oregon recently to discuss the

work of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Most of the time was spent in long-range planning. Among the College items that were discussed was a Campus Development Plan. A report was made of the utilization and capacity of our present buildings, and we projected our needs for the next 20 years if the Lord tarries.

The Board approved an adjustment in our tuition and board and room charges effective with the fall semester. Tuition will be raised \$50 per semester to \$400 and board and room will be raised \$50 per semester to \$600.

Chorale Concert Season

The College Chorale began their 1980 concert season on February 28 by presenting their program in the College Chapel. Below is the concert schedule:

- Feb. 28—Oregon Bible College, Oregon, IL
- Mar. 2—Dixon Church of God, Dixon, IL
 - 19—Aurora College, Aurora, IL
 - 19—Aurora Advent Christian Church, Aurora, IL
 - 30—Bethel United Methodist Church, Shannon, IL
- Apr. 5—Pleasant Hill Church of God, Pleasant Hill, OH
 - 6—North Hills Church of God, Springfield, OH
 - 6—Columbia Station Church of God, Columbia, OH
 - 26—Burr Oak Church of God, Burr Oak, IN
 - 27—Morning Star Church of God, South Bend, IN
 - 27—Hillisburg Church of God, Michigantown, IN
- May 4—Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL
 - 10—Faith Community Church of God, Minneapolis, MN
 - 11—Eden Valley Church of God, Eden Valley, MN
 - 11—Hector Church of God, Hector, MN
 - 14—Weiser Advent Christian Church, Weiser, ID
 - 15—Cashmere Church of God, Cashmere, WA
 - 16—Portland Advent Christian Church, Portland, OR
 - 18—Medford Advent Christian Church, Medford, OR
 - 19—San Jose, CA
 - 20—Valley Church of God, Glendale, CA
 - 21—Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, CA
 - 25—Bible Church of God, Phoenix, AZ
 - 25—Lakeshore Bible Church of God, Tempe, AZ
 - 27—Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, NE
 - 28—Omaha Church of God, Omaha, NE

Dr. Pryor on Campus

Dr. Charles Pryor, who will assume the Presidency in July, spent six days in Oregon during February. He met with the faculty and staff and assisted in the preparation of the new College Catalog and the scheduling of classes for the fall semester. We are looking forward to having Bro. Pryor as a full-time member of our staff.

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OUTREACH AND CHURCH

I thought you would be interested in learning about the church in China. The following article is reprinted with the kind permission of *EE Update*, in which it appeared.

China's Hidden Church

By Joel Belz, Consulting Editor

Whatever theological significance there is to the terms "church visible" and "church invisible," Christians in modern China might well use the second term in a very practical manner.

Strolling around the streets of Canton, I saw only two church buildings—one a former Roman Catholic cathedral now being used as a brick warehouse, and the other on Shameen Island, its use now a bit obscure. One neighbor told me it had been a Scottish Presbyterian Church, but another said it belonged to the Anglicans. In either case, it was closed.

What you see is not what you get. The buildings are nothing but architectural carcasses; what used to live there in those hulks has found a new—but unlisted—address.

Chinese Christians—perhaps a million of them—dislike having their church called an "underground" church as it is in eastern Europe. They prefer the term "hidden."

How can you hide a million people? Even when you have 900 million others to do it with? The main point is, according to many reliable reports, that what is hidden is the institutional church, not the people.

That very fact makes it difficult to report on the state of "the church" in China—at least in traditional reporting terms: no membership figures, no annual financial reports, no building programs, no agencies and councils.

So a picture of the church in China is actually a mosaic—hundreds of smaller pieces painstakingly assembled as the trickle of information gradually increases.

One man busy at the tedious task of assembling those many pieces is Jonathan Chao, dean of the China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong and director of a research center there. Over the last few years, Mr. Chao has completed several dozen interviews with individual Christians from Communist China. The composite presented by the transcripts of those interviews affords a picture of com-

mitted believers living out New Testament principles in a manner perhaps unparalleled in this century.

A disclaimer is essential here: Even with China's new openness, it is still too early for visitors to do much more than to experience the general atmosphere of Chinese society, or at best to hope for a chance meeting with an individual believer. Formal meetings or opportunities to join in gatherings of believers may come later, but tourists seeking such liaisons now could jeopardize the well-being of Christians in China.

Yet, just because such gatherings may not be available to outsiders does not mean they do not take place. Indeed, in the very middle of the infamous Cultural Revolution a dozen years ago, when things were at their chaotic worst and people were dying on every hand, the old pastor reportedly erected a tent for an evangelistic meeting to which some 500 people came.

That, of course, was hardly typical. But according to Mr. Chao's informants, gatherings of believers in homes—often involving 50 or 60 people—are commonplace. "Biblical exhortations and sharing of the wonderful works of God among them," he writes, "constitute the main contents of the meetings, followed by prayer."

Itinerant lay preachers, some of whom operate on the fringes of the law because of having deserted their work assignments, are conducted from village to village in a manner reminiscent of the protection given the Apostle Paul. Such preachers risk arrest if found by the Communist cadres, but the local believers apparently are relatively free of those risks, with their meetings being an open secret.

One Chinese businessman told Mr. Chao that if all the former church buildings were reopened (which seems highly unlikely), they could not begin to hold all the Christians who would seek to use them.

The Chinese Church, however, might well be hurt more than it would be helped if it suddenly had all the trappings of religiosity—an observation which is not meant to minimize the severity of the hardships which they have endured and still endure at the hands of an unfriendly government.

Clearly, such hardships have had a purging effect, leaving the church toughened and purposeful.

Mr. Chao observes, "Stripped of her former de-

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

By Rachel Carr

nominal fragmentation, she has come to a sense of new dimension of spiritual solidarity. She has lost her clergy, but has become a kingdom of priests. No longer able to enjoy her Gothic churches, she yet experiences the reality of body life.

"Without missions, she yet has become missionary herself. Appearing to be impoverished, she is exceedingly rich. Seemingly weak, she has survived persecution.

"The resultant Christianity in China is a church thoroughly purged by Red fire. Such a church is, no doubt, very precious to her Lord. She is a cleansed and sanctified vessel of honor prepared for every good work."

What should be the relationship of American believers to such a church?

Many Chinese Christians are uneasy when that topic comes up. Having seen once how Communism was able to exploit the alliance between Western missionaries and colonial expansionism in China, they are naturally reluctant to see the same thing happen again.

"Perhaps," says one Christian leader in Hong Kong, "American Christians will have to learn how to do what is hardest for them—*nothing*—except to learn in a new way how to pray."

That man, and most other Chinese, think the big task of evangelism among the nearly one billion people of China will have to be done primarily by Chinese believers themselves—aided, perhaps, by fellow Chinese from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other places in the world.

As the gospel finds greater freedom in mainland China, as seems likely, new dangers loom. On my trip, I could not help comparing two cities.

There was Hong Kong, totally free for the propagation of Christ's Good News and the base of dozens of missionary programs. Hong Kong—plagued with crime, corruption, pornography, prostitution, drugs and a threatening materialistic callous.

Across the border, there was Canton, still under the thumb of the Communistic regime. Canton—where hotels operate without keys, drugs are not permitted, prostitution is all but unknown, and magazine stands are as inoffensive as a Christian tract rack.

Admittedly, that suggests the worst of Hong Kong

and the best of Canton. But what if, as the gospel invades, new believers associate the blights of Westernism with the Christian message? Could history repeat itself?

Against such a background, it seems important for American Christians to acquaint themselves well with what has happened in China during a full generation when we knew next to nothing, but when God was obviously at work.

Who knows what lies ahead for the Chinese Church? But who knows, on the other hand, what lies ahead for North American believers? Which church has the most to teach the other?

Sunday School Attendance Figures

Below are the figures which compare the Church of God Sunday School attendance of July through September 1978 with the attendance for the same Sundays in 1979:

July		August		September	
1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
3,588	3,710	3,497	3,547	3,780	3,779
3,715	3,778	3,686	3,587	3,778	3,975
3,669	3,636	3,708	3,673	3,997	3,964
3,595	3,629	3,718	3,891	4,105	3,960
3,645	3,775				

These figures show that on seven Sundays the 1979 attendance was larger than in 1978. The average increase for the 13 Sundays was about one percent.

Christian Workers' Seminars

As this is being written in mid-March, 117 people have enrolled in the Seminar to be held at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, March 23-28. This is the largest number of people who have ever enrolled in a Seminar since the program was started in 1974! Many excellent classes are being offered on Church Music, Dynamic Church Ministries, Teaching the Bible, Enriching Family Life, How to Study the Bible, and Rediscovering the New Testament Church. A complete report of the Seminar will be given at a later time.

The Seminar scheduled for Francisco Grande at Casa Grande, Arizona, January 7-11, had to be canceled because less than a dozen applications were received. We are happy that some who enrolled for that Seminar were able to change their plans and attend the one in Gatlinburg.

BYF NEWS

Hugh Harman, Youth Director

1980 Senior Youth Caravan

We have experienced a pleasing response from our young people concerning the Senior Youth Caravan which is scheduled for this summer following Berean Youth Conference. At this writing we have several applications already in, with the deadline for application still some two weeks away. The nine members and two sponsors of this caravan will assemble in Oregon, IL, on July 21, for the purpose of finalizing and practicing the program to be presented. We will leave Oregon on July 23, and are tentatively planning to travel in the states of Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Virginia, and Ohio.

Contact with the local churches in these states will be made very shortly to determine their receptivity to hosting the caravan for one program. We would like to include as many churches as we possibly can into our schedule prior to our return to Oregon on July 31. Local church leaders in these states who would like to host the caravan should write to: Youth Director, Box 28124, Tempe, AZ 85202 or call 602-892-3291.

We are really looking forward to this caravan and I know that its members will receive a rich spiritual blessing for having served our Lord in this capacity. I pray that those who are exposed to its message will receive a rich blessing also. Please make this Senior Youth Caravan a matter of your personal prayers.

1980 International Berean Youth Conference

Planning for the 1980 International Berean Youth Conference is now well under way and we're really looking forward to another exciting year with our youth.

Our theme for this year will be "Watch! I Am Coming"—Jesus. It seems as though everything—world affairs, war, decay of morals, etc.—all point toward the second coming of Jesus to this earth very soon; thus the selection of the above theme for this year. We all need to be aware and to be ready.

All of the curriculum offered at conference this year will center around Jesus' second coming. This includes classes and other activities.



PEOPLE ARE ASKING...

As church growth thinking influences more people and more churches, questions arise. DR. WIN ARN, noted church growth authority and president of the Institute for American Church Growth, brings some of the answers.

Q: We've made a community survey and left literature at every door, but have not seen any results. What do you recommend?

A: Perhaps the seed you have planted needs to be fertilized and cultivated. An excellent illustration of how that might be accomplished is a model used at the Berryessa Evangelical Free Church in San Jose, California.

Pastor J. Mark Platt began "farming" his field by "planting" literature, much as you have. But he didn't stop there. Over a period of six months he would regularly visit the people he had contacted once each month, cultivating them with small but thoughtful gifts and invitations to special events at the church. For example, in January he presented each home with a calendar. In February he again brought a gift and visited. March saw him personally present an invitation and brochure about the next month's Easter service. Mother's Day was the occasion for a gift and an invitation to a special service in May. After such extensive personal contact Pastor Platt has ceased to be an acquaintance and has become a friend.

He has continued to "water his garden" with media exposure as well. Newspaper advertising and features along with the Yellow Pages are creatively employed to keep the church before the eyes of the community. Pastor Platt meets the unchurched where they are. Borrowing from the secular media, his advertisements proclaim such slogans as "Things Go Better With Christ!" and are more likely to be found in the family living or sports section than the church page of a publication.

Finally, he has called in more laborers for the harvest. Every visitor who comes to the church is given a return visit by a member of the Lay Evangelism Outreach committee. This dedicated group of Christians has been trained to share their faith and call for a response to the message of the gospel. The key to the effectiveness of this group is that they share the gospel in a personal and private context compatible with the individual attention that has been given the visitor in the past by the pastor.

The "farming" methods of the Berryessa Evangelical Free Church may be characterized by the words *consistency*, *persistance*, and *involvement*. In every phase the church goes out to meet the people of the community where they are. The church does not give up but builds an image and personal relationships with individuals in the community. And all the methods employed consistently reflect the unrelenting love of Christ.

Does such careful cultivation yield results? There were visits by 50 families to the church after six months of "farming." Seven families enrolled during the same period. There was a consistent increase in attendance by approximately 25 percent after each specially publicized event. As Pastor Platt likes to quote, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9).

A PRAISE TO GOD

by Pastor James Mattison



May God be praised for all his wonderful works among us. This concerns God's opening up of areas of service in the radio ministry.

The KXEL Iowa program began from an opportunity the Lord provided in connection with the sign we had asked as to where we should go when we left Virginia. We had asked the privilege of being permitted to continue radio preaching. The beginning of the KXEL program was another fulfillment of Ephesians 3:20: God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." It was an added blessing.

That program began in June, 1978—almost two years ago. It was a work of faith from the beginning. We started on a shoestring. I signed a contract with KXEL stating that I would pay them \$32.50 a week for a year, when I did not see where the money would come from. We were positive God was leading in this. Various ones with whom we had worked through the years said they would help. They sent in money. Gradually over this past year and a half the radio fund has grown to over \$2,000.

As I could see this fund growing, it became apparent to me that it meant God was willing for me to continue further radio work. About that time higher

prices came, and gas prices started going up. It looked like a recession was coming. Was it really God's will to think about another program? I knew his command was to preach the gospel, regardless of world conditions as the end approaches.

We contacted WOWO in Ft. Wayne—no chance, and WIBC in Indianapolis. Again—nothing. Well, \$75 for 15 minutes Sunday night at midnight. I contacted a religious radio program clearing house that offers time at a cheaper rate. They told me I could get on a 5,000 watt Tallahassee, Florida, station Sundays at 1 - 1:15 for \$25. This was a good price. But in my heart I felt a program on a large station in Indiana would be best.

So we kept looking. John Railton and Arnold Johns helped check out a number of stations in central Indiana. Most of them were local stations. Just by chance, it seemed to me, we stumbled onto a 20,000 watt FM station in Kokomo. John Railton had called them. We looked into it. They said they were increasing to 50,000 watts at the end of the year. That fulfilled the big station part of the prayer. We felt many more people could be contacted over a more powerful station.

The price was somewhat over the \$35 I was willing to pay but **THEY CAME DOWN**, even below the 10% discount they offered. This was the part of the prayer that caused us to make the decision to go with them.

The time was 6:45 - 7:00 Sunday mornings. We pondered on this time for a long while, but finally concluded that God had led us all the way through the other details and was pointing to this station in every way, so concluded that the time was all right. We had gone down and talked with the station manager-owner and sales representative. God gave us favor in their eyes.

We started the new program February 17. It will continue for a year for \$35 a week. Once again, this is a work of faith, but feeling God is directing in every detail, feeling it is God's will, I have no fear at all that he will supply the need. We are not asking for money. In fact, the station forbids it. I recently sent them \$70 for two Sundays in February. Oddly, or should I say, divinely, \$65 extra has come in since.

We believe God has not only answered our prayer as to where he would have us work among the churches, but has also provided opportunities "exceeding abundantly more" than we asked for or thought. He has not only opened up the opportunities for radio preaching, but also sees to it the means are supplied. We have never had to have the first moment's anxiety as to where the funds were coming from.

Last, but not least, another blessing has come. We had to prepare this program somewhere, hopefully at the local radio station on their equipment. We were already going in for our weekly local church program. The manager, Ken Kunze, was also permitting me to prepare the Iowa tape free of charge each week. It was only right to be willing to pay for producing this program. When I talked with him about it, his decision was, "Go ahead—no charge." Once again, God had given us favor in this good man's eyes. He is one of the helpers along the way.

From a heart full of gratitude and thanks, I take this way of thanking and praising our wonderful God for all he has done for us. We believe he will direct and open opportunities for all who earnestly ask. If you don't know what course to take, consider the whole matter for a long time, pray about it, seek God's direction, **GO OUT ON A LIMB**. Ask for specifics. *And read Psalm 37:3-5.*

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Baton Rouge, LA. We hope all our friends will rejoice with us at the baptism of Mark Mattison and Matt Null on January 28, 1980. Mark, a junior high student, has seen enough of the ways of the world to know he wanted to live differently. Matt, a young aircraft mechanic, was facing several of life's crossroads and wanted to go through them with Christ.

Michael Mattison, pastor.

Columbia Station, OH. On February 3, 1980, at the close of the morning service Anthony LaMattina responded to the gospel invitation. He was baptized the following Sunday, February 10, during our morning service. We praise God for Tony's decision and pray that the Spirit of the Lord may be with him as he lives his Christian life and looks to the return of our Lord and Savior.

Steven L. Taylor, pastor.

San Jose, CA. After confessing his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, Brian Williams sealed his faith by baptism on February 4, 1980. We welcome Brian into the family of Christ.

John Mattison, pastor.

Rochelle, IL. We are happy to introduce to the church at large a new member of the body of Christ. Mrs. Myron (Joan) Filkins was immersed into the saving name of Jesus Christ at the Flag Center Church of God Wednesday night, February 27, 1980. We pray that she will continue in Christian endeavor until our Lord returns.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

San Jose, CA. At the close of the worship service on Sunday, March 16th, Roberta Lynn Keenan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Keenan, accepted Christ as her personal Savior. She was assisted in putting on Christ in the waters of baptism by the writer in the absence of a local pastor. We pray God's rich blessing upon Roberta as she begins her Christian walk of life.

Pastor S. O. Ross.

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.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Board of License and Ordination announces that there will be an ordination service at the Wednesday evening worship service of the annual meeting of the Church of God General Conference convening at Rockford College in Rockford, IL, August 4-8, 1980. Ministers desiring to be ordained with those already scheduled must secure an application from Mr. S. O. Ross, Executive Director, Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Such applicants should prepare to be interviewed during the annual Ministerial Conference meeting April 28 through May 2, 1980, at Oregon, IL. Currently 45 licensed pastors have been ordained in response to the call of God to the ministry.

OBITUARIES

Faye Larington died February 29, 1980, at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook, NE, at the age of 78. She was a member of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, having been baptized in her youth by Bro. Almus Adams. Funeral services were held both at Hillcrest Nursing Home and the Carpenter Funeral Home. She was laid to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery, where she awaits the call of her Master.

Leon Driskill, pastor.

Verna Himmelright McCorkle, born October 1, 1900, fell asleep in death on February 11, 1980, at the Indiana Medical Center in Indianapolis. Verna had been hospitalized one week. She is survived by her husband Leland, one daughter, Mrs. Darryl (Shirley) Lutes, and two grandchildren, Stephen and Kimberly. Verna served as a faithful member of the Hedrick Church of God all her life. She drove 30 miles each way to services at least once a week for forty years. In Verna's years of service, she served almost all offices of the church and Sunday School, was pianist, and was president of the Ladies Aid for several years. Pastor Tim New, assisted by Bro. Lary Townsend, conducted the services at the Hedrick Church of God on February 14, 1980. She now awaits the resurrection of the Lord.

Tim New, pastor.

Funeral services for **Etta Mattison** were conducted March 5, 1980, at Farrell-Holland Funeral Home in Oregon, Illinois. She was 90 years old and the daughter of the late Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Lindsey. Survivors include two sons: Robert of Moline, IL, and Donald of Oregon, IL; and one daughter, Cecile Bunch of Chandler, AZ. We find comfort, confidence, and assurance of immortality when Jesus comes to set up his kingdom throughout the whole world. We are thankful that Sr. Mattison was a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Alice Elizabeth Westlund, born July 9, 1927, in San Diego, CA, succumbed to man's last enemy on February 7, 1980, in San Diego. Her life was giving to others as wife, mother, teacher, friend, volunteer worker, and above all, Christian. She enjoyed the life our Lord gave her. She blended it with humor and a smile. She was the mother of two children, Mark and Jean, who survive her. Also surviving is her husband Orville, Church of God chaplain in the United States Navy. Her college majors were math and speech therapy. She taught in the field of special education for five years and was a member of Alpha Psi Omega. Alice served as an officer for Navy and Coast Guard wives' clubs. During 1975-1976, she was president of the Coast Guard Officers Wives' Club at Cape May, NJ. Alice gave thousands of hours of her time to the Navy Relief Society in the United States and overseas. As a Christian she responded to divine direction in following our Eternal Father as revealed through Christ our Lord. Alice will be remembered for her love to others by her family and friends. Memorial services were held at the Navy Regional Medical Center Hospital Chapel, San Diego, on February 12. Alice rests in peace until the return of her Lord.

Sister Elsie Strong, the oldest member of the Jaynes Street Church of God, Omaha, NE, died February 16 at the age of 93. Sister Strong was a faithful member of the Church of God all of her life. She was the daughter of evangelist Almus Adams, who was primarily responsible for starting the Church of God work in Nebraska. She

was preceded in death by her husband Harry, and is survived by her daughters Irma Meth and Jane Prawl, by four grandchildren, by eight great grandchildren, and by four great-great grandchildren. Her steadfastness and unwavering faith were an inspiration to all who knew her. Her hope was in Christ's return and she longed for it. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

Scott Ross, pastor.

Elmer C. McChesney fell asleep in death January 20, 1980. He was born December 23, 1900, in Marshall County, and had lived in South Bend, IN, for 60 years. On November 22, 1931, he married Erma Wickizer who survives along with a sister, Mrs. Ethel Jeffers, and his mother, Mrs. Don Warren, both of Plymouth, IN.

Elmer's life was truly lived for his Lord and his church. His early life was spent in the North Salem Church of God near Plymouth, IN. However, in 1934 he began attending the Church of God in South Bend. In 1938 Elmer was one of the trustees who arranged for the purchase of the Hope Chapel Church of God at 1723 S. Leer Street.

Since that time he served as a cornerstone of the church. He also served as a director of the Church of God General Conference, as president of the Indiana State Conference, and a zealous worker of the local church. One of Elmer's personal joys was to raise money for the furtherance of the work of the Lord. Yet another contribution was in the field of music at Hope Chapel, which will long be remembered.

He was known for his creative art in the making of tract and Restitution Herald holders for the General Conference and many local churches throughout the Conference.

His funeral was conducted by the writer. He now awaits the resurrection call of his Lord.

Edward Bender, pastor.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: April Ward, Blanchard, MI; Jonathan Merrill, Metcalf, IL; Gary Mattingly, Attica, IN; Elsie Kraft, Dixon, IL; Gwen Rager, Leaf River, IL.

"YEAR OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL" SUPPLIES

Listed below are materials which may help your Sunday School celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School during 1980.

How to Celebrate the Year of the Sunday School (47-page booklet) \$1.95
Let's Go to Sunday School (coloring book for preschool-age through Primary) . . .59
Bulletin covers ("Ring the Bell for Sunday School") 100 for 4.00
Pins - "I Believe in Sunday School" 1½" in diameter08

Items will be sent postage paid when payment accompanies your order. Orders should be sent to Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 18, 19—Indiana Senior Youth Retreat at Kokomo
 April 18-20—Virginia State Conference, Hollis Partlowe, guest speaker.
 April 28-May 2—Annual Church of God Minister's Conference, Oregon, IL
 June 13-15—Minnesota Conference, S. O. Ross, guest speaker.
 June 22-28—Indiana Family Camp, Camp Alexander Mack

HOLBROOK, NEBRASKA

The Holbrook Church has been making an effort to help several of our isolated members by recording our morning worship services on cassette tape and mailing to those desiring them. Soaring gasoline prices have limited our calling on people a distance over 100 miles from our church. This tape ministry has helped us keep in touch with these brethren. Leon Driskill, pastor.

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The photo for the cover of the March, April, May, 1980, Adult Quarterly and Adult Teacher's Guide was taken by Dorothy Magaw. The picture was of a painting by James Alfred Kirkpatrick of Jamestown, North Dakota. The canvas forms a background for the pulpit area in a Baptist church in Jamestown. Mr. Kirkpatrick, most famous for his many Western landscapes, is a second cousin to Sr. Magaw.

IMPORTANT 1980 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS

Listed below are materials which may help advertise your "God's Great Warriors" 1980 Vacation Bible School this summer.

- VBS Doorknob
 hanger/postcard \$1.75 per 100
 VBS Certificate \$1.50 per 100
 VBS Pennant (5" by 12") picture of the warrior with "God's Great Warriors" logo \$.75 each
 Items will be sent postage paid when payment accompanies your order. Orders should be sent to Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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**TEN YEARS AT
CAMP WALTER SCOTT**

Southern Illinois has been having weekend retreats at Camp Walter Scott near Effingham and Watson, Illinois. Held each fall and sometimes in the spring, the weekends have been a source of instruction and inspiration.

Our last retreat over the weekend of October 20, 1979, may have been our best spiritually and in attendance. Our theme of Missions fit our guest teachers Bro. and Sr. John Denchfield perfectly. As a missionary to Nova Scotia, Bro. Denchfield's slides and messages were very inspirational.

Several times the Eldorado, IL, church has sponsored a spring retreat and has always helped in the fall retreats. Eldorado usually helps in sending a minister since one church service is required for the weekend. There are classes and devotions, campfire, boating, volleyball, hiking, and swimming when weather permits.

Paul and Thelma Schaer work very diligently to make our retreats a success. We have enjoyed having them and their trailer load of people (young and old) help in attendance. Additionally they help in teaching and provide inspiration to the retreat.

Bro. Oral Miller began the work at Camp Walter Scott. Roy and Nina Thomas were isolated members with a large family of young people in need of teaching and fellowship with other Church of God of the Faith of Abraham youth. Thus through the retreat the word of God and gospel truth is reaching the Effingham-Watson area. Each year usually one half of those in attendance are first-timers. Christ teaches us to sow the seed and spread the word. We feel this is being accomplished. Much literature has been distributed in the area. Each of the Thomas young people has always reached at least one more young person for the retreat each year—sometimes each brings four and five. Nina and Roy take care of meals and supervise cleanup. The Illinois State Conference has supported the work, often bailing us out of the red. We thank it for the support.

I have enjoyed going from St. Louis each year to be part of the work. I feel it is important to teach our youth. What they learn at this age stays with them always, and they enjoy the camp atmosphere. Some of their experiences there will never be forgotten.

George (Butch) Flack from the Watson area was baptized and became a faithful worker in the program. He was missed at the October retreat since he moved out of the area. May God go with him.

Loretta Patton from Eldorado has been a great camp helper. We have withstood heat, cold, storms, locust invasions, camping in the woods, and sleeping in hogans. We've cooked over a campfire, held services and activities in rainy weather, and other "roughing it" experiences.

Now the campgrounds boasts an all-purpose building over a dry basement with a fireplace. Cabins have been redecorated to add rustic beauty to the scene.

Over the years we've enjoyed visitors from the Missouri and southern Illinois churches; such guest workers-campers are always welcome.

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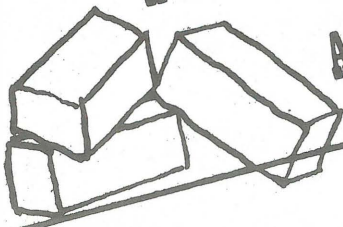
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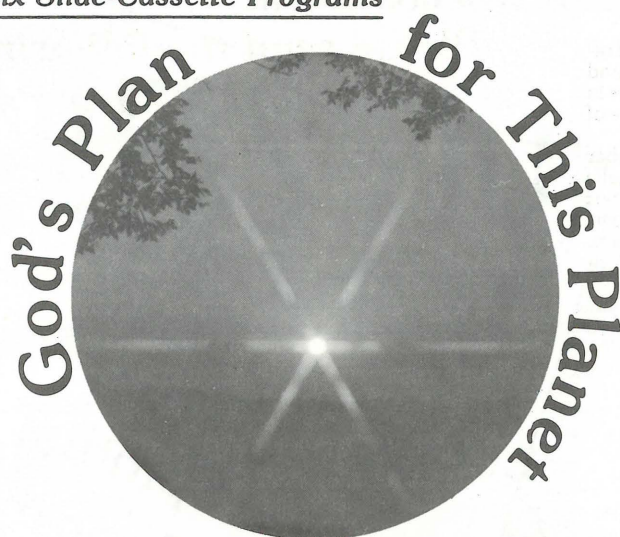
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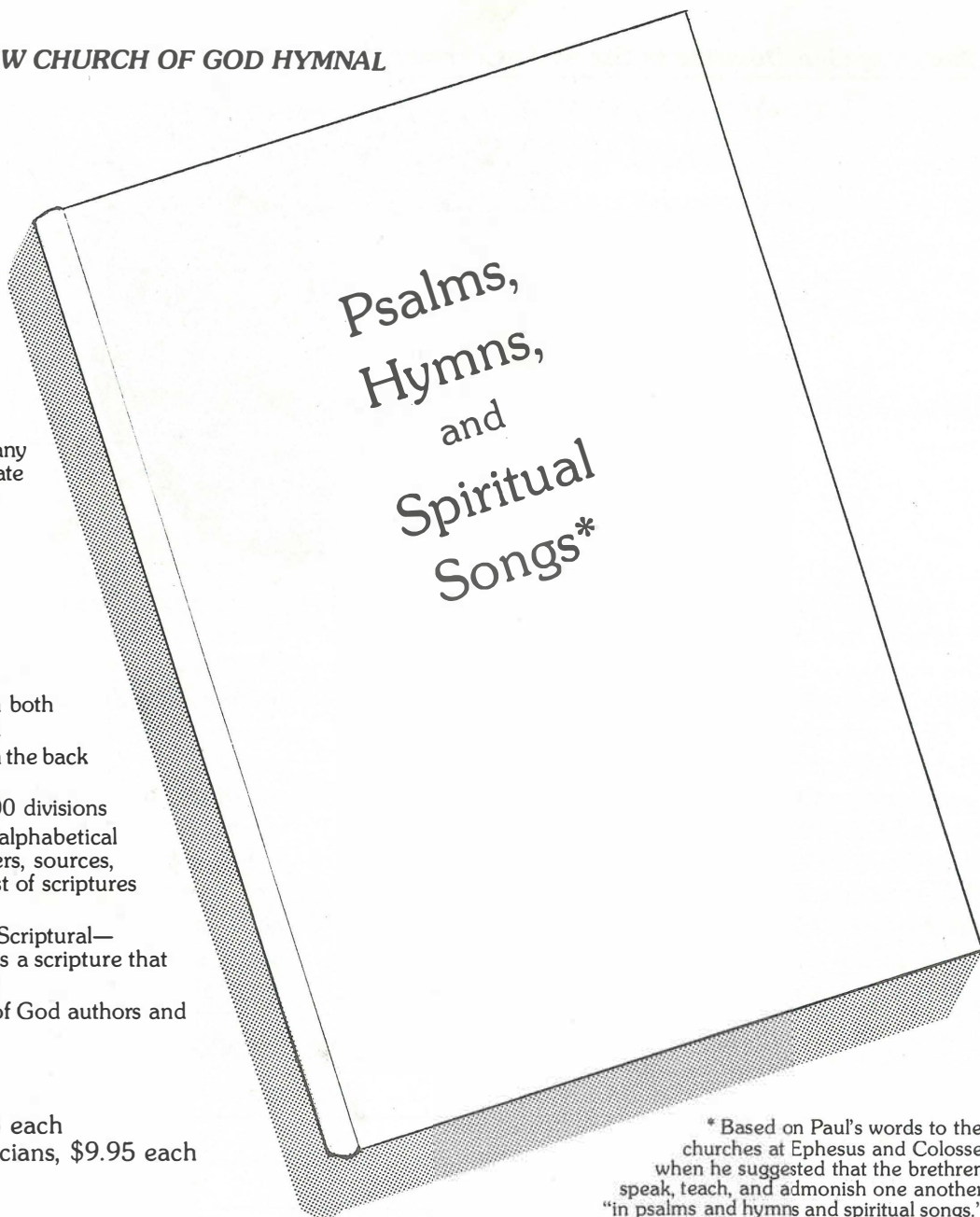
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WILL THE REAL Palestinian please stand? A Jewish nurse treats an Arab girl with the father looking on. Which one is a true Palestinian?

In separate meetings with President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin during mid-April, President Carter laid groundwork for solving the Palestinian situation in Israeli-held lands. All three leaders have a self-imposed deadline of May 26 to reach an agreement.

At last report President Carter was leaning to a Sadat view of full independence with possibly the PLO given a hand in the government of the area. This view Prime Minister Begin sees as dangerous to the very existence of the nation of Israel.

As background to this problem, it would be well to keep in mind the definition of the word "Palestinians." G. Douglas Young, long-time citizen of Jerusalem and a well-respected leader in the eyes of both Jews and Arabs, has provided us with a clear view of the Palestinian issue. In his March-April 1980 issue of the brochure "Dispatch from Jerusalem," Young makes the following points:

There are four groups of Palestinians

Group 1. Jews who have lived for centuries in what is now Israel. The Holy Land, Biblical Canaan (including Jordan *), was called Palestine until 1948.

Group 2. Arabs who are citizens of Israel. They became citizens with full legal rights in 1948 when the State of Israel was formed.

Who
Are
the
PALESTINIANS?

Group 3. Arabs who live in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Some are long-time residents; some came in 1948 and 1967.

Group 4. Arabs who lived in West Palestine but now live elsewhere. They are in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, other Arab countries, and North America.

Alarming Facts About Palestinians

It's dangerous to talk of Palestinians uncritically, without definition. Group 4 produced the "Palestine Liberation Organization" now led by Yassir Arafat. It includes nine other Arab terrorist groups. All are committed to destroy Israel.

Leaders of the Arab states formed the PLO in 1964. But hear this: No group of Arab Palestinians requested the formation of PLO. None were involved in choosing the PLO leaders or in deciding its policies.

So how can the world accept the nonsense of the Arab summit declaration of 1974? It said the PLO is the "only legitimate representative of the Arab Palestinians." The aim was spelled out in the PLO National Covenant written in 1964, effective in 1968. No word has been retracted. All PLO statements, made weekly, repeat its purpose.

In Venezuela recently, Arafat pronounced to South American reporters of El Mondo news: "We shall not rest until the day when we return to our home, until we destroy Israel. The unity of the Arab world will make this possible. The destruction of Israel is the goal of our struggle."

Leaders of Group 3 have picked up the idea the PLO is their representative—even though they've had no say in choice of leadership or what the PLO does. The general Arab population of Group 3 may not be happy with the present situation, but they don't want military terrorists (Group 4) to control their future. The leaders are using the "PLO represents us" for a slogan in an anti-Israel stance.

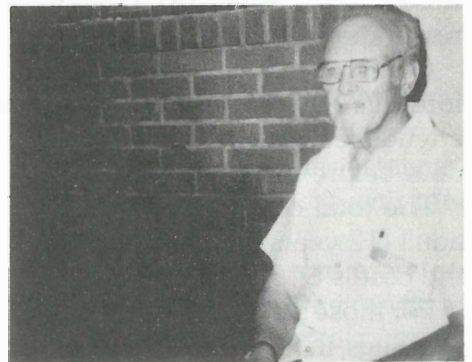
Even Arabs in Group 2 are being much influenced by the propaganda. Thus the danger to Israel is increased by actions of some of her own citizens. They do not want to be on the wrong side of the fence if the PLO state is established.

So don't use the term "Palestinian" without saying which group you mean. And do not accept its use without protest, unless you know the group meant. **

Tragically, the survival of Israel hinges on the use and misuse of one word—Palestinian. If you would like to express your opinion of this whole issue to the President of the United States, write him at the White House, Washington, D.C. 20500, or phone him: (202) 456-1414. Do it before the May 26 deadline.

* Jordan was "Transjordan" from 1922-1948 (before she militarily seized and illegally annexed the West Bank).

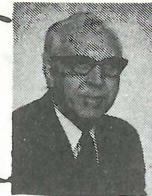
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Dr. G. Douglas Young

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



1980 General Conference Program

The theme of the 1980 General Conference is "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth." The new songbooks will be ready by General Conference time and the Songbook Committee is acting as Music Directors for the Conference. The new hymnals will be used for the sessions.

There will be sharing sessions each morning on Creative Christian Writing, Music in the Church, Youth Leaders' Training, Life Transitions for Men, Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, and a Bible study on Prophecies Coming to Pass.

At the evening worship services on Monday night, David Krogh will speak on "Importance of God's Truth for Today." Tuesday, Scott Ross, speaker, "Reaching Out in Love"; Wednesday, Clyde E. Randall, "Boldly Proclaiming God's Word"; and Thursday, Sydney Kirkpatrick, "Our Potential for Tomorrow."

More details on the Conference, including the daily program, reports, and recommendations will appear in the June PROGRESS JOURNAL. There will be 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 three to twelve years of age.

General Conference Reservations

Reservations for the 1980 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.

Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, on August 4-8. 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 (12 years and over) is \$60. For those ages 4-12 the cost is \$45. Children under four years, \$4.

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 would be \$43 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.

Camping Information

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

Deferred Giving Possibilities

The membership is encouraged to keep in mind the deferred giving possibilities that exist. Often in a will a sizable amount can be given to a charitable organization such as the Church of God General Conference without detracting from the amount the heirs would receive because of the reduced federal taxes.

Other areas of deferred giving are annuities, life insurance policies, and trust accounts. For further information on any of these items, please contact: Executive Director, Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Conference Finances

Each month \$29,000 is needed to meet the budget needs. During the past 30 days about that amount has been received. We were, however, about \$14,000 behind in giving at the last JOURNAL report; therefore, we need that much more above the monthly needs to make up the deficit. We are grateful for the response since our last membership letter. May God bless each one as we make special effort to make up the deficit.

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Goal for April 15-May 15 \$42,001.00

OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT NEWS

By Rachel Carr

Steve Grant in India

"I find Bangalore a beautiful city—filled with the hustle and bustle of a western city—yet different from any place I've been. Where else can one stand at a busy corner and watch a cow or an ox lope across the intersection all by itself? The mixture of new and old is very colorful." So wrote Steve Grant after two weeks in India. By the time you read this, Steve will have been in Bangalore nearly three months. To let you know about some of the things he is experiencing, here are other quotations from some of his early letters.

"I have found the people to be quite spirited, loving, and kind. Our church members are ready to help with anything I need. Pastor Noel has become a good friend and helper in my new-found home.

"God has truly been good: I have a room rented, a loving church to attend, and Christian friends my age to fellowship with."

Spiritual Darkness

"Bangalore truly is in the midst of spiritual darkness. In the mornings I run about two miles in a nearby park. On the last bend of my journey I pass a small stone shrine. Each morning people gather to worship and pay tribute to their little stone Hindu idols. Down on their knees they bow, then solemnly walk around the shrine, once, twice, three times. They put flower leis around the idols' necks and then burn incense to them.

"My heart cries out, my anger surfaces, I feel like running up to the groups and yelling, 'Don't you see? Don't you understand that's stone? He can't hear, he can't speak, he can't answer your call. Only the true and living God can hear your prayers!' But they wouldn't understand. All the yelling in the world would not help. I must win them with prayer and love and the example of God's working in my own life through his Holy Spirit.

"These people are very 'religious.' For many, religion is their *only* hope. They know this life is filled with tragedy, sickness, and hunger. Yet they turn to something they can see, touch, and feel with their hands, instead of with their hearts. Maybe they haven't learned to use their hearts yet. That's where Christ comes in. If we as Christians can build loving, supporting communities of Christians—Christians with a real concern

for each other and a true burden for the lost—*then* our Hindu friends will see the love, the caring, the concern.

"It must go beyond rounding them up, converting them, and moving on. That's branding cattle, not finding, feeding, and enfolding the sheep of our Shepherd! I desire to see a Jerusalem Church of Acts re-established: a church of people, not a building—a community that shares itself with others in everything; a body that breaks bread together, prays together, sings and works together—not just Sundays but every day of the week! This is something to work towards, not just in India, but everywhere the Church of God is planted. Will you pray for this in us and strive for this in your own home church?"

Daily Schedule

"Monday—Friday: At 7:00 a.m. I get up and run with a Christian friend, after which we share a short devotional and prayer time. Then I head back to my room for breakfast and shower. 9:00—10:00 is my Bible study and prayer time. On Tuesday and Thursday I share in a Bible study on Romans with Pastor Noel.

"From 10:15 to about 5:00 I do language study. This includes book work, memorizing, listening to tapes, tutoring, and practicing on the surrounding community. I walk around and practice my newly acquired Tamil phrases on vendors, school kids, waiters, strangers waiting for a bus, or men just sitting around talking. Once I get over the initial fear of approaching a stranger, I find that most are amused that I am trying to learn Tamil. The church folk enjoy my faltering attempts at their tongue-twisting language and I feel they appreciate my interest in their language.

"Evenings are filled with meeting Christian brothers. . . . Tuesday nights Pastor Noel and I take turns teaching an adult Bible study. Each week we alternate locations: one week at Laljinagar and the next with the Thomas Town group."

Steve sends his love to all and asks us to pray for unity in our Indian churches and also that he can be a witness to all with whom he comes in contact.

An encouraging letter to Steve would certainly be welcomed and enjoyed.

His address is: Mr. Stephen Grant
c/o Pastor M. R. Noel
42/1 Serpentine Street
Richmond Town
Bangalore, S. India 560025

Any contributions which you wish to make to help with Steve's expenses may be sent to:

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Christian Workers' Seminar

The Christian Workers' Seminar held at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, March 23-28, was an overwhelming success. One hundred thirteen people benefited from classes on Church Music, Dynamic Church Ministries, Teaching the Bible, Enriching Family Life, Rediscovering the New Testament Church, and Helps in Studying the Bible. The facilities at the Sheraton Gatlinburg hotel were very comfortable and attractive, and everyone enjoyed sightseeing for a couple of hours each afternoon.

Those who attended enjoyed the Christian fellowship and they received a real spiritual blessing as they studied together.

Youth Conference Information

On several occasions the request has been made for us to furnish descriptions of the classes which are being taught at this year's International Berean Youth Conference. This request is certainly a valid one and I have been remiss in not having done this in previous years.

The following are the classes which are being taught at this year's conference:

I Am Coming Soon

This class is one which will be required for all campers attending. It deals with our theme, "Watch—I Am Coming," and the most dramatic event in the history of the world, the return of Christ. How soon is his coming? What are the warning signs? What exactly will take place? Will he come in the 80's? What are we to do until he comes? All this and more will be dealt with in this exciting class. The subject will be dealt with on a Biblical basis that will be an asset to any youth living in these times.

As It Was in the Days of Noah

A major prophecy of the end of time deals with the decay of morals, the value of right and wrong.

In the days of Noah the people had lost their ability to decide between right and wrong—God's way and man's. It led to their destruction. Today we are at the

same point. Have we lost that ability to determine good from bad? This is a Biblical study class on God's view of personal ethics.

Creation—Evidence From Scripture and Science

This class will deal with the exciting study that proves the Biblical account of creation. Evidence will be studied from Scripture and from science itself.

I Am Loved

This class will reveal what God says about our salvation and his love for us. A person taking this class should expect to discover the exciting truths of grace and forgiveness, and the responsibility of the believer for living in grace and overcoming sin.

Training Material Available to You

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

Filmstrip Library:

- FL001—Building a Better Sunday School (4 filmstrips and 2 records).
- FL002—Leadership Education (10 filmstrips, 16 records, and leader's guides).
- FL004—Know Your Child (8 filmstrips and leader's guide).
- FL005—Visitation Evangelism Kit (2 filmstrips and written narrations).
- FL006-009—Teacher Development Modules for different age groups (each module contains 1 filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, 1 script, 1 leader's guide, and 1 supplementary booklet).
- FL006—Nursery
- FL007—Pre-Primary
- FL008—Primary
- FL009—Junior
- FL010-013—Leaders and Teachers Kit for different age groups (each kit contains 4 filmstrips, 3 cassettes, posters, transparencies, and 1 leader's guide).
- FL010—birth to 5 years
- FL011—grades 1-6
- FL012—grades 7-12
- FL013—adults
- FL014—Recruiting Is Everybody's Job (1 filmstrip and 1 cassette).
- FL015—Is There a Learner in the House? (1 filmstrip and 1 cassette).

Record Library:

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

Cassette Library:

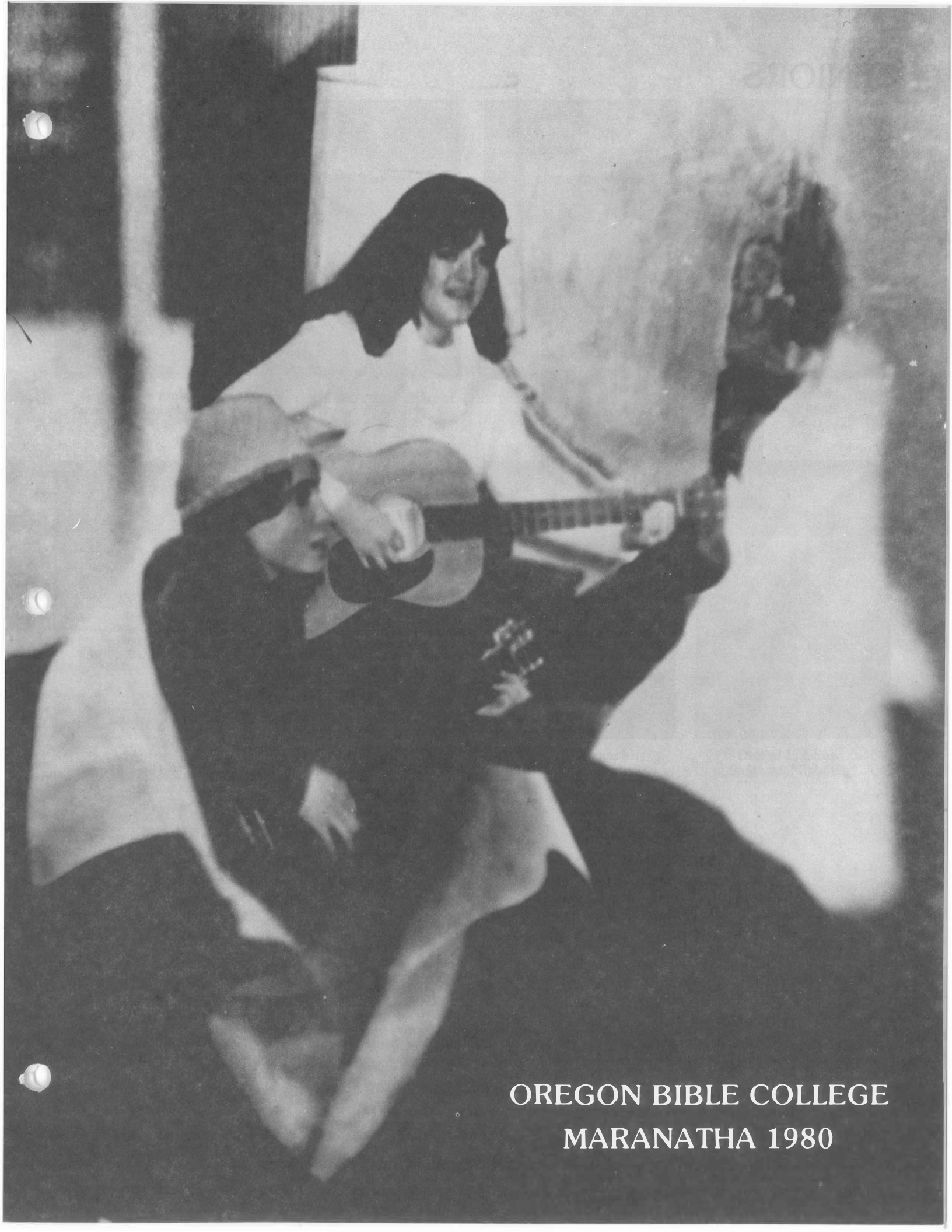
- CL001—Improving Your Teaching and Your Pupils and How They Learn (1 cassette).
- CL002—How to Teach the Bible, and Leading a Lively Discussion (1 cassette).
- CL003—Using Non-Projected Audio Visuals and Putting Meaning Into Prayer (1 cassette).
- CL004—Effective Parent-Teacher Relationships and Grouping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

Miscellaneous Library:

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

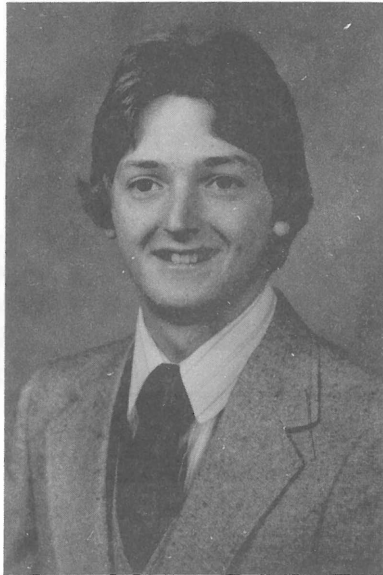
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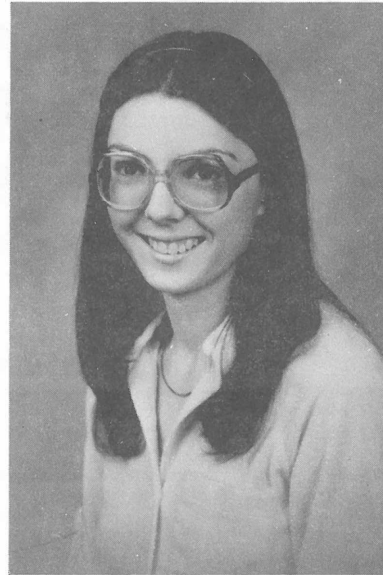


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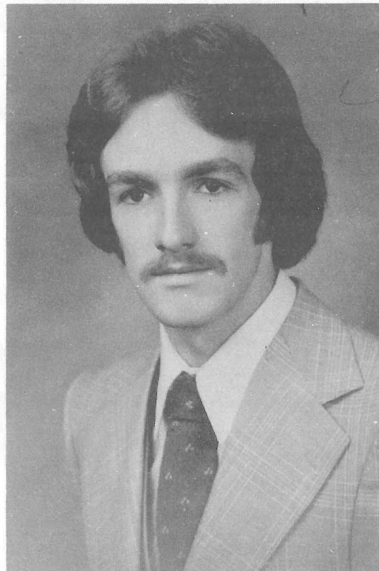
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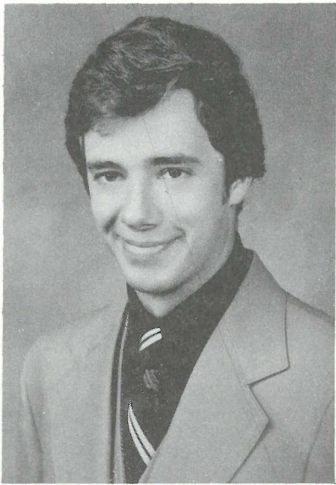


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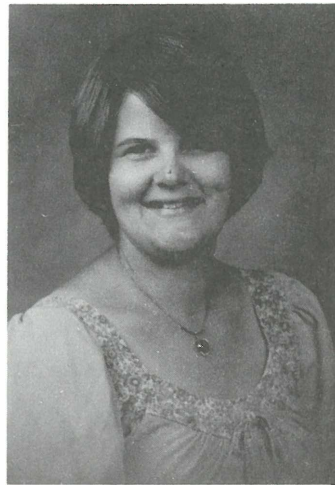
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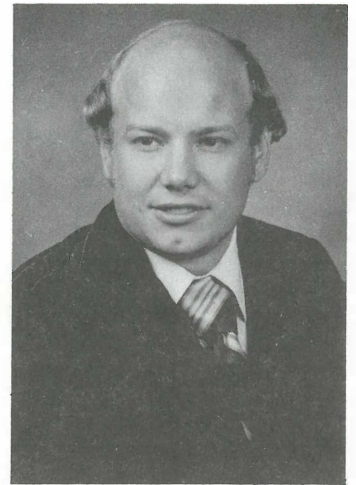
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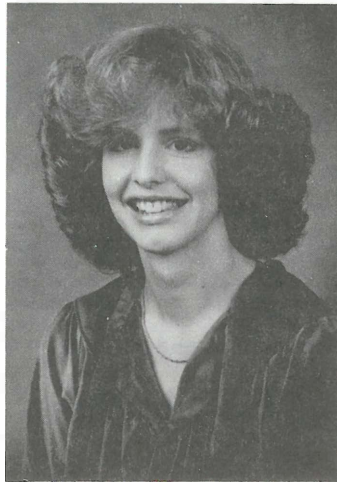
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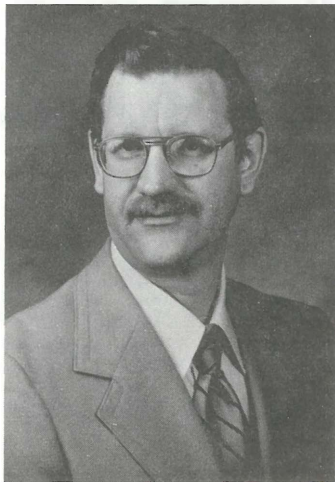
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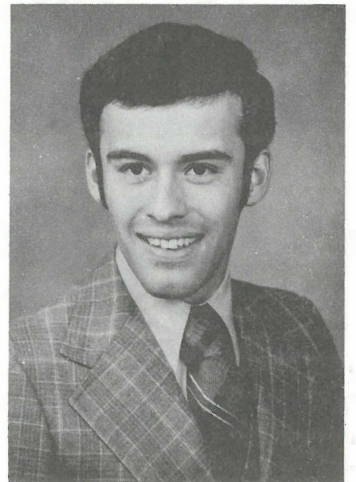
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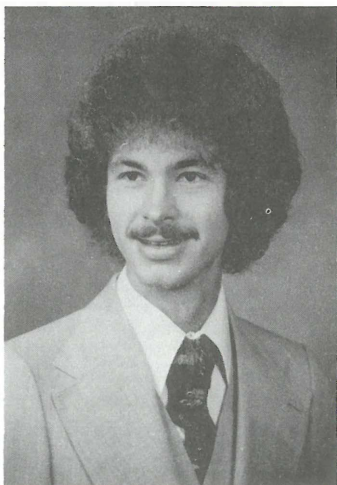
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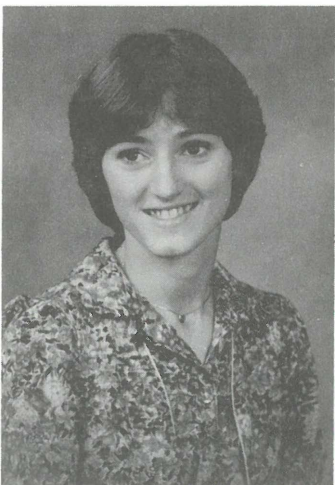
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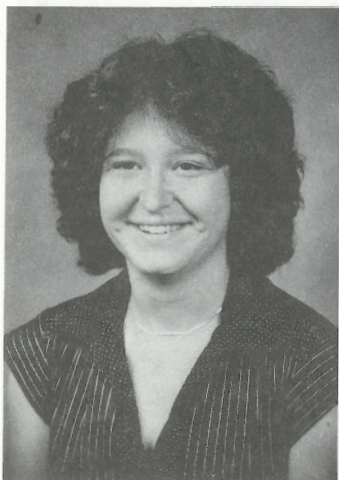


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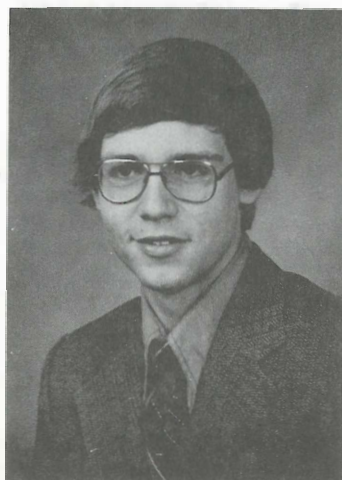


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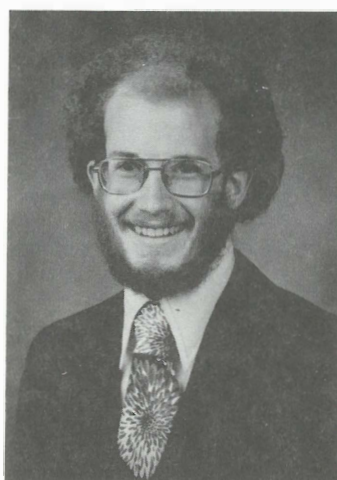
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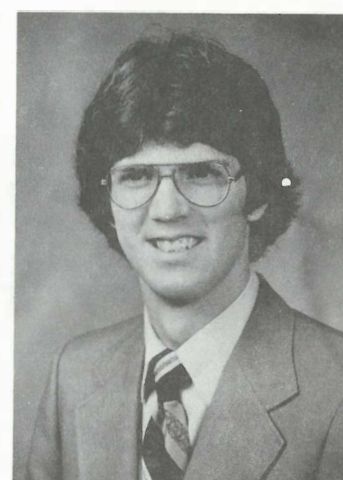
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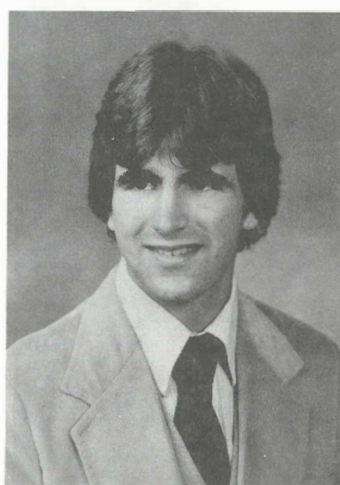
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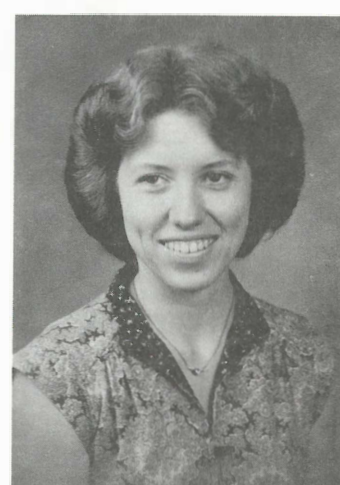
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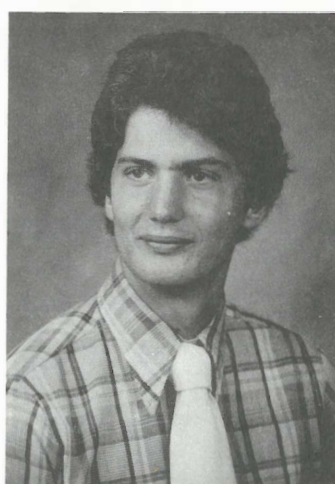
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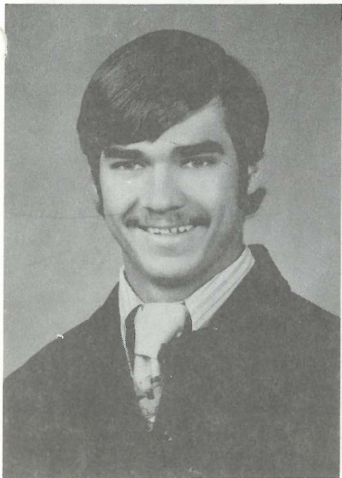


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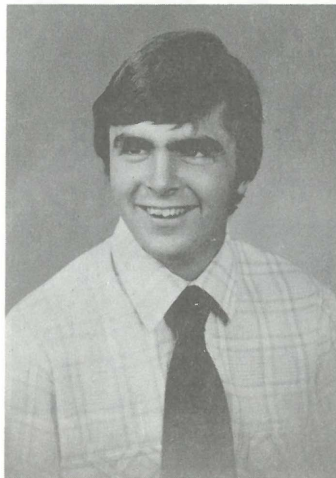
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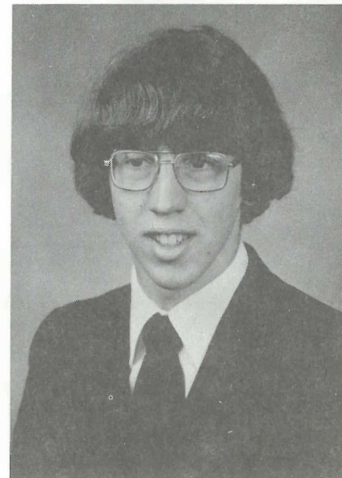
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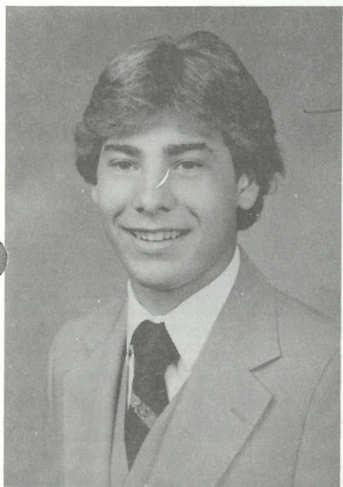
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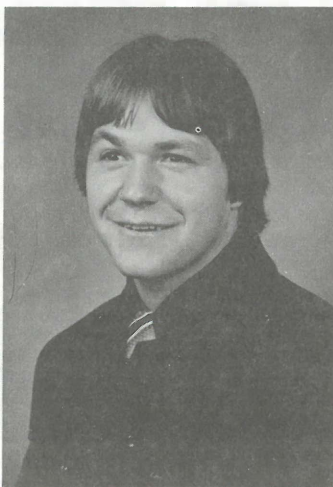
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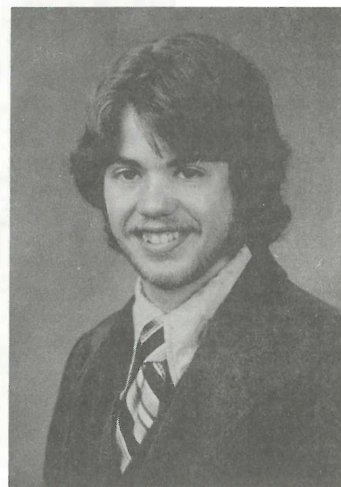
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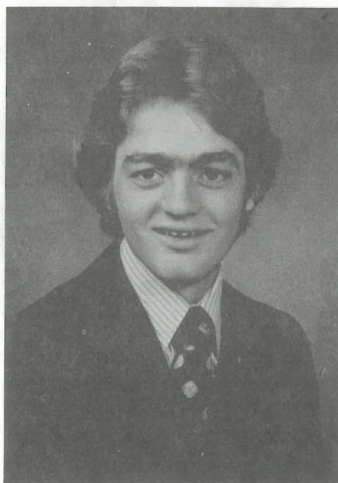
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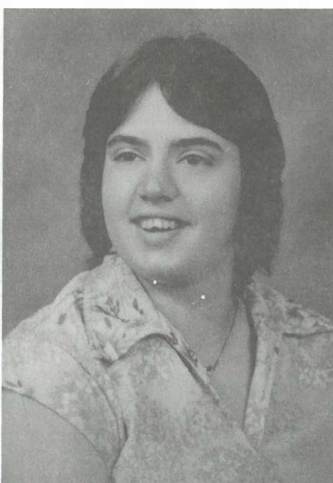
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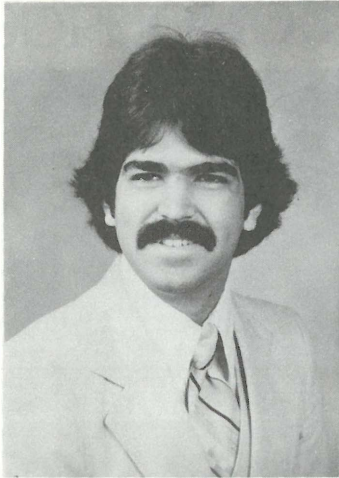
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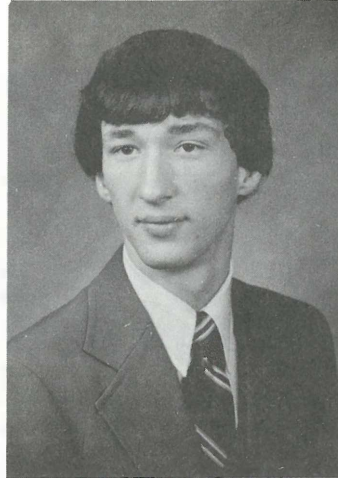
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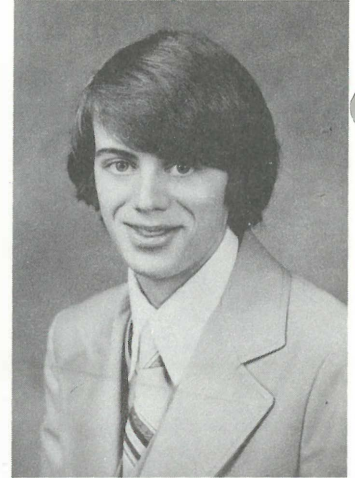
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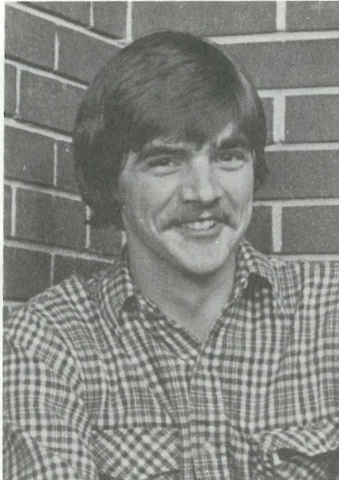


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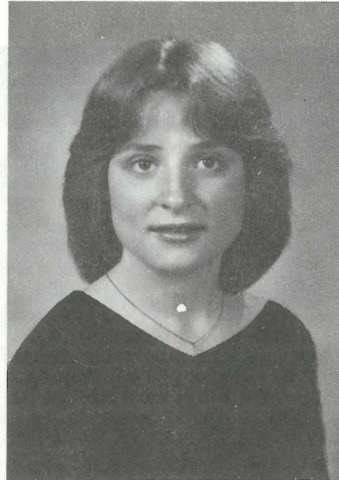


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Second Semester Students



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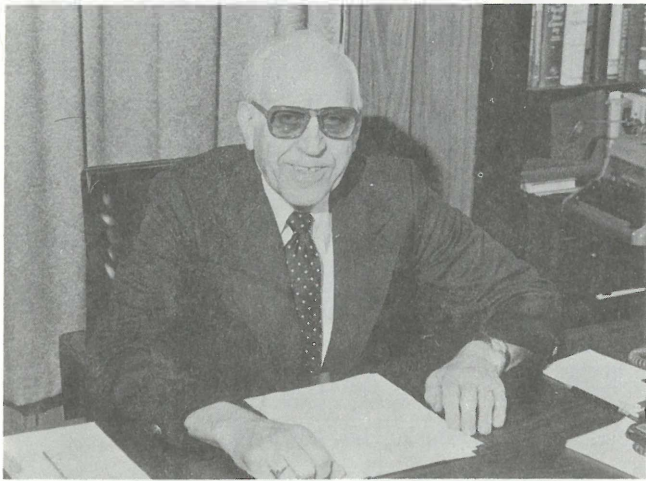


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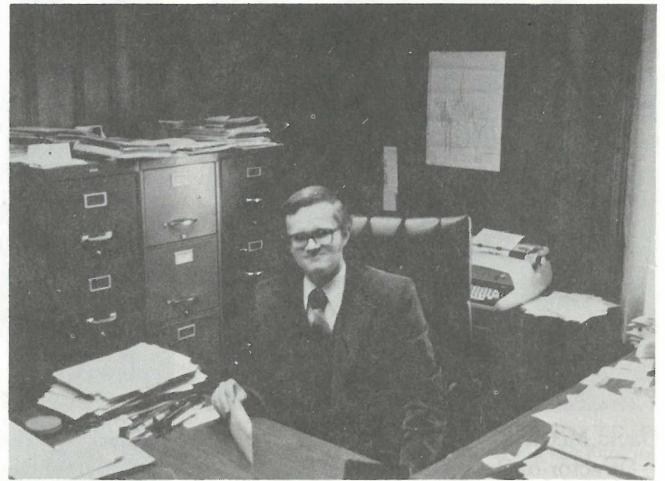
Oregon Bible College entered this float in the 1979 Autumn on Parade Festival. This year the theme was "The Harvest Is Plentiful but the Laborers Are Few." The students enjoyed designing the float, putting it together, and riding on it as seen in the picture.



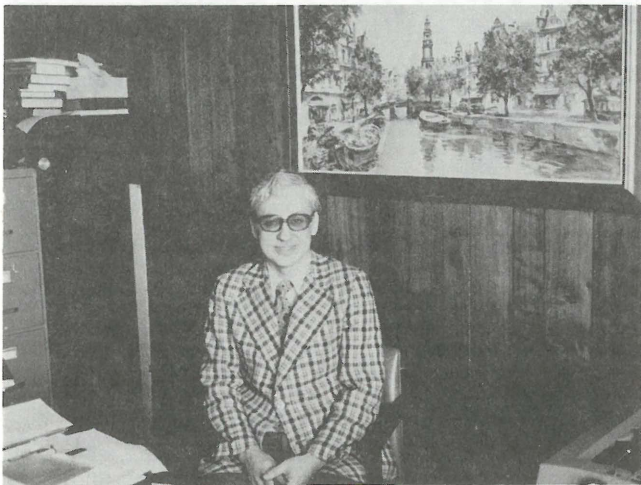
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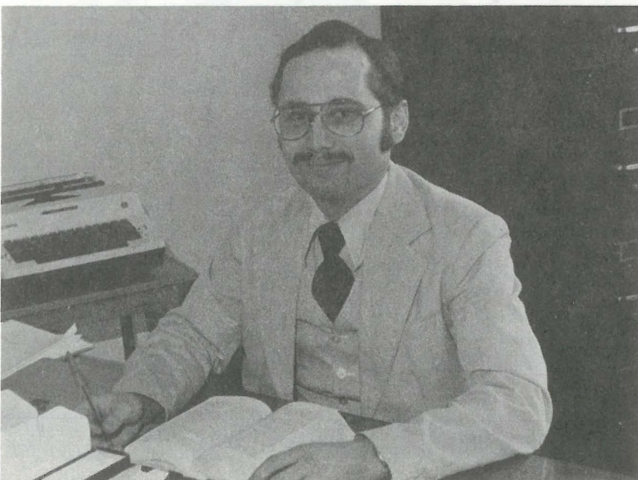
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Eugene Stilson—Director of Academic Affairs; Director of Library; Instructor



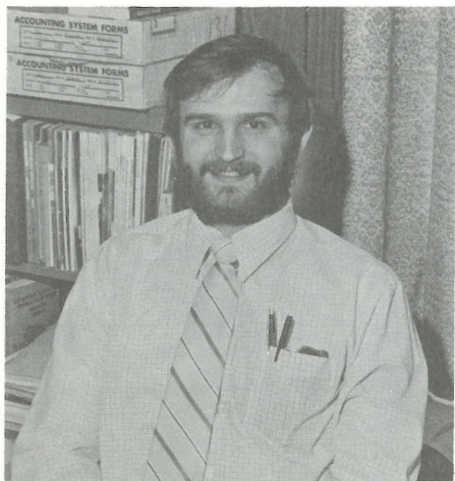
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Robert Jones—Instructor



Sam Voorhies—Instructor



David McClain—
Director of Business Services

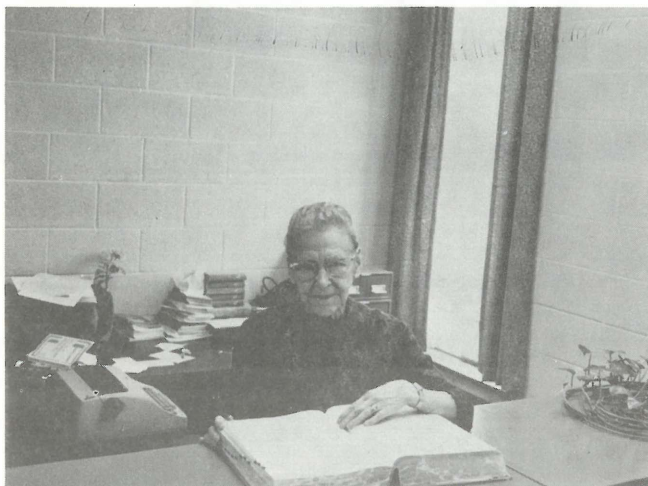


Rachel Newell—Administrative
Assistant to the President



Becky Hall—Secretary; Typesetter

LIBRARIANS



Miss Stoffregen



Left to right: Gary Burnham, Vickie Wyrick, Sharon Moore

COOKS



Left to right: Becky Roseberry, Cindy Isenhoff, Darlene
Burkhart, Dianne Rademachir.

DORM DIRECTORS



Left to right: Gayle Reye, Women's Dorm Director, Director
of Christian Services; David and Betty Hall, Men's Dorm
Directors.

ORGANIZATIONS



STUDENT GOVERNMENT: left to right: Bobby Partain, Pamela Gaskill, Cindy Isenhoff, Beth Pardue, Gary Burnham.

The Student Government is the primary representative organization of the students to the Administration. This year the officers were: Bobby Partain, President; Gary Burnham, Vice President; Cindy Isenhoff, Secretary; Pam Gaskill, Treasurer.

The Dorm Council is an organization of students who volunteer to assist the Dorm Directors in the everyday tasks of the college. Some of the duties of the Dorm Council are locking doors at curfew and representing the student body in decisions concerning the two dormitories.

The recreation program at OBC provides a regular exercise program as well as an enjoyable fellowship between students and instructors. This year the sports committee held team and individual competition in tennis, bowling, pool, ping pong, volleyball, and basketball.



DORM COUNCIL: Back row, left to right: Daniel L. Shaw, Gayle Reye, Tracy Chapman, Gary Burnham, Brian Atra. Front row, left to right, Cindy Isenhoff, Debra McKinney, Sharon Moore, Vickie Wyrick.



SPORTS COMMITTEE:
Charles Durham, Gary Burnham.

MARANATHA STAFF

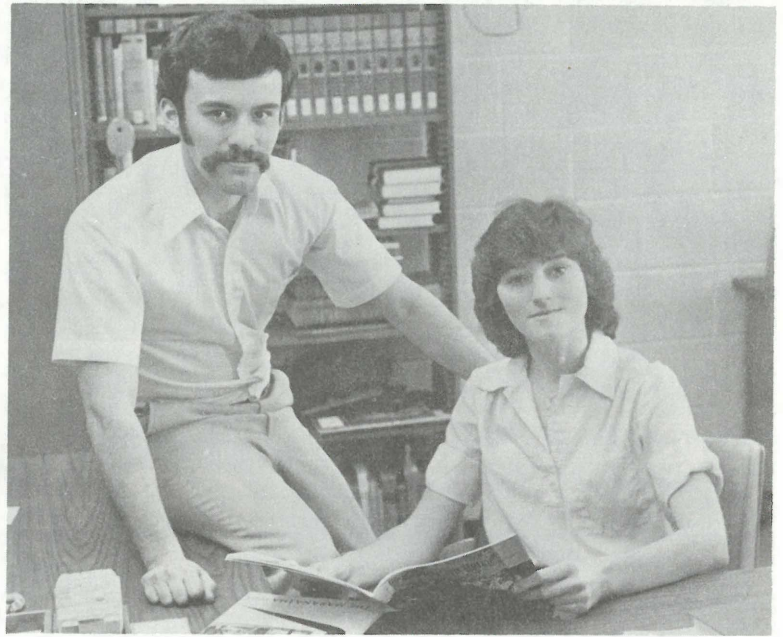


SOCIAL COMMITTEE—Vickie Wyrick, Karen Mitchell

The Social Committee organizes and directs the social activities of the college. This year the social committee sponsored the annual ice cream eating contest, the Halloween party, and various socials after recreation nights.

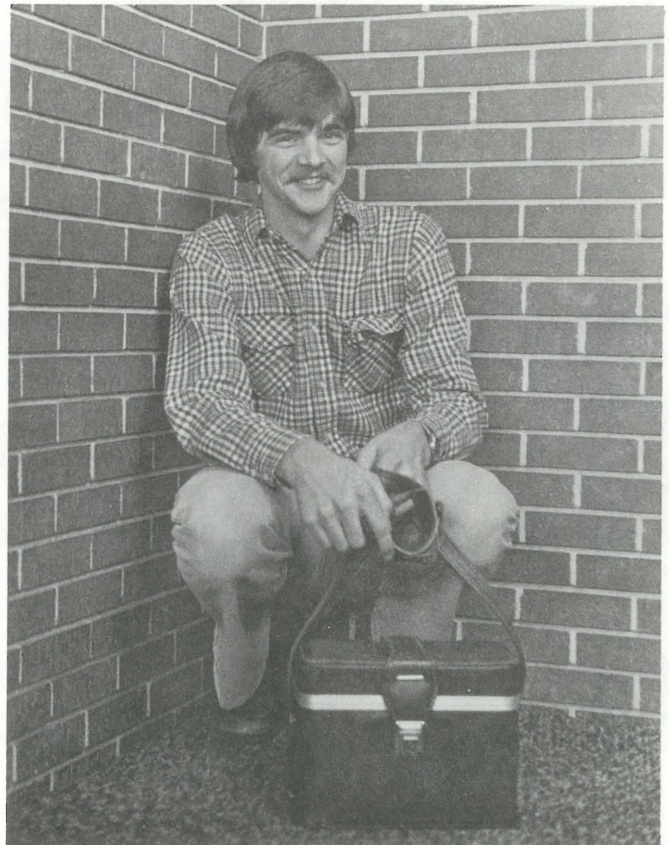
The social committee also sponsored a special religious music concert by "The Richmond Brothers" from Rockford, Illinois. Socials were also given for Sam and Emily Voorhies on their departure to missionary work in Africa; and for David and Betty Hall on their 25th wedding anniversary.

This year the dinner-theater banquet was in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, where the student body saw Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I."



MARANATHA EDITORS—Daniel L. Shaw, Vickie Wyrick

PHOTOGRAPHER—Blair Johnson



MUSIC

CHORALE—The Oregon Bible College Chorale studies and practices its concert music during the Fall semester to perform during the Spring semester. This year the chorale is planning a concert season after the school year and will be touring the west coast, including Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, and Nevada.



Back row, left to right: Gary Ratering, Tracy Chapman, Gary Burnham, Bob Alcumbrack. Middle row, left to right: Bobby Partain, Vickie Wyrick, Daniel L. Shaw, Laurie Davis, Kerry Hall. Front row, Debra McKinney, Pamela Gaskill, Laura Cain, Becky Roseberry, Lorene Armes.

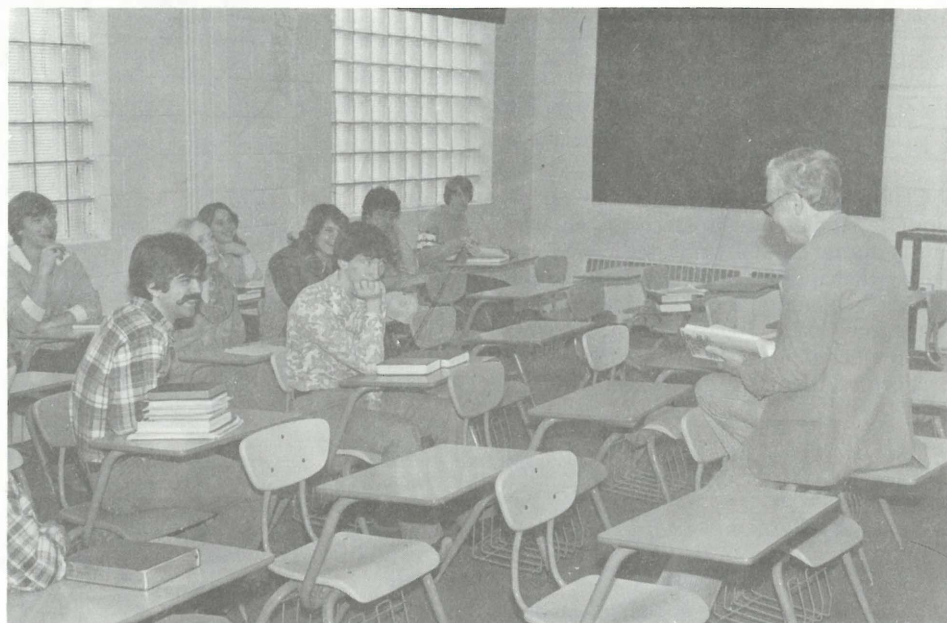


Here Pam Gaskill and Becky Roseberry play a formal version of "Turkey in the Straw."

Music is important at Oregon Bible College, so there are always plenty of musicians on hand at short notice for devotions and socials.

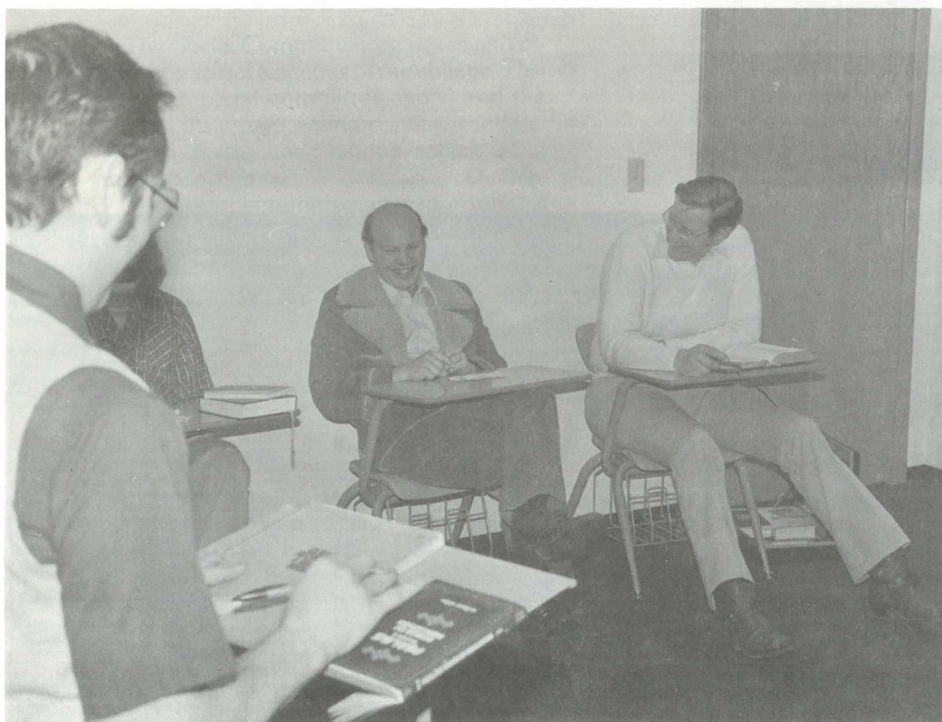


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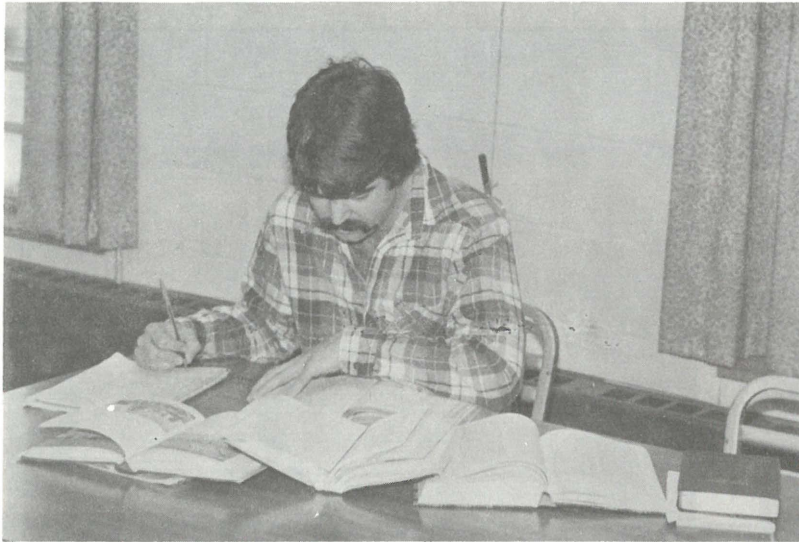
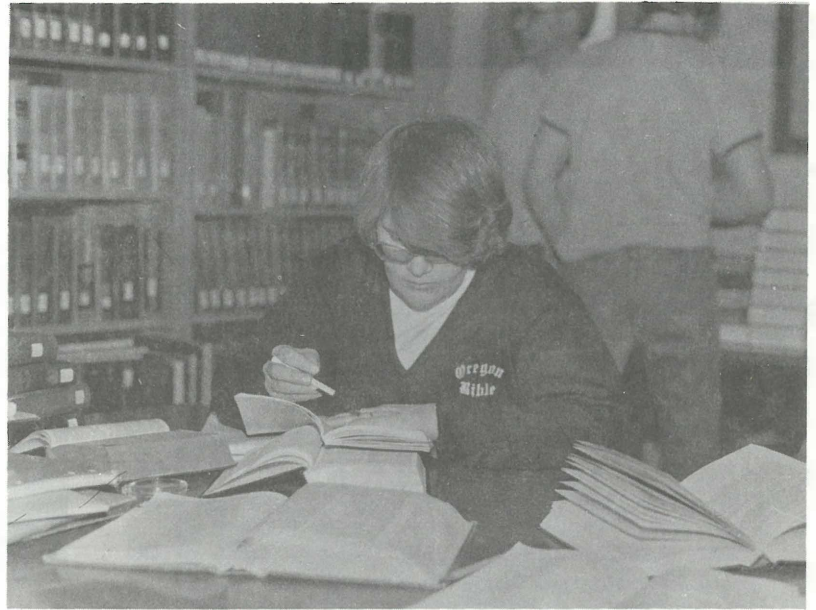


Classes will be moving into the remodeled Golden Rule facility next year. Not only will the move centralize the campus, but will also save the students the long walk during the winter months.

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 since many of the students may eventually take teaching positions in the various churches.

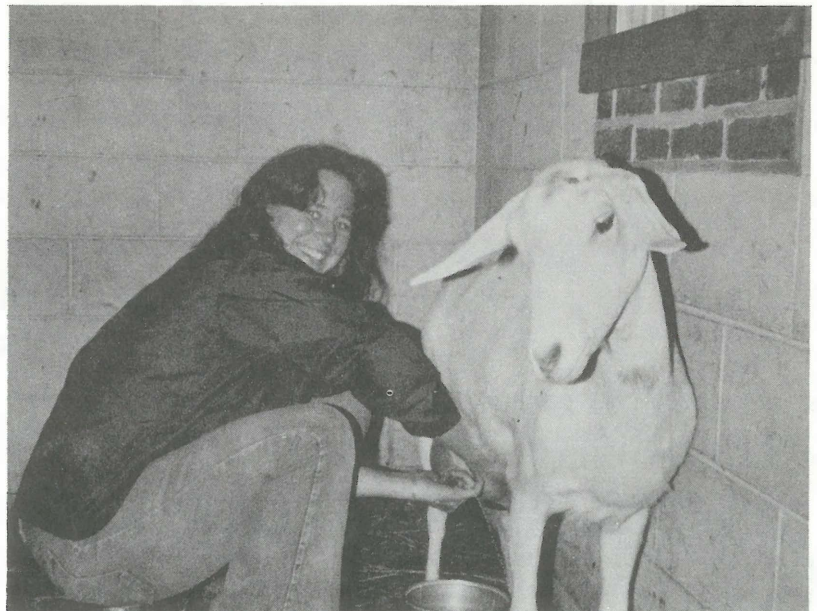


Oregon Bible College maintains a sufficient library that is still growing to assist the students in their research. Students spend long and concentrated hours before their typewriters, preparing reports for the 18 currently available classes at OBC.



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.

Students learn many things during their stay at OBC. Cindy Isenhoff even learned how to milk a goat!

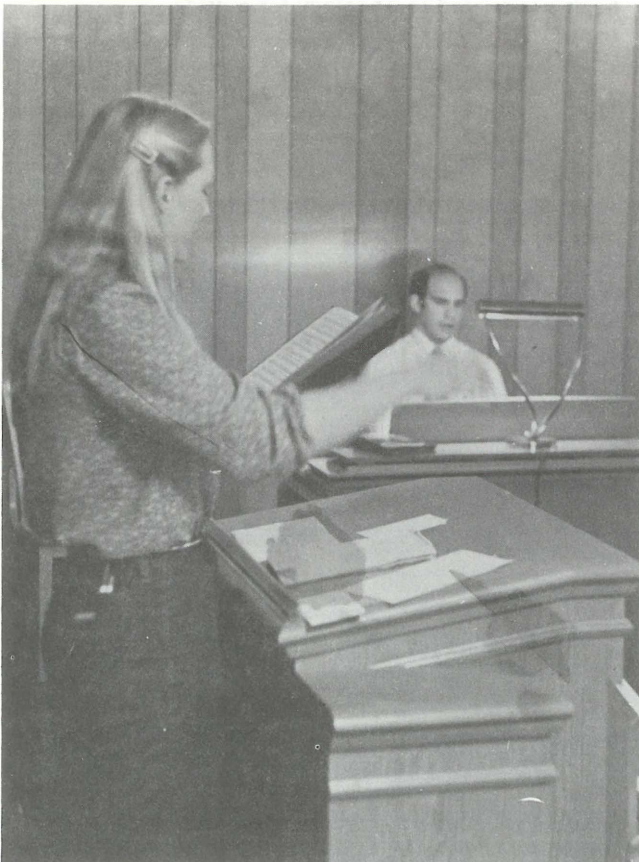


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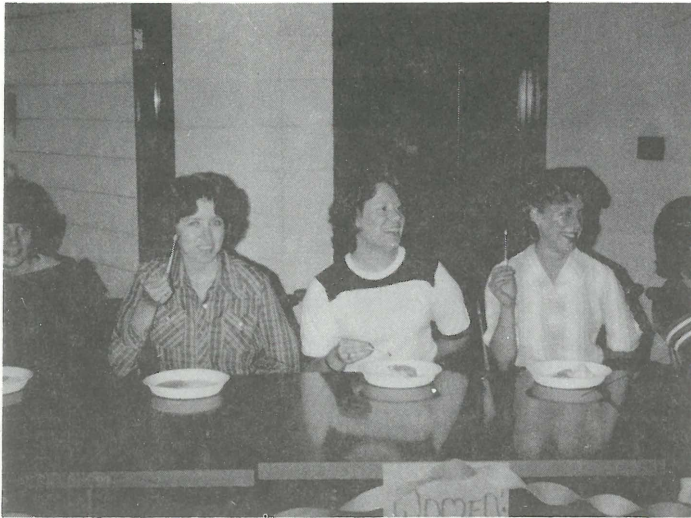
The Chapel services at Oregon Bible College are held in the Chapel located upstairs in the General Conference building. These services are required for all students and are held every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Along with guest speakers, the pastoral students take turns preaching in the Chapel. The music students then take turns preparing and leading the actual service.

On Tuesday nights the students have separate or joint devotions (these rotate) to discuss a thought or two from the Bible.



SOCIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1980



Women's ice-cream-eating team!



Men's team with Gary Burnham the winner!



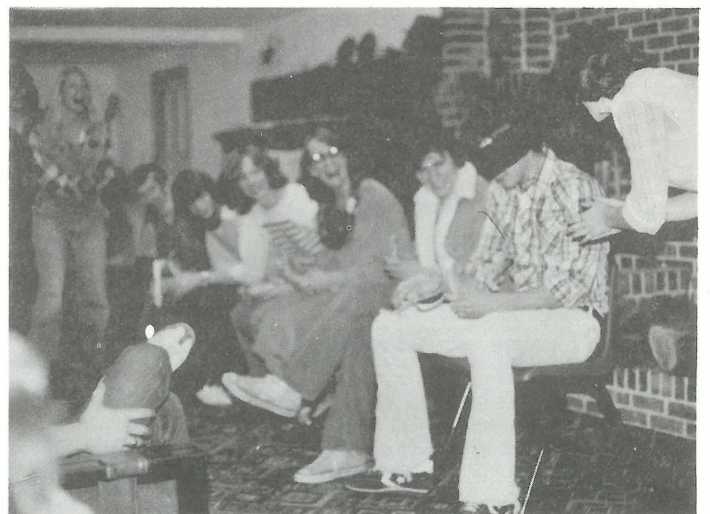
King Tut's entry in Halloween costume judging.



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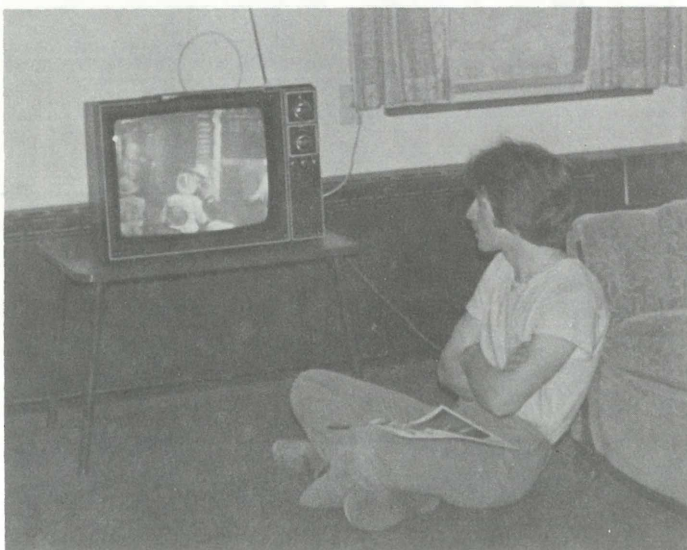
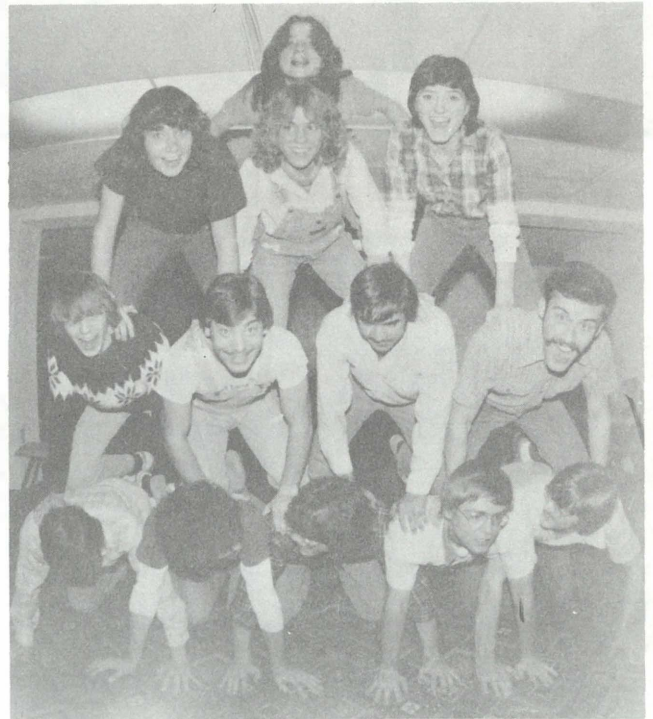
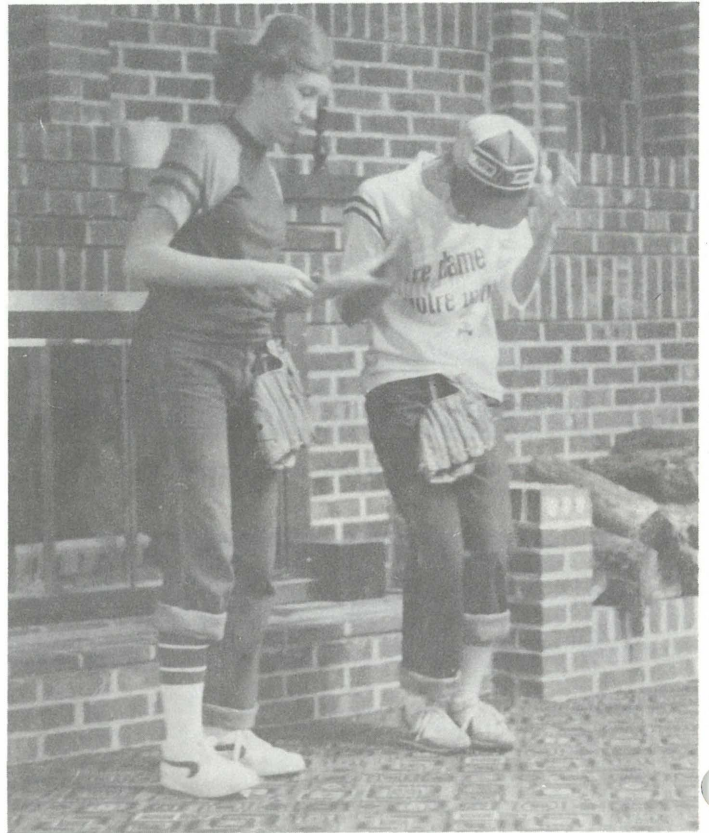


A comical musical presentation.



Bob Alcumbrack "slipping up" at the banana-eating contest.

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NEWS/UPDATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Some 200,000 persons representing most of the denominations in the United States gathered in the nation's capital for a "Washington for Jesus" rally on April 28 and 29. The two-day event provided an occasion at which persons of all faiths came together for a time of repentance, humility before God, and prayer for national healing. The focus of the rally was on God and not on specific issues. The program featured meetings for women's groups, a pastor's and leadership workshop, a youth rally, and appearances by famous religious speakers, athletes, and musicians. At 12:00 noon April 29, 100,000 participants marched in state delegations with a colorful array of banners and signs up 7th Street, across Constitution Avenue, and back to the National Mall via 14th Street.

ROME—Japanese representatives of Shintoism and Buddhism met with Pope John Paul II in Vatican City recently and heard words of warm praise for the "spiritual values" of these two non-Christian religions from the prelate. He said, "We are all pilgrims to the Absolute and Eternal who alone can save." His remarks left some observers wondering whether he equated the Shinto and Buddhist gods with the Christian God.



PEOPLE ARE ASKING...

As church growth thinking influences more people and more churches, questions arise. DR. WIN ARN, noted church growth authority and president of the Institute for American Church Growth, brings some of the answers.

Q. I'm a discouraged Sunday School teacher who's starting to ask if it's worth the effort to, week by week, prepare and study.

A. I remember being in a classroom with perhaps eight other junior high boys, sitting in a small circle in a cramped, antiquated room. As boys of that age do, we pushed, shoved, punched, whispered, and talked—until the class was in constant bedlam. Our teacher, a middle-aged woman weighing over 200 pounds, with a warm face and friendly eyes, always had a large, well-worn Bible open across her knees as she taught. We knew very little about her as a person except that her husband had died some years ago and her only son had been injured in a high school football accident which left him a lifetime cripple.

Though I can't recall a single lesson or illustration from that class, I can recall Sunday after Sunday being asked to sit beside my teacher. She would ask me to hold her Bible, ruler, pencils, lesson sheets—anything to keep me occupied. Looking back, her special attention must have been founded on her conclusion that I was the chief trouble-maker. Eventually, promotion time came and the class moved to another room and another teacher.

The next meeting with my junior high teacher came some years later and quite by chance.

In the intervening years, I had completed high school, served as an officer in the military, returned to finish college, and at the time was in seminary preparing for the ministry. During my first summer as a seminarian, I was working at a Bible conference center where one of my responsibilities was to meet incoming buses, welcome arriving passengers and direct them to their rooms.

The incident is still vivid in my mind.

A large yellow bus arrived. The double doors opened and slowly down the steps came my junior high Sunday School teacher. She had aged, but her wrinkled face was still warm and friendly. Reaching the last step she looked up and saw me. She remembered! With tears flowing down her cheeks she hugged me with a 200-pound hug and between sobs kept repeating, "It was worth it all . . . it was worth it all!"

The Sunday School played an important part in bringing me to faith and discipleship, as it has played an important part in the lives of countless others. Who can deny that since its inception some 200 years ago, the Sunday School Movement has been greatly blessed of God for winning and nurturing people in the Christian faith?

There is, I believe, a new day coming for the Sunday School. This new day is being hastened as church growth concepts are being applied. It's not new methods needed, but new purpose! Expect from us in the near future a new book on this very topic. 'Til then, keep exercising the gifts God has given you—and find joy and fulfillment he wants you to have.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theme: "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth"

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 1, 1980. 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 1980 General Conference business sessions (August 4-8, 1980, 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 weekly as an Executive Council. The President of Oregon Bible College meets with the Council. At these meetings items of common interest are shared, general business is discussed, and proposals are made. The sessions are a think tank for the work of the General Conference. The Department heads are kept 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:

Business Administration

The past few months have been very encouraging in the area of Business Administration with Bro. David McClain as Director. Though total contributions have fallen short of projected goals, they are running well ahead of last year. At the same time, careful spending has kept expenses below budget.

It is important, however, to realize that in times of rampant inflation, service organizations fare poorly. Increases in costs come long before an increase in revenues is realized. In order to continue to provide publications such as *The Restitution Herald* and numerous tracts, subsidize outreach areas, and provide almost two-thirds of the cost of Biblically founded education for OBC students, it is vital that every member fully support the work of the General Conference. That support includes close examination of the budget presented at conference time along with a commitment to reaching the goals of that budget. As demands for

limited dollars grow, so must the utility of each dollar spent.

One way to save money is the automation of time-consuming, repetitive tasks, thereby expanding productivity. For over a year now the labels for all mailings of the General Conference have been generated by E. D. Etnyre & Co.'s computer. We are thankful to Etnyre and to Ed Smith for providing this service to the Conference. Through use of the computer we have been able to provide labels for over 10,000 pieces of mail a month in a matter of a few hours' time. The possibility of similar time savings in other areas of the mailing process along with greater controls over financial records has caused an examination into the costs of an in-house computer system.

In all, things are running well. Continued investments of time and money can result in improved efficiency. With limited foresight and planning, improvements will come in small, uneven steps. David Lloyd George once said, "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." We must continually be listening to the directing of God and be willing to take whatever steps he directs.

Publishing Department

With great pleasure I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve God as Director of Publishing and as such to follow in the footsteps of many fine editors. My thanks are extended to Bro. David Krogh for his insight and wisdom from which much of the present format and publishing philosophy owes a great debt. With deep appreciation I recall the thought-provoking editorials Bro. J. R. LeCrone produced in the five years he served in this position. I shall long recall the boundless energy and planning Bro. Clyde Randall brought to the office. Space would fail me to tell of the gratitude we owe to others who have gone before—Bros. T. M. Ferrell, Harold Doan, and the deceased James Watkins, Sydney Magaw, and others before my time.

During this past year the Department continued to provide our basic publications: *The Restitution Herald*, PROGRESS JOURNAL, Challenge, Sunday School quarterlies, Vacation Bible School materials, tracts, booklets, and study courses. In addition, the printing needs of all Conference departments are channeled through Publish-

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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth"

Conference Workers:

General Chairman, S. O. Ross
Office Manager: David McClain
Program Directors: Executive Council and Shirley Urish
Music Directors: Songbook Committee
Head Usher: Charles Jones
Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
Ministers' Meetings: Scott Ross
Priscillas' Meetings: Mary Helen Mattison
Camp Nurse: Mary Ellen Jones
Office Staff: Becky Hall, Rachel Newell, Betty Hall

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 4

9:30 Registration begins
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Worship Service (song service at each afternoon service by the Music Committee)
R. Warren Sorenson, speaker
2:00 First business session
Welcome by Chairman Harold Doan
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
Publishing Department Business
4:00 Recess the Meeting
4:15 Choir Practice
4:15 Free Time
5:15 Dinner
7:00 Evening Worship Service
Worship Leader, Music Committee;
David Krogh, speaker, "Importance of God's Truth for Today," and Communion Service
7:00 Junior Church, ages 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi
8:30 Snackbar and lounges available
8:30 Gym and pool available
10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, August 5

7:15 Breakfast
8:15 Prayer sessions, Rex Cain
8:15 Classes for children and young people (see complete program at end of regular program)
8:45 Outreach & Church Development, R. Warren Sorenson
9:15 Classes and Babysitters for 2 years and under
9:30 Ministers' Meetings
Priscillas' Meetings
Adult Bible Study, Eugene Stilson
10:35 Sharing Sessions
Creative Christian Writing, Shirley McQuinn
Music in the Church, Songbook Committee
Open discussion of Church of God Youth Problems, Donald Needham and James Graham
Life Transitions (Men), Dallas Demmitt
Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, Nancy Demmitt
Bible Study, "Prophecies Coming to Pass," James Mattison
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Worship Service, Edward Bender, speaker

2:00 Business Session
Reading of Monday's Minutes
Outreach & Church Development Business
4:00 Recess Business Sessions
4:15 Choir Practice
5:15 Dinner
7:00 Evening Worship Service, Worship leader, Music Committee;
Scott Ross, speaker, "Reaching Out in Love"
7:00 Junior Church
8:30 Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association Biannual Meeting
8:30 Snackbar and Lounges available
8:30 Gym and pool available
10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, August 6

7:15 Breakfast
8:15 Prayer Sessions, Rex Cain
8:45 Outreach & Church Development, R. Warren Sorenson
9:15 Classes and Babysitters for 2 years and under
9:30 Ministers' Meeting
Priscillas' Meeting
Adult Bible Study, Eugene Stilson
10:35 Sharing Sessions
Creative Christian Writing, Shirley McQuinn
Music in the Church, Songbook Committee
Keys to a Successful Youth Program, Hugh and Mary Harman
Life Transitions (Men), Dallas Demmitt
Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, Nancy Demmitt
Bible Study, "Prophecies Coming to Pass," James Mattison
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Worship Service, Gary Smith, speaker
2:00 Business Session
Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
Nomination of 3 Directors
Oregon Bible College Business
4:00 Recess the meeting
4:15 Choir Practice
5:15 Dinner
7:00 Evening Worship Service
Worship Leader, Music Committee
Ordination Service, License & Ordination Board
Speaker, Clyde E. Randall, "Boldly Proclaiming God's Word"
7:00 Junior Church
8:30 Oregon Bible College Alumni Meeting
8:30 Snackbar and Lounges available
8:30 Gym and pool available
10:30 Lights out

Thursday, August 7 (Stan and Peggy Ross Day)

7:15 Breakfast
8:15 Prayer Session, Rex Cain
8:30 Children's classes
8:45 Outreach & Church Development, R. Warren Sorenson
9:15 Class and Babysitters for 2 years and under
9:30 Ministers' Meetings
Priscillas' Meetings
Adult Bible Study, Eugene Stilson
10:35 Sharing Sessions
Creative Christian Writing, Shirley McQuinn
Music in the Church, Songbook Committee

Problems of Today's Youth, Joe James
Life Transitions (Men), Dallas Demmitt
Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, Nancy Demmitt
Bible Study, "Prophecies Coming to Pass," James Mattison
11:45 Lunch
1:15 Worship Service, speaker, Waldon Winner, Jr.
2:00 Business Session
Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
Election of 3 Directors
General Business
Adoption of a Budget
4:00 Dismissal of Business Session
4:15 Choir Practice
5:15 Dinner
7:00 Evening Worship Service,
Worship leader, Music Committee
Installation of General Conference Officers, Scott Ross
Speaker, Sydney Kirkpatrick, "Our Potential for Tomorrow"
8:30 Reception in honor of Stan and Peggy Ross in dining room
8:30 Snackbar and Lounges available
8:30 Gym and pool available
10:30 Lights out
Friday, August 8
7:00 Joint Prayer Service, Rex Cain
7:15 Breakfast
9:00 Campus should be vacated

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Ages 3-8

8:15-11:45 Bible School, Margene Rager
1:15-4:00 Bible School, Margene Rager
7:00-8:30 Junior Church (3-12 years), Joe Astolfi

Two years and under

9:15-10:00 Class, Sandi Withers and Ellen Laurent
10:00-11:45 Hired Sitters, Sharon Mattus, Dee Kirkpatrick, Donna Kirkpatrick
1:15-4:15 Hired Sitter
7:00-8:30 Hired Sitter

YOUTH PROGRAM

Grades 4-12

8:15 a.m. Chapel
(Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Tuesday, August 5

8:45- 9:30 a.m. All grades (4th and above)
Film—"A Sports Odyssey"
9:45-10:30 a.m. Grades 4-6, Ken Cook
Grades 7 and 8, Tom New
Grades 9 and up, Dick Alcumbrack
10:35 a.m. Sharing Sessions: "Open Discussion of Church of God Youth Problems, Jim Graham and Donald Needham"

Wednesday, August 6

8:45- 9:30 a.m.
Grades 4-6
Grades 7 and up, Joe Duncan
9:45-10:30 a.m.
Grades 4 and up
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The Dollar-a-Month Club is set up so that each individual who signs up agrees to pledge \$1.00 a month over the 12-month period to help defray the expenses incurred by the Berean Youth Department. Some 100 young people and adults have indicated their willingness to contribute in this manner during the 1979-80 year, for which we are very thankful.

The Senior Youth Caravan has been reinstated this year and has drawn widespread interest among our youth. Some 21 applications have been received up to this writing. This nine-member caravan will travel into Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Virginia, and Ohio, presenting a musically oriented program to the various churches.

The *Challenge* continues to be published on a bimonthly basis and is sent free of charge to all who have indicated their desire to receive it. This publication, oriented toward youth, now has a circulation of approximately 1300.

We thank God for his blessings on the youth work and pray that his continued blessings will fall upon us during this year.

Copy has been prepared for the Outreach and Church Development pages of each issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL as well as for the Praise and Prayer Calendar each month. Much time is spent in replying to requests for information from our people on this continent and corresponding and receiving reports from workers on foreign fields. Material was sent out to pastors, missionary chairmen, and Sunday School superintendents which included ideas concerning missions month, skits to use in services, bulletin paragraphs, and a list of places for resource materials.

Another important aspect of this work has been talking and writing to young people who have expressed interest in doing mission work and consultation regarding Steve Grant's training and overseas internship. Steve Grant is stationed in Bangalore, India, for overseas cross-culture study in missions. Bill and Mardy Lawrence made a trip to India and helped Bro. Grant begin his term there.

Presently there are 1,114 enrolled in the Mission Builders League. During the year, Mission Builders Assistance has been given to the Blood River Church of God at Springfield, LA, and to the Church of God General Conference for repair and additional insulation of the roof on the General Conference building, which houses the General Conference offices, Bible College offices, and classrooms.

Three churches have received church development aid during the year. They are: Royal Village Church of God at Front Royal, VA; Valley Church of God at Glendale, CA; and the North Salem, IN, Church of God.

Nearly all local churches have cooperated in the program of "Waiting Upon God in Prayer." The "Miracle Week" in March and several other special days were observed when the work of the Church of God General Conference, the State Conferences, and the local churches were remembered in special prayer services.

Bro. Sorenson began studies at Fuller in September, 1979, and in June will have completed three quarters of the school year. An overview of the specific courses is included in this report to allow members of the conference an awareness of the nature of training to which he has been exposed. A beneficial policy of the school, permitting the spouse of a full-time student to audit classes without charge, has allowed Sr. Sorenson to take all the classes also. The courses they have

taken are specifically designed to contribute to the field of ministry of this department. They include: Introduction to Church Growth—a basic understanding of the principles of Church Growth; Techniques of Planting Churches—this course provided procedures for starting new congregations; Challenges of Lay Ministry—the importance and techniques of mobilizing lay people in the ministry of the church; Mental Health and the Minister—the best brief explanation of this course is found in the title of one of the textbooks, *Every Pastor Needs a Pastor*; Church growth I—a comprehensive advanced course in Church Growth strategy; Church Renewal and Evangelism—this covered the spiritual needs of Christians in relation to the evangelistic mandate; Case Studies of American Churches—an opportunity for research with personal interviews of growing churches in the area; Research Methods—learning how to research scientifically; Christian Community as the Church—the Biblical basis of the Church as the representative of Christ in the world; Introduction to Missiology—a variety of insights by various professors of Missions with a purpose of teaching how to establish a mission program in the local church; and a special church growth seminar in which students work with Dr. Peter Wagner on an individual basis. During these three quarters Warren and Irene have completed 48 credit units. They are appreciative of the conference for providing this learning opportunity and to all who have given prayer support.

At this writing they are attempting to work out scheduling for seminars for the Valley Church in Glendale and the Church of God in Pomona.

A Personal Note From the Sorensons

A few comments seem in order as to the basic thrust of this new department. In a time of change it is understandable that there is a certain amount of concern and perhaps apprehension as to the possible effects these changes may have on the distinctive Bible message. A kindred concern in the pursuit of Church Growth is, Will we have to compromise basic Bible truth? It is important that this concern be felt lest we be guilty of apathy. However, we can offer assurance that we need not sacrifice doctrine. A conservative theology is a most effective base for Church Growth principles. The message is the heart of the expansion of the Church. If indeed there is any sacrifice to be made, it is in relation to our isolation from persons who need the message we have to share. We need not change WHAT WE SAY, only increase THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO WHOM WE SAY IT. Realizing that the gospel must be proclaimed throughout the world before Jesus returns, and that we believe the gospel is revealed in basic doctrinal truths, we can no longer remain in the comfortable security of existing churches. It is the security of isolation that we are compelled to sacrifice, that the world may learn God's truth and receive the blessing of the results, eternal salvation, which is God's purpose in Jesus Christ. As a Body we have taken the stand that only through belief of the truth centering in Jesus Christ can salvation become a reality. This stand makes it imperative that we share this truth.

Oregon Bible College Annual Report

During this school year, Oregon Bible College has continued to perform the vital work of preparing Christian workers for the Lord's service. As the institution of higher education for the Church of God, our goals are to promote scholarship, spirituality, and the Scriptures.

Thirty-nine full-time students were enrolled in the College the first semester, and 38 the second semester, for a total of 41 different individuals. They represented 25 different churches in the Church of God General Conference. Four seniors graduated in May: Robert Bernheisel, Rockford, IL; Charles Durham, Pelzer, SC; Pamela Gaskill, Fort Wayne, IN; and Bobby Lee Partain, Pelzer, SC. Two students also successfully completed our new two-year Church Leadership Program and were awarded diplomas: Gary Burnham, Berea, OH; and Richard Eldred, Blanchard, MI.

Five young men successfully completed the Internship Program under the supervision of the following cooperating pastors: James Hill, Scott Ross; Michael Hoffman, Donald Needham; Ken Howe, John Hearp; Alan Shaw, Joe Duncan and James Ritch; Ken Walters, James Graham.

David Krogh served as Acting President and Instructor during the year; Rachel Newell was appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant to the President; David McClain was appointed 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; Gayle Reye was Dean of Women and served as Director of the Christian Service Program second semester; David Hall served as Director of the Men's Dormitory; Dianne Rademachir was Director of the Kitchen Staff; and Sam Voorhies served as Instructor and Director of the Christian Service Program first semester. In December Sam resigned to assume a teaching responsibility in Nairobi, Kenya.

Pastor Joseph Duncan conducted a Christian Emphasis Week Program in early November. A Prayer Day program was also held once during each semester.

During this year, the Alumni Association successfully completed the project of buying carpet for the Men's Dormitory. Joe Myers is the President of the Association; Pam Jennings is Secretary; and Cyndy Cook is Treasurer.

Giving by Church of God people to the 1979 Booster campaign was very generous, exceeding by several hundred dollars the goal of \$5,000 which had been set by President John Lewis in the spring.

Two Junior-Senior Weekends were held during the year, October 18-20 and April 10-12. Many Church of God high school juniors and seniors had an opportunity to be exposed to the College and its programs.

The officers of the Student Government for the year were: Bobby Partain, President; Gary Burnham, Vice President; Cindy Isenhoff, Secretary; Pam Gaskill, Treasurer. Gary Burnham and Charles Durham directed the Sports Committee; the Social Committee consisted of Karen Mitchell and Vickie Wyrick; Dan Shaw and Vickie Wyrick were co-editors of the *Maranatha*.

Extensive work has been done in remodeling the Golden Rule Building. When the project is completed in July, the building will provide three classrooms, five offices, and a Conference room. Paul and Ruth Overholser are providing the funds for this project.

During this year, a Presidential Search Committee consisting of Donald Needham, chairman; David Krogh, Charles Pryor, and Eugene Stilson, spent considerable time investigating the wishes of the Church of God people regarding the appointment of a new permanent President for the College. After carefully considering the report of the

Search Committee, and spending much time in prayer, the Board of Trustees asked Dr. Charles Pryor to assume the Presidency beginning in July. Dr. Pryor accepted the position and we are looking forward to having him as a permanent member of the staff.

Several important policy decisions have been made recently by the Board of Trustees. An Intern Scholarship Program was established using a bequest made to Oregon Bible College from the estate of Monroe Elton. The Board adopted a Land Acquisition Policy which will direct the purchase of land in the area of the College campus. A Campus Development Plan is in the process of being considered which will give direction to the most effective utilization of our present buildings, and will help us anticipate future needs and the best way to fulfill these needs.

We appreciate the encouragement and support that Church of God people everywhere continually give. We appreciate the work of the Board of Trustees in directing the work of the College. The Board consists of Chairman Harold Doan; Vice Chairman Dwaine Demmitt; Secretary Shirley Urish; Treasurer Carroll Bennett; and Directors James Graham, Donald Needham, and Charles Pryor.

It has been a great privilege for me to serve as Acting President of the College during this year. It has been a very rewarding experience working with the dedicated student body, and my appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice of the staff has been greatly increased after working with these fine men and women.

—David Krogh, Acting President.

General Services

Many general services are provided by the Church of God General Conference in addition to the various items mentioned in the foregoing Departmental reports.

The Executive Director is automatically the secretary-treasurer of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association. The Church of God General Conference handles the funds for the Retirement Association. The Executive Director is the Chairman of the Executive Council, which meets weekly to more effectively correlate all the Conference work.

The Executive Director works closely with local churches in helping to find replacements for vacant pulpits. He has information on file on pastors and their families and on the churches and usually knows which pastors are 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 management of the day-to-day business, and generally supervises all the work of the Church of God General Conference. He is required to complete many forms and questionnaires for various governmental, civic, and religious agencies.

The Executive Director gives assistance and counsels 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 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, Depart-

ment 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.

We feel that the Church of God General Conference has been richly blessed in many ways. We pray that God will continue to bless each avenue of service of the Church of God General Conference in the troublesome days that appear to lie ahead. We pray that Jesus, the Son of God, the coming King of Kings, will soon return to this earth to establish a righteous kingdom. We would voice the words of John the revelator (Rev. 22:20): "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE

We recommend that the contributions to Mission Builders League Assistance be increased to \$20 for each Appeal (limit two per year).

Explanation:

When the Mission Builders League was started in 1957 by delegate action, the amount was set at \$5 per appeal. Due to increased costs of construction, the delegates at the 1975 General Conference increased the amount to \$10 per appeal.

Since 1957 and particularly since 1975 costs of construction have skyrocketed. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 62% from 1975 to 1980. Land prices and building costs have been increasing faster than the Consumer Price Index. Presently an appeal will net about \$9,500. This amount is a much smaller percentage of costs of construction than the \$4,500 average when the contribution was \$5. This recommended increase would generate a more worthwhile assistance to a local congregation in a building program.

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. 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.

Since the last report, a gift of \$300 was given to a pastor's widow. There has been one loan made to a pastor. One is receiving monthly assistance from this fund in the total amount of \$300 per year. The Ministers' Fund is supported by contributions from the membership and from churches. As of March 31, 1980, the fund balance is \$2,076.21.

S. O. Ross, Secretary.

COUNSELING & ARBITRATION BOARD

The Counseling & Arbitration Board of the Church of God General Conference was established to assist local churches when there is a problem among the membership or between the membership and the pastor. The Board does not inject itself into the problem, but receives a request from the local church when a problem does arise.

This Board does urge the local churches to make such requests before the problem has become too involved and divisive. Often the Board is called in when it is much too late for counseling and often too late then for any meaningful arbitration.

The Board has been called to only one local church during the past year. The 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.

MINISTERS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association was organized in 1968 and actually began operation January 1, 1969. The Association started out with zero funds and after 11 years of operation now holds assets in excess of \$150,000. These funds are invested by Aetna Life Insurance Company.

The Association holds regular biannual meetings and the next such meeting will be held during General Conference on Tuesday, August 5th, at 8:30 p.m. Presently there are in the Association 50 ministers, 57 churches, and seven Conferences. Presently eight retired ministers and one minister's widow are receiving retirement benefits.

The membership continues to update the benefits and other aspects of the Rules and Regulations and the Association is growing in strength and stability each year.

Clyde E. Randall, Chairman.

Dean Urish, Vice-Chairman.

S. O. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer.

LICENSE AND ORDINATION BOARD

The License & Ordination Board have been very active this year.

Study has gone into updating and bringing into line our guidelines for Ministerial Recognition.

A discussion period was held at General Conference last year and was continued to our Ministerial Conference in April. Good ideas were presented and they are in the process of becoming policy.

The License and Ordination Board met several times this year. We have talked with the seniors on an individual basis to encourage them to pursue the ministry as a career. We have formed a new policy. We met with the sophomores in February and gave to them our ministerial code of ethics and guidelines. It is our intention to do this yearly.

Bro. Francis Burnett was appointed to our board in August. We express our thanks to Bro. Richard Worley who served faithfully and chose not to be reappointed.

Bros. Tom New and Steve Grant were granted ministerial recognition cards this year.

We have scheduled an ordination service for Wednesday evening, August 6th, at General Conference.

We have two (2) applications for ordination. It is not too late to make applications. Send your request to the Executive Director, Bro. S. O. Ross, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. We need your applications thirty (30) days prior to General Conference.

Thank you for the prompt return of your ministerial application forms. This will help the committee to have your ministerial card ready for General Conference.

If you did not receive an application, write to the Executive Director and request one.

We ask your prayers for the work of this committee.

Billie Kennedy, Chairman.

Kenneth Milne.

Francis Burnett.

PROGRESS JOURNAL

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Site: The 1980 Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 4-8. 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 Ward's Store, St. Anthony Hospital, and next is Rockford College on the right. There is a large sign at the entrance.

If one is coming in from the south or 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 three 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 International Airport in Chicago. There is a shuttle bus leaving O'Hare 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 the United and American Airlines terminals. 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 4 (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 at the Rockford Airport if we are notified of arrival data.

Registration: Registration begins on August 4, 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 Conference 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 Church of God General Conference 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 Adults (over 12 years of age), \$60; Children (4-12 years), \$45; Children under 4 years, \$4; commuters, \$8. There is a \$10 non-refundable deposit required with each application. These costs include room, board, use of the grounds and buildings, insurance, recreation facilities, bed linens, blanket, pillow, and towel.

The \$8 per person for commuters is for those staying off campus and commuting to the meetings. This charge is for the use of the facilities, insurance, and miscellaneous costs. Should the commuter wish to take the meals, a total cost of

the meals for the Conference would be \$35 for each individual 4 years and older. There is no charge for those under 3 years. 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.

Brothers Donald Needham and James Graham have arranged an excellent program and we trust that the youth attending the Conference will have a real spiritual uplift from this gathering together.

Children's Classes: A full schedule of activities is planned for all children eight years and under (See program in this issue.) Sister Margene Rager is again in charge of the classes and activities for this age group.

Hired sitters are being provided to attend the children two 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 each evening at 7:00 p.m. for those three to 12 years of age.

Gymnasium and Pool: The gymnasium and pool will be open each evening from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. 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 caps.

Delegate Expense Pool: Each year delegates from the various churches and Conferences have opportunity to pool their expenses and thus equalize the cost of travel of those from far away and those who live nearby. Delegate Expense Pool 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. These Directors also serve as Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College. The terms of Carroll Bennett and Donald Needham expire at this Conference (these cannot be re-elected.)

Brother Charles Pryor, presently a member of the Board of Directors, has accepted the position of President of Oregon Bible College and therefore cannot continue to serve on the Board of Directors (Board of Trustees). One member will be elected to fill the two-year unexpired term of Bro. Pryor. All other elections are for a four-year term.

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.

General Conference Progress

S. O. Ross, Executive Director



Church of God General Conference

This issue carries the programs, reports, recommendations, and other pertinent information regarding the annual Church of God General Conference that will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 4-8, 1980.

The theme of this 60th annual Conference is: "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth."

Delegate forms, statistical forms, and pool expense forms have been mailed to all church and Conference secretaries. Secretaries are urged to complete these forms and return them promptly in the envelope enclosed.

It is necessary that each person attending the Conference complete a reservation form together with a \$10 nonrefundable deposit fee. Your pastor has the forms. Reservations should be in prior to July 25.

Ordination Service

An Ordination Service will be held on Wednesday evening during General Conference. It appears that several ministers will be ordained at this time.

The record reveals that about 40 percent of our ministry is ordained. The balance carry a ministerial license which needs to be renewed annually, while the Ordination Certificate is a life commitment. In practicum, the duties, privileges, and service are the same for the licensed and the ordained minister.

Special Prayer Week

June 22 has been set aside as a Special Prayer Day and June 22-28 as a Special Prayer Week throughout the Church of God General Conference. Each local church is urged to have special events and special prayer emphasis during this week.

Each local pastor has received information and suggestions for this project. Items of special prayer have also been suggested on behalf of the local church, the State Conference, and the Church of God General Conference. May this be a week of "unity in prayer" throughout the Church of God General Conference.

Two New Conference Churches

Two newly organized Churches of God have recently filed affiliation with the Church of God General Conference. These churches are Grace Church of

God, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson, OH; and Gospel Mission Church of the Abrahamic Faith, 194 Maple St, Winter Haven, FL 33880. We welcome these two sister churches into the family of the Church of God General Conference.

When any member is visiting in the area of one of these churches, we encourage you to attend their services and I am sure this will give them a real lift. When a member or members are planning to go to Florida for the winter or for a winter vacation, we suggest that you consider the Winter Haven area. One could then have a local Church of God in which to worship and fellowship.

Slide-Sound Set

The Slide-Sound Set entitled "God's Plan for This Planet" is now completed and ready for shipment. There are six complete programs in the set. The sale price is \$35 each and \$200 for the complete set of six. Each program has 80 beautiful colored slides with a cassette commentary. There is also a written script if one prefers to do his own commentary. We trust that most churches will want this complete set of Church of God doctrinal slides and commentary.

Conference Finances

Contributions to the budget Goals for Giving have been extremely low the past 30 days. Less than \$16,000 was received when we needed \$29,000 for the month plus the deficit that is building up.

At this date \$55,000 would be needed in the next 30 days to meet the total yearly needs. We urge each church and each member to make this a matter of deep concern and prayer. May God direct and bless that there will be no need for further borrowing of funds.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

\$348,000.00

Goal for Apr. 15-May 15	\$42,001.00
Given Apr. 15-May 15	15,728.00
Deficit for the Month	26,273.00
Needs for May 15-June 15	29,000.00

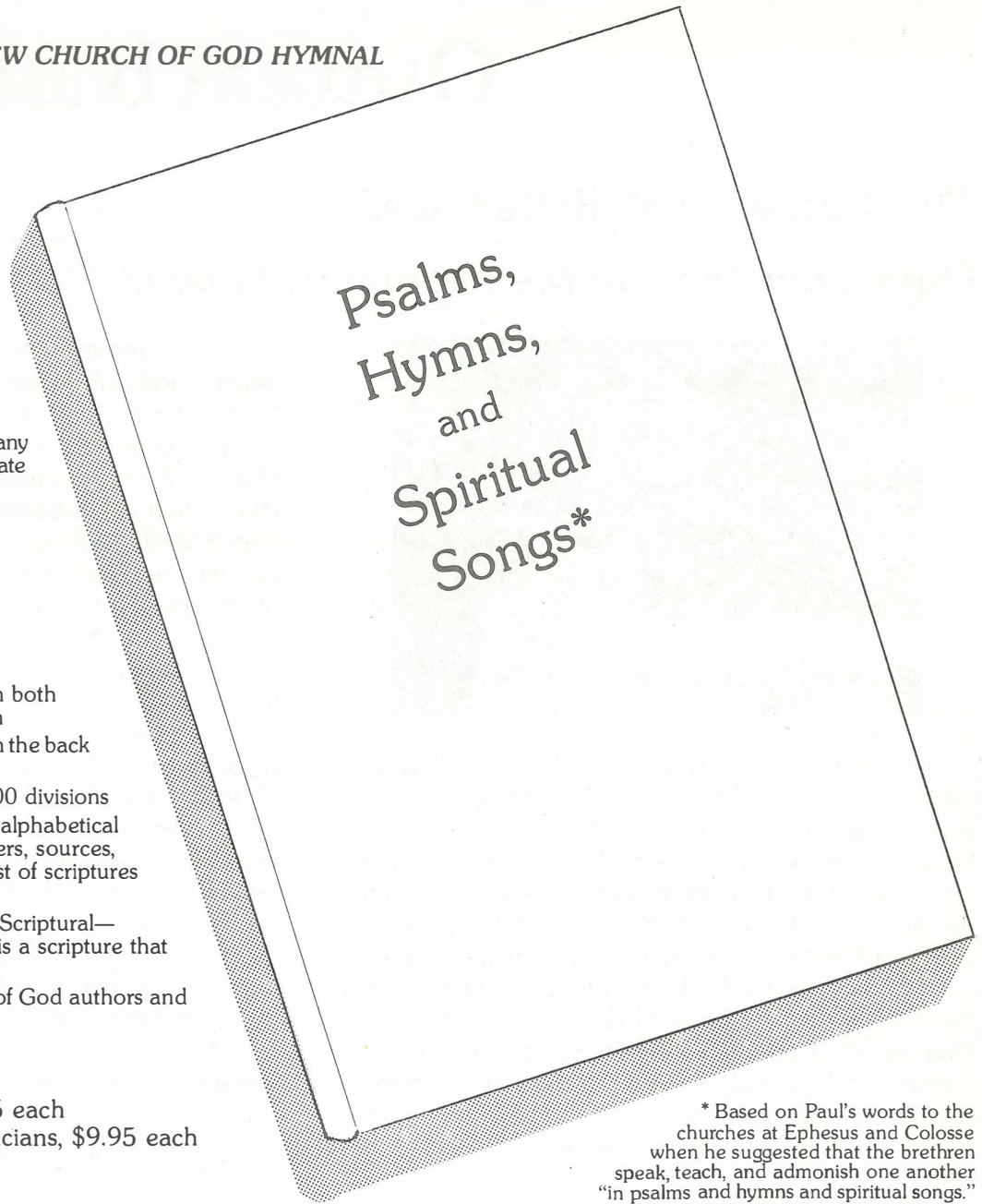
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- Contains songs and hymns on many of the great Bible truths, appropriate for many different occasions
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* Based on Paul's words to the churches at Ephesus and Colosse when he suggested that the brethren speak, teach, and admonish one another "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." (Eph. 5:19 and Col. 3:16.)

SPECIAL OFFER

Orders for 50 or more books paid in full by June 30 will be given a free loose leaf book.

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Quantity	Description	Amount
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Church Name _____
 Address _____
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 Date _____

My order for 50 or more copies of *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* by June 30, 1980 entitles me to one free loose leaf book.

Mail to:
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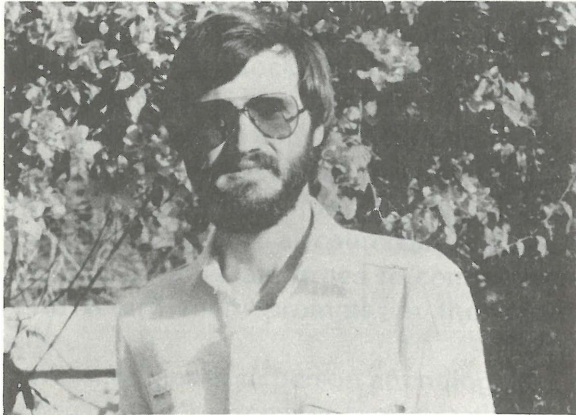
■ Orders will be filled after August 4, 1980, when books become available from the printer.

Outreach and Church

The Righteous Shall Be Saved.

Does That Include the Righteous Hindu?

by Steve Grant



I cannot count how many times I have had people say to me, “Well, I know some Hindus or Buddhists that live good lives—much better than many Christians.” When I hear these words I have to agree; often it is true. Many of these groups are honest and morally upright. They keep their behavior under great discipline, often better discipline than I myself practice.

When I turn to the Bible to answer this question, my mind travels to the Book of Romans. In the second chapter, Paul shared with his Roman brethren an answer to this type of question. “All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law. All who sin under the law will be judged by the law” (Rom. 2:12, NIV).

But what about those “other religions”—the Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims—some of whom haven’t heard about Christ or the law? Verse 14 says, “When Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law” (NIV). In other words, all men have written on their hearts the laws of God. To deny them creates inward guilt even if no written law exists. (See v. 15.)

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse” (Rom. 1:20, NIV). From the infinite perfection of creation, man must be aware of an infinite Creator. Men, “good” and “bad,” stand before this one God realizing their failure to live perfect lives before him. This allows no

man to escape the coming day of judgment—the day when “God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ” (Rom. 2:16, NIV).

What does this mean to our friend, the “good Hindu”? It means he will be judged according to the law written on his heart. Will he pass such a judgment? Well, Paul tells us not to judge others (Rom. 2:1), but by God’s Word “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23, NIV). This “all” includes the “good” and “righteous” man (by the world’s standards). “No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law” (Rom. 3:20, NIV).

If not by living a good life, if not by man’s measure of righteousness, how can he be saved? Paul’s answer: “But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known . . . this righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe” (Rom. 3:21, 22, NIV).

There is an added action that must be taken, even by the morally “good man”: “That if you confess with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved” (Rom. 10:9, 10, NIV).

Paul clearly demonstrates that God makes confession of Christ a necessity for all, even those who as yet “have not heard.” It is no wonder Jesus placed such an emphasis on preaching the gospel to all the world’s people. He knew they had to hear and accept his gift of imputed righteousness to be truly righteous.

The words of Paul should stir our hearts into making sure every Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, and animist has his chance to accept Christ. “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?” (Rom. 10:14, 15, NIV).

Please continue to pray for workers for our harvest fields, both at home and abroad. Doesn’t everyone deserve the same chance you and I have been given, a chance to be “righteous” in God’s eyes through Jesus Christ our Lord?

Development News



Staff Selection for 1980 Youth Conference

The application procedure for securing positions on the Berean Youth Conference staff went unusually well this year. We had several more applications than staff positions. We hope that those people who could not be fitted in this year will apply again. We certainly appreciate everyone who applied.

The following is a list of those people who will make up the 1980 Berean Youth Conference staff: Joe Astolfi, Maurertown, VA; Jim and Karen Babcock, Covert, MI; Ed and Mimi Bender, South Bend, IN; Mary Lou Brittingham, Springfield, OH; David Cheatwood, Eden Valley, MN; Carol Daniels, Wheaton, IL; Joyce Demmitt, Troy, OH; Greg Demmitt, Phoenix, AZ; Larry Dickerson, Springfield, OH; Russ Dickerson, Springfield, OH; Joe and Laura Duncan, Springfield, OH; Dick and Carol Eldred, Oregon, IL; Jim and Charleen Graham, Phoenix, AZ; Hugh and Mary

Harman, Mesa, AZ; Judy Hively, Akron, IN; John Huston, West Milton, OH; Joe and Carol James, Piedmont, SC; Loie and Martha Jones, Pelzer, SC; Dave and Kay Kizer, Plymouth, IN; Paul Moore, Waterloo, IA; Joe and Dana Myers, Grand Rapids, MI; Don and Becky Needham, Blanchard, MI; Tom New, Greenbrier, AR; Marjorie Overmyer, LaPorte, IN; Lee Rappleyea, Phoenix, AZ; Gary and Barbara Rhoades, Otsego, MI; Hettie Scroggins, Little Rock, AR; Ken and Beth Vancil, Busnhell, IL; Pat Warner, Grand Rapids, MI; and Ginnie Young, Piedmont, SC.

Parents of Campers, Please Note

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the parents of young people who will be attending this year's Berean Youth Conference that it is necessary for the camper to be present all week. We feel that we must maintain this rule in order to conduct a successful program. No camper will be given permission to come to camp late or to leave camp early.

Each year this request is made on several occasions; therefore, we want you to know clearly our policy.

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 1980 General Conference two directors will be elected for a four-year term. The terms of Brothers **Carroll Bennett** and **Donald Needham** expire at this Conference. They cannot be reelected.

At the 1980 General Conference one director will be elected for a two-year term, the unexpired term of Brother **Charles Pryor**. Since Brother Pryor will be on the staff as President of Oregon Bible College, he can no longer serve on the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.

Following are four sections of the Constitution of the Church of God General Conference dealing with election of Board of Directors:

Section 2. No elected director shall be a paid employee of the Church of God General Conference for a period longer than two months in any one year.

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. A director may be either male or female.

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. 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.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Theme: "Sharing God's Love
From the Foundation of Truth"**

(Continued from page 2)

Thursday, August 7

8:45- 9:30 a.m. Grades 4-6, Michael Hoffman
Grades 7 and 8, Dick Alcumbrack
Grades 9 and up, Tom New

9:45-10:30 a.m. Grades 4-6, Ken Howe
Grades 7 and 8, James Hill
Grades 9 and up, Ray Hall

10:35 a.m. Sharing Sessions: "Problems of
Today's Youth," Joe James

Swim and Gym (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday)
2:00- 5:00 p.m.
8:30-10:30 p.m.

Evening Schedule (7th grade and up)
(Grades 4-6 Attend Junior Church)
Monday, 7:00 p.m. Rally

Rules and Orientation and Film, "The Secret
of Loving"
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Attend General Conference
Service
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Greg Demmitt, Music, and Steve Taylor,
youth speaker
Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Attend General Conference
Service

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

We welcome Charlie Wilkins into the body of Christ. Charlie came forward to accept Jesus Christ and was baptized April 27, 1980. We at McGintytown feel God's spirit working and are excited about Charlie's conversion. May God bless him in his new walk of faith and as he joins the body. Thomas M. New, pastor.

The Oregon, IL, congregation rejoiced Sunday evening, April 27, 1980, when four persons put on Christ in Christian baptism. They are as follows: Tony Withers and two of his daughters, Tanya and Angela, and LeAnn Noon. We praise God for their conversion and welcome them into the family of God. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Pomona, CA. Members and friends of the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, CA, rejoiced with Tammy Norton, Mary Adair, and Harry Adair Sunday, May 4, as these three fine individuals sealed their commitment to Christ in baptism. Then on Sunday, May 11, it was our honor to witness the baptisms of Dottie Butler and Leslie Mortenson in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. With the addition of these five fine Christian adults to the local Body, the Church of the Open Bible continues to give God glory for all that we see him doing among us, and for all we see Christ doing through us. David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

Troy, OH. It's a great joy to welcome into the Body of Christ 17 people who were baptized in the last couple of weeks. They are: Natalie Peeples, Natalie Gallagher, Denzil and Joyce Pennington, Eric Pennington, Wade Pennington, Walt and Karen Pemberton, Tim Ross, Doug Holloper, Robin Holloper, Anita Bashore, Lori Gallagher, Don and Dianne Demmitt, Mark Lucas, and Teresa Poling. Congratulations each one and we praise God for your decisions! Gary Smith, pastor.

Royal, AR. Easter Sunday afternoon (April 6, 1980) it was the writer's privilege to assist Lester House in putting on Christ by immersion. May God bless and guide him as he goes through his fiery trials. John R. Humphreys, pastor.

MARRIAGES

On May 3rd, 1980, at 2:30 p.m. Renae Sogge became the bride of Marvin Nordmann at the Crystal Hills Assembly, Paynesville, MN. Pastors David Cheatwood and Billie Kennedy officiated as they exchanged vows and rings in a beautiful ceremony. May God richly bless them. Mildred Parks, reporter.

Randy Baldwin and Melinda Swenson, both of Oregon, IL, were united in marriage at the Oregon Church, April 26, 1980. Ken Bush of Blanchard, MI, was best man, and Barb Swenson, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The writer, assisted by Dick Eldred, Oregon Bible College student, officiated. That this fine young couple will build their home on the Lord Jesus Christ is my prayer. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

OBITUARY

Brother John Edgar Adamson fell asleep in death on December 18, 1979, after a two-month illness and bout with cancer. He was born on September 28, 1894, in Pomona, CA, where he lived all of his life with his wife of 60 years, Grace. Brother Adamson was a lifelong member of the Church of the Open Bible and presided in his last years as a respected member of the

Board of Elders. Edgar Adamson is survived by his wife; a son, John S. Adamson of Florida; and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Abblitt of Oregon. He was grandfather to five and great-grandfather to seven youngsters. Brother Adamson's funeral was attended by a large number of friends and family, both within and without the church, as he was also a highly esteemed member of the Pomona community. We at the Church of the Open Bible, and anyone who ever had the opportunity of knowing this fine follower of Christ, eagerly anticipate the return of God's Son to this world, and his calling the dead from their graves. At that time we shall again stand with our beloved John Edgar Adamson. David L. Wilsterman, pastor.

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.

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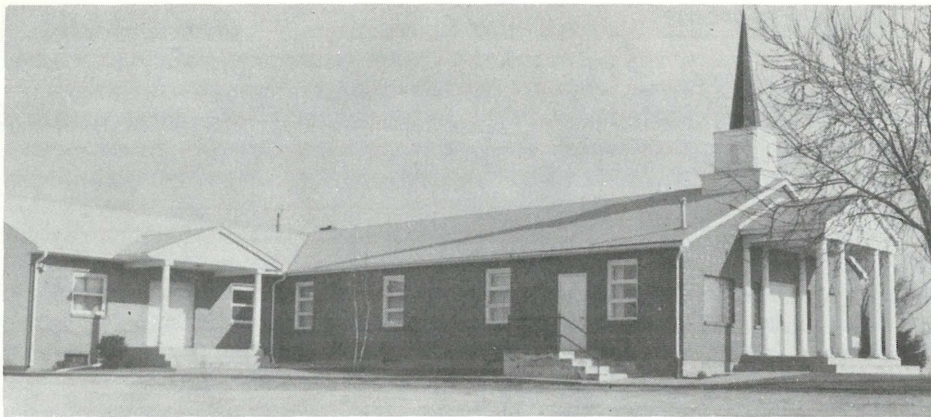
Each member church of the Church of God General Conference is entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God.

Each church shall certify to the secretary of the General Conference the names of its delegates and alternates; this certification shall be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses of the active members to be represented. If any delegate is absent from any Conference session, an alternate may act in his place.

Any church which cannot send a delegate or delegates to the annual Conference may appoint a delegate or delegates from the general active membership of the Church of God.

A notice must be sent to the secretary of the Church of God General Conference containing a statement of its delegation and the names and addresses of its active members to be represented, at least 15 days before the Conference convenes.

Important decisions will be made at General Conference this summer. Each local church should instruct its delegation well and be prepared to act wisely in its behalf. Pray for God's leadership in the Conference.



FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT ROCKFORD CHURCH

The Blessed Hope Church of God at Pershing Road and 16th Street in Rockford, Illinois, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on August 3, 1980, the Sunday preceding General Conference. We cordially invite all our friends to celebrate this occasion with us both morning and afternoon. If you can be with us, please notify the Anniversary Committee, c/o George F. Scott, 1021 Anna Ave., Rockford, IL 61111. George Scott, committee chairman.



PEOPLE ARE ASKING...

As church growth thinking influences more people and more churches, questions arise. DR. WIN ARN, noted church growth authority and president of the Institute for American Church Growth, brings some of the answers.

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A. First we need to ask, "What do we mean by *effective*? An effective church, I believe, is one which is a living, growing cell and which is in close relationship to the Head of the Church—Jesus Christ. It is one which is obedient to Christ's command to reach out and make disciples, both within its own ministry area and throughout the world. It is a church which is incorporating, enabling, and perfecting those who are already in the body. It is one which ministers to the hurts and needs of people in the name of Jesus.

Other gauges of effectiveness could include: How many inactive members are there? What is the annual growth rate of the church? How much of this growth is conversion growth? What new groups and services have been established to meet needs?

Recently I attended a large growing church which appears to be quite effective. The church has 80,000 members, five worship services on Sunday, and 10,000+ per service. It has 3,750 deacons and deaconesses, and over 5,000 home cell units. It is the Full Gospel Central Church in Seoul, Korea, pastored by Paul Younggi Cho. The Central Church believes in growth goals and has set a membership goal of 100,000. To accommodate more people they will soon be enlarging their sanctuary to seat 20,000. But their first and most important goal is to focus on the expansion of their home cell units—an important key to the growth and effectiveness of this church.

These 5,000 cell units form the foundation of the evangelistic outreach and pastoral care ministries of the church. Held in homes and led by a lay leader, each cell has a weekly Bible study where non-Christians are invited and welcomed. Following the Bible study, many group members go into the neighborhood for

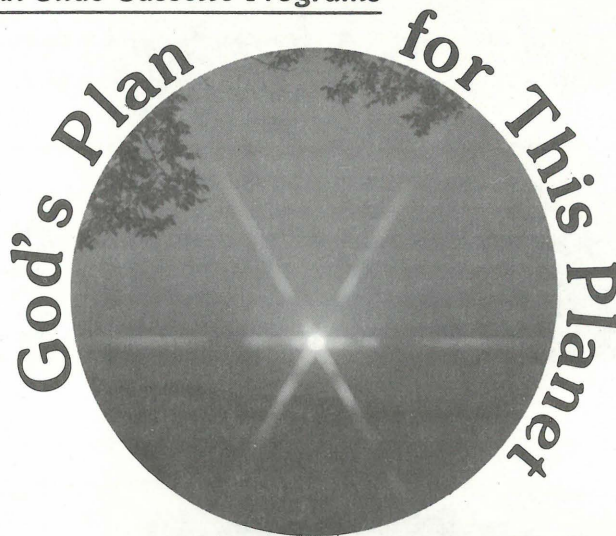
evangelistic calling on friends and relatives.

This remarkable church, with its evangelistic vision and passion, is making a great contribution by stretching Christians' minds and hearts as to how big a church can grow and still be effective. If there is an area of ineffectiveness in this church, it is that, to date, it has been unable to reproduce itself.

There is another model of effectiveness and church growth in the same city. The Young Nak Presbyterian Church has a total membership of nearly 30,000. They have a daily prayer meeting at 5:00 a.m. and many small cell groups that meet for prayer during the day. Evangelistic outreach includes open air services, military, industrial, and student outreach programs, literature, radio, and more. Since 1947, this church has planted 162 daughter churches that are now self-supporting. It has an additional 15 new daughter churches that are being partially supported . . . 177 daughter churches in less than 25 years.

Are these large churches effective? Yes, very effective; but that effectiveness comes because of their evangelistic goals and outreach, plus the small group structures which actively incorporate individual members into a place of belonging. A church of 100 to 150 without such goals and small group structures could be less effective than these churches of 30,000 or more.

Yet large churches also have the potential for being ineffective. In studying large established churches in America, we have found that the proportion is over 100 members for each new conversion; while in smaller, newer churches, the ratio is only 8 members for one conversion. In larger churches, the giving per member is significantly less than in small, growing churches. We do know, however, that large churches are able to significantly improve their effectiveness by understanding and applying church growth principles.



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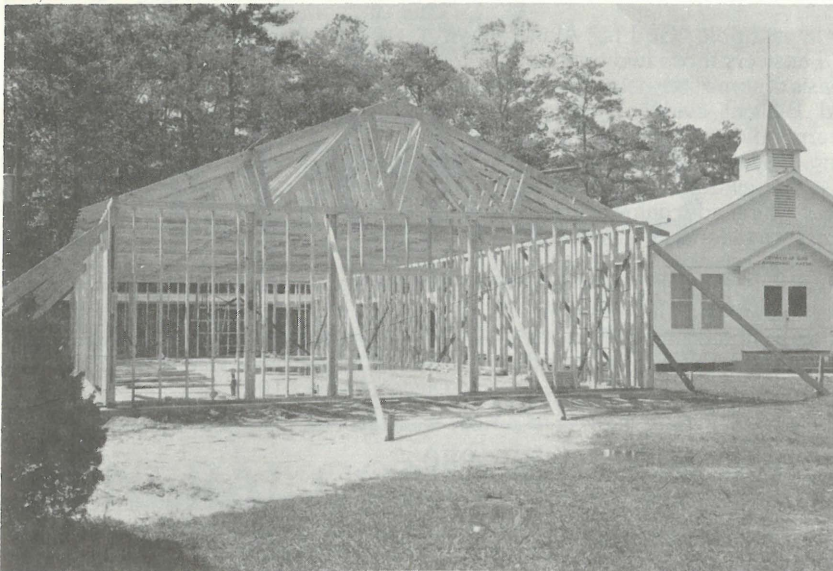
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Blood River Church of God, Springfield, Louisiana

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The building under construction will house the new sanctuary seating 225 people and will have two bathrooms and a nursery. The present sanctuary will be used as social rooms and six classrooms. The active membership is just below 100 and Sunday School and church attendance will average 100 to 120 per service. The present pastor of the church is Brother Billie Kennedy, who was born and grew up in the Blood River area.

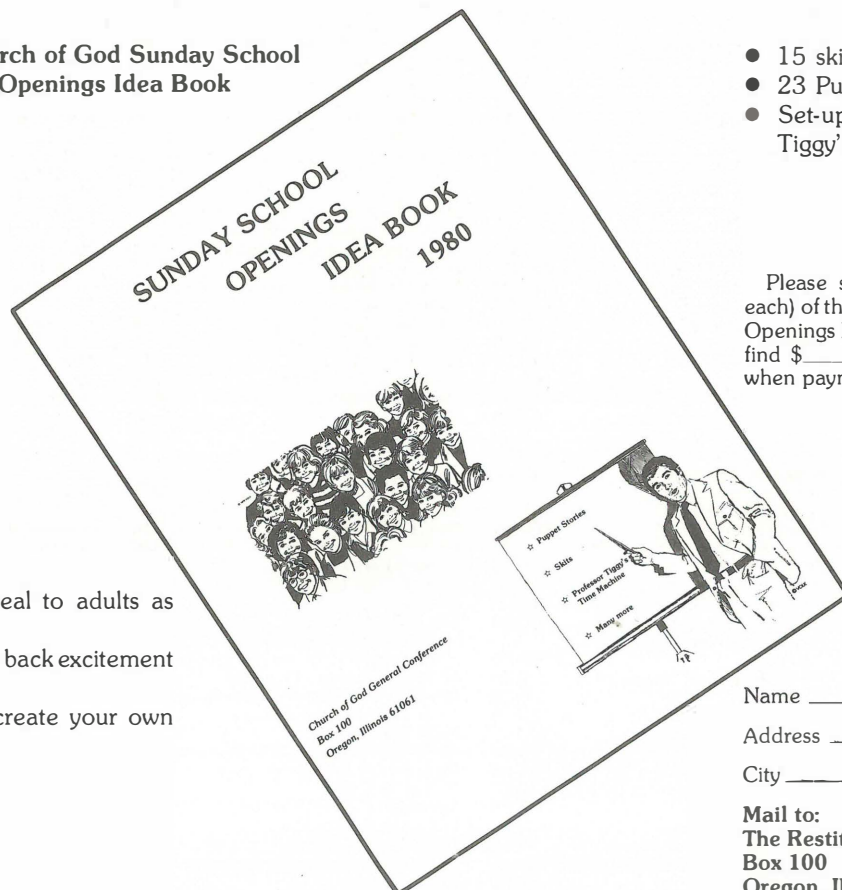
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Church of God Progress

By S. O. Ross

I have resigned from the position of Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference effective September first. As I write this final General Conference Progress Page, I do so with considerable emotion and mixed feeling. It was on September 1, 1961, that I resigned my position as Clerk of District Court, Meeker County, Minnesota, in the middle of an elected term. I came on the staff of the Church of God General Conference as Superintendent of Missions at the call of the Missions Department and the Board of Directors. Peggy and I together with our family left our home in Minnesota and moved to Oregon, Illinois.

The following year I assumed the position as Office Manager of the General Conference in addition to the missions duties. In January, 1968, upon the resignation of Bro. Harold Doan I was appointed Executive Director of the General Conference. Prior to coming on the staff I was a member of the Board of Directors of the General Conference for some part of each of the prior 11 years, having been first elected to the Board in 1950 and again in 1954 and 1958.

It has been a real joy to be so closely involved in the work of the Church of God General Conference these 30 years and especially so the past 19 years serving on the staff. I want to express my appreciation for the dedication and close fellowship of the many staff workers that I have been associated with during this time.

It has been a joy also to work with some 75 different members of the Board of Directors over the 30 years. I am grateful to each one for his cooperation and I have appreciated the thoughtfulness and concerns of each Board Member.

Most of all I want to give thanks to the entire membership of the Church of God General Conference for their prayers, concerns, and generous giving that the programs and projects attempted have usually come to fruition. It is the membership at large that must receive credit for any accomplishments that have been attained.

As I leave this position on August 31, 1980, Brother David Krogh will become your new Executive Director.

My prayer is that the entire membership will continue to give the same support and concerns to Bro. Krogh and his staff that I have enjoyed in the past. May God continue to richly bless all the work of the Church of God General Conference in the months and years ahead until Jesus returns to set up his righteous Kingdom.

1980 General Conference

The Program for the 1980 Church of God General Conference (Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 4-8) can be found in this issue. The program has a full schedule of services for all ages. There are times of study, prayer, devotion, music, recreation, and the delegate business sessions.

Youth are encouraged to come to the General Conference only if they are accompanied by a parent or a responsible guardian. All children and young people are expected to attend all of the planned classes, chapels, and other activities. Babysitter service is available for children two years and under.

1980-1981 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for the 1980-81 church year can be found in this issue. The Conference folder at the Conference sessions will reveal the breakdown for the various departments in the budget. The proposal would reflect about a three percent increase in giving.

Conference Finances

Giving for the month is somewhat short of the needs. Contributions have fallen about \$25,000 short for the fiscal year to date. I hope and trust that special effort will be made to meet these budget needs and remove the deficit before I leave this office on August 31. There will be no PROGRESS JOURNAL in August.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

\$348,000.00

Goal for May 15-June 15	\$55,273.00
Given May 15-June 15	30,094.00
Deficit for the Month	25,179.00
Needs for two months	58,000.00

Goal for June 15-August 15 \$83,179.00

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth"

Conference Workers:
 General Chairman, S. O. Ross
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 Music Directors: Songbook Committee
 Head Usher: Charles Jones
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
 Ministers' Meetings: Scott Ross
 Priscillas' Meetings: Mary Helen Mattison
 Camp Nurse: Mary Ellen Jones
 Office Staff: Becky Hall, Rachel Newell, Betty Hall

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 4

9:30 Registration begins
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Worship Service (song service at each afternoon service by the Music Committee)
 R. Warren Sorenson, speaker
 2:00 First business session
 Welcome by Chairman Harold Doan
 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
 Publishing Department Business
 4:00 Recess the Meeting
 4:15 Choir Practice
 4:15 Free Time
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Worship Service
 Worship Leader, Music Committee;
 David Krogh, speaker, "Importance of God's Truth for Today," and Communion Service
 7:00 Junior Church, ages 3 to 12 years, Pastor Joe Astolfi
 8:30 Snackbar and lounges available
 8:30 Gym and pool available
 10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, August 5

7:15 Breakfast
 8:15 Prayer sessions, Rex Cain
 8:15 Classes for children and young people (see complete program at end of regular program)
 8:45 Outreach & Church Development, R. Warren Sorenson
 9:15 Classes and Babysitters for 2 years and under
 9:30 Ministers' Meetings
 Priscillas' Meetings
 Adult Bible Study, Eugene Stilson
 10:35 Sharing Sessions
 Creative Christian Writing, Shirley McQuinn
 Music in the Church, Songbook Committee
 Open discussion of Church of God Youth Problems, Donald Needham and James Graham
 Life Transitions (Men), Dallas Demmitt
 Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, Nancy Demmitt
 Bible Study, "Prophecies Coming to Pass," James Mattison
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Worship Service, Edward Bender, speaker

2:00 Business Session
 Reading of Monday's Minutes
 Outreach & Church Development Business
 4:00 Recess Business Sessions
 4:15 Choir Practice
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Worship Service, Worship leader, Music Committee;
 Scott Ross, speaker, "Reaching Out in Love"
 7:00 Junior Church
 8:30 Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association Biannual Meeting
 8:30 Snackbar and Lounges available
 8:30 Gym and pool available
 10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, August 6

7:15 Breakfast
 8:15 Prayer Sessions, Rex Cain
 8:45 Outreach & Church Development, R. Warren Sorenson
 9:15 Classes and Babysitters for 2 years and under
 9:30 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 Adult Bible Study, Eugene Stilson
 10:35 Sharing Sessions
 Creative Christian Writing, Shirley McQuinn
 Music in the Church, Songbook Committee
 Keys to a Successful Youth Program, Hugh and Mary Harman
 Life Transitions (Men), Dallas Demmitt
 Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, Nancy Demmitt
 Bible Study, "Prophecies Coming to Pass," James Mattison
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Worship Service, Gary Smith, speaker
 2:00 Business Session
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
 Nomination of 3 Directors
 Oregon Bible College Business
 4:00 Recess the meeting
 4:15 Choir Practice
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Worship Service
 Worship Leader, Music Committee
 Ordination Service, License & Ordination Board
 Speaker, Clyde E. Randall, "Boldly Proclaiming God's Word"
 7:00 Junior Church
 8:30 Oregon Bible College Alumni Meeting
 8:30 Snackbar and Lounges available
 8:30 Gym and pool available
 10:30 Lights out

Thursday, August 7 (Stan and Peggy Ross Day)

7:15 Breakfast
 8:15 Prayer Session, Rex Cain
 8:30 Children's classes
 8:45 Outreach & Church Development, R. Warren Sorenson
 9:15 Class and Babysitters for 2 years and under
 9:30 Ministers' Meetings
 Priscillas' Meetings
 Adult Bible Study, Eugene Stilson
 10:35 Sharing Sessions
 Creative Christian Writing, Shirley McQuinn
 Music in the Church, Songbook Committee

Problems of Today's Youth, Joe James
 Life Transitions (Men), Dallas Demmitt
 Disciplines of the Beautiful Christian Woman, Nancy Demmitt
 Bible Study, "Prophecies Coming to Pass," James Mattison
 11:45 Lunch
 1:15 Worship Service, speaker, Waldon Winner, Jr.
 2:00 Business Session
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
 Election of 3 Directors
 General Business
 Adoption of a Budget
 4:00 Dismissal of Business Session
 4:15 Choir Practice
 5:15 Dinner
 7:00 Evening Worship Service,
 Worship leader, Music Committee
 Installation of General Conference Officers, Scott Ross
 Speaker, Sydney Kirkpatrick, "Our Potential for Tomorrow"
 8:30 Reception in honor of Stan and Peggy Ross in dining room
 8:30 Snackbar and Lounges available
 8:30 Gym and pool available
 10:30 Lights out
Friday, August 8
 7:00 Joint Prayer Service, Rex Cain
 7:15 Breakfast
 9:00 Campus should be vacated

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Ages 3-8

8:15-11:45 Bible School, Margene Rager
 1:15-4:00 Bible School, Margene Rager
 7:00-8:30 Junior Church (3-12 years), Joe Astolfi

Two years and under

9:15-10:00 Class, Sandi Withers and Ellen Laurent
 10:00-11:45 Hired Sitters, Sharon Mattus, Dee Kirkpatrick, Donna Kirkpatrick
 1:15-4:15 Hired Sitter
 7:00-8:30 Hired Sitter

YOUTH PROGRAM

Grades 4-12

8:15 a.m. Chapel
 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Tuesday, August 5

8:45- 9:30 a.m. All grades (4th and above)
 Film—"A Sports Odyssey"
 9:45-10:30 a.m. Grades 4-6, Ken Cook
 Grades 7 and 8, Tom New
 Grades 9 and up, Dick Alcumbrack
 10:35 a.m. Sharing Sessions: "Open Discussion of Church of God Youth Problems, Jim Graham and Donald Needham"

Wednesday, August 6

8:45- 9:30 a.m.
 Grades 4-6, Sue Hall
 Grades 7 and up, Joe Duncan
 9:45-10:30 a.m.
 Grades 4 and up, Sue Hall
 10:35 a.m. Sharing Sessions: "Key to a Successful Youth Program," Hugh and Mary Harman
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OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Acting President

Commencement

The thirty-seventh annual Commencement of Oregon Bible College was held at the Oregon Church of God on May 9, 1980. Graduates of the four-year Ministry Studies Program were: Robert Carl Bernheisel, Rockford, IL; Charles Hannon Durham, Pelzer, SC; Pamela Esther Gaskill, Fort Wayne, IN; and Bobby Lee Partain, Jr., Pelzer, SC. Bro. S. O. Ross, Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference, presented the diplomas on behalf of the faculty and Board of Trustees.

Also honored at the Comencement were two students who have successfully completed our new two-year Church Leadership Program. Gary Burnham and Richard Eldred were presented diplomas by Acting President David Krogh.

Five College interns were also recognized for successfully completing their fifth year of study working under the direction of pastors in various parts of the country. Those participating in the Internship Program this year were: James Hill, Michael Hoffman, Kenneth Howe, Alan Shaw, and Ken Walters.

Pastor James Graham of the Phoenix Bible Church gave the Commencement address, and Charles Durham responded on behalf of the Senior Class. Student Government President Bobby Partain also spoke to those present. Members of the faculty took part in various ways in the program.

A reception in honor of the Seniors was held following commencement.

Honor Students

Congratulations to the following students who achieved high honor during the Spring Semester: Darlene Burkhart, 4.04; Gary Burnham, 3.65; Deb Cook, 4.06; Kevin Demmitt, 3.80; Becky Roseberry, 3.91; Jeff Smith, 3.60. Those who achieved honor status were: Blair Johnson, 3.14; Tim Kaffenbarger, 3.00; Karen Mitchell, 3.46.

Student Government President

At the close of the Spring Semester, the student body elected Gary Burnham 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.

Board of Trustees Meet

The Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College met in Oregon May 1 and 2. The annual report of the College was approved by the Board. (This report appeared in the June PROGRESS JOURNAL.) The proposed College budget which appears on page 8 of this *Journal*, was approved by the Board for presentation to the delegates at General Conference next month. The Board also authorized the construction of a garage-workshop-storage building which will be located northeast of the present Women's Dormitory. The cost of this building will be paid mainly from endowment interest income.

The Board decided that the offerings which will be received at General Conference will be used for furnishings for the newly remodeled Golden Rule office and classroom building.

The Board will meet again during General Conference at Rockford College.

Fall Semester Schedule

For freshman students, the College dormitories will open on August 21 at 1:00 p.m. Orientation for freshmen will be held August 22 at 8:00 a.m. Returning students will be able to move into the dorms on August 23 at 1:00 p.m., and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. August 25. Any questions regarding the Fall Semester may be directed to Dr. Charles Pryor, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Transition

Dr. Charles Pryor will be moving to Oregon the middle of July, and he will assume his duties as President of Oregon Bible College shortly thereafter.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as an instructor and administrator at the College during the past 15 months. I have appreciated the prayers and support that many of you have given to me and to the rest of the staff during this time of transition. I have gained new insights and greater appreciation for the work of the College because of my experience here. And I am very much looking forward to working with Bro. Pryor as we together provide leadership for the Conference and College. Your continued prayers and support will be greatly appreciated as we attempt to do the things God wants us to do.

Outreach and Church

"Whiter Than Coconut Meat"

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher had just returned from a Far Eastern country where they had spent several weeks visiting mission churches.

"It was wonderful to worship with brethren of 'like precious faith' clear on the other side of the world," said Mr. Fisher. "Yes," replied his wife, "here we were, so far from home, yet it was just like worshiping in one of our own churches. They sang the same hymns, had the same order of service, and everything."

At first glance we might say, "Oh, isn't that wonderful! The missionaries there have really done a good job of teaching the people." But let's take a closer look. Is it really our objective to establish little replicas of American churches in foreign countries? Is it right to expect people who live in a different country and a different culture to pattern their Christianity after that of the Western nations?

Think for a moment about music as an example. There are many instances in the Bible when music was used in the worship of God. The Psalmist advised, "Sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things" (Psa. 98:1). Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

When we look at some of our own hymns, we can see that they were written with our culture and our understanding in mind. Transporting these hymns to another country, even though they may be translated into the native tongue, does not mean that they will be sung with the same understanding.

For example, "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" may be incomprehensible to the person who lives in the tropics and has never seen snow. If he were to express the same idea he might say, "Wash me and I shall be whiter than coconut meat." A person singing about our anchor holding in the storms of life, when the only water he knows is a tiny stream near his house, will only be repeating meaningless words.

People in other countries often have their own music system—a set of pitches organized according to its own rules. It may sound very different from our Western music. If missionaries insist on the nationals

singing Western hymns in church, then that is exactly what they will be to the people—Western hymns and not their own praises to God.

An African once told a missionary, "I would like to accept your Savior, but do I have to accept your music, too?" A missionary remembers some nationals who were laughing hysterically as they mimicked her American singing.

Our goal in establishing churches overseas should be to help the nationals to form a church that is native to the land in which it is planted. When the church is one based on their own customs and cultures (without violating scriptural principles, of course), then it will truly be *their* church—not a Western church that has been imported and transplanted into native soil.

Missions Month

It won't be long until November rolls around. This month has been observed as Missions Month throughout the Church of God—a time to place special emphasis on the work of missions and our role in carrying out the Great Commission.

Again this year we will be sending out material to the pastors and missionary chairmen, offering suggestions of what you can do to bring missions before your congregation.

Two suggestions we can make right now are a missionary conference and a Faith Promise service. For more information on how to plan and conduct these, write to Missions Month Ideas, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

"Missionary Encounters of the Personal Kind"

The National Missionary Convention, to be held in Springfield, IL, October 28-31, 1980, is planning a program for Junior High and High School young people. "Missionary Encounters of the Personal Kind" will cover such topics as: "What's a Kid Like You Doing in a Country Like This?"; "What's It Like to Grow Up on the Mission Field?"; "I Was a Teen-Age Missionary"; and "The Funniest Thing Happened on the Mission Field."

In addition to the youth program, there will be sessions for adults and for children (kindergarten through sixth grade). One hundred thirty-five work-

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shops are scheduled, as well as general sessions. Missionaries will have booths telling about their country and their work.

For first-hand information about missions from the missionaries themselves, plan to attend the convention in October. Registration fees are: Student, 50¢; Individual, \$1.50; Family, \$3.00. For more information, write to Mrs. John Carr, 4542 E. Pecan Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040.

Training Material Available to You

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

Filmstrip Library:

- FL001—Building a Better Sunday School (4 filmstrips and 2 records).
- FL002—Leadership Education (10 filmstrips, 16 records, and leader's guides).
- FL004—Know Your Child (8 filmstrips and leader's guide).
- FL005—Visitation Evangelism Kit (2 filmstrips and written narrations).
- FL006-009—Teacher Development Modules for different age groups (each module contains 1 filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, 1 script, 1 leader's guide, and 1 supplementary booklet).
- FL006—Nursery
- FL007—Pre-Primary
- FL008—Primary
- FL009—Junior
- FL010-013—Leaders and Teachers Kit for different age groups (each kit contains 4 filmstrips, 3 cassettes, posters, transparencies, and 1 leader's guide).
- FL010—birth to 5 years
- FL011—grades 1-6
- FL012—grades 7-12
- FL013—adults
- FL014—Recruiting Is Everybody's Job (1 filmstrip and 1 cassette).
- FL015—Is There a Learner in the House? (1 filmstrip and 1 cassette).

Record Library:

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

Cassette Library:

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

Miscellaneous Library:

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

fellowship

by Pastor Jim Graham

YOUR LOCAL CHURCH is located in a nation of lonely people. From time to time some will make their way into God's church. Your ability as a church in filling this need is important. It may very well affect whether or not they meet our Savior, Jesus Christ. These people need you in order to be introduced to a friend who will never leave them.

In Acts 2, after conversion, the early church continued in sound doctrine and in the apostle's practice of fellowship. This practice was one of the most important facets of the New Testament church. This is the key for helping the lonely of your church to find a friend in the person of Christ.

Ten Steps to the Apostle's Practice of Fellowship:

1. Speak to one another in a joyful and loving manner.
2. Know the names of as many people in your church as possible, and use their names often.
3. Never be in too big of a hurry to listen.
4. Ask about their family.
5. Be aware of sorrows and defeats—share them.
6. Be aware of joys and victories—share them.
7. Pray for others—friends and those you have difficulty liking.
8. Be aware of new faces—make them feel at home the very first time.
9. Be helpful to newcomers—help them to their classes, sit with them in class or church and answer their questions.
10. Be a starter—don't wait for someone to reach out to you first.

The end result is the same—*FELLOWSHIP*

Let us continue in the apostles' fellowship, then the needs of the lonely will become the praises of the body of Christ.

Just because there is absence of open conflict does not mean there is unity.

One of the items that received top priority in Paul's letters was the quest for unity among the brethren. To the Ephesians he spoke of coming "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). He spoke harshly to the Corinthians because there was division in the church resulting from the people's following church leaders rather than Christ. To these people Paul said, "Ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (1 Cor. 3:3).

Jesus also made a plea for unity—not to the disciples, but to his Father. In the prayer of Jesus in John 17 he made the request for unity in these words, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (vv. 20, 21).

What Is Unity?

Unity is a condition to be desired among the brethren as well as a fellowship to be enjoyed with the Father and Jesus. In the realm of unity we think of harmony, peace, coherence of thought, and the lack of open conflict. There have been families where the parents never had a cross word, where there was never an argument. However, the parents *never* spoke to each other, either in animosity or in harmony. Just because there was an absence of open conflict does not mean there was unity in the family. The idea of unity is expressed in the coherence of thought. To be unified is to be going the same direction, at the same speed, with the same thought in mind, and the same goal in view. This is what Paul was expressing to the early churches, "Develop a unity because of common goals and purposes."

Reasons for Unity

In Galatians 1:1-8 Paul gave his reasons for unity: **SOLIDARITY OF THE FAITH**. In these verses Paul speaks of the gospel in terms that cannot be disputed. He says that the gospel that he had preached to them earlier was to be retained and not altered in the slightest even though an angel from heaven should come to them with some changes. Notice the directive

of Paul: "There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:7, 8). The call for unity by the Apostle Paul was contingent upon maintaining the gospel that he had preached to them.

Fundamental in the teachings of Paul was the assertion that there is one way to salvation, through the gospel of Jesus Christ. To the Colossians he said, "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight" (Col. 1:21, 11). This is a great hope that is given to all people. We who were at one time separated from God are now unreprouvable because of the sacrifice of Christ. We are a new people with a new hope. What a picture of confidence Paul gives in these verses! But we cannot skip the next verse, because it is very important in understanding the thinking of Paul. Read carefully Colossians 1:23: "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister." Paul says essentially the same thing to the Colossians that he does to the Galatians; that the gospel is the means of salvation and we *cannot* vary from the gospel Paul preached. The problem is, what is the gospel?

Terms of Unity

To the Corinthians Paul explained the gospel in specific terms: what he had received first and what was of prime importance. In 1 Corinthians 15 it is interesting to note the key phrases in the first four verses:

- V. 1. "The gospel which I preached unto you."
- V. 2. "By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you."
- V. 3. "Christ died for our sins"
- V. 4. "He was buried, and . . . rose again the third day."

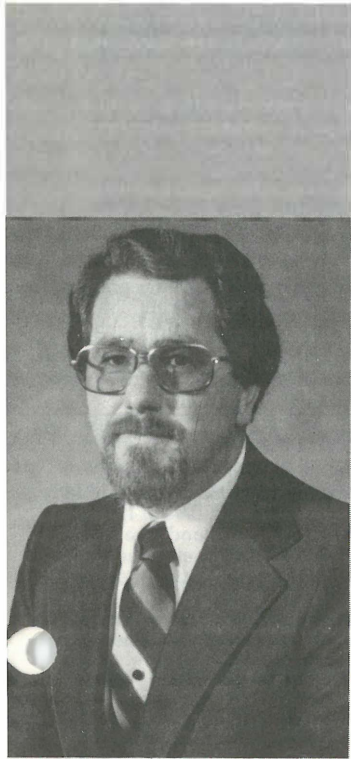
Of primary importance to Paul was the fact of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus! Anything that teaches something contrary to

Unity

And

Solidarity

***The Church of God exists because it maintains a strong position doctrinally;
let us not depart from our purpose.***



by
Pastor
Richard
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this has to be a perverted gospel (Gal. 1:7) and not worthy of support or toleration. The Church of God has been noted for its understanding of the Scriptures in regard to the nature of man and the sleep of the dead. This is a doctrine that aids us in understanding the sacrifice of Christ. Christ died, was buried, and rose again the third day. This is a vital part of the gospel story and Paul says that anything else is a perverted gospel. Did Christ die or did his soul go off somewhere and preach to spirits in prison for three days and then reunite with his body for a resurrection? Paul would say that anything that disagreed with this basic part of the gospel was a perversion and should not be associated with the body of believers.

What Unity Demands

In Paul's letters we are told not only of the gospel, but we are also given commandments and guidelines concerning purveyors of false doctrines and teachings. In writing to the Corinthians again, Paul said, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

Paul's call to the Corinthians was a call for separatism. If Paul were writing to the Church of God today, the call would be a call to separatism. Unity comes about by the solidarity of the teachings to which we adhere. These verses in 2 Corinthians 6 do not apply to marriage alone, but in any way that we are joined with an unbeliever, i. e., one who has a gospel that is contrary to the one preached by the Apostle Paul.

The Church of God had its beginning because of its doctrinal stands and without maintaining a strong position doctrinally, and keeping ourselves unspotted from a "perverted" gospel, we have no right to exist.

Our Unified Hope

The promises of God should be adequate to sustain us through this life and meet our hopes for the future. In Galatians 3 Paul said the gospel was preached to Abraham. Through his seed the world would be blessed (v. 8). In this same chapter of Galatians Paul says we too are in line for the promise made to Abraham because we are Abraham's seed through Jesus Christ.

This constitutes another part of the gospel: our inheritance. In a multitude of places in God's Word we are promised life eternal *on this earth*. The promises of God are adequate for me. The promises of men that offer a home in heaven at death with a white robe, halo, and a harp are foreign to the teachings of Paul and would constitute a perverted gospel to Paul. As God's people in the twentieth century we have an awesome responsibility, and a great part of this responsibility is to keep the gospel as it is revealed in God's Word and to keep ourselves separate from those who teach a gospel that is foreign to the Scriptures.

Our Choice

Nehemiah was able to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls and when Sanballat and Tobiah wanted to help with the project Nehemiah realized that they were a people with different teachings and different gods. We can learn from this.

When Elijah found the people of Israel stammering between Baal and Jehovah, he said, "Choose!" It would have been easy to say, "Baalites have priests and so do we; they worship with sacrifices and so do we; we sing songs that are very similar (maybe a word change here and there); so maybe we can work something out." BUT ELIJAH DIDN'T SAY THAT! Elijah and Paul agreed on their solutions:—choose and separate yourselves from them.

The cry to the Church of God is the same today: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." We need to be united as a people, but to be united we must have the solidarity of truth behind us. May God grant us the gumption to stand for the truth, uncompromisingly, maintaining the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only hope of salvation. When we are doing these things, we have the promise that our "faith is not in vain in the Lord."

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Omaha, NE. On May 11, 1980, Patricia Tagler was immersed in the waters of baptism as she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Patti's family is an isolated Church of God family living in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. We are thankful for their faithfulness in teaching Patti and for her decision to act upon her faith. Patti is a student of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.
Scott Ross, pastor.

Springfield, OH. Larry Lawhorn responded to the invitation call at the close of the worship service on May 11, 1980, and was baptized in the waters of baptism for the remission of sin on May 18, 1980. Larry was extended the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the body of Christ. We of the Lawrenceville Church of God praise God for Larry's decision and pray that God will bless him as he matures in the knowledge of the Lord.
James D. Ritch, pastor.

Browntown, VA. On May 11, 1980, it was the writer's privilege to immerse Donnie and Bonnie Riley and Judi Cooper into the body of Christ at an outdoor service in Browntown, Virginia. A large group of family and Christian friends were present to witness this sacred event.
Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

McGintytown, AR. We at McGintytown are pleased to receive Jim Severs into our body by the waters of baptism. Jim was immersed into Christ's death and resurrection May 18, 1980.

We praise God for his decision and welcome him into the Church of God. May God bless Jim and his family in his new walk in Jesus.

Tom New, pastor.

Grand Rapids, MI. Praise God for the five conversions to Christ which Pennellwood Church of God enjoyed during the spring. Those immersed into the body of Christ were: Linda Ratering (March 30), Claudia Veenstra (April 13), Todd Holquist and Lisa Holquist (April 20), and Millie Vargo (May 18). May God strengthen each with might by his Spirit in the inner person is our prayer.
Joseph L. Myers, pastor.

Ripley, IL. The brethren at the Ripley Church of God rejoiced and were very pleased and happy to see Ron Downs come forward on Sunday, May 25, 1980. He expressed the desire to be immersed in the waters of baptism for the remission of sins. A baptismal service was held that evening in the waters of Logan Creek. Ron, may the Lord bless you in your new walk of life.
Richard L. Young, pastor.

East Peoria, IL. We have tremendous joy in reporting four recent baptisms. Added to the body of Christ and the Church of God in East Peoria Community Church of God are Deb Cuffe, Sue Falk, Mike LeCrone, and Dawn Gray. May God bless these newly baptized with direction by the power of his Spirit.
Wally Winner, pastor.

PETITION FACTS

For several years churches have been distributing a petition which says that someone is planning to make a movie of Jesus' sex life, portraying him as a homosexual. The petition asks people to write to a Franklin Park, IL, publication to express their opposition to that film.

Recently a religious radio station in Phoenix, AZ, has made repeated announcements stating this petition is outdated and no longer true. About three years ago someone did want to make such a film, but he couldn't find a country that would allow him to film it. Thankfully, he gave up the effort.

Christians can save a lot of time and money and not endanger their credibility if they would cease from circulating such petitions.

—Submitted by Rachel Carr.

OBITUARIES

The hearts of all at Pennellwood Church of God were saddened when we lost Bro. **Ed Dodd** in death on Thursday, May 15, 1980. He suffered a fatal heart attack. Friends and loved ones expressed their grief and hope before services conducted for him by the writer. Bro. Dodd was chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Church Council. He will be missed. We look for the day when death shall be destroyed at the coming of our Lord.

Joseph L. Myers, pastor.

Pauline L. Chapman was born on October 13, 1884, in Schuyler County, IL, and died on May 27, 1980, in Rushville, IL. She was 95 years of age. She had been a life-long member of the Ripley Church of God. Although not being able to attend for some time, we will truly miss her. Her two children, Maurice Chapman and Mildred Lewis, are also members of the church. She fell asleep still having the hope of the soon return of Jesus Christ, her Savior. She was buried on a beautiful hillside in the Hughes Cemetery in Schuyler Co., Illinois, beside her late husband.

Richard L. Young, pastor.

Funeral services were held May 13, 1980, for **Ida Hoskins**, 65, of Eden Valley, MN. Pastor David Cheatwood officiated at the services held at the Church of God in Eden Valley. Mrs. Hoskins died May 10 at the Paynesville Hospital. Sr. Hoskins was born January 11, 1915, in Eden Valley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Coulter. She had been a resident of the Eden Valley area most of her life. She married Oral Hoskins in Robbinsdale, MN, in October of 1955. Sr. Hoskins was a member of the Eden Valley Church of God. She is survived by her husband Oral, brothers and sisters William Coulter and Mrs. Esther Wendroth, Eden Valley; Mrs. Les Vadner, Paynesville; Mrs. Mary Storlie and Mrs. Eileen Cahill, St. Paul; Mrs. Dorothy Magee, Merryville, IN; and Russell Coulter, Forsythe, MT. She awaits the call of the Master to life everlasting at the sound of the trumpet.

Mildred Parks, reporter.

Sr. **Rosa Lee Wagganer** was born January 11, 1893, at Fredericktown, Missouri, and fell asleep in Christ on May 16, 1980, at the age of 87 years. She was the daughter of Edward and Emma Sikes, both of whom are deceased. She

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 1980 General Conference two directors will be elected for a four-year term. The terms of Brothers **Carroll Bennett** and **Donald Needham** expire at this Conference. They cannot be reelected.

At the 1980 General Conference one director will be elected for a two-year term, the unexpired term of Brother **Charles Pryor**. Since Brother Pryor will be on the staff as President of Oregon Bible College, he can no longer serve on the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.

Following are four sections of the Constitution of the Church of God General Conference dealing with election of Board of Directors:

Section 2. No elected director shall be a paid employee of the Church of God General Conference for a period longer than two months in any one year.

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. A director may be either male or female.

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. 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.

was married to James A. Wagganer on November 7, 1909, and to this union were born 15 children, 13 of whom survive. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sons, Melvin and Orville Wagganer; three sisters, Bertha Wagganer, Nora Bone, and Laura Pogue; and one brother, Hubert Sikes. Surviving are seven sons: Robert, Ernest, David, Charley, Howard, Denver, and Nelson Wagganer; six daughters: Jewell Henson, Alice Stewart, Pearl Cooper, Mae Smith, Violet Tesreau, and Helen Maze; three brothers: Robert, Jessie, and Ira Sikes; 42 grandchildren; 62 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. Rosa was baptized into the body of Christ September 15, 1918, and was a member of the Blush Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith for almost 72 years. We praise God for her lifelong faith and example. Funeral services were conducted by the writer on May 20 at Fredericktown, and she was laid to rest at Clubb Cemetery near the Blush Church, where she awaits the Master's call to life.

Pastor Arnold T. Johns.

The East Peoria Community Church of God was saddened with the death of Sr. **Eva A. Martin**, 73, of rural Metamora. She succumbed to the enemy while a resident of Morton Manor Nursing Home. Eva was born in Beardstown on November 17, 1906, the daughter of Elzie and Daisy Sarver Robbins. She married Elmer Martin in Peoria on March 19, 1929. He survives. Mrs. Martin was a member of the East Peoria Church of God. Also surviving are one son, Jack, of Metamora; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Bissell of Melbourne, Florida; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was laid to rest at the Rushville Cemetery to await the Lord's call. Wally Winner, pastor.

COLLEGE TELEPHONE NUMBER

Beginning the end of July, the College faculty will be located in the newly remodeled Golden Rule Building. A new switchboard phone system is being installed in which all of the General Conference and Bible College offices, the library, and the cafeteria will be connected. The phone number for all of these locations will be 815-732-7991. There will be three phone lines for this number.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Theme: "Sharing God's Love
From the Foundation of Truth"**

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Thursday, August 7

8:45- 9:30 a.m. Grades 4-6, Michael Hoffman
Grades 7 and 8, Dick Alcumbrack
Grades 9 and up, Tom New

9:45-10:30 a.m. Grades 4-6, Ken Howe
Grades 7 and 8, James Hill
Grades 9 and up, Ray Hall

10:35 a.m. Sharing Sessions: "Problems of
Today's Youth," Joe James

Swim and Gym (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday)

2:00- 5:00 p.m.
8:30-10:30 p.m.

Evening Schedule (7th grade and up)

(Grades 4-6 Attend Junior Church)

Monday, 7:00 p.m. Rally

Rules and Orientation and Film, "The Secret
of Loving"

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Attend General Conference
Service

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Greg Demmitt, Music, and Steve Taylor,
youth speaker

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Attend General Conference
Service

Below is a proposed annual budget for the Church of God General Conference which will be discussed at the Conference Business Session on August 7, 1980, at Rockford College. This proposed budget calls for contributions of \$359,500, which is \$11,500 more than contributions needed in this current fiscal year. This is an increase of about 3.3 percent. The Administration and Board propose this budget as realistic and if the delegates choose to adopt it, we believe it is attainable with the Lord's help and the faithful support of the members of the Church of God.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE October 1, 1980, to September 30, 1981

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Tuition, Room and Board (OBC)	\$ 75,000
Gross Income from Sales	40,000
Total Anticipated Income	<u>\$115,000</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$211,800
Light & Fuel	19,400
Telephone	8,100
Insurance	17,400
Postage	13,200
Office Supplies	3,350
Advertising	900
Repairs & Maintenance	7,900
Travel	17,300
Towel & Laundry	300
Printing	31,000
Editorial	1,400
Assist. Miss. Pts.	5,000
Assist. Churches	8,000
Free Literature	25,000
Special Programs	1,200
Food	22,000
Supplies & Expense	10,700
Rock Valley Instruction	4,400
Social Security	13,000
Subscriptions & Dues	1,900
Professional Services	4,000
Auto Expense	2,000
Misc.	1,700
Foreign Exchange	1,400
Staff Training	2,400
Typesetting Expense	2,000
Special Missions	5,000
Mailing Supplies	1,000
Furniture & Equipment	10,750
Building Fund	3,000
Library Books	5,000
Vehicle Replacement	3,000
Purchase of Resale Items	<u>10,000</u>
Total Anticipated Expenses	<u>\$474,500</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED (Goals for Giving)	\$359,500

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 4-8—Church of God General Conference, Rockford College, Rockford, IL.
 August 13-17—Central High Plains Conference, Holbrook, NE, G. Gordon Landry, guest speaker.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Churches

Digby Church (Lighthouse), Sydney St and 3rd Av, Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada BOV 1A0
 Ralph Childs, Pastor, Bx 1023, Digby, NS, Canada BOV 1A0
 Mrs Rose Bent, Sec, RR 3, Digby, NS, Canada BOV 1A0
 Mrs Alice Small, Supt, Bx 573, Digby, NS, Canada BOV 1A0
 Eunice Pearson, Miss Chair, Bx 803, Digby, NS, Canada BOV 1A0

North Salem Church, 13263 4th Rd, Plymouth, IN 46563

Emory Macy, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 139, Plymouth 46563
 Mrs Judith Carlisle, Sec, 320 Weidner St, Argos 46501
 Dale Reaker, Supt, RR 1, Bx 39, Plymouth 46563

Pastors

Kirkpatrick, V E (Walcie), Rt 2, Bx 261, Eldorado, IL 62930

Patrick, Cecil A (Mary), 501 Sunset, Mt Morris, IL 61054 Ph 815-734-4705

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Eric Martin, Springhill, Nova Scotia; Linda Johnson, Browntown, VA; Tim Palmer, Glen Swanson, Diane Brown, Grand Rapids, MI; Ronald Downs, Mt. Sterling, IL.

STAN AND PEG ROSS DAY

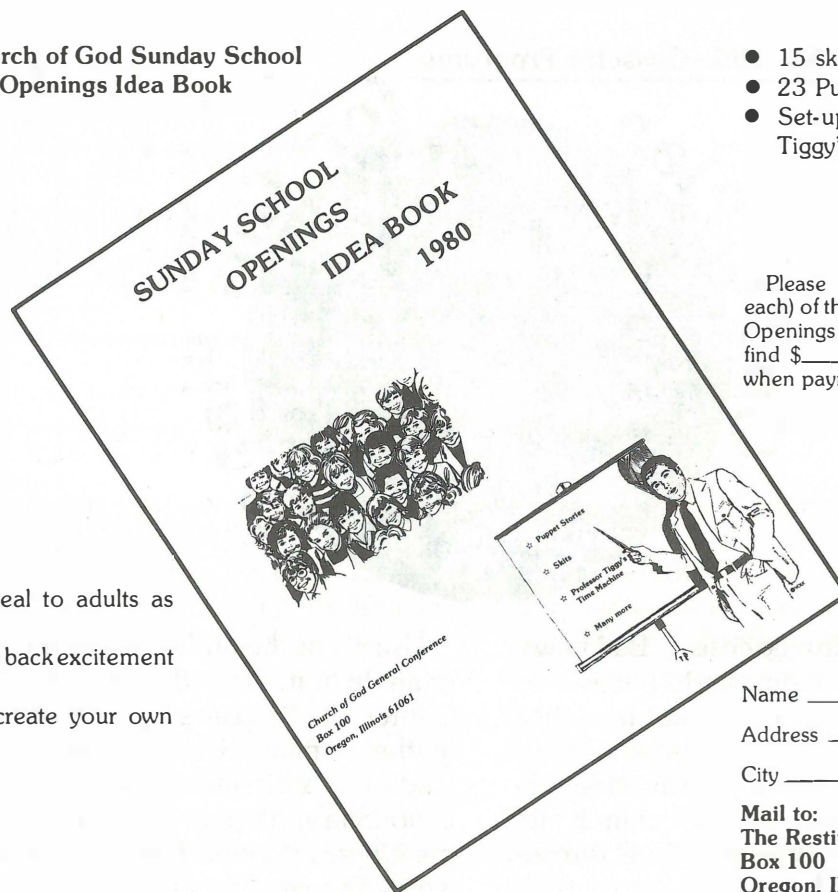
By official action of the Board of Directors, Thursday, August 7, has been designated at General Conference as Stan and Peg Ross Day. This special day will be in recognition of the many years of service which the Rosses have given to the work of the General Conference. A reception will be held in the dining room at Rockford College following the evening service. All members and friends of the Church of God are invited to this reception.

Contributors to the General Conference: May, 1980

Doris Reye	10.00	Mr & Mrs Jon Wessel	15.00	Mr & Mrs George Hoke	200.00	Dorothy Siple	25.00
Mr & Mrs Raymond Wemeke	175.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Hollenback	100.00	Mr & Mrs Ben Mattison	50.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	120.00
Kathy Anger	50.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Martin	64.00	Mr & Mrs Robert Potts	30.00	Mr & Mrs Jack Brown	10.00
Michigan St Conference	126.72	Kathleen Wilson	100.00	Stephen LaDew III	25.00	Frank A Perkins	30.00
Katherine Tackett	110.00	M A Patrick	50.00	Mr & Mrs Robert L Jones	65.00	Sara Beddow	150.00
LA Contributors	85.00	Mr & Mrs Stephen Weaver	70.00	In Memory of Russell Reye:		Mr & Mrs Gordon Landry	10.00
Pleasant Hill Church	202.70	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	10.00	Cindy Isenhoff	50.00	Mr Elmer McChesney	110.00
Royal Village Church	76.90	Mr & Mrs Oral Miller	50.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	214.30	Margaret Duval	200.00
Litchfield Church	162.53	Mr & Mrs John E Fauntleroy	120.00	North Hills Church	109.01	Clyde Long	35.00
Mr & Mrs Jess Williams	62.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Young	15.00	Morning Star Church	20.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00
Forest Hills Church	49.50	Mr & Mrs David Little	10.00	Mr & Mrs John Railton	20.00	Fremont SS	22.00
Mr & Mrs James O Scott Jr	20.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Miller	25.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Ramsey	40.00	Mr & Mrs Malcolm McLeod	50.00
Mr & Mrs Michael Rager	25.00	Jewel Holt	400.00	Mr & Mrs Dwight Cooper	50.00	Beulah Slater	20.00
Holbrook Church	259.98	Mr & Mrs John Carr	90.00	Mr & Mrs Dean Urish	311.25	Cool Spring SS	17.00
Anonymous	18.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	25.00	Mr & Mrs Warren Berthiaume	10.00	Anonymous	195.00
Brush Creek Church	406.14	Rita A Burner	10.00	Grace Blomquist	100.00	Maude Rife	50.00
Mr & Mrs David McClain	40.00	Oregon Mary & Martha	25.00	Anonymous	100.00	S Bend Hope Chapel	130.45
Mr & Mrs Les Emigh	47.25	Mr & Mrs Dan Lewis	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Cramer	20.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	175.00
Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Helen M Thompson	10.00	Oregon Church	398.82	Eunice Cleo Orr	25.00
Milo Magaw	210.00	Mr & Mrs L W Hoffman	50.00	Chorale Trip Offerings	2,384.02	Lorene Orr	25.00
Stephen Adams	200.00	Mr & Mrs John Anderson	200.00	Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	25.00	Mr & Mrs Keith Baird	75.00
Mr & Mrs Stanley Parks	31.00	Cool Spring Church	44.84	Mr & Mrs Isaac Chapman	10.00	Ellen E Toney	50.00
Flagg Center Church	86.75	Mr & Mrs Carroll Bennett	60.00	Clara Broberg	15.00	Mr & Mrs Rolla Hightower	50.00
Paul Hatch	16.12	Eunice C Keys	110.00	Fonthill SS	44.95	Helen M Lewis	10.00
Mr & Mrs Dwaine Demmitt	50.00	Anonymous—Rkfd	1.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Mr & Mrs Philip Leithliter	100.00
Mr & Mrs R Warren Sorenson	197.70	Mr & Mrs Ronald Johns	100.00	Mrs Frances Wood	300.00	Mr & Mrs J W Newton	3.00
Yvonne Reigelsperger	110.00	Mr & Mrs Ward Countryman	10.00	Pennellwood Church	169.65	Tamara E Vinson	5.00
S Bend Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	In Memory of Sonja Armes:		Mr & Mrs Roy Black	5.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	40.00
Julian Hazelwood	25.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	25.00	Mrs Chris Jensen	5.00	Ruth Reid	35.00
Donna Miller	40.00	Mr & Mrs Jacob DeJong	10.00	Blessed Hope Church	224.45	Juanita English	10.00
Mr & Mrs Gerald K Niles	500.00	Lyle D Lewis Family	100.00	Betty Ackels	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harry Goekler	35.00
Mr & Mrs Larry Zobrist	20.00	Thelma Moore	100.00	Mr & Mrs Earl Warmolts	100.00	Faye Graf	10.00
Eternal Hope Church	120.94	Mr & Mrs Charles G Jones	75.00	Ida Lapp	5.00	Anonymous	100.00
Brush Creek Miss Soc	60.00	Mr & Mrs John Coverstone	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Shotwell	65.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	70.00
St Louis Church	33.52	Luella Stewart	5.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	200.00	Mr & Mrs E A Frederick	100.00
Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00	Anonymous	102.40	Mr & Mrs Roy Jenkins	10.00	Mr & Mrs George DeForest	50.00
Mr & Mrs Arthur Zobrist	10.00	Cora Munshaw	25.00	Macomb Church	206.34	Mellie Butler	10.00
Garden Park Church	249.41	Mr & Mrs Wayne Thompson	100.00	Frank Roper	130.00	Via Raymond	10.00
Patrick Landry	300.00	Mr & Mrs Preston M Landry	365.00	Esther Sprinkle	20.00	Mr & Mrs Donald McCombs	10.00
Mr & Mrs Orvis Messersmith	5.00	Blanche Harland	50.00	Anonymous	50.00	David Onderdonk	50.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	75.00	Anonymous—In Memory of		Jaynes St SS	54.96	Carol Sigler	10.00
Northeast Conference	265.00	Etta & Hazel Mattison	10.00	Mae George	20.00	Mrs Frank Heaton	10.00
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	25.00	Mr & Mrs Wm McLaughlin	250.00	Macomb SS	22.58	Vivian Magaw	10.00
Anonymous	100.00	IL State Conference	330.00	Bonnie Fisher	10.00	Iris M Kirkley	10.00
Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Cecil Smead	55.00	Mr & Mrs Walter Spangler	100.00	Fonthill Church	368.97
Edith Eades	22.00	Clara Roach	25.00	Phoenix Church	366.00	Gordon Roach	25.00
Mr & Mrs D D Lawrence	10.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Astolfi	10.00	Anonymous	154.20	Verne Learned	100.00
Raymore Church	88.38	New Hope Church	100.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	65.00	California Member	200.00
Frances Stadden	10.00	Mary Krogh	40.00	Inez Gordon	20.00	Mr & Mrs Victor Ralston	10.00
Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	E Fletcher	5.37	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00	Mr & Mrs Ralph Lutton	50.00
Lakeshore Bible Church	488.10	Anonymous	60.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Wagner	20.00	O A Westlund	25.00
Steven B Spangler	25.00	Mr & Mrs Ernest Ransom	130.00	Leona Conrad	25.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Blomker	25.00
Mr & Mrs T E Martin	250.00	Frances Boyle	100.00	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	15.00	Lulu & Irma Metzger	10.00
Mr & Mrs William D Lawrence	151.67	Oregon SS	335.33	Mrs Dorothy Napper	10.00	C David Martin	50.00
Happy Woods Church	75.26	Bedford Church	116.49	Mr & Mrs D C Dovenbarger	140.00	Jean E O'Donnell	10.00
Blanchard Church	404.38	Mr & Mrs Stephen Zimbelman	12.50	Mildred Somers	35.00	Randy Ralston	10.00
Hugh Welsh	25.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald McCauley	5.00	Fredericktown Church	68.81	Mary Hatten	5.00
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Anonymous	65.00	Mr & Mrs Steve Ocheltree	10.00	Burr Oak Church	30.00	MN State Miss Soc	186.64
Mr & Mrs Curtis Masters	35.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Fisk	25.00	Bess Kasper	60.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	120.00
Lakeshore Christian		Mr & Mrs Wayne Lansing	10.00	Jennifer Sheeley	17.50	Anonymous	490.00
Ladies League	40.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	68.00	Eden Valley Church	256.30	Cleveland Jr Bereans	5.00
Mr & Mrs Wm C Poland	60.00	Wilma Jean Carlson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Richard Eldred	216.00	Everett Rogers	50.00
Daniel L Shaw	7.00	Mr & Mrs Gordon Hess	100.00	Anonymous	25.00	Raymond & Hazel Adams	10.00
Mr & Mrs Z B Duncan	20.00	Brush Creek SS	119.74	Arnet Gutshall	4.00	Hazel M Christensen	20.00
Mr & Mrs Wilber Coulter	25.00	Jay St Church	67.57	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	15.00
Alice Marshall	12.00	Mrs Terry Smith	5.00	Pennellwood Miss Dept	134.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Moore	25.00

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Q: People in church growth say that 75 percent to 90 percent of all those now active in a local church are there because of a friend or relative. What can our church do to build on this insight?

A: Here are seven strategies for using the natural "webs of contacts" people have for growth.

1. *Design a growth strategy around webs.* Webs are social ties between people (common kinship, common community, and common interests). When a new person comes into the church, he is not only added to the roll, but brings a new untapped web of friends and family outside the church. Churches grow when leaders emphasize reaching people in such webs.

2. *Identify unreached people within the webs of present members.* Research has shown that, on the average, each member has approximately eight personal contacts with unchurched people. Prospective new members should be identified primarily from these webs. Strategy should be developed to introduce these prospects to the church and show how Christ and the Body can have a positive value in their lives.

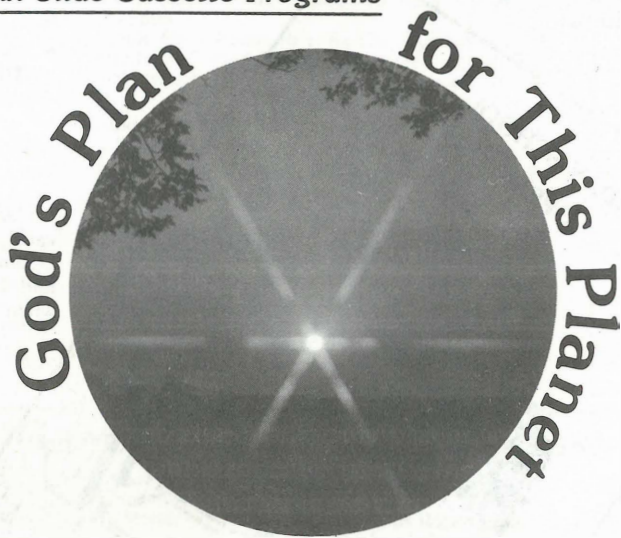
3. *Disciple to the fringes.* Suppose Mary Smith just became a new member of your church. If Mary had at least eight friends and associates in her web, and during the following year was instrumental in seeing three of these people come to Christ and the church, the new prospect list would increase from Mary's contacts to include the eight contacts in each of the three other webs—24 new prospects. The principle of "discipling to the fringes" directs attention not only to Mary's web of eight people, but immediately enlarges to include the webs of these new people.

4. *Utilize new converts.* New converts open doors for outreach often denied to established members through their many contacts and friends outside the church. As time passes Christians tend to maintain fewer and fewer such contacts as they grow more comfortable with Christian friends. Many growing churches have learned to effectively train new Christians and encourage them to share their new faith with their friends.

5. *Win family units.* Why? First a natural bridge exists to those outside Christ and the church through Christian family members. Second, if the entire family is not won the danger of attrition increases tremendously for the lone Christian. Third, when all the family is in Christ and the church, there is a support system in the home that provides encouragement, unity, identity, and Christian growth. Applying this strategy is easy. Identify children, youth, and adults who presently attend alone. Then analyze each in relation to his family concerns, background, receptivity, and location, and develop a strategy that meets those needs and criteria.

6. *Build new webs.* Remember that when left to natural patterns, the long-term Christian will have fewer and fewer contacts with non-Christians. A deliberate strategy must therefore be built through the church to create new webs and build new contacts.

7. *Pray for unreached webs.* There is power in specific prayer. Pray sincerely, fervently, specifically to God for individuals outside Christ and the church. Pray for people—by name—who are in your webs of influence. Pray that they might be reached and disciplined into the Body of Christ. Church growth happens when prayer is specific, both for people and for growth.



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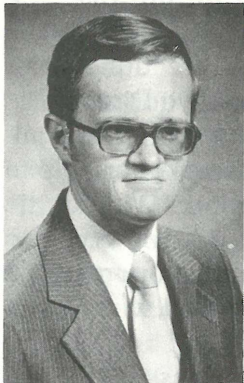
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Executive Director

Effective September 1, 1980, Brother David Krogh assumed the position of Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference. He succeeds Brother S. O. Ross who is retiring after serving in this position for the past 12 years.

As a member of the General Conference staff for the past eight years, Bro. Krogh has served as Office Manager, Director of the Sunday School Department, Interim Editor of Publications, and Acting President of Oregon Bible College. David is a 1968 graduate of Oregon Bible College and a 1972 graduate of Davenport College of Business. Before joining the Conference staff in 1972, he served as pastor of the Garden Park Church of God in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

David is married to the former Lynne Knapp and they have two children, Peter and Carrie.

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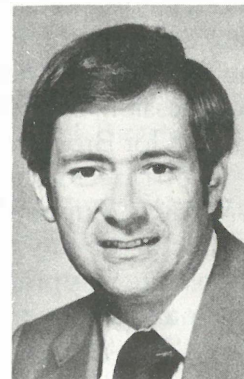
President of Oregon Bible College

Dr. Charles Pryor began serving as President of Oregon Bible College the end of July. Brother Pryor and his family moved to Oregon from Monroe, Louisiana, July 19.

Brother Pryor received his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio; his Master of Science in Education degree in Guidance and Counseling, and his Doctor of Education degree from Northern Illinois University. He served as a member of the Oregon Bible College Board of Education for eight years, and he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the College at the time of his appointment to the Presidency.

Charles is married to the former Lois Stadden and they have three children: Elizabeth, Brian, and Todd.

Brothers Krogh and Pryor will be working together closely as they direct the unified work of the Conference and College.



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Additional Changes

Brother Warren Sorenson who was appointed to the position of Director of the Outreach and Church Development Department September 1, 1979, moved to Oregon in June to assume full-time direction of this Department. During the past nine months he and his wife Irene have been living in Pasadena, California, where they have furthered their education in the area of church ministries.

As a part of his duties, Warren will be assuming responsibility for our Foreign Mission work which has been under the direction of Rachel Carr for the past 11 years. Our thanks are extended to Rachel for her dedicated service to the Lord and the Conference.

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Sister Donna Kirkpatrick was employed as Mailing Clerk in July, replacing Betty Hall who has served in this capacity for the past four years. Betty will be serving as an assistant in the Food Service Department of the College during the coming year.

Donna is the daughter of Bro. and Sr. Vivian Kirkpatrick. She will serve under the supervision of Brother David McClain, Director of the Business Administration Department.

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We solicit your prayers on behalf of these new staff members, as well as for all those who serve on the General Conference and Oregon Bible College staffs.

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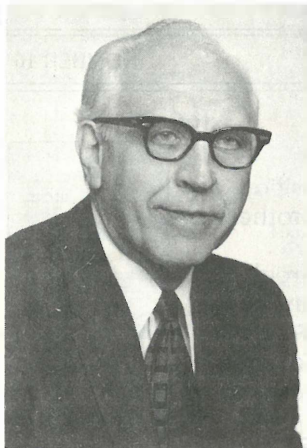
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General Conference Progress

David Krogh, Executive Director



Stan and Peg Ross Day



Thursday, August 7, was designated Stan and Peg Ross Day at the General Conference held at Rockford College. This special day was set aside to recognize the many years of service which the Rosses have given to the work of the General Conference. During the Thursday business session, a motion was passed expressing appreciation for Bro. Ross's 11 years of service on the Board of Directors and his 19 years of service as Office Manager, Superintendent of Missions, and Executive Director of the Conference. At the evening service a plaque was presented to Bro. Ross, signed by Harold Doan, Chairman of the Board of Directors, which says, "This plaque is hereby presented to S. O. Ross by the members of the Church of God, with great love and deep appreciation for 30 years of dedicated service to the Church of God General Conference." Following the evening service a reception was held, at which time watches and an illuminated globe on an early American stand were presented to the Rosses.

The Board of Directors, the staff, and the membership as a whole owe a great debt of gratitude to Bro. Ross for his faithful and dedicated service to the Lord and the General Conference. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Stan and Peg as they move to Litchfield, Minnesota, where they will continue to serve the Lord by pastoring the Litchfield Church of God.

Transition

During the past 6 weeks, responsibilities and leadership have changed hands at the General Conference and Oregon Bible College, and the work is progressing smoothly. It has been my pleasure to welcome Dr. Charles Pryor to the College, and to turn over the duties of the Presidency to him. Bro. S. O. Ross has very thoroughly prepared me for the duties and responsibilities of the office of Executive Director.

As I assume my new position I do so in full recognition of the need for the Lord's help and your help in carrying on the work of the Conference. Without the Lord's direction and power, our work will come to nothing, and without the support and cooperation of the membership of the Church of God, we cannot achieve our goals.

The purpose of our Conference is to assist member churches and individual members of the Church of God to preach the gospel in all the world and to bring all members to spiritual maturity. It is my desire to do everything within my power to achieve this purpose. I appreciate the dedicated staff which will work with me, and together we stand ready to help you and your congregation to be what God wants you to be, and to do what God wants you to do.

I solicit your prayers for all the members of our staff, and we will welcome your comments and suggestions regarding our activities.

1980 General Conference

The 60th Annual Church of God General Conference was held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 4-8. The Conference theme, "Sharing God's Love From the Foundation of Truth," was impressively emphasized and developed by the sermons, sharing sessions, and classes. Nearly 600 persons were present for one or more sessions during the Conference. There were 160 voting delegates compared to 162 at the 1979 Conference.

The new Board members elected were: Maurice Robinson, Jr. from the Happy Woods Church in Hammond, LA; Joe James from the Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer, SC; and Pastor John Hearp from the Glad Tidings Church in Fonthill, Ontario. The first two

were elected to four-year terms, and the third was elected to a two-year term.

Carroll Bennett and Pastor Don Needham completed their terms of office on the Board, and Dr. Charles Pryor, who has assumed the Presidency of Oregon Bible College, was Constitutionally precluded from remaining on the Board. Our thanks are extended to these men who have faithfully served on the Board.

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; Joe James, Treasurer; and James Graham, John Hearp, and Maurice Robinson, Jr., Directors.

In addition to the special recognition given to Bro. S. O. Ross for his years of service for the Conference, the delegates expressed appreciation to Rachel Carr who has served as an employee of the General Conference for 18½ years. As a part of the reorganization of the Conference, her position has been terminated.

The new Church of God hymnals entitled "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs" were introduced and used during the Conference sessions. The members of the Hymnal Committee—Stephen Bolhous, David Krogh, Louise Lapp, Dale Ramsey, and Beth Vancil—were given a rising vote of thanks by the delegates for their five years of service on this project.

Recommendation #1 regarding increasing contributions to the Mission Builders League from \$10 to \$20 per appeal (limit two per year) was approved by the delegates. This increase will take effect with the fall appeal which will be mailed out in November.

Since no church has applied for the funds from the fall Mission Builders Appeal, the Board of Directors has designated the General Conference as the recipient of this appeal. The funds will be used to make energy conservation improvements to the General Conference administration building. More details regarding these improvements will be given when the appeal is mailed.

In an impressive service, three ministers were ordained Wednesday evening during Conference. They are: Sydney Kirkpatrick, Stanley Lawrence, and Gary Smith. Our prayers are with these dedicated men as they continue to serve the Lord and lead their congregations.

The delegates approved a budget that will require \$359,500 in contributions during the next fiscal year which begins October 1. This is an increase of about 3.3 percent over this year's Goal for Giving.

The minutes of the 1980 General Conference and the 1980-81 Budget will be published in the October issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL.

The 1981 General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 3-7.

SEPTEMBER, 1980

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the General Conference met each day during the Conference at Rockford College. The Board accepted the resignation of Bro. Clyde Randall as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association after having served since the organization of the Association 12 years ago. The Board appointed Bro. S. O. Ross to succeed Bro. Randall as chairman of the Association.

The Board set the date of the Dedication of the newly remodeled Golden Rule Building for November 16 at 2:30 p.m. More information will be provided regarding this special occasion in the October JOURNAL.

The Board will have its next regular meeting on November 14 and 15, just prior to the Dedication of the Golden Rule Building. Any items of business that should be brought to the attention of the Board should be presented to the Executive Director or one of the Board Members prior to that date.

Retirement Association Biannual Meeting

The biannual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association was held on Tuesday evening, August 5, at Rockford College. A financial report showing assets of \$167,000 was presented. Bro. Clyde Randall, chairman of the Association, announced his resignation and then turned the remainder of the meeting over to Bro. S. O. Ross, who has been appointed by the Board of Directors to the position of chairman. A rising vote of thanks was given to Bro. Randall for his untiring efforts in getting the Association established and in serving as chairman for 12 years.

Conference Finances

As this report is written in early August, contributions are short of the two-month needs. However, I am delighted to inform you that we have paid off a \$3,000 operating loan which had been secured several months ago. We have been able to keep our spending below the projected expenditures, and I have every reason to believe that we will conclude this fiscal year on September 30 in the black.

I would like to thank all of you who have so generously given to maintain our work during these summer months.

GOAL FOR GIVING

October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

\$348,000.00

Goal for June 15 - August 14	\$83,179.00
Given June 15 - August 14	48,235.00
Deficit for the two months	34,944.00
Needs for August 15 - September 14	29,000.00
Goal for Aug. 15 - Sept. 14	\$63,944.00

Outreach and Church

Vacation Bible School in India

By Steve Grant

Take about 40 children, three adults, Bibles, song-books, a portable organ, a tambourine, and a drum. Put them all on a 10' x 12' patio on a warm May day and you have the ingredients for our Indian VBS.

There were no ferris wheels, parades, cotton candy, or crafts. But our day was filled with singing, Bible stories, and Scripture memory verses.

How can you visualize the true feeling of our VBS from these pictures? You just can't. Imagine yourself in a small room, heat it up to about 90° and fill it with 40 clapping children, drums, tambourines, and the joy of the Lord—now you're getting close!

First we start with prayer and songs.



Next comes a prayer from our Pastor Noel, followed by a Bible story from the white man.



There is more singing and then we recite our memory verses which we learned the week before. After our morning work-out comes the favorite part: "our lunch!"



There's nothing like rice and curry on a leaf. Why, it's "finger lickin' good!"

In the afternoon we played a game and learned some new songs from Mrs. Noel.

And so ended our one-day VBS. We hope yours was as good as ours. From all of us, to all of you, Praise the Lord!

The Local Church Is Important

On July 10, 11 Church of God people traveled to Claremont, CA, for a missionary conference with an emphasis on Missions and the Church in the 80's. The conference was sponsored by A.C.M.C., which stands for Association of Church Missions Committees. This organization was created in 1974 as a fellowship of local churches endeavoring to help each other fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord.

In fact, their motto is "churches helping churches in missions," and they foster this idea by sponsoring conferences for the missions leadership of the local church and by producing needed, practical, lay-oriented resource materials.

Most churches become A.C.M.C. members because they sense their need for practical help with specific missions-related questions, and they know A.C.M.C. can assist them. Some churches join for an additional reason: they want to help other churches become vitally involved in missions.

Development News

The ACMC sees the importance of the local church in fulfilling the Great Commission. There are many missions agencies which send out missionaries, including our own Church of God General Conference. But all of these sending organizations have something in common. They all need missionaries to send and they all need money to send them.

Where do the missionaries and the money come from? THE LOCAL CHURCH. Those who go out as missionaries were first raised up in a *local church*. The Christians in the *local church* are the ones who provide the financial and the prayer support for those missionaries.

It is true that in recent years a great deal of mission work has been done. Christianity is growing by leaps and bounds in the African and South American countries. Some of the churches in these countries are sending out missionaries, which is as it should be.

But there is still so much to be done. The challenge before us is tremendous! It is estimated that there are over 3,000 distinct people groups that are still unreached with the Good News.

Perhaps you are wondering, "What can I do about this?" I can offer several suggestions to you. First, pray for the Lord to raise up more missionaries from the Church of God. Start now to put aside some money to be used for the training and sending of the missionaries. Become informed about missions. The Missions Department has books to loan you that will help you learn. Write a letter to Steve Grant who is presently receiving missionary training. (Write c/o Pastor M. R. Noel, 42/1 Serpentine St., Richmond Town, Bangalore 560025, S. India—before October 10.) Talk to your church leaders about using the General Conference materials to emphasize Missions Month (November).

Praise for African Expansion

We praise the Lord for providing Pastor Oliver Amani in Ghana an opportunity to preach the Word in a neighboring country. A group of young men from the Republic of Togo, which lies to the east of Ghana, met Pastor Amani last fall and invited him to their country to teach the truths of God's Word. As a result of Bro. Amani's missionary journey to Togo in January, a house-church was established with 14 baptized members (11 men and 3 women). Pray for this new group and its growth in Christ.



International Berean Youth Conference

I am happy to report how richly God blessed our 1980 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 high school camp under the direction of Bro. Jim Graham had a total enrollment of 185. The post-high camp under the direction of Bro. Don Needham had a total enrollment of 78, plus a lot of interest in spiritual matters.

It should also be noted that the Lord was truly glorified in the giving at this year's conference. Our young people contributed over \$2,000 during the week toward the work of the Berean Youth Department. As God blesses in the lives of youth, they respond with a commitment to giving.

The spiritual atmosphere of this year's camp was something to behold. This was borne out when over 20 young people came forward, committing their lives to Jesus Christ and requesting baptism.

Our theme, "Watch, I Am Coming—Jesus" provoked many fine discussions concerning the signs of his soon return. Several decisions for Christ came as a result of the theme.

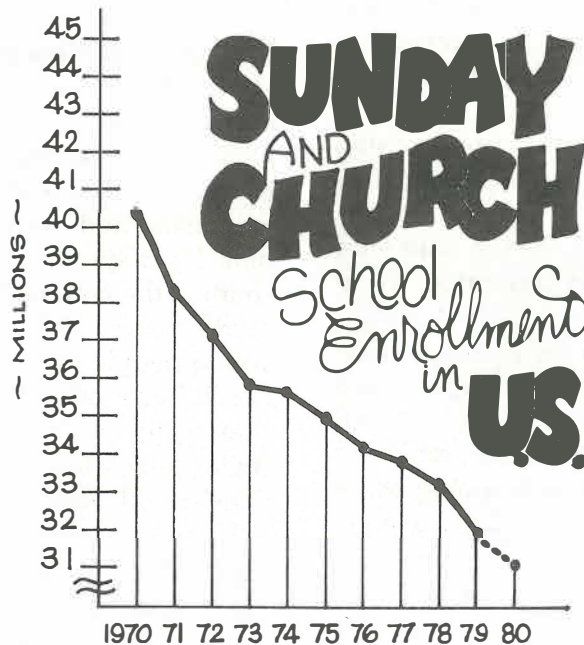
This was one of the best camps that I have had the pleasure of working in and certainly one that I will remember fondly.

Newly Elected Youth Conference President

Congratulations to Lori Demmitt of Phoenix, AZ, for having been elected to serve as President of the International Berean Youth Fellowship for the next two years. Lori is a fine young woman who will provide able leadership for the Berean Youth Fellowship.

What's Ahead for the Sunday School?

by David Krogh



On October 5, 1980, the Sunday School will observe its 200th birthday. Though the Sunday School movement started out under very humble circumstances in England in 1780, over the years it has grown and spread to every continent.

In the United States, Sunday Schools became a regular part of religious life beginning in the middle eighteenth century, and by the mid-nineteenth century they were enrolling record numbers of pupils. In fact the first 60 years of the 20th century became known as "The Golden Age of American Sunday Schools."

However, since 1970 total Sunday School enrollment in the United States has taken a deep plunge. It has declined from 40,508,568 in 1970 to 32,607,421 in 1979—a 24% decadal decline!

The decline in Sunday School attendance is also reflected in the shrinking number of Americans being exposed to Christian education. In 1952, 6% of those surveyed had received no religious training as a child. In 1965 that percentage had grown to 9%. In 1978, 17% indicated that they had received no religious training.

Though national trends have been down, many Church of God Sunday Schools have remained on a plateau for the past 14 years. Total attendance figures in the fall of 1979 are at nearly the same place as they were when figures were first collected in 1966. During the 14 years, there have been slight increases and decreases from year to year.

What's ahead for the Sunday School? And especially, what's ahead for the Church of God Sunday Schools? Though I have no crystal ball to see into the future, I do have access to some research on why some Sunday Schools are growing while others are declining.

It seems that the major difference between schools is based upon purpose. The "purpose for being" is nearly always different in declining Sunday Schools than in growing ones.

Inward-Focused Sunday Schools

Dr. Win Arn, in a book that is soon to be released ("How to Grow a Sunday School") says, "The reason for being in most declining Sunday Schools is exclusively for ministry to existing Christians, and nurture to members of existing churches. While a con-

cern for the spiritual health, the personal growth, and the social fellowship of Christians within existing Sunday Schools is necessary, in declining Sunday Schools these concerns have become the entire pre-occupation of the classes and curriculum.

"What happens when the priority of Christian education focuses exclusively on nurture of existing Christians? People are urged to participate in the Sunday School because it will help *them*. The church is thought of as a refuge for intimate fellowship with other believers; a personal and spiritual center where believers are nurtured to spiritual maturity. . . . In inward-focused Sunday Schools, growth, by reaching out to unchurched people in the community, is assumed to be an automatic by-product of Christian nurture. . . . Such self-centered education does not motivate people toward involvement in the church's mission of growth and outreach. On the contrary, education that concerns itself with only the spiritual nourishment of its own members contributes significantly to a 'self-service mentality' that effectively seals off the Sunday School from the outside world.

"In most declining Sunday Schools the programs, curricula, activities, and training do not reflect the priority of outreach required by Christ."

Outward-Focused Sunday Schools

On the other hand, growing Sunday Schools believe that their primary purpose is to obey the Great Commission and they place emphasis upon training and equipping the laity for ministry to the world. Such schools do not minimize spiritual growth and nurture of existing Christians. But instead of making this the end in itself, they look at it as a means to the end of reaching the lost.

Dr. Arn says, "Outward-focused Sunday Schools . . . see evangelism and education as two sides of the same coin; two tasks to achieve one goal. Carrying out Christ's commission—to reach and disciple lost people—is the motivation for education in most growing Sunday Schools."

How to Grow a Sunday School

Win Arn continues, "It would be a mistake to conclude that in order to turn a Sunday School around from decline to growth, a concern for spiritual nurture and personal growth must be abandoned in pursuit of a 'mission emphasis.'"

"Christ did not abandon his disciples after they

decided to follow him. He spent much time and effort teaching them and encouraging them in their new life. The spiritual growth and maturity of Christ's disciples was essential for him to carry out his goal.

"Yet Christ's goal was not to develop a 'class' of spiritual giants. The training and teaching of his disciples was a means to an end—preparing them to be effective in reaching and winning others.

The Future

"Church and Sunday School leaders, for the most part, continue to have a strong commitment to the Sunday School. And well they should have. The Sunday School provides many unique contributions to the life of the local church that are essential for growth:

1) The Sunday School is a great source of evangelistic outreach to friends and relatives of existing members.

2) The Sunday School provides the opportunity for establishing and developing personal relationships, which, in turn, greatly support the incorporation of new members into the life of the church.

3) The Sunday School provides a unique opportunity to teach Bible knowledge and to study the implications of the Christian life in today's world.

4) The Sunday School is a natural structure to create new classes which appeal to a wide spectrum of new people.

5) The Sunday School provides a system for the church to minister to the entire family and to include every age group in this ministry.

And, 6) the Sunday School is the most natural organization within the church for training and equipping large numbers of laity for the work to which Christ has called his Church."

I believe the time has come for the Church of God to take a new look at its Sunday Schools. We need to make certain that we have an outward focus with a proper emphasis on both evangelism and education. If we will clarify and carry out our purpose for being, I am confident God will bless us and we will see growth taking place in all of our Sunday Schools.

The statistics cited earlier indicate that only one in every seven Americans is enrolled in a Sunday School. It seems obvious that there is great potential for expanding our schools. And I am optimistic that all of you will join me in helping to build our Sunday Schools for God's glory and honor and for the salvation of the lost.



OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

Charles Pryor, President

Greetings from the President

My family and I arrived in Oregon, Illinois, in mid-July and I began work in the office as soon as our Ryder truck was unloaded. The very first day on the job began with a memo which included a July 29 deadline for preparing copy for this page. In his very deliberate manner, Editor Magaw requested 92 lines of 55 characters per line.

Since I accepted this position seven months ago I have developed a new respect for Jonah as he challenged God's request to go to Ninevah. In January we said, "Yes, we will accept the challenge of leadership at Oregon Bible College." As Louisiana burst into the full rich colors of spring in late February and as my employer began to point out the advantages and continuing growth opportunities at Northeast Louisiana University, I frequently entertained the possibility of diverting my course back up a Louisiana Bayou rather than continuing on the course toward Oregon Bible College. I thank God we were able to stay on course and did not require an encounter with Jonah's big fish nor a bayou 'gator.

Looking ahead, I see challenges and opportunities for service to God and to people through Oregon Bible College. As the details of opening our forty-second school year begin to settle behind us I am working on what I believe to be vital areas in the development of the College's outreach and service to the Church of God.

Among the areas currently under consideration is more opportunity for freshman and sophomore students to attend OBC as a part of their career development. Currently, up to 24 fully transferable general education credits may be earned during a two-year period. Those credits, combined with 24 credits in Bible courses and 12 credits in leadership courses, constitute one example of the programs of study leading to the two-year church leadership diploma.

The Oregon Bible College page will continue as a vehicle for this office to keep you up-to-date on college events, plans, and needs. I will also answer questions from readers as a part of the OBC page. If you have a question regarding the college, please write to me. Each month I will select at least one question of general interest to our readers and include a response on this page. I will respond to all readers' questions regarding OBC via letter.

Please continue to pray regularly on behalf of Oregon Bible College and for God to direct my work as President of your College.

Fall Semester

August 22, 1980, was the official opening date for the current Oregon Bible College year. The coming of the new school year found a new administration and new students joining our returning students and faculty in the fully renovated Golden Rule Building. So much newness on campus has sparked a spirit of anticipation and excitement among students, faculty, and the Oregon community.

Centralized Campus

Renovation of the Golden Rule Building has centralized campus activity. The building is located between the residence halls providing all-weather access to classrooms, library, faculty offices, food service, and administrative offices. Laboratory facilities are included in the new center, providing additional opportunity to develop skills in communications, especially in the vital areas of preaching, teaching, and public speaking. A utility building with space for buildings and grounds workshop, equipment, and vehicle storage was also erected on the central campus during the past summer. Dedication of the new buildings has been scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 1980. The date corresponds with the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Oregon Bible College Boosters Campaign \$5,300 Thank You for your Continuing EXTRA SUPPORT!

Junior-Senior Weekends

Two Junior-Senior Weekends will be held this year. The first will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 9, 10, and 11. The spring weekend will be April 9, 10, and 11. High school juniors and seniors are encouraged 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 information and to make arrangements to attend a Junior-Senior Weekend, contact your local pastor or youth leader.

Paid in Full

The women's dormitory indebtedness has been paid in full. The final amount of \$5,000, owed to the Morse Mill, Missouri, Church was canceled by the lender giving Oregon Bible College clear title to the building.

One Year ago this page reported loan balances totaling \$18,000. During the year you have responded generously and those loans have been retired. Thank you sincerely for continuing to support your college's development.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BAPTISMS

Oregon, IL. Jacquelyn Hose responded to the Lord's invitation and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins July 27, 1980. We praise God for her confession of faith. She and her husband Daniel are now united in the Lord, and we trust that God will bless their lives together.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Browntown, VA. On July 20, 1980, it was the writer's joy to immerse into the body of Christ Ruth Foster, Mary Riley, Lori Smedley, R. J. Cooper, and Walter Henson. This sacred rite was administered before a large group of Christian friends and family in a flowing stream in Browntown, Virginia. We pray God's blessings to be with these who have chosen to walk with Christ at the Cool Spring Church of God.

Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

Springfield, OH. Denise Lawhorn and Jayne Overholser responded to the invitation to put on Christ at the close of the morning worship services on July 27, 1980, and were buried in the waters of baptism that same evening. We at the Lawrenceville Church of God rejoice in their decisions and pray that God will continue to guide them as they grow in knowledge of his Word. We welcome them into the membership and fellowship in the body of Christ.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Pleasant Hill, OH. On July 27, 1980, at the close of the worship service five people responded to the invitation to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. They were baptized immediately after services at the Curtis Vance Creek. Pleasant Hill had a joint baptism with Brush Creek. Pastor Richard Worley of Brush Creek baptized five. The five baptized by Pastor Fred Pensyl from Pleasant Hill were: Daniel Stine, David Mullins, Jodi Satterfield, and Charles & Grace Hollopeter. We rejoice greatly at seeing all of these accept Jesus Christ. We pray that God will richly bless them in their new walk of life in Christ.

Fred Pensyl, pastor.

McGintytown, AR. Spiritual excitement reigns at McGintytown Church of God with the addition of two new members to our church family. On August 3, 1980, John and Janet Goodrich came forward and were welcomed into our body by the right hand of fellowship and the laying on

CONSTRUCTION BEGUN

Steps toward having a church home are being taken in Belle Plaine, IA, at the corner of 10th St. and 2nd Ave., by the Restitution Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Meetings have been held nearly four years in the town's community center. Services should, Lord willing, be held in the basement portion by the end of this summer. Your prayers for this work are coveted.

Darrell and Delbert Rankin,
co-pastors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 19—Dedication of Blood River Church, Springfield, LA, S. O. Ross, Dedication speaker.

October 19-24—Special meetings at Blood River Church, LA. Speaker, S. O. Ross.

COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Leona Barton, Rochelle, IL; Cathy Beehler, Kokomo, IN.

of hands by our elders. They had been immersed into the body of Christ earlier. May God bless them in our body.

Thomas New, pastor.

Raymore, MO. The Raymore Church of God has been lifted up by the expressions of faith of several people. We bless God and his Son for the glorious gospel and those who are sharing in it. The following were baptized: Brian Atra, student at Oregon Bible College and active in the ministry in that area, on December 24, 1979; Allen Wieman, a young man from Lawrence, KS, and acquaintance of Brian, January 8, 1980; Joey Richardson, from Grandview, MO, April 13, 1980; Bob McCarty, Belton, MO, April 20, 1980; Paul McCarty, son of Bob, July 4, 1980, at Missouri Youth Camp; Michael Koder, of Raymore, July 4, 1980, at Youth Camp; and Sean McKinney, of Lawrence, KS, also at the Youth Camp, July 4, 1980. We praise God for these new brothers in Christ. May God bless them and us in our fellowship together.

Don Ward and Cecil Smead, pastors.

Oregon, IL. Dale Harrolle was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins at the evening service June 29, 1980. God be praised! Our congregation continues to work and pray toward reaching the goal adopted by the congregation of reaching 10 percent increase this year in active members and in attendance at all services. God is so good to us.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Arlington, TX. On June 1, 1980, family and friends were given cause to rejoice as Mike Furlich accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Mike, in response to his confession of faith in Christ, was baptized by the writer. Mike was raised in a Christian home and we pray for God's continued blessings upon him as he meets the challenges of life.

Scott Millard.

Springfield, OH. At the close of services on June 8, 1980, Tom and Eileen Hall responded to the invitation to put on Christ as their Savior and were baptized the following Sunday, June 15th, at the close of the morning worship service. We of the Lawrenceville Church of God rejoice with the Halls in their decision and pray that God will direct them as they begin their Christian walk. They received the right hand of fellowship into the Lawrenceville Church on July 13th.

James D. Ritch, pastor.

Kokomo, IN. The Jay Street Church of God rejoices and welcomes into the body of Christ Charles and Cathy Beehler. They put Jesus on as Savior in the waters of baptism on Sunday, July 13, 1980, at the conclusion of the morning worship service. They are a fine young couple with two small children and we pray God's blessing upon the entire family as they dedicate their lives to God.

John A. Railton, pastor.

Francis, OK. Pastor Z. B. Duncan served as guest speaker at the Advent Christian Youth Camp and Conference at Camp Shockley near Francis, OK, during the week of June 22-29, 1980. Many were filled with the Spirit and many young men dedicated their lives to the preaching of the Gospel. Six young people in the very early part of adulthood accepted Christ and were baptized. They are: Weldon Ford, Bristow, OK; Rod Venner, Southlake, TX; Kelly Boyd, Bristow; Brenda Grummert and Leah Kepner, Sand Springs, OK; and Charles Shockley, Roanoke, VA. May God be praised for this ministry.

Pastor Z. B. Duncan.

Lenoir, NC. The congregation of the Resurrection Hope rejoiced greatly as the following were baptized into Jesus Christ on June 11, 1980: Rusty Smith, John Smith, Esther Price, David Phillips, and Mrs. Paula Mikeal. These were baptized by Pastor Duncan. In the same service James Minton, Pastor of the Piney House of Prayer of Abrahamic Faith, baptized his son Matthew into Christ. Following the baptismal service Mr. Warren Mikeal, Miss Melisa Minton, Mr. James Minton, and Mrs. Gloria Watson were received by letter into the church. All the youth have attended the Church of Resurrection Hope or the Piney Church. Mrs. Mikeal has been a Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church for years and is a very talented person. Her marriage to Warren Mikeal who has attended our church for several years has given her the truth we love so much. Mrs. Watson had been a former member and returns to us again. We welcome all of these into the body of our Lord.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

Eden Valley, MN. The Church of God at Eden Valley welcomes Nancy Kirkpatrick and Jennifer Meyer into the body of Christ and introduces them to the Church of God at large. These two accepted Christ and were baptized at camp in July, 1980. May God bless them in their new life in Christ.

Mrs. Russel Parks, reporter.

Omaha, NE. On July 20, 1980, Lee and Jan Arp were baptized at the Jaynes Street Community Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska. We welcome them into the fellowship of our church and pray God's richest blessings upon them as they "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).

Scott Ross, pastor.

Herndon, VA. On March 30, 1980, Earl F. Poland and his daughters Dorothy A. Poland, Lisa M. Poland, and Dianna M. Poland were baptized into Christ at Front Royal, Virginia, by the writer. On July 6, Elsie Loveless was baptized into Christ by the writer at Herndon, Virginia.

Pastor Dale H. Ward.

Ripley, IL. The Ripley Church of God rejoiced to see Scott Wessel come forward and express a desire to be baptized in Christ. He came forward on Sunday, July 6, and was immersed in the waters of baptism on Sunday, July 13. This baptism was witnessed by about forty people who stood along the banks of Logan Creek. We pray that the Lord will be with this young man during his new walk throughout his entire life.

Richard L. Young, pastor.

THANK YOU

Peggy and I take this means to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the entire membership of the Church of God General Conference for the special day at General Conference, for the lovely reception held that evening, for the gifts, and for the meaningful plaque given to me for 30 years of service to the Conference. We are grateful for the opportunity we have had over these years to meet so many wonderful friends literally around the world. This has all been a great blessing to us and to our family. Thank you and may God continue to bless all the work of the Church of God General Conference.

S. O. Ross.

Glendale, CA. Our hearts were gladdened when Steven Suzuki was immersed in the waters of baptism on May 11. On June 29, we again rejoiced when three more young people accepted the call of Christ and were baptized. They are Cindy McCaslin, Martha Ruiz, and Manuel "Memo" Martinez. Pastor Martin is holding special mid-week classes of doctrinal instruction for additional people who wish to be baptized. We are very thankful that the attendance continues to increase. The average attendance for the month of June was the largest.
Bernedene Jones, secretary.

Macomb, IL. Mike Potts stepped forward to publicly confess his faith in Christ as Savior. Sunday, May 25, 1980, he was baptized before witnesses by Pastor Rex Cain. Our prayers and support at Macomb Church of God go with him as he walks with the master.
Phyllis Davis, reporter.

Tempe, AZ. In October, it was our joy to witness the baptism of Marlon Anderson by his father, John Anderson. Marlon joins the rest of his family in God's family and looks forward to Christ's near return.

In February, the Lakeshore Bible Church rejoiced as George Winney was baptized into Christ and took his position as head of his home. Two young couples, Bob and Debbie Doom and Robin and Joni Kwiatkowski, also put on Jesus Christ through baptism. Debbie McCall joined them on that day, completing her step to God through the waters of baptism. We praise God for these six adults that took their stand for our Lord.

On Easter Sunday morning, Dale Martell confessed her faith in Christ through baptism as did two of her new brothers—Fred Eddy Jr., and Chris Cartolano. We rejoice with these three adults as they join us in our walk with God.

On June 29, 1980, Genie Adams, Danielle Coleman, Mark Coleman, and Tammi Rader were baptized into Jesus Christ. Mark and Tammi wanted to make this step in anticipation of their being also united in marriage in September. What a thrill to witness their faith.

On July 6, as we celebrated our nation's day of independence, seven from Lakeshore celebrated their independence from sin and its curse. Sandy Bailey, a young married woman, was baptized into Jesus Christ, and six of our own children, after having been raised in the faith, of their own free choice chose Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We rejoice with Seth Ross, Shelly Nutter, Shelly Pfeiffer, Debbie Hudson, and Shawn and Kelly Wright and their families in these wonderful decisions.
Kent H. Ross, pastor.

Grand Rapids, MI. It is with great rejoicing that we share news of the immersion of Kwyn Hansen into the Body of Christ. After expressing her desire to accept Christ as her personal Savior, she was baptized on July 13, 1980, at the Southlawn Church of God by the writer. We pray for God's blessings upon Kwyn in her new Christian walk of life.
Michael Brown, pastor.

Phoenix, AZ. The members of the Bible Church of God recently celebrated the following additions to the body of Christ by baptism: Amy Renee Graham on May 11, 1980; Jerri Gallucci and Jerry Koning on May 18; and Laurie Ann Bryant, Adam Samuel Cooley, Garth A. Cooley, Richard Kristopher Rogers, Jeffrey Travis Graham, Craig Lee Boone, John David Danowski, Joey Dean Danowski, Suzann Marie Hornbeck, Tina Marie Feger, Stacey Lee Wilson, and Brett James Cheney on July 6, 1980
James A. Graham, pastor.

Idyllwild, CA. The success of the 1980 Southwest Youth Camp was measured in both numbers and lives changed. While 130 campers and 20 staff enjoyed the experience at Camp Maranatha during the third week of June, more important was the changing of lives. Twenty

young people responded to the gospel invitation on Spiritual Emphasis Night.

—Phoenix Bible Church of God Newsletter.

Blanchard, MI. The Blanchard Church rejoices over a number of persons who have recently become members of the body of Jesus Christ by baptism. This number includes: Cathy Chorba (her husband Mike transferred his membership), Larry and Jeannine Ames, Ed and Sue Phillipson, Vanessa Hansen, Doug Paulson, Troy Parks, Linda Payne, and Stacey Perkins. We welcome them into local fellowship.
Don Needham, pastor.

NEED FOR NAVY CHAPLAINS

The Chief of Chaplains for the US Navy has put out an urgent need for Navy Chaplains during the 1980's. The Chaplain Corps strength will increase from a current 875 to about 1207. About 650 new chaplains will be needed between now and 1984. The goal for women chaplains for 1985 is 34. Only 7 women chaplains are presently on active duty. The Chief of Chaplains office is available to provide technical information. Simply call collect (202)694-5556/7 and ask for Chaplain Clift or Chaplain Williams. This is a call for someone somewhere to serve our Lord in specialized ministries.

Note: Pastor Westlund is the only Church of God Chaplain serving in our Armed Forces. He is particularly cognizant of the need.

MARRIAGES

Kraft-Froehlich

Connie Kraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kraft, became the bride of Karl Froehlich in a beautiful double-ring ceremony at the Oregon Church, June 14, 1980. Clint Wooten served as best man, and Julia Kraft as maid of honor. Janet Stilson was organist, and Ellen Laurent was soloist. We pray that God's richest blessing will rest upon this fine couple as they go down life's pathway together and as they endeavor to establish their home on the Lord Jesus Christ. After the honeymoon the young couple will be at home at 4201 Pelly Road, Rockford, IL 61102.
Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

Qualls-Macy

Saturday, April 26, 1980, Deborah L. Qualls and Emory L. Macy, Jr. were united in marriage in Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John R. Qualls, Grand Rapids, MI, and Pastor and Mrs. Emory Macy, Sr., Plymouth, IN. Pamela Qualls was maid of honor. Janis and Lori Qualls and Karla Macy were bridesmaids. David Fritsma was best man. Groomsman were Greg Dixon, Hank Schwier, and Brent Shelton. The writer, assisted by Pastor Kent Ross, Tempe, AZ, officiated as the couple exchanged vows and rings in a beautiful sacred ceremony. May God richly bless this union. The couple reside in Grand Rapids.
Pastor Emory Macy.

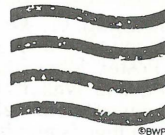
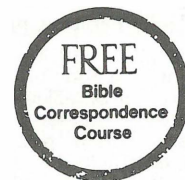
Ford-Johnson

Miss Stacy Ford became the bride of Grant Johnson in a ceremony at the Advent Christian Church campground near Francis, OK, Friday, June 27, 1980. Officiating was Evangelist Z. B. Duncan, who was assisted by Pastor Brent Carpenter from Four Oaks, NC. The service was held under the open tabernacle at the camp and was a highlight of the week. Attendants and assistants for the wedding and reception made it one of the most beautiful weddings in which this pastor has been involved. Stacy is the daughter of Mr. Glen Ford of Bristow, OK, and a member of the Bristow Advent Christian Church. Mr. Grant Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Johnson of Pampa, TX, and is a member of the Shamrock Advent Christian Church. What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
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OBITUARIES

Ada Florence Updike was born February 10, 1895, and died July 22, 1980. In 1912 she was married to Charles M. Updike who preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Marie Cooper, and three grandchildren: William Cooper, Jack Cooper, and Flo Coverstone. In 1922 she was baptized into Christ and was a devoted and active member of the Cool Spring Church of God. She had subscribed to *The Restitution Herald* since it was first published and faithfully read each issue. A message of exhortation to continue in her path of faithfulness to the Lord was presented by the writer. She was laid to rest in the Updike Family Cemetery in the mountains where she awaits the call of Jesus. Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

Melvin Eugene Weaver was born June 10, 1910, in Casey, Illinois, the son of Allen and Eunice Cartwright Weaver. He died suddenly in his home on July 10, 1980. He was a lifetime resident of Casey and a rural mail carrier for 35 years before his retirement in 1965. He was a faithful member of the Restitution Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith at Casey, Illinois. Mel was married to June Gossett on December 29, 1940. He is survived by his wife June, a twin sister Mrs. Carl (Chlorea) Bergeson, two nieces, and one nephew. He leaves a host of friends and relatives. Services were conducted by the writer at the Markwell Funeral Home in Casey, Illinois, and burial was at the Restitution Church of God Cemetery where he awaits the call of the Master. Pastor S. O. Ross.

Mary R. Cross of Moorefield, NE, died July 9, 1980, at Sunset Haven Nursing Home, Curtis, NE, at age 85. She was born October 28, 1894, near Moorefield, to Wesley and Rhoda Stephenson. Survivors include one sister, Jane Messersmith, of Stockville; two nieces: Ruby Smith, Brady, and Joan O'Rourke, North Platte; two nephews: Dick Messersmith, Philadelphia, PA, and Robert Messersmith, North Platte. She was a member of the Moorefield Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, having been baptized into Christ by Bro. Almus Adams. Services were held at the Moorefield Cemetery July 11 where she was laid to rest awaiting the resurrection. Pastor Leon Driskill.

Cecil Bennett, age 78, of Paynesville, MN, died Sunday afternoon, July 20, 1980, at the Veterans Medical Center, St. Cloud. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 23, from the Church of God, Eden Valley, Pastor David Cheatwood officiating. Interment was at Eden Lake cemetery, Eden Valley. He was born August 14, 1901, to the late Anderson and Viola (Robbins) Bennett in Eden Lake township. He is survived by a number of cousins and aunts. He was a veteran of World War I. Mildred Parks, reporter.

George W. Savage, 86, died Saturday, July 26, 1980, at the Paynesville, MN, Hospital. Funeral services were held July 29 at the Church of God in Eden Valley. He is survived by his wife Vivian, four sons, one daughter, 20 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of

friends and relatives. He was employed by Burlington Northern Car Shops of Waite Park, MN, for more than 50 years before his retirement. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Mildred Parks, reporter.

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MACOMB, ILLINOIS

The Macomb Church of God proudly welcomed three new prospective members to its congregation. Newly born are: Amanda Dawn (6-10-80) to Don and Sheila Haley; Sarah Rexalee (6-11-80) to Rex and Sharon Cain; and Andrew Steven (6-22-80) to Dan and Evelyn Lewis. A three-in-one baby shower was held in the basement of the church July 8, 1980.

The Berean Youth of our church placed fourth in the Bible Quiz competition at International Berean Youth Conference in July. We are proud of our youth.

Phyllis Davis, reporter.

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