

# Church of God Progress Journal

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By

Joe E. James, Chairman

**T**HE BOARD elected by the delegates serves as the Board of Directors of the General Conference and Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College. As chairman of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, I welcome you on behalf of the Board and staff to this sixty-second annual meeting of the Church of God General Conference.

The theme for the 1981 General Conference was "You Are The Church." That program emphasized the importance of the body of Christ, the significance of each individual as a functioning member of the church, and the ministry of the church and its members. The theme for this Conference, "Let the Church Obey His Voice," continues to develop and emphasize that we are the Church of the Living God and that the Church is a living organism with a mission given by God. Paul describes the Church in Romans 8:28 as "them who are the called according to his purpose." It is our desire that we will leave this Conference with a greater understanding of purposes for which we are called. God's Word reveals the work and responsibilities of the Church. The sermons, seminars, and Bible study sessions will provide opportunities for greater understanding in a practical way what God would have us do as stewards and will assist us in preparing for tasks that lie before us. I firmly believe that every child of God has a ministry—that we are the called and that God has a purpose for each member and each local body. If one has not found a ministry it may be that his voice is not being heard, or that stewardship is being limited or denied by the member, or that fear and insecurity are interfering with the reception of his purpose, or that some other situation is present which may shut out the voice of him who has called us. Let us use this Conference to seek the will of God and to prepare ourselves to hear and obey the heavenly vision as the Apostle Paul did. (Acts 26:19.)

We who are assembled here as delegates to the sixty-second annual General Conference are a privileged people. We have as a unifying foundation our common beliefs and an understanding of basic Bible teachings related to God, Jesus, and the gospel of salvation. Gathered here in Conference as representatives from many local bodies, we have the unique opportunity to call upon the Lord for directions and wisdom and then to move forward by charting programs and making decisions that will lead the Church ahead. Being a privileged people also means that we as delegates have tremendous responsibilities. I believe that our presence here is no accident. I believe that "This is the LORD'S doing" (Psa. 118:23). Let us pray fervently and boldly this week for directions from God and that our actions and decisions will be in accordance with God's will.

The 1982 Berean Youth Camp had as the theme words from Jesus as recorded in Luke 19:13—"Occupy Till I Come." Recent events and fulfilled prophecy indicate that Christ's coming is near and this makes it even more urgent that we occupy—actively do business for the Lord. This is a great responsibility that we have as delegates assembled in Conference. This Conference is only a beginning for action. The programs we plan and the decisions we make will be implemented in the weeks, months, and years ahead. The real implementation and business done for the Lord

will also take place primarily in the local churches. Let us, therefore, not simply come together here for fellowship, study, and business sessions only to return home and file away or forget the commitments made in these sessions. But let us return to our local churches as ambassadors inspired, motivated, and desirous of obeying the Lord and committed to inspiring, motivating, and leading others to join us in moving forward in the directions charted. The General Conference and Oregon Bible College can assist us by providing resources and services but these will only produce results as we utilize them.

Our responsibilities as delegates continue well beyond the adjournment of this Conference. I have mentioned some of these responsibilities as they relate to action in the local churches. Strong local churches constitute the backbone for a strong General Conference. Our responsibilities also extend back to the General Conference and Oregon Bible College which serve numerous local needs. The competent staffs of these institutions need our prayers, encouragement, contributions of talents and—yes, our financial support in carrying out the programs and services we have approved or will approve. Again, we also have the responsibility of helping our local brothers and sisters in joining us in these efforts.

At this time I would like to again emphasize that this General Conference organization and Oregon Bible College only exist to serve the Lord and the needs of our local churches and members. Oregon Bible College constantly seeks to improve the program to better develop pastors and other workers for local congregations. The recent reorganization of the General Conference was implemented for the purpose of providing a greater focus on outreach and the development of local churches. We believe that positive results have come from these efforts. Local groups are experiencing the benefits of utilizing the services provided and we are seeing enthusiasm and encouragement in many areas. Do not wait for the services of our departments and college to come to you and to your church, but seek these services.

We have a printed agenda, published recommendations, and a proposed budget for consideration in our business sessions. One member of the Board of Directors-Board of Trustees will be elected. What would God have us do regarding these matters? It is appropriate that we apply our theme—"Let Us Obey His Voice." This is a time to really pray in a specific way for leadership. This is a time to open our minds to receive inspired directions. This is a time to hear and obey his voice and then to occupy—do business for the Lord.

The decisions made in these business sessions are binding upon the General Conference and the Bible College and the elected Board. As we consider and decide upon the recommendations, we are dealing with matters that will influence our directions for years to come. The authority to decide on these matters and to handle other Conference business lies with this delegate body representing the entire Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith.

Finally, we are a privileged people in that the precious



truths of God's Word are entrusted to us. We must never deviate from the Bible truths. Israel can be taken as an example. When the descendants of Jacob remained faithful to God and his commandments, they were blessed and prospered. Our blessings and prosperity also depend on our relationship to the Almighty through his Son. Having these

truths entrusted to us also places great responsibilities on us. Jesus, the nobleman, will soon return from the far country and we must give an account of our stewardship. (Matt. 25:14-30.) Let us as delegates obey his voice and mobilize our resources and call upon God's power in carrying out the mission of the Church in this decade.

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## Minutes of the 1982 General Conference

### Tuesday, August 3

The first session of the sixty-second Church of God General Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 3, 1982, by Chairman Joe James. Diana Hays of the Macomb Church of God taught two choruses, and David Krogh offered prayer.

Chairman James introduced Ruth Overholser, chairperson of the Credentials Committee, and she instructed the seating of the delegates. A total of 114 delegates had signed in: six board members, 36 ministers, and 72 delegates.

Chairman James gave his message to the delegates, stating that we should return to our churches not forgetting what we have learned here but move forward in the directions charted. The General Conference and Oregon Bible College have many resources but only will be successful as we take advantage of them. The churches have responsibilities to the Conference and the College by way of prayers, use of talents, and contributions of money.

A large number of persons are serving as delegates for the first time, and the Gospel Mission Church from Winter Haven, Florida, is being represented at General Conference for the first time.

Ed Goit moved and Maurice Robinson seconded that the special reports of the Christian Conciliation Board, License and Ordination Board, and Ministers' Fund be accepted. Motion carried.

Reporting for the Board of Directors, John Hearp reviewed the members of the Board and David Krogh and Charles Pryor, and informed that board members welcomed suggestions and ideas from churches and individual members.

David McClain explained the financial report. Michael Brown moved and Russell Johns seconded that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried.

Charles Bottolfs moved and Robert Coverstone seconded that Recommendation No. 1 which states: "We recommend the creation of a corporation to be called CHURCH OF GOD INVESTMENT FUND. The purpose of the fund will be to accept money from depositors and to lend money to churches. A reasonable rate of interest will be paid to depositors and a reasonable rate of interest will be charged to those churches that borrow from that fund. The Fund will be governed by the By-Laws which are proposed as a part of this recommendation," be accepted.

Much discussion followed the with main issue being: Is it Biblical to charge interest on money? Replies were given

that the Israelites were not to extract usury from their fellowmen, that the Israelites had charged exorbitant usury rates, that Leviticus 25:36 had reference to not charging usury for welfare items. Also Jesus in his parable of the pounds recorded in Luke 19 mentioned using usury. David Krogh reported that other church groups had used this plan, and it had been very successful for planting new churches and providing other services during the past 20 years. He also advised that since the General Conference would not be benefited from these transactions, the Conference would have no status change with the Internal Revenue Service. S. O. Ross informed that tradition would not be broken, for loans have been given from designated funds and repaid along with interest.

Other ideas presented were that tithes and offerings should be given to churches needing help and that we need to trust in God to provide money needed.

The motion passed by a vote of 85 to 9.

Dallas Demmitt moved and Joe Astolfi seconded the adoption of Recommendation No. 2: We recommend the following revisions to the Standards for Churches Applying for Mission Builders League Assistance. Article IV, C: "In the event the recipient church should cease operations, the funds received from Mission Builders *shall* be returned to the General Conference." This item formerly read "should."

Article IX, A, 4: (there are currently only three points in Article IX, Section a) "which have outgrown their present facilities and are enlarging, buying, rebuilding, or exchanging."

Article IX, B: Delete entirely. This section is summarized in the new item four above.

Article IX, C: "In event that no church request is approved for Mission Builders League assistance, the money will become a part of the assets of the Church of God Investment Fund."

Scott Ross advised that the Omaha Church did not approve of Article IX, C because the funds have been given to be interest free. The church would like for this article to remain as it presently reads.

Scott Ross moved and Ray Hall seconded that the motion be amended to include only the first three revisions. Motion to amend carried. Motion to adopt the first three revisions passed.

Dallas Demmitt moved and William Lawrence seconded that Article IX, C be adopted. Motion passed with 55 votes for and 41 against.

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The first session was dismissed with prayer by Cecil Smead.

### Wednesday, August 4

The second session of the 1982 General Conference was called to order by Chairman James at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, and the minutes of Tuesday's business meeting were read.

The chairman called for nominations for one vacancy on the Board of Directors-Board of Trustees for a four-year term. Paul Overholser nominated Howard Shute of the Glad Tidings Church of God in Fonthill, Ontario, Canada. Don Needham nominated Scott Ross, pastor of the Omaha, Nebraska, Church of God.

John Huston moved and Francis Burnett seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

At 4:30 p.m. the nominees are to be in the Grace Roper Lounge to answer questions the delegates may wish to ask.

Russell Magaw, reporting for the Publishing Department, informed that there will be new lessons and a new curriculum in the fall adult quarterly. Also, an elective course on Distinctive Biblical Issues will be offered. Suggestions were made that this elective course would be good to use in midweek Bible study or Home Bible Study.

Discussing Oregon Bible College, Dr. Charles Pryor noted that six students had been graduated in 1982 from the four-year program, nine students from the two-year program, and seven students completed their internship. Several graduates plan to enter internships this fall. Of the 32 persons finishing the internship program with the intention of pastoring a church, 22, or 69 percent, have remained in the ministry.

Summer ministries have opened doors for young people and churches, and Dr. Pryor desires that this program be expanded.

Eighteen students are returning for the fall semester, and to date 16 young people have registered as freshmen.

Asked how students who do not have money to attend school can obtain necessary money, Pryor replied that

1. Parents should realize that they are not spending as much money at home when the student is away in school, and this money could be applied.
2. Ask grandparents for help.
3. Members at large can help by making contributions. Some churches pay tuition for students attending from their church.

Parents' and grandparents' weekend is planned for October 7-9, and Junior-Senior weekend is scheduled for March 10-12, 1983.

Maurice Robinson moved and Charles Bottolfs seconded that Recommendation No. 3 be adopted: We recommend the establishment of a corporation to be called Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. The purposes of the foundation are: to promote the education and cultural welfare of Oregon Bible College of Oregon, IL; to aid students; to solicit gifts, grants, and bequests in trust or otherwise, funds of all kinds to be used for the benefit of the school, its faculty, and its students. The foundation will operate in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation which are proposed as a part of this recommendation. An effort will be made to have assets of one million dollars by the 50th anniversary of Oregon Bible College in 1989.

This foundation will be a holding company established strictly to receive endowment funds as a nonprofit organiza-

tion. Maurice Robinson advised that in the last several years many small colleges have closed.

About one half of the contributions to the Conference are used for the College, and Oregon Bible College is our only place to train our ministers. This endowment fund will help stem the drain on the money coming into the General Conference.

Dwaine Demmitt reminded that in the 1960's the annuity funds were begun, and the conference is now reaping the benefits. In estate planning the government allows one to give as much as he wishes and this is a tax savings.

Motion carried.

Using Psalm 139:13 as criteria Don Needham moved and Ed Goit seconded the acceptance of the following resolution as a position statement of the General Conference: We believe life is a sacred gift from God which should be protected from the time of conception until the occurring of natural death. Therefore we oppose the practice of abortion (unless the pregnancy is life-threatening to the mother), feeling that it is morally opposed to the Word of God, and its practice results in the devaluation of all human life.

Joe Martin moved and Maurice Robinson seconded that the words "unless the pregnancy is life-threatening to the mother" be deleted from the resolution. Alva Huffer and Hollis Partlowe suggested that more study was needed and that a committee be appointed.

C. E. Randall moved and Hollis Partlowe seconded that this resolution be tabled and the chairman appoint a committee to study this matter and report at the 1983 Conference. Motion passed on a vote of 73 for and 49 against.

A report from the credentials committee showed that a total of 150 delegates had registered. Present on Wednesday were directors seven, ministers 51, and delegates 92. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon with prayer by Russell Magaw.

### Thursday, August 5

Chairman Joe James called the delegates to order at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 5. Pastor Kenneth Milne led in prayer. The minutes of Wednesday's meeting were read. The credentials committee reported attendance of seven directors, 55 ministers, and 94 delegates, with a total of 156.

Voting was conducted for one director.

David Krogh announced that the pool amount was \$139.75. More than five hundred persons have attended at least one meeting this week.

Dallas Demmitt reported on his forthcoming trip to China. Because of prayer, seeking ways to serve, he has served as chaplain for the Phoenix Suns basketball team. A group of the players and their wives are going to China and Dallas and Nancy will accompany them. They will be meeting with other athletes from many other countries and will discuss ways of evangelizing in their own countries. Dallas asked for prayer support for this endeavor.

Scott Ross was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors-Board of Trustees. The directors will meet immediately following this session for the purpose of electing officers.

Francis Burnett moved and Ed Goit seconded that the delegates give retiring director John Hearp a rising vote of thanks.



The chairman asked that next year churches be thinking about two directors to be elected at the 1983 Conference and that names be submitted to Russell Magaw, editor, before May 1.

Hugh Harman gave a resume of the International Youth Camp held in July.

The seminars he conducted this summer in several states have been well attended. Plans are being made to have a caravan next year.

Steve Grant, on behalf of the Missions Department, distributed a missions newsletter. He reminded the delegates that he and his wife are anxious to visit churches to help with mission goals and awareness. They will have a follow-up program contacting the 14 young people who served as summer missionaries. In November the Grants plan to go to Africa to spend several months. *The Mission Reader* is a very good book to use for mission knowledge.

Sydney Kirkpatrick moved, Maurice Robinson seconded, that the tabled motion be taken from the table. Robinson said this motion was in order because the tabled motion would die at the end of this session. C. E. Randall said he had no objection to this motion. The motion to remove the motion from the table passed.

Kirkpatrick suggested that the policy statement be accepted with the amendment and that a study committee be appointed for further study. Randall responded that the entire Church of God should be made aware of this resolution before a final vote and have a share in the decision.

James Graham spoke for the amendment and the motion. Kent Ross said this group is only taking a stand on abortion and not making any judgment.

Vote on the amendment to the motion passed.

Tom Palmer said he thought that this motion was being railroaded through. Ed Bender supported the motion. Scott Ross supported the motion and felt that exceptions could be made. Jimmy Raymond agreed with the motion. Warren Sorenson said the delegates are voting primarily on whether or not they approve of abortion. Changes can be made next year on wording. Randall said he strongly opposed abortion but thought the delegates should not set a precedent of voting on moral issues.

The question was called for and seconded. Motion was passed to stop the debate. A ballot vote was taken on the motion.

Greg Demmitt moved and Jim Hamilton seconded that the cost of the International Youth Conference be subsidized by the General Conference. David Krogh spoke to the motion, saying that the General Conference is underwriting the International Youth Conference now, but the hope is that the youth conference should be self-supporting. Many churches and conferences already are helping the young people. David Cheatwood reported that over \$1600 was spent at camp and that the young people seemed to have plenty of money. Hugh Harman said that the result of the vote will make no difference in what is done at the conference. Most other camps are more expensive with \$135 being the lowest. Money is not the thing that keeps the young people from going to camp. In years past young people who could not afford to come to camp had their tuition paid. Demmitt and Hamilton asked that their motion be withdrawn.

Ed Goit moved, John Hearp seconded, that the delegates recess until 1:00 p.m. Motion lost.

The motion concerning abortion passed by a vote of 116 yes and 24 no.

Sydney Kirkpatrick moved and Maurice Robinson seconded that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to do a comprehensive study on the life question, and report back to next year's General Conference for further consideration. Motion passed.

Francis Burnett moved and Ed Bender seconded that We, the delegate body of the 1982 Church of God General Conference, headquarters, Oregon, Illinois, express our concern regarding the attitude of our United States government toward the nation of Israel. We understand the Holy Scriptures to emphatically teach that Israel is God's people. We, this delegate body, do urge you to seek God's will through prayer and consultation in regard to Israel. May the Great God Jehovah be praised. Motion carried. Copies of this motion are to be sent to President Reagan, Vice President Bush, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, and House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neil.

The proposed budget was presented to the delegates. Krogh informed that the proposed budget had been changed from that printed in the June PROGRESS JOURNAL. There may be a short fall of almost \$40,000 in reaching this year's Goal for Giving. Although the goal for giving will be less than last year, there still is a need of additional contributions. The Conference and College need broader support from all our membership. The Archives Project was proposed and has been eliminated, and only the offerings received this week will be used for the archives. There has been a pattern of about \$21,000 increase in giving each year. John Huston moved and Ron Macy seconded that the delegates adopt the budget of \$402,830 as proposed. Motion passed.

Dr. Pryor introduced Anthony Buzzard to the delegates and informed that he will be a guest instructor during the '82-'83 Oregon Bible College school year. Mr. Buzzard thanked the delegates for accepting him into the family and will be happy to dialogue with anyone.

The Credentials Committee gave its final report:

Total number of Conferences reporting	10
Total number of Churches reporting	59
Total number of membership reported by churches returning delegate forms	3541
Attendance at business meetings:	
Officers	7
Ministers	55
Delegates	94
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Ruth Overholser, chairperson for the Credentials Committee, said that after twenty-five years serving on the committee, she would like to retire. John Hearp moved, Russell Magaw seconded, that the delegates give Sr. Overholser a rising vote of thanks.

The secretary read the minutes taken at this meeting. Robert Coverstone moved and Joe Astolfi seconded that the minutes for the entire week be accepted. Motion carried.

Z. B. Duncan dismissed the 1982 Conference business meetings with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Urish, Secretary.



# GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Executive Director

## NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS



October 1 marked the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Church of God General Conference. As a result of the decisions made by the delegates at the summer Conference, we are looking forward to this new year with optimism and excitement.

The delegates' decision to form the Church of God Investment Fund is a giant step forward in assisting our

churches. The purpose of the fund will be to accept money from depositors and to lend money to churches. A reasonable rate of interest will be paid to depositors and a reasonable rate of interest will be charged to those churches that borrow from the fund. The articles of incorporation have been filed with the State of Illinois and later this fall the trustees will meet to implement this fund. This corporation has great potential to be a blessing both to investors and to churches which borrow.

The decision of the delegates to create the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation is reason for optimism. This new corporation will be extremely valuable in creating a strong financial base for our College. The future of the Church of God depends upon having a strong Bible College where our leaders and Christian workers can be trained. The Foundation will help insure the continuation of superior Bible and professional training for the Church of God.

The adoption by the delegates of a budget calling for contributions of \$402,830 during the next 12 months will permit the Conference to provide essential services to our members and churches, as well as to increase our church planting efforts. Several new churches are in the planning stages and we are thankful that financial resources are available in our new budget to undergird these efforts.

Church planting must become a major emphasis if we are to be obedient to the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19, 20 commands us to disciple all nations, and in the Greek "all nations" means every caste, tribe, people, ethnic unit of mankind, every cell of people. Therefore the Great Commission goal is to develop a church of committed Christians in every community, in every city, in every countryside throughout the whole world.

The large map of the United States and Canada in my office shows vast areas where there are no Church of God congregations. And as we expand our vision to the rest of the world, it is clear there is a great unfinished task before us.

Please join me in praying that the Lord of the harvest will provide the resources necessary to bring in the harvest.

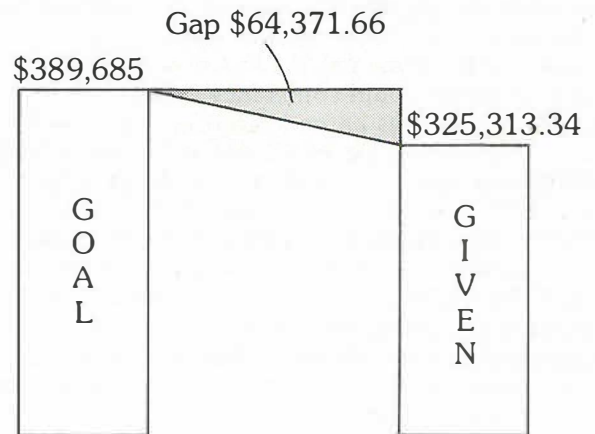
## Financial Review

Contributions from August 14 to September were \$26,836.34. Contributions have totaled about 83% of our Goal for Giving during this fiscal year. The current gap between our Goal and the amount given is \$64,371.66.

With the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, monthly contributions of \$33,570 are needed.

Thank you for helping to meet the needs of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

## GOAL FOR GIVING Oct. 1, 1981 - Sept. 30, 1982 \$406,625



October 1, 1981 - September 15, 1982



# BYF News

*Hugh Harman, Youth Coordinator*

## **Thanks, Youth Conference Staff**

The 1982 International Berean Youth Conference is behind us now, but its fantastic success is attributable to our Lord's blessings, a great group of young people, and the zeal and dedication of a great group of staff.

I would like to express my appreciation to the young people who attended for the spirit of cooperation which they displayed.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the staff of both camps, which includes the following men and women: Dick and Jan Alcumbrack, Bob Alcumbrack, Joe Astolfi, Jim and Karen Babcock, Ed and Mimi Bender, Gary Burnham, David Cheatwood, Marsha Deem, Alan Demmitt, Greg Demmitt, Joyce Demmitt, Larry Dickerson, Sally Estill, Jim and Charleen Graham, Mary Harman, Judy Hively, Michael Hoffman, Joe and Carol James, Kay Kizer, Russ Magaw, Joe and Dana Myers, Don and Becky Needham, Tom and Debbie New, Marj Overmyer, Gary Rhoades, Neil and Nita Richardson, Ken and Beth Vancil, and Pat Warner.

Thanks for a great job!

## **Results of "Coins for Christ" 1981 - 1982**

Most of you are aware by this time that the youth of the Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer, SC, did it again; they were the number-one contributor for the 1981-1982 year with the fantastic contribution of \$3,459.98, the largest ever.

We commend them, their leaders, and their congregation for their efforts and support of the work of the Berean Youth Fellowship.

Three other groups participated this year, each having notable contributions, and they too certainly are to be commended for their efforts. The Brush Creek youth raised a whopping total of \$1,558.79 and were followed closely by the Eden Valley Bereans with \$1,526.37. A fine effort by the Bedford Bereans raised a total of \$229.00 for a combined total from the four participating groups of \$6,774.14.

Our thanks are extended to the young people and their sponsors for their efforts and support of the Berean Youth Fellowship.

Plaques were awarded to the top three contributors at the recently concluded International Berean Youth Conference.

## **Congratulations Arkansas Quizzers**

Congratulations to the Arkansas Quiz Team for its first-place finish in this year's quiz competition at Berean Youth Conference.

This was a first ever for the Arkansas team and the members are to be commended for their efforts as they were faced with some stiff competition from the states of Indiana and Louisiana.

You "done good" as the expression goes and we hope to see you back next year in an attempt to retain your number-one status.

## **Youth Advisory Council**

The following young people make up the Berean Youth Advisory Council for the 1981-1982 year: Kevin Demmitt, Troy, OH; Heidi Harman, Mesa, AZ; Diana Hays, Colchester, IL; Tim Jones, Pelzer, SC; and Jeff Vancil, Bushnell, IL.

When you have suggestions, either negative or positive, these are the young people to share your ideas with. Their addresses may be obtained from the 1982 Youth Conference camper list.

## **Dollar-A-Month Club Members**

Dollar-A-Month Club members are reminded that their membership should be completely paid for this fiscal year by the time you receive this JOURNAL.



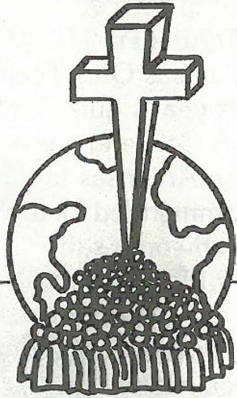
*High School Staff Meeting at Youth Conference.*



# OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVE

Warren Sorenson, Director • Steve Grant, Missio

## Sharing a Vis



In the spring of 1981 the congregation at McGintytown, Arkansas, began a building program which was launched on faith and a vision for growth. They were the recipients of the 1981 Spring Mission Builders appeal. A letter of appreciation and an accompanying article written by Mrs. Jettie Moreland,

secretary for the congregation, appears on these pages of the PROGRESS JOURNAL. The feelings of joy and accomplishment of the people are expressed in this article.

Members of the Mission Builders program can share in this sense of accomplishment and vision as each of

## A Church That

by Jettie



### McGintytown Church of God

To the Mission Builders Fund,

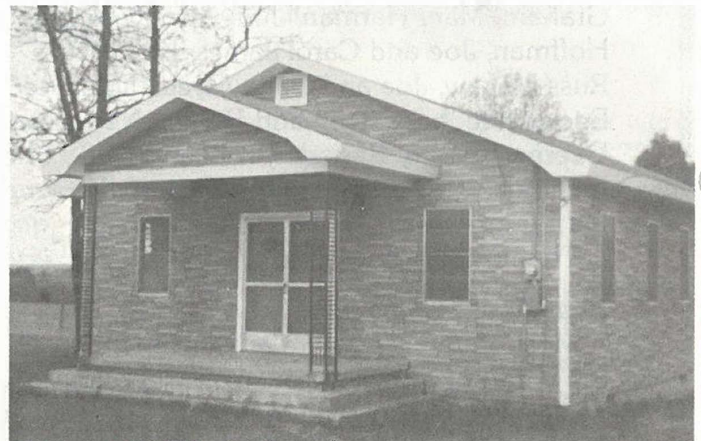
We at McGintytown Church of God greatly appreciate the money received by the Mission Builders Appeal #46. Without it we wouldn't be enjoying the larger classrooms, fellowship hall, office, nursery, and new bathrooms that we now have.

Much hard work, fellowship, sacrifice, and prayer have gone into the work here in the past year.

Faith has played a very important part in our effort. We started with \$500 in the building fund. Today the building is almost finished, plus remodeling of the old church built in 1918. We hope to have a dedication in the fall.

Sincerely, in Christian love,  
Mrs. Jettie Moreland, secretary.

August, 1982  
Greenbrier, Arkansas



### The old church building

**"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).**

The Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith at McGintytown, near Greenbrier, Arkansas, has been a church that works together. The original church, built in 1918, set the example of individuals donating either materials or work for its construction.

Back in the early 1970's, the congregation realized that without more space in our buildings, we would not be able to grow. Not being either a large or rich congregation, we didn't know what to do; but being a congregation that believes God answers prayer according to our needs, we took this matter to him in earnest prayer.

By faith, with \$700 in the building fund, we started a sanctuary 34 by 60 feet. As we finished one step of the building, money would be there to start the next step. Thus, slowly but surely, we got it built. Much work was donated, a lot of it by the senior citizens in our congregation. Everyone



# DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Coordinator • Hugh Harman, Youth Coordinator

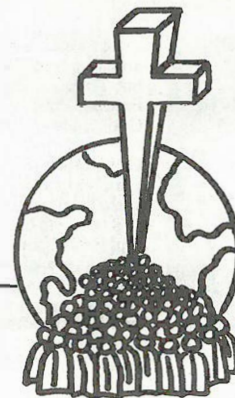
- Church Planting and Development
- World Missions
- Sunday School
- Youth

## on for Growth

you have been an important part of what is happening at McGintytown and other churches which have been recipients of this valuable program of financial assistance.

Through the action of the delegates at the 1982 General Conference business sessions, a new program for

assistance in the construction of Church buildings was adopted. An investment fund will be established through which low-cost loans will be available to aid local churches in their building program. The present Mission Builders program will remain in existence. —R. Warren Sorenson.



## Works Together

Moreland

helped, with much of the work of cleaning up being done by the women and children. We finished the sanctuary with only \$2500 being borrowed, interest free. This was soon repaid, carpet laid, outside bricked, and a new piano and pews were added, all paid for at the time of installation.

During this time Bro. Alan McLain was our part-time pastor. As our congregation continued to grow, we began to wonder if we could support a full-time pastor. Again we went on our knees in prayer. Brother Dan Landry came as our first full-time pastor, serving three years, and we continued to grow. Brother Thomas New came as our second full-time pastor, and as growth continued we became very crowded for space, especially for Sunday School needs. Again we prayed, "Lord, show us what you would have us do."

We applied for Mission Builders appeal #46. With \$500 in the building fund, and a lot of faith, this "crazy" congregation held ground-breaking ceremonies for a new addi-



The church building today

tion. This would consist of a basement with five large rooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, plus the remodeling of the original building into a nursery, a prayer room, bathrooms, pastor's study, and entry. Later in the same afternoon we learned that we had been granted Appeal #46 from the Mission Builders Fund. Again God had supplied our needs.

In the middle of our building program we were offered the opportunity to buy a used school bus at a bargain price. Could we pay for it? We would try. Today, August 1982, we have the bus almost paid off. Again, no interest was paid on the money involved. The young people from the State of Arkansas made the trip to Camp Mack in the bus this year. It has been repainted and overhauled, and is a very nice way of transportation for VBS and other needed projects.

We have the remodeling of the old church almost finished, with only a few small items to be done in the new addition. We have a baptistry fund started; this is our next project. A lot of prayers are answered. Our congregation continues to grow. At VBS we were again in need of space; growing pains again? Wonderful! Praise the Lord!

Recently a lady from another church in a nearby community called me to ask, "How do you do all of the things you are doing there? Do you have someone who gives large donations for all of these projects, or do you borrow the money?" No, we aren't in debt! God does answer prayer according to our needs. But one thing is for sure: when you ask the Lord, "What do you want me to do?" you had better be ready to work Saturdays, nights after work, holidays, days off—anytime you have some free time! But also be ready to enjoy the wonderful fellowship of Christians working together for a dream our fathers had many years ago.

Again we pray, "Lord, help us to do your will, and give us the strength to do your work. Show us what you would have us do; lead and guide us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

Dr. Charles V



Hi! My name is Jon Welch and I'm from Watson, IL, but I'm a member of the Fredericktown Church of God in Missouri. I'm a second-semester freshman here at OBC, and my love for the Lord has grown considerably since I've been here. I think this year will be an exciting and fulfilling one for me as I learn more about how to serve God. I'm thankful that God has given me the opportunity to attend OBC.



I'm Alan Cain from Macomb, IL. I have already learned a lot, and plan to learn more. I'm trying to see God's will in my life. I am really enjoying being here. The people and the staff are really a joy to be with and to study under. My main goal this year is to greatly strengthen my knowledge of the Bible.

## NEW STUDENTS AT OR



Hi! My name is James Raymond. I'm from the Blood River Church of God near Springfield, LA. I am proud to be a part of God's family that's seeking out his will at OBC.



Hello Brothers and Sisters, I'm Tim Trammell from Columbia Station, OH. I'm extremely happy about my second semester here at OBC. I hope to grow as much spiritually this semester as I did my first semester. I feel the Lord has called me here to study the Word. He has richly blessed me in so very many ways. I will serve God always.

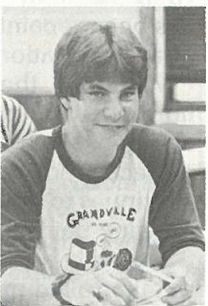


I'm Teresa Hays, a member of the Church of God in Macomb, IL. God led me to OBC and I know now that this is where I should be. I came to OBC hoping to learn more about myself and finding God's will for my life. I'm excited about the future, and am anxious to grow closer to the Lord and everyone around me. I praise God for leading me in the right way.



I'm Mark Good from Rossville, IN. I feel that the Lord helped me in my decision to come to OBC. I came here to get a deeper and better understanding of the Bible as well as to be a more effective Christian leader, teacher, and witness. The Lord has given me a lot of opportunities to serve here through Chorale, Gospel Team, and the Oregon Church Choir. I know now that Christ is truly working in my life and I thank him and praise

him for that. My main goal while I'm here is to be a better worker and to build a closer relationship with the Lord.



My name is Brian Williams. I am a member of the Pennellwood Church of God in Grand Rapids, MI. I just recently decided to come to OBC, and now I'm very glad I came. I'm really having a good time and learning more about God. What a great combination!



Greetings. I'm Don Nune-maker from Plymouth, IN. My home church is Hope Chapel in South Bend. For all my adult life I have been in the Air Force. But it has been as a result of answered prayer in the last four years that I have come to truly believe in God. When I became totally convicted and then totally accepted him, it was then he brought me out of the military. I expected study here at OBC to be slow-paced and EASY, but

NOT SO. The intensity of this educational program is more in-depth than any I have ever encountered. Praise God, his kingdom will be established soon.



I'm Robin Wegner from Litchfield, MN. I came to OBC searching for a lot of answers. Since I've been here, I've felt God's power working through the instructors and the students. I'm building some important relationships including the one between God and me. Here at OBC there is so much room for growth. God has really blessed me by leading me here.



Hi! My name is Lyda Brittingham and I'm from the Lawrenceville Church of God in Springfield, OH. In the three weeks I've been here, I've already learned so much. It's really great to be surrounded by so many other Christians who are striving to grow in the Lord also. I look forward to finding the area in which I can best serve my church and my God.



Hi! My name is Mary Moralez. I'm from Six Lakes, MI. I am a baptized member of the Blanchard Church of God. I am really enjoying myself here at OBC. The Lord has shown me that this is where I belong. I can feel the Lord working in my life and I praise him for that.



# E PROGRESS

President

- General Education
- Professional Education
- Christian Service

## EGON BIBLE COLLEGE



Hi! My name is Rick Eldred and I'm a member of the East Oregon Chapel here in Oregon, IL. My decision to come to OBC was based primarily upon prayer. I feel that the Lord has brought me here to OBC so that I may learn more about his Word and apply it to my life. I want to be able to take God's Word and share it with other people so that they may come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. May everything I learn

and do be to God's glory.



Hi! My name is Toni Graves. I'm from Hammond, LA. So far my life at OBC has been very exciting and rewarding. During my first few weeks here, I've found that the Lord has a plan for me and that he has led me here to serve him the best that I can.



Hello! I'm Jill Gallagher. I am a baptized member of the Troy View Church of God in Troy, OH. I am really looking forward to my first year at OBC. My main goal is to learn to study the Bible and get a better understanding of it so I'll be able to use it to the best of my ability in my work for the Lord.



Hi! My name is Anne Churchill and I'm from Phoenix, AZ. I'm a member of the Valley View Bible Church of God. I am really glad the Lord has brought me here and I know that here I will find out his purpose for me. I've grown closer to Christ since I've been here and I can't wait to grow more and serve him more. I love it here and I love the closeness of the family. The Lord's really working in my life and I'm glad. I am ready

to follow where he leads.



Hi! I'm Keith Davis. I'm from Ponchatoula, LA, and attend Blood River Church of God. I have known Jesus Christ as my personal Savior for a long time. It wasn't until about two years ago my decision to come to OBC became firm. I feel it is a calling from God. I'm sure God wants me in the ministry, but where and at what position is not clear yet. That's why I came to OBC—to learn the Scriptures and mature in Christ and to accomplish what God wants me to do, so I'll be ready when the man upstairs says, "Keith, Go!"

is important to me is that I'm getting to know myself better. P.S. "Hi, Mom!"



I'm Tim Jones, a member of the Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer, SC. I came to OBC after graduating from Clemson University to increase my knowledge of the Bible and the truth it contains. I'm really enjoying my classes and studies, and I thank God for the opportunity he has given me to attend.



My name is Angela Fuehrer-Blair. I live in Oregon with my husband, George, and my children Matthew, 12, and Amy, 10. I'm a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Prior to my conversion in December, 1980, I was a potter and taught at Sauk Valley Community College. My goals as a Christian are to live in total submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ, and the reclaiming of as many souls as possible before his glorious return. The writings of George Mueller and Andrew Murray have been influential in my striving for a life of faith and prayer. I view self-discipline as a big element to a powerful Christian witness.

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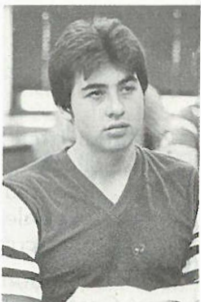


Hi! I'm Joe Sanseverino from Valley View Bible Church in Paradise Valley, AZ. I came to OBC to learn more about God and his will for my life. So far it has been a real learning experience just being so far from home. Although I've only been here a few weeks, I've learned a lot about God's Word. The teachers all have their own unique style in teaching, which makes the classes interesting. The one thing I've learned so far that

is important to me is that I'm getting to know myself better. P.S. "Hi, Mom!"



Hi! My name is Susan Irene Dochstader, Sid for short. I'm from Pennellwood Church of God in Wyoming, MI. I really like it here at OBC. The people are super nice. We're like one big happy family. I also feel closer to God. I can't wait to learn more about his Word.



I'm Mike Mattus from Rockford, IL. This is my first year at OBC, but I went to and graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering. My main interest in coming to OBC was to take Hebrew and Greek. Already I notice a much different atmosphere between OBC and MSOE.



Michael Stanton, from Little Rock, AR, enjoys the vast potential for growth in knowledge, wisdom, and leadership while experiencing the fellowship of others attending the college.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE CALENDAR—October, 1982

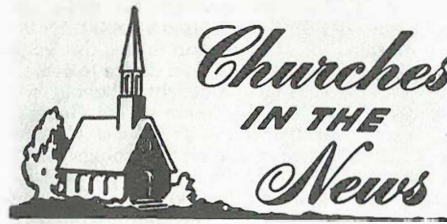
- 1 Praise God for his goodness and mercy to us in sending Jesus Christ.
- 2 Pray for Mary Helen Mattison that God will heal her of the melanoma that is affecting her left sinus cavity.
- 3 Praise God for being a God who hears our prayers and answers them. Have you thanked him for the answers he has given you lately?
- 4 Pray for the twenty-one new students at Oregon Bible College, that God will instruct them in the way he wishes them to go.
- 5 Praise God for his working in the lives of our pastors and church leaders.
- 6 Pray for the Men's Retreat at camp Shipshewana, Indiana, this weekend.
- 7 Pray for Brother Oliver Amani's protection as he continues to spread God's Word under the unstable government of Ghana.
- 8 Pray for Doug and Monie Todd as they direct Christian Emphasis week at OBC.
- 9 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant as they travel to churches for missions month.
- 10 Praise God for the plans he is unfolding in the Middle East and that we may be able to use these details in our witness of him.
- 11 Pray for Joe Martin in Glendale, California, as he starts a new Spanish-speaking Sunday School class in his church.
- 12 Praise God for the many new refugees that have come to our land; may they be open and receptive to the gospel message and may we reach out to share Christ with them.
- 13 Praise God for the tremendous growth of the Christian churches in Africa (where more than 50% of the people south of the Sahara are now following Christ).
- 14 Pray for Pastor M. R. Noel as he leads the churches in Bangalore, India.
- 15 Pray for God to open new doors of opportunity for you to share your faith with friends and work associates.
- 16 Pray for the work of brother Paulson, in Andra Pradesh and his new work in Madhya Pradesh, that God may continue to bring in his harvest in India.
- 17 Pray that God will bless the new Bible study that has started in San Diego, California.
- 18 Praise God for your pastor and his family; ask that he continue to guide and bless them in their ministry.
- 19 Pray for Brian Atra and the congregation of Winter Haven, Florida.
- 20 Praise God for the faithfulness of Roberto and Lupe Badillo, who continue to direct worship services in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 21 Pray that God calls forward the 100 partners in missions that Pam and Steve are seeking for support and prayer of their trip to Africa the end of this month.
- 22 Pray for God to open the eyes of us all to the lost and perishing of our neighborhood and the world.
- 23 Praise God for his healing hand that rests on the medical clinic in Bangalore and that he will continue to use this service as a way of leading others to Christ.
- 24 Pray for the work of the publishing department and that our printed material will bring glory to God through its study.
- 25 Pray for safety in travel for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they travel to Texas and California for the work of the Outreach and Church Development Department.
- 26 Praise God for the youth that are considering going to Mexico City in the summer of 1983 to work in evangelism with the Spearhead Program.
- 27 Pray for Pam and Steve Grant as they prepare to leave for Kenya, Africa.
- 28 Praise God for a personal blessing you have received this month.
- 29 Pray for the leadership of our country, that they will turn to the Lord for their guidance and direction.
- 30 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, the peace that will come through the Messiah's return!

## BUDGET CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE October 1, 1982 - Sept. 30, 1983

	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total
<b>Anticipated Expenses:</b>			
<b>Payroll &amp; Employee Benefits</b>			
Salaries & Wages	\$133,000	\$144,530	\$277,530
Social Security	8,970	10,000	18,970
Employee Benefits	12,685	12,535	25,220
Outside Instruction	—	4,500	4,500
Student Employment	—	17,750	17,750
<b>General Operations</b>			
Advertising	—	500	500
Films & Speakers	—	1,200	1,200
Foreign Exchange	1,500	—	1,500
Insurance	700	400	1,100
Auto Expense	1,500	2,500	4,000
<b>Office &amp; Computer</b>			
Supplies	2,300	950	3,250
Misc. & Commencement	1,050	300	1,350
Royalties	1,400	50	1,450
Typesetting Expense	500	—	500
Editorial	1,700	—	1,700
Periodicals—Library	—	2,500	2,500
Periodicals, Books—Instruc- tional & Office Resources	725	850	1,575
Postage	13,500	1,000	14,500
Printing & Binding	41,000	3,550	44,550
Professional Services	2,500	2,750	5,250
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance—</b>			
other than plant	5,050	1,000	6,050
Staff Education	2,900	1,350	4,250
Mailing Supplies	2,000	—	2,000
Supplies & Expense	3,100	3,700	6,800
Telephone	2,700	5,000	7,700
Travel	13,200	7,000	20,200
Literature	300	—	300
Assistance to Miss. Points	1,650	—	1,650
Assistance to Churches	9,600	—	9,600
Missions Training	500	—	500
Assistance for Church Planting	3,500	—	3,500
<b>Plant Operations</b>			
Property Insurance	700	2,000	2,700
Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	3,000	4,800
Supplies & Expense	160	2,000	2,160
Utilities	4,700	20,000	24,700
<b>Additions to Plant &amp; Equip.</b>			
Buildings	—	3,000	3,000
Furniture & Equipment	2,800	6,000	8,800
Lib. Books, Films, Tapes	—	3,500	3,500
Vehicle Replacement	3,000	1,500	4,500
<b>Purchases</b>			
Food	—	25,000	25,000
Resale Items	10,000	—	10,000
	\$290,690	\$289,915	\$580,605
<b>Anticipated Income:</b>			
College Tuition, Board, Room and Fees	\$96,525		
Gross Sales	60,000		
Trust Income	21,250		\$177,775
<b>Contributions Needed for 1982-83</b>			
Goal for Giving			\$402,830



# Church News and Progress



## BAPTISMS

**Long Lake, MN.** On August 29, 1982, Larry Jansen of Litchfield, MN, was baptized into Christ at Long Lake. This sacred service was performed by Eden Valley pastor David Cheatwood. May God bless Larry as he walks in the way of the Lord. Mildred Parks, reporter.

**Paradise Valley, AZ.** The congregation of the Valley View Bible Church would like to announce the most recent blessings of God's Spirit in our family. Serman Howard, Gary Johnson, Tracy Kurce, David Hart, Chris Spangle, George Winney, Colleen Burns, Steve and Anita Shultz, Fred and Diane Simon and Evelyn Wilson have been welcomed into our membership in recent months. We pray God's blessing upon them as they take their place in his family.

James Graham, pastor.

**Ripley, IL.** Shelly Burnett was baptized into Christ on Sunday afternoon, August 15, 1982. We praise God that she has dedicated her life to him and we pray that he will lead and direct her paths. The following Sunday morning, during the morning worship service, the "right hand of fellowship" was extended to her. She was welcomed into the body of Christ by Pastor Young and into the membership of the Ripley Church of God by Elder Wayne Laning.

Richard L. Young, pastor.

**Winter Haven, FL.** We at Gospel Mission Church rejoiced with the angels in heaven over two decisions for Christ. Laurie "Missy" DuMont confessed Christ and was baptized by the writer at Ariana Lake, Auburndale, FL, September 1, 1982. Charles Sorah rededicated his life to Christ and was rebaptized September 1. God be praised for the work of his Spirit in the lives of these two young people. Brian J. Atra, pastor.

**Glendale, CA.** We rejoice with the angels in heaven with the baptism of Mrs. Charlie "Tootie" McCaslin. Her testimony of God's working in her life is great. She was baptized in Jesus' name, August 29, 1982. The Valley Bible Church.

**Blanchard, MI.** The Blanchard congregation rejoiced in witnessing the conversions and baptisms of Sharon Male, Jennifer Paulson, and Tina Shaw on Sunday, August 29, 1982.

Don Needham, pastor.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course, and have been awarded certificates: Larry Janssen, Phoenix, AZ; Audrey Van Camp, Grand Rapids, MI; James Weiss, Hector, MN.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 17-21—Fall Meetings at Eden Valley, MN.  
Russell Magaw, speaker.  
Nov. 5, 6—Men's Retreat.

## VALLEY CHURCH ANNOUNCES ABRAHAMIC FAITH MINISTRY

We are proud to announce that the Valley Bible Church in Glendale, CA, has established the "Abrahamic Faith Fund" with the following goals:

1. To purchase the movie, "Apples of Gold" to raise support and to increase love and respect for God's people of Israel.

2. To send Bro. Paul Moore to Israel to work at Nes Ammim, a moshav (similar to a kibbutz) established for the purpose of showing love to Jews. Paul will be establishing a base of friendship, especially with those of like belief.

3. To send other Church of God young people to Israel for personal growth and development by working in Israel with Bro. Moore and the Nes Ammim Community.

4. To support advanced Judeo-Christian studies in an effort to increase awareness, love, and compassion between God's two chosen peoples, Israel and the Church, especially the Church of God with our unique Biblical beliefs.

We are also pleased to announce that in a step of faith, the film, "Apples of Gold" is already purchased and ready for showing in your local church. Too often we have talked of our support of Israel. Now we want to get actively involved and eventually put a Church of God man in Israel, and in the future allow for our other young people to experience the land.

We are encouraging all of our churches to request a showing of the film or contact Bro. Moore for a seminar on Israel if you haven't already done so.

We are seeking the blessings of Genesis 12:3 and praying that the Lord will open doors for an eventual community of believers of "like precious faith" in other parts of the world, both Israel and Europe.

Joe Martin, pastor.

## MARRIAGES

### Mills - Siedschlag

A beautiful early fall wedding took place at the Church of God in Eden Valley, MN, on August 28, 1982. Roxanne Mills, daughter of deceased Clifton Mills, and granddaughter of Clara Mills, became the bride of Jeff Siedschlag. The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather and mother, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schreiner of Watkins. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David Cheatwood. We wish Jeff and Roxanne God's richest blessings as they walk together.

Mildred Parks, reporter.

### Davis - Wright

On July 3, 1982, Lauri Davis became the bride of James Wright. Lauri is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gene Davis. They were married in a lovely ceremony at the Valley View Bible Church in Paradise Valley, AZ. James and Lauri will be living in Tempe, AZ.

James Graham, pastor.

### Obermeyer - Alexander

Brenda Obermeyer and Hoyt Alexander, both members of the Jay Street Church of God in Kokomo, were united in marriage August 14, 1982. They will make their home in Manchester, IN, where Hoyt is attending college. It is our prayer that God will bless them in their marriage the rest of their lives and that they will serve him together.

Pastor John A. Railton.

## PASTOR AVAILABLE

Pastor Alan Shaw, 13290 Litchfield Road, Montrose, MI 48457

## OBITUARIES

**Richard Seldon (Ted) Bowen**, 87, of Springfield, IL, died on June 8, 1982, in Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He was a former Timewell, IL, resident where he was a farmer and implement dealer before his retirement. He was a member of the Timewell Christian Church but was an attendee at the Ripley Church of God. Ted, as he was called, will be missed by his many friends. May we look forward to the coming of our Lord.

Richard L. Young, pastor.

**Alfred M. Hetrick** was born near Ripley, IL, in Brown County, on May 15, 1907. He was married to Mildred Fey on November 10, 1929, in Ripley. Following a brief illness, Alfred fell asleep in death on Monday, August 23, 1982, at Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville, IL. He was 75 years of age. He accepted Christ and joined the church in 1957. He was very active in both the church and the communities where he lived. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ. He was serving as a trustee of the Ripley Church of God at the time of his death. Burial was in the Ripley Cemetery where he awaits the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that our God of love will comfort the family in this time of loss.

Richard L. Young, pastor.

On September 11, 1982, funeral services were held for **John D. Vandyke** at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God, Pastor David Cheatwood officiating. Norvald Soggesang several appropriate sacred songs.

Mildred Parks, reporter.

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The Family of God at the Valley View Bible Church, Paradise Valley, AZ, shares a common grief with the family of **Catherine Ann Boley**. Cathy died suddenly on July 5, 1982, at the young age of 29. Cathy was a dedicated member of the Valley Bible Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, director of the Drama, and active in every aspect of Christian service. She was buried on July 9 after services held at the church. Much of that service came from the life and writings left by Cathy. Her legacy is one of hope and faith in her Lord and in the resurrection. Our love and deepest sympathies are extended to her husband Jim and daughter Abigail as we wait for the second coming of Jesus Christ and that resurrection.

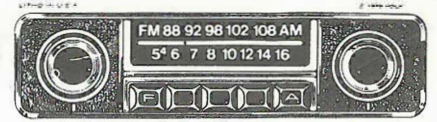
James Graham, pastor.

Men with clenched fists cannot shake hands.

### HOUSE CHURCH IN PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

A close relationship has developed in recent years between a group of brethren in Peterborough and those at Glad Tidings Church of God in Fonthill. Conversations with Glad Tidings and correspondence with the General Conference revealed that we both hold the same precious truths. The group meets in a home on Sunday morning for worship, and during the week for Bible study. Their love and desire to search the Scriptures has been a delight to behold. We are pleased to welcome them to the General Conference and also the Northeast Conference. The baptism of two new members of the group, Charles and Lodemia Latimer, was witnessed at a visit from Ross and Betty Anger and John and Louise Hearp of the Fonthill church. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless their work and outreach for his glory.

Pastor John Hearp.



### RADIO LOG

If you live near the following areas, we invite you to tune in to hear God's Word on the radio.

#### Illinois

**Rex F. Cain**  
WKAI 1510 Macomb, IL 8:15 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Life"

#### Indiana

**James Mattison**  
WTCA 1050 AM Plymouth, IN 9:00 a.m. Sundays, "Pathway of Light"  
WTCA 94.3 FM Plymouth, 9:00 a.m. Sundays, "Pathway of Light"  
WWKI 100.5 FM Kokomo, 7:45 a.m. Sundays, Pathway of Light"

**Darrell Maddock**  
WTCA 1050 AM 94.3 FM Plymouth, IN 11:45 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Hope"

#### Iowa

**Anthony Buzzard**  
KLXL 102.3 FM Dubuque, 4:15 p.m. Sundays, "Hope for Mankind"

**James Mattison**  
KXEL 1540 AM Waterloo, 8:00 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Life"

#### Minnesota

**S. O. Ross**  
KLFD 95.3 FM Litchfield, MN 9:05 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, "Truths for Today"

#### North Carolina

**Z. B. Duncan**  
WPEG 97.7 FM Concord, N.C. 8:15 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WZKY 1580 AM Albemarle, N.C. 8:00 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WSVM 1490 AM Valdese, N.C. 8:00 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WJRI 1340 AM Lenoir, N.C. 9:00 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WCGC 1270 AM Belmont, N.C. 9:00 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WEGO 1410 AM Concord, N.C. 7:45 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WNNC 1230 AM Newton, N.C. 12:25 p.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"

**Daniel Fyfe**  
WHKP 1450 AM Hendersonville, N.C. 9:45 a.m. Sundays, "Words of Truth"  
WKIT 102.5 FM Hendersonville, N.C., 8:00 p.m. Sundays, "Words of Truth"

**Paul Holden, James Minton, Paul Duncan**  
WJRI 1340 AM Lenoir, N.C. 9:15 a.m. Sundays, "Berean Sunday School of the Air"

#### Ohio

**Ralph Childs**  
WGIC 1500 AM Xenia, Ohio 2:45 p.m. Sundays, "Reach Out and Touch"

**Fred A. Pensyl**  
WPTW 1570 AM Piqua, Ohio 95.7 FM 9:00 a.m. Sundays, "Amazing Truths"

#### South Carolina

**Z. B. Duncan**  
WGCD 1490 AM Chester, S.C. 8:30 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"

#### Virginia

**Dale H. Swartz**  
WSIG 790 Mt. Jackson, VA 7:45 a.m. Sundays, "Voice of Tomorrow"

**Z. B. Duncan**  
WHHV 1400 AM Hillsville, VA 12:45 p.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"  
WJJJ 1260 AM Christiansburg, VA 9:30 a.m. Sundays, "Bible Truth"

## Your Commitment to Evangelism

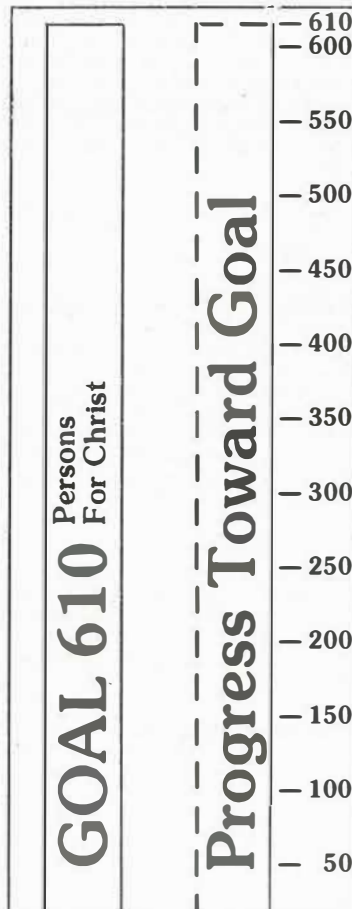
**Warren Sorenson,**  
Director

"It is every Christian's job to win others to Christ."

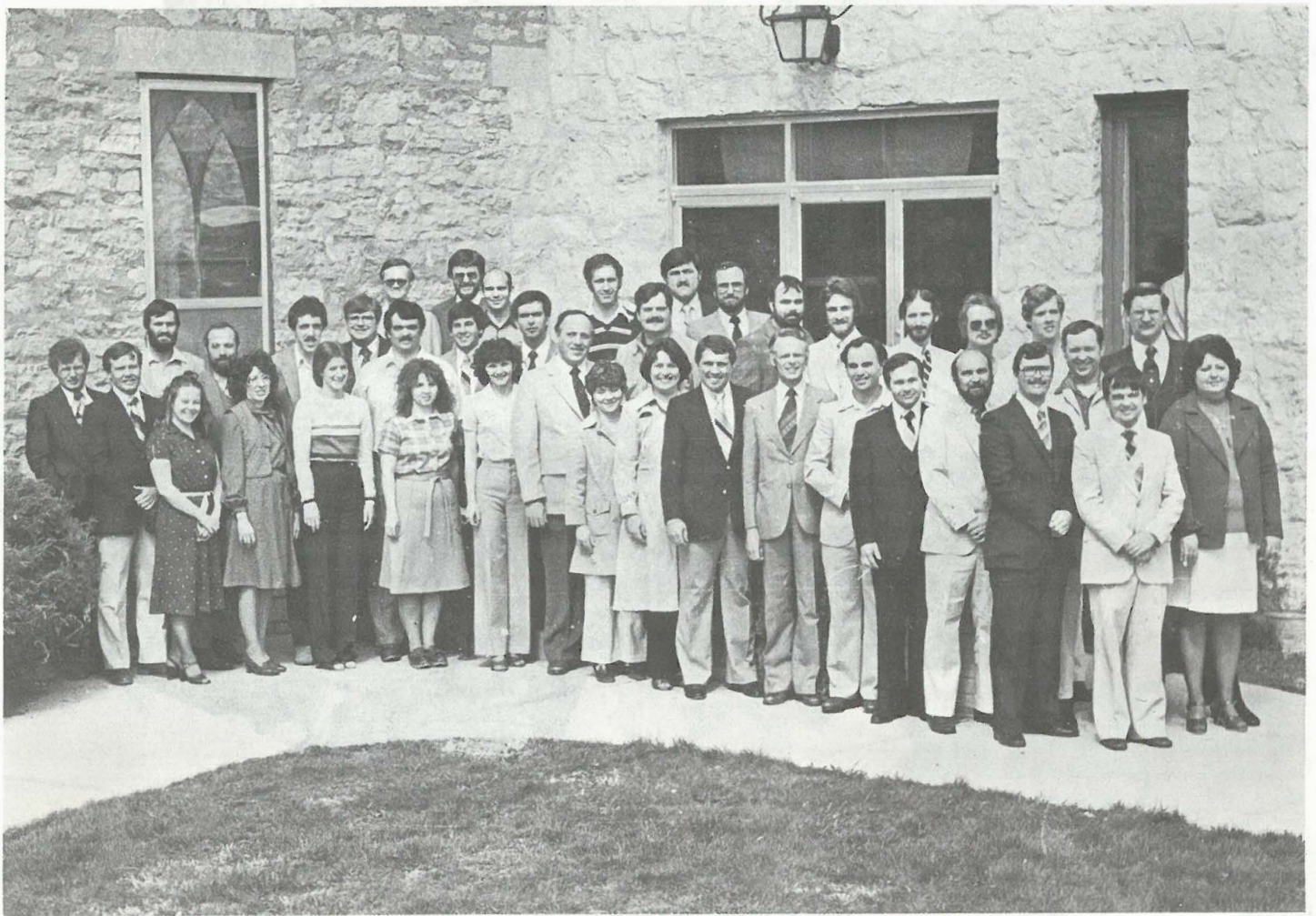
Because this part of the commitment toward obeying the voice of God is measurable and so vital to the overall ministry of the local church, I intend to keep you informed on the progress of accomplishment. I am asking each church to send a report each month of the persons who are brought to Christ through the ministry of the local church. A current report will be included on this page according to the results which are sent in. I welcome any personal testimonies of experiences in reaching others for Christ. What an exciting year we can have as we watch what God is doing through his people.

A graph will be used to illustrate the current progress in reaching persons for Christ. The total commitment goal of 610 during this year is shown by the bar on the left. The bar on the right will be used to illustrate the actual progress toward reaching the

goal. I will appreciate receiving news of all who are brought to Christ during this year.







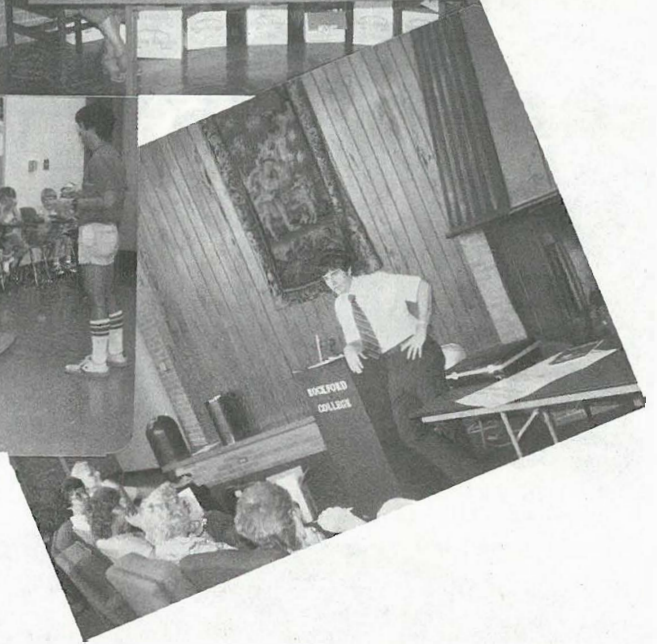
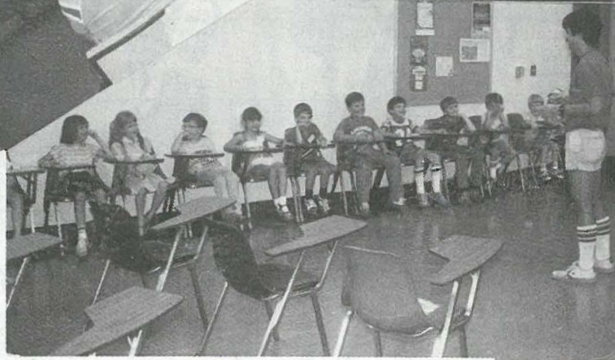
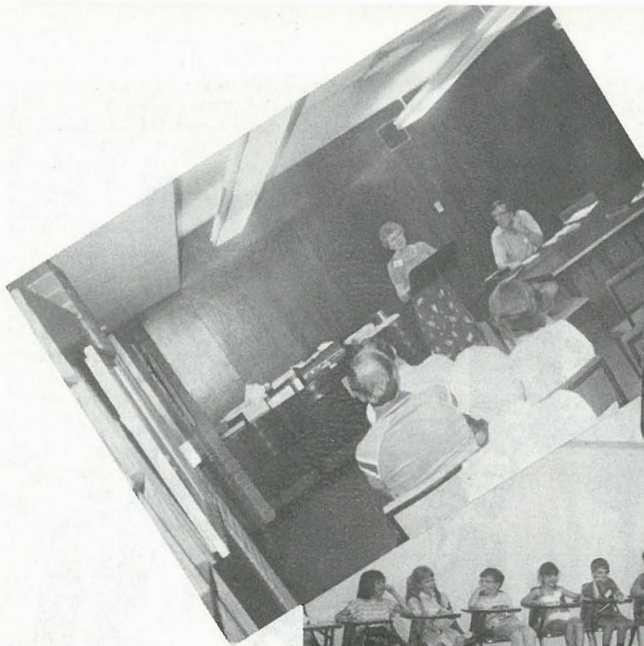
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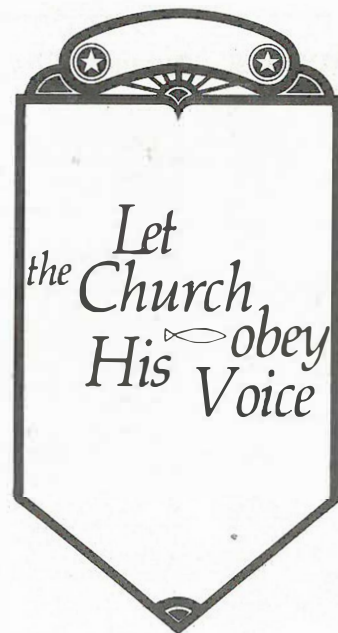
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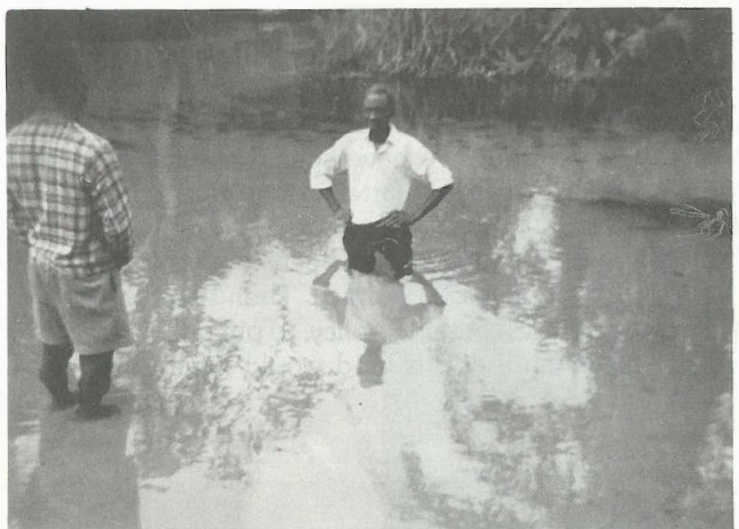
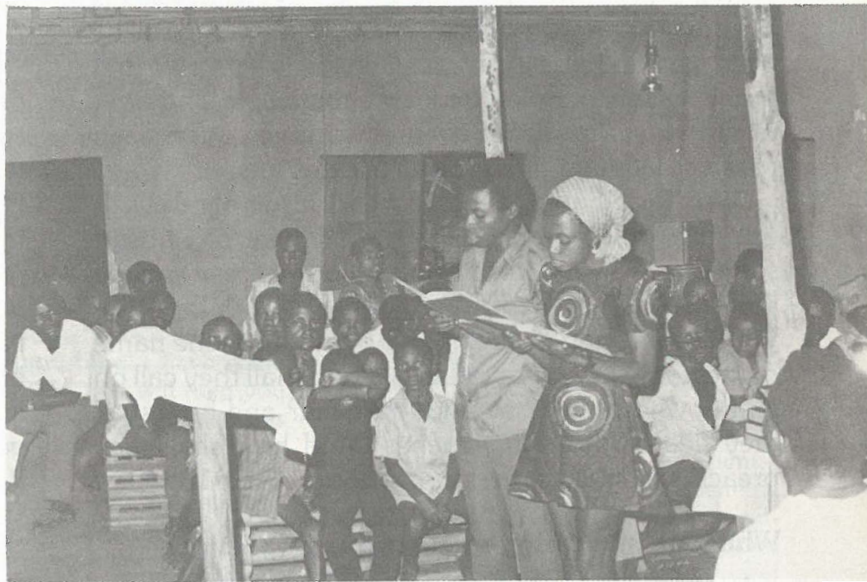
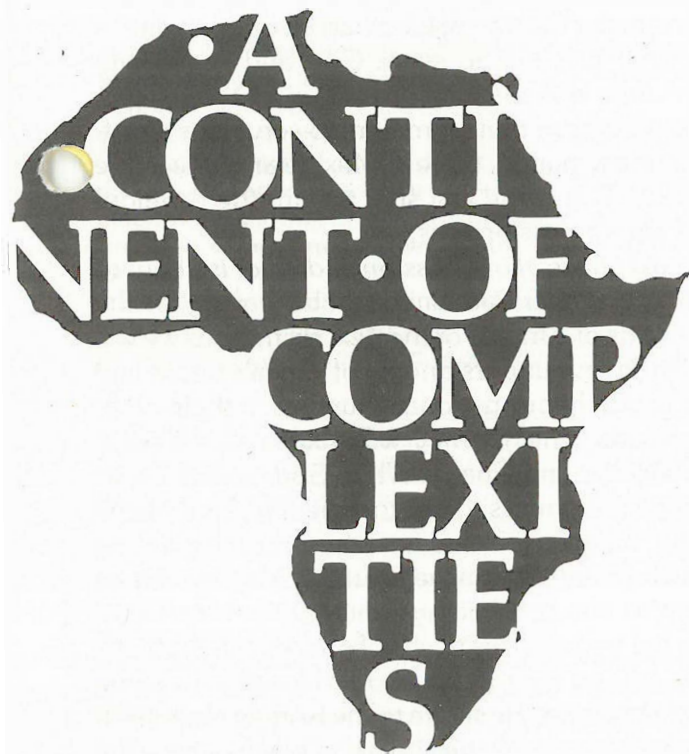
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Steve and Pam Grant

## *A Special Message from the General Conference Missions Coordinator*

# 2.5 Billion Hidden People . . .

I want to talk to you for a moment about "hidden people." They are the 2.5 billion people for whom Christ died, that have never had an opportunity to know him.<sup>1</sup> And why not? It is because no one has gone to their culture, learned their language, translated the Scriptures into their tongue, or identified Christ to them in a way they could understand and accept. I am not speaking of our neighbors who have not accepted Christ; I am talking of those who have not even heard the name of Jesus. Do you realize that even if every Christian in the world were to win all his culturally near neighbors to Christ, there would still be over two and half billion non-Christians left? Two and a half billion people lined up shoulder to shoulder would circle the world twenty-two times. With each passing day, that line grows 75 miles longer.<sup>2</sup>

We in the Church of God must not turn a blind eye to this mass of humanity that will only hear of Christ if someone is sent across cultural boundaries to reach them. Paul shared this very concern with us some 1900 years ago: "Every one who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:13-15.)

### **What Are We Doing to Meet this Challenge?**

1. *First, we are awakening the local churches to their responsibility to the task.* Mission work doesn't happen by itself or at the General Conference. It happens when men and women in local congregations begin to pray and strive to raise up their own missionaries and send them out. Pam and I have spent the last year traveling to as many churches as possible sharing about the "how to's" of starting their own mission program. To those we have seen, we have offered suggestions for getting started in "the great commission task."

Our first recommendation has been for the local church to form a mission committee. Then this committee needs to write a mission policy, to put on paper the plans, goals, and visions God would have their

church accomplish through prayer and action. Then missions education needs to reach out to the children, youth, and adults. This education process is greatly assisted by sending key leaders of the church and mission committee to conferences such as ACMC (Association of Mission Committees). The next annual conference will be held in Wheaton, Illinois, July 21-24, 1983.

2. *Secondly, we are offering short-term mission opportunities to those who wish to test their spiritual gifts of evangelism on foreign soil.* Last year 14 young people from the Church of God had an opportunity to "taste" what it is like to serve God and share with brethren in a different culture. Four of these were students who gave their summers to serve in a short-term mission program, three in Mexico and one in the Philippines. This is the first step toward the development of career missionaries.

3. *A third phase of our mission endeavor is about to begin.* In December Pam and I will be leaving for the mission fields of Africa. For the next six months we will be growing in our understanding of Africa's needs and how we can help our national churches in their evangelistic efforts. This journey will take us to tribes in Kenya, Nigeria, and Ghana. While God is teaching us "how to be good news to another people," we will be searching out areas of need for future church planting and development. When we return in May we will be reporting to you our findings and how you can start meeting the tremendous needs of our African brothers.

4. *And what is our ultimate goal?* I feel it is the same as that of Paul when he spoke to the Roman church, "It is my ambition to bring the Gospel to places where the very name of Christ has not been heard . . ." (Rom. 15:20, NEB). This, too, is our ambition, that through God's directing hand we in the Church of God will raise up and send forth our own missionary teams to begin our part in reaching out to these 2.5 billion that are hidden from Christ.

<sup>1</sup> Data taken from the statistics of the U.S. Center World Missions, 1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104.

<sup>2</sup> *World Christian Encyclopedia*, Ed. David B. Barrett, Oxford University Press, 1982.







mer, but do not let your parents or any other relative give you an injection—they like to do that. Beware of amoebas, stray dogs, and the 'Latin Lover.'"

When I arrived in my new Mexican home I was afraid to drink the coffee, pet the dog, and go to the bathroom. After one week I was sick for three days and quickly learned what was meant by Montezuma's Revenge. I also learned to respect stories the other team members were telling me of being served fish-eye soup, fried pig skin, and chicken-head sandwiches, when I watched my Mexican mom nibble on a couple of juicy, yellow chicken feet. (I found ways to avoid such delicacies.) But I adjusted to the family life quickly. I had gained two wonderful sisters, two brothers, and immediately fell in love with Mama and Papa. I was also placed with another team member who spoke the language on about the same level as I did, which meant we smiled and nodded our heads a lot.

The first few weeks I didn't have a lot to say to God. I was struggling with the language and so searched desperately for English-speaking Mexicans. I cursed the city every time I blew my nose for its fierce pollution. And I spent a lot of time devising ways to avoid the Metro, which was the major transportation system. It was used by masses of people daily and was where I learned the identity of the "Latin Lover." I also spent a lot of time dreading the fact that we would be doing door-to-door evangelism very soon. But the big day came quickly and I felt all but prepared.

We divided into teams of ten and then scattered throughout neighborhoods in the city. Our team met in a small church near our house to discuss the details. We were going into the neighborhood in two's. We were given a few tracts and Bibles and then assigned to our partners. I sighed a heavy sigh of relief when I found out my partner was a guy named Philip who was very fluent in Spanish, until he said he was going to let me do all the talking until I got stuck and would then bail me out.

The first house we went to I introduced my partner and myself, said where we were from and why we had come to Mexico, then Philip had to bail me out. I didn't catch most of the conversation, only to know that he had asked this lady if she thought she would be saved if Jesus returned today. I wasn't sure what the lady said but I smiled and looked profoundly interested.

Besides counting down the days of door-to-door visitations we had remaining, I walked away feeling very heavy hearted. If Jesus did return today, would I be

saved? I had been baptized, but was I really committed? Was I allowing him to be Master of my entire life? Memories of past sins started shooting off like tiny firecrackers in my brain. Fear and weakness began to overpower me and those familiar feelings of wanting to escape returned. Realizing that a drive in the country was impossible, I ran to the only place of solitude I could find—the roof of our apartment building. I curled up in a corner and began to cry. I felt so unworthy and thought for sure God thought I was too.

"There you go again, putting words in my mouth," came that familiar voice. "I know the thoughts I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not evil."

I kept my head hung low and through a few sniffing sighs I said, "But Lord, I am so very weak. I know that without you I am nothing. And I know I must serve you with all my heart and not just a portion, and I truly want to. But I'm afraid of so many things and I fall so easily."

"Listen, my child, the former things are in the past and I have new things for you to do. There is no need to be afraid; I will help you. I love you. When you call upon me and pray to me, I will hear you. And when you seek me you will find me when you search for me with all your heart."

I dried my eyes, thought about those words, and later descended from the rooftop with a new feeling of strength and peace. I began serving the Lord with new vitality. The more I worked in the church, being involved with the choir, the youth group, and the Bible School, the closer I got to God. I began to grow tremendously through our team Bible studies and the close friendships of other committed Christians. I couldn't pray enough, not only to ask God to help me but also to thank him for his faithfulness in answering me.

Everything was going really well, except for a few lingering fears and the continuing struggle with the language, when my roommate and I were called upon to revisit a woman whom two of our team members had visited during the initial door-to-door visits. The woman lived in our church neighborhood so it was my roommate and I who were responsible to go back. She hadn't had time to talk the first time, but we were told that she had invited us back. The only problem was that my roommate wasn't able to go with me at the requested time. I panicked, and then went to the Lord. "Now, you know I'll do anything for you God, but don't make me do this! I'm still having a terrible time with the language. I've been here four weeks and all I've done is introduce myself. And I have no idea

what to say."

"Take no thought of how or what you will say, for it shall be given to you in that same hour what you will say," said the Lord.

In the same hour! I had only had a day's notice about the visit. It had taken me three days to prepare a five minute testimony for church and God was telling me not to worry! I was kept so busy from the time that I was told about the visit until I had to go, that I had to trust in the Lord. I did, however, take my Mexican sister Edna along with me for extra security.

When we arrived at the woman's house I knocked lightly on the door. Answering it was a short, middle-aged woman with small features and wavy long hair. Her eyes were gentle but tired, and her face appeared eager as she invited us in. She lived alone with her two young children in this two-roomed house, and it was obvious that she was very poor. My sister proved to be an excellent translator to help me understand the woman at first. But the more I heard of her problems and seeing tears come to her eyes when she spoke of her children, the less I relied on Edna and the more attentive I became. I began to understand what she was saying and before I realized it I was talking right back, sharing Scripture and speaking of how God had worked in my life to bring comfort and peace.

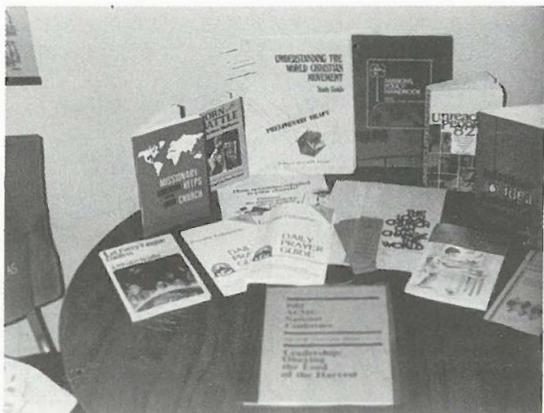
We spent one hour in the woman's house and I walked away feeling exhausted. As my sister and I walked home she said, "I really liked all the things you said to her." I stopped in my tracks. "Hey, I did say things to her, a lot of things, and in Spanish even! God did give me things to say." I went back to that woman's house every week after that for Bible study. Later she started coming to church. It was wonderful.

I left Mexico with new knowledge and understanding. I learned first of all that God uses imperfect people to do his will. The more willing a person is the more God will use him. I learned that every Christian is called to be a missionary. That doesn't mean we have to go overseas or go door to door. The mission field is immense; there are hungry hearts of empty people who do not know of the love of Jesus Christ. We are called to tell those who don't know, whether they be members of our own family, friends, neighbors, people of Mexico, or some naked tribe in Papua, New Guinea. Perhaps most importantly I learned that I can take all my thoughts and fears to the Lord, that I can depend on him more than anyone else in the world, and that he is my strength.



# Developing the Missionary Vision in 1982

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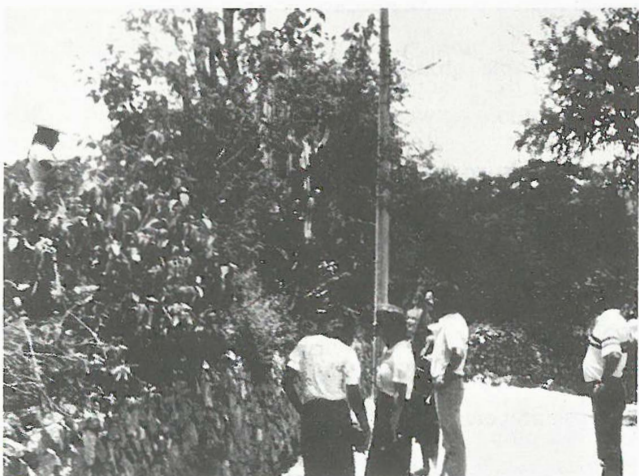
Steve speaking at Garden Park Church.



The ACMC delegates from Burr Oak (pictured l. to r.): Carol Schmidlapp and James and Mary Helen Mattison. David Krogh, Charles Knapp, Larry Gaspar, Ron Macy, Judy Myers, and Steve and Pam Grant were our other delegates.



(l. to r.) Spearheaders Coreena Hendrickson, Alane Schmidlapp, Bart Tackett, and Mike Gallagher.



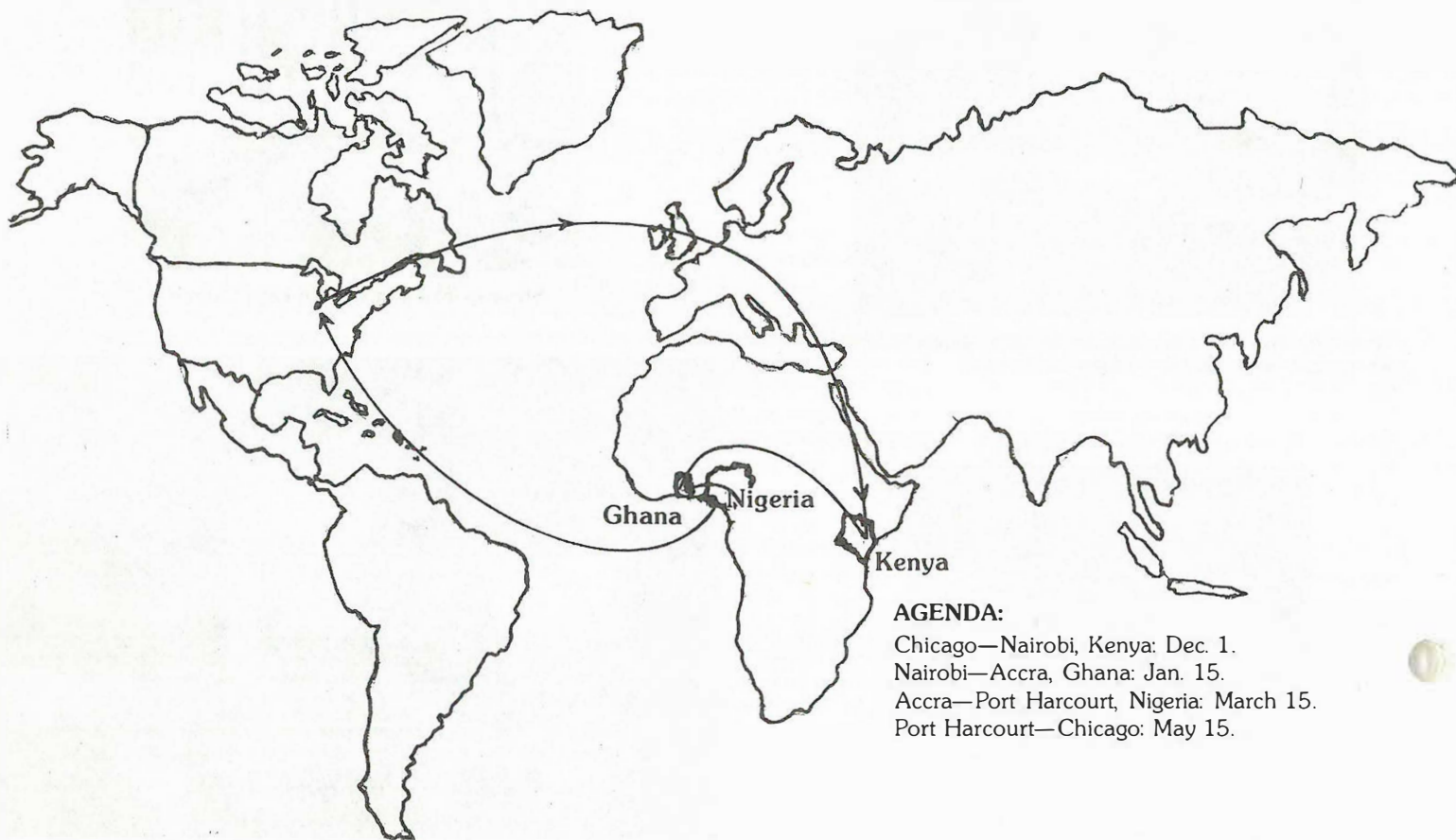
Valley View Bible Church of Scottsdale, Arizona, sent a caravan to Labor Vieja, Mexico, in June.



The new O.B.C. Missions Club: (l. to r.) Front row: Eileen Moore, Anne Churchill, Robin Wegner, and Mary Moralez. (Back row): Darwin Bronson, Joe Sanseverino, John Raymond, Keith Davis, and James Raymond. Not pictured: Mike Gallagher.



# Outreach to Africa



## AGENDA:

Chicago—Nairobi, Kenya: Dec. 1.  
Nairobi—Accra, Ghana: Jan. 15.  
Accra—Port Harcourt, Nigeria: March 15.  
Port Harcourt—Chicago: May 15.

## PURPOSE:

1. To grow in our understanding of Africa's needs and to help our national churches in their evangelistic efforts.
2. To report back to our "home churches," what is happening and what the future needs in mission personnel and resources will be.
3. To look for potential mission areas. Especially among the "hidden people" groups that have no present witness of the gospel.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

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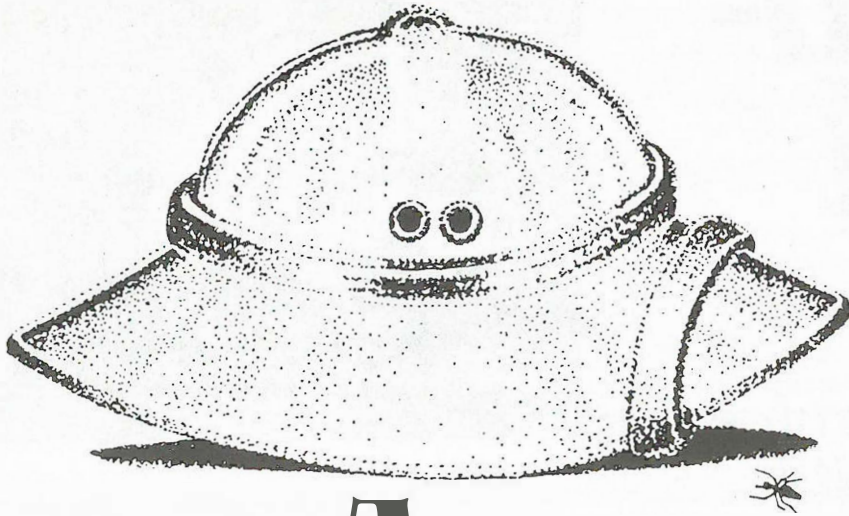
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## T. Norton Sterrett



# Are Missionaries Unbalanced?

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Are missionaries unbalanced? Of course they are. I'm one. I ought to know.

A missionary probably began as an ordinary person. He dressed like other people; he liked to play tennis and listen to music.

But even before leaving for the field he became "different." Admired by some, pitied by others, he was known as one who was leaving parents, prospects and home for—a vision. So he seemed to be a visionary.

Now that he's come home again he's even more different. To him some things—big things—just don't seem important. Even the World Series or the Davis Cup matches don't interest him especially. And apparently he doesn't see things as other people see them. The chance of a lifetime—to meet Toscanini personally—seems to leave him cold. It makes you want to ask where he's been.

Well, where has he been?

Where the conflict with evil is open and intense, a fight not a fashion—where clothes don't matter, because there's little time to take care of them—where people are dying for help he might give, most of them not even knowing he has the help—where the sun means 120 in the shade, and he can't spend his time in the shade.

But not only space; time too seems to have passed him by. When you talk about jive [1948; beatniks, 1960; New Wave, 1982] he looks puzzled. When you mention Duke Ellington [1948; Harry Belafonte, 1960; Bob Dylan, 1982] he asks who he is. You wonder how long he's been away.

All right, how long has he been away? Long enough for thirty million people to die without Christ, with no chance to hear the gospel—and some of them died right before his eyes: when that flimsy riverboat overturned;

when that cholera epidemic struck; when that Hindu-Moslem riot broke out.

How long has he been gone? Long enough to have had two sieges of amoebic dysentery, to nurse his wife through repeated attacks of malaria, to get the news of his mother's death before he knew she was sick.

How long? Long enough to see a few outcaste men and women turn to Christ, to see them drink in the Bible teaching he gave them, to struggle and suffer with them through the persecution that developed from non-Christian relatives, to see them grow into a steady band of believers conducting their own worship, to see this group develop an indigenous church that is reaching out to the community.

Yes, he's been away a long time.

So he's different. But unnecessarily so now, it seems. At least, since he's in this country, he could pay more attention to his clothes, to what's going on around the country, to recreation, to social life.

Of course he could.

But he can't forget—at least most of the time—that the price of a new suit would buy 3,200 Gospels; that while an American spends one day in business, five thousand Indians or Chinese die without Christ.

So when a missionary comes to your church or your Christian group, remember that he will probably be different. If he stumbles for a word now and then, he may have been speaking a foreign tongue almost exclusively for seven years, and possibly is fluent in it. If he isn't in the orator class, he may not have had a chance to speak English from a pulpit for a while. He may be eloquent on the street of an Indian Bazaar.

If he doesn't seem to warm up as quickly as you want, if he seems less approachable than a youth evangelist or college professor, remember he's been under a radically different social system since before you started high school, and maybe is unfamiliar with casual conversation.

Sure the missionary is unbalanced. But by whose scales? Yours or God's?

*The late DR. T. NORTON STERRETT served in India with IFES for many years. This article appeared in HIS in 1948 and again in 1960. It has been reprinted in more periodicals than any other article that HIS has ever published.*

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# MISSIONARIES TODAY

## —WHAT KINDS?

by Theodore Williams

### A NOTE ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Theodore Williams is the General Secretary of Indian Evangelical Mission, one of the largest Indian mission agencies. He is a well-respected leader in the cause of missions. I.E.M. has trained and sent out more than 120 Indian missionaries that are taking the message of Christ to people groups in central and north India.

Before Mr. Williams accepted the directorship of I.E.M., he was a successful pastor in Bangalore, India. While carrying on his duties in the pastorate, he also took time from his busy schedule to "disciple" our own Pastor M. R. Noel. For two years Mr. Williams taught Noel and worked very diligently with him. We are thankful for Mr. Williams' interest in our pastor and appreciate the wise advice he offers us in this article.

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Our greatest need in missions today is the need of dedicated personnel. As I read missionary magazines and listen to missionary talks, the plea is for persons who would be available for various tasks. Even our Lord said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37, 38, RSV).

Our greatest difficulty is to get quality workers. As there is much unemployment in our country of India, those who just want a job apply to missions. They may say the right words and put on the right front to get the job, but after they are sent to the field we discover that there is no depth in their commitment to Christ and his purposes. Or, even worse, they may not be genuinely converted.

I believe that the only Scriptural safeguard to avoid these pitfalls is to pray earnestly that the Lord will send us those whom he has called. Recruitment through prayer rather than through advertisement seems to be the Scriptural method. However, let us remember that even among the twelve whom the Lord chose, one turned out to be Judas! That is a heartache we cannot always avoid.

As we recruit our missionaries and train them, what do we look for in them? From the late 60's missiology has become a popular subject among aspirants for theological degrees. In some missiological training, the danger is that of too much emphasis on the sociological, anthropological, and cultural aspects, and on methods to the exclusion of the spiritual dimension. In the recent gathering of the World Evangelical Fellowship Missions Commission held here in Bangalore, 40 delegates representing various missions and missions associations from all over the world discussed the subject of "Missionary Training." I would like to share with you some of the emphasis that came through.

Most of the leaders of the emerging missions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America felt that the spiritual training of the

missionaries should have priority. Spirituality and servanthood should be the two major emphases of our missionary training.

### Spirituality

1. Missionaries must be trained to walk in obedience to the Lord, trusting him for their needs and in their difficulties. Living by faith should be their lifestyle.

2. They should be trained in prayer, to prevail by prayer in impossible situations, seeing satan bound and God's redemptive power released. They should be trained to combat the forces of evil through prayer.

3. They should be taught what resources and spiritual authority they have in Christ. There is a boldness of the Holy Spirit which our missionaries must have in order that they may face the rulers of this world and the principalities and powers that are behind them.

4. They should learn how to live and work in fellowship with others. They should be trained in community living. Most of our missions have problems of relationships in the fields. The emphasis should be on teamwork, and excessive carnal individualism and independence should be curbed. As L. E. Maxwell, former principal of Prairie Bible Institute, said, "Home missions are great, foreign missions are wonderful, but submissions are the best of all."

5. Young missionaries must be trained to submit to godly leaders in the field and in the headquarters. They should be made to work with experienced missionaries for a period. Such apprenticeship training is Scriptural.

### Servanthood

1. In these days there is much talk about leadership training, but very little is said about training in servanthood. Yet this is what the New Testament emphasizes. Missionaries should commit themselves not only to be servants of Christ but also servants of people (2 Corinthians 4:5).

2. They should be trained for costly involvement in the needs of the people whom they serve. This includes their physical and social needs as well as spiritual needs. Training in relief and development work is very necessary. Most of the people among whom we work constitute the oppressed and exploited masses. If we are to serve them even as our Lord served, we cannot evade involvement in their social and economical situations. All such involvement should be in the spirit of servanthood. We are not called to be commandoes or liberators but servants of the Servant Lord.

May the Lord give us the right perspective as we recruit, train, and send forth laborers into the harvest fields.



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2. *Snake Stories From Africa*, by Elijah Bingham, A Sudan Interior Mission publication.
3. *Adventures of A Dugout*
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1. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, Edited by Ralph D. Winter and Steven C. Hawthorne, from William Carey Library. This is the most up-to-date reader on the field of missions today. The editors have pooled the contributions of over 70 mission leaders to provide an introduction to the history and potential of World Evangelism.
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# General Conference Progress

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## End of Fiscal Year

September 30 marked the end of the fiscal year for the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Contributions for the year totaled \$340,937.01. This is an increase of over \$12,000 from the previous fiscal year.

By exercising good stewardship, the staff has come very close to keeping spending in line with our income during the past 12 months.

The graph below shows where the money came from to carry on the Conference ministries during the year. Contributions from Conferences, churches, and individuals are essential to supplement income from sales, services, tuition, board, and room.

## Needs for New Fiscal Year

In order to reach our Goal for Giving of \$402,830, we will need to receive approximately 77¢ each minute during the twelve months of the year. Gifts of \$120 from 3,357 Church of God families would make it possible to reach our Goal. Consider becoming a member of our family of supporters by sending a gift of \$120 or more, or monthly gifts of \$10.00.

## GOAL FOR GIVING

Oct. 1, 1982 - Sept. 30, 1983	\$402,830		
	Needed	Given	Giving Gap
Oct. 1-15	\$16,244	\$14,421	\$1,823

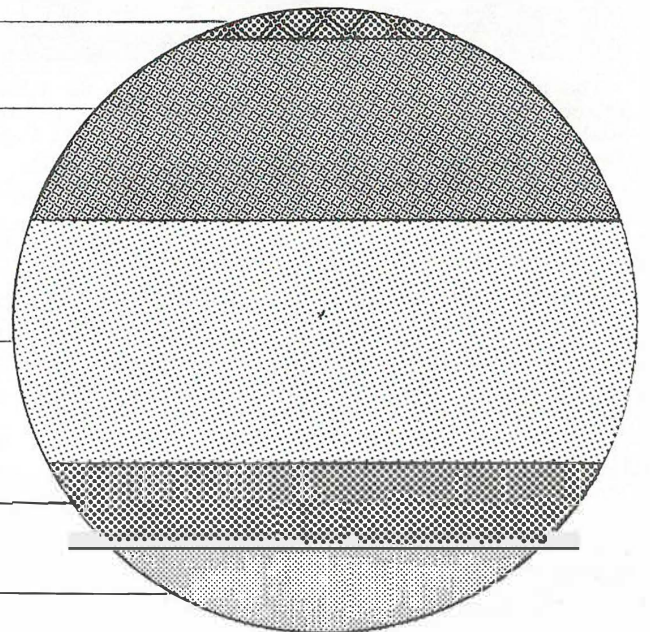
## EQUATIONS FOR ACTION

$$76.64¢ \times 60 \text{ minutes} \times 24 \text{ hours} \times 365 \text{ days} = \$402,819.84$$

$$\$120 \times 3,357 \text{ families} = \$402,840$$

## Where the money came from in 1981-82

Contributions from Conferences	4%
Contributions from Churches	28%
Contributions from Individuals and Families	39%
Sales and Services	12%
College Tuition, Board, and Room	17%
	100%





## Missions Club

Oregon Bible College is experiencing an awakening in missions activities. Missions courses of study are being offered, students are finding increasing opportunities to experience the excitement of missions work, and staff members are regularly meeting and praying with students on behalf of missions throughout the world. Steve Grant, missions specialist from the General Conference's Outreach and Church Development, meets weekly with the newly reorganized Missions Club.

The Missions Club meets each Tuesday for prayer and planning over breakfast. Besides regular times of prayer, meetings include planning and training sessions. Tentative plans call for Saturday, November 13, to be spent in a club retreat. Members anticipate being involved in workshop sessions on **Principles** and **How To's of Missions**.

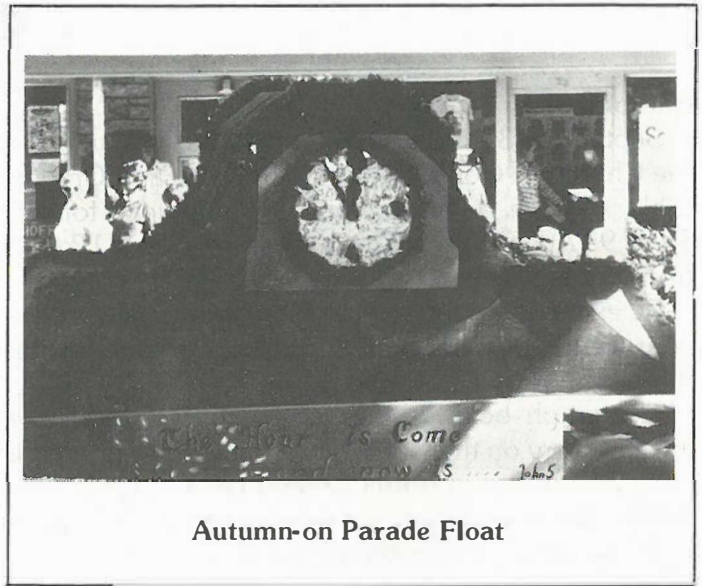


The new O.B.C. Missions Club: (l. to r.) Front row: Eileen Moore, Anne Churchill, Robin Wegner, and Mary Moralez. (Back row): Darwin Bronson, Joe Sanseverino, John Raymond, Keith Davis, and James Raymond. Not pictured: Mike Gallagher.

## Campus Visitors

Campus visitors this fall include: Mrs. Mary Lou Brittingham, Pastor and Mrs. David Cheatwood, Mr. and Mrs. James Dochstader, Mrs. Nancy Everhart, Mrs. Natalie Courts, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Mrs. Karen Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Winner.

Three recent guests addressed the student body in Chapel services. Pastor David Cheatwood stressed the importance of private time with God through prayer. Pastor Sydney Kirkpatrick used the title "Insights I



Autumn-on Parade Float

Gained on the Run" to compare the principles of jogging and running to the Christian life. Scott Ross, pastor and member of the OBC Board of Trustees, spoke on his experiences in Pastoral Ministry and emphasized his continuing commitment to and satisfaction attained from that career.

## Christian Emphasis Week November 8-12

"Choose Ye This Day Whom Ye Will Serve"

Guests for the week will be Doug and Monie Todd. Doug has served four years in the Arizona House of Representatives. He is currently seeking reelection. The Todds will bring keen insights from the agribusiness professions and from government. As Christians they are vitally concerned about the lives of people and are doing much about those concerns by working where their Christian influence can be felt at decision-making levels. The students and staff of Oregon Bible College are fortunate to be able to learn first-hand from Doug and Monie Todd.

## Spring Semester

Enrollment is still open for Spring Semester. Day classes will begin on January 10, and evening classes start on January 17. Guest instructor, Anthony Buzzard, will continue his good work throughout the Spring Semester. The Chorale and the drama troupe will be touring again this spring. The Chorale tour is scheduled at the close of the semester and will include travel to the west coast churches.



# College Progress

## Calendar Spring Semester, 1983

January 9	Dorms Open, 1:00 p.m.
January 10	Classes Begin a.m./Complete Registration p.m.
January 17	Evening Classes Begin
January 25	Final Date for Adding Subjects for Credit or Making Subject Changes
February 22	Final Date for Dropping a Subject with Automatic "W"
February 23	OBC Day of Prayer
March 10-12	Junior-Senior Weekend
April 1-10	Good Friday Holiday and Spring Recess
April 26-28	Ministers' Conference
May 9-12	Last Week of Classes and Final Exams
May 13	Records Processing and Graduation
May 14	Dorms Close, 9:00 a.m. (Breakfast only)

*For Spring Semester enrollment, mail the following form and request a full enrollment packet of materials.*



## PRE-APPLICATION FORM

I am interested in attending Oregon Bible College during the  
 Fall 1982 Semester,  Spring 1983 Semester,  Fall 1983 Semester,  Spring 1984 Semester,  Fall 1984 Semester.  
Please send a complete enrollment packet.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Program interest: 2-year Church Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

4-year Ministry Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Education:

Currently in High School \_\_\_\_\_ High School Graduate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year)

College \_\_\_\_\_ Degree earned \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of College)

Semesters attended \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Oregon Bible College  
Admissions  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061



# Outreach and Church Development

## Get Acquainted With the Church of God at Winter Haven, Florida, One of our Newest Churches

A few years ago, Byron and Audrey Jay from Dayton, Ohio, had a burden to see a church established in Florida. Motivated by this desire, they spent some time looking around Florida for a suitable place to start. They settled at Winter Haven and now we have a congregation working together in the process of development. Byron has served as pastor during the past four years and has been assisted by others who have spent winters in Florida. Bros. Clyde Randall and Cecil Patrick have given much help to Bro. Jay and the congregation. Last June, the congregation invited Brian Atra, a recent graduate from OBC, to serve as intern pastor. He has been serving in this capacity since that time. Some Church of God families from Indiana have moved to Winter Haven, and this has given a great boost to the church.

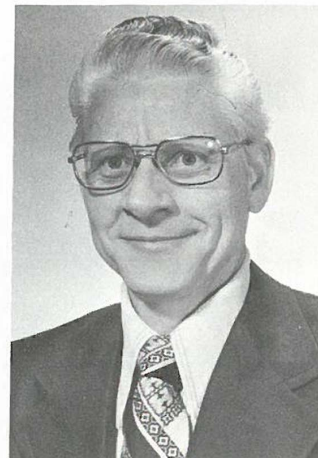
When the temperature begins to drop in the north, attendance increases at Winter Haven as visitors from the cold escape to the sunshine of Florida. If you will be spending the winter in Florida, you are encouraged to locate in or near Winter Haven. In addition to Florida's sunshine, you can enjoy the warm and friendly fellowship of the Winter Haven Church. At present the group meets in a rented building at Havendale Blvd. and 26th St.

We are grateful to the Jays for their dedication and interest in getting a work started in Florida. They have invested much of themselves in seeing this come to reality.

## A New Wind Blowing in Rockford

The Rockford Church, pastored by Sydney Kirkpatrick, has just completed an intensive study of Spiritual Gifts and a process of implementation for their use in the local church. This included a detailed study of the gifts, a process of discovering individual gifts, discussion groups to explore various opportunities to use the gifts, opportunities to experiment with various gifts, and a study of the organizational structure of the local church in relation to the gifts of members. At present a committee is working on writing job descriptions for the various offices in the church, taking into consideration the skills and gifts needed for each position.

Personal testimonies of various members reflect the excitement of the congregation to participate in the church program. This new enthusiasm is well expressed in Nehemiah 4:6, "For the people had a mind



Warren Sorenson, Director

to work." A new atmosphere can be felt as a result of God's Spirit working through individuals in the church. Rockford as a city records one of the highest rates of unemployment in the nation. It is thrilling to see that, in a city permeated with an attitude of unemployment and depression, the members of the Rockford Church are finding many opportunities to get involved in God's work in their local church.

In addition to the new enthusiasm in the church, as a part of their outreach program two home Bible study groups have been formed which provide a ministry to persons who are not members of the local church. Host families from the Rockford Church have invited friends to share in the study groups which are taught by Pastor Kirkpatrick.

## Soon to Be Available!

A series of four mission films is being purchased by the General Conference. These will be available to local congregations on a scheduled basis. More information about arrangements for their use will be given later. We just wanted to let you know that they are coming soon.

These 16mm films center on The Good News to Every People.

1. Good News for a Tribal World (10 min.)
2. Good News for the Hindu World (14 min.)
3. Good News for the Muslim World (13 min.)
4. Good News for the Chinese World (13 min.)

If you are interested in showing these films, write to the Department of Outreach and Church Development, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Learning Opportunities!

The Institute for American Church Growth offers various learning opportunities throughout the year.



# Progress

Three one-day workshops are being offered in various locations.

- How to Identify, Reach, and Win New People
- How to Effectively Incorporate New Members
- How to Bring New Growth and Vitality to Your Sunday School

### 1983 Dates and locations:

- January 20, 21, 22—Jacksonville, FL.
- January 24, 25, 26—Dallas, TX.
- February 24, 25, 26—Houston, TX.
- February 28, March 1, 2—Oklahoma City, OK.
- March 10, 11, 12—St. Louis, MO.
- March 14, 15, 16—Denver, CO.
- March 24, 25, 26—Detroit, MI.
- March 28, 29, 30—Minneapolis, MN.
- April 14, 15, 16—San Jose, CA.
- April 18, 19, 20—Los Angeles, CA.
- April 28, 29, 30—Baltimore, MD.
- May 2, 3, 4—New York, NY.
- May 12, 13, 14—Kansas City, MO.
- May 16, 17, 18—Indianapolis, IN.

An Advanced Church Growth Seminar will be presented January 3-7 at Pasadena, California.

For more information on the above seminars, call toll free 1-800-423-4844 (California residents, 213-449-4400).

### My Commitment Toward Obeying His Voice

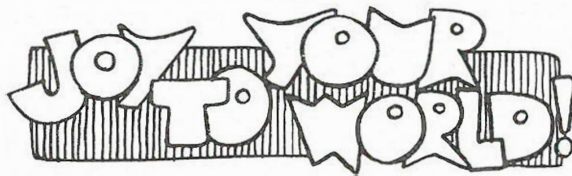
Thus far we have reports of nine baptisms since General Conference last summer. I would appreciate receiving a report of baptisms from each church once a month. A card with the number of baptisms is sufficient for this. The traditional report should still be sent in to the Publishing Department to include names and dates of the baptisms.

Commitments to bring persons to Christ total 610. We want to keep a record of the progress toward reaching this goal. As reports are sent in they will be reported on this page.

### Bible Study Groups

A Bible study group has been formed in the San Diego, California, area. Isolated members of the Church of God and others interested in distinctive doctrines of the Scripture form this group. Joe Martin from the Valley Church in Glendale, California, has met with the group for Bible study. We have also received news of a study group in Salem, Oregon, and of interested persons in Portland. Persons living in these areas who might be interested in participating in a Bible study can contact the Department of Outreach for more information.

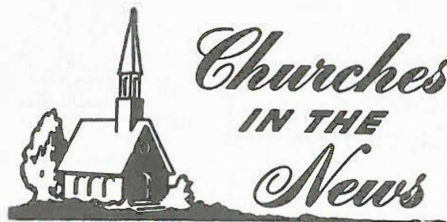
## Prayer and Praise Calendar December, 1982



- 1 Pray for Pastor Noel as he ministers in India, especially that God will dispel the confusion in the work there.
- 2 Ask God to give you an opportunity this month to share your faith in Christ.
- 3 Pray that God will reveal to Pam and Steve Grant hidden people groups in the mission field.
- 4 Praise God for the ministry taking place in the house church in Peterborough, Ontario.
- 5 Pray for Pam and Steve Grant as they prepare to leave on their mission trip to Ghana and Nigeria.
- 6 Praise God for the services and fellowship you enjoyed yesterday with your church family.
- 7 Pray for Warren Sorenson as he works with Pastor Partain and the Pomona, California, church.
- 8 Pray for your pastor and family.
- 9 Praise God for the Bible study group which meets in the San Diego area.
- 10 Pray for the isolated members of your congregation.
- 11 Pray for persons in the area of your church who have not come to Christ.
- 12 Pray that God will bless the Spanish-speaking Sunday School class which Pastor Joe Martin is teaching at the Glendale Church.
- 13 Pray for OBC students as they take their semester final exams this week.
- 14 Thank God for a recent prayer answer.
- 15 Pray that God will be a companion and bless those of your congregation who are shut-ins.
- 16 Praise God for a special servant in your congregation.
- 17 Pray for OBC students as they leave for Christmas vacation.
- 18 Pray for your local church's development in its missions program.
- 19 Pray for those taking part in the Christmas program in your congregation.
- 20 Praise God for recent conversions and baptisms which have taken place in your church.
- 21 Pray for the church planting opportunity in Colorado Springs.
- 22 Pray that God will provide opportunity for you to share your faith at family Christmas gatherings.
- 23 Pray that God will lead young people to participate in a summer mission program.
- 24 Pray for our pastors in Nigeria: Ephraim Udo, Solomon Idiong, John Obott, J. A. I. Ekpo, and B. O. Adum.
- 25 Praise God for sending his Son as our Savior.
- 26 Praise God for your church family.
- 27 Pray that God will assist persons who are seeking to bring others to Christ as per commitments made at last summer's General Conference.
- 28 Pray that God will bless the Winter Haven, Florida, Church with growth.
- 29 Pray for Pam and Steve Grant as they study mission work and opportunities on the mission field.
- 30 Pray for Pastor Oliver Amani and his ministry in Ghana.
- 31 Praise God for the opportunities ahead of you this coming year.



# Church News and Progress



## BAPTISMS

**Cross Timbers, MO.** We held Bible studies and also conducted preaching services in the Lake of the Ozarks region of Missouri September 17-19. On September 19, three young women were baptized after coming forward to accept their Savior Jesus the Christ. A baptism was held in Stark's Creek, and a communion service was held at the meeting house afterwards.

Those baptized were Lisa Gay Johnson, Appleton City, MO; Angela Lou Driskill, RR. Cross Timbers; and Claudia Pearl Driskill, Cross Timbers. Pastor Leon Driskill.

**Tipp City, OH.** On August 22, 1982, a very meaningful and exciting Northeast Conference was climaxed for the Brush Creek congregation as Kelley Moore was immersed in baptism. The Conference focused on the church as the body of Christ. There could have been no more fitting conclusion to the Conference than to share in the joy of another becoming a part of the body. We praise God for Kelley's decision and ask God's richest blessings to be poured out upon her.

On August 29, 1982, the Brush Creek Church rejoiced as Thelma Schleinitz was baptized. We praise God for Thelma becoming a part of the body of Christ at Brush Creek. May the Lord be ever near as she grows in faith and trust.

On Sunday, September 12, 1982, at the close of the service many tears of joy flowed as Miss Kimberly Marie Smith came forward to make publicly known her decision to accept Jesus as her personal Savior. Her baptism immediately followed the service. We of the Brush Creek Church rejoice in Kim's decision and pray that she will experience great joys in her walk with Christ. Michael Hoffman, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** Matthew Pestle stepped forward at the gospel invitation during the morning worship service, October 3, 1982. He was immersed in the waters of baptism by his father, C. Jesse Pestle, that evening. We pray God's blessing upon Matthew as he begins his walk with our Lord. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**Greenbrier, AR.** On August 29, 1982, at the close of the worship service at the McGintytown Church, three came forward as the invitation was given. We wish to welcome Leona McGinty into our fellowship by transfer, and Keri Cardin, who was baptized into Christ September 19. Her mother also came forward to rededicate herself to Christ. We at McGintytown rejoice in all of these decisions for him. May the Lord continue to prepare us until his coming. Thomas M. New, pastor.

**Gatesville, TX.** The Gatesville congregation was thrilled to witness the commitments made to Jesus Christ by Jim Hamlett and Lewis Buckner. Jim was baptized August 29, 1982, by Pastor Joe Duncan. Richard Worley assisted Lewis in putting on Christ through baptism on

September 19, 1982. We pray God's blessings and guidance to be with these two men in their Christian walk. Joe Duncan, pastor.

**Fredericktown, MO.** Dolly Duff of Success, AR, was immersed in the waters of baptism on August 21, 1982, by the writer at the Fredericktown Church of God. She has attended the Doniphan Church of God for some time, and became convinced of the truths of the Bible and her need for baptism. We are thankful for her decision and pray God will guide her daily walk with him. Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** Our church family rejoiced in an evening outdoor service at Kyte Creek on August 8, 1982, as Randy Eich, son of Larry and

Margaret Eich, put on Christ in the waters of baptism. We are thrilled that all five members of the Eich family have come to know Jesus Christ as Savior. Richard Eldred, pastor.

**Blanchard, MI.** The Blanchard congregation was thrilled to witness the immersion of Matthew Sunderlin on October 10, 1982, following his acceptance of Christ as his personal Savior. We welcome him into local membership. Don Needham, pastor.

**South Bend, IN.** Richard James Hank was baptized in the name of Jesus on Sunday, October 10, at Hope Chapel Church of God. This unites Dick and his wife Janet (Armes) in the Lord. Dick had been raised in another

## THE SEASON OF LISTS

Guest list, shopping list, gift list, church program list, but the largest list of all at Christmas time is the mailing list.

It's the only time of the year you'll hear from cousin Fred, Aunt Mary, nephew George. Naturally you include them on your Christmas card list.

What shall it be this year? Everybody remarked about the Christmas letter you've sent with each card. After 10 years, that wears out. If I could think of something different to enclose with the card...

I've got it! A true "Season's Greeting." A Christmas tract from the Church of God General Conference.

Today I must add to my list: "Order tracts for Christmas cards." Got to get the order in soon so I can get the tracts back in time to use them.

Hmmm. Now to find the order form...

## ORDER FORM

Please send me the following tracts:

### Quan. Tract

\_\_\_\_\_ Peace . . . Good Will

\_\_\_\_\_ What Christmas Means to Me

\_\_\_\_\_ Welcome to Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ God's Son—Priceless Gift of Love

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cost of tracts (\$1.00 per 100 in multiples of 50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Postage (10% of order, 75¢ min.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
The Restitution Herald  
Box 100  
Oregon, IL 61061



faith and had been sprinkled as an infant. As he studied the Bible, he became convicted of his need to put Jesus Christ on as Savior in the waters of baptism. We welcome both Dick and Janet into the church. John A. Railton, pastor.

**Winter Haven, FL.** Upon her confession of Christ as Savior, Delores Kemp was immersed into the saving name of Jesus, dying to sin and rising to newness of life. Delores was baptized by the writer October 6, 1982, in Ariana Lake, Auburndale, FL. We welcome this young lady into the household of faith. May our gracious Lord bless her and use her in his service. Brian J. Atra, pastor.

**Hilliard, OH.** The Hilliard Bible Church of God is pleased to announce the baptism of Lori Ann Enoch. Lori came forward Sunday, August 22, 1982, during the invitational. She was baptized that afternoon by Elder Duane Johnson, Elder Ron Roth, and Pastor Carl F. Roth. We rejoice for Lori as she begins her new walk in life for Jesus Christ. May God bless her and keep her. Brenda Johnson, secretary.

**THANKS FROM  
MARY HELEN MATTISON**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
I'd like to personally write each one of you who has sent notes and cards of cheer, but that would be virtually impossible.  
I do want you to know, though, how much encouragement and support I've felt from you. Words can't express what the love, concern, and prayers of so many can mean.  
Please continue to pray for me. The medical world has nothing to offer for this type of cancer. The Lord has given some tremendous promises. If it's his will, I know I can be well again.  
Love,  
Mary Helen Mattison.

**MACOMB MEETINGS**

Fall meetings were held at the Macomb, IL, Church of God September 8-12 with Bro. Z. B. Duncan. His subjects were: "Our Wonderful Lord"; "Reaching Out to the Lost"; "The Victorious Overcomer in Christ"; "Nuclear War Inevitable?"; "Living Power in the Church"; and "Look Up—The Time Is At Hand." All enjoyed his timely messages. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

**WEDDINGS**

**Summers - Cooper**

Terry Wayne Cooper and Hazel Lynne Summers were united in marriage at the Fredericktown Church of God in a lovely afternoon ceremony on September 4, 1982. They are making their first home in Fredericktown, where they are both employed. May God bless the life they share with him. Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**Donaldson - Thomas**

On March 27, 1982, Catherine Diane Donaldson became the lovely bride of Randall Joseph Thomas Overton. The beautiful double-ring ceremony took place at the East Oregon Chapel as the couple vowed to God to spend the rest of their lives together. Randy and Cathy have made their home near Oregon and we pray that God will continue to guide them in their marriage. Richard Eldred, pastor.

**Moore - Bliss**

East Oregon Chapel was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony on August 7, 1982. Daniel Ray Bliss and Sharon Elaine Moore were united in marriage in a precious service that included the exchanging of rings, vows to each other, and a restating of their faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Lord of their lives, and have asked him to be Lord of their home. Daniel and Sharon are making their home in Rochelle and are continuing to be active at the East Oregon Chapel. We pray God's richest blessing on their marriage. Richard Eldred, pastor.

**Jannereth - Pippel**

On October 9, 1982, Lois Jannereth and Brad Pippel were united in holy matrimony at the Southlawn Church of God at Grand Rapids, MI. Lois, a member of the Southlawn Church, is the daughter of Jim and Betty Jannereth. Brad, a member of the Pennellwood Church of God, is the son of Vernon and Shirley Pippel. The couple plans to reside in Ann Arbor, MI, where Brad attends the University of Michigan. Michael Brown, pastor.

**OBITUARIES**

**Everett Emmons** was born June 9, 1930, in Ripley County, MO, and died September 6, 1982, in Poplar Bluff, MO. Surviving are his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Emmons, Doniphan; one daughter, Melissa, Gatewood, MO; one stepson, Steve Lindsey, Gatewood; two stepdaughters, Georgia Payne, Dayton, OH, and Samantha Lindsey, Gatewood; one sister, Geraldine Snodgrass, Bowling Green, KY; and one brother, Irvin Emmons, St. Louis, MO. He served in the US Coast Guard from 1951 to 1954. He was a faithful member of the Doniphan Church of God. Funeral services were conducted September 8, at the Edwards Funeral Home in Doniphan and burial was at the Doniphan Church of God cemetery. He awaits the call of his Master to a life without pain or sorrow. Vivian Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**Sophie Hammer**, 78, died on Sunday, August 29, 1982, at the Renville County Hospital in Olivia, MN. She had just been released from the hospital recovering from a heart attack when her heart stopped again. She was a long-time member of the Hector church, having been baptized into the body of Christ in July of 1921 by Pastor Almus Adams. She is survived by one daughter and five sons: Virgil Hammer of Gatesville, TX; Richard Hammer of Bird Island, MN; Betty Ryan of Bird Island; James Hammer of Brooklyn Park, MN; Neil Hammer of Buffalo, MN; and Lloyd Hammer of Hastings, England. She now awaits the call of her Lord and the resurrection of the dead. Ron Macy, pastor.

**Daniel Kenneth Brewer** was born May 12, 1919, in Miami County, OH, to Rollie and Edna (Mom) Brewer and died September 13, 1982, after a short illness. He was married October 7, 1939, to Helen Smith. To this union were born two sons and two daughters: Donna Jean who died in infancy; Dwight Kenneth of Ft. Wayne, IN; Mary Jo of Scottsdale, AZ; and Wayne Richard of West Milton, OH. There are four grandsons and one granddaughter. Also surviving are one brother, Byron H. of West Milton; two sisters, Mrs. E. J. (Dorothy) Demmitt, of Troy, OH, and Mrs. C. E. (Louise) Lapp of Troy, and several nephews and nieces. He was a member of the Brush Creek Church of God, serving several years as trustee, and was active in the remodeling of the church in 1954. His faith was strong in the hope of resurrection and the restored kingdom of God on the earth. His funeral was held at the Brush Creek Church on Thursday, September 16. The service was conducted by the writer with assistance from Pastor C. E. Lapp and Pastor E. Richard Smith. Michael Hoffman, pastor.

**COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE**

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Frank and Phyllis Taylor, Betty Townsend, all of Hedrick, IN; Edith Standard, Macomb, IL.

**Contributors: September, 1982**

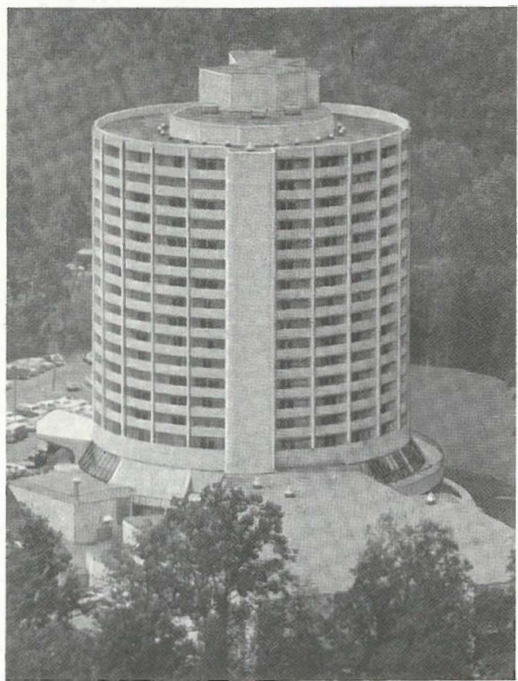
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George E Kugler	101.00	St Louis Church	60.00	Pleasant Hill Church	141.13	Troy View Church	10.60	M June Weaver	25.00
Mr & Mrs Andy Allen	25.00	Cecil Smead	80.00	Ellen E Toney	72.00	Julia Spangler	40.00	Minnesota State Conf	227.08
Macomb Church	204.53	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	25.00	Mr & Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00	Mr & Mrs Eugene Stilson	50.00	Blessed Hope Church	315.14
Mr & Mrs Gordon Hess	50.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Wilson	250.00	Mr & Mrs Patrick Landry	218.75	Mr & Mrs C S Ludwig	20.00	Mary Krogh	40.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Crader	50.00	Lila Guiles	15.00	Anonymous	100.00	East Oregon Chapel	164.12	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	100.00
Brush Creek Church	964.34	Lawrenceville Esther Soc	64.62	Mr & Mrs Fulton Ramsey	100.00	Virginia L Henninger	10.00	Ladies Aid, Minnesota	55.21
W E Boyer	100.00	Northeast Conference	285.00	Mr & Mrs Leslie Niles	100.00	Happy Woods Church	436.82	Mr & Mrs Ward Countryman	10.00
Maurertown Church	94.63	Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	85.00	Mrs Harvey Fisher	60.00	Country Chapel	150.00	Dorcas Society	40.00
Mr & Mrs Earl Juelfs	20.00	Fredericktown Church	88.66	Happy Woods Church	504.99	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	196.00	Billie Wulff	80.00
New Hope Church	110.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Burr Oak Church	635.77	Royal Village Church	117.39	Mr & Mrs Ben Mattison	65.00
Marjorie Mogle	50.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Adkins	10.00	Hope Chapel	197.12	Mr & Mrs George Hoke	1,000.00	Illinois State Conf	165.00
Bedford Church	229.43	Maude Stilson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Michael Rager	25.00	Eunice Cleo Orr	100.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	140.00
Mr & Mrs Conrad Wetzell	25.00	Olive Friemuth	20.00	Mr & Mrs Wayne Yows	60.00	Lorene Orr	100.00	Mr & Mrs Quentin J York	30.00
Mr & Mrs Willis Turner	100.00	Macomb SS	18.95	Mrs Mae Waters George	20.00	Lois Ewald	25.00	James L Wilson	150.00
Milo Magaw	400.00	Mr & Mrs John Railton	20.00	Edith Eades	10.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur D Fletcher	10.00	Mr & Mrs John A Railton	10.00
Mr & Mrs John Huston, Sr	50.00	Sara Beddow	200.00	Blood River Church	374.83	Mr & Mrs Joe Martin	10.00	Garden Park Church	310.32
Edna Waterman	20.00	Betty & David Ackels	10.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00	John R Kugler	25.00	M A Patrick	100.00
Grace Lippincott	20.00	Julian Hazlewood	50.00	Eunice C Keys	200.00	Glad Tidings Church	301.51	Pennellwood Church	1,139.41
Blanchard Church	692.63	Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	45.00	Mr & Mrs Preston Landry	210.00	Ripley Church	145.21	Mr & Mrs Glyn H Craig	200.00
Mr & Mrs Wm E Shotwell	100.00	Mrs Susan Hunter	209.00	Mr & Mrs Dan Dovenbarger	242.00	Anonymous	88.00	Southlawn Church	799.74
Bess Kasper	60.00	Ruth Reid	20.00	Eternal Hope Church	242.74	Hector Church	150.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	969.03
Mr & Mrs Richard Conlan	25.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Hummel	300.00	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	Mr & Mrs Gerald K Niles	800.00	Church of the Open Bible	379.65
E Dorothy Magaw	90.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman, Sr	50.00	Frances R Shelly	50.00	Doris Reye	20.00	Lawrenceville Church	1,129.15
Lakeshore Miss Soc	100.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	35.00	Mr & Mrs Don Overmyer	100.00	Mr & Mrs Edward Dykstra	200.00	Conger St Church	100.00
A Grace Adamson	25.00	Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	110.00	Mr & Mrs Ellsworth Frederick	100.00	Valley Church	411.65
Valley View Church	3,078.00	Helen M Lewis	10.00	Harriet E Webb	10.00	North Hills Church	175.65	Keturah Perkins	5.00
Mr & Mrs William Poland	30.00	Everett S Rogers	50.00	Mr & Mrs Roy S Thibault	25.00	McGintytown Church	149.33	San Jose Church	42.00
J Arthur Johnson	50.00	Raymore Church	120.40	Jane Partlow	10.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Mayberry	10.00	Eunice M Pearson	20.00
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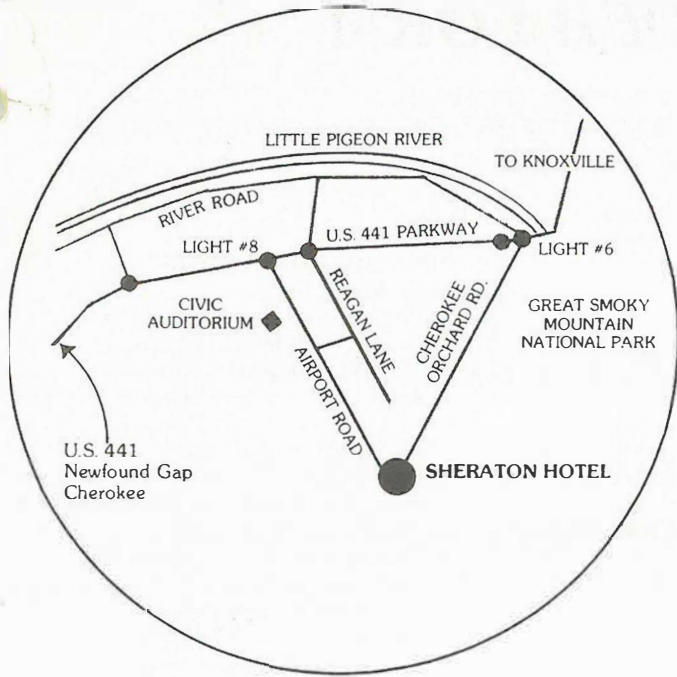
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- ... The History of Baptism
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- ... The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
- ... Truths the Child of God Should Know
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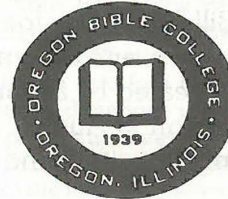
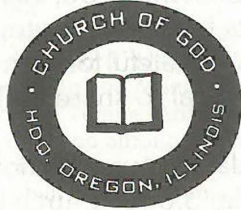
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## Good News from the Churches

by the editor

**I**N MY TRAVELS during the summer and fall of 1982, I discovered that good things are happening in Church of God General Conference churches. From members who rarely attend services to pastors who never miss a meeting, the obvious good being created in communities across the country is evident. The following random selections will illustrate what I mean.

- A cafe owner opens his banquet room every Thursday morning to a group of merchants and school teachers for the purpose of prayer and Bible study over breakfast. Specific Bible truths and prayer needs are shared. The breakfast becomes a focal point for spiritual activity in the community.

- One of our ministers offers his services as a handyman to his small community, charging a minimal amount as compensation. Pensioners in his parish appreciate his skills and he is happy to offer them as part of his ministry.

- Each week the Church of God in another community receives from an individual a list of all the newcomers to the area. Because of the uniqueness of the service this person offers, he is able to know about new families moving into the community, so he contributes his information.

- While serving in an advisory capacity on a board in his community, this Church of God minister finds out the continuing education needed to become a counselor for the Fifth Step in the Alcoholics Anonymous program. He takes the training. Now he offers his services to AA and has helped several individuals in his area through that step.

- Several laymen, as members of service clubs in their communities, keep in touch with special needs of people groups of their area. Often these laymen of the Church of God personally go out of their way to help meet those needs "in the name of Christ."

- From his vantage point as pastor

in a particular setting, another Church of God minister has contributed copy for a national magazine. His observations are considered worthwhile to a larger audience.

- Another pastor writes a regular column for the community's weekly paper. Many people in the town have stopped him to tell of the help he has been through the column.

This small sample of the many acts of kindness, forms of service, and contributions of spiritual guidance only proves that good things are taking place daily in Church of God churches. When the church moves out of its walls and works in its community, it finds untold opportunity to minister. If the truth were known, every Church of God church contains individuals who are active in some type of community ministry. Each story could not have been told on this page, but God has already assured us "that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless" (1 Cor. 15:58, GNB).



# GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

David Krogh, Executive Director

## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Church of God Investment Fund met in Oregon, IL, November 29. The members of this Board are Bill Burnham, Joe James, David Krogh, William D. Lawrence, and Robert Smith.

The Investment Fund was created by action of the delegates at the Business Session in August. Its purpose is to accept money from depositors and to lend money to churches.

The Board adopted policies regarding the implementation and operation of the Fund. Additional details will be available in future issues of the PROGRESS JOURNAL.

On November 30, The Board of Directors-Trustees met in Chicago, IL. The major topic of the meeting dealt with plans for funding the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. Several items regarding the work of the General Conference were reviewed, including plans for the planting of a new Church of God in Colorado Springs. The Lord is opening several doors of opportunity for starting new congregations.

## Conference Staff Travels

Members of the Conference staff have traveled extensively this fall, presenting services and assisting in the ministries of many congregations. Staff members have conducted services in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, North and South Carolina, Florida, and Michigan. Members of the staff are happy to provide consultation on church development, outreach, missions, faith-promise giving, Sunday School development, and Christian stewardship. The Conference exists to help local churches to be more effective in their ministry. Please let us know how we can help you and your church.

## Equations for Action

$\$120 \times 3,357 \text{ families} = \$402,840$

Our Goal for Giving could be reached if 3,357 Church of God families would make gifts of at least \$120 to the General Conference during this fiscal year.

In the past several weeks, approximately 200 Church of God families have sent contributions; have made

commitments to give \$10 per month; or made a commitment to give at least \$120 by the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 1983. Contributions and commitments have thus far totaled \$28,624.

I am very grateful for each family which has responded to the appeal to share in the ministry of the General Conference.

To balance our equation, we must still hear from more than 3,000 Church of God families. I will look forward to hearing from each of you who have not yet joined our family of supporters.

## Rounding Off Odd Numbers

$76.64\text{¢} \times 60 \text{ minutes} \times 24 \text{ hours} \times 365 \text{ days} = \$402,819.84.$

One of the Equations for Action which I shared with you earlier shows that 76.64¢ is needed every minute during the present fiscal year if we are to reach our goal for giving by September 30, 1983.

Several weeks ago, one Church of God family sent a note to me which said: "Why not drop the odd numbers?" and on their Equations for Action card they had circled \$2,819.84 in the figure \$402,819.84. Enclosed with their card was a check for \$2,819.84!

Not only did this generous check round off our budget needs to an even \$400,000, but that check provided the entire support for the ministries of the General Conference for 2½ days ( $\$2,819.84 \div .7664 \div 60 \text{ minutes} \div 24 \text{ hours} = 2.55 \text{ days}$ ).

Another generous donor sent a check for \$1,000 which will meet our needs for nearly one full day.

Special thanks are extended to each one who has laid in store as God has prospered him (1 Cor. 16:2).

## GOAL FOR GIVING

Oct. 1, 1982 - Sept. 30, 1983	\$402,830	
	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Given</b>
Oct. 1-15	\$16,244	\$14,421
Oct. 16 - Nov. 15	33,570	29,647
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	\$49,814	\$44,068
Giving gap through Nov. 15	\$	5,746
Needed Nov. 16 - Jan. 15		67,140
<b>Goal for next 60 days</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>72,886</b>



# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

- General Education
- Professional Education
- Christian Service

*Dr. Charles V. Pryor, President*

## Christian Emphasis Week 1982

"Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15, NASB).

With those words as a theme Doug and Monie Todd, Arizona State legislator and members of the Tempe, Arizona, Lakeshore Bible Church of God, worked and lived among the students and staff of Oregon Bible College—bringing a week filled with challenge and inspiration to serve God by being true servants to mankind. During Christian Emphasis Week the Todds attended and participated in classes, addressed the entire campus through Chapel and participated in a "Day of Prayer."

During the chapel period the Todds reviewed the history of the Church of God in Arizona and told how their family and the church had grown up over the generations. The church continues to play a major role in their lives as Doug serves his District in the Arizona House of Representatives. Brother Todd's message included a number of important guidelines for Christians in today's world.

"Take a stand on issues affecting people and life." Doug pointed to the importance of Christians caring enough about the activities of their government to get involved. Involvement begins by becoming a part of the process—by registering and by voting. According to Brother Todd, the Christian's voice can and should be heard clearly through the political process. As a legislator he welcomes direct contact from his constituency. In response to an often-heard objection that politics are corrupt Doug commented, "Evil grows best when a few good men do nothing."

In Counseling Class the Todds were asked to discuss the helping skills they want their pastor to possess in order to minister to their needs and the needs of others. Highlights of that discussion were as follows:

- Friendship—he should be a friend who will listen with an open mind—no immediate answers expected.
- An appreciation for the work of others. A sounding board for ideas and ideals.
- One skilled in human relations—prepared for the independence of other people—willing and able to work with self-sufficient people.
- Skilled in dealing with the tough issues of people's lives.
- Sensitivity—be able to read people without words, to initiate, to respond.

Through input from laymen, ministry students were able to relate classroom activities and textbooks to life situations.

The students, faculty and staff are deeply grateful to Doug and Monie Todd for giving a week of their time, experience, and insightful counsel to Oregon Bible College during Christian Emphasis Week, 1982.

## Progress on the Archives

The archives have been moved into the new location in the basement of the College Library. Some preliminary work has begun on organizing and cataloging the book materials. When finished, the archival collection will consist of about 250-300 books and 50 bound periodicals by Church of God and Christa-

delphian editors. Bro. Merle Patrick has donated funds to purchase acid-free containers for the storage of those materials which cannot be shelved. Photographs, tracts, manuscripts, etc., will be organized in the acid-free boxes and filed by type of material. Other monetary donations will be welcome.

In organizing the archives, it has become apparent there is much more Church of God material yet to be gathered. Anyone having any copies of the following items which have been passed down in the family through the years, please consider donating them to the archives to complete the collection and insure that Church of God historical development will be preserved and available for historical research. Needed are:

### PERIODICALS

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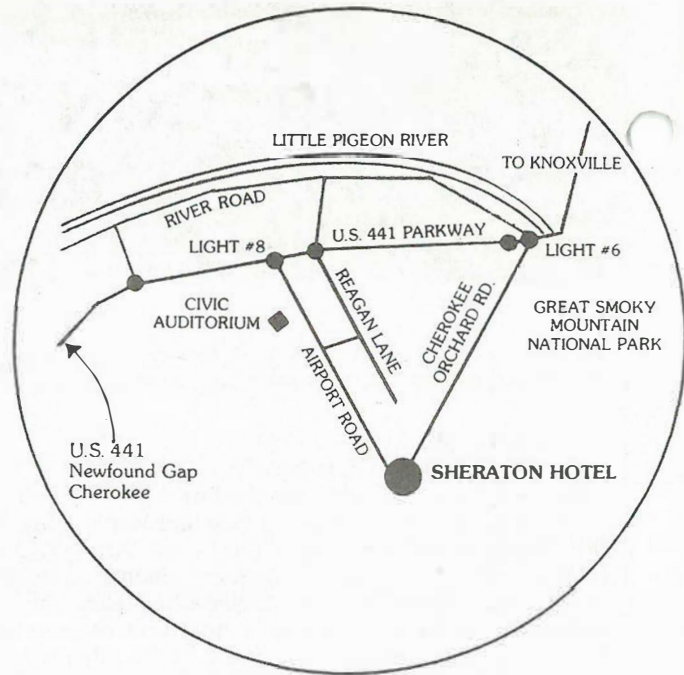
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*American Millenarian.* N.Y. I. P. Labagh. 1843+.  
*Expository and Advocate.* Rochester, N.Y. Joseph Marsh, ed. 1829+.  
*Voice of Truth.* Rochester, N.Y. Joseph Marsh, 1836+.  
*Advent Harbinger.* Joseph Marsh. 1850+. No copies in the archives.  
*Herald of the Kingdom and Age to Come.* Richmond, VA. John Thomas, ed. 1851+. We have some copies.  
*Gospel Banner and Millennial Advocate.* Geneva, IL. Benjamin Wilson, ed. 1854. Later merged with *Herald of the Coming Kingdom.* We have some copies.  
*Herald of the Coming Kingdom.* Thomas Wilson. Chicago, IL. 1868+.  
*The Bible Examiner.* Rochester, N.Y. George Storrs, ed. 1851+. We have some volumes.  
*Millennarian.* Chicago, IL. H. V. Reed. 1874.  
*Prophetic Watchman and Herald of the Kingdom.* Harvard, IL. J. M. Stephenson, ed. 1864. There are no copies of this available in the archives at this time.  
*Witness.* Baltimore, MD. 1884. eds. unknown. No copies in archives.  
*The Gospel Trumpet.* Church of God Conference in Oklahoma and Arkansas. 1884. Name later changed to *Gospel Messenger*, Dr. T. J. Daniel, ed. No copies in archives.  
*Words of Truth.* Rahway, NJ. Samuel Wilson, ed. 1885. No copies in archives.  
*Sunshine.* Plymouth, IN. J. F. Wilcox, ed. 1876. No copies in archives.  
*The Rock.* Brooklyn, NY. Samuel Wilson, ed. 1886. No copies in archives.  
*The Restitution.* Printed in Chicago and Plymouth, IN, and Cleveland 1860-1925. We have many copies of this unbound in various conditions. The volume numbers are broken. We would like to have more copies of this title from its beginning until it ceased publication.

We do not need duplicate copies of *The Restitution Herald* except for Volumes 1-6. We need the early copies to complete our partial collection.

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## Prayer and Praise Calendar

January, 1983



1. Praise God for his goodness and mercy.
2. Pray for Warren and Irene as they share church growth principles in the Southwest churches.
3. Praise God for the Oregon Bible College Mission Club and their concern for the lost.
4. Pray for Steve and Pam as they get started in their African mission work.
5. Pray for God to raise up young people willing to dedicate their lives to full-time service to the cause of Christ.
6. Praise God for your pastor.
7. Pray for Alane Schmidlapp as she shares the love of Christ in her work with the peace corps in Belize, Central America.
8. Pray for Pastor M. R. Noel in Bangalore, India.
9. Praise God for all the faithful members who are working in your church.
10. Pray for God to strengthen the newly formed church in Peterborough, Canada.
11. Pray for Bro. Oliver Amani in his work in Ghana.
12. Praise God for the dedication of the workers in the publishing department of the General Conference.
13. Pray for the students at Oregon Bible College, that God will give them strength for the semester.
14. Praise God for the faculty and staff that make study at Oregon Bible College possible.
15. Pray for your unreached neighbor, that God will give you opportunity to share the love of Christ with him this week.
16. Praise God for answered prayers!
17. Praise God for the good health he has given you.
18. Pray for the hidden people groups of the world, that God will send forth workers into these areas.
19. Pray for God to direct the members of your church board.
20. Pray for God to direct the board members as they meet in Oregon January 20-22.
21. Pray for revival in the church in America.
22. Praise God for those who brought you to Christ.
23. Pray for the Bible study group meeting in San Diego.
24. Pray for Joe Martin as he works with Hispanic children in Glendale, California.
25. Pray for several young people to commit their summers to service as short-term missionaries.
26. Pray for guidance for Pam and Steve as they observe the mission work being done in Kenya and Uganda.
27. Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo as they testify of Christ in their village of Labor Vieja, Mexico.
28. Pray for the outreach committee of your congregation.
29. Praise God for the newly formed mission committees in several of our local churches.
30. Pray that God will pour out his Spirit upon the church, that we may witness boldly in his name.
31. Pray for Benson Adum and his congregation in Asarama, Nigeria.

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## Prayer and Praise Calendar February, 1983

1. Praise God for your family.
2. Pray for Emily Manoah and the medical clinic in India.
3. Praise God for the opportunities he is going to give you to witness this week.
4. Pray for the General Conference staff.
5. Pray for our brethren in the Philippine Islands, that God will strengthen their churches.
6. Praise God for the church-planting opportunity in Colorado Springs.
7. Pray for Solomon Idiong and his work with the youth of the Abak Church in Nigeria.
8. Praise God for your pastor.
9. Pray for the growth of the Winter Haven, FL, congregation.
10. Pray for Ephraim Udo, our pastor in the Abak congregation in Nigeria.
11. Praise God for the youth he is calling to mission service this summer.
12. Pray for Pam and Steve Grant as they travel to Ghana today.
13. Pray for the growth of the Ghanan churches under the leadership of Bro. Amani.
14. Praise God for his immeasurable love.
15. Praise God for the opportunities he gives us to share our faith with others.
16. Pray for Pastor P. M. Paulson and his church-planting work in India.
17. Pray for the growth of the fellowship in Ashtabula, Ohio.
18. Pray for the group meeting in San Diego, California.
19. Pray that some of our churches will catch the vision for planting daughter churches.
20. Praise God for his tender mercy towards us sinners.
21. Praise God for Jesus Christ.
22. Pray for David Krogh, that God will give him the discernment needed to lead the General Conference.
23. Pray for God to speak to our students through today's Oregon Bible College Day of Prayer.
24. Praise God for your church family.
25. Pray for the strength and guidance of the leaders of our nation.
26. Pray for the "hidden people" groups of the world, that God will send workers to these unharvested fields.
27. Pray for the Christians in the country of Niger, that they may stand strong in spite of the 1,000,000 new copies of the Muslim Quran flooding their country.
28. Praise God for those who are generously and faithfully supporting the ministry of the Church of God General Conference.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, ASK IF GOD WOULD LIKE YOU OR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER INVOLVED IN SPEARHEAD

What is Spearhead? Spearhead is a short-term summer mission experience in Mexico City. The program begins June 16 and continues through August 15, 1983. Young people will live with Mexican families, learn the Spanish language and culture, and share the saving message of Christ with the people of Mexico City. You can learn more about this program by writing to: Summer Mission Experience, Church of God General Conference, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Application deadline: March 1, 1983.

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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**Lenoir, NC.** The Church of Resurrection Hope rejoices with those who have recently been baptized into Christ for the remission of sins and who have put on Christ and now are enjoying their walk in the newness of life. They are: Mr. Douglas Knight, Mrs. Myrtle Martin, and Miss Stephanie German. May God's grace in Christ Jesus keep them till his coming.

Z. B. Duncan, pastor.

**Baton Rouge, LA.** On October 10, 1982, John Carter, 15, son of Marshall and Maria Carter of Denham Springs, and Michelle Mattison, 11, daughter of Michael and Charlotte Mattison of Baton Rouge, were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. They have been welcomed into the Restitution Church of God. Michael Mattison, pastor.

**Front Royal, VA.** On July 24, 1982, the Royal Village Church rejoiced when Lindberg Kirby and Clark and Cathy Steed confessed Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives and entered their new life through the waters of baptism. We pray that God will richly pour out his blessings upon them as they begin their walk with Christ. On July 17, 1982, Teresa Megalis embraced the gift of salvation offered in Jesus Christ. As pastor, it was indeed gratifying to see Teresa accept Christ and be baptized in response to the ministry of a number of members of the Royal Village Church. I praise God that he has given all of us the privilege to share in the plan of salvation. We ask that God would continually bless Teresa as she begins her new life in Christ.

Pastor Scott Millard.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** On October 17, the Pennellwood Church of God witnessed with great joy the baptisms of Crystal Adrianse, Amber Lambert, and Jack and Terry VanWestrienen. As their brothers and sisters in Christ, we of the Pennellwood Church pledge to them our support and encouragement in the faith. We rejoice in their decisions, for we once again are witnesses to the marvelous grace of God.

Scott Millard, pastor.

**Dixon, IL.** During the year of 1982 we have had the privilege to baptize the following into Christ Jesus for the remission of sin: Crystal and Duane Rowe, Lawrence and Beola Sandretto, Curt Smith, Paul Smith, Jessica Rowe, and Jennie Sarber. We also were made joyful in accepting Marvelene Manus into our body of Christ through the transfer of her membership. We pray God's guidance upon each of these disciples of Jesus.

Cecil Rademachir, pastor.

## MARRIAGES

### Krebs-Swiontek

On October 22, 1982, Peggy Krebs and Chet Swiontek were united in marriage in the presence of their families at the Pennellwood Church of God. We pray that God will bless the commitment they have made to one another with years of happiness.

Scott Millard, pastor.

### Cox-Asposito

On October 29, 1982, Sue Cox and Jim Asposito were united in marriage in the presence of family and friends of the Pennellwood Church of God. In a beautiful double-ring ceremony Sue and Jim spoke their vows of love and commitment to one another before the Lord. We pray that the Lord will abide in the marriage.

Scott Millard, pastor.

## Compton - Buchanan

Saturday, October 16, the pastor united in marriage at Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH, Donita C. Compton and Billy K. Buchanan. The wedding was a simple one, distinguished by the fact that the bride's mother served as matron-of-honor. May God's blessing go with the young couple.

J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

## Jones - Callaway

The Oregon Church was the setting of a lovely wedding October 30, 1982, when Joyce Jones became the bride of James Callaway. We pray that the young couple will establish their home in the Lord Jesus Christ. They now reside in Dixon, IL.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

## OBITUARIES

**Helen (Bennett) Kannenberg** died October 19, 1982, at Fort Myers, FL. A memorial service was held for her by Pastor David Cheatwood October 27, at the Church of God, Eden Valley, MN. Helen is survived by her husband Scott and a number of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Lulu Bennett, and one sister, Dorothy (Mrs. Arthur Stock).

Mildred Parks, reporter.

**Fairy E. Krejcar**, Macedonia, OH, was born in Cleveland January 10, 1906, and died a victim of cancer October 20, 1982. A brief graveside service was conducted October 23, and a memorial service was held Sunday, October 24, at the Bedford Church of the Open Bible, Bedford, OH. The pastor of Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, who had married her and her surviving husband, Joseph, 36 months before, handled both services. Sr. Krejcar, best known to Church of God members as the wife and widow of Pastor Melville W. Lyon, long was active in the Golden Rule and Bedford congregations. The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who survive are testimony to the extraordinary Christian influence Fairy Krejcar had on those about her. The memorial service drew a parallel between the experience of Naomi and Ruth as recorded in the Old Testament and that of Lois and Eunice in dealing with Timothy (2 Tim. 1:4-6), on the one hand, and the experience of Fairy Krejcar in dealing with her family and others.

J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

**Stephen Richard Wildbahn**, age 2 months, fell asleep in death on October 28, 1982, beloved son of Michael and Julie (Williams), and dear brother of Michael Kenneth; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce (Donna) Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Ruth) Wildbahn; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. The funeral was in Grand Rapids and officiated by the writer.

Michael Brown, pastor.

## Dick Harvey

The church family of the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, MI, extends deepest sympathy to Caroline Harvey and her family in the death of Caroline's husband, **Dick Harvey**. Dick fell asleep in death on October 24, 1982, after a sudden illness. Dick was a long-time member of the Pennellwood Church and was truly a beloved member of the congregation. Although we shall miss him greatly and we mourn his passing, in the words of the Apostle Paul, "We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope." Burial was at the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens where he awaits the resurrection at the coming of our Lord.

Scott Millard, pastor.

**Harold H. Hightower**, son of Rolla and Minnie Ryan Hightower, was born February 12, 1907, in Schuyler County, IL, and died November 15, 1982, at Chicago, IL, after a long illness. On June 30, 1928, he married Wilda Goodnow of Chicago. To this union was born a daughter, Juanita. Harold was of a cheerful disposition. He treasured his family and friends, was interested in community and neighborhood affairs, and was always willing to give a helping hand in time of need. In 1936 he accepted Christ and was baptized in the La Moine River at Ripley, IL. His parents, three brothers, and a sister preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Wilda; his daughter, Juanita Hansen of Pearl City, IL; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four brothers: Joseph of Colchester, IL, Bernard and Rolla Jr. of Macomb, IL, and Robert of Novinger, MO; and five sisters: Mrs. Lorena Davis and Mrs. Geraldine Downs of Rushville, IL, Mrs. Minnie Gallaher of Colchester, Mrs. Clarice Lindsay of Quincy, IL, and Mrs. Lily Reish, Mauston, WI.

With crushing sorrow and heart-rending grief we tenderly laid our loved one to rest with abiding faith that all things work together for good to them who love God. Harold now rests at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery, North Lake, IL.

Mrs. Wilda Hightower.

## Mildred Stahle

On September 21, 1982, following a lingering illness, **Mildred Stahle** fell asleep in death. The Pennellwood Church family extends its love to Joe and Laura Stahle, and seeks to comfort them with the knowledge of God's continued presence and love. We commit our loved ones into the hands of the eternal and loving God of all.

Scott Millard, pastor.

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## General Conference Progress

### Annual Summer Conference

Plans are being made for the 1983 Church of God General Conference which will meet at Rockford College, Rockford, IL, August 1-5.

The theme of the Conference will be, "The Local Church: Seedbed for Missions." This theme will help all local churches to become more aware of the role they can play in the great unfinished task of world missions. Sermons, workshops, and Bible classes will direct our attention to opportunities and responsibilities of individual Christians and churches.

Steve and Pam Grant will have returned from their extended ministry in Africa, shortly before the Conference. They will share the results of their work much like Paul and Barnabas did after their first missionary journey (Acts 14:27). They will work with the delegates in charting the future course of the Church of God in missions.

All churches should begin planning now to send delegates and key leaders to this challenging Conference. I am excited about the renewed interest in missions among many Church of God people. This summer's Conference will provide practical helps for each church in promoting further interest among its members.

The charges for the four-day Conference, which include meals, lodging, and access to all workshops, classes, and services, are as follows:

Adults (13 years and up)	\$90.00
Children (4 through 12 years)	80.00
Children (under 4)	no charge
If college bed is used	25.00

Those who will not require lodging, but who wish to eat meals in the dining room, will pay \$54.00. Those  
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**David  
Krogh,  
Executive  
Director**



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who will attend only during the day, and who do not wish to eat meals in the dining room, will pay an \$18.00 commuter fee. There is no charge for those who come to the Conference only for the evening services.

The planning committee for the Conference consists of Judy Myers, Steve and Pam Grant, David Krogh, Warren Sorenson, and Shirley Urish. Mardy Lawrence is serving as a consultant to the committee.

Conference enrollment forms will be available in local churches soon. The June PROGRESS JOURNAL will contain the complete program and other information regarding the Conference.

**Christian Conciliation Board Available**

The General Conference Christian Conciliation Board is available to help individual members and churches in resolving disputes which may arise. They also are willing to help churches learn ways to resolve disputes in a Scriptural manner.

The services of the Board can be secured by contacting any member of the Board or the Executive Director.

S. O. Ross—612-693-7874; Joe James—803-269-2964; Nancy Demmitt—602-256-7652; David Krogh—815-732-7991.

**Goal for Giving**

I am very grateful and encouraged by the response from many Church of God people to the financial needs of the ministries of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Gifts for the Goal for Giving are put to work immediately to train pastors and Christian workers; to publish distinctive Biblical literature; to provide financial assistance and consultation for local churches; and to provide many other essential services for local churches and members.

Through January 15, contributions were short \$15,406.62 of our needs. I trust that you will make this need the subject of your daily prayers.

**GOAL FOR GIVING**

Oct 1, 1982 - Sept 30, 1983		\$402,830
	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Given</b>
Oct 1-15	\$ 16,244	\$ 14,421
Oct 16 - Nov. 15	33,570	29,647
Nov. 16 - Jan. 15	67,140	57,479
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	\$116,954	\$101,547
Giving gap through January 15		\$ 15,407
Needed Jan. 16 - Feb. 15		\$ 33,570
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Goal for next 30 days		\$ 48,977

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# Oregon Bible College Progress

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## **Oregon Bible College Development Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the General Conference/ Trustees of Oregon Bible College unanimously approved the launching of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Challenge Campaign on November 30, 1982. The Challenge Campaign will be conducted over the next two years (1983-1984) to raise \$1,000,000 for the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.

### **Development Foundation**

The decision by the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College to initiate a major gift campaign to secure capital endowment for OBC was based upon the results of the four-month feasibility study carried out by Adam Anderson Associates during the months of August-November of 1982.

There was a strong and favorable response from the majority of individuals interviewed during that period to establish the Development Foundation for OBC and to provide capital gift support directly to the Foundation through financial commitments over a three-year period.

Since 1980 the college has had a modest invested endowment. The earnings have made it possible to employ students with financial need in campus work-study positions and to supplement ministry internships. It has thus been possible for smaller churches to participate in that valuable training program.

The first significant contribution to the Development Foundation was made by a couple who are members of the Church of God and have been loyal supporters of OBC over the years. Their gift has been given in the form of a financial commitment of \$100,000. The first \$25,000 has been contributed to the Foundation as the initial installment of that \$100,000 leadership commitment.

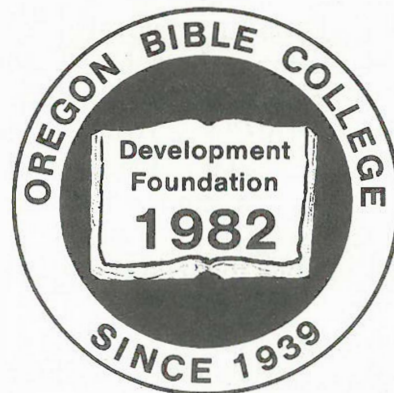
The Challenge gift of \$100,000 was made with considerable thought and prayer by its donors in hopes that every member of the Church of God will seriously consider the part each one will take in contributing toward a solid financial base for OBC.

The successful raising of one million dollars for the OBC Development Foundation will depend in large part on the sacrificial gift support of those who will make leadership gifts during the Development Foundation Challenge Campaign.

Total gift participation on the part of the Board of Trustees, administration, and staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College is anticipated in the early phase of the campaign.

During this first phase of the Challenge Campaign, major gift solicitation will be carried out by Adam Anderson, President of Adam Anderson Associates, and Dr. Charles Pryor, President of the College. They anticipate making personal contacts with several hundred members of the General Conference throughout the country. Broader gift support for the Development Foundation is anticipated as group presentations are made to the churches within the General Conference.

**The future growth of Oregon Bible College and the quality of the leadership it produces for the outreach ministries of the Church of God General Conference depend to a large extent on the successful outcome of the OBC Development Foundation Challenge Campaign.**



# OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Warren Sorenson, Director • Steve Grant, Missions Coordinator • Hugh Harman, Youth

## **New Church-Planting Effort at Colorado Springs**

Outreach is an exciting and essential part of the ministry of God's church. One of the most exciting things to happen this year is the launching of a new Church of God in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with an official beginning in June.

We have seen God's leading in many ways during the past couple of years. In December, 1980, Irene and I met with the Bible study group in the home of Preston and Dorothy Landry in Colorado Springs. The idea of starting a church was kicked around and then left to further thought and prayer. A visit to the city by David Krogh and his family further fostered the plan. With a couple more visits by Irene and me, telephone conversations, the leadership of God working in the lives of the Needhams, their visit to Colorado Springs and discussions with the core group, what once was just an idea was coming closer to reality.

One of the outstanding results of God's leadership has been in the provision and selection of a pastor-leader. Bro. Don Needham, his wife Becky and their sons will be moving to Colorado Springs early in June to serve as church-planting pastor. Their earlier visit to the city and discussions with the core group resulted in determining a mutual attitude in relation to purpose, motivation, and philosophy for the establishment and ministry of this new church. Bro. Needham has resigned from a very successful and comfortable pastorate at Blanchard, Michigan, to accept the ministry of building a congregation of believers in Colorado Springs. It is exciting, challenging, and frightening to step out into a venture of church planting. But faith and dedication are key elements. Praise God for the evidence of both of these elements in the lives of the Needhams and their willingness to step out in faith in this new work for God. Not only is faith involved, but also faithfulness, for to be faithful requires that we continue to expand and extend the Body of Christ. To do this, new fields of ministry must be opened through which Jesus Christ and the gospel of the kingdom of God can be shared. Your prayer support of the Needhams is coveted. I encourage you to uplift them daily as they prepare for this move.

During this semester at Oregon Bible College I am teaching a class on the Principles of Church Planting. The Colorado Springs project is being used as a visible and tangible opportunity for the implementation of

these principles. The plan is to select a team of students from this class to go to Colorado in June to assist in community outreach. Irene and I, the team of students, and the Needhams will begin working in a selected area of the city to build a prospect list and invite persons to attend home Bible studies. The northeast section of the city has been chosen as the target area after studying a great deal of data. Growth factors of the expansion of the city in this area along with other pertinent information indicates this to be the choice location for a church planting effort. A specific building site will be purchased at a later date.

The finances for this church-planting venture will come from contributions from the core group, the church development aid fund of the General Conference, and from churches and individuals who desire to be a part of this project. If you or your church is interested in helping to financially support this project, please contact me for more information.

### ***Several factors indicate this to be one of great potential:***

1. A committed core group with a solid Bible foundation and a strong motivation to see a Church of God established in this city.
2. A dedicated mature pastor-leader who has pastored a growing vibrant church and feels the leadership of God in this church-planting effort.
3. The city is growing rapidly. One of the indicators of receptivity for growth is new people moving into a new area.
4. Evidence of God's leadership in the steps of planning and preparation.
5. The expressed desire of people to help launch this church-planting project.
6. The willingness and availability of trained Oregon Bible College students to help in making contacts in the community.

### ***This is a pilot program in church planting and we need you to help:***

#### ***By praying:***

1. That God will bless this effort with results.
2. For the Needhams as they move to Colorado Springs.
3. For the students from OBC who are training for church planting and who will be a part of this venture.



4. For me (Warren Sorenson) and my involvement in the project.

*By providing information:*

1. If you or persons you know might be interested in relocating in Colorado Springs, temporarily or permanently, to aid in launching the new church.

2. If you know of persons who are living in or near Colorado Springs who might be interested in being a part of this new church.

*By helping provide financial aid to support the project.*

*By helping provide funds for the purchase of a building site.*

**With all the planning and preparation** that has gone into this project thus far, there is a clear realization by all who are involved that it will succeed only as God continues to bless the efforts with results. Your prayer support is of great importance. Please . . . talk to God about this project.

### The Working of God in Nigeria

Throughout recent months I have been in correspondence with Pastor S. U. Mbaba in Nigeria. He has been interested in our work even though he has not been affiliated with us. Last fall he was sent a packet of literature which included the 29 lessons of the Systematic Bible Study Course. He received this packet October 28, 1982.

On November 26, 1982, he sent a letter to me in which he returned the completed answer sheets of all 29 lessons. I will share some of his comments expressing his excitement and zeal regarding what he has learned.

"I have been a Bible student for many years in various Bible schools under many denominations, but among these I have been able to secure something very unique and indispensable from your Bible course. What a splendid opportunity. I have decided to affiliate with your ministry because of your great teaching of the correct Bible doctrines."

The Grants were already on their way to Nigeria when this letter was received. I have since written to them and Pastor Mbaba recommending a meeting together to discuss these truths and the possibilities of a mutual ministry.

- 1 Praise God for the new awareness of our mission to reach persons who are outside of Christ.
- 2 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant, that God will bless their ministry on their mission trip.
- 3 Pray for Don and Becky Needham and their sons Michael and David as they prepare to move to Colorado Springs to pastor the church-planting work there.
- 4 Pray that God will pour out his Spirit on the efforts put forth to start the new church in Colorado Springs.
- 5 Praise God for the dedication of the core group in Colorado Springs and their faith in helping to get this new church under way.
- 6 Pray for Warren Sorenson and his teaching ministry at OBC in church-planting principles.
- 7 Praise God for Pastor S. U. Mbaba, that he has come to a new understanding of Bible truths through the Systematic study course and his great zeal to share these with others.
- 8 Pray for God to provide needed financial support for the ministries of the General Conference, that these efforts will continue to expand.
- 9 Pray for your pastor and family. Pray that God will encourage them through members of the congregation.
- 10 Pray for those who will be attending Junior-Senior Weekend at Oregon Bible College.
- 11 Pray for the staff at OBC during this weekend, that God will open new opportunities for them through contacts with new prospective students.
- 12 Pray for the students at Oregon Bible College.
- 13 Pray that God will bless the efforts put forth in raising money for the OBC Development Foundation.
- 14 Pray for your pastor and family; ask God to send visible results through the ministry of your church.
- 15 Pray for Anthony Buzzard, his wife Barbara, and their daughters, Sarah and Claire.
- 16 Pray for those in your church who are planning to attend Christian Workers' Seminar.
- 17 Thank God for a personal blessing which you have received.
- 18 Pray for persons who will be traveling to attend the Christian Workers' Seminar at Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
- 19 Praise God for a recent answer to your personal prayer.
- 20 Pray for the staff of the Christian Workers' Seminar, that God will give visible results to their teaching ministry.
- 21 Pray that God will richly bless those who are attending the Christian Workers' Seminar that God will open doors of understanding and opportunity for service in his Church.
- 22 Pray for the mission work in the Philippines, that God will raise up qualified workers and leaders in this field.
- 23 Pray for the Bible study group which meets near Astabula, Ohio.
- 24 Pray for the pastors of our churches in Nigeria, that God will open new opportunities of ministry through the work of Pam and Steve Grant.
- 25 Pray that God will provide open understanding between Pam and Steve Grant and the pastors in Nigeria, and that God will enable a mutual sharing of mission ideas and strategies to be experienced.
- 26 Pray for churches which are experiencing pastoral changes, especially that God will lead in the selection of a new pastor.
- 27 Pray for the pastors who are going through a time of change in their ministry, especially that God will lead in their decisions relative to their ministry.
- 28 Pray for David Krogh as he administers the work of the General Conference, that God will provide him with the insight and vision that will most effectively glorify God through his church.
- 29 Pray for your local church, especially that God will enable you as a congregation to accomplish the purpose to which God has called you as a church.
- 30 Pray for the elders of your church, that God will lead them in their spiritual role in your congregation.
- 31 Praise God for the opportunities he has made available to you through the work of your local church. Thank him for each member of your congregation.



# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

**Magazine, AR.** During special services at Clarks Chapel Church of God two young people came forward requesting baptism. Melissa Kay Hice and Tammy Louise Hice, cousins, were baptized in Sarten's Lake Sunday afternoon, October 24, 1982. The congregation went back to the church to partake of the communion service with these two young ladies. Following the communion service they were offered the right hand of fellowship. It is our prayer that they will always be blessed in their walk with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Austin Railton.

**Pleasant Hill, OH.** At the close of the morning worship service on November 28, 1982, James and Nancy Bumgarner responded to the invitation to put on Christ as their personal Savior. They were baptized in Dean Vance's pond on December 5, 1982, following the tenth anniversary celebration of the church, and Pastor Fred Pensyl's ninth year as pastor. They were given the right hand of fellowship on December 12, 1982. James and Nancy are husband and wife. They are from the Urbana area. We praise God for these two who have been added to the body of Christ. We pray that God will bless and direct them in their new walk in Christ.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** After their confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior from sin, Raymond Blades and Andrea Leather were baptized. We trust that they will continue faithful in the Lord's service. This sacred service was performed at Oregon, IL, November 28, 1982.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Flagg Center, IL.** We were overjoyed when Floyd Smith responded to the gospel invitation on January 9, 1983. He was baptized the following Sunday (January 16) into the body of Christ. He joins his wife Sherry in the faith. We pray God's continued blessings upon him and his family as they serve the Master and prepare for his return.

Gordon Landry, pastor.

**Front Royal, VA.** The Royal Village congregation was pleased to welcome three new members into our fellowship recently. Joseph and Roberta McDonald were baptized into Christ September 26, 1982, and Arvilla Downs put on Christ in baptism on October 3. We rejoice with our Lord and with these new members of the Lord's body.

Gary Smith, pastor.

**Tempe, AZ.** Dr. Alva G. Huffer, who had served as pastor of Lakeshore Bible Church of God, Tempe, AZ, from 1961-1969, served as pastor once again from August 1, 1981 to September 1, 1982. Ten persons who were baptized into Christ during the year included: Michael Cline, October 4, 1981; Duane Gray and Hayden Gray, March 7, 1982; Dennis Mingua, April 18, 1982; Patti Gray, May 2, 1982; Mark Marinice, May 9, 1982; Martin Roberts, Kathryn Roberts, and Leif Swanson, May 23, 1982; and Merle D. Craven, June 27, 1982.

Pastor Alva G. Huffer.

**Oregon, IL.** The congregation of the East Oregon Chapel witnessed a very enthusiastic service Sunday, December 12, 1982, as we joined together at the Oregon Church of God for the baptisms of Charles and Gloria Currier and Richard Reed. Our church body continues to grow and reproduce and we are excited about these three who have committed themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ. As they grow in Christ we expect some great things from each of them.

Richard Eldred, pastor.

**Burr Oak, IN.** Feeling that her former baptism was not valid, Wilma Osborn, of the Burr Oak Church of God, was baptized into Christ on

November 14, 1982. We commend Wilma on her dedication to God and desire to be pleasing to him, and pray she may grow in strength and spirit in the years ahead.

James Mattison, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** The congregation at Lawrenceville rejoices with the angels in heaven with the decision of Dorothy Netts to come forward and express her desire to accept Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Mrs. Netts was baptized on November 21, 1982, at the close of the morning worship service, and was extended the right hand of fellowship on November 28. We pray God's blessing upon her.

James Ritch, pastor.

**Eden Valley, MN.** On the afternoon of December 19, 1982, at the Church of God baptistry at Eden Valley, MN, Leroy (Butch) Koelln was baptized into Christ by Pastor Dave Cheatwood. We pray God's blessing upon him.

Mildred Parks, reporter.

**Wyoming, MI.** On Sunday morning, December 12, 1982, Ray Cervantes sealed his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by being immersed in the waters of baptism. The brethren of the Pennellwood Church welcome him into the household of faith and pray that the Lord will bless him richly as he begins his new life. Ray joins his wife Tammy as a believer in Christ Jesus.

With great rejoicing, the Pennellwood Church witnessed the baptism into Jesus Christ of Sue Stander. Sue came forward on January 16, 1983, and was baptized the following Sunday, January 23. Sue's decision to follow Christ was the result of faithful ministry on the part of many believers and the working of God's Holy Spirit.

On January 16, 1983, the Pennellwood brethren welcomed Laura Hansen into our congregation, with the right hand of fellowship. She comes to us by transfer of membership. We look forward to serving our Lord together as we look for the coming of Christ.

Scott Millard, pastor.

**Kentwood, MI.** The Garden Park Church of God had two recent baptisms. We praise the Lord for Debbie Fyfe, who was baptized January 2, 1983, and for Ron Van Stee, who was baptized January 16, 1983. Jo Barrett, secretary.

**Blanchard, MI.** On Sunday, December 12, 1982, our congregation rejoiced to witness the baptism of Rory Moore. It will be a doubly significant date for Rory, for that day is also his natural birth date. Jeana Estill was also welcomed into membership by transfer on December 5. We are happy that these two are new members of the Blanchard congregation.

Don Needham, pastor.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Eunice Rinn, Omaha, NE; Belinda Seabold, Oregon, IL; Mary Wagner, Rochelle, IL; Gail Tuttle, Oregon, IL.

## BIBLE STUDY IN URBANA, OHIO

Fred Pensyl, pastor of Pleasant Hill, OH, Church of God is beginning a Bible study group in his home in Urbana. About 15 individuals have signed up for the sessions. Pray for the spiritual growth of this Bible study group.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you each one for your cards, letters, love, and prayers. God has richly blessed me with a progressive return to normal health. There is nothing like being a part of the family of God. Again, my heartiest thanks to all.

Francis E. Burnett.

## MINISTRY PERSONNEL AVAILABLE

**Miss Debra L. Fletcher** desires a multi-ministry position on the staff of a Church of God. She is qualified to direct Christian education and music programs. She was graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1982 and has completed her internship program under the auspices of the college. Interested churches may contact her at Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061, phone 815-732-6582.

**Mr. Jeffrey Smith** desires a pastoral ministry position on the staff of a Church of God. He is qualified to lead church programs in the role of pastor. He will graduate from Oregon Bible College and will complete his internship program in May, 1983. Interested churches may contact Jeffrey at Box 66, Blanchard, MI, phone 517-561-5021.

## MARRIAGES

### Maxwell - Eyster

Clifford Eyster and Loretta Maxwell were united in marriage at the Oregon Church, January 2, 1983. We trust that God will bless them in their lives together. They will make their home in Oregon and continue to be active in our church family.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

### Duff - Rogers

On November 21, 1982, Dolly Duff and Melvin Rogers were united in marriage at a small afternoon service in the Fredericktown Church of God. Dolly and Melvin are both active members of the Doniphan Church of God. We pray God will bless their life together as they continue to serve him.

V. E. Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

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OBITUARIES

Harold J. Doan

**Harold J. Doan** fell asleep in death Friday, January 28, 1983, around 5:00 a.m. as the result of a massive heart attack suffered four days earlier. He was born June 1, 1924, to Martha Laffler Doan and Lyle John Doan. Following his graduation from Godwin Heights High School in Grand Rapids, MI, he enrolled in Oregon Bible College from which he was graduated in 1945. He was united in marriage to Jeanne Koontz April 12, 1944. He is survived by his parents; his wife Jeanne; one brother, Mike; a sister, Ruth Bernhardt; two sons, Gregg Allison Doan and Chris Alan Doan; one granddaughter, Diana Marie; and a step granddaughter, Bonnie. An infant son, Marc Jon Doan, preceded him in death at the age of two months. Services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, 1983, at 11:00 a.m. in The Little Church of the Flowers at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, CA, Pastor Joe Martin officiating. A memorial service was also conducted in the Oregon Church of God Tuesday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m., Warren Sorenson presiding with members of the Conference staff and Oregon Bible College participating. Warren Sorenson.

**Lois Virginia Worden** was born February 15, 1930, in Chicago, IL, to Julius and Gladys Dalton. She died on December 26, 1982, at Merriam, KS, at the age of 52, following a long illness. Survivors include her mother, four daughters—Donna Worden of Louisville, KY, Jessica McCarthy and Janet Worden, both of Shaune, KS, and Nancy Worden of Overland Park, KS; a sister, Mrs. Iris Edwards of Dallas, TX; and a grandchild, Patrick McCarthy. Lois faithfully attended the Church of God in Fredericktown until her illness made it impossible to do so. She had recently completed her college educa-

tion, graduating cum laude. In 1980, she wrote an article for *The Restitution Herald* on "humanism." She had hoped to contribute other articles before her illness prevented her from doing so. Memorial services were conducted for Lois on December 27 at First Methodist Church in Patton, with the writer officiating. We eagerly anticipate the Lord's soon return when death, pain, and sorrow will be no more.

V. E. Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

On June 19, 1982, services were conducted in Arlington, TX, for **Jim Bird**. Jim had been sick for several months but his profession of faith in Christ was a comfort to him, his family, and his friends. He is survived by his wife, Bernice, a daughter, Alice, and a son, Russell. We pray for God's richest blessing to be upon this family as they await the day of the resurrection.

Pastor Richard Worley.

**Robin D. McClelland** was born on June 27, 1963, and died at Corsicana, TX, on November 25, 1982, at the age of 19 years. He was the son of Daniel S. McClelland and Irene Graham McClelland, and grandson of the late Mildred McClelland. Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters—Kim R. Strubberg and Shelly D. and Alicia C. McClelland; three brothers—Richard K., Mark A., and Bryan L. McClelland; and his grandfather, Ralph Graham. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Wilson Funeral Home on November 28, 1982. May God's comfort and watchcare be with the family through this time of sorrow.

V. E. Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

**George Lester Owsley** was born in Hickory County, MO, August 21, 1908. He died after more than five months of illness August 6, 1982. He generally had made his home in the area where he was born. He married Quanita Tucker and to that union were born three sons. Lester was baptized by the writer in December, 1951, and continued to be a member of the Cross Timbers Church of God. The funeral was held at Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw, MO, August 10, and he was laid to rest in the Cross Timbers cemetery. The writer conducted the service em-

phasizing the hope of the resurrection of the dead. Mourning Lester's death are his wife, Quanita, three sons—Ronnie, Donnie, and Roger; five grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. Pastor Francis E. Burnett.

We were saddened when once again we had to face the reality of the enemy, death. **Irene Buckner** will be missed as a faithful member of the Gatesville Church, a loving wife, a caring mother, and a good friend. Irene was a lifelong member of the Church of God, having been baptized by Bro. Dyches at the age of 18. Services were conducted on October 4, 1982, by Pastor Joe Duncan and the writer. Irene was laid to rest to await the call of her Lord and we pray that that call may come soon. Pastor Richard Worley.

**Roy Harold Anderson**, son of Elder John H. and Lula Anderson, died on November 23, 1982, in Phoenix, AZ. He had been seriously ill for two weeks. He was baptized by his father at an early age and was a member of the Lakeshore Bible Church of God in Tempe, AZ. He is survived by his wife, the former Joan Dunn; two sons—John of Tempe, and Don of Phoenix; a daughter, Valdean Bass of Pomona, CA; grandsons Mark and Marlon Anderson of Tempe and John Bass of Pomona; one granddaughter, Brenda Bass of Pomona; three sisters—Mellie Butler, South Bend, IN, Vadie Bigger of Phoenix, and Minnie Pearl Otterman of Frankfort, IN. Services were held at the Lakeshore Bible Church of God, Tempe, AZ, on November 27 with burial in East Rest Haven, Phoenix. Services were conducted by the writer. Joe Myers, pastor.

Funeral services were recently held at the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God for **Russell F. Blomker**, 68. David W. Cheatwood officiated. Russell was born May 13, 1914 in Eden Valley to William and Emma Blomker. He married Frances Berglund on June 2, 1940. He is survived by his wife Frances; son Gerald, Roberts, Wis.; two grandchildren; a brother, Leonard, Eden Valley; and a sister, Mrs. Glen (Harriet) Miller, Paynesville. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Contributors—November, 1982

Mr & Mrs Harold Gallagher	10.00	Mr & Mrs C S Ludwig	20.00	J Anon	44.00	David Landry	120.00	Mr & Mrs James Ring	10.00
Mr & Mrs Larry Mayberry	10.00	Troy View Church	312.00	Eden Valley Church	489.86	Mr & Mrs Walter Netts	10.00	Mr & Mrs Arthur Poe	25.00
Mr & Mrs Huston McCaffery	10.00	Mr & Mrs Glenn Canfield	150.00	Fox Valley Church	147.86	Orpha Sabatino	120.00	Bedford Church	228.84
M June Weaver	25.00	Air Force Chaplain Fund	300.00	Frances Shelly	50.00	Mr & Mrs Leonard W Hoffman	120.00	Mr & Mrs Steve Mattison	120.00
Ruth Reid	120.00	Virginia Blair	10.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Dickerson	10.00	Stephen Adams	50.00	Mr & Mrs Alden Casey	50.00
Mr & Mrs Ben Mattison	65.00	Mr & Mrs Fulton A Ramsey	100.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Lewis	120.00	Mr & Mrs Marvin C Needham	15.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Adkins	10.00
Gladys M Beam	150.00	Mr & Mrs Loyd D Cooper	130.00	Oregon Church	371.67	Eva Fischer	10.00	Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	60.00
Mr & Mrs Richard Rahn	120.00	Mr & Mrs Charles S Both	60.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Capes	20.00	Mr & Mrs Mark Wolford	120.00	Jean E O'Donnell	120.00
Mr & Mrs Burton E Smith	500.00	Mr & Mrs Wm D Lawrence	1,000.00	Clara Lamb	35.00	Mr & Mrs Robert K Snyder	20.00	Mr & Mrs Paul E Newell	60.00
Harriet E Webb	10.00	Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton	135.00	Mr & Mrs Francis Venard	100.00	Barry Landry	10.00	Bedford Agape Society	77.84
Edith Eades	10.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Young	10.00	Mr & Mrs Scott E Fisher	10.00	Mr & Mrs J Paul Foretich	10.00	Julian W Hazlewood	50.00
Mr & Mrs Raymond Hass	20.00	Mary C Bengt	10.00	Fonthill Church	565.62	Mr & Mrs Ronald Riley	30.00	Royal Village Church	131.81
Mr & Mrs Milo Jones	25.00	Paul Titchnell	10.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Magaw	145.00	Lynn R Berry	10.00	Southlawn Church	370.50
Mr & Mrs Clark Ballentine	50.00	Mr & Mrs J F Paustian	10.00	Hope Chapel, S Bend	318.28	Iris M Kirkley	120.00	Maugretown Church	63.19
New Hope Church	200.00	McGintytown Church	110.25	Blessed Hope Church	98.28	Anonymous	148.00	VA State Conference	96.49
Mr & Mrs Fred Horn	10.00	Forest Hills Church	52.42	Brian J Atra	10.00	Mr & Mrs W G Beavers	25.00	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00
Mr & Mrs Elvin Hughes, Jr	30.00	Norma K Wamrolts	80.00	Blanche Lawrence	10.00	Mr & Mrs Bernell Story	120.00	Glad Tidings SS	67.21
Mr & Mrs Bobby L Partain, Jr	10.00	Dorthea Lee	125.00	Litchfield Church	46.63	Mr & Mrs James O Scott, Jr	25.00	Mr & Mrs Herbert Huenerkopf	20.00
Virginia Henninger	10.00	Macomb Miss Soc	25.00	Mr & Mrs Monte Sandifer	10.00	Mrs Blanche Dorsey	42.00	Mr & Mrs Orville Kinsey	120.00
M A Patrick	120.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Shotwell	90.00	Mr & Mrs W R Burnham	25.00	Mr & Mrs Robert B Johns	120.00	St Louis Church	64.00
Grace Lippincott	20.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	25.00	Marlin D Lewis	10.00	Mr & Mrs Wm Tiemey	240.00	Ripley Church	150.00
Edna Waterman	20.00	Margaret L Duval	100.00	Mr & Mrs Rolla Hightower	150.00	Mr & Mrs Willard Haenke	50.00	Mr & Mrs Wm C Poland, Sr	30.00
Happy Woods Dorcas Soc	30.00	Mr & Mrs David Krogh	368.55	Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	20.00	Mr & Mrs Gary Stauffer	25.00	Mr & Mrs Jerry Kerr	120.00
Katherine Tackett	80.00	San Jose Church	523.00	Mr & Mrs David Cheatwood	17.00	Ohio Friends	120.00	Marjorie Mogle	50.00
Blood River Church	341.81	Mr & Mrs Dick Fridley	200.00	Mr & Mrs James Jannereth	120.00	Macomb IL Church	271.00	Lila Guiles	15.00
Mr & Mrs Robert Potts	35.00	Rhonda Bliss	10.00	D H Richmond	25.00	Lakeshore Church	651.63	C David Martin	145.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Hummel	200.00	Mr & Mrs J P Connell	10.00	Beth Reaker	20.00	Mr & Mrs Arnold Johns	41.45	Mrs Thelma Moore Attwell	120.00
Mr & Mrs Preston M Landry	141.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Miller	10.00	Dorothy Netts	10.00	Mr Mrs Russell Johns	120.00	Forrest R Long	120.00
Mr & Mrs Robert W Waggener	50.00	Mr & Mrs T E Martin	120.00	Mr & Mrs John Vanderbeek	10.00	Milo Magaw	100.00	Gary V Roepeke	50.00
E Dorothy Magaw	90.00	Mrs Jane Partlow	10.00	Mr & Mrs David Little	20.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Fisk	120.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Morrison	200.00
Oliver P Friemuth	20.00	Grace Fisk	120.00	Mr & Mrs Roy Humphreys	15.00	Mr Helen Thompson	50.00	Mr & Mrs Albert Harper	30.00
Cheryl Lynn Gyorgyi	10.00	Mr & Mrs Larry Weaver	50.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	327.90	Mr & Mrs Lynn Scoum	30.00	Georgia Thompson	120.00
Mr & Mrs Glenn Hunter	300.00	Eleine Shute	15.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Clopton	2.00	Mr & Mrs Lyle Walkington	120.00	Anonymous	109.80
Mr & Mrs Arthur Abbuehl	120.00	MN State Miss Soc	147.20	Mr & Mrs Harold W Simpson	20.00	Don Haley	120.00	Mr & Mrs John W Brown	120.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	85.00	Mr & Mrs David L Johnson	125.00	Daniel Ryan	10.00	Macomb SS	34.01	Laurel Macy	10.00
Northeast Conference	265.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	35.00	Kate Ewbank	12.00	Rachel Pumphrey	30.00	Resurrection Hope Church	200.00
In honor of Stacy & Chris		Ray J Kluck	20.00	Mr & Mrs Thomas Hayden	120.00	Doris Reye	35.00	Sue Andrew	20.00
Mr & Mrs Clarence M Jones	2,819.84	Mr & Mrs Dale Harshman	100.00	Mr & Mrs Frank Kluka	10.00	Carol Schmidlapp	20.00	Ellen E Toney	72.00
Dorothy L Siple	50.00	Evelyn Fisher	60.00	Clair Rice	10.00	Brush Creek Church	421.84	Mrs Joe Middleton	20.00
Emory Macy	18.30	Mrs Cora Munshaw	70.00	Mr & Mrs John S Taylor	200.00	Mr & Mrs Edgar Harvey	120.00	Mr & Mrs Donald Overmyer	275.00
Mr & Mrs Leonard Appleby	120.00	Guthrie Grove Church	722.52	Mr & Mrs Dale Gallagher	50.00	Mr & Mrs John Ralston	10.00	Fredericktown Church	63.08
Helen M Lewis	25.00	Wally Hefflin	10.00	Columbia Church	254.00	Anonymous	120.00	Everett S Rogers	170.00
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# General Conference Progress

By David Krogh  
Executive Director

## **New Member Church**

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome the Fox Valley Church of God in Aurora, Illinois, as the newest member church in the Church of God General Conference. A group of members in the Aurora area began meeting on December 6, 1981, under the leadership of Art Fletcher. He continues to serve as pastor and Kathy Lewis Krug is Sunday School Superintendent. Members of the Flagg Center church are assisting with this work and students from the Church Planting Class at Oregon Bible College are doing research and consultation with the church.

At a recent meeting, the congregation adopted a resolution affirming its affiliation with our association of churches.

Our prayers are with the brethren of the Fox Valley area as they spread the gospel in their area.

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

The Board of Directors met in Hammond, Louisiana, January 27-29, for its annual midwinter long-range planning meeting. The Board greatly appreciated the warm hospitality extended by the members of the Happy Woods Church during the Board sessions.

Among the matters discussed and acted upon were the following:

1. Reviewed the Financial Reports of the Conference and College. *(Please turn to page 2)*

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2. Approved the report of the financial review of the accounting records presented by the firm of McGladrey-Hendrickson. A summary of the report appears on pages 9-11 of this issue.

3. Discussed a written missions policy for the General Conference and local churches.

4. Reviewed future personnel needs of the Conference and College.

5. Received a report from Adam Anderson regarding the funding of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.

6. Reviewed the work of the Executive Director and College President.

7. Received a report from the Abortion Study Committee which will be presented to the delegates at General Conference in August.

8. Heard a report from a committee appointed in August, 1982, to revise the application form for those wishing to be licensed by the General Conference. This revised form will be presented to the ministers for their consideration at the April Ministerial Conference.

The Board will meet again April 28-30 in Oregon, Illinois.

### Director of Business Administration Resigns

David McClain resigned from his position as Director of the Business Administration Department for the Conference and Director of Business Services for the College, effective February 25. He has accepted a position in the Business Office of the Forest Hills, Michigan, Public School District. His wife, Ellen, has also obtained employment in the Grand Rapids area.

David joined our staff July 24, 1979. Our prayers are with David and Ellen as they move ahead in their career fields.

Present staff members will carry on the duties of this Department during the transition until a full-time replacement is named to this position.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Goal for Giving for 1982-83 **\$402,830**

	Needed	Given
Oct. 1-15	16,244	14,421
Oct. 16-Nov. 15	33,570	29,647
Nov. 16-Jan. 15	67,140	57,479
Jan. 16-Feb. 15	<u>33,570</u>	<u>33,337</u>
Totals	150,524	134,884

Giving gap through Feb. 15 15,640  
Needed Feb. 15 - Mar. 15 33,570

**Goal for next 30 days \$49,210**

# GENERAL CON

It gives me pleasure to share with you two giving programs which are being launched throughout the Church of God. The two programs are:

### Church of God Development Council

### Church of God Founders' Circle

These two giving programs are designed to provide a large portion annually of the necessary funds to support General Conference ministries. Involvement by all Church of God people in one of these two programs will go a long way in providing necessary support for Conference services.

### Development Council

To become a part of the Development Council requires an annual contribution of \$500 or more during the calendar year of 1983. Those who become a part of the Council will:

1. provide advice and counsel to the Conference whenever and wherever helpful.
2. give leadership gift support to underwrite the daily operations of the Conference.
3. assist the General Conference in promoting the vital services provided by the Conference to members of the Church of God.

Along with the gifts of others in the Church of God, we are seeking annual gifts from 150 Church of God families who will be a part of the Development Council.

### Founders' Circle

The Founders' Circle is designed to financially assist the ministries of the Church of God General Conference with annual gifts between \$120 and \$499 during 1983. The Founders' Circle is established to:

1. commemorate the founding of the Church of God General Conference in 1922.
2. directly underwrite the ongoing financial needs of the Church of God.

Our goal is to seek annual gifts at this level from 250 Church of God families in 1983. Gifts through the Founders' Circle will make it possible for us to per-



# CONFERENCE GIVING PROGRAMS

petuate the many ministries envisioned by the Conference founders more than 60 years ago.

Each Church of God family should prayerfully consider the specific gift support which it will make during 1983. The cooperation of many Church of God families will make it possible for us to carry out the tasks which God has given the Church of God to do in these last days.

In lieu of printing the names and specific amounts contributed to the Conference each month, at the end of the calendar year we will state the names of those persons who became members of the Development Council and the Founders' Circle during the year. In addition to printing the names of these members, special recognition will also be given to those who participate in these giving programs.\*

The response of many people to these giving opportunities will place the work of the Conference on a solid financial foundation. Gifts and commitments will enable the Board of Directors and the staff to make plans and decisions based upon estimates of anticipated income during the year. I am confident that all Church of God people want the Conference to operate in a fiscally responsible manner. These two giving programs help to make this possible.

\*Since names of contributors will not be listed in PROGRESS JOURNAL each month, your cancelled check will serve as a receipt to assure you that we received your contribution. We will continue our policy of sending a statement each January, listing all of your contributions for the previous year. If you wish to immediately receive a printed receipt from us for each contribution you make, please let us know.

For many years the Conference has had a planned program of spending in the form of an annual budget. The giving programs mentioned on this page will make it possible for us to have a planned program of income. To achieve fiscal responsibility we must be certain that spending is balanced by income.

To effectively carry out the ministries of the Conference, we must make commitments to staff to provide salaries and benefits; we must make commitments to local churches to provide Church Development Aid; and we must make commitments to provide Christian educational material to our churches and members. These commitments are made with the anticipation that Church of God people will provide contributions to cover expenses which the Conference delegates have authorized.

Through the Development Council and Founders' Circle it is possible for Church of God people to assure us of their support of the decisions made by the delegates. With the cooperation of all Church of God people we can not only maintain the present services of the Conference, but we can move vigorously ahead with planting new churches; launching mission efforts overseas; providing assistance for the revitalization of existing churches; strengthening Sunday School and youth programs; and upgrading our Christian Education materials.

With the Lord's help and the cooperation of many willing workers, we face a bright future in the Church of God.

## PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1983

	Goal	Members Enrolled	Commitments Made	Cash Received
Development Council	150 families	28	\$ 20,770	\$ 3,786
Founders' Circle	250 families	32	3,295	1,000
	400	60	\$ 24,065	\$ 4,786



# OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Warren Sorenson, Director • Steve Grant, Missions

## Heart and Soul of Outreach

The heart and soul of outreach is sharing Jesus Christ with those who need him. In these simple words of Jesus, his purpose is expressed with convincing clarity, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

The responsibility of this mission is shared through the parable of the marriage feast of Matthew 22:9; "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."

The reality of these scriptures comes to life as men and women come to Jesus Christ through the ministry of believers in local churches. At this point it is no longer words; it becomes a personal experience. New believers share in the joy of salvation and fellowship in the body of Christ. The following testimony illustrates the power of God at work to change lives.

Pastor David Cheatwood wrote recently, "I baptized Larry Janssen into the body of Christ. We worked a little over two years with Larry, stopping by to visit him and encourage him and let him know we as a people were interested in him. Larry had some difficulties and ended up in jail. During this time I continued to visit him on a weekly basis. It was while he was in jail that he accepted Christ as his Savior when he came to the realization that the church and his wife were the only friends he had. All the others deserted him once he got into trouble.

"As a result of that witness through the period of time he was in jail he completed the Systematic Bible Study Course. After finishing the course and completing his time, I baptized him at Long Lake. He is presently working with his wife in a discipleship program, learning how to better serve the Lord. He is growing and becoming more involved in learning the things of God.

"He has also joined AA and is now the chairman of the Litchfield AA group and working hard at helping others see that there is a better way of life than chemicals.

"Pray for Larry and Anita as they grow in Christ and mature in the faith. They've brought great joy to our lives in Eden Valley and it is fun to watch them grow.

"Because of the time and energy I've invested in Larry's life, his conversion has been a personal joy. I've learned an important secret. The time, energy, love, and friendship given to others is repaid when the Lord

reaches down and brings about their conversion. But let Larry tell his story."

## Larry's Testimony

*I was born and raised on a farm. Since my parents didn't attend church, I seldom worshiped as well. When I was 18 I joined the armed forces for two years. It was during this time that I started drinking and doing drugs.*

*When I turned 21 everything went backwards. My alcohol and drug dependency overwhelmed me to the point that I was committed to a state hospital to solve my abuse. But I wasn't ready to stop, so I played their games to the point that I was finally dismissed.*

*By the time I was 25 I took my worst slide downhill. I ended up in a state penitentiary for some things I did while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. I was in for a year.*

*During that year I took a look at myself. My whole life had been spent in and out of jails, I wanted a change from it all. I still didn't believe in God, but after my release I stayed out of trouble for four years.*

*But something was missing from my life; I didn't know what it was. I got married at the age of 28, but it didn't bring me what I needed and we got a divorce after five months.*

*I began to get into trouble again with the law, drinking and using drugs. This went on for a couple years until recently.*

*Then while in jail again I came to know Christ as my Savior. I have been learning more about him every day and I feel a lot better about everything.*

*I hope my story will help someone else avoid the troubles I've been in.*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Larry Janssen.*

What a joy to read of a ministry resulting in a person coming to Christ. This is the focus of outreach.

## Dedication Service at New Hope

The New Hope Church of God in Little Rock, AR, a recent recipient of Mission Builders Assistance, conducted dedicatory services on February 5, 1983. Pastor Dick Alcumbrack used Psalm 127:1 as the key text in announcing the special service: "Except the LORD build the house . . ."

Those who are members of the Mission Builders League and helped this congregation come to this



# DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Coordinator • Hugh Harman, Youth Coordinator

- Church Planting and Development
- World Missions
- Sunday School
- Youth

service can take pride in sharing this achievement. It is God's people sharing in mutual ministry regardless of

location and distance that advances the Church of God and glorifies his name.



## Prayer and Praise Calendar (April, 1983)

- 1 Pray for Bro. Don Needham and family as they prepare to move to Colorado Springs to start a new Church of God.
- 2 Pray for safe travel for the Oregon Bible College drama group which will be on tour this coming week.
- 3 Praise God for the triumph of the resurrection and the hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ.
- 4 Pray that God will minister to congregations through Bro. Ross and the students in the OBC drama group.
- 5 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant as they minister in Nigeria this month.
- 6 Pray for Pastor Ephraim Udo and his work in Abak, Nigeria.
- 7 Pray for Pastor Benson O. Adum and his ministry in Bori, Nigeria.
- 8 Pray for Pastor J. A. I. Ekpo and his congregation in Ukanafun, Nigeria.
- 9 Pray for Bros. Solomon Idiong and John Obott in their ministry in Abak, Nigeria.
- 10 Pray for Dr. Pryor and Adam Anderson in their campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.
- 11 Praise God for the faithful ministers who have graduated from Oregon Bible College and are now serving Churches of God.
- 12 Praise God for your church family.
- 13 Pray for churches which will be changing pastors this year.
- 14 Pray for pastors who are in a time of transition in their ministry.
- 15 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they minister to the congregation at Hedrick, Indiana, this weekend.
- 16 Pray for a specific need in your church.
- 17 Pray for the Bible study group which meets in San Diego, California.
- 18 Praise God for those who have been brought to Christ in the waters of baptism recently (pray specifically for persons in your church fellowship).
- 19 Praise God for your pastor and family and uplift them in special prayer next week.
- 20 Pray for Russell Magaw as he leads the publishing department of the General Conference, especially that God will speak through the publications coming from this department.
- 21 Pray for the safe travel of pastors who will be attending the Pastor's Renewal Weekend and/or Ministers' Conference.
- 22 For the next few days concentrate on prayer in behalf of pastors in view of the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13. And make this personal in behalf of your pastor.
- 23 "Know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord" (1 Thes. 5:12). Pray that God will give you love and understanding of your pastor and family.
- 24 "Esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (1 Thes. 5:13). Pray that as a congregation you will experience a deep respect for your pastor and appreciation for his service among you.
- 25 Pray that all pastors attending Ministers' Conference will be richly blessed through the fellowship and sessions of the conference.
- 26 Pray for those who will be speaking to the pastors during this special week, that God will minister through them.
- 27 Pray for pastors who will be returning to their churches, that God will give them a safe return to their homes and a fruitful ministry in their local churches.
- 28 Pray for those of your fellowship who are upon beds of sickness.
- 29 Pray for those in your fellowship who have special needs.
- 30 Praise God for his love and protection over you and the provision of a wonderful faith through Jesus Christ.



# EULOGY FOR A LEADER\*

Harold "Doc" Doan

by Pastor Joe Martin

When a well-known servant of the church dies, we look at his life and ask what guided him. As I looked at Harold Doan's life, I saw three questions that needed to be answered. Was he a man of Providence or coincidence? Was he a man of the Promises of God or a seeker or popularity? Was he a man just passing time or prepared to do the Lord's will?

First, was he a man of Providence or coincidence? Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes says, "Time and chance happeneth to them all" (9:11). He goes on to say, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (3:1-4); and then "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time . . ." (3:11). We, too, must recognize the aspects of coincidence and chance in the lives of men. It is a part of life. Even for the believer, one cannot expect a perfect life. We expect some difficult times. If there is a religious fanatic that says by believing in God "everything will be all right," we can only say with Solomon, *nonsense* (see Eccl. 8:12-14, Good News Translation).

However, as we study the question "Providence or coincidence?"—and look at Bro. Doan's life—I can only say that I feel there was more to this life than coincidence. After many years of service with the General Conference, the Doans moved to California. Since the move Doc provided a tireless, dogged, loving effort to establish the Valley Bible Church. After meeting in a YWCA and later in another women's club in the valley, he saw a need to formalize the church within the framework of a non-profit corporation. He spent many hours organizing the church. Having worked with the Conference at length, he was well aware that if the local church was not strong, there could be no General Conference. He died twelve days after he felt the church strong enough that he did not have to be a member of the Board of Directors for our local church. Our annual

meeting was January 16; he died January 28. While Jean, his wife, talked to the family the morning of his death, saying, "We've expected this for eighteen years" (he had some health problems earlier), I felt a deep sense of the Providence of God. I believe Harold Doan was a man of Providence, not coincidence. God was using this man.

Second, was he a man of the Promises of God or a seeker of popularity? When considering Harold's dedication to the Church of God as Pastor, Executive Secretary, Editor, and Chairman of the Board of Directors, no doubt he was a popular person. His wit, charm, and impeccable dress helped us to like him. However, for those of us who were fortunate to know him in some depth, there is no question that the force behind his service was that he *believed* in the promises of God. For those unaware, he traveled almost fifty miles to church each Sunday morning. At an elders' meeting this past year he emphasized his commitment, "If I didn't believe in the promises of God, the kingdom of God on the earth, the covenants made to Abraham and to David, in our total message, do you think I would be driving these distances? I would go to the church down the block." He believed in the sure Word of God. A Church founded upon our heritage of biblical faith was essential.

Some of those promises that he totally accepted are relevant to our remembering him. Job asks the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (14:14.) Speaking of the resurrection, Job says, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee . . ." (14:14, 15). When God through his Son resurrects the faithful, I believe Harold Doan will be in that resurrection.

Occasionally Doc could get a facial expression with a "set jaw" that for those near him meant disapproval. This often came as a result of some policy that he felt would not in the long run benefit the church. Though he was popular, he cared more for the promises.

Third, was Harold Doan just passing time or was

\*Thoughts from his service, February 1, 1983.



he a man prepared? I believe he was a man prepared—prepared not only to do the Lord's will through working with the church and Conference, but also prepared when dealing in his business ventures. Anyone who knew him well knew that he carried his end of any project. Whether it was the Study Committee to reorganize the General Conference or a committee for working in the local church, he came to the meetings with his thoughts already organized in a manner that told all of us that he had spent much time in preparation. At the Lord's return, when the faithful are given authority and Jesus says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things" (Matt. 25:21), I won't be surprised if Harold is given rulership over ten cities. He was prepared and served us well.

Not only was he personally prepared, he and Jean have continually supported the preparation of others, especially students at Oregon Bible College. Through scholarships and direct support, many of us are now prepared for service through their help. Someone asked me, "Do you think we will affect as many lives as Doc did?" My reply was, "Probably not; he touched and influenced so many."

I cannot help but think of Hebrews 11 as a summary. In an age that lacks heroes and great leader/servants, I sincerely believe we are remembering one today. Verse thirteen is applicable, he "... died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off . . ." and was "... persuaded of them, and embraced them." He was a leader of the Church of God, a man of faith. He was a man of Providence, a man of the promises, and a man prepared. We will miss him.

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## His Wisdom and Impact

I have come here today to this Memorial Service as a representative of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference; as a representative of the General Conference staff; and as a representative of Church of God people everywhere, to pay tribute to a man who has had an enormous impact upon the Church of God.

For 13 years, Harold Doan served as Executive Director of the General Conference, as well as serving as Youth Director, Editor of Publications, and part-time instructor at Oregon Bible College. He served for nine years during three terms as a member of the Board of Directors, five years of which he served as chairman. In 1978 and '79 he served as the chairman of the General Conference Study Committee, which helped to reorganize the Conference and to plot a new direction.

Through these long years of service, Bro. Doan influenced the lives of many people, and he provided professional management for the Conference. Many of the programs which he implemented years ago are still in place and operating successfully.

I bring to you, Jean, and to your children, per-

sonal words of sympathy from each member of the Board who could not be here today. The Board was meeting in Hammond, Louisiana, when we received the sad news of Harold's death.

In our time of sorrow, the Board turned to the Lord, in thanksgiving for Harold's life and work, and we asked the Lord to heal the pain of loss, not only for you, Greg, and Chris, but also for each of us.

Harold's death is a personal loss for the Board. Three of us who sat around the Board table were his students at Oregon Bible College, and we each expressed the great impact that he had on our lives and our ministries. The others at the table were long-time friends, colleagues, and fellow servants, who had labored together with him for the Lord.

Our churches have lost a man of great wisdom—a man who loved the Lord and who served well.

Our prayers are with you, Jean, as you face tomorrow, confident in the great hope of the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

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—Eulogy presented by Executive Director David Krogh at the Memorial Service at Glendale, California, February 1.

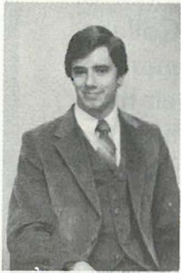


# Oregon Bible College Progress

- Professional Education
- General Education
- Christian Service

Dr. Charles Pryor, President

## 1982-83 Internships

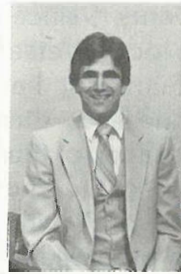


**Bob Alcumbrack**, a 1982 graduate of OBC, is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the third member of his family to attend Oregon Bible College. Bob's interests include photography, Christian camping, mechanics, and music. Pastor Scott Ross and the Jaynes Street Church in Omaha, Nebraska, are providing Bob with pastoral experience and supervision.

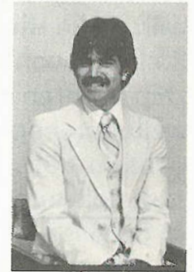


**Debra Fletcher**, a 1982 graduate of OBC, is from Burke, Virginia. During the period of internship, Debra has worked closely with Dale Ramsey, observing and participating in each aspect of the music program of the church. Christian Education is her second area of emphasis. She has received direct supervision from Lynne Krogh and gained experience in the major divisions of the educational programs of the church. Pastor Hollis Partlowe and the staff of the Oregon, Illinois, church are providing Debra with ministry experience and supervision.

**Alan Demmitt**, a 1982 graduate of OBC, is a native of Troy, Ohio. He is the second member of his family to attend Oregon Bible College. Alan's interests include sports, music, and travel. He thoroughly enjoys delivering sermons and is a sensitive counselor. Pastor Jim Graham and the Valley View Bible Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, are providing Alan with pastoral experience and supervision. Alan and his wife, Darcey Emerick Demmitt, are enjoying their year of residence in Phoenix.



**Jeff Smith** is a senior. He is a native of Pelzer, South Carolina. Jeff began summer internship at Guthrie Grove in mid-May for 13 weeks under the supervision of Pastor Ed Bender. He returned to campus for one semester and will complete his internship during the Spring Semester, 1983, under the supervision of Pastor Don Needham in Blanchard, Michigan.



**Kevin Demmitt** is a senior at OBC. He began internship in Blanchard, Michigan, with Pastor Don Needham in mid-May of 1982, with completion in mid-January, 1983. He completed pre-internship during the summer of 1981, at the Southlawn Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Kevin is the third member of his family to attend OBC. His brother Greg is pastor of Country Chapel in Indiana, and Alan is a June, 1982, graduate. Kevin's interests include drama, church growth, and out-performing his uncle in one-to-one growth, and out-performing his uncle in one-to-one basketball.

**Richard (Dick) Eldred** began his studies at OBC in the fall of 1978 after many successful years in the trucking business. Dick, his wife Carol, and their four sons, left Blanchard, Michigan, to establish their residence in Oregon, Illinois. In the summer of 1980, Dick became pastor of the East Oregon Chapel. In the years that have followed, the church has grown from a few members in regular attendance to worship attendance of over 150. Dick has also been instrumental in leading the congregation in a major building project, including a new sanctuary. Besides his very active leadership as pastor and busy life as parent and husband, Dick still finds an occasional opportunity to go hunting and fishing. Members of the college faculty, area ministers, and the East Oregon Church are providing Dick with experience and supervision.



**Vickie Chapman** is a 1981 graduate of OBC. Pastor David Wilsterman and the Happy Woods Church in Hammond, Louisiana, are providing Vickie with an in-depth knowledge of how the ministry of music interfaces with the total church ministry.

**Brian Atra**, a 1982 graduate of OBC, is an up-and-coming theologian and loves scholarly pursuits. Pastor Cecil Patrick and the Winter Haven Church in Florida are providing Brian with pastoral experience and supervision.



### Foundation Progress

"The future is in our hands . . ." This year the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College has taken the steps necessary to insure the future leadership of the Church of God by establishing the **Oregon Bible College Development Foundation**. Funding of Oregon Bible College through endowment from the Development Foundaton will provide essential training for tomorrow's leaders in the Church of God.

Joe E. James Chairman, Board of Trustees

### Capital Campaign Activity Report

(through January, 1983)

Written commitments received	\$63,735.00
Verbal commitments received	99,000.00
Cash received	31,035.00
Activity this month has included calls in Illinois and Arizona.	



# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

October 1, 1981 - September 30, 1982

The Annual Financial Statement on these pages was prepared by McGladrey Hendrickson & Co., Rockford, IL, and accepted by the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, January 27, 1983.

To the Board of Directors  
Church of God General Conference  
Oregon, Illinois

We have reviewed the accompanying balance sheet of Church of God General Conference as of September 30, 1982, and the related statement of support and revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances, and changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All of the information included in those financial statements is the representation of the management of Church of God General Conference.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Conference personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

McGladrey Hendrickson & Co.

Rockford, Illinois  
November 11, 1982

The notes and contracts receivable mature at various dates through 1991, with \$146,148 due to be received after September 30, 1983. The range of interest rates applicable to notes and contracts receivable was 6% to 10% at September 30, 1982.

**Note 3. Land, Buildings, and Equipment**

A summary of land, buildings, and equipment is as follows:

	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total
Land .....	\$ 45,485	\$ 11,832	\$ 57,317
Buildings .....	117,000	503,628	620,628
Rental properties, including land .....	—	136,690	136,690
Library books .....	—	37,514	37,514
Furniture and Equipment .....	66,650	105,502	172,152
Vehicles .....	8,398	8,985	17,383
	<u>\$237,533</u>	<u>\$804,151</u>	<u>\$1,041,684</u>
Less accumulated depreciation ..	43,173	110,962	154,135
	<u>\$194,360</u>	<u>\$693,189</u>	<u>\$ 887,549</u>

**Note 4. Changes in Deferred Restricted Amounts**

	General Conference	Oregon Bible College
Balances at beginning of year .....	\$ 20,122	\$ 6,656
Additions:		
Contributions and bequests .....	33,509	—
Interest income .....	1,350	—
	<u>\$ 54,981</u>	<u>\$ 6,656</u>
Deductions, funds expended during the year .....	34,119	—
Balances at end of year .....	<u>\$ 20,862</u>	<u>\$ 6,656</u>

**Note 5. Mortgages Payable**

Terms of the mortgages payable are as follows:

Mortgage note payable, due in monthly payments of \$68, including interest at 8% through May, 1987, collateralized by real estate with a carrying value of \$10,794 .....	\$ 3,155
Mortgage note payable, due in payments of \$232, including interest at 12.75% through July, 1984, collateralized by real estate with a carrying value of \$43,973 .....	21,848
	<u>\$25,003</u>

Aggregate maturities required on mortgages payable at September 30, 1982, are as follows:

1983	\$ 747
1984	22,336
1985	672
1986	731
1987	517
Later years	—
Total	<u>\$ 25,003</u>

**Note 6. Restatement of Beginning Fund Balances**

The Fund balances at September 30, 1981, have been restated as follows:

Fund balances, September 30, 1981, as previously reported	\$1,418,863
Restatement, principally to correct for amounts recorded as revenue that were actually deposits held for others	38,155
Fund balances, September 30, 1981, as restated	<u>\$1,380,708</u>

The restatement had the effect of decreasing the excess of support and revenue over expenses and capital additions for the year ended September 30, 1981, from \$112,276 to \$74,121.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### See Accountants' Review Report

**Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of Activities:**

The Church of God General Conference is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois for the purpose of assisting members, churches, and conferences of the Church of God and to operate a Bible college to prepare students for church leadership, the ministry, and teaching. The Conference is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Fund Accounting:**

In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Conference, its accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes.

Current unrestricted funds are those funds presently available for use by the Conference at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the Board specifies a purpose where none has been stated by the original donor, such funds are classified as Board-designated current funds. Current restricted funds are presently available for use, but expendable only for operating purposes specified by the donor. Such restricted amounts received but not yet earned are reported as deferred revenue.

Endowment funds result from the donors' specifications that the funds be invested and that, generally, only the income be used.

**Tuition, Fees, and Subscriptions:**

Tuition, fees, and subscriptions are recognized as revenue in the applicable period to which they relate. Unearned amounts are included as unrestricted deferred revenue.

**Property and Equipment:**

Expenditures for the acquisition of property and equipment are capitalized at cost; the fair value of donated property and equipment is similarly capitalized. Conference and college buildings are not depreciated. All other buildings and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method.

**Note 2. Notes and Contracts Receivable**

Notes and contracts receivable consist of the following:

Notes and contracts receivable from individuals' bequests .....	\$161,198
Notes receivable—churches at 7% to 10% .....	15,532
Other notes receivable .....	<u>5,536</u>
	<u>\$182,266</u>



**BALANCE SHEET**  
**September 30, 1982**  
**See Accountants' Review Report**

ASSETS	Current Funds			Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total		
CASH, including certificates of deposit of \$424,850...	\$126,745	\$ 52,930	\$179,675	\$285,386	\$ 465,061
RECEIVABLES					
Accounts receivable.....	3,442	—	3,442	—	3,442
Notes and contracts receivable (Note 2).....	181,838	—	181,838	428	182,266
INVENTORIES, publications, at lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.....	44,499	2,335	46,834	—	46,834
INVESTMENTS, at cost.....	15,000	—	15,000	2,000	17,000
PREPAID EXPENSE.....	15,483	610	16,093	—	16,093
ADVANCES TO OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE FUND.....	241,422	—	*	—	*
LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT, at cost, less accumulated depreciation (Note 3).....	194,360	693,189	887,549	—	887,549
	<u>\$822,789</u>	<u>\$749,064</u>	<u>\$1,330,431</u>	<u>\$287,814</u>	<u>\$1,618,245</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	\$ 14,944	\$ 9,772	\$ 24,716	\$ —	\$ 24,716
Deferred revenues:					
Unrestricted.....	1,022	10,688	11,710	—	11,710
Restricted (Note 4).....	20,862	6,656	27,518	—	27,518
Advances from General Conference.....	—	241,422	*	—	*
Deposits.....	30,683	5,087	35,770	—	35,770
Mortgages payable (Note 5).....	—	25,003	25,003	—	25,003
Total Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 67,511</u>	<u>\$298,628</u>	<u>\$ 124,717</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 124,717</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted:					
Board designated.....	\$239,190	\$ 22,414	\$ 261,604	\$ —	\$ 261,604
Undesignated.....	516,088	428,022	944,110	—	944,110
Restricted.....	—	—	—	287,814	287,814
Total fund balances.....	<u>\$755,278</u>	<u>\$450,436</u>	<u>\$1,205,714</u>	<u>\$287,814</u>	<u>\$1,493,528</u>
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\*Interfund borrowings eliminated in combination.  
 See Notes to Financial Statements.

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

**Year Ended September 30, 1982**  
**See Accountants' Review Report**

Support and revenue:	Current Funds			Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total		
Contributions and bequests.....	\$452,965	\$ 20,591	\$ 473,556	\$ —	\$ 473,556
Tuition, room, and board.....	—	71,170	71,170	—	71,170
Conferences, camps, and seminars.....	49,511	—	49,511	—	49,511
Interest income.....	31,613	37,795	69,408	—	69,408
Sales and subscriptions.....	65,805	5,332	71,137	—	71,137
Rental income.....	1,208	13,953	15,161	—	15,161
Proceeds from discontinued churches.....	12,368	—	12,368	—	12,368
Miscellaneous.....	2,072	1,130	3,202	—	3,202
Total support and revenue.....	<u>\$615,542</u>	<u>\$149,971</u>	<u>\$ 765,513</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 765,513</u>
Expenses.....	348,769	304,676	653,445	—	653,445
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses before capital additions.....	\$266,773	\$(154,705)	\$ 112,068	\$ —	\$ 112,068
Capital additions, interest income.....	—	—	—	752	752
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses after capital additions.....	\$266,773	\$(154,705)	\$ 112,068	\$ 752	\$ 112,820
Fund balances at beginning of year (Note 4).....	488,505	605,141	1,093,646	287,062	1,380,708
Fund balances at end of year.....	<u>\$755,278</u>	<u>\$450,436</u>	<u>\$1,205,714</u>	<u>\$287,814</u>	<u>\$1,493,528</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.



# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

Year Ended September 30, 1982

See Accountants' Review Report

	Current Funds	Endowment Funds	Total All Funds
<b>FINANCIAL RESOURCES PROVIDED FROM</b>			
Operations:			
Excess of support and revenue over expenses .....	\$112,072	\$ —	\$112,072
Capital additions .....	—	752	752
Items which did not (provide) or require outlay of cash:	\$112,072	\$ 752	\$112,824
Depreciation .....	22,269	—	22,269
Decrease in accounts receivable .....	20,105	—	20,105
Decrease in inventories .....	5,696	—	5,696
(Increase) in prepaid expenses .....	(9,784)	—	(9,784)
(Decrease) in accounts payable .....	(5,333)	—	(5,333)
(Decrease) in deferred amounts .....	(16,863)	—	(16,863)
Total cash provided by operations .....	\$128,162	\$ 752	\$128,914
Other sources:			
Proceeds from notes and contracts receivable .....	23,782	—	23,782
Proceeds from deposits .....	3,797	—	3,797
	\$155,741	\$ 752	\$156,493
<b>FINANCIAL RESOURCES APPLIED TO</b>			
Purchases of building and equipment .....	\$ 34,339	\$ —	\$ 34,339
Payment of mortgages payable .....	36,611	—	36,611
	\$ 70,950	\$ —	\$ 70,950
Increase in cash .....	84,791	\$ 752	\$ 85,543

See Notes to Financial Statements.

To the Board of Directors  
Church of God General Conference  
Oregon, Illinois

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The supplementary information which follows is presented for purposes of additional

analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements and we did not become aware of any material modifications that should be made to such information.

McGladrey Henrickson & Co.

Rockford, Illinois  
November 11, 1982

# STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Year Ended September 30, 1982

See Accountants' Review Report

	Current Funds			Restricted	Total All Funds
	Unrestricted				
	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total		
Salaries and wages .....	\$119,247	\$152,128	\$271,375	\$ —	\$271,375
Payroll taxes .....	7,074	6,945	14,019	—	14,019
Employee benefits .....	9,711	8,394	18,105	—	18,105
Advertising .....	—	262	262	—	262
Auto expense .....	1,927	1,824	3,751	—	3,751
Assistance to missions .....	3,326	—	3,326	7,250	10,576
Assistance to churches .....	6,570	—	6,570	25,519	32,089
Annuity payments .....	—	—	—	1,350	1,350
Camp .....	48,844	—	48,844	—	48,844
Depreciation .....	6,476	15,793	22,269	—	22,269
Films and speakers .....	—	1,025	1,025	—	1,025
Foreign exchange .....	1,494	—	1,494	—	1,494
Insurance .....	2,004	2,827	4,831	—	4,831
Interest expense .....	—	6,942	6,942	—	6,942
Miscellaneous .....	2,998	4,865	7,863	—	7,863
Office supplies .....	1,379	608	1,987	—	1,987
Outside instruction .....	—	3,811	3,811	—	3,811
Postage .....	11,108	829	11,937	—	11,937
Periodicals and books .....	5,530	4,055	9,585	—	9,585
Printing and binding .....	38,251	1,971	40,222	—	40,222
Professional services .....	2,637	2,638	5,275	—	5,275
Purchases .....	15,602	25,102	40,704	—	40,704
Repairs and maintenance .....	4,987	8,344	13,331	—	13,331
Royalties .....	902	—	902	—	902
Staff education .....	1,356	4,477	5,833	—	5,833
Student benefits .....	—	10,875	10,875	—	10,875
Supplies and expense .....	6,537	7,618	14,155	—	14,155
Telephone .....	2,855	5,284	8,139	—	8,139
Travel .....	10,158	9,106	19,264	—	19,264
Utilities .....	3,677	18,953	22,630	—	22,630
	\$314,650	\$304,676	\$619,326	\$ 34,119	\$653,445



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**South Bend, IN.** Hope Chapel welcomes Diane Gloria into its membership. Diane moved to South Bend from Texas last fall and began coming to church right away. Upon taking the Systematic Bible Study Course she became convinced of God's truths and also convicted of her need to put Jesus on as Savior in the waters of baptism. She was baptized Sunday night, January 30, 1983. Refreshments and fellowship followed the service. May Diane serve the Lord always. John A. Railton, pastor.

**Ripley, IL.** On January 30, 1983, the Ripley Church of God rejoiced as Barbara Smith came forward to accept Christ as her personal Savior and Lord. On the following Sunday, February 6, her husband, Donald Smith, came forward to accept Christ also. Following the worship service on February 6, the church was dismissed to the baptistry in the basement and then members witnessed the baptism of this husband and wife. We pray God's blessing on this couple as they begin their new walk of life together in Christ. The Ripley Church of God rejoices in their decision. Richard L. Young, pastor.

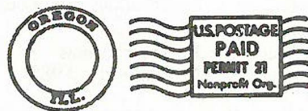
## ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS-TRUSTEES

At the 1983 General Conference in August, two members will be elected to the Board of Directors-Trustees for four-year terms. The terms of James Graham and Shirley Urish will expire at this Conference (they may not be reelected).

At the 1981 Conference, the delegates passed a motion making it possible for the names of nominees to be printed in the June PROGRESS JOURNAL. Those who wish to make nominations should first receive the consent of the proposed nominee. Second, the name and background information about the individual should be sent to Russell Magaw, editor of PROGRESS JOURNAL no later than May 1.

Nominations will continue to be made from the floor at General Conference as directed by the constitution. However, the publication of information about nominees prior to Conference will give churches and delegates more time to consider and discuss this important matter.

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## DIRECTORY ADDITION

### Illinois Churches

Fox Valley Church of God, 830 Liberty, Aurora, IL 60506  
Art Fletcher, pastor, 671 Constitution Dr, Aurora 60506  
Kathy Krug, Supt, 7303 N Gate Way, Apt 2, Downers Grove, IL 60516

### PASTOR NEEDED

Due to the retirement of Pastor Kenneth Milne the end of August, the Glad Tidings Chapel in Dayton, OH, is looking for a full- or part-time pastor to begin working with them September 1, 1983. Please address inquiries to the church secretary, Mrs. Eunice Pearson, 69 BeVonne Court, West Milton, OH 45383.

### ONE MILLION GHANAIANS EXPELLED

Amid the forced exodus of an estimated one million Ghanaians from Nigeria back to their small West African homeland, an international relief and development agency has rushed \$55,000 in emergency medical supplies to Ghana for distribution in the capital city of Accra.

World Vision International announced plans for the initial project today as agency officials in Accra surveyed the situation in anticipation of a large increase in emergency funding. The rapid influx of the refugees has left the already economically troubled country of Ghana in the grips of a severe national crisis.

Russ Kerr, World Vision Africa's relief director, said from Accra that the deportees are facing an imminent crisis of major proportions.

"Several deaths from starvation, dehydration, and disease have resulted from their perilous journey," said Kerr. "The threat of a massive outbreak of cholera exists due to unsanitary conditions among the masses who are arriving on foot."

World Vision, a Christian agency with projects in 86 nations, has budgeted \$2.5 million for ongoing programs in Ghana this year, including the care of some 10,000 children in 38 childcare projects.

### OBITUARIES

**Lorene Fey** was born on February 19, 1895, in Fargo, IL, and died on January 12, 1983, in Rushville, IL, at the age of 87. She had spent the last five years of her life in nursing homes. She was the stepmother of Helen Lewis, Ripley; Mildred Hetrick, Mt. Sterling; and Hildreth Weber, Macomb. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, William Fey. She was a long-time member of the Ripley Church of God. Burial was in the Mt. Sterling City Cemetery. She now awaits the call of her Lord and the resurrection of the dead. The service was conducted by the writer at Northcutt Funeral Home in Mt. Sterling. Richard L. Young, pastor.

**Newell Carter Brooks** was born November 12, 1917, at Doniphan, MO, and died February 3, 1983, at Doniphan at the age of 65 years. Brother Brooks was baptized in 1948 and was a faithful member of the Doniphan Church of God. He is survived by his wife, the former Peggy Parrish; one daughter, Linda Sue Orlando, Hazlewood; one son, Gary, Overland; and two stepdaughters—Marie Young, Naylor; and Billie Cumberland, Marine, IL; three sisters—Dora Steele, Roodhouse, IL; Imogene Lyons, St. John; and Eldeen Thompson, Doniphan; and six brothers—Ernie, St. John, Phillip, Doniphan; Vernon, Hazlewood; Glen, Pacific; Richard, St. John; and Wendell, Overland. Funeral services were conducted at the Edwards Funeral Home in Doniphan by the writer on February 5. Brother Brooks awaits the call of his Master when death will be no more. Vivian E. Kirkpatrick II, pastor.

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## General Conference Progress

*David Krogh, Executive Director*

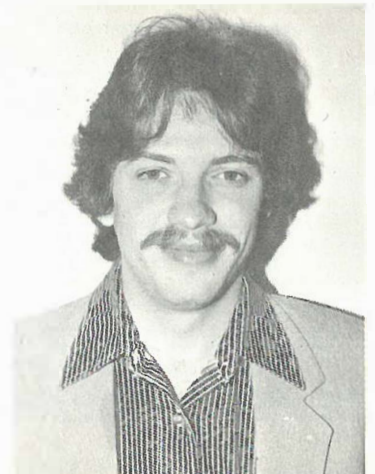
### **New Staff Member**

I am happy to announce the appointment of Tim Jones to the General Conference/Oregon Bible College staff in the Business Office. Tim is from the Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer, South Carolina. He is the son of Martha and the late Loie Jones who was a licensed minister of the Church of God for many years.

Tim graduated from Clemson University in the spring of 1982 with a degree in Financial Management. He enrolled in Oregon Bible College in the fall of 1982.

Since September, 1982, he has been working part-time in the Business Office. He will begin full-time employment in June. *(Please turn to page 2)*

Tim Jones





## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

(Continued from page 1)

It is a pleasure to welcome Tim to the staff of the Conference and College on a full-time basis.

### New Member Church

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome The Church of the Open Bible of Farmington, Missouri, as the newest member church in the Church of God General Conference. This group is meeting under the direction of Loyd and Donna Cooper in their home in Farmington.

At a meeting on February 21, the group passed a resolution affirming its desire to affiliate with the General Conference.

We trust that the Lord will bless in this outreach effort in Farmington.

### Annual Ministers' Conference

The Church of God Ministerial Association will hold its annual Conference in Oregon, Illinois, April 25-29. The theme of the conference is "The Church: Past, Present, and Future." The Program Committee is Ron Macy, chairman; S. O. Ross, David Cheatwood, and Rex Shaw.

I urge each local church to make it possible for its pastor to attend by joining the travel pool. The pool equalizes the expense for ministers all over the country.

### Board of Directors to Meet

The Conference Board will meet in Oregon, Illinois, on April 28-30. The summer Conference program will be finalized; the Annual Report of the Conference and College will be reviewed; a tentative budget will be considered; and recommendations to be acted upon by delegates will be discussed and prepared.

### Conference Finances

Contributions during the past 30 days were more than \$14,000 less than the needs for the month. Together with the previous shortage, our total giving gap has widened to \$29,942 during the first six months of this fiscal year.

Generous gifts from Church of God members and churches will be required to meet current and future needs of the Conference and College. I would urge you to give careful consideration to assisting financially with the ministries that are being carried on in the name of the Church of God.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Goal for Giving for 1982-83

\$402,830

	Needed	Given
October 1-15	16,244	14,421
October 16-November 15	33,570	29,647
November 16-January 15	67,140	57,479
January 16-February 15	33,570	33,337
February 16-March 15	33,570	19,268
	<u>184,094</u>	<u>154,152</u>
Giving gap through March 15		29,942
Needed March 16-April 15		33,570
Goal for next 30 days		\$ 63,512

## PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS AS OF MARCH 15, 1983

	Goal	Members Enrolled	Commitments Made	Cash Received
Development Council*	150 families	32	\$25,631	\$6,071
Founders' Circle**	250 families	40	5,116	2,395
	400 families	72	\$30,747	\$8,466

\*Annual contributions of \$500 or more.

\*\*Annual contributions of \$120 to \$499.

# Oregon Bible College Report

*Dr. Charles Pryor, President*

- Professional Education
- General Education
- Christian Service

## Junior-Senior Weekend Results—March 10-12, 1983

The following students and sponsors visited OBC:

### Macomb, Illinois

Gene Gaddis, Sponsor  
Lana Gaddis

### Blanchard, Michigan

Jeff Smith, Sponsor  
Darlene Bronson  
Shelley Payne  
Theresa Payne  
Shelley Radecki

### Eden Valley, Minnesota

David and Wanda Cheatwood, Sponsors  
Mark Cheatwood

### Oregon, Illinois

Brad Field

### Troy, Ohio

Kevin Demmitt, Sponsor  
David Demmitt  
Daniel Domigan

### South Bend, Indiana

Kay Kizer, Sponsor  
Mike Miller  
Jay Smith  
Rob Rand, Jr.  
Paula Osborn

From those in attendance at Junior-Senior Weekend, four have made commitments to attend Oregon Bible Col-

lege next fall and are currently completing the admissions process.

## OBCChorale Tour—Dale Ramsey, Conductor

### 1983 Chorale Personnel

Beth Anderson ..... Oregon, IL  
Karen Burnham ..... Berea, OH  
Darrell Cardwell ..... Kokomo, IN  
Dennis Cheatwood ..... Eden Valley, MN  
Debbie Fletcher ..... Burke, VA  
Michael Gallagher ..... Troy, OH  
Mark Good ..... Rossville, IN  
Teresa Hays ..... Colchester, IL  
Tim Jones ..... Pelzer, SC  
Sheila Miller ..... Blanchard, MI  
Mary Morales ..... Six Lakes, MI  
Eileen Moore ..... Little Rock, AR  
Greg Shaw ..... Freeport, TX  
Mary Thomas ..... Watson, IL  
Robin Wegner ..... Litchfield, MN  
Jon Welch ..... Watson, IL

### 1983 OBC Chorale Itinerary

Mar. 20—Rockford Church of God, Rockford, IL  
Apr. 17—Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL  
17—Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, Rockford, IL  
22—Kosztka Church of God, Belle Plaine, IA  
23—Morse Mill Church of God, Morse Mill, MO  
24—Fredericktown Church of God, Fredericktown, MO  
24—Menard Correctional Facility, Chester, IL  
May 8—East Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL  
15—Raymore Church of God, Raymore, MO  
15—Omaha Church of God, Omaha, NE  
16—Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, NE  
**18-22—Arts Festival, Valley View Church of God, Scottsdale, AZ**  
22—Lakeshore Bible Church of God, Tempe, AZ  
23—Church of the Open Bible, Pomona, CA  
May 24—Valley Church, Glendale, CA  
26—Westhaven Community Church, Trinidad, CA  
27—Advent Christian Church, Portland, Or  
29—Wenatchee Church of God, Wenatchee, WA  
29—Cashmere Church of God, Cashmere, WA  
31—Advent Christian Church, Weiser, ID  
June 4—Litchfield Church of God, Litchfield, MN  
5—Eden Valley Church of God, Eden Valley, MN  
5—Faith Community Church of God, Minneapolis, MN

## Open Invitation to President's Office During Ministers' Conference

All persons in attendance at the Ministers' Conference are invited and encouraged to come to my office during the week. I want to hear your ideas and concerns personally.



Charles V. Pryor, Ed.D.  
President

## Drama Tour—April 3-10

Under the direction of Kent Ross, two troupes performed "For This Cause" during the spring break at the following churches:

April 3 Hedrick, IN	April 6 Front Royal, VA	April 10 Grand Rapids, MI (Pennellwood)
Kokomo, IN	Herndon, VA	Grand Rapids, MI (Southlawn)
April 4 Lawrenceville, OH	April 8 Fonthill, Ontario, Canada	
Brush Creek, OH	April 9 Blanchard, MI	

### Kevin's Troupe

Kevin Demmitt (Troy, OH) ..... Student Director  
Lee Arp (Omaha, NE) ..... Charles Scott  
Toni Graves (Hammond, LA) ..... Clara Scott  
John Raymond (Springfield, LA) ..... John Stamm  
Anne Churchill (Glendale, AZ) ..... Betty Scott Stamm  
James Raymond (Springfield, LA) ..... Mr. Page, Soldier 1  
Beth Welch (Watson, IL) ..... Mrs. Page, Servant Girl  
Joe Sanseverino (Tempe, AZ) ..... Dr. Hiram, Rev. Torrey, Soldier 2

### Mary's Troupe

Mary Thomas (Watson, IL)  
Mark Good (Rossville, IN)  
Eileen Moore (Little Rock, AR)  
Darrell Cardwell (Kokomo, IN)  
Lyda Brittingham (Springfield, OH)  
Keith Davis (Hammond, LA)  
Karen Burnham (Berea, OH)  
Jon Welch (Watson, IL)



# NOT LEFT

“Only one life  
Only what’s done

“Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.” Within each of us there is a “generous impulse” to make use of our resources and assets in a way that will benefit others. Like so many other things in life, this impulse needs to have planning and foresight if it is to be meaningful. Many people are willing to leave to happenstance the distribution of their assets, thinking that, as if by magic, those persons, institutions, worthy causes, and charities will receive a share of the estate.

If you have ever felt the “generous impulse” it is important for you to ask yourself three questions:

- Who, now in my responsibility, may need care and support in the event that I may no longer be present to fulfill my responsibility?
- What institutions, organizations, worthy causes, or charities are worthy of my support? Which of these have I helped and which ones will continue to need help?
- Whom can I rely on to see that my concerns, expressed in my giving, are carried out?

If you have taken the foregoing questions seriously, you are now confronted with the task of seeking to do some planning so that your estate may adequately take care of your responsibilities as well as providing funds for worthwhile causes and organizations. The method for doing such planning is called “Planned Giving.” It’s not as complicated as it sounds. Actually, it is a method, or methods, whereby financial aid is made available to designated individuals, causes, and/or institutions, at a deferred or later date.

To a great extent many of the social, educational, cultural, health care, and religious institutions have depended on private financial support. Our way of life has always put a premium on helping one’s neighbor. Thus, the prime motive for contributing to charitable organizations is to further their work and goals. The Church of God General Conference has established itself as a multi-faceted church ministry dedicated to the servicing of the members of the Church of God. Since 1922 the Church of God General Conference has endeavored to meet the spiritual needs of the denomination and maintain and preserve its unique distinctives as a church body. In earlier years, the short-term gifts of churches and individuals bore the financial burdens.

The time has now come when, if the Church of God General Conference is to expand its goals and deepen its commitment, its financial base must be solidified through the planned gifts of individuals who subscribe to its purposes.

## METHODS OF PLANNED GIVING

Basically, there are five methods of planning your estate so that others may enjoy the full benefit of your gift or bequest, in whole or in part, at some future date. Some of these provide reasonable tax-sheltered income from gifts and investments. These methods are:

- Wills and Bequests
- Revocable Living Trust Agreements
- Life Income Agreements
- Gifts of Property and Securities
- Life Insurance

Let’s take a look at each of these methods, with particular emphasis on your interest in continuing, and enhancing, the scope of the Church of God General Conference.

### Wills and Bequests

The making of a will should be a part of your total stewardship of life. It not only insures the financial welfare of your family, but it also gives you the opportunity of specifying gifts to your favorite cause or organization. This method of “planned giving” allows you to specify how your estate is to be divided rather than letting state and federal governments disburse your assets. For instance, a significant way is to include the Church of God General Conference as a beneficiary in your will.

### Revocable Living Trust Agreements

A revocable living trust is a flexible agreement set up by a donor during his or her lifetime with a charitable organization. The donor transfers income-producing properties into the trust agreement with the right to change or revoke it at any time, reclaiming the full assets of the trust. The purpose in setting up a revocable trust is to secure better management of the assets placed into the trust, receive a guaranteed life income, and establish desired distribution of it at death to beneficiaries without passing it through probate court. Usually, the remaining principal goes to a charitable organization like the Church of God General Conference.

# CHANCE

It will soon be past;  
For Christ will last."  
—Anonymous

## Life Income Agreements

This method of "planned giving" provides substantial gift advantages to a donor who transfers properties on an irrevocable basis to a charitable institution. These kinds of gifts—for example, a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Pooled Income Fund—offer significant tax benefits, the avoidance of probate costs, reduction of estate administration costs, increased income to you and your loved ones and, ultimately, contribute to the future financial stabilization of the Church of God General Conference.

## Gifts of Property and Securities

Persons who have accumulated property or securities may find it to their advantage to make their contributions to an organization such as the Church of God General Conference in the form of a gift of property or securities. While there are specific tax advantages to this kind of planned giving, the important benefit resides with the receiving institution which increases its capital assets and expands its endowment fund. This method of planned giving is especially advantageous to the donor in those cases where the property or securities have increased substantially in value over a period of years.

## Life Insurance

An increasingly popular way of providing philanthropic support for organizations like the Church of God General Conference is through life insurance policies. A simple and informal procedure is for the insured to change the beneficiary of an existing policy from a relative who no longer needs protection to a favorite charity. Once the institution has been named as the irrevocable beneficiary and owner of the policy, then the premiums can be counted as tax deductions.

Another way to use life insurance as a "planned gift" is to maintain members of the family as beneficiaries of the policy, but instruct the insurance company to send all dividends to the designated organization. If you should choose this method of planned giving, you could count such dividends paid to the Church of God General Conference as cash do-

nations and list them among your charitable deductions on your income tax return.

## NOT LEFT TO CHANCE

This information has attempted, in brief form, to outline some of the primary ways whereby you may want to consider making a "planned gift" to the Church of God General Conference. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, in a way that insures long-term benefits, the Church of God General Conference cannot continue to exist. Planning your gifts through the use of "planned giving" will provide the kind of endowment fund which will insure the work of this organization, as well as providing you with the satisfying knowledge that through your gift a portion of yourself will live after you.

"Not what we have, but what we use . . ." Planned Giving offers each person, NO MATTER WHAT THE SUM TOTAL OF HIS ESTATE MAY BE, a way whereby he can contribute to the charity of his choice. Don't let it rest to chance; too much is at stake, for you as well as those who will come after you.

## MAKE YOUR DECISION TODAY

Choose one of these ways in which to help perpetuate the work of the Church of God General Conference:

1. Put the Church of God General Conference in your will; see your lawyer.
2. Make a gift of property or securities and receive important tax advantages; ask your tax advisor.
3. Make a gift through life insurance; talk to your insurance counselor.
4. Improve your income and your tax position by arranging a gift through your estate NOW.

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All inquiries will remain completely confidential.



# Outreach and Church Development Progress

- Church Planting and Development
- Sunday School

Warren Sorenson, Director

- World Missions
- Berean Youth fellowship

## Prayer and Praise Calendar

May, 1983

- 1 Praise God for his patience and understanding of us. (Make this personal.)
- 2 Pray that God will help you to see how and where he can use you in his church.
- 3 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant as they minister in Nigeria.
- 4 Read Psalm 91:2 and praise God for his presence in your life! Thank him for being a source of strength in a specific instance.
- 5 Pray for God's continued leadership and blessing in preparation for the church-planting project at Colorado Springs.
- 6 Pray for God to undergird the core group in Colorado Springs and that he will provide the needed resources to launch this new church.
- 7 Pray for Pastor Noel and his congregation in Bangalore, India, especially that God will help him to lead his people in spiritual growth and service.
- 8 Praise God for the love, faithfulness, example, and service of the mothers in your church. Thank God for your mother and her contribution in your life.
- 9 Pray for pastors who are in a time of transition in their places of ministry. (Several pastors will be moving to new locations of service this fall.)
- 10 Pray for OBC students as they take their final exams this week.
- 11 Read Psalm 90:17 and praise God for being available. Pray this scripture in behalf of your church.
- 12 Pray that God will bless the ministry of each congregation which will be changing pastors, that God will give each church an experience of good results.
- 13 Pray for OBC students who will be graduating today. Ask God to enrich their ministry to his glory.
- 14 Praise God for your pastor and family and, when you do, ask God to show you a way in which you can assist your pastor in his ministry.
- 15 Pray for OBC Chorale members as they begin their spring tour. Ask especially for God's watchcare to provide safety in travel.
- 16 Pray for those in your church fellowship who will be graduating this spring. Ask God to give spiritual direction in their future.
- 17 Pray that God will give Steve and Pam Grant a safe return to the U.S.
- 18 Pray for Oliver Amani in his ministry in Ghana, especially that God will enable him to continue his work and protect him during the time of turmoil in his country.
- 19 Pray for the members of the OBC Chorale who will be participating in a special ministry in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 20 Pray for those who will be on the church-planting team in Colorado Springs to help launch this new church.
- 21 Pray that God will prepare receptive people in Colorado Springs who will respond to the ministry of the church-planting team.
- 22 Read Psalm 86:11 and praise God for the truth of his Word that you have come to know and love. Ask him for an opportunity to share it.
- 23 Pray that God will direct those in your church who are making preparations for VBS.
- 24 Praise God for your Sunday School staff. Find specific needs in your Sunday School and bring them before God in prayer.
- 25 Pray for our pastors in the Philippine Islands. Ask that God will give direction and stability to their work.
- 26 Pray for David Krogh in his leadership of the Church of God General Conference.
- 27 Pray that God will provide the resources needed to carry out the programs of ministry through the General Conference.
- 28 Pray that God will bless the efforts of Dr. Pryor in the development of the OBC endowment fund.
- 29 Pray for those congregations which are making plans for a building program, especially that God will assist in providing the resources needed.
- 30 Praise God for his faithfulness in your church . . . consider specific times when God has blessed your church.
- 31 Pray that God will work in the hearts of those in your congregation who are ready to make a decision to accept Jesus Christ in baptism.

We keep plugging starting new churches! Why? Because starting new churches is essential . . . for several reasons:

1. God has commissioned the church with the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17). The church is the means by which God has chosen to convey the message of redemption. It is God's will that local churches be started throughout the world in order that the message of Jesus Christ be delivered through the fellowship of a body of believers.
2. New churches are necessary for effective evangelism. Newer churches are more effective in reaching people.
3. Several churches can penetrate an area far better than a few large ones.
4. Growing denominations plant new churches.
5. Denominations usually decline when new churches are not started. This pattern of decline crosses denominational lines. In a recent publication it was stated that a denomination must start at least 50 churches per year in order to survive, "for that's about how fast we close dying churches." It is tragic when a church closes its doors. But we must realize that this does happen and our greatest preventive measure is starting new churches. We won't be able to prevent all church closings, but we will be able to maintain an active ministry of reaching the lost with the gospel of truth through Jesus Christ.
6. New churches are necessary to reach a variety of ethnic groups, cultures, and homogeneous units. A few churches reach only a narrow scope of the population (consider Rev. 5:9).

Most of our readers are aware of the church planting project to be launched at Colorado Springs this summer. A team of Oregon Bible College students will be used to help launch the new church. A specific area of the city will be canvassed by the team members and people will be invited to participate in Bible studies. **YOUR CHURCH CAN BE A PART OF THIS PROJECT.** Student members of the team will be giving up their summer jobs for this ministry. And giving up a summer job means giving up income needed for college tuition next fall. Some local churches in the past have sponsored students for short-term mission service. We are encouraging local churches to get behind our students and help sponsor them for this summer's project at Colorado Springs. For more information contact the Department of Outreach and Church Development, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Some churches have inquired regarding giving financial assistance for the Colorado Springs church. This program is being prompted and sponsored by the General Conference. Support contributions are to be sent to the General Conference earmarked for this purpose.



# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

**Winter Haven, FL.** We at Faith Chapel rejoiced as Debbie Snyder confessed her acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior. On March 9, 1983, Debbie put on Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism at Lake Cannon. The writer officiated. Dying to sin and self, Debbie rose in newness of life. May God bless her and guide her in the Christian walk. Brian J. Atra, pastor.

**Browntown, VA.** On Sunday, February 27, 1983, The Cool Spring congregation gathered on the banks of a clear mountain stream at the foot of the Blue Ridge to witness the immersion into Christ of Joette Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper. We praise God for her youthful example and desire to follow Christ. Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

**Blanchard, MI.** The Blanchard congregation has experienced much rejoicing lately in witnessing the conversions and baptisms of several new believers. February 6, 1983, was the date of Shelley Radecki's baptism. On the following Sunday Chad Bellingar and Terry and Diane Kunst were immersed. Following the February 20 worship service, Barbara Hocum, Anita Grover, and Denise Jones were baptized. We welcome them into local membership. Don Needham, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** The Oregon Church rejoiced Sunday evening, February 27, 1983, as Julie Reye put on Christ in Christian baptism. We heartily welcome her into our local church and into the Church of God throughout the world. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Macomb, IL.** Art Brooks stepped forward at the close of the January 23, 1983, morning-worship service to profess his faith and to request baptism. Brother Cain conducted the baptismal service that same evening. This congregation prays God's blessings on Art as he begins his work with the master and as he grows in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Phyllis Davis, reporter.

## OBITUARIES

**Herbert "Dusty" Rhoades** of West Milton, OH, was born July 31, 1919, and died on February 24, 1983. Dusty had heart surgery ten years ago. He had been having heart problems quite often. Dusty was baptized in 1980 by the writer, and faithfully attended the Pleasant Hill Church of God. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Vance Rhoades; one daughter, Linda Miller; one son, Steven Rhoades; four grandchildren; one brother, Roy Rhoades; and five sisters: Freda Heck, Goldie Hoke, Glenna Sink, Florence Fryman, and Gladys Shiverdecker. Funeral services were conducted on February 28 at the Hale-Sarver Funeral Home in West Milton by the writer. Burial was at Arlington Cemetery. Brother Rhoades awaits the call of his Master at resurrection day. Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Forest Edward Spurgeon** of New Carlisle, OH, was born December 29, 1925, and died January 21, 1983, at the age of 58. He had been very ill for the past two years. He is survived by his wife, Connie Pearson Spurgeon, three daughters: Shirley McPherson, Janell Spurgeon, and Treva Spurgeon; one brother, Floyd Spurgeon; and one sister, Dorothy Mehok. Funeral services were conducted at the Hale-Sarver Funeral Home in West Milton, Ohio by the writer on January 25. Burial was at the Curtis Cemetery at Brush Creek Church. We look forward to the day when there will be no sickness, death, or pain. Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Elsie G. Boyer** was born October 10, 1906. she and her late husband, Ezra E. Boyer, were

blessed with four children: Lorraine Zirkle, James, Betty Ludwig, and Natalie Blackwell. Mrs. Boyer was widowed in 1951 while part of the family was still at home, and she had to bear the responsibility of nurturing them into adulthood alone. She was a member of the Fort Valley Church of God where during her Christian career she had served as a Sunday School teacher. She was also a deaconess for 32 years, faithfully preparing the communion emblems for the congregation each month. She fell asleep in death February 23, 1983. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Bolhous and Pastor Dale Swartz. She was buried in the Massanutten Cemetery in the Shenandoah Valley to await the resurrection call of the Lord. Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

Funeral services were held January 14, 1983, at the Church of God, Eden Valley, MN, for **William (Bill) Driver**, 85. Pastor Dave Cheatwood officiated. Bill was born February 26, 1897 and died Tuesday, January 11, 1983. Survivors include his wife Eva of Paynesville, MN; one sister, Doris Starker; and nieces and nephews. Spring interment will be in the Old Eden Lake Cemetery. Mildred Parks, reporter.

With deep sadness the Pennellwood Church (Wyoming, MI) learned of the death of **Betty**

**Wood.** Betty had been a very faithful member in the three years since her baptism. She consistently served her Lord up to the time of her death. Although we sorrow, it is not as others, who have no hope (1 Thes. 4:13). We look for the day when Christ shall return, and the dead in Christ will rise to meet him. We rejoice and find comfort in that hope. Scott Millard, pastor.

Funeral services were held for **Thelma B. Hendrix** at the Greenwell Funeral Home in Martinsville, IL, January 24, 1983. Thelma was born March 5, 1902, and died January 21, 1983. She was baptized by Pastor Siple in 1922 and continued to be a member of Salem Church of God. She was married to Homer G. Hendrix in 1923. He preceded her in death in 1970. She is survived by a son, Dean; two sisters, Ina Galeener and Irene Macke; two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Dean Hendrix.

## PASTOR AVAILABLE

Pastor James Hill has resigned his pastorate and is available for a pastoral call September 1, 1983. He may be contacted at 1252 S. Jay, Kokomo, IN 46902; phone 317-452-5766.

## DIRECTORY CHANGE MINISTERS

Patrick, Cecil A (Mary), 501 Sunset Ln, Mt. Morris, IL 61054



## Clyde E. Randall

Pastor Clyde E. Randall of 404 South 9th Street, Oregon, Illinois, fell asleep in Christ, February 24, 1983, in Auburndale, FL, where he and his wife, Nora, were wintering. His long, fruitful, and influential ministry among laity and clergy alike came to an end as he died quietly in his sleep. His voice of leadership and direction in the conference will be greatly missed. Born at Glenwood, MN, June 2, 1897, he was 85 at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruby; all of his brothers, and his one sister also preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Nora; one son, Celaine of Casttown, OH; and one step-daughter, Nancy Craig of Polo, IL. Four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Oregon Church of God, after which he was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery, Mora, MN, to await the call of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A memorial fund has been established for the Oregon Church of God in his memory.

Bro. Randall became a licensed minister of the Church of God in 1915, and he was ordained in March, 1921. His ordination took place six months before the formal organization of the Church of God General Conference.

He pastored the following churches: Southlawn, Grand Rapids, MI, for three years; Fonthill, Ontario, for 18 years; Tempe, AZ, for six years; and Omaha, NE, for 15 years. He also served as editor of Church of God publications from September 1, 1971, to August 31, 1973.

Bro. Randall served on many boards and committees most of the years of his ministry. In 1935 he was elected President of the Ministerial Association and served for many years in that capacity.

He served as President of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association for the first 12 years of its existence. He also served as President of the Southwest Conference and the Illinois State Conference.

In 1973 he was appointed as historian of the General Conference, and he wrote the book *Historical Waymarks*, which was published in 1975.

Certainly Bro. Randall shared with many, far and wide, the great truths of Scripture. He had so much to give, and he gave it freely with a devotion and dedication surpassed by very few. What he has done for others will remain in the hearts and minds of those he touched for many days. We praise God for his long fruitful ministry and for the assurance of resurrection to immortality when Jesus comes again.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.



**MARRIAGES**  
**Sorenson-Cline**

Leanne Irene Sorenson became the bride of Michael Allan Cline December 31, 1982, at 7:00 p.m. in a ceremony conducted at the Lakeshore Bible Church of God, Tempe, AZ. Pastor Joe Myers officiated at the opening of the ceremony as both sets of parents gave their children in marriage symbolized by a candlelighting service. R. Warren Sorenson, father of the bride, officiated the marriage vows and the pronouncement of marriage. Special features of the ceremony included solos by Heidi Harman, memorized vows which were written and spoken by the couple, a solo by the bride—"God Has Chosen You for Me" sung to the groom, and the lighting of the unity candle symbolizing the beginning of a new family unit. Michael and Leanne sealed their vows with a communion service which symbolized an affirmation of their faith and their realization of God's presence in their marriage. Following a honeymoon in Hawaii the couple are residing at 19050 Sherman Way, Apt. 227, Reseda, CA. They are now active members of the Valley Church of God in Glendale, CA.  
R. Warren Sorenson.

**Platz-O'Neil**

On February 19, 1983, Michelle Platz and Brian O'Neil were united in marriage. Both Michelle and Brian had given their lives to Jesus Christ and following their vows to one another they renewed their dedication to the Lord through the emblems of communion. May they serve the Lord together the rest of their lives.  
John A. Railton, pastor.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

Dear Friends,

The outpouring of love in the form of flowers, cards, letters, and contributions to the memorial funds in honor of "Doc" have been almost overwhelming. We have tried to answer many of you, but want each to know how much we have appreciated your wonderfully sustaining thoughts, your reminiscences of times past, and the warmth of your love.

Sincerely,  
Jean Doan  
Gregory and Christopher

**NEEDS IN GHANA SHIFT**

In an effort to further assist in the repatriation of some 20,000 needy Ghanaian deportees from Nigeria, World Vision, an international relief and development agency, has initiated a \$180,000 resettlement project there.

The project will include a month-long supplementary feeding program for those still remaining in transit camps, immediate transport of 400 persons from border camps to their home villages, and medical attention for approximately 6,000 persons.

World Vision officials in Ghana's capital of Accra report that although the crisis situation has past, significant long-term development needs remain.

"The main thrust of further response will be in long-term resettlement projects as the country begins the monumental task of reabsorbing these people into society," said Russ Kerr, the agency's Africa relief director.

Although the deportation crisis did not reach expected proportions, Ghanaian officials fear

the economic consequences of the influx of one million unskilled workers into an already-failing economy.

**1982 A BIG YEAR FOR SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION**

Distribution of Scriptures in the U.S. by the American Bible Society last year topped the 124 million mark.

That made 1982 the second biggest year in the 167-year history of the Society's work in the United States.

The precise figure was 124,362,426 copies, bettering the 1981 total by over 26 million, or 26.6 percent.

This figure does not include distribution ABS helped achieve in other countries.

By far the greatest jump, 28 percent, was in the use of Scripture Selections. Demand for these single or double-page Bible passages, usually from the Gospels or Psalms, and addressing specific life situations, has risen dramatically in recent years. Use in community outreach is a prime reason for their growing popularity.

More than 3.2 million New Testaments were distributed, an increase of 900,000 over 1981. Recorded Scriptures, still relatively small by comparison with the printed variety, showed a gain of 30,000 during the year.

Top ABS executive Alice E. Ball, general secretary who supervises work throughout this country, attributes the upswing to three basic factors.

"There is of course a greater demand for the Word of God, which we tend to see in times of social and economic upset," says Miss Ball.

"We also are now able to deal with the need for Scriptures more quickly when and where it arises, and have a good team of representatives out in the field."

"Above all it is the great work of the thousands of volunteers all around the country, who are helping so much with this ministry in their own home towns."

Giving a series of boosts to the distribution total were a number of special programs over and above regular demand.

When prison chaplains throughout the country offered free New Testaments to inmates they asked for over 1.5 million copies, of which 914,577 were distributed by the end of the year, with more of them going out this year.

Participants at the Knoxville World's Fair and in surrounding areas put in a call for over two million special Scriptures. They were among scores of churches and organizations ordering copies of the Word with their own name imprinted on them.

Scripture orders for Christmas rose above the 40 million level, a three million increase over the previous year. Easter also showed a big rise as youth and refugee groups presented a greater need in 1982.

A pocket-size booklet with Scripture passages, interleaved with sayings by William Penn, helped a million Pennsylvanians celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of their founder's arrival on these shores.

One of the year's biggest success stories was the use of attractive daily Scripture cards for patient bed trays in hospitals. This program brought in requests for over 17 million cards.

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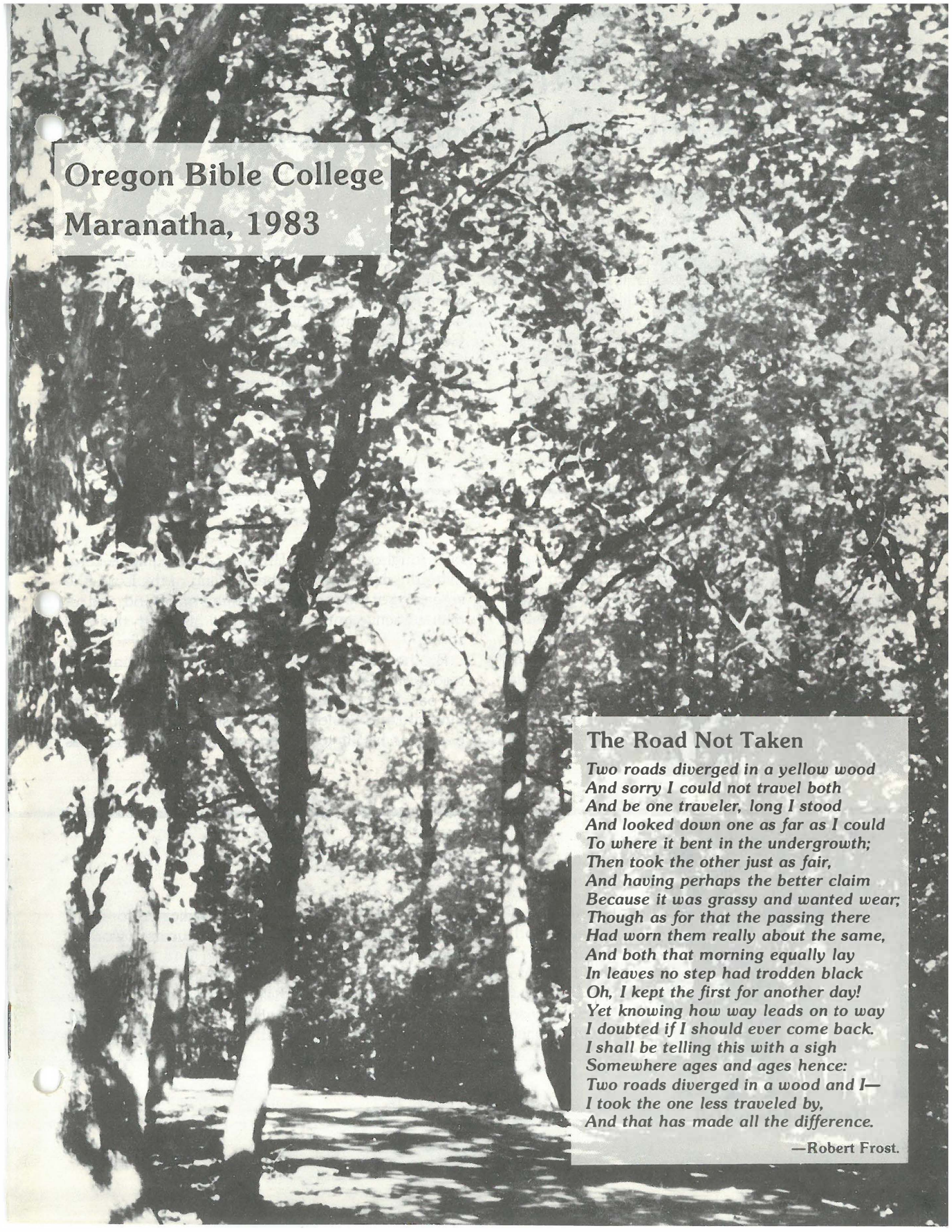
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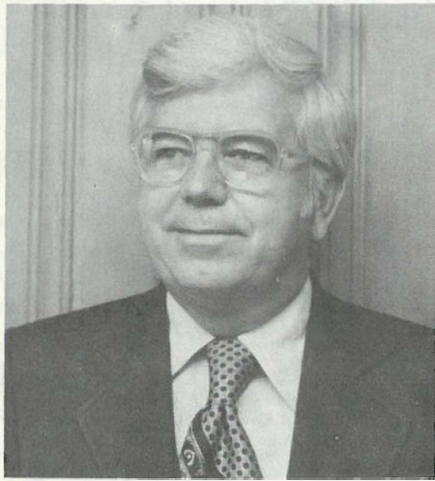
**The Road Not Taken**

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then took the other just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,  
And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

—Robert Frost.

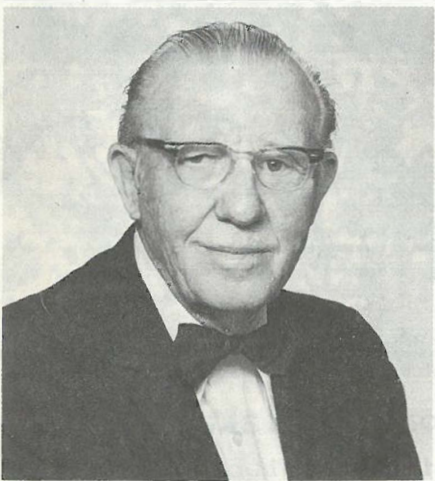


# *This Maranatha is dedicated to the road less traveled by, c*



**Harold Doan**

Harold Doan chose to take the road less traveled by. His life was a great example of a committed Christian worker to people across the nation. Among his many accomplishments he was a leader in the Church of God. He served as Executive Director of the General Conference for 13 years. He also served as Youth Director, Editor of Publications, and was a part-



**Clyde Randall**

Throughout his life, Brother Clyde Randall committed himself to the highest calling of the Lord, the spreading of the gospel of the kingdom of God, and remained active in this pursuit until his death this past spring.

Brother Randall was born June 2, 1897, in Glenwood, Minnesota. Early in his life he chose to follow the path least chosen by men and committed his life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At the age of 18 he dedicated his life to full-time service for God and was



**David and Betty Hall**

This year's Maranatha is being dedicated to David and Betty Hall for their five and a half years of work as the Mens' Dorm Parents.

David and Betty moved from Arizona in October of 1974. The years prior to the move gave them assurance that relocating to Oregon, Illinois, was what the Lord



# ed to the following people who took the na that indeed made all the difference . . .

time instructor at Oregon Bible College. He and his wife Jean have helped students at Oregon Bible College through scholarships and assistance. He served on the Oregon Bible College Board of Directors as both member and Chairman. As Chairman of the General Conference Study Committee, he helped to

create goals and plans for the future of the Conference. He also helped establish the Valley Bible Church in Glendale, California. Let us thank God for the road this man chose, for the work he has done for our Lord Jesus Christ and that we will see him soon in the kingdom!

licensed to preach by the Minnesota Church of God and ordained by the same six years later. He played a major role in establishing many Bible studies, the seedlings from which some of our present churches grew. Several years later Clyde was active as Superintendent of Evangelism in the promotion and organization of the Summer Training School, the forerunner of the present Oregon Bible College.

Throughout his 68 years of ministry, Clyde touched innumerable lives with his love and concern for

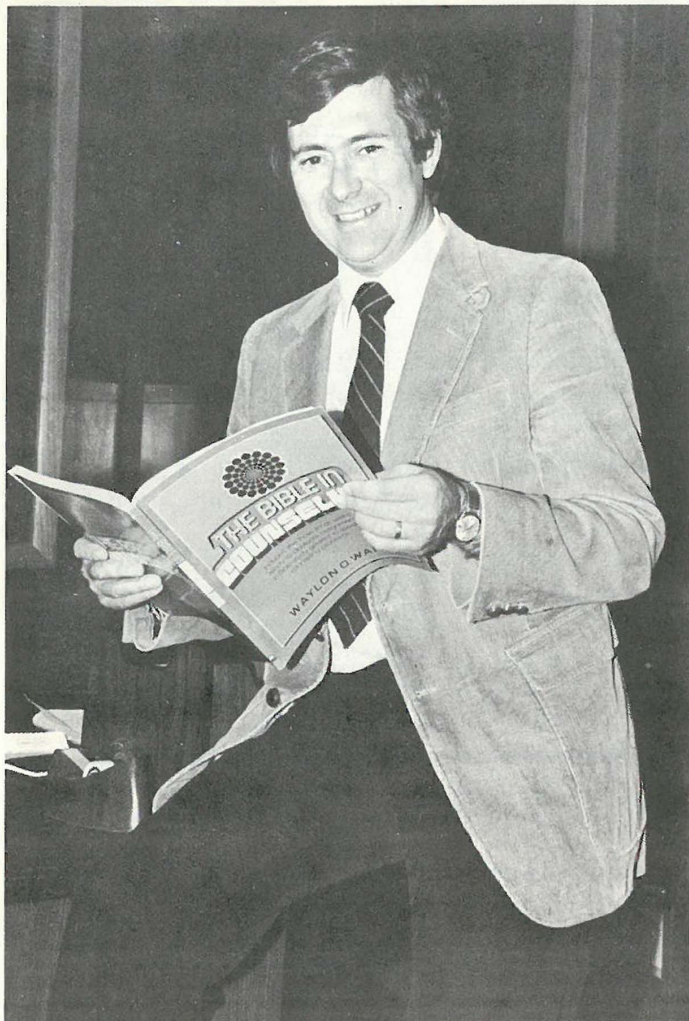
spreading the gospel of the kingdom. My own life was to be included in those numbers. It was during a week of revival meetings at which Brother Randall was preaching in 1971 that I finally surrendered my life to be buried in the waters of baptism with our Christ. Though we may mourn the loss of a great leader and fellow servant of our Lord, we can rejoice in the hope that he taught us to look forward to and know that we shall once again fellowship with him in the coming kingdom.  
—Mike Gallagher.

wanted them to do. God's hand was clearly evident.

While Dorm Parents, they were able to watch two classes grow from green freshmen to matured Church of God pastors and layworkers. David and Betty expressed the joys they felt as some of their adopted children for four years grew and matured in the Lord. One of the greatest joys they felt was the baptism of

some of the students while they were Dorm Parents. They have said this of their five and a half years, "Experiences have been good and bad; some we will forget, but others we will retain for the rest of our lives." David and Betty, we thank you for your hard work in making Oregon Bible College a more comfortable place to live.





Dr. Charles Pryor

Dear Friends of Oregon Bible College,

This special College issue signals the completion of another successful school year at Oregon Bible College. Enrollment has increased steadily over the past three years and the Spring Semester began with 40 full-time and five part-time students. The Fall, 1983, enrollment is already looking very good.

Anthony and Barbara Buzzard with their two daughters moved to the campus last August. Anthony joined our faculty as a visiting lecturer. His keen insights into Bible truths combined with his enthusiasm for teaching have been an invaluable asset. We are looking forward to another year of the Buzzards' involvement on campus.

Positive steps to stabilize the College's income were taken during the current year. The **Oregon Bible College Development Foundation** was established at the 1982 General Conference session and a Challenge Campaign to fund it began on December 1. Booster contributions were higher than in any recent year. Steps taken now will begin to produce results in the years ahead. Your full participation in funding the College continues to be vital.

Pastors and laymen have given many hours and days to Oregon Bible College this year. The work of our staff is greatly enhanced by those who come to campus to be a part of the team on a short-term basis. Special thanks is due the Todds, the Richmonds, and the many others who came to campus to teach and to minister through various classes, chapel services, and special presentations.

The Chorale, the drama troupe, and numerous gospel teams have ministered to churches throughout the year. The Chorale will tour the southwest and the west coast in late May. Their tour will include a five-day Arts Festival in the churches of Tempe and Phoenix, Arizona. The students, faculty, and staff of Oregon Bible College sincerely thank you for your continuing support and prayer.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Pryor, Ed.D.  
President

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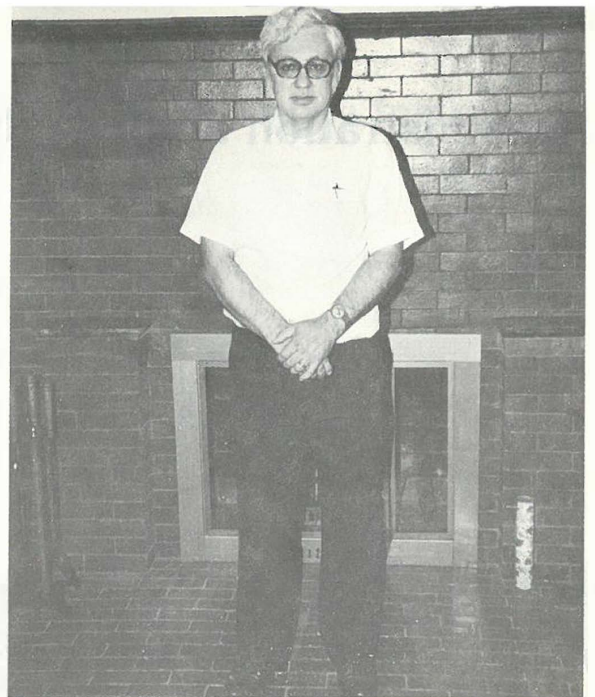
## President's Message



# Administration and Faculty



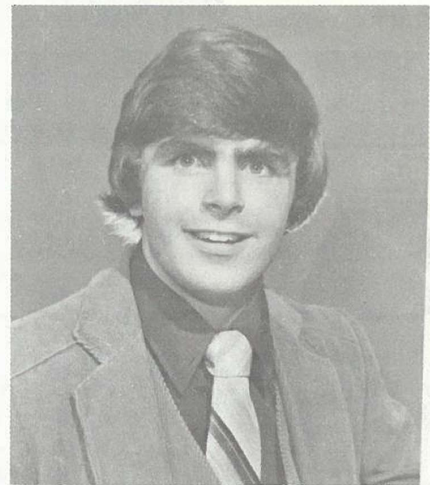
**Rachel Newell**  
*Administrative Assistant*



**Eugene E. Stilson**  
*Academic Dean*



**Gayle Reye**

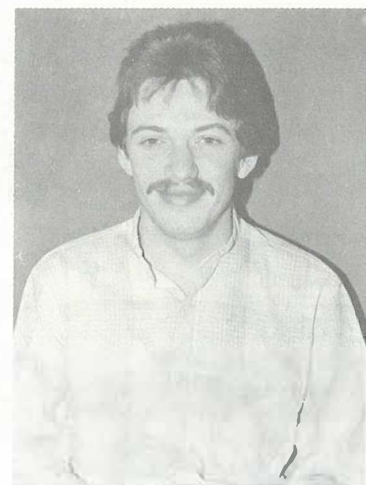


**Kevin Demmitt**

## Dormitory Directors



**David and Betty Hall**  
*Food Service and Maintenance*



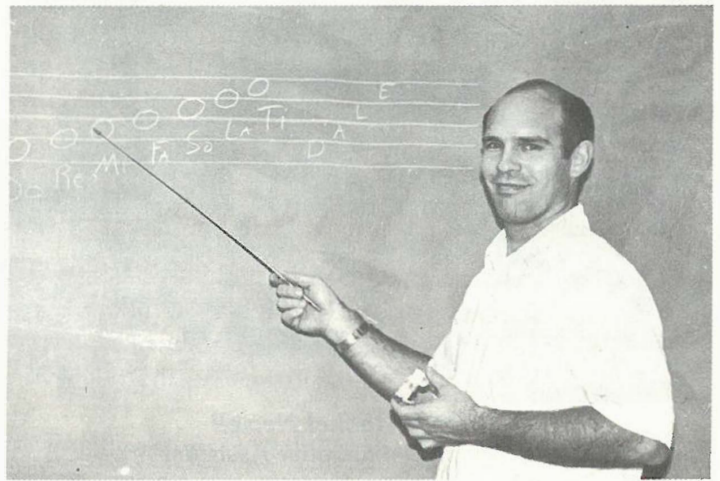
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*Business Office*



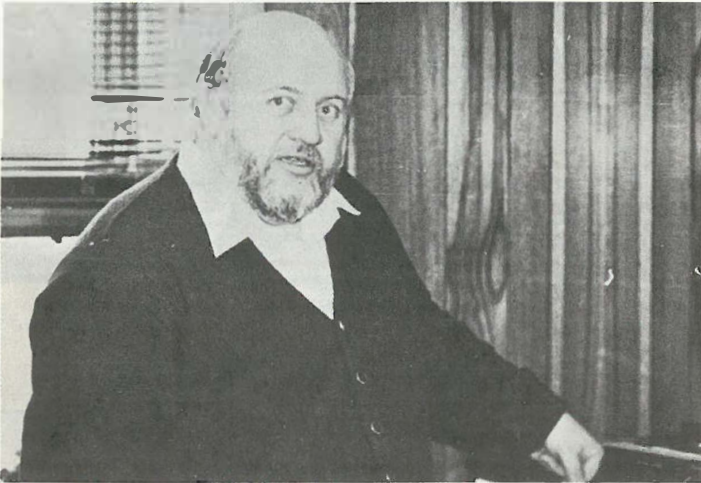
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**Dale Ramsey**  
*Music*



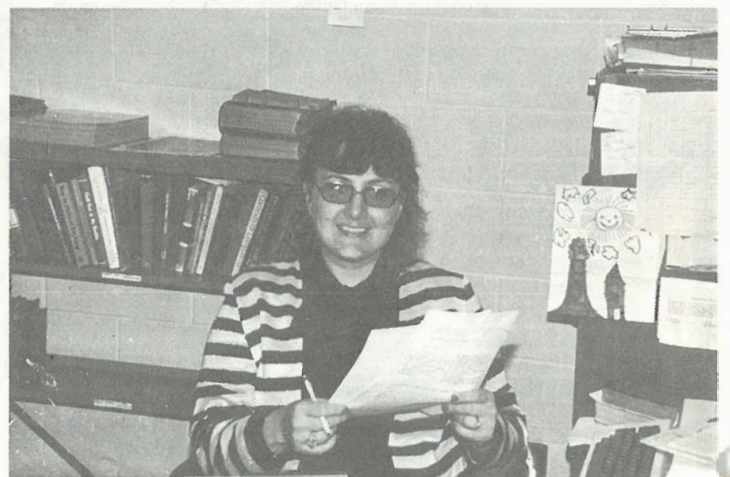
**Kent Ross**  
*Old Testament Pastoral Studies*



**Warren Sorenson**  
*Church Planting*



**Gayle Reye**  
*Audio-Visual*



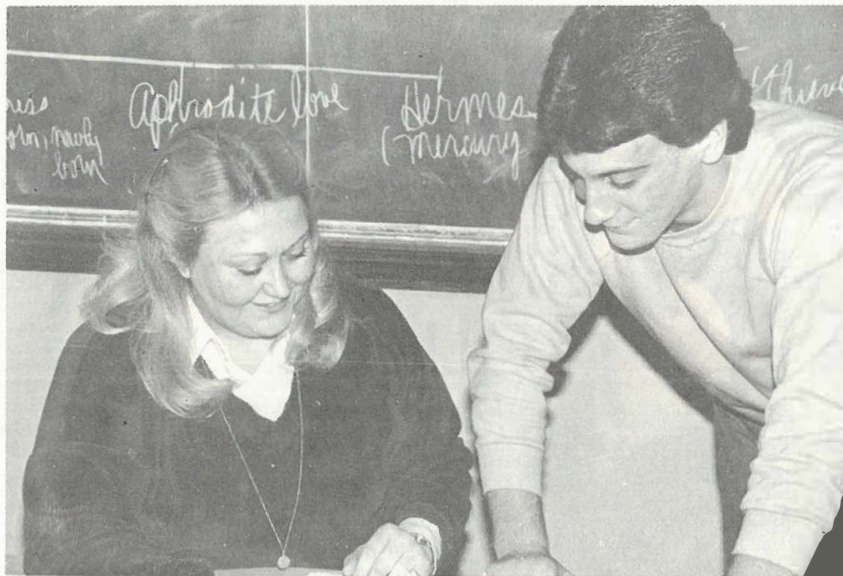
**Janet Stilson**  
*Instructional Support  
Christian Education*



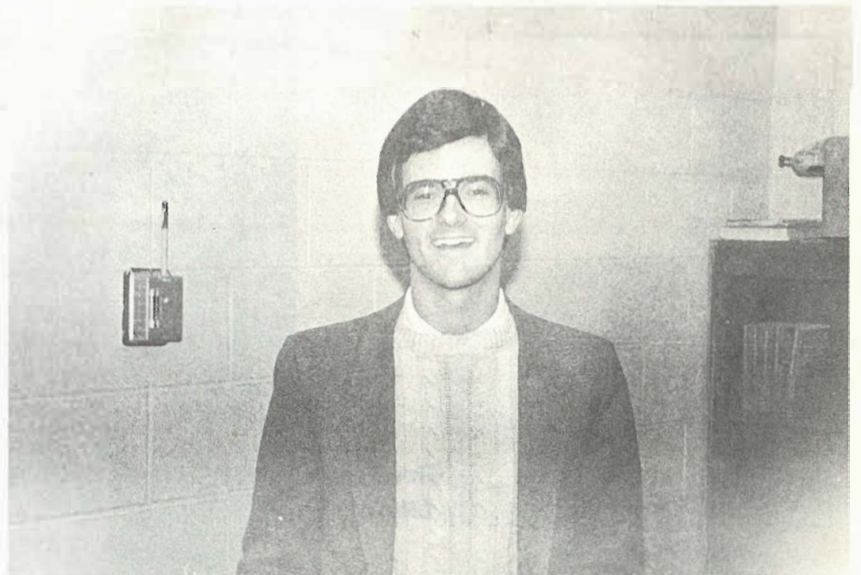
# Rock Valley Instructors



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*Mary Alice Quick*



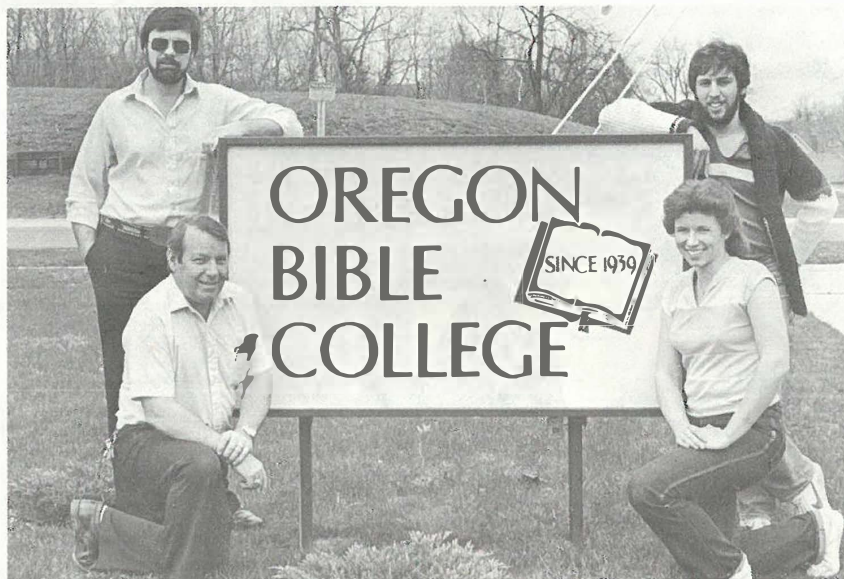
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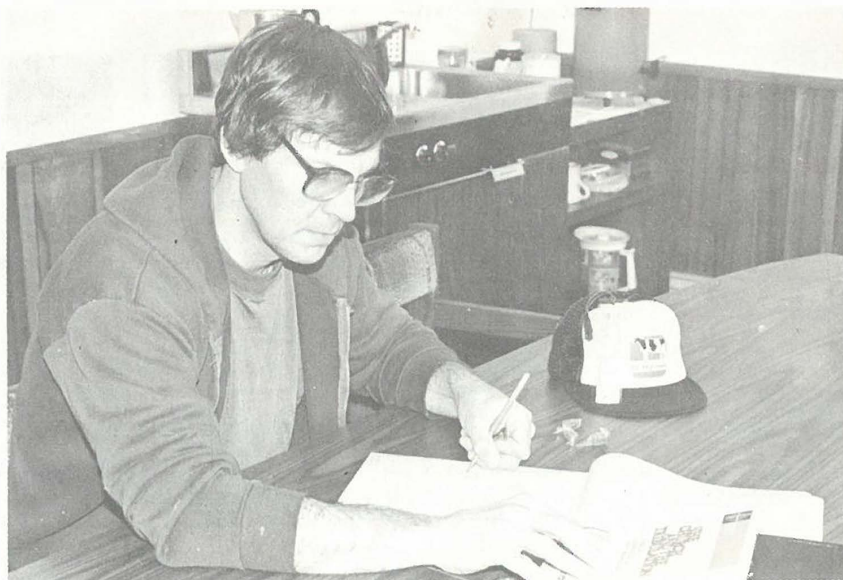
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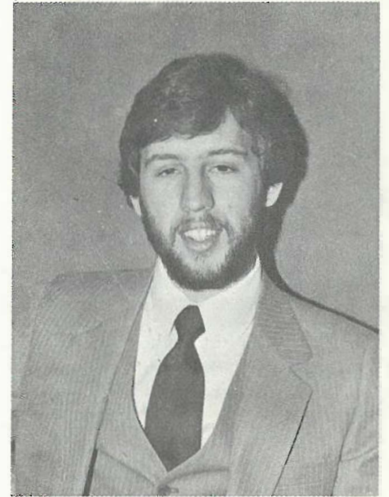
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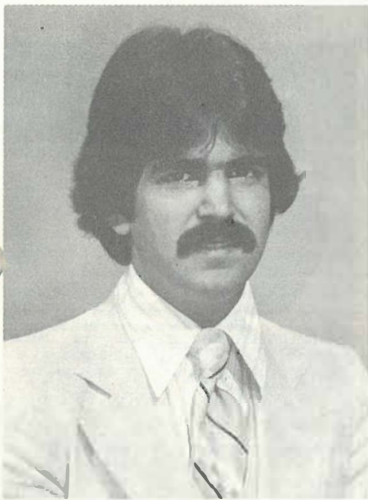
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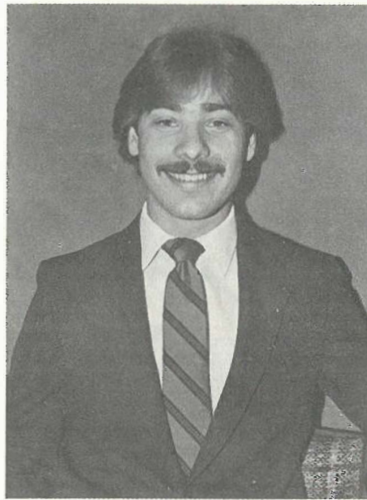
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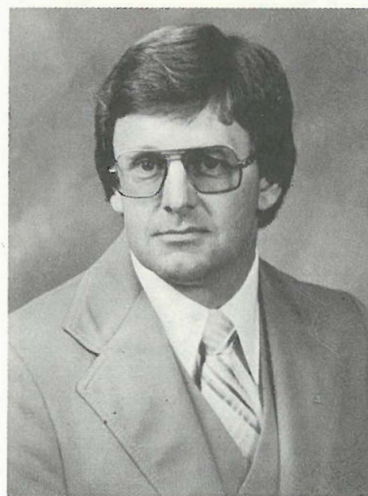
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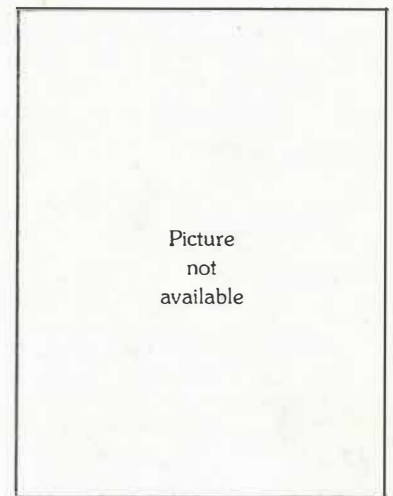
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**Kerry Hall**  
Oregon, IL



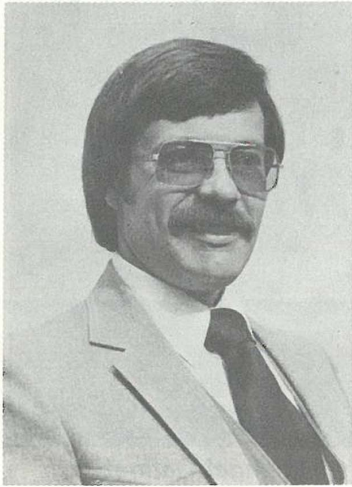
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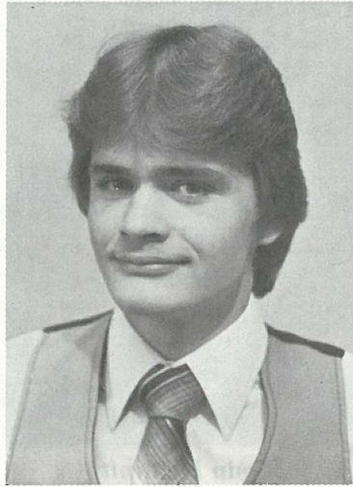
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Kentwood, MI



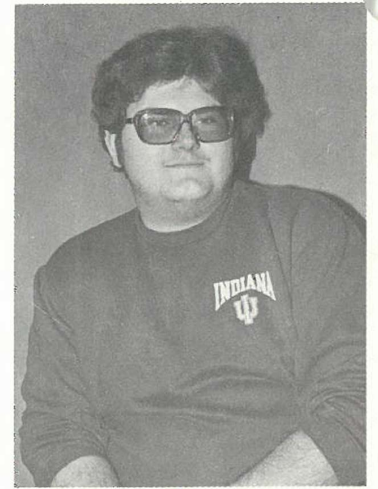
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Oregon, IL*



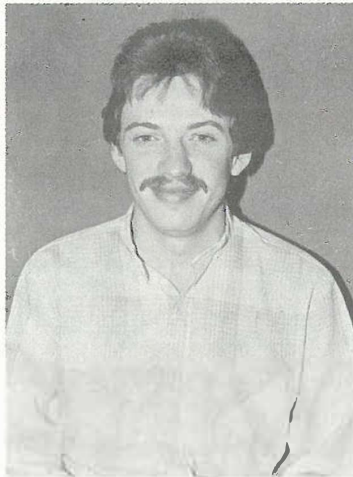
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Blanchard, MI*



*Darrell Cardwell  
Kokomo, IN*



*Mary Cheatwood  
Oregon, IL*



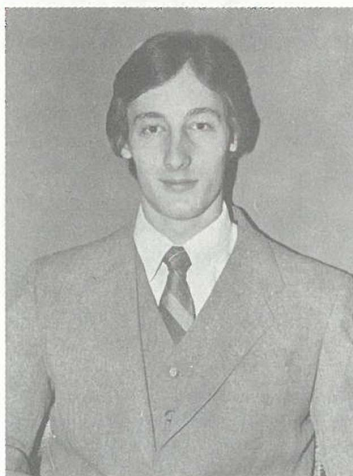
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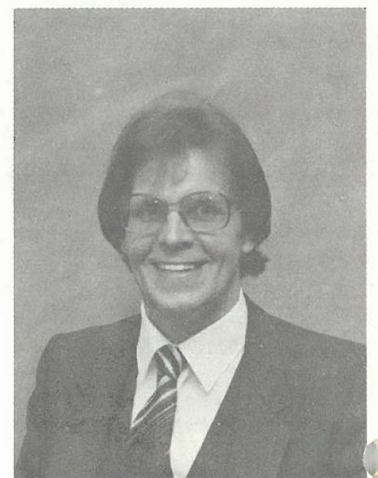
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Little Rock, AR*



*Don Nunemaker  
Oregon, IL*



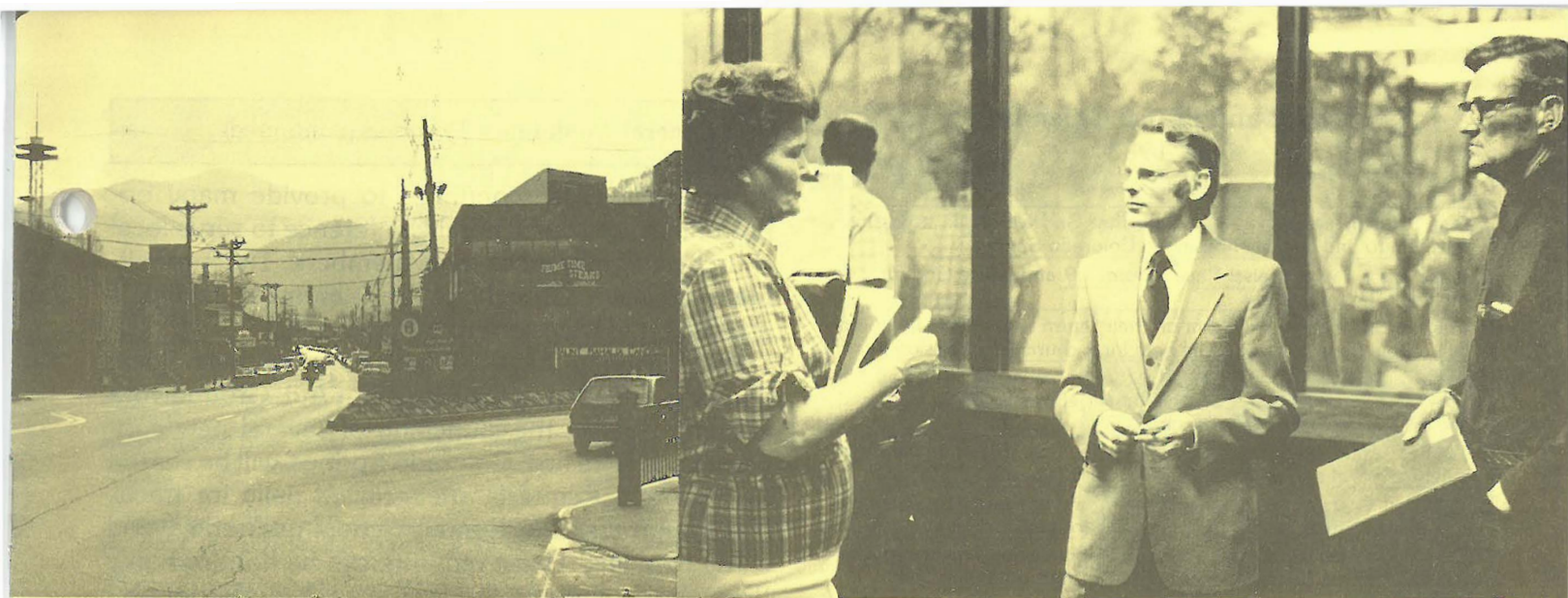
*John Raymond  
Springfield, LA*



*Tim Trammell  
Columbia Station, OH*

MARANATHA





Scenes from the 1983 Christian Workers' Seminar in beautiful Gatlinburg, TN.

photos by Russell Magaw

## Church of God Progress Journal

May, 1983

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# General Conference Progress

*David Krogh, Executive Director*

### Development Council and Founders' Circle

The chart below shows progress that has been made in securing financial commitments for the work of the General Conference during 1983. We are very grateful to those families which have contributed and/or

made a commitment for this year. This response is very helpful as the Board of Directors prepares a budget for the coming fiscal year. Fiscal responsibility dictates that our spending must be balanced by our  
*(continued next page)*

## PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS AS OF APRIL 15, 1983

	Goal	Members Enrolled	Commitments Made	Cash Received
Development Council*	150 families	37	\$27,210	\$8,291
Founders' Circle**	<u>250 families</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>5,760</u>	<u>3,180</u>
	400 families	83	\$32,970	\$11,471

\* Annual contributions of \$500 or more.

\*\* Annual contributions of \$120 to \$499.



**Prayer and Praise Calendar**  
**June, 1983**

**General Conference Progress (continued)**

- 1 Pray for Don and Becky Needham that God will make it possible for them to find suitable housing in Colorado Springs.
- 2 Make this a day of praise! Read 1 John 1:9 and praise God for giving you total forgiveness.
- 3 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant on their return to the U.S., that God will enable them to inspire and help local churches in mission work.
- 4 Pray for the members of the OBC Chorale, especially that God will give them safety in travel and bless their efforts to God's glory and the edification of those they visit.
- 5 Pray for Anthony Buzzard and his family, that God will give them safety in travel and an enjoyable and restful vacation in England.
- 6 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith this week. Ask God to open the opportunity for you.
- 7 Praise God for a faithful person in your congregation. Name a specific person who has been important to you in nurturing your faith.
- 8 Pray for those who are on the Colorado Springs church-planting team, especially that God will give safety in travel and enable them to reach new people.
- 9 Pray that God will cause people in the area of the new church to be receptive to those who call on them.
- 10 Pray for a person in your church who is outside of Christ; pray especially that God will lead this person to receive Christ in baptism.
- 11 Pray for the members of Hope Chapel (South Bend, IN) as they launch a fund-raising program to enable them to build a new church.
- 12 Pray that God will open another door of opportunity for a church-planting project in another location.
- 13 Praise God for the group of believers in Peterborough, Ontario. Pray that God will help them to reach others.
- 14 Pray for those churches which are in the midst of Vacation Bible School, especially that God will enable them to reach the families of children who are attending.
- 15 Praise God for recent growth in attendance and baptism in the Rockford, IL Church.
- 16 Praise God for the new church at Aurora, IL (Fox Valley Church of God); pray especially that God will bless their efforts in establishing a church.
- 17 Praise God for the growth which has taken place at the church in Baton Rouge, LA, and pray that God will give them results in their current Sunday School enrollment program.
- 18 Praise God for the group of believers meeting near Ashtabula, OH; pray that God will help them in establishing a church in the area.
- 19 Pray for Hope Chapel's commitment Sunday and their Stewardship of Life Program, especially that God will lead the members to make a commitment based on great faith.
- 20 Pray for Oliver Amani and his work in Ghana; pray for the following requests which he has submitted:
- 21 Praise God for the successful visit of Bro. and Sr. Grant to Ghana.
- 22 Pray for spiritual maturity in the house churches in Ghana.
- 23 Pray for a P. A. System for the work in Ghana.
- 24 Pray for the reopening of the school in Ghana.
- 25 Pray that the Lord may grant spiritual strength and wisdom to Oliver Amani.
- 26 Pray for the people of Ghana as they go through these trying times.
- 27 Pray for the staff of the General Conference, especially that God will enable them to minister to the needs of local churches.
- 28 Pray that God will lead persons in local churches to financially support the programs and efforts of the General Conference staff to provide services for local churches.
- 29 Praise God for the Bible studies being conducted at San Diego, CA. Pray that God will work through this group to establish a new church.
- 30 Pray for Loyd and Donna Cooper as they minister to young people in Farmington, MO, especially that God will enable them to reach families through this ministry.

income. The Lord continues to provide many opportunities for the General Conference to serve local churches, conferences, and members. The commitment of each Church of God member family is essential if services are to be provided.

We currently have several requests from local churches for Church Development Aid. Groundwork is being laid for the launching of several new congregations. The first, Colorado Springs, will be started next month. Requests are received daily for tracts, *Restitution Heralds*, Sunday School quarterlies, and study booklets. These requests can be honored only through the cheerful financial gifts of God's people.

If you have not yet joined the Development Council or Founders' Circle, please give prayerful thought to a response this month.

**Conference Reservations**

Reservation forms for the summer General Conference have been distributed to each pastor. Additional forms may be secured by writing to Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

Each person planning to attend Conference must complete a reservation form and mail it along with a \$10 nonrefundable deposit by July 23. Reservations received after July 23 will be charged a \$10 late registration fee. Rockford College requires a firm count one week prior to the start of the Conference.

Rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Financial Update**

Contributions came within \$25.00 of meeting the actual needs for the period March 16 - April 15. However, a giving gap from previous months remains in the amount of \$29,967. Please make this a matter of personal concern.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<b>Goal for Giving for 1982-83</b>	<b>\$402,830</b>	
	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Given</b>
October 1-15	16,244	14,421
October 16-November 15	33,570	29,647
November 16-January 15	67,140	57,479
January 16-February 15	33,570	33,337
February 16-March 15	33,570	19,268
March 16 - April 15	33,570	33,545
	217,664	137,697
Giving gap through April 15		29,967
Needed April 16 - May 15		33,570
<b>Goal for next 30 days</b>		<b>\$ 63,537</b>



# Church of God Body Life

## BAPTISMS

**Cleveland, OH.** Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, OH, rejoiced when, on April 17, 1983, Aaron Lloyd Hallman and Rebecca Mae Hallman, his daughter, were baptized during the morning worship service. The Hallman family, of Rocky River (a Cleveland suburb), continues to attend special Bible study classes each Thursday in addition to attending the usual Sunday worship services. J. Arlen Marsh, pastor.

**South Bend, IN.** Jack Pickrell was baptized in the name of Jesus Sunday evening, April 10, 1983. We welcome Jack into the body of Christ at Hope Chapel Church of God. This now unites Jack and his wife Janice in the Lord. She gave her life to Christ in May of 1982. May the Lord always be with Jack and Janice and use them in his work. John A. Railton, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** We at Garden Park Church of God rejoice in the recent baptisms of Steven Thayer on February 20, 1983, and Wesley Hill on March 6. Jo Barrett, secretary.

**Oregon, IL.** The Oregon Church was filled with joy April 17, 1983, as five persons put on Christ in Christian baptism. They are Beth Nordman, Brian Van Brieson, and Peggy, Rhonda and Monte Blades. We welcome them into the body of Christ and praise God that he still adds to the church today. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Raymore, MO.** The people of the Raymore Church are very glad for the witness of faith and obedience of six people who recently committed themselves to Christ Jesus. Debbie Knight and her daughter Tiffany Banning were baptized February 6, Jeff and Julie Tangeman were baptized February 13, and Lisa Stone and Billy Koder were baptized February 20, 1983. We welcome them into the household of God. Their testimony makes our faith that much richer as we share the untold riches of Christ. Don Ward, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** Upon her confession of faith, Kim Linton was baptized into the body of Jesus Christ on February 27, 1983. The Lawrenceville Church of God welcomes her into the fellowship, and rejoices with the angels in heaven with her decision. James D. Ritch, pastor.

**Browntown, VA.** On Sunday, March 17, the Cool Spring congregation gathered on the banks of a mountain stream that flows down from the Blue Ridge to witness the immersion of Ed Boldin into the body of Christ. We praise God for his decision of faith and welcome him as a Christian brother into the family of God. Stephen Bolhous, pastor.

**South Bend, IN.** Virginia Badgero was baptized in the name of Jesus Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1983. Virginia had been immersed years before but unto a different understanding of the gospel. Upon coming to the truths of the kingdom and things concerning Jesus Christ, she realized her need for baptism. Hope Chapel welcomes Virginia into the fellowship of the church. John Railton, pastor.

**Springfield, OH.** At the close of the morning worship service on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1983, Judy Shelton responded to the invitational call and was baptized the following Sunday, April 10. Also on April 10 Jay Overholser came forward at the end of the service and was baptized that same day at the evening service. On April 17, Jean Ryder was baptized during the morning worship service for the remission of her sins. We at Lawrenceville rejoice greatly over the decisions of these people to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and gladly welcome them into the church fellowship. James D. Ritch, pastor.

**Wenatchee, WA.** It was with pleasure and fulfillment to many when Ray Adams was baptized into Christ March 20th, 1983, in Salem, Oregon. Ray had known for some time that this step is necessary for salvation in the Kingdom of God. Ray revealed his desire to be baptized to this writer on March 19th, and since it was impossible for him to leave the confines of his home, we used a large bathtub for the service. We contacted Bill Wachtel of Cashmere to help in the service. Bill had talked to Ray about his salvation and consented to fly down to assist in the baptism. The communion and right hand of fellowship were celebrated with great joy. Those present were Hazel Adams, Ray's wife; Bonnie Davis, Erma Dart, Loraine Krusewich, Ray Corbaley, Bill Wachtel, and Kirby Davis. Ray Adams is the last surviving offspring of one of our long time ago ministers, Almus Adams. Ray celebrated his 98th birthday a few days later on March 24th. Praise God for this new one in Christ. —Kirby Davis.

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

**San Jose Church,** 555 McGlincey Ln, Campbell, CA 95008  
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## TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Pastor and Mrs. Clarence Lapp will celebrate 50 years of marriage June 5, 1983. A reception in their honor is planned at the Troy View Church of God, Troy, OH, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pastor Lapp has served seven Church of God congregations and has taught 11 years at Oregon Bible College during a 45-year pastoral career. He and his wife Louise ministered together for God's glory in the churches of four states—Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Arizona. They have been retired for seven years. May God be praised for their faithful service and grant them continued happiness.

## STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN, recently announced participation in a "Stewardship of Life" program. According to the pastor, John Railton, the purpose of the program is to involve the entire church constituency in the total program of the church. Over the five-week period the entire congregation will be in prayer for the needs and opportunities of the church and community. Each family will be visited personally and will share in a devotion on stewardship. A fellowship dinner set for June 11, 1983, will bring the entire congregation together. Architectural plans will be unveiled for the new building which is seen as a tool to further the ministry of the church. June 19 is Commitment Sunday, at which time the congregation will come before the Lord with their offering of commitment.

Bob Huddlestun and Roberta Hoffman, General Chairmen of this Stewardship Program, have organized a staff of four chairmen including: Jean Derbin, Arrangements Committee, Alice Railton, Prayer Committee; Judy Hively, Publicity Committee; and David Kizer, Stewardship Committee. Members of the congregation are assisting these chairmen in carrying out the program.

We covet the prayers of the entire Church of God in this exciting opportunity. Anyone wishing further information should contact the pastor, John A. Railton, 219-287-8297.

John A. Railton, pastor.

# Welcome to the Church of God



## MARRIAGE

### Vance - Moore

On Saturday, February 5, 1983, the Brush Creek, OH, Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony. United in marriage were Sheryl Lynn Vance and Tommy Lee Moore. Tom has been a member of the Church for several years. Our prayers and blessing go with this fine young couple as they begin their lives together. Tom is in the Air Force, so their home will not be in our area.

Michael Hoffman, pastor.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

To all pastors who have never been ordained: the General Conference membership and the License and Ordination Board urges you to consider ordination. If you should desire to be ordained during the 1983 General Conference, please contact David Krogh by June 20, 1983. He will send the necessary application.

## PASTOR AVAILABLE

Jeffrey Smith completes his internship for the pastoral ministry in July, 1983. He will be available for a call thereafter. He may be contacted at Box 66, Blanchard, MI 49310.

## OBITUARIES

**Phyllis (Jean) Stine** was born April 12, 1931, and died on March 9, 1983, in Kettering Hospital, at the age of 51. Jean was seriously ill for two years. She had spent a lot of time in the hospital, and witnessed to others of her faith. Jean accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized into him in 1958 at the Brush Creek Church of God. She was a faithful member of the Pleasant Hill Church of God. She is survived by her mother, Mayme Boatman; husband Lee Stine; three sons—Terry, Dennis, and Kent; two daughters—Ruby Brown and Helen Kleather; and four grandchildren. Viewing was at Hale Sarver Funeral Home in West Milton. Funeral Services were conducted by the writer at the Pleasant Hill Church of God on March 12. Burial was in Miami Memorial Park near Covington. Jean awaits the call of her Master on Resurrection Day.  
Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Lila Beauchamp** was born June 25, 1905, in Wisconsin. She had lived in South Bend, IN, since 1926. On May 18, 1975, she gave her life to Jesus Christ when she was baptized in his name by Pastor Jim Graham. She died early March 21, 1983, at the age of 77. We sorrow with her husband Gene, but not as those who have no hope.

**Lulu Metzger** was born August 14, 1988, in Pymouth, IN, and had lived most of her life in South Bend, IN. She gave her life to Jesus Christ when she was baptized in his name March 29, 1942, by Pastor F. L. Austin. She died early April 1, 1983, at the age of 94. We sorrow with her daughters, Irma Metzger and Marjorie Lovelett; three grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.  
John A. Railton, pastor.

**Harold Robert Pearson** fell asleep in death on January 17, 1983, at the age of 68. Harold was a member of the Brush Creek, OH, Church since his baptism 55 years ago. He had served well as both a deacon and an elder in the church. He is survived by his wife Mary, his five children, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The enemy death came after a long illness. Throughout that illness, Harold maintained a wonderful perspective on life. He wasn't overwhelmed by his circumstances. He could see beyond them and knew that much better times were coming just as God had promised. Harold now sleeps in Christ, awaiting his return. We

share that great hope and assurance with him and his family. Funeral services were held on January 20 at the Brush Creek Church. The writer officiated with assistance from Pastor C. E. Lapp and Pastor Michael Brown, a grandson.  
Michael Hoffman, pastor.

**Clyde Dewey Shaw** fell asleep in death April 21, 1983, at his home near Cushman, AR. He was 85 years old, being born March 5, 1898, in Woodbine, IA. He is survived by his wife, Mary Hightower Shaw; his son, Clyde Alphas Shaw of Montrose, MI; his four daughters: Dorita Mae Thome of Upland, CA; Ellen Marie Garden of Santa Rosa, CA; Anne Fletcher of Pochahontas, AR; and Marietta Thomas of Corning, AR. He is also survived by his brother, Donald Shaw of Grand Junction, CO. He had nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bro. Shaw was a life-long member of the Church of God of Abrahamic Faith, believing all the truth revealed in the Scriptures. He trusted Christ as his Savior, and was baptized in his name for the forgiveness of sins. His new life of faith was evident from the humility, love, honesty, generosity, and other fruits of God's Spirit. He taught many Bible classes and did his best to encourage his family and friends in the things of God. He generously gave of his money to help ministers, students, and many other worthy causes. Bro. Shaw was loved by many people who will surely miss him. But his faith, and God's faithfulness, give assurance of a wonderful future. He lived in hope of Jesus' return to earth, the resurrection of the dead, and God's great kingdom. He rests in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Cushman, AR, to await the coming of Christ and the blessings of that great and glorious day.  
Dean Moore.

**John R. Humphreys** fell asleep in death December 8, 1982. He was a retired minister of the Forest Hills Church of God at Royal, AR. He was born to Richard and Kittie Humphreys June 22, 1906. He is survived by two sons—J. Roy and Robert Humphreys; six daughters—Ruth Mayberry, Lois Hill, Anita Howell, Sally Simpson, Nell Chambers, and Freda Davis, all of Royal, AR; three sisters—Mary Kinsey and Esther Sprinkle, both of San Jose, CA, and Rachel Morris of Sedro Woolley, WA; 25 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was loved by all who knew him and was a tireless worker who loved his life calling. Some of his pastorates include the Church of God at Vancouver, WA; Corvallis, OR; and many of the churches in Arkansas part time. Services were directed by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack of the New Hope church in Little Rock, assisted by two of John's grandsons, Pastors Larry Mayberry and James Hill. He was laid to rest beside his wife who preceded him in death by one year where they await the coming of the Lord. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."  
Anita Howell, reporter.

**Margaret Fancourt**, long-time member of the Church of God, died March 8, 1983, following a massive heart attack. The writer (pastor of Golden Rule Church of God) conducted a brief memorial service at the graveside in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, OH, on March 12. Sr. Fancourt, who never married, is survived by two sisters: Phyllis Fancourt and Hazel Cramer, the latter well known to *Restitution Herald* readers for her numerous articles in past years. Several nieces and nephews also survive.  
Pastor J. Arlen Marsh.



## MARY HELEN MATTISON

Mary Helen Landry was born September 1, 1926, in Hammond, LA, to Gus and Addie Landry, and died at her daughter's home in Glendale, CA, April 16, 1983. She was reared in the faith at the Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, and was baptized at about 13 years of age by Bro. Harry Goekler. On April 1, 1945, she was married to James Mattison, and eight children were born to them, all of whom survive: Ruth (Mrs. John) Pendergrass, Castor, LA; Rebekah (Mrs. Joe) Martin, Glendale, CA; Betsy (Mrs. Steve) Moore, Tipp City, OH; Michael, Baton Rouge, LA; Ben, Ann Arbor, MI; John, San Jose, CA; and Steve and Tim, Burr Oak, IN. Fourteen grandchildren also survive, and four brothers: Robert and Jerry Landry, Hammond, LA; Gordon, Oregon, IL; and Preston, Colorado Springs, CO. Services were conducted April 20 at the Wesley

United Methodist Church, Culver, IN, with Pastors Don Needham and Donald Bowman officiating. A particularly touching aspect of the service was a eulogy of his wife by Bro. Mattison. Attesting to the high regard which many Church of God people had for Mary Helen was the fact that 16 states were represented at her funeral: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Over 300 people shared in the family's grief.

Jesus promised, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). No one knows the suffering he may be called upon to bear before death takes the burden from him. Certainly we find it hard to understand why faithful ones are called upon to shoulder distresses and agonies that even the vilest of sinners seem to escape. Psalm 73 addresses that problem, and it gives solace to those so grieved. The strong endure because they are strong—yet not necessarily in physical strength.

Mary Helen was never strong physically. But in understanding, compassion, and faith she stood as a monument to weaker ones. The tenderness and industry pictured in Proverbs 31 were epitomized in her. She rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept. She could empathize with those who bore great burdens and suffered much grief.

Solomon affirmed: "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord" (Prov. 18:22). When Mary Helen and Jim were first married, they embarked on a remarkable career for the Lord. She became what the Bible describes as "an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). They served pastorates in Hammond, LA; Harlingen, TX; Blood River, LA; Maurertown, VA; and Burr Oak, IN. They served and taught over the years in many state and local conferences, and at the General Conference. Their dedication and love for one another and for the Word of God stood as a hallmark to those who were privileged to become acquainted with them.

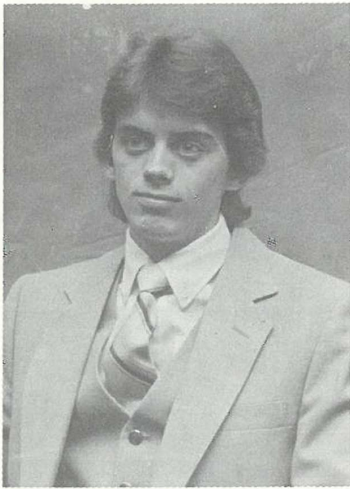
Mary Helen carried the best traits of her mother—patience, optimism, loyalty, steadfastness, courage, spiritual strength, compassion, and uncompromising faith. Hers is a legacy we would all do well to emulate. She was "the salt of the earth"—modest, meek, devoted to God and family, loving, and kind. "Who can find a virtuous woman?" (Prov. 31:10.) Mary Helen was the type of virtuous woman men look for, and seldom find. "Her price [was] far above rubies. The heart of her husband . . . safely [trusted] in her. . . . She [did] him good and not evil all the days of her life. . . . She [opened] her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue [was] the law of kindness. . . . Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:10-30).

—Gordon Landry.

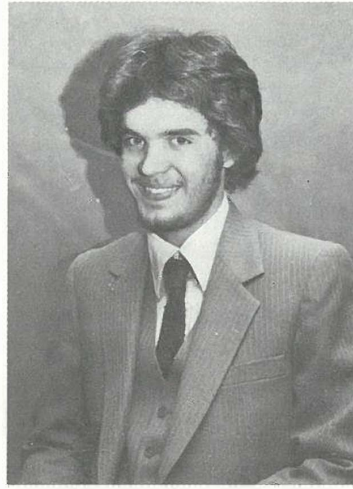


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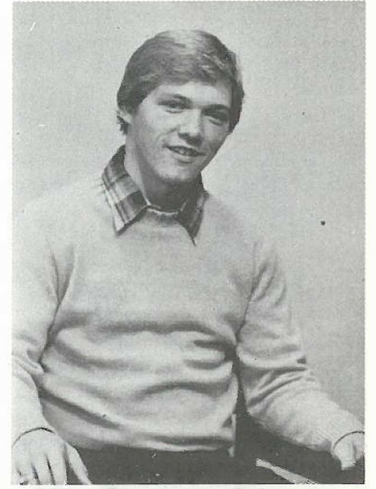
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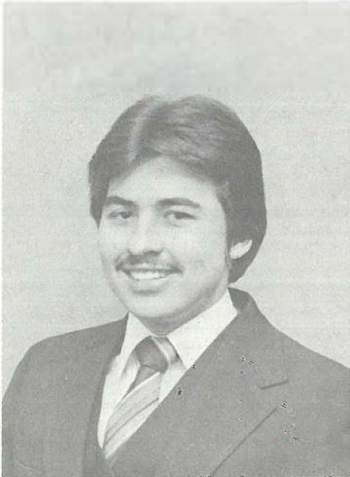
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**Dennis Cheatwood**  
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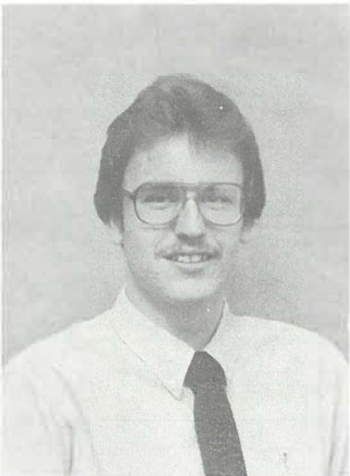
**Michael Mattus**  
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**Greg Shaw**  
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## Part-Time Students



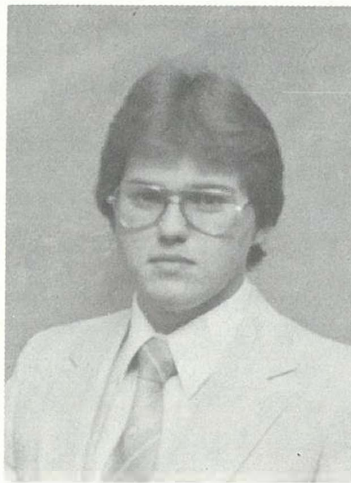
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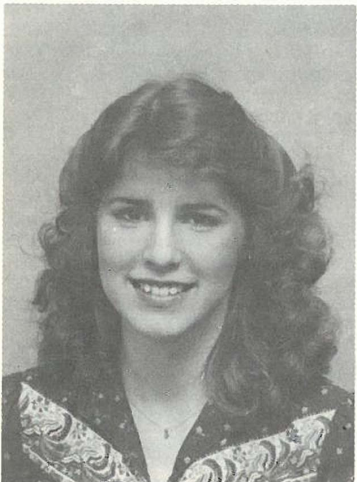
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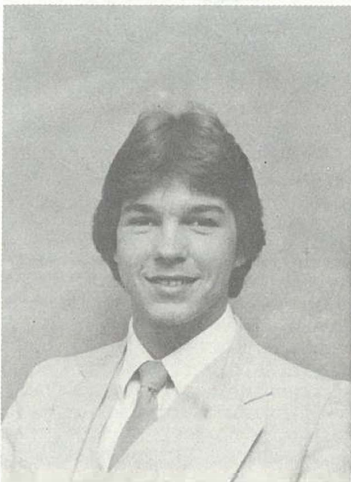
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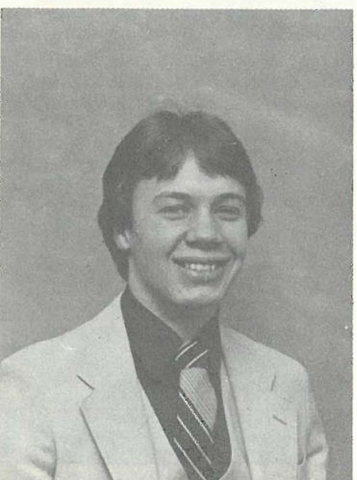
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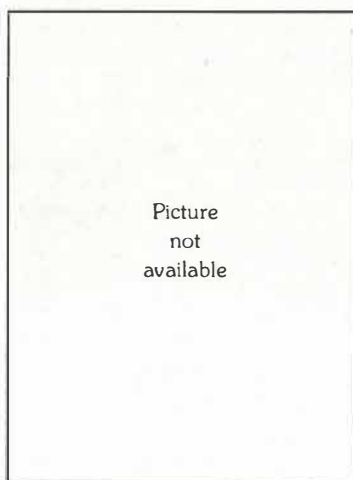
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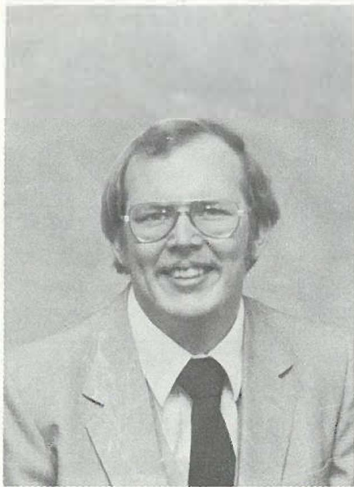
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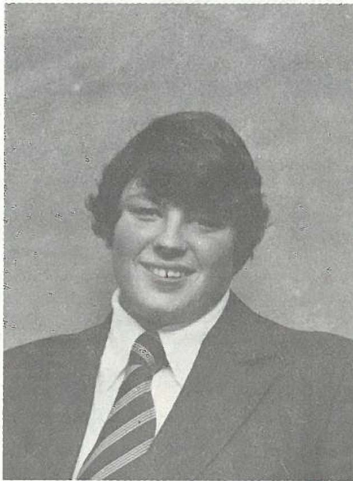
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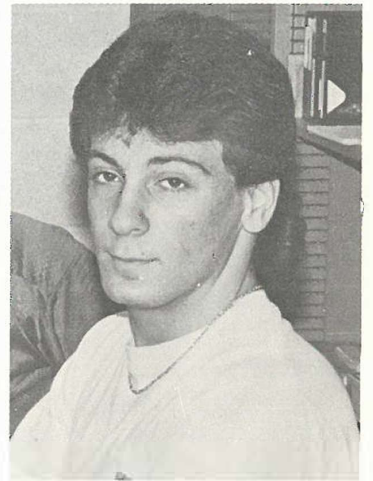
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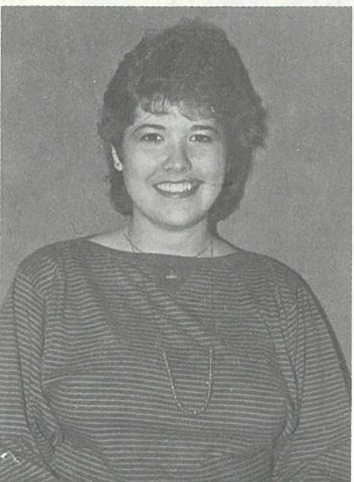
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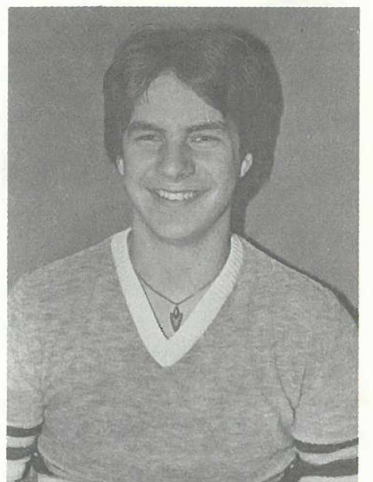
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# Student Organizations



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**Missions Club**



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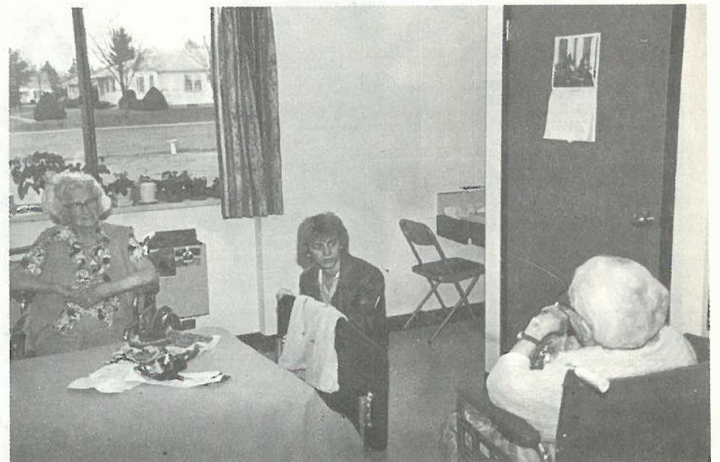
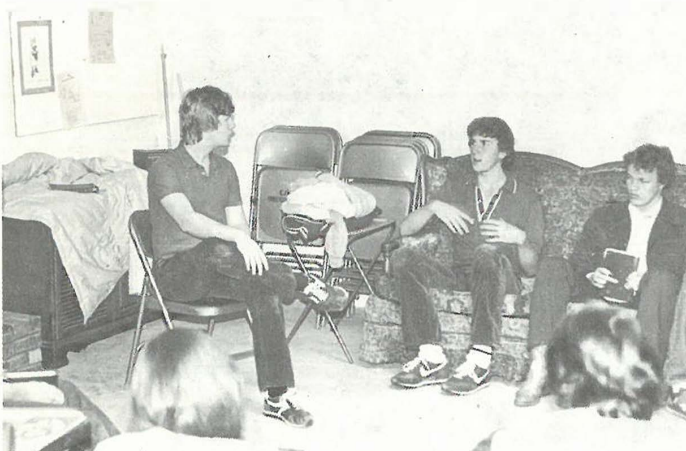
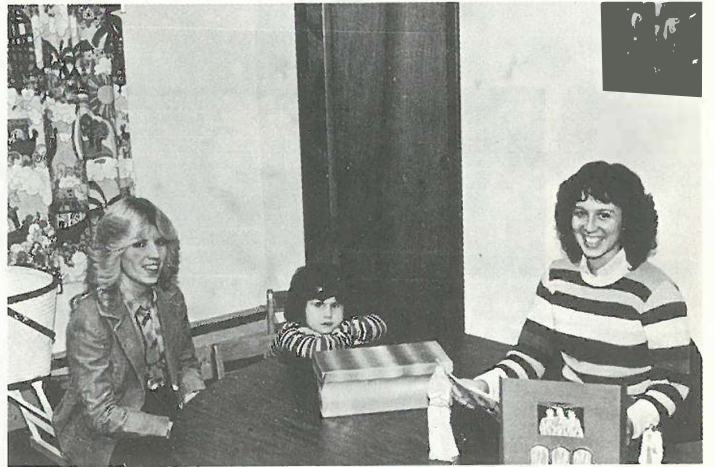
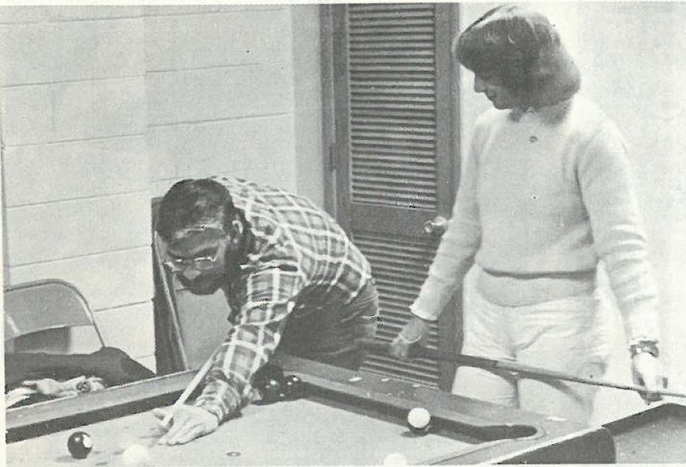
**Sports Committee**



**Social Committee**



# Christian Service Groups





# Music



This year's Chorale has the opportunity of traveling to the Pacific coast. Before they arrive in California, they have a long road ahead. Traveling is not all the Chorale does. There have been many long hours of rehearsals, extra concerts to raise money, the battle of the cold and flu season, and a trip to Menard State Prison.

The Lord has really blessed the Chorale this year. They have had the opportunity of performing for several different audiences. The Oregon Chamber of Commerce asked them to perform for their annual banquet. They performed a combined Christmas concert with the Oregon Church choir.

While in Arizona, the Chorale members have the opportunity of being artists in residence at an Arts Festival. They will be performing four concerts in five days. One will include a handbell and organ recital. They will also combine with the two Arizona churches to do a concert.

The year's music has a slight Church of God flavor. Some of the songs the Chorale will be performing were either written or arranged by members of the Church of God. The Chorale is looking forward to the rest of the year and hopes to see each of you at one of their concerts. Your continued prayers are always appreciated.

**1982 - 1983  
Gospel Team**







**Street Theatre**

Once again this year, the Drama Club has been quite active performing plays and skits within Oregon and in churches throughout the eastern United States.

The OBC Tabernactors, a street theatre group, participated again in the local harvest time festival, Oregon's gala "Autumn On Parade" celebration. Several skits based on biblical and "modern" parables were performed during the weekend on the north lawn of the courthouse, with an excellent audience turnout.

The spring semester project was a carryover from last year. It was the two-act reader's play "For This Cause," based on the lives of John and Betty Stam, two young missionaries who lost their lives during the communist revolution in China. Two troupes traveled



**Mary's Troupe**

together and performed this year, under the direction of faculty member Kent Ross and student directors Kevin Demmitt and Mary Thomas. The play was taken on the road to several churches in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan, and Canada.

It wasn't all work and no play, however, There was time to see the sights along the way. A couple of days were taken to visit Washington, D.C. and Niagara Falls.

All involved received a blessing, both through ministering to others and in learning to live with each other on the road. The season was a great success, and much more is planned for the future of the OBC Players.

**Street Theatre**

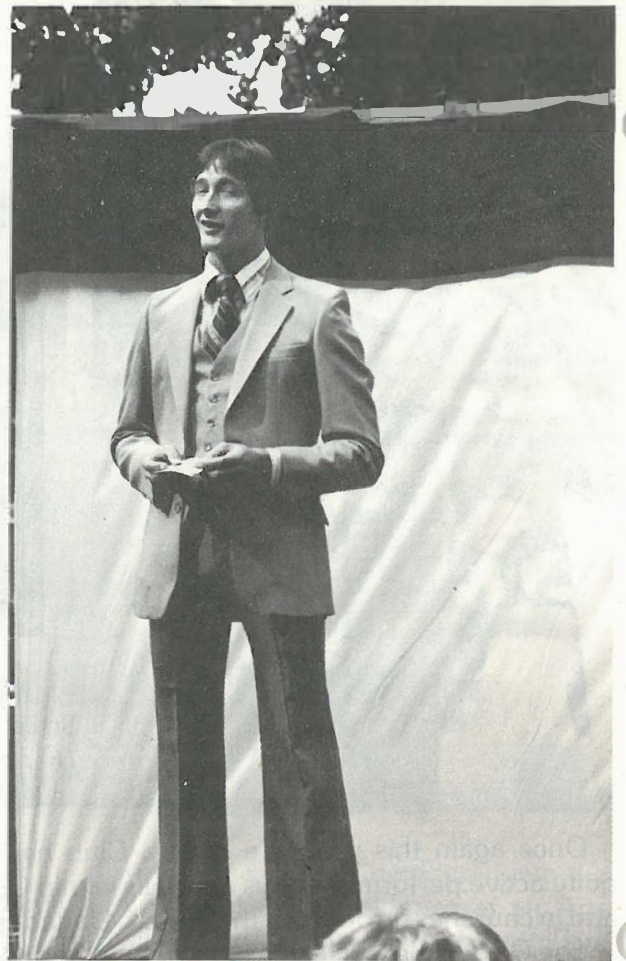
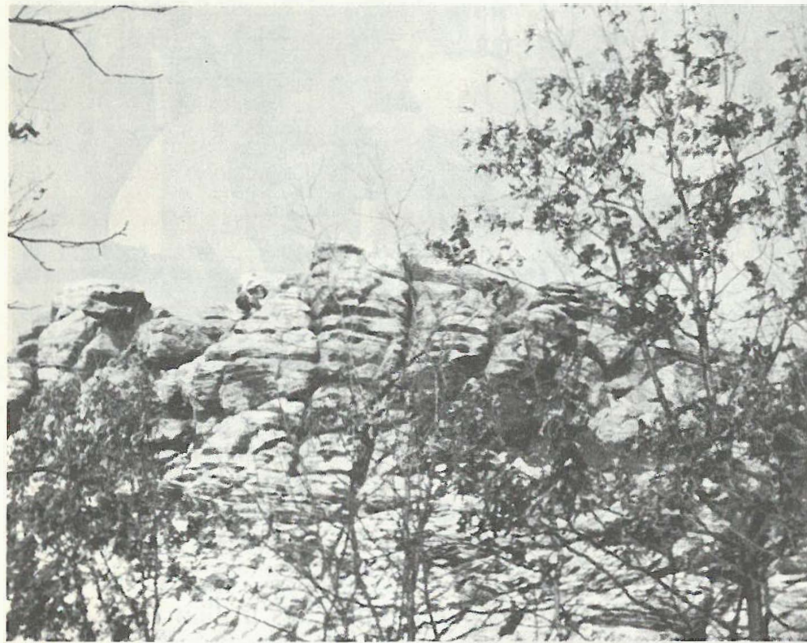


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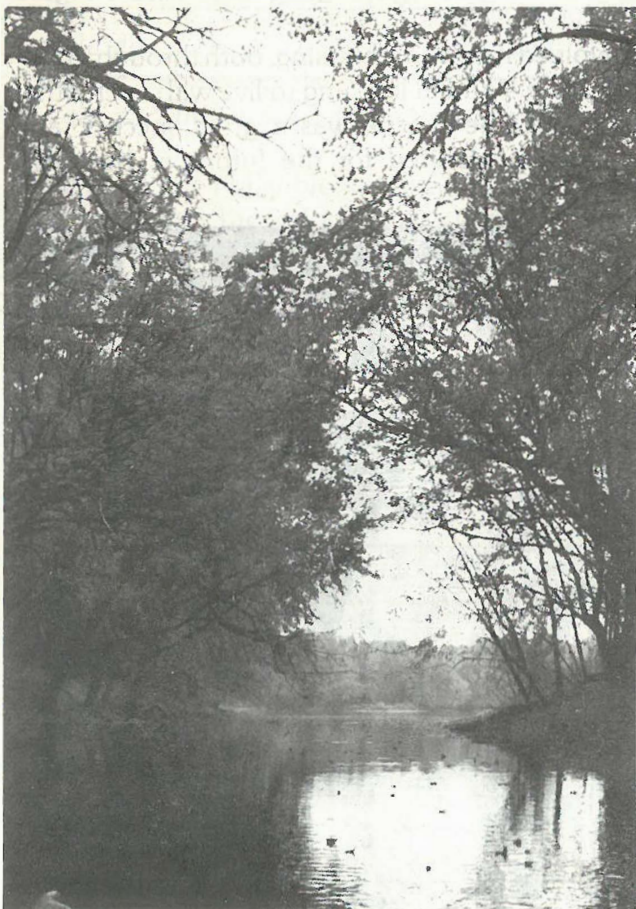


## Chapel—Devotions—Prayer Day

Time spent getting closer to God is an important part of one's day. Besides personal devotion time each day, chapel is an opportunity



to worship God with the rest of the students and faculty. Speakers at chapel range from our own faculty and senior students to guest



speakers. Sometimes the worship experience takes place without a speaker, as in the case of New Song Sings or films.



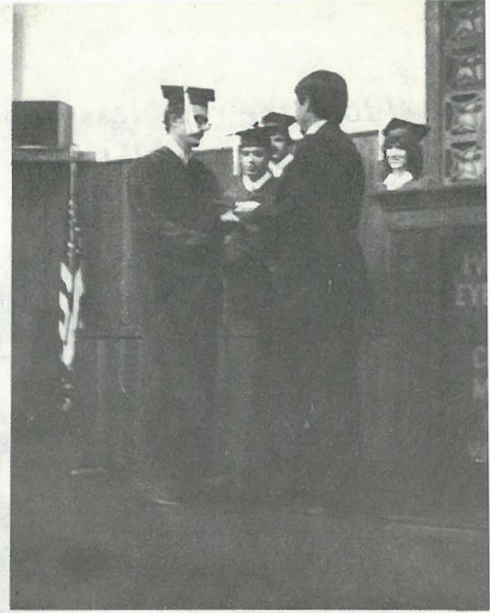
Prayer Day takes place once each semester. It is a day of intensity, for the whole day is dedicated to getting closer to God. Prayer Day takes place in a setting other than the school environment, and is a refreshing time of sharing, searching, and worship.



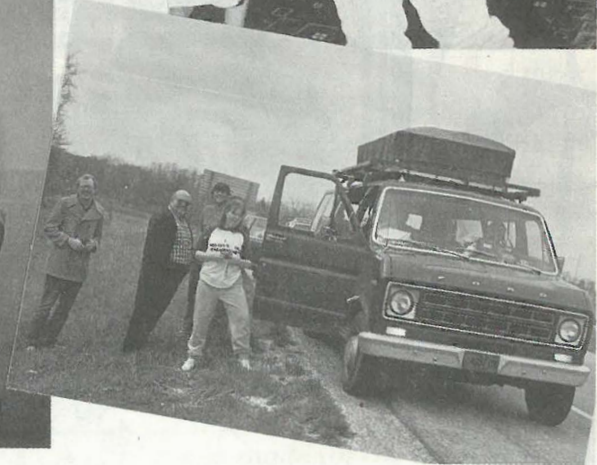
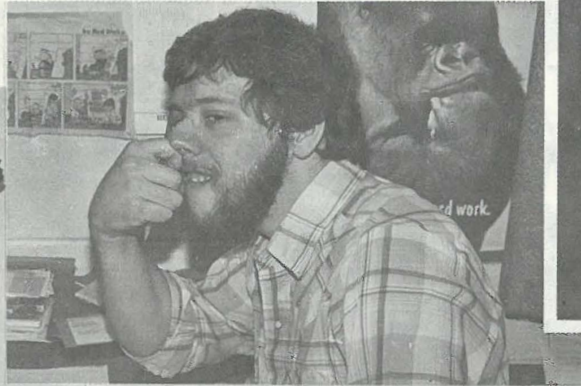
# Academics

A person's study habits determine his academic success. More important than the grade-point average is the knowledge he has gathered from the quality instruction offered at Oregon Bible Col-

lege. The supreme highlight of the school year is commencement. Here, the people who have put in four years or more of study receive their degrees and are given the charge to continue their work.

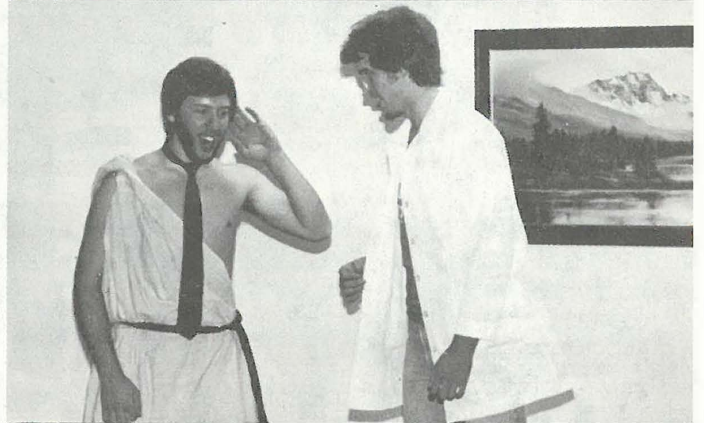


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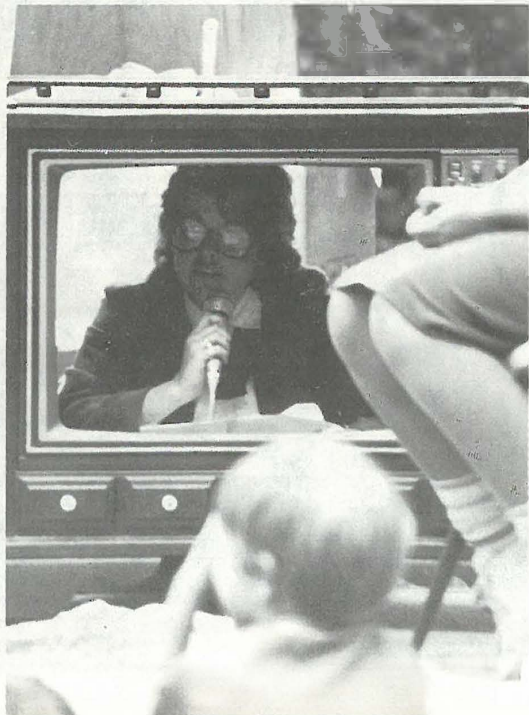
*"I took the road less traveled by . . .  
and that made all the difference."*



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*If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ,  
let him be Anathema Maranatha.*

I CORINTHIANS 16:22.

We would like to thank Gayle Reye, Steve Fewell, Russell Magaw, and Gordon Landry for all their hard work in making this Maranatha a reality. Special thanks go to Jon Welch for the many hours he spent in photogaphics.

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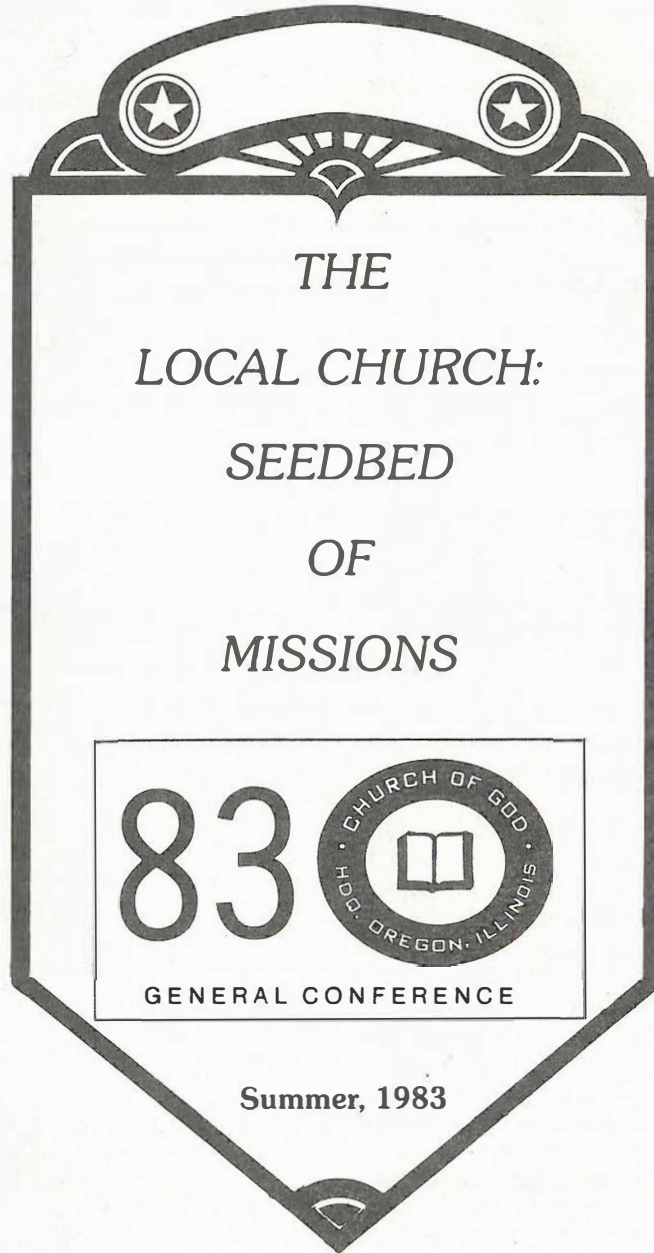
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## Description of Church of God General Conference

The Church of God General Conference was incorporated in the State of Illinois as a corporation not for profit, June 3, 1922, under the name "National Bible Institution." The corporation name was changed May 17, 1961, to "Church of God General Conference."

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.—Article I, Section 1, By-Laws.

The Church of God General Conference directly serves approximately 6,500 baptized members of the Church of God, 77 member churches, 14 State and District Conferences, approximately 24 nonmember churches, and the public at large.

The offices of the Corporation are located at 131 North 3rd Street in Oregon, Illinois.

The Conference is organized into three departments: Publishing, Outreach and Church Development, and Business Administration. Oregon Bible College, which was established August 8, 1939, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Conference. Two subsidiary corporations were established August 18, 1982: Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, and Church of God Investment Fund.

Delegates and interested members of the Church of God meet annually in August to confer in all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches.

Each member church of 15 or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, is entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof.

A member church is a Church of God which adheres to the Statement of Faith contained in the Constitution and which has on record at the General Conference office a Statement of Affiliation with the General Conference.

Members of the Board of Directors, one delegate from each State or District Conference, and certain licensed and ordained ministers are recognized as delegates at large.

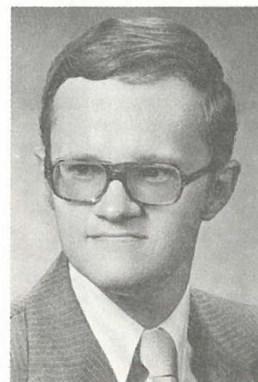
A seven-member Board of Directors is elected by the delegates for four-year terms. These Board members also

serve as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College and the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.

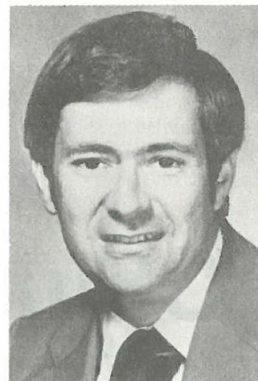
During the past 12 months, approximately 31 percent of operating revenue came from earned income. Approximately 69 percent came from contributions of individuals, churches, and conferences.



*Joe James, Chairman of the Board*



*David Krogh, Executive Director  
Church of God General Conference*



*Charles Pryor, President  
Oregon Bible College*



Dear Church of God Member:

This annual report of the Church of God General Conference is presented with rejoicing to God and thanksgiving for each of you who has labored in the Church of God during the past 12 months.

As we review the events of the past year and make plans for the coming fiscal year, we have a sense of excitement and optimism. Positive situations we find in the Church of God today are:

#### *Church Revitalization*

During the past year, giant strides have been made through the Department of Outreach and Church Development in assisting several of our churches. As a result of visits and consultation by Conference personnel, several churches have adopted clearly defined purpose statements; they have evaluated their current activities and situation; and they have implemented new ministries and programs that are helping them to achieve their purposes. Several churches have experienced good numerical growth, spiritual growth, and renewal.

#### *Personal Evangelism Strategy and Discipling*

Several churches have recently launched evangelism ministries which include a clear, short presentation of the gospel in the homes of prospects. The Lord is blessing these efforts with increased church attendance and baptisms. As new members are being added to the church, discipling ministries are being used in several churches to assist babes in Christ to come to maturity.

#### *Church Planting*

It has become apparent to the Church of God that the cutting edge of growth lies in the planting of new churches. Our efforts to revitalize existing churches will continue, but the survival and expansion of the Church of God will depend upon new churches. During June, 1983, the first steps were taken to launch a new work at Colorado Springs. Other possible church-planting sites are being explored.

#### *Foreign Missions*

During the past few months, our missions emphasis in the Church of God has taken a new leap forward. Conference personnel have visited many of our churches, creating missions awareness. The mission trip to Africa will provide valuable input as we plan our strategy for the future.

The development of a proposed missions policy for local church use, and the creation of a missions

philosophy document which will be acted upon by the delegates, will provide needed direction and clarification in missions planning.

#### *Oregon Bible College*

Forty-four years of continuous service to the Church of God concluded with commencement exercises on Friday evening, May 13. Five men graduated from the ministry studies program and nine persons received two-year church leadership certificates. Each ministry graduate will be in active service by the end of summer. Five additional ministry candidates completed internships during the 1982-83 school year. **Oregon Bible College continues to provide trained leaders for the Church of God.**

#### *Oregon Bible College Development Foundation*

Substantial progress has been made in funding the College Development Foundation. That new corporation will be extremely valuable in creating a strong financial base for our College. The future of the Church of God depends upon having a strong Bible College where our leaders and Christian workers are being trained. The Foundation will help insure the continuation of superior Bible and professional training for the Church of God.

#### *The Future*

It seems apparent that the Church of God as a whole should attempt to grow and expand as long as there are significant unmet needs in the world. The General Conference is poised and prepared for that growth, both in present ministries and in new opportunities God is presenting. Questions of growth will center on where to concentrate funds and expertise. Some degree of frustration will undoubtedly occur as needs and opportunities exceed available resources.

**We ask you to join us in facing the future with the assurance of God's blessing, an attitude of optimism, and a determination to work hard to accomplish as much as possible before our Lord returns.**

Sincerely in Christian Service,

*Joe James*  
Joe James

*David Krogh*  
David Krogh

*Charles Pryor*  
Charles Pryor



# MAJOR EVENTS OF PAST TWELVE MONTHS

## **Spearhead Mission Ministry**

Four Church of God short-term mission students left in June to spend the summer in Mexico City. Coreena Hendrickson, Alane Schmidlapp, Bart Tackett, and Michael Gallagher spent their summer in language classes, cultural studies, church activities, and outdoor evangelism.

## **Youth Ministry Seminars**

Youth Coordinator Hugh Harman spent much of the summer visiting our churches conducting youth ministry training seminars. Sessions were well attended by local youth workers.

## **1982 Berean Youth Conference**

Two hundred forty-six campers and 39 staff members spent a fantastic week at Camp Mack for the annual Berean Youth Conference. The youth of Guthrie Grove Church in Pelzer, SC, were recognized for the largest contributions to the Coins for Christ Crusade: \$3,459.98. The Arkansas Quiz Team won first place in the quiz competition.

## **ACMC Conference**

Ten Church of God members from six churches attended the Conference of the Association of Church Missions Committees at Carbondale, Illinois. They returned home with a new awareness of the great unfinished task of world-wide missions.

## **1982 General Conference**

Over 550 persons attended one or more of the Conference sessions. The theme "Let the Church Obey His Voice" provided valuable information on evangelistic outreach for our churches. Scott Ross was elected to the Board of Directors.

## **New Ministers**

Seven persons received ministerial licenses from the License and Ordination Board at General Conference: Kathy Anger, Darlene Burkhart, Gary Burnham, Joe Good, Cecil Rademachir, Howard Robinson, and Janet Stilson.

## **Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Incorporated**

As a result of action taken by the delegates at the summer General Conference, articles of incorporation were filed August 18, 1982. Adam Anderson of Anderson Associates was retained to conduct an audit regarding the feasibility of raising one million dollars for the Foundation.

## **Church of God Investment Fund Incorporated**

Bill Burnham, Dr. William D. Lawrence, and Robert Smith were appointed as trustees of the Investment Fund to serve along with Joe James, chairman of the General Conference Board of Directors, and David Krogh, Executive Director. Articles of incorporation were filed August 18, 1982.

## **Oregon Bible College Fall Semester**

Thirty-five full-time and five part-time students began the 1982-83 term Sunday evening, August 22, 1982. Anthony Buzzard began his service as guest lecturer.

## **Parents' Weekend at OBC**

Parents and grandparents of students visited the campus October 7-9. They attended classes and participated in special activities.

## **OBC Christian Emphasis Week**

Member of the Arizona House of Representatives Doug Todd, and his wife Monie, conducted special sessions at the College on the theme "Choose Ye This Day Whom Ye Will Serve."

## **Mission Builders Appeal #49**

The Jaynes Street Community Church in Omaha, Nebraska, was awarded the 1982 fall Mission Builders Appeal.

## **OBC Foundation Campaign Launched**

By action of the Board of Trustees at a special meeting on November 30, 1982, the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation was launched. Adam Anderson was retained to help raise one million dollars for the Foundation.

## **Africa Mission Trip**

Steven and Pam Grant left December 31 for a working and learning trip to mission fields in Africa.

## **Spring Semester**

On January 9, 1983, Oregon Bible College began its spring semester.

## **General Conference Giving Programs Launched**

The General Conference Development Council and the Founders' Circle were launched in March to provide a large portion of the necessary funds to support General Conference ministries.

## **Junior-Senior Weekend**

Thirteen students and six sponsors visited the campus of Oregon Bible College on March 10-12, 1983.



### **Christian Workers' Seminar**

The largest Seminar ever was held at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, March 20-25, 1983. One hundred fifty-four persons enjoyed a week of study, fellowship, and inspiration.

### **1982-83 Interns**

Eight men and women completed their internships in preparation for Christian service in several different ministries.

### **Commencement**

Five men graduated from Oregon Bible College at commencement exercises May 13, 1983. All have plans for future ministry in the Lord's service.

### **Annual Ministers' Conference**

Approximately 60 Church of God ministers gathered in Oregon, Illinois, April 25-29. The theme of the conference was "The Church: Past, Present, and Future."

### **Two New Member Churches**

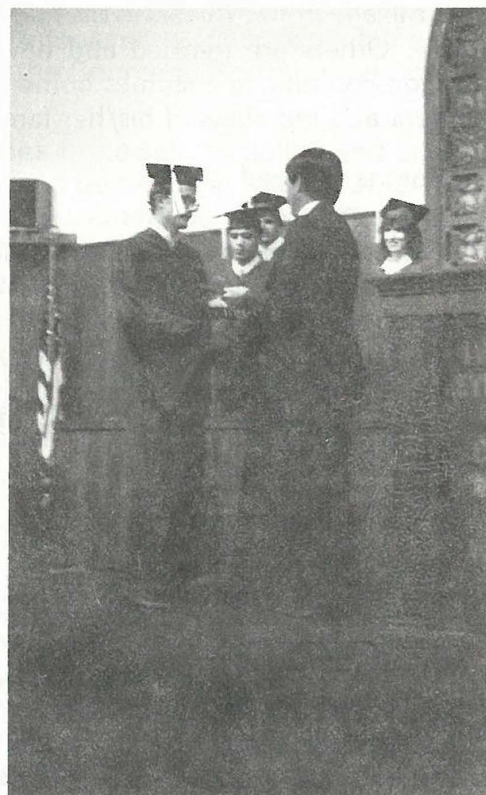
During the year, the Fox Valley Church of God in Aurora, Illinois, and the Church of the Open Bible of Farmington, Missouri, became members of the Church of God General Conference.

### **Spring Mission Builders Appeal**

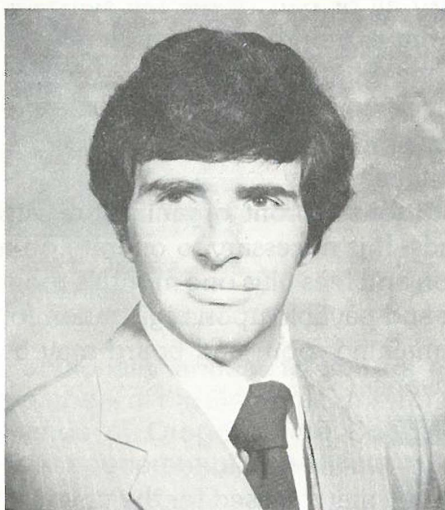
Appeal Number 50 of the Mission Builders League was awarded to the Brush Creek Church near Tipp City, Ohio.



*Doctrinal Discussion at Christian Workers' Seminar*



*Diploma presentation at Oregon Bible College Commencement*



*Church-Planting Pastor Don Needham  
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

### **Thirty-sixth National Missionary Convention**

**September 27-30, 1983**

**Veteran's Auditorium  
Des Moines, Iowa**

Fees: College Student: \$1.00

Individual: \$3.00

Family: \$5.00

For more information contact

**Outreach and Church Development Department, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.**



# Oregon Bible College Progress

- Professional Education
- General Education
- Christian Service

Dr. Charles Pryor, President

## Know, Apply, and Communicate God's Word

At Oregon Bible College students receive instruction in the truths of the Bible and in the rich heritage of the Church of God, develop deep understandings of those truths, and gain an appreciation for church life and structure. They learn to maximize the use of their gifts and talents within the framework of the Church of God.

## For Whom Is OBC?

Whether one is a high school student or a career person considering a change of occupation, OBC may be for him or her. Members of the current student body range in age from 17 years to the mid-forties. Most are single. Others are married and have children. The Oregon community becomes home for each college student and members of his/her family.

## Diplomas Offered

### Two-year Program

A two-year diploma in Church Leadership is offered upon completion of the requirements of a 60-hour program consisting of 24 hours of Bible and Theology, a broad foundation in General Education, and Ministry Courses. Two-year graduates apply their learnings as leaders and workers in their home churches as they pursue secular careers.

### Four-year Program

The professional studies program in Christian Ministry requires 120 credits in Bible, General Education, and Ministry Courses. The four-year program includes a major concentration in selected areas of ministry.

The educational experience at Oregon Bible College is provided by a variety of resources and activities. Those include faculty advisement, courses, student discussion groups, Christian Service experiences, Seminars, guest speakers, and library resources. The student must do acceptable work and have a grade average of at least "C" for the entire program.

Students may pursue six hours credit in General Education per semester through Rock Valley College. Credits thus earned are fully accredited and transferable. While they are a part of the Oregon Bible College curriculum requirements, general education courses are earned through Rock Valley College or by transfer from an approved College. If a student desires, he/she may structure a curriculum plan whereby an Associate of Arts Degree can be accomplished simultaneously with the completion of the graduation requirements (four-year) at Oregon Bible College.

## Internships

Students planning to become pastors in the Church of God General Conference serve at least two semesters in internship. The internship is administered by Oregon Bible College and is supervised by a cooperating pastor in a Church of God congregation. The typical procedure is for one to spend a school year as an intern pastor immediately following graduation. Other plans may be developed based upon the student's academic standing, summer experiences, and/or special needs.

## The Cost of Education at OBC

Oregon Bible College is dependent upon the Lord to work through his people to supply the financial needs of day-to-day operation and development. **Each student pays less than half the real cost of education.** The remaining costs are met by the Church of God General Conference through member contributions and through the friends and alumni who make direct contributions.

**You are encouraged to share in the support of Oregon Bible College as God directs your interests and provides you opportunity to do so. Individuals and families are encouraged to include OBC when preparing wills and purchasing life insurance policies.**

During the 1983-84 school year, full-time students in residence halls will pay approximately \$2,800 for their College expenses.

## Payment of Accounts

New students will be billed upon acceptance by the College. Both new and returning students are encouraged to pre-pay all or part of the fall semester costs during the summer months. Estimated bills will be mailed during June. Students who pre-pay college expenses will receive interest at the rate of ¾% per month on monies held by the College during June, July, and August.

The College is a not-for-profit organization with limited reserve funds. It is necessary to operate on a cash basis. All tuition and fees plus one month's room and board are due and payable upon registration for each semester. Remaining room and board may be paid monthly in advance.



may be used for the payment of College accounts and for the purchase of books and supplies.



# Today's Challenge: Foundation for Tomorrow

## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

## DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

**A not-for-profit, educational corporation.** The Directors of the Foundation are people like you, hard-working members of the Church of God who believe in **Oregon Bible College** and its vital role in providing leadership for today and for tomorrow. They give voluntarily of their time, money, and energy to build a solid financial foundation to make Oregon Bible College more effective. **You, too, are invited to become a part of the Foundation.**

**Your tax deductible contribution will strengthen the Foundation** upon which Oregon Bible College and the leadership of the Church of God will stand now and into the future.

**The Foundation works for you by receiving and investing your contributions, thus creating an endowment.**

**The profits earned from the invested funds are used to provide for the on-going needs of your College.**



**Joe E. James**  
Chairman,  
Board of Trustees

"The future is in our hands..." This year the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College has taken the steps necessary to insure the future leadership of the Church of God by establishing the **Oregon Bible College Development Foundation**. Funding of Oregon Bible College through endowment from the Development Foundation will provide essential training for tomorrow's leaders in the Church of God.

I personally appeal to you as alumni, as members of the General Conference, and as friends of Oregon Bible College, to consider a generous gift toward our own future...

- **Scholarships**
- **Cultural Activities**
- **Research/Library Development**
- **Faculty Enrichment**
- **Facilities**

**The Foundation has been established:** "To promote the education and cultural welfare of Oregon Bible College of Oregon, Illinois, and to improve the school facilities so as to provide broader educational advantages and opportunities; to encourage research, and to increase the school's usefulness to the members of the Church of God General Conference. . . ."

**Further purposes include:** "To solicit and accept . . . gifts, grants, and bequests in trust or otherwise, funds of all kinds, including property both real and personal, whether principal or income and tangible or intangible, vested or contingent, for the purpose of providing funding for the College . . . and for the purpose of providing scholarships, activities, and research . . . and other such designated benefits for the school and its faculty and its students, as may be prescribed by testators or donors to the corporation and to receive, hold, and administer such donations. . . ."

- **Cash Gifts**
- **Grants**
- **Bequests**
- **Trusts**

**The future of the Church of God and the future of Oregon Bible College cannot be separated.** Oregon Bible College is the only institution training persons specifically for service within the Church of God. Continuation and further development of such training are more vital than ever before as churches look forward to greater growth, and as strong churches and conferences engage in church planting/church growth programs.

<b>Foundation Progress through May 31, 1983</b>	
Written Commitments to date	\$159,169.34
Verbal Commitments to date	123,000.00
Cash to date	\$44,355.02
Other	9,500.00
<b>Total Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$53,855.02</b>



# Outreach and Church Development Progress

- Church Planting and Development
- Sunday School

*Warren Sorenson, Director*

- World Missions
- Berean Youth fellowship

## **New Church in Colorado Springs**

The launching of a new church in Colorado Springs is an exciting venture of faith. From the planning stages, it has been realized that God's leadership is necessary for this work to be successful.

Following the lesson of the parable of the sower (Matt. 13:3-23), a study was made to first test the soil as a means of finding an area of the city with good potential for growth in which to launch the new church.

Important and exciting steps of progress have been made toward launching the new church. Brother Don Needham and his family will move to Colorado Springs this summer. We feel God has put his stamp of approval on this effort in providing Brother Don as pastor. Recently, a 5.4 acre piece of property was purchased as a future site. A third important step of progress is that people have expressed a willingness to dedicate their efforts to see the church become a reality. A survey team of five young people will spend the major part of the summer going house to house for visitation. In this survey we will look for receptive people and from this prepare a prospect list for follow-up calling. During the calling program, people will also be invited to attend Bible studies. A group will meet in temporary facilities until it is feasible to begin a building program. Several persons and churches have expressed a willingness to support this effort financially. Many have expressed that they are praying regularly for this new work. These prayers and others that are offered by members of the Church of God in various congregations along with other supportive actions will be a major factor in the eventual success of the Colorado Springs Church.

## **Consultation to Churches**

An important and enjoyable part of the work as Director of Outreach and Church Development is the time spent in consultation with pastors and congregations. During the past 12 months, 24 visits to local churches involving 21 churches were made. These sessions ranged in length from one service to one week, depending upon the need and time available. An extended seminar for several weeks was conducted with the Rockford congregation. Eight congregations have availed themselves of the services of the department for assistance in seeking services of a pastor.

In addition, four core groups (currently having Bible study and/or Sunday services) were visited. These groups have potential for the establishment of a future church.

## **Christian Workers Seminar 1983**

A highlight of the year for many is the gathering for spiritual fellowship and instruction at the Christian Workers' Seminar. Each year the attendance has increased. This

year, 157 persons were in attendance, to make this by far the largest Christian Workers' Seminar to date. The beautiful setting of the Sheraton Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, adds to the enjoyment of the Seminar. The staff, consisting of Charles and Lois Pryor, Scott Ross, David Wilsterman, Judy Myers, Joyce Knapp, Anthony Buzzard, Warren and Irene Sorenson, and Russell Magaw, taught a variety of classes covering Practical Training for Workers in a Local Church, Doctrinal Bible Study, and How to Implement a Missions Program in a Local Church. The fact that many return year after year to the Seminar is a testimony to the quality and helpfulness of the fellowship and instruction experienced.

## **Church Planting Class**

A renewed vision for starting new churches is beginning to have a positive effect within the Church of God. A class with 11 students enrolled (covering the strategies of church planting) was taught during the second semester at Oregon Bible College. The class focused on both instruction in the classroom and practical experience. Two major projects provided opportunity for experience. The students learned how to evaluate the potential of a given area and conducted a feasibility study (evaluated an area to test its potential for starting a church). A second major aspect was to learn various strategies for getting a new church started. Learning what steps to take was reinforced through researching a church recently started and finding out what steps had been taken to bring the church into being.

Many denominations have realized that unless they continue to start new churches, the denomination declines. One major denomination has to start at least 50 churches each year to keep up with the ones that close. For the Church of God, we have to face the reality that some churches will close. It is imperative that we embark upon an active program of starting new churches.

## **Foreign Mission News**

The work in Ghana and Nigeria is covered in "Letters from Africa" on page 9. The work in Bangalore, India, is going well under the leadership of Pastor M. R. Noel, and also the clinic under the supervision of Emily Manoah. Brother Dean Moore has made some trips into Mexico to encourage the congregation and Robert Badillot who serves as pastor in Labor Viega.

We regret the fact that it became necessary to remove Bro. Eleodoro Ortiguero from his leadership role in the Philippine Conference. Confirmed reports of unchristian and unethical practices led to this decision. The Board of Directors and members of the License and Ordination Board reviewed the circumstances and appropriate action was taken to remove his ministerial license.



## MISSION TRIP REPORT

**January 3**—Arrived safely in Nairobi, Kenya.

**January 4**—Interviewed Gerald Morrison, Director of Canadian Assemblies of God Mission for Kenya and Uganda. Works with 62 missionaries and 2,000 churches.

**January 5**—Interviewed Pastor Mpaayei, a pastor of the Masai tribal people. Talked with James Njarogi, evangelistic coordinator for World Vision.

**January 6**—Discussed Christian education efforts in Africa with Roger Coon, who works with Africa Inland Mission. Conferred with Stephen Talitwala, Director of Day Star School of Communications. This organization teaches nationals how to present the gospel in ways that are understandable and effective.

**January 7**—Met with Takunboh Adeyemo, the head of the Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar.

**January 8**—Discussed relief efforts of World Vision with Ahuma Adoadj. Saw Dr. Ken Harder, who is the Africa Inland Mission missionary.

**Week of January 9**—Met with Dr. Edgar Eliston of the Christian Missionary Fellowship. His task is to measure the receptivity of a people group and decide if CMF should begin a work among them. We have discovered that it is not possible to start a mission work as a denomination in any country in which you are not registered. Visited many village churches. Sam and Emily Voorhies have been very hospitable and helpful.

**January 14-20**—Lived with Christian Missionary Fellowship missionaries in Norok, Kenya. Studied and assisted work among the Masai tribe.

**January 21 - February 10**—Visited and assisted in the Assemblies of God work in Uganda. Taught in their Bible college, preached, did carpentry, and Pam worked in Bible studies and rural health nursing.

**February 11-20**—Worked with Wycliffe translators. Worked on visas for Sudan. Bought supplies for Sudan.

**February 21**—Flight to Sudan.

**February 22 - March 8**—Worked with Sudan Interior Mission to understand their mission efforts.

**March 9-13**—Returned to Nairobi and prepared for trip to Ghana.

**March 14**—Flight to Accra. Rode up north to Tamale with some Wycliffe missionaries in an attempt to find Oliver Amani. Food very expensive here. Three oranges and seven bananas cost us \$7.00. A large yam costs \$50.00 and rice is \$7.00 a pound if you can find it.

**March 17 - April 5**—The country of Ghana is basically under siege. All the borders are closed, so goods such as food, gas, car parts, and tires are in short supply. We just bought twelve eggs for \$13.00. A tube of toothpaste, if you can find it, costs \$12.00

**Pam**—Wycliffe Translators have been very helpful to us. Steve has been using his carpentry skills to build pump shed, bookshelves, and other items. We have discovered that in Ghana time adjusts to people, rather than people adjusting to time. In Ghana they don't try to finish a task by a specific time or on a specific day. This is rather frustrating!

Steve left yesterday (March 28) to find Oliver Amani in the Volta Region. We heard by short wave radio that he made it there and is staying with some Wycliffe families in that area. Steve has been as healthy as a horse, and I've only had two days of the "revenge."

**Steve**—Wycliffe leaders offered me the use of a new motorcycle to try to find Brother Amani. I carried all needed gas and supplies and drove 1,000 kilometers in search of him. After two days and 12 hours of bumpy dirt roads, I found him near the village of Kwamikrom. Bro. Amani is a farmer now. His school has closed due to lack of funds. He is a good man. I spent time in Bible studies with him. The church is badly in need of revival.

**April 6**—Left for Nigeria.

**April 7-14**—We found our way to Abak and the church folks. Congregation built a nice mission bungalow for visiting mission people. With their own money they have erected a large concrete block church (35' x 100'). The need of the people for training and spiritual development is very great. I have been teaching Bible studies at 5:00 a.m. daily as this is planting season and all must work in the fields all day. I have scheduled a pastors' conference in early May.

**Conclusions** of our trip thus far. Africa has tremendous needs. It is hard to know where to begin. Africa is in a state of change—over the next couple of decades it will become Christian, Muslim, or Communist. Paganism is on the way out. We have gained lots of ideas and are growing in our concepts of missions. We are being overwhelmed with information and materials.

(This report was prepared from excerpts of letters received from Steve and Pam Grant.)



# General Conference Progress

David Krogh, Executive Director

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

### New Staff Member

Brother Bill Burnham has accepted an appointment to the staff of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College in the Business Office. He began work June 7, 1983. Bill brings to this position many years of experience in financial and business affairs. He has served the past two years as treasurer of the General Conference as a member of the Board of Directors. It is a pleasure to welcome Bill to the staff of the Conference and College.

The General Conference constitution prohibits employees from serving as members of the Board. Therefore, it will be necessary at the August General Conference to elect a replacement for the two-year unexpired term of Brother Burnham.

### Stan Ross Appointment

At the Board of Directors meeting the end of April, Stan Ross was appointed to a position of representing the General Conference in the area of estate planning. Over the past few years, a number of Church of God families have planned their estate so that the General Conference would benefit from a gift or bequest at some point in the future. These gifts have permitted the General Conference to assume financial stability and to reach out in new areas. Brother Ross will be making periodic trips to various parts of the country to discuss various methods of planned giving.

If you want to be certain that you are included on Brother Ross' itinerary in the future, please contact him at: 425 E. 4th St., Litchfield, MN55355. He will be available to visit in your home to confidentially discuss various estate plans.

### Urgent Financial Need

I rejoice each day as I receive a report of the contributions that have been received in the mail from those of you who share our vision for the Lord's work. Though some of you may initially sacrifice in order to contribute to Conference ministries, I know that God is

faithful in giving you a blessing beyond your expectations.

Members of my staff and I are concerned with the sizeable shortfall in contributions that has accumulated during the first eight months of this fiscal year. We are into the summer months when contributions are usually lower than normal. And yet this is the very time when there is additional financial obligations with the launching of the new work at Colorado Springs. Extra expenses are also incurred for the Berean Youth Conference and the summer General Conference. Summer maintenance in preparation for the fall semester at Oregon Bible College must be done.

Though every attempt has been made to freeze unnecessary spending, expenses are exceeding our income. The chart below shows that giving through May 15 had totalled \$213,522. A year ago on May 15 contributions were \$222,873.

Please join me in making this a matter of prayer, and respond by making the largest gift possible at this time.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Goal for Giving for 1982-83	\$402,830	
	Needed	Given
October 1-15	16,244	14,421
October 16-November 15	33,570	29,647
November 16-January 15	67,140	57,479
January 16-February 15	33,570	33,337
February 16-March 15	33,570	19,268
March 16 - April 15	33,570	33,545
April 16 - May 15	33,570	25,825
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	251,234	213,522
Giving shortfall		37,712
Needed each 30 days		33,570
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Goal for next 30 days		\$71,282



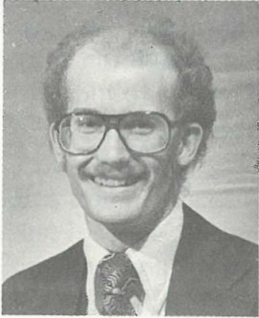
# Publishing Update

Russell Magaw, Director

## Regular Activities

During the 1982-1983 fiscal year publishing continued its many functions. We produced 10 issues of *The Restitution Herald*, 10 issues of PROGRESS JOURNAL, and five issues of *Challenge*. For Christian education in our Sunday

Schools, nine quarterlies and teachers' guides were published each quarter. Several tracts were also reprinted. The Distinctive Biblical Issues adult elective was initiated during the year.



Gary Burnham  
DBI Editor

## Distinctive Biblical Issues

As many as 33 churches and 524 students have participated in Distinctive Biblical Issues during the year. Several meaty discussion topics have generated help to adults throughout our churches in this elective used during Sunday School, on Wednesday nights, as a Sunday evening service filler, and as material for home Bible studies. Pastor Gary Burnham has written the study guides for this series. *Restitution Herald* articles are used as a source for the discussion topics.

In the fall several interesting topics will be used in Distinctive Biblical Issues. A partial list of topics:

- What About the Nuclear Freeze Movement?
- Superstar or Servant?
- Sacred or Secular: the Dilemma of the Modern Christian
- Those Controversial Spiritual Gifts
- Why Opposition to Human Genetic Engineering?
- Who Are the "Age to Come" Theologians?
- Can Anyone Fit the Trinity into John 17:3? (Part II)
- Megatrends in Biblical Perspective

Want to sign up your Bible study class or church group to Distinctive Biblical Issues? Opportunity will be extended at General Conference for this purpose.

## The Restitution Herald Readers' Survey

In the March, 1983, *Herald* issue a Readers' Survey appeared on page 18 to ascertain exactly what subscribers are reading in the magazine. Responses were highly complimentary of *The Herald's* effectiveness in achieving its purposes. In addition, 88 percent of the respondents read every issue of the magazine. The most appreciated articles and features indicated by respondents are Anthony Buzzard's articles (90 percent), the News and Prophecy and Editor's Viewpoint pages (both at 87 percent).

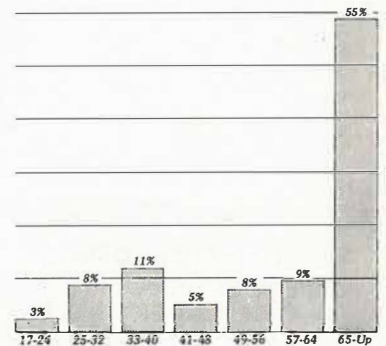
Most respondents read *The Herald* to better understand prophetic truth (70 percent) and for inspiration (69 percent). Another 62 percent read the magazine to confirm their doctrinal position, while 56 percent gain insights for personal growth through its pages. A whopping 80 percent of respondents read most or all of each issue.

Other observations were gleaned from the survey. The largest age group of readers is the 65 and older with 55 percent of respondents in that category. A total of 88 percent of the respondents are church members and 64 percent of the readers are women.

An abundant number of additional comments were given to the survey. Many of these have been or will be printed in the "Letters to the Editor" section of *The Herald*.

Our thanks are extended to all *Herald* readers who participated in the survey. Your suggestions will help the editor to publish a magazine which will meet the needs of the readership.

**Good news!** This fall you can use Visa/MasterCard to renew your *Herald* subscription.



Readers' Survey Response by Age



Scott Ross, Editor  
Adult Quarterly

## Truth Seeker's Adult Quarterly

Editor Scott Ross has introduced many helpful features and some new faces on the writing staff of this fine educational tool for our Sunday Schools. Each lesson has a Life Application section and several writers have written Learning Activities which help the student respond to the Bible truths learned in the lesson.

We have heard of several reports of the good done in our churches through the adult quarterly. Persons have accepted Christ as their Savior and have been baptized as a result of some of the lessons. In one church specific steps toward discipleship and community involvement were taken in response to another lesson.

We are thankful to God, Scott, and his staff of writers for the good being done through the adult quarterly. If your adult Sunday School classes need spiritual revitalization, take another look at this tried and true Church of God educational tool. Place your order for the fall, 1983, quarter today.

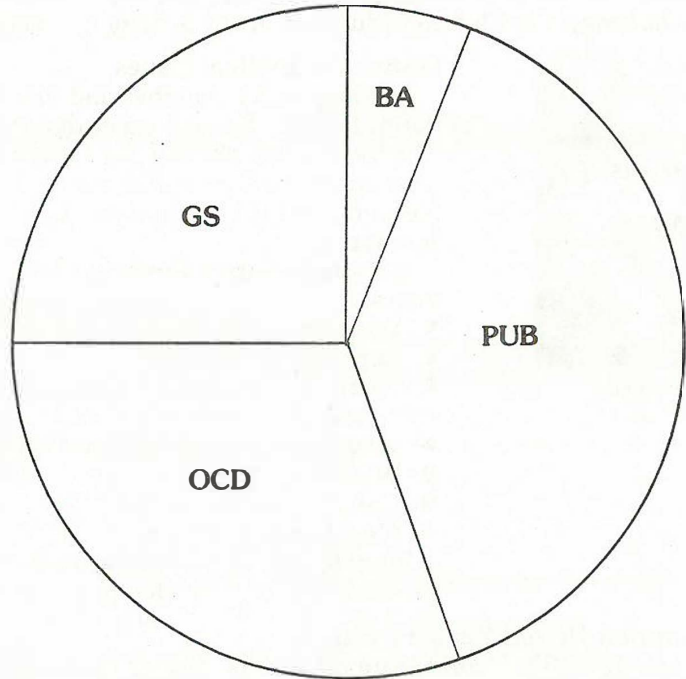


# FINANCES

## WHERE EACH DOLLAR OF INCOME TO THE CONFERENCE/COLLEGE GOES

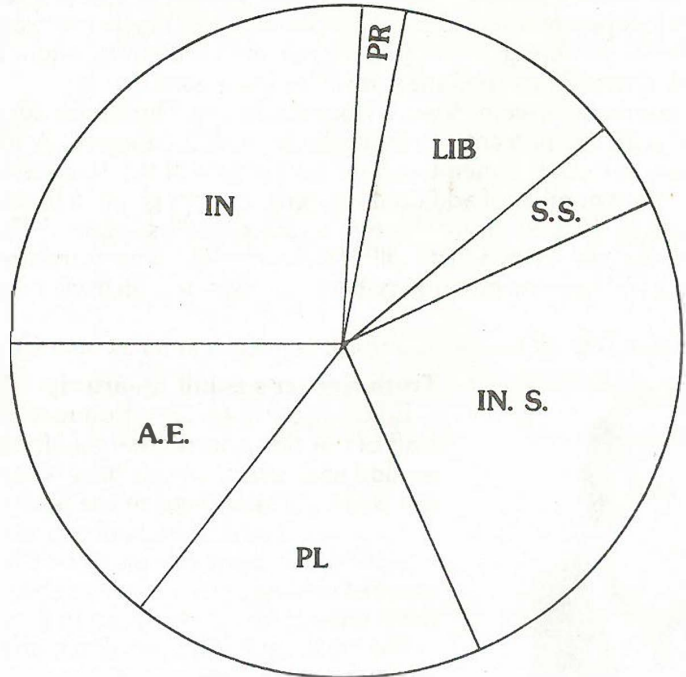
50¢ of each dollar goes to support General Conference ministries as follows:

General Services	12½¢
Business Administration	3¢
Publishing	20½¢
Outreach and Church Development	14¢



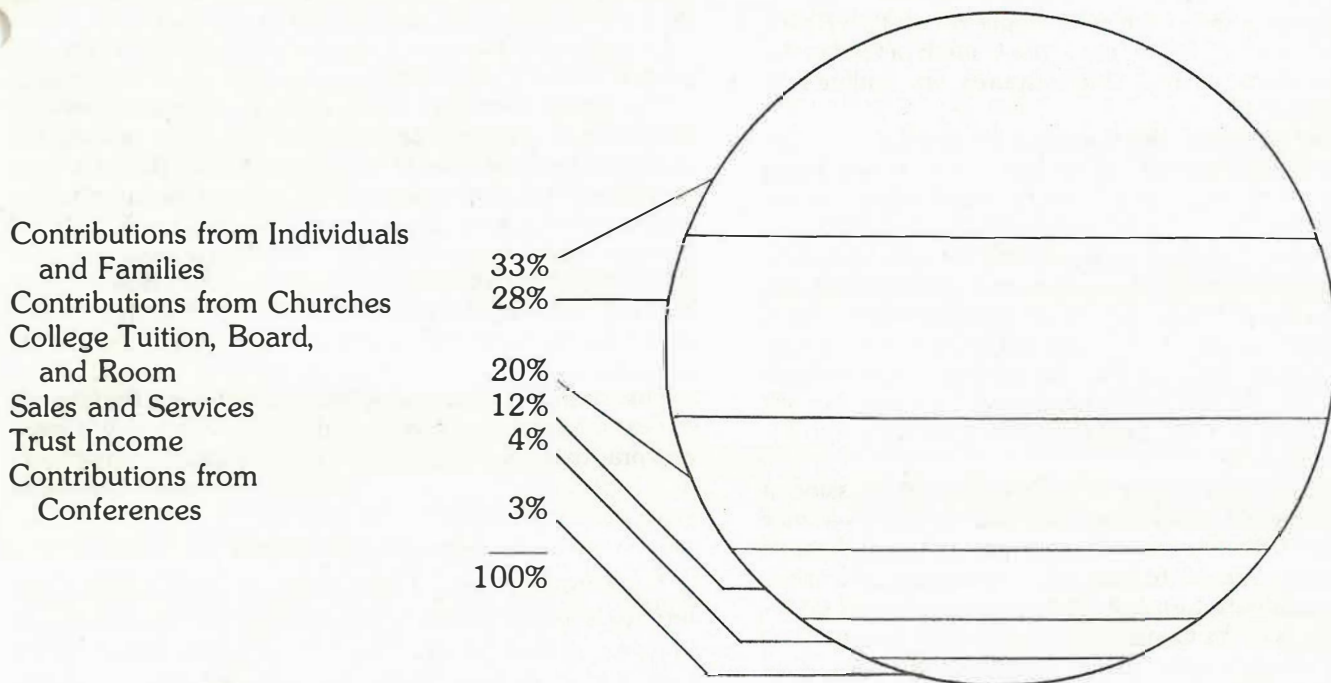
50¢ of each dollar goes to support Oregon Bible College as follows:

Instruction	13¢
Public Relations	1¢
Library and Academic Support	5.5¢
Student Services	2¢
Institutional Support	12.5¢
Plant	8.5¢
Auxiliary Enterprises	7.5¢





## SOURCES OF INCOME



Contributions from Individuals and Families continue to rank number one as the largest source of income for the Conference/College. Each member family of the Church of God is vital to the ongoing ministries of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

## STRATEGIC GIVING PROGRAMS

Two giving programs were launched this year in the Church of God. The Development Council consists of those who will make an annual contribution of \$500 or more during the calendar year 1983. Members of the Founders' Circle will make annual gifts between \$120 and \$499 during 1983.

The response of many people to these giving

opportunities will place the work of the Conference on a solid financial foundation. Gifts and commitments will enable the Board of Directors and the staff to make plans and decisions based upon estimates of anticipated income during the year. I am confident that all Church of God people want the Conference to operate in a fiscally responsible manner. These two giving programs help to make this possible.

### PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS AS OF MAY 15, 1983

	Goal	Members Enrolled	Commitments Made	Cash Received
Development Council*	150 families	37	\$28,871	\$12,790
Founders' Circle**	<u>250 families</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>6,206</u>	<u>3,196</u>
	400 families	84	\$35,077	\$15,986

\*Annual contributions of \$500 or more.

\*\*Annual contributions of \$120 to \$499.



# SPECIAL REPORTS

## CHRISTIAN CONCILIATION BOARD

The major emphasis of the Christian Conciliation Board is to help educate all the people of the Church of God in the Scriptural means of resolving disputes, as outlined in Matthew 18:15-17.

Jesus could foresee the potential for conflict and disagreement within members of his body, so he wisely listed three clear steps that should be followed when the inevitable occurs.

The Christian Conciliation Board will not only help local churches to understand this process, but it will strongly encourage the use of this process in even the smallest of conflicts. The individuals of the Board will be available to consult over the telephone to assist persons to work through the Scriptural process. If it seems necessary, a church can ask the Board to come to the local church to assist in the resolution of the dispute.

The Christian Conciliation Board will present a session at the 1983 General Conference as a follow-up to the seminar held at the 1982 General Conference. Other workshops and seminars designed to help prevent disputes and crises are being considered for the future.

The services of the Conciliation Board can be secured by contacting any member of the Board or the Executive Director. S. O. Ross, 612-693-7874; Joe James, 803-269-2964; Nancy Demmitt, 602-256-7652; David Krogh, 815-732-7991.

Joe E. James, Chairman

## REPORT OF LICENSE AND ORDINATION BOARD

The Board met several times during both the Ministerial Conference and the General Conference. During the Ministerial Conference week, we met with the Sophmores of Oregon Bible College. This is for the purpose of presenting to them the copy of the Standards for Ministerial Recognition and give them an opportunity to ask questions. It is viewed by both the Board and the OBC president as a part of their education. A meeting also was held during the luncheon hour on Wednesday with the OBC Seniors. It was for the purpose of answering any questions they might have in regard to their responsibility toward the Board in applying for a License.

Routine business during the General Conference consisted of signing the Certificates of License which are issued to each one who has applied for a Ministerial License and has been approved, discussing the preparation for the special service on Wednesday, and general business. The number of applicants approved for a Ministerial License in 1982 was seven. For the first time in General Conference history, Certificates of License and Recognition Cards were granted to those entering other "ministries" beside that of a pastor. Those "ministries" include Christian Education, Music, and Associate Pastor.

During the worship service on Wednesday evening, the Certificates of License and Recognition Cards, good for one year, were given to the seven candidates who had been approved. In the Fall of 1982, a Certificate of License and a Recognition Card was granted to another. Also during the Wednesday evening service, Bro. David Wilsterman and wife Janis were introduced to the audience. David had been ordained in the church where he is pastor. That is the Happy Woods Church, Hammond, LA. Pastor Billie Kennedy

had charge of the ordination service. He was chairman of the License and Ordination Board at the time.

In addition to those who received Recognition Cards for the first time in 1982, 54 others were handed out or mailed.

The Board members made some recommendations to the General Conference Board of Directors, asking for studies to be done as to 1) what is an Oregon Bible College equivalent and, 2) a review and updating of the information and questions A to Z on the Application for Ministerial License. These suggestions were made in a meeting of the Board members with the General Conference Board members on Thursday, August 5. Since that time some changes or guidelines have been established and are to be further studied.

The Board members enjoy being able to serve the Church of God General Conference and its membership. We hope and pray that it is to the glory of God. We desire your prayers and support.

Francis E. Burnett, Chairman

## 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 emergencies. 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 General Conference.

During the past nine months, two gifts totaling \$600 have been given to two ministers who had emergencies.

Our thanks are extended to those who have supported this fund with special contributions during the year.

The fund balance was \$2,502.70 as of April 30, 1983.

David Krogh, Secretary

## CHURCH OF GOD INVESTMENT FUND

By action of the delegates at the 1982 General Conference, the Church of God Investment Fund was created. The purpose of the fund is to accept money from depositors and to lend money to churches. A reasonable rate of interest is to be paid to depositors and a reasonable rate of interest is to be charged to those churches that borrow from the fund.

According to the By-Laws of the Corporation, the fund will be managed by three directors appointed by the General Conference Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Conference Board, and the Executive Director. The Board of Directors of the General Conference appointed Bill Burnham, Robert Smith, and Dr. William D. Lawrence, to serve as trustees along with the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Joe James, and the Executive Director, David Krogh.

The first meeting of the trustees of the Church of God Investment Fund was held in Oregon, Illinois, November 29, 1982. Bill Burnham was elected Chairman and Robert Smith was elected Vice Chairman. The Executive Director serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Rules and Regulations governing the savings department were reviewed.



2. Loan, documentation, and disbursement procedures were reviewed.
3. Interest rate for depositors and interest rate for loans were discussed.
4. Plans to advertise the Investment Fund were discussed.

Implementation of the fund will proceed as soon as legal and paper work is completed, and adequate staff is available in the Business Office of the General Conference.

The trustees will meet at the annual General Conference in August. David Krogh, Secretary

#### MINISTERS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

During General Conference this year the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association will become 15 years of age since the Association was organized at the General Conference in 1968. The assets of the association have increased each year. Presently there are 12 ministers and three ministers' wives benefiting in drawing monthly retirement checks.

At the biannual meeting last August the rules were changed to allow full-time General Conference employees to enroll in the plan. Two of these employees have taken advantage of this change and enrolled. Other recently licensed ministers have enrolled as well. We would urge churches and ministers who are not yet in the plan to seriously consider enrolling. The more who come in the plan the stronger the program will become. For further information contact anyone on the Board of Trustees of the Association. The funds are invested in and managed by Aetna Life Insurance Co.

Presently there are 47 ministers, three ministers' widows, 47 churches, and seven conferences in the association.

The Board of Trustees is made up of the Chairman, who is a pastor appointed by the Board of Directors; a Vice-Chairman, elected by the delegates at a biannual meeting; and the Secretary-Treasurer, who is the Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference. We trust that God's blessings will continue to shine upon the plans and purpose of this association.

S. O. Ross, Chairman  
Dean Urish, Vice-Chairman  
David Krogh, Secretary-Treasurer

#### ABORTION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

At the August 1982 Delegate Business Session at General Conference, a motion was passed as follows: "We believe life is a sacred gift from God which should be protected from the time of conception until the occurring of natural death. Therefore, we oppose the practice of abortion, feeling that it is morally opposed to the Word of God, and its practice results in the devaluation of all human life."

A motion was also passed by the delegates which called for the Board of Directors to appoint a committee to do a comprehensive study on the life question and report back to next year's General Conference for further consideration.

The Board appointed Don Needham, Nancy Craig, and Dr. William D. Lawrence to serve on the committee.

The committee has conferred and has concluded that the resolution which the delegates adopted on August 5 clearly states the position to which the Church of God General Conference should hold. The committee wishes to make no further recommendations.

Don Needham  
Nancy Craig  
Dr. William D. Lawrence

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### RECOMMENDATION ONE

We recommend the adoption of the document entitled "A Philosophy of Missions for the Church of God General Conference."

This document is being proposed so that members of the Church of God General Conference might be able to more clearly see God's perspective of world evangelization and our part in that work through a defined philosophy. This policy of missions for the Church of God will help to:

- A. Clarify our understanding of the purpose of the church.
- B. Define the relationship of the denominational organization and leaders, and the local church.
- C. Clarify our definition of missions in the field of ministry to which this philosophy applies most directly.
- D. To establish a working policy of missions by which our purpose as a General Conference can be administered efficiently and function effectively in missions.

#### Explanation:

The Church of God General Conference has been involved in mission work for nearly 30 years. We have learned many important mission principles through our experience over the years, and through professional training

from those who have been involved in mission work longer than we have.

In order for our mission work to move ahead, this written mission policy has been prepared. We are committing to paper policies and procedures that have been transmitted in oral form previously. A written policy makes it much easier to administer and provide continuity to our mission ministries.

Complete copies of "A Philosophy of Missions for the Church of God General Conference" have been distributed to pastors and missionary committees of each Church of God. The copies are available for review by delegates and members prior to the August General Conference. Additional copies may be secured from the Church of God General Conference.

The policy consists of the following sections:

- A. General Statements
  1. Preface Statements
  2. Statement of Content
  3. The Purpose of the Church
  4. The Relationship of the Church of God General Conference and the Local Church
  5. The Biblical Mandate for Missions
- B. Preliminary Policy Statements
  1. The Purpose of a Church of God General Conference Missions Policy



2. Flexibility of Interpretation of This Policy
  3. Revision of the Missions Policy
  4. Application of the Policy
- C. The Missions Structure  
Missions Administration
- D. Financial Policies
1. Preparation and Approval of Missions Budget
  2. Missions Budget
  3. Designated Gifts
  4. Funds Shortage Policy
  5. A Contingency Fund
  6. Strategies of Distribution
  7. Funding for Foreign Travel
  8. Funds Sent Directly to Missionaries and Fields
- E. Selection and Sponsorship of Missionaries and Missions Programs
1. Determination of Missionaries and Ministries to Support
  2. Criteria for Support
  3. What we Expect from the Missionaries
  4. Evaluation and Revision of Support
  5. Support of Students Preparing for Missionary Service
- F. Closing Statement

Along with this proposed Mission Policy for the Church of God General Conference, a Mission Policy for the local church which is in harmony with the General Conference policy has been prepared. Copies of this policy are available to serve as a model for local churches who wish to prepare a written policy.

## RECOMMENDATION TWO

We recommend that the name "Mission Builders League" be changed to "Church Builders League."

### *Explanation:*

An urgent need among many congregations in the Church of God is to relocate. Some of our churches are located in declining neighborhoods and/or in places that have poor accessibility or visibility. If growth and revitalization are to take place, the church must relocate to a more favorable location.

However, relocation poses substantial problems for many of our churches. The cost of buying property in growing communities is enormous; the cost of erecting new buildings is overwhelming; and usually it is impossible to sell the old property for a reasonable price.

Though a church may have been in existence for 50 to 100 years, this does not make it easy to face the challenges of relocation, change, and a huge debt.

Two years ago the Mission Builders Guidelines were amended to more strongly emphasize appeals for churches which chose to relocate, and to assist churches which had outgrown their present facilities, to enlarge, buy, rebuild, or exchange buildings.

The guidelines continued to recognize the importance of assisting new congregations and those who had not previously owned a building to buy or construct one. However, the revitalization of existing churches was recognized as well.

The name "Mission Builders League" has caused some to feel that funds could only be used for new works. The word "mission" was interpreted to mean a new, small work. The

word "mission" has a much broader definition, however, and this recommendation is being proposed to help clarify the matter and to help emphasize the need for revitalization of many of our churches.

It seems apparent that the Builders League has never been more important than it is today. As we look forward to planting new churches, and as more of our existing churches become revitalized, the League will be called upon to provide essential assistance.

In order to provide vital support, not only must many new members be enrolled in the League, but present members must be encouraged to think in terms of the maximum gift that they can make to each appeal. Though members are asked to contribute \$20 or more to each appeal, much larger gifts must be encouraged.

Changing the name to "Church Builders League" will help to focus new attention on this worthwhile program and help to chart a modified course for the future.

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Minnesota State Conference would like to enter the name of David Cheatwood as a nominee to run for an office of the Board of Directors of the General Conference.

Pastor David Cheatwood is a graduate of Oregon Bible College, has pastored several churches, has served on the staff of Berean Youth Conference and several state camps. He is a member of the Minnesota State Conference Board and is the president of the Minnesota State Missionary Society. He is on the License and Ordination Board and vice-president of the National Ministerial Association. He has held several positions of responsibility in various types of business.

The Minnesota Conference Board feels that his experience in the ministry and his experience in various areas of business makes him well qualified for the position.

MINNESOTA STATE CONFERENCE  
Elmo J. Gaspar, Pres.

David L. Johnson and his wife Miriam have four children. Allison is an R.N. in Minneapolis, Blair was a student at OBC and graduated from Moorhead State University in Minnesota, Haley is an art student at Moorhead State, and Darris is in high school.

David's occupation is farmer-businessman-entrepreneur. He started farming in 1957. . . Developed Rovid Farms into a thriving prosperous business. It is composed of several sections of prime ag land coupled with a full line of modern machinery and a grain elevator system.

Dave served on the Renville County Sugar Beet Co-op as a director for 10 years. During that time a 60 million dollar beet-processing facility was conceived, sold to 300 farmers which own it, and financed by a complicated lease leverage system of finance.

Dave has been active in church work—local, state, and national. For many years he was Sunday School teacher for the adult class. He has served as an elder for many years and Chairman of the Board. He served the General Conference as a Director and for two years was Vice President.

David and Miriam Johnson have made a leadership level commitment to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, and David has agreed to work closely with staff members in setting up and making Foundation contacts during the coming months.



# Budget Draft

The budget printed on this page was reviewed by the Board of Directors at its meeting April 30, 1983. This budget draft is printed here so that local churches can review it prior to the delegate sessions in August.

The proposed budget calls for total contributions of \$424,442, which is \$21,612 more than needed in the current fiscal year. This is an increase of about five percent.

# Budget Draft

## CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

October 1, 1983 - September 30, 1984

	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>Payroll &amp; Employee Benefits:</b>			
Salaries & Wages	144,150	167,312	311,462
Social Security	9,845	11,093	20,938
Employee Benefits	15,725	10,011	26,736
Outside Instruction		5,000	5,000
Student Employment		18,000	18,000
<b>General Operations:</b>			
Advertising		500	500
Films		750	750
Speakers		750	750
Foreign Exchange	1,500		1,500
Insurance—Autos	800	856	1,656
Auto Expense	2,000	2,500	4,500
Commencement		300	300
Office & Computer Supplies	1,500	950	2,450
Miscellaneous	800		800
Royalties	1,000	50	1,050
Typesetting Expense	1,000		1,000
Editorial	1,050		1,050
Periodicals—Library		2,800	2,800
Periodicals, Books—Instructional and Office Resources	550	850	1,400
Postage	13,500	1,000	14,500
Binding		1,200	1,200
Printing	42,400	800	43,200
Professional Services	1,750	2,500	4,250
Repairs & Maintenance—other than plant	5,150	1,000	6,150
Staff Education	1,100	2,000	3,100
Mailing Supplies	2,000		2,000
Supplies & Expense	3,100	3,500	6,600
Telephone	3,000	5,000	8,000
Travel	13,200	7,500	20,700
Literature	300		300
Assistance to Mission Points	1,500		1,500
Assistance to Churches	18,000		18,000
Missions Training	500		500
Assistance to Church Planting	3,500		3,500
<b>Plant Operations:</b>			
Property Insurance	700	2,100	2,800
Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	3,000	4,800
Supplies & Expense	200	2,000	2,200
Utilities	5,000	22,000	27,000
<b>Additions to Plant &amp; Equipment:</b>			
Buildings		3,000	3,000
Furniture & Equipment	2,000	7,600	9,600
Library Books		3,500	3,500
Vehicle Replacement	3,000	1,500	4,500
Archives		2,000	2,000
Films & Tapes		350	350
<b>Purchases:</b>			
Food		25,000	25,000
Resale Items	11,000		11,000
Deficit Repayment	2,500	2,500	5,000
	315,120	320,772	635,892
<b>ANTICIPATED INCOME:</b>			
College Tuition, Board, Room, and Fees	122,450	296,397	
Gross Sales	64,000		
Trust Income	25,000		
	211,450		
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED 1983-84:</b>			424,442
Contributions Needed for Current Fiscal Year			402,830



# 1983 General Conference Program

*Theme: The Local Church: Seedbed for Missions*

Conference Workers:  
 Program Committee: Steve and Pam Grant, Judy Myers, David Krogh, Warren Sorenson, and Shirley Urish  
 Office Manager: Tim Jones  
 Head Usher: Willis Turner  
 Youth Coordinator: Don Nunemaker  
 Nurse: Pam Grant  
 Credentials Committee: Janet Stilson  
 Ministers' Meetings: S. O. Ross, President  
 Priscillas' Meetings: Sue Hall, President  
 Office Staff: Becky Hall, Donna Kirkpatrick, Betty Hall, Rachel Newell, and Barbara Buzzard

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 1

9:30 Registration begins  
 10:30 Singin' and Sharin'  
 11:30 Lunch  
 12:30 Singin' and Sharin'  
 1:00 Keynote Session  
 1:45 Seminars  
 3:15 Seminars  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service  
 Worship Leader  
 Speaker, Dick Young, "The Local Church: Seedbed for Missions"  
 Junior Church, ages 3 to 12 years  
 8:30 Welcome Reception  
 10:30 Lights out

### Tuesday, August 2

7:15 Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer sessions for Ministers, Priscillas, and Adults  
 Children's classes begin (see Children's Program schedule for more information)  
 Chapel service for youth (see Youth Program schedule for more information)  
 Nursery for children 2 and under (see Children's Program schedule for more information)  
 8:45 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 Adult Bible Study, Anthony Buzzard, teacher  
 9:45 Break

10:00 Business session  
 Welcome by Chairman Joe James  
 Seating of 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  
 Outreach and Church Development business  
 Action on Recommendation One  
 11:45 Lunch  
 12:45 Singin' and Sharin'  
 1:15 Seminars  
 2:45 Seminars  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service  
 Worship Leader  
 Speaker, Hollis Partlowe, "A Biblical Model for Missions"  
 Communion Service  
 Junior Church  
 8:30 Oregon Bible College Alumni Meeting  
 Snackbar, gym, and pool  
 10:30 Lights out

### Wednesday, August 3

7:15 Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer Sessions  
 8:45 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas Meeting  
 Adult Bible Study  
 9:45 Break  
 10:00 Business session  
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes  
 Nomination of two Directors  
 Publications Department business  
 Oregon Bible College business  
 11:45 Lunch  
 12:45 Singin' and Sharin'  
 1:15 Seminars  
 2:45 Seminars  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service  
 Worship Leader  
 License and Ordination Board  
 Speaker, James Graham, "What Does It Mean to Be a World Christian?"  
 Junior Church

8:30 Snackbar, gym, and pool  
 10:30 Lights out

### Thursday, August 4

7:15 Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer Sessions  
 8:45 Ministers' Meeting  
 Priscillas' Meeting  
 Adult Bible Study  
 9:45 Break  
 10:00 Business session  
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes  
 Election of two Directors  
 General business  
 Adoption of budget  
 11:45 Lunch  
 12:45 Singin' and Sharin'  
 1:15 Seminars  
 2:45 Seminars  
 4:30 Choir Practice  
 5:15 Dinner  
 7:00 Evening Worship Service  
 Worship Leader  
 Installation of General Conference Officers  
 Speaker, Steve Grant, "Revival and Missions"  
 Junior Church  
 8:30 Snackbar, gym, and pool  
 10:30 Lights out

### Friday, August 5

7:00 Joint Prayer Service  
 7:15 Breakfast  
 9:00 Campus vacated

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### Two years and under

8:30-11:45 Hired sitters  
 1:15- 4:15 Hired sitters  
 7:00- 8:30 Hired sitters

### Ages three to eight

8:30-11:45 Bible School, Sharon Bliss, Director  
 1:15- 4:15 Bible School  
 7:00- 8:30 Junior Church, Ralph Childs, Director

## YOUTH PROGRAM

Grades four through twelve  
 A complete program of classes, recreation, and fellowship is scheduled.



# CONFERENCE SEMINARS

Each afternoon during Conference, a number of Seminars will be offered. There will be two periods each afternoon of one hour each. The seminars last different lengths of time. Therefore, depending upon which Seminars you choose, you will be able to attend one or more. After the description of each Seminar there is a suggestion as to who might benefit from each one. However, all the Seminars are open to everyone. Please put a check beside the Seminar(s) you wish to attend.

## Category 1

The following subject will meet a total of six hours. It will meet for two hours on two days and one hour on two days. If you choose this topic, you will be able to select one additional Seminar from Category 3 or two seminars from Category 4.

- **The Local Church Can Change the World**—Judy Myers.  
This seminar will begin with a Scriptural study of the responsibilities of the local church. The dimensions of the current task of world evangelization will be viewed. You will have an opportunity to see how a typical missions committee functions. Through the use of a self-evaluation profile, you will be able to determine how missions minded your church is. You will learn how to increase missions mindedness in 10 vital areas. (For Pastors, Missions Committee members, Church Board members, and others interested in missions.)

## Category 2

The following subjects will meet for a total of four hours: one period each day. If you select this topic, you may select two topics from Category 3 or four topics from Category 4. If you chose the seminar in Category 1, you will not be able to be involved in this subject.

- **Bible Study: Biblical Basis of World Missions**—Pastor Ron Macy.  
A thorough study of God's will regarding missions will be studied in this class. The theme of the Conference will be presented from a Biblical perspective. (For all Bible students.)
- **Youth Ministry Training**—Hugh Harman.  
Special helps will be presented in establishing an effective youth ministry in your local church. (For Youth Leaders and Sunday School teachers who teach young people.)

## Category 3

The following subjects will meet for two periods. If you did not choose any classes from Categories 1 or 2, you may select all three of these topics. If you picked the topic in Category 1, you may choose one of these topics. If you selected a topic from Category 2, you may select 2 of these topics.

- **Your Missions Committee: Starting from Scratch**—Judy Myers and Carol Schmidlapp.  
If your church does not have a Missions Committee, or if you are just getting started, these sessions will be very helpful to you. Very basic information will be shared which you can apply in your church immediately. (For Missions Committee members, Pastors, and others interested in missions.)
- **Developing Missions Leadership in Your Church: The Steps to Take**—Steve Grant and Mardy Lawrence.  
A Missions emphasis in the local church will happen only by training local leadership. This class will make it possible for you to train the leadership that you need. (For Pastors, Missions Committee Chairmen, and others interested in missions.)
- **Missions Education in the Local Church**—Mardy Lawrence.  
Creating missions awareness in the local church is a matter of education. Practical ways of helping to educate your congregation in missions will be presented in this class. (For Pastors, Missions Committee members, and others interested in missions.)

## Category 4

These subjects will meet for only one period. If you did not choose any classes from Categories 1, 2, or 3, you may select eight of these topics. If you selected the topic from Category 1, you may choose two of these topics. If you selected one of the topics in Category 2, you may select four of these classes. If you selected one topic from Category 3, you may select six of these topics. If you selected two topics from Category 3, you may select four of these topics. If you selected three topics from Category 3, you may select two of these topics.

- **Faith Promise Giving: What It Is; What It Is Not**—Pam Grant.

A comprehensive discussion of Faith Promise Giving will be conducted in this class. (For Pastors, Missions Committee members, and others interested in missions.)

- **The Praying Church: Developing the Ministry of Intercession**—Larry Gaspar.

Undergirding all successful mission efforts is the ministry of prayer. This class will discuss ways of increasing the effectiveness of the prayer ministry of your church. (For those involved in present prayer ministries of the local church, Pastors, and others interested in prayer.)

- **Steps to the Field: Preparing Missionary Candidates**—Steve Grant.

If a local church is going to be a seedbed of missions, it is necessary to prepare missionary candidates. This class will clarify the steps that must be taken in order to prepare missionary personnel. (Missions Committee members, Pastors, and others interested in missions.)

- **How to Have a Successful Junior Choir**—Louise Lapp.

This class will discuss the value of a Junior Choir and the principles to follow in making it successful. (Music Committee Members, Choir Directors, and others interested in starting a Junior Choir ministry.)

- **Resolving Disputes in the Local Church**—Conciliation Board.

This class will review principles of resolving disputes which occur in a local church. (For Pastors or church leaders who might be involved in resolving disputes, or any Christian who is interested in bringing peace to those who are having conflict.)

- **Using the Gifts God Gave You**—David Wilsterman.

Many members in our local churches have studied spiritual gifts and determined their gift. However, many of our churches are not organized to make use of the gifts that people have. This class will provide help in utilizing the gifts of local members more effectively. (For Pastors, Church Board members, and others interested in spiritual gifts.)

- **Communicating Christ: How to Share Your Faith**—E. Richard Smith.

This class will consist of very practical principles in witnessing. (For Pastors and laypeople who are interested in evangelism.)

- **Evangelizing Professionals**—Dr. William D. Lawrence.

This class is a repeat of the very successful presentation made by Dr. Lawrence last year. The principles presented in this class are helpful in reaching those without Christ. (For those interested in evangelism.)

- **Principles of Calling a Pastor**—Keith Williams.

A ten-point process will be shared stating the steps to be followed in calling a new pastor. This procedure will help to solve many of the problems that have been experienced in calling pastors in the past. (For Pastors, Church Board members, and others interested in this process.)

- **Question and Answer Period.**

Members of the General Conference Board, and General Conference and Oregon Bible College staffs, will be present to answer questions regarding ministries, programs, and activities which are being carried on by the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.



## Additional Conference Information

**Site:** The 1983 Church of God General Conference will be held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 2-6, Rockford College is located on East State Street (U.S. Highway Business 20).

If one is traveling on Interstate 90 he would take 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 (on the southeast side 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 Field in Chicago. There is a shuttle bus leaving O'Hare every hour (on the half hour) which comes directly to Rockford. The bus can be boarded on the lower level in front of Carson's Circle Restaurant. This is located between United and American Airlines. One would get off the bus at the Sweden House (the second stop) in Rockford. A Conference vehicle will meet each bus from O'Hare at Sweden House on Monday, August 3 (registration day) from 9:10 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Other arrivals will be met if we are notified. There are a few flights that come directly to Rockford Airport. We will make arrangements for transportation from the Rockford Airport if we are notified of arrival data.

**Registration:** Registration begins on August 1, 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 23. Reservations received after July 23 will be assessed a \$10.00 late registration fee. Registration forms are available in each local church. 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) \$90; Children (4-12) \$80; Children under 4 years if college bed is used \$25; commuters \$18. There is a \$10 nonrefundable 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 \$18 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 for the Conference would be \$54 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:** Youth must be accompanied to the Conference by a parent or a responsible guardian. A full schedule of activities is planned for the youth. All youth attending the Conference will be expected to attend all of the planned services and activities.

**Children's Classes:** A full schedule of activities is planned for all children 8 years and under (See program in this issue.)

Hired sitters are being provided for children 2 years and under.

Junior Church will be conducted each evening at 7:00 p.m. for those 3 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 a bathing cap.

**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. The mileage rate this year is 12¢.

### Homecoming

### Christian Workers' Seminar

at Gatlinburg, TN

March, 1984

*Make Plans Now to Attend*



# YOUTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

by Hugh Harman  
Youth Coordinator

The status of the Berean Youth Fellowship during the 1982-83 calendar year remains the same as the previous year. It is being handled on a part-time basis by this writer from Mesa, AZ.

The programs conducted in previous years continue to be on-going and these include International Berean Youth Conference, Post-High Midwinter Retreat, Coins for Christ, and Youth Week. The *Challenge* magazine continues to be the publication for the youth of the local churches.

During the current year it was decided by the Youth Advisory Council at its annual meeting at Youth Conference to put the Mid-Winter Retreat, Youth Week, and Coins for Christ on hold for the year due to a lack of participation the previous year. These programs will again be promoted during the 1983-84 year.

International Berean Youth Conference was again held at Camp Mack near Milford, IN, on July 11-17, 1982. As usual it appeared to be a very successful venture and its blessings were many. In attendance were 196 high school and 67 post-high campers. The program offered at Youth Conference was conducted by the 39 people who served on the staff. Pastor Jim Graham directed the high school program and Pastor Don Needham directed the post-high program.

The highlight of any Youth Conference is always "Decision Night" and this year was no exception as we witnessed 11 young people commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

Four young people who serve on the Youth Advisory Council were able to attend one of the major youth seminars which are conducted in various areas around the country. These seminars provide valuable information on current data and methods which concern today's youth culture. It is our hope that these young people will be able to pass the information they gleaned from their experience on to other interested parties.

During the months of June, July, and August this writer traveled in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Minnesota, conducting seminars relating to the youth culture of today. These seminars seemed to be well received by the people who attended them. A seminar was also taught at General Conference.

A sincere "thank you" goes to all who have supported the youth during this past year with their financial assistance and/or labor.

## Prayer and Praise Calendar July, 1983



- 1 Pray for the members of the caravan from the Valley View Bible Church who are going to Colorado Springs to help in visitation.
- 2 Praise God for leading Bill Burnham to the position of business administration on the staff of the General Conference.
- 3 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they return from Colorado Springs.
- 4 Praise God for the experiences of the church-planting team in Colorado Springs.
- 5 Pray for Pastor Jawar as he ministers to his people in the Philippines.
- 6 Pray for the believers in the congregations in the Philippines, that God will lead them in spiritual growth.
- 7 Pray for the staff of the International Berean Youth Conference as they enter into this summer's camp experience.
- 8 Pray for Hugh Harman as he leads the youth camp.
- 9 Pray for all those who will be traveling to youth camp.
- 10 Pray that God will be felt in the youth camp and that rich spiritual experiences will take place.
- 11 Pray for Pam and Steve Grant, that God will enable them to communicate an awareness of the task of missions to our local churches.
- 12 Pray for Bro. Oliver Amani and his ministry in Ghana.
- 13 Praise God for the ministry of your local church.
- 14 Praise God for your pastor and family; uplift them in special prayer.
- 15 Pray for those who will be returning from youth camp; may they be a spiritual blessing in their home church.
- 16 Pray for those who have been receptive to the visitation work in Colorado Springs, that God will open their hearts to the gospel.
- 17 Pray for the Needhams as they prepare to move to Colorado Springs.
- 18 Pray for Pastor Ephraim Udo and his ministry in Nigeria, that God will enable him to exercise spiritual leadership in his congregation.
- 19 Pray for Pastor Solomon Idiong, that God will bless his congregation with growth.
- 20 Pray for Pastor John Obot, that he and his family will be an example of faith to unbelievers.
- 21 Praise God for those who are generously and faithfully supporting the ministries of the General Conference.
- 22 Pray for the delegates from local churches as they prepare to attend General Conference business sessions.
- 23 Praise God for those who have accepted responsibilities in presenting the various programs for General Conference sessions.
- 24 Pray for Anthony Buzzard and his family as they vacation in England and for their safe return to the United States.
- 25 Pray for Bro. David Krogh in his leadership of General Conference ministries.
- 26 Pray for Bill Burnham and his family, that God will bless them in the time of transition in work and location.
- 27 Read Psalm 100:3. Praise God for providing us an opportunity to be his people.
- 28 Pray for Pastor M. R. Noel and his leadership of the congregation in Bangalore, India.
- 29 Pray for Bro. Kent Ross and his recruitment ministry for Oregon Bible College.
- 30 Praise God for a faithful person in your congregation.
- 31 Pray for those who will be traveling to General Conference in Rockford, IL.



## Prayer and Praise Calendar

August, 1983

- 1 Read Psalm 133:1. Praise God for the experience of people from many congregations being able to fellowship in unity during General Conference this week.
- 2 Pray that God will lead in the decisions made in the business sessions of General Conference this week.
- 3 Pray that God will direct those who will be speaking at various services and sessions at General Conference.
- 4 Praise God for the heritage truths believed and taught through the Church of God.
- 5 Praise God for the faithful workers of the past who laid down the foundations of faith which provide us with a privilege of worship and service today.
- 6 Pray for the pastors and delegates as they return to their local churches. Ask that God will enable them to have a spiritual impact within their churches.
- 7 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant as they minister to local churches in the field of missions.
- 8 Pray that God will create a renewed spirit of missions in your local church.
- 9 Pray that God will open another church-planting opportunity.
- 10 Praise God for a personal blessing you have received this week.
- 11 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith with someone this week.
- 12 Pray for Russ Magaw as he leads the work of the publishing department of the General Conference.
- 13 Pray that God's Spirit will be felt in the services Sunday and that a rich spiritual experience will result for your congregation.
- 14 Read Psalm 134:2. Praise God for the privilege he has provided for you to be a part of a local congregation and to worship him in truth.
- 15 Thank God for the blessings received by your attendance in the services of your church yesterday.
- 16 Pray for Pastor S. U. Mbaba, that God will lead him in his search for truth and that God will use him to further God's work in Nigeria.
- 17 Pray for Dr. Charles Pryor in the beginning of another year at Oregon Bible College.
- 18 Pray for the young people who are starting Oregon Bible College this semester. Ask that God will make clear to them a ministry in his church.
- 19 Praise God for the parents of the students of Oregon Bible College. Thank God for the training and spiritual guidance provided by the students' parents.
- 20 Pray for ministers who are in the process of moving to pastor another church.
- 21 Pray for persons in the fellowship of your congregation who have not yet accepted Christ as Savior.
- 22 Pray for Pastor Benson Adum and his congregation in Nigeria.
- 23 Pray that God will use those who are returning from their short-term summer ministry in Colorado Springs to inspire others to a greater work of evangelism.
- 24 Pray for Bro. Santiago Ortiguero and his ministry in the Philippine Conference of the Church of God.
- 25 Pray for Bro. Basilio Salibad as he seeks God's leadership in his work in the Philippines.
- 26 Praise God for what he is doing in your personal life. Thank him for a specific blessing which you have received.
- 27 Pray for Pam and Steve Grant in their ministry of missions.
- 28 Pray for congregations which will be beginning a ministry with a new pastor. Ask that God will bless both pastor and congregation.
- 29 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they minister to pastors and congregations.
- 30 Pray for Pastor Monico Guzman and his work in the Philippines.
- 31 Pray for the new church in Colorado Springs.

## Prayer and Praise Calendar

September, 1983



- 1 Pray for congregations as they begin their fall emphasis of services and programs.
- 2 Pray for Emily Manoah and her work in the medical clinic in Bangalore, India.
- 3 Pray for persons to financially support the work of the General Conference, that its ministries may be carried on.
- 4 Pray for the churches which are receiving financial support through the General Conference. Ask that God will enable them to grow.
- 5 Praise God for the hope you have in the return of Christ and the kingdom of God.
- 6 Pray for a special friend of yours who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
- 7 Praise God for the opportunity provided through your midweek service in your local church.
- 8 Pray that God will richly bless the fund-raising efforts in behalf of Oregon Bible College.
- 9 Pray that God will enable your church to increase its ministry of evangelism.
- 10 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and their ministry in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 11 Pray that God will be felt in a special way in the services of your church today.
- 12 Pray that God will lead Bro. Dean Moore in a ministry of missions which will bring persons to Jesus Christ.
- 13 Pray for churches which are in need of revival, that God will lead to a greater commitment within the congregation.
- 14 Pray for churches which are involved in a building program, that God will enable them to use their facilities to more effectively minister to people.
- 15 Pray for a person in your congregation that is in need of special prayer.
- 16 Praise God for your pastor and his family.
- 17 Pray for the students at Oregon Bible College, that God will enable them to serve to his glory and the edification of his church.
- 18 Pray that God will lead persons to financially support the ministry of the new church in Colorado Springs.
- 19 Pray for Dr. Pryor and the staff of Oregon Bible College.
- 20 Pray for the youth leaders and the youth ministry in your congregation.
- 21 Praise God for the special blessings you received through the fellowship of your congregation.
- 22 Pray for Pastor M. R. Noel, that God will enable him to reach people in Bangalore, India, and bring them to Christ.
- 23 Pray for members of your family who have not accepted Christ as Savior.
- 24 Pray for Bro. David Krogh and his leadership of the ministries of the General Conference.
- 25 Pray for those who are on the staff of your Sunday School. Thank God for their dedicated service.
- 26 Pray for your pastor and family. Along with your prayer support, speak a word of encouragement.
- 27 Pray for special needs within your congregation.
- 28 Pray for the Needhams and their ministry in Colorado Springs.
- 29 Pray that God will open the door to new mission fields.
- 30 Pray for Bible study groups which are meeting in cities in which a Church of God is not located. Ask God to minister to the members and use them to expand his church.



# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

**Tipp City, OH.** On April 17, 1983, at the close of the morning worship service tears of joy were freely flowing at Brush Creek. Bob and Melody Daugherty and Kim Moore came forward to publicly accept Christ as Savior. All three were baptized the following Sunday, April 24, in the creek in Frederick in a beautiful outdoor setting. We rejoice that Kim is now united in Christ with her husband Daryl. Their love and friendship had a tremendous influence on Bob and Melody. We were all once again deeply moved by God's great love as we witnessed these three lives being surrendered to him. May they grow each day in the riches of his love.

Michael Hoffman, pastor.

**Columbus, OH.** The Hilliard Bible Church of God (Truth Chapel) announces that three new members have joined them through baptism into Christ. Florence Parliment, age 74, was immersed February 11, 1983. During the afternoon of February 20 Roberta Barnhart was baptized. Renita Morczek was immersed March 14. Pastor Carl Roth, elders Ron Roth and Duane Johnson assisted in the baptisms. The prayers of the congregation are with these three new believers, asking God's blessings on their new walk in Christ. Brenda Johnson, secretary.

**Blanchard, MI.** The Blanchard congregation has been witness to a number of conversions in the recent past. On April 24, 1983, assisted by her father Dennis, Karen Eldred was baptized. May 1 saw the immersions of Debbie Battig and her daughter Michelle, along with Kim Payne and Karrie Helmer. Debbie Hoops, Steve Richards, Jennifer Wood, and Bryan Kunst put on Christ in the waters of baptism on May 22. It has been thrilling to see these take their stand for Jesus. Don Needham, pastor.

It was my privilege on March 5, 1983, to immerse my brother-in-law, Bernie Cox, in a stream behind his house. Witnessed by family members was his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus and belief in his soon coming. May the Lord bless him as he walks in his new life. He has been accepted into membership at the Flagg Center Community Church of God.

Pastor Waldon Winner, Jr.

**East Peoria, IL.** The East Peoria Community Church of God, along with the angels of heaven, rejoiced over the decision of Benna LeCrone to follow her Lord and Master. She followed the Lord's example by being baptized during our morning worship service and became an immediate witness to all that observed. The East Peoria Community Church of God is rejoicing also over the transfer of membership of Tom and Brenda Tackman and Renee Wernsman into the local congregation. We praise the Lord for all these decisions and the talent and abilities they bring to his work. Waldon Winner, Jr., pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** The Oregon Church of God rejoiced as three persons put on Christ in Christian baptism May 15, 1983. Jennifer and Jason Rager and George ("Kel") Stees were buried with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life. We praise God for their decisions to follow Christ our Savior and Lord.

Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Pomona, CA.** The Church of The Open Bible in Pomona, CA, is happy to report that Victor and Stephanie Sowezenko accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized into him on Sunday, May 24, 1983, during the morning worship service. We welcome them into the fellowship of our church. Also, Victor and Stephanie have completed the Systematic Bible Study Course. Our earnest

prayer is that God will bless Victor and Stephanie in their new walk of life.

Marian Y. Berry, secretary.

**Tipp City, OH.** Mother's Day is always a very special occasion. This year it was made even more special as Sheryl Moore came forward at the close of the morning service to publicly accept Christ as her Savior. The Brush Creek congregation was again deeply touched by God's love. Sheryl was baptized on May 22, 1983. She is now united in Christ with her husband Tom. Our prayers go with this newlywed couple, married on February 5, united in Christ on May 22. Tom is in the Air Force and presently is stationed in Michigan. May God be ever present with them as they grow together in Christ and in love. Michael Hoffman, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** Joyce Rager was baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ at the Oregon Church of God, June 5, 1983. We welcome her into our church family. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Special preaching services were held with the Cross Timbers, MO, brethren. They began on Sunday night, May 15th, and continued through Sunday, May 22nd. Attendance was good and the congregation rejoiced when on Sunday, May 22nd, Randy Owsley acknowledged Jesus Christ as Savior. The baptism was held following the noon basket dinner. After that, an afternoon service was held which closed with communion. There were visitors during the week from the Bogard-Coloma area, Lockwood, and the Springfield-Rogersville area. Also, Iris and I enjoyed being with our son-in-law and daughter, Kim and Michal Barrington, who live there and with whom we stayed. Praise be unto God for his great blessings and the good fellowship that one can have through Jesus.

Pastor Francis Burnett.

## EVANGELIST AVAILABLE

Brian J. Atra is available for evangelistic meetings, revivals, state conferences, etc. Brian is a 1982 graduate of Oregon Bible College and completed his internship in Winter Haven, FL. Contact him at SR 1, Box 1730, Branson, MO 65616 (417)334-0659 or 2200 26th St. NW, Winter Haven, FL 33880 (813)965-1434.

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

### Michigan Churches

**Grand Rapids (Southlawn),** 3880 Jefferson SE, Wyoming 49508

Michael Brown, Pastor, 207 Walter SE, Wyoming 49508

### Eastern Nebraska Church

**Omaha Church (Jaynes St Community),** 7534 Jaynes St, Omaha 68134

Gayle Beddow, Sec, 167 Glen Av, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Ken Millard, Miss Chair, 712 Leawood Dr, Omaha 68154

## RESTITUTION HERALD ON TAPE

Know of Bible students who are confined or handicapped who would appreciate "hearing" *The Restitution Herald*? Bro. Ralph Childs through the Childs-Ford Foundation will supply such an interested person with *Herald* articles on 60-minute cassette tape.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Bro. Childs at the Childs-Ford Foundation, 16 Reich St., Trotwood, OH 45426, phone 513-854-1674.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Steve Byrnes, Freeport, NY; Virginia Badgero, Diane Gloria, Rose Noell, all of South Bend, IN; Emily Holman, Dorothy Netts, both of Springfield, OH; Ivan Magaw, Oregon, IL; Jessie Kent, Jim Boster, Renee Wernsman, all of East Peoria, IL; David Clemons, Lafayette, IN; Miriam Longendelpher, Urbana, OH; John Hollis, Pence, IN; Betty Watkins, Hedrick, IN; Betty Brown, Macomb, IL; Janice Pickrell, Bob Rand, South Bend, IN; Nancy Johnson, Marvalene Manus, Jean Salin, Beola Sandretto, Lois Mondlock, Jenny Sarber, Katherine Drew, Elwyn Drew, Crystal Drexler Rowe, Janet Haberer, Janice Haberer, Alice Marshall, Kevin Rademachir, Duane Rowe, Jean Rowe, all from Dixon, IL.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS-TRUSTEES

At the 1983 General Conference in August, THREE members will be elected to the Board of Directors-Trustees. Two Directors will be elected for four-year terms and one director will be elected for a two-year term. The terms of James Graham and Shirley Urish will expire at this Conference (they may not be re-elected.). The term of Bill Burnham will terminate since he has joined the staff of the Conference/College.



## MARRIAGE

### Foretich - Padgett

In a simple double-ring ceremony on Saturday, May 28, 1983, Becky Foretich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foretich of Baker, LA, became the bride of Glen Padgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Padgett of Baton Rouge. The vows were said beneath a beautiful arbor in the yard at the bride's home. We ask God's blessing and direction upon these two young people as they establish their home together.

Pastor Gordon Landry.

## YEAR OF THE BIBLE

To mark President Reagan's decree that 1983 be known as the "Year of the Bible," the American Bible Society is producing an edition of its Good News Bible at \$2 a copy, the lowest price ever offered for this version of the Scripture.

The soft-cover volume, along with a number of other low-cost Scriptures, is being offered by ABS to over 200,000 of the nation's churches this spring.

"The new pricing will make Scriptures even more accessible to churches which need them for worship and community evangelism, as well as to individuals who want the Word for study," explains general secretary Alice E. Ball, in charge of the Society's National Division.

An inexpensive King James Bible is also being offered to churches and individuals at the same \$2 price.

Also, New Testaments in the Good News and King James versions are being offered at just 65 cents a copy.

The Bibles and Testaments come with sturdy soft covers designed for frequent use.

Aware that there are many Americans who have a need for additional Scriptures in 1983, ABS is also featuring its Bibles and New Testaments in large print, Braille, and on records and cassettes.

The Presidential proclamation encouraged every citizen, each in his or her own way, to "re-examine and rediscover" the influence of the Scriptures during this Year of the Bible.

## OBITUARIES

**Raymond J. VanderMolen**, aged 75, of Kentwood, MI, fell asleep in death on April 24, 1983, in Wyoming, MI, at a local nursing home. Surviving are his wife Hattie, who is a member of the Southlawn Church of God; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Sylvia VanderMolen of Adrian, MI; two granddaughters; a brother, and a sister. The writer officiated at the funeral. May God's strength be upon the family and may his Word guide the survivors through their time of grief. Michael Brown, pastor.

**Orin R. Hoskins** was born to George and Jennie Hoskins January 25, 1905, in Eden Valley, MN, and died on April 20, 1983, in Eugene, OR, after a lengthy illness. He had been an active member of the Eden Valley Church of God from his youth until he moved to Oregon in 1957. Orin was married to Pearl Marshall in 1940. She died in 1957. He was married to Arlene Hughes in 1959 and she died in 1978. He is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Florence Marshall of Eugene, OR, and Mrs. Mable Schultz of Gaylord, MN; and a brother, Forrest of Brookville, FL. The writer who had been a good friend of Bro. Hoskins for years, conducted funeral services at the Eden Valley Church of God on

May 2, assisted by Pastor David Cheatwood. A service had been held earlier in Eugene, OR. Orin was laid to rest in the Eden Lake Cemetery at Eden Valley, MN, to await the call of the Master. He longed for and often spoke of the second coming of Christ and the message used at the service was based on that hope of the resurrection at Christ's coming.

Pastor Stan Ross.

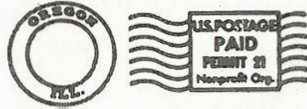
**Phyllis (Jean) Stine** was born April 12, 1931, and died on March 9, 1983, in Kettering Hospital, at the age of 51. Jean was seriously ill for two years. She had spent a lot of time in the hospital, and witnessed to others of her faith. Jean accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized into him in 1958 at the Brush Creek Church of God. She is survived by her mother, Mayme Boatman; husband Lee Stine; three sons—Terry, Dennis, and Kent; two daughters—Deborah Entingh and Kay Stine; two sisters—Ruby Brown and Helen Kleather; and four grandchildren. Visitation was at Hale Sarver Funeral Home in West Milton. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Pleasant Hill Church of God on March 12, 1983. Burial was in Miami Memorial Park near Covington. Jean awaits the call of her Master on resurrection day.

Fred A. Pensyl, pastor.

**Virgil Mills**, 65, of rural Bogard, MO, died April 28, 1983, in Waverly with a heart attack. Born September 29, 1917, in Holbrook, NE, he was married on June 24, 1938, to Audrey Story of Holbrook. Virgil was a member of the Holbrook Church of God Abrahamic Faith, but lived with his wife and family in Springfield, Cross Timbers, and Bogard, MO for many years. Survivors include his wife Audrey; two sons: Jerry and Randy Mills of Bogard; two daughters: Mrs. Wayne (Kimberley) Lucas, Kansas City, and Mrs. Claudie (Bobbette) Windsor, Bogard; two brothers: Walter of Lexington, NE, and Dale of Paramount, CA; and 13 grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the Coloma Cemetery to await the call of Christ to come forth from sleep of death at the resurrection. Services for Bro. Mills were conducted by the writer May 2 in Tina, MO.

Pastor Leon Driskill.

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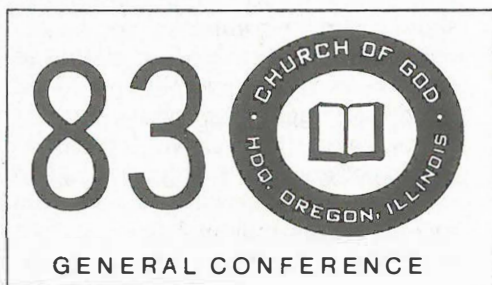
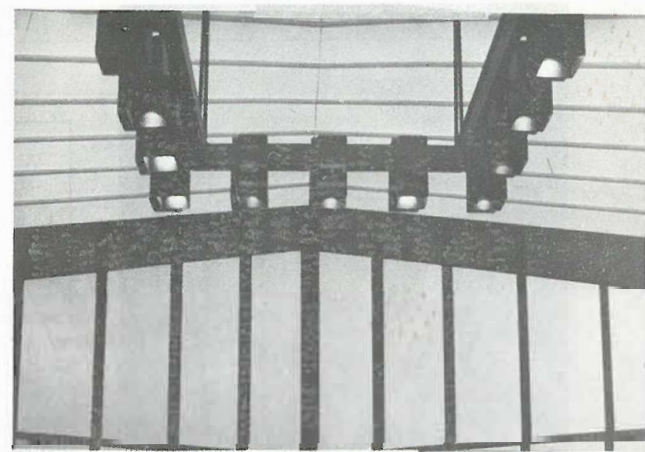
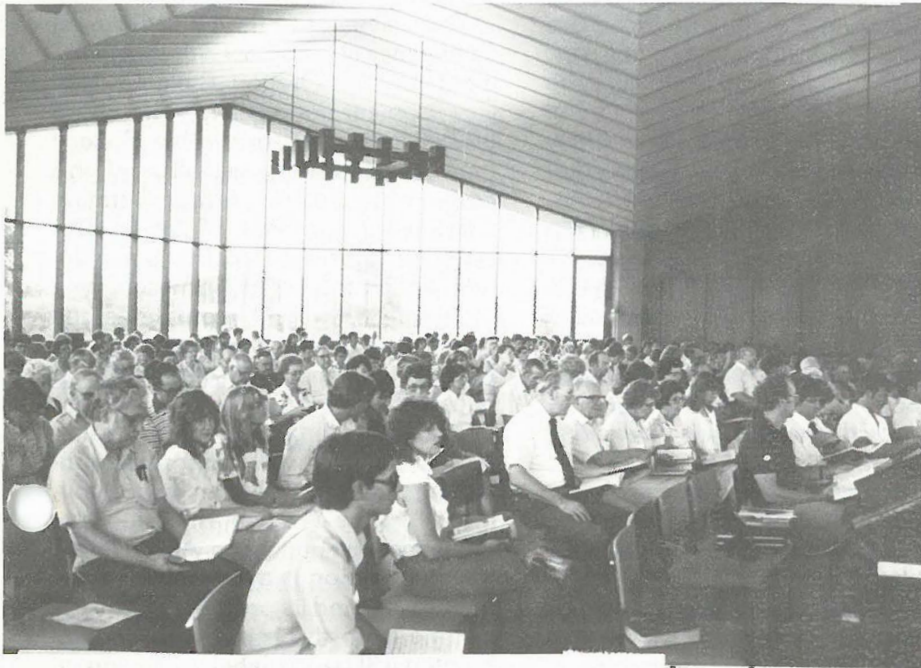
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# General Conference Issue

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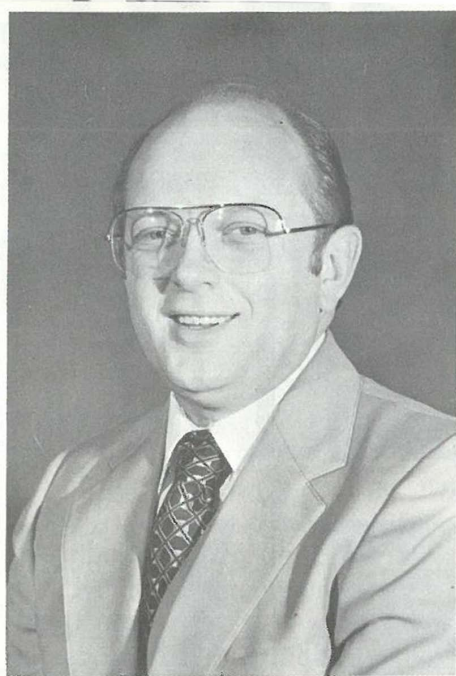


# Progress Journal

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**Joe E. James, Chairman**

# CHAIRMAN'S

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is indeed a privilege for me as Chairman to welcome you on behalf of the Board and staff to this Sixty-Third Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference. The Board elected by the delegates serves as the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference and as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College. The Board is responsible to you, the delegates, which represent our total church membership. You in turn have the responsibility of representing our total constituency by making decisions, electing Board members, and establishing policies and program directions which are in the best interest of the Lord's work and the entire Conference membership. We pray that God's power will work through us this week to lead us to act in ways that will enhance our stewardship and help us to get a vision of the mission God would have his church accomplish in these last days before the coming of Jesus and the establishment of the kingdom of God on this planet. Let us all take our responsibility humbly and prayerfully this week, calling on God's leadership and then submitting ourselves to his will.

The delegates have the responsibility and authority to make the important decisions regarding the present and future directions of our Conference and College. Let us, as Jesus admonished in Mark 10:35-44, see ourselves as servants—first of all, servants of God and, secondly, servants of our brethren whom we represent.

The program committee of this and recent Conferences are to be commended for the progression in developing themes for our General Conference. In 1981 the focus of our Conference centered around the theme, "You Are the Church." Last year our theme was, "Let The Church Obey His Voice." The theme for this Sixty-Third General Conference is the practical and timely topic, "The Local Church: Seedbed of Missions." The business sessions, seminars, and messages should help us to gain knowledge, to develop enthusiasm and commitment, to get a sense of direction, and then to move forward in our local churches to carry out the "Great Commission" as presented

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by Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, in Mark 16:15, 16. "It is high time to awake out of sleep," (Rom. 13:11). Now is the time to live and feel the words we sing, "Awake, Arise, O Church of God."

The General Conference delegates have taken bold actions in recent years. A few years ago the decision was made to reorganize our General Conference to better serve the needs and missions of the local church. Our subsequent efforts have been toward "Outreach and Church Development." The able leadership of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College have channeled our resources and activities in that direction. The works in Colorado Springs and other areas indicate that the "Outreach and Church Development" efforts are paying off. I believe that we are and have been sowing seeds that will continue to germinate and grow. The 1982 General Conference strengthened this approach toward local church development by establishing the "Church of God Investment Fund" to assist local building programs by providing loans at less than usual interest rates. I am happy to report to you that the Board of Directors has proceeded to implement this program by

establishing the "Church of God Investment Fund" as a corporation and implementing the standards and procedures of operation. This program will continue to go forward as planned.

The delegates to the 1982 General Conference also approved the establishment of the "Oregon Bible College Development Foundation." The Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College moved forward by establishing this Foundation as a non-profit corporation chartered in the State of Illinois. The Board further secured the consultative services of Adam Anderson, who in November, 1982, completed the first phase of implementation of the Foundation, the audit-informational phase. Continuing to use the services of Mr. Anderson, the Board and staff are well into the actual campaign of obtaining one million dollars in commitments to the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. As you know, this Foundation is an endowment for the College and its programs. Only the income from the principal sum contributed will be available on an annual basis to fund College projects and programs. This will provide greater financial stability for our educational institution. This effort represents a new approach to the solicitation of financial support for Church of God programs. I believe that we as a Conference should remain committed to the full implementation of this Foundation as approved one year ago. We should not be discouraged after one year that funds are coming in slowly. It has been my experience in being involved in many contacts with our people during recent months, that our membership is generally supportive of the Foundation concept. Financial commitments continue to be made and I believe that the growth of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation will accelerate in coming months.

Oregon Bible College is essential to our denomination because of our strong emphasis on Bible truths. Because of our small student population, education at Oregon Bible College is costly.



# MESSAGE

This past year the education of each student cost the Conference over \$4,000.00 per student. This was in addition to the tuition and board paid by the students. I share this with you to emphasize the importance of the Foundation.

I should also share with you that one important conclusion of the audit phase in the implementation of the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation is that the Board of Directors, the General Conference, and Oregon Bible College have not been as successful as we would like in communicating our programs, services, and overall purposes and functions to our churches and membership. Over and over members have said that they do not know about Conference and College programs. While we continue to use the PROGRESS JOURNAL and other printed matter, we are increasing communication efforts through person-to-person contacts. Our Executive Director and his General Conference staff are visiting more local churches and our President and his Oregon Bible College staff are greatly increasing contacts with our membership for student recruitment purposes and to inform our members of the programs and services of Oregon Bible College. In our modern society the flow of information is of paramount importance. No one person or group can successfully fulfill our communication needs. We must involve many people. I strongly recommend that current and former board members, the alumni of Oregon Bible College, the staffs of the General Conference and College, and the informed delegates who are involved in Conference affairs feel a responsibility and put forth intensified efforts to keep our grass-roots membership informed concerning the General Conference and Bible College.

It seems that much of our business eventually involves a discussion of finances. Money is important at the Conference level but only to the extent that it is related to the lives and salvation of people. The wise man, Solomon, frequently mentioned money

in a positive way in his writings. As we talk about money—the Foundation, budgets, and the Investment Funds—I want to be certain that no one gets the impression that we are near bankruptcy or “going down the drain.” The Bible College and General Conference have solid financial foundations. We have a very positive situation when we compare assets and liabilities. We do, however, have cash-flow problems. It is the philosophy of the Board that we must not become involved in deficit spending which would soon erode our assets. As I speak to you this morning, the Board, the Executive Director, and the President are working diligently to present to this Conference a proposed budget that does not exceed anticipated income. We have not arrived at that point yet. We have the options of increasing “Goals For Giving” beyond what we would normally expect for 1983-1984 or further reducing an already tight budget. I believe that you as delegates representative of our membership need to be aware of these cash-flow problems. We are encouraged, however, that while contributions to “Goals For Giving” have been less than budgeted this year, overall giving has increased as our members have contributed to special projects, such as the new work in Colorado Springs and missions trips.

I believe that we have made a lot of progress in important areas during the past year. The Investment Fund and Foundation represent bold and progressive steps.

We must continue to evaluate our programs and efforts. For example, it has been suggested that we review our educational needs and the Oregon Bible College programs. Are we providing the appropriate level of education? Is our present program exactly what is needed or should we move more toward a graduate level seminary curriculum? I believe that the Board through the involvement of other people in our Conference should evaluate and seek answers to such questions. As we continue church-planting efforts through the Department of Outreach

and Church Development, our College must produce trained workers to function in these fields. Our General Conference must produce the materials and other resources to assist in these missions. Evaluation does not always mean drastic changes will result, but evaluation may simply affirm that we are on the right track.

We are continuing our endeavors to have more effectively coordinated programs. One example of these efforts is the work in Colorado Springs. Warren Sorenson, Director of Outreach and Church Development, taught a church-planting course this past year for upper classmen at Oregon Bible College. This culminated in the selection of several course participants to serve on the team of workers in the Colorado Springs church-planting project. Such coordinated efforts will continue. Russell Magaw, Director of the Publishing Department, also works tirelessly to produce our excellent publications which relate to the projects and directions previously mentioned.

I believe that we are living in exciting times for the Church of God. God's people have always experienced great blessings which are accompanied by opportunities and challenges. We must recognize that the field is “white already to harvest” (John 4:35), and hear the Master as he said, “Occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13).

During our business sessions this week we will elect three members to the Board of Directors/Trustees, approve a budget, and act on recommendations. Let us take our responsibilities seriously, praying that God's Spirit will be with us to lead us as he would have his people go. We will attend seminars to enhance our vision and equip us with knowledge regarding missions to be sponsored by the local churches. We will attend Bible classes and hear sermons that will help us to put on the “whole armour of God” (Eph. 6:11-13). Let us leave this Conference committed to the task given to his followers by our Lord Jesus Christ in the “Great Commission” as recorded in Mark 16:15, 16.



# 1983 GENERAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

By Shirley Urish, Retiring Secretary



## Tuesday, August 2

The first session of the 63rd Church of God General Conference was called to order by Chairman Joe James at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 1983. The meeting began with singing of choruses led by Diana Hayes and prayer by Hollis Partlowe.

After Chairman James welcomed the delegates, Janet Stilson, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the seating of the delegates, and thanked those churches and conferences that had properly completed the delegate forms.

Chairman James gave his report to the delegates. (This report will be printed in THE PROGRESS JOURNAL.)

Pastor S. O. Ross, as president of the Ministerial Association, presented a resolution: "In the past few months we have lost four of our Conference pastors by death. Three of them were regular attenders of our annual conferences and were active in many facets of the conference work. I move, therefore, that this assembly stand for one minute in silent tribute to the great work of these four men: Bros. Clyde E. Randall, Harold J. Doan, Arnold T. Johns, and John Humphreys. They will be missed in the Ministerial Association and in the work of the Church of God in general. I also move that these comments be spread upon the minutes of this Conference and that we stand in silent prayer and remembrance at this time." David Krogh seconded the motion. The whole congregation stood in tribute to these four men.

A communication was read from the members of the Jaynes Street Church of God, Omaha, Nebraska, thanking the members of the Mission Builders League who participated in their church expansion.

John Huston moved, David Johnson seconded, that the special reports be accepted. Motion carried.

James Graham gave a synopsis of Board activity for the past year, explaining that a board member consumes much time in thought, meetings, and research. A special meeting was held at O'Hare Airport in November for the purpose of setting up plans for the

Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. The January meeting was at Hammond, Louisiana, where, besides taking action on business, focus was on long-range planning and brainstorming. The Board met again in April and also during this conference. The Board needs the prayers of the conference people at large.

Bill Burnham reviewed the financial report. He and Tim Jones recently have been hired to serve in the business office and this has greatly relieved the burden that has been shared by other administrators and their secretaries. Robert Coverstone moved, Dallas Demmitt seconded, that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried.

Delegate pool forms were distributed.

Warren Sorenson reported for the Outreach and Development Department and answered questions. There is hope that another new church will be planted in 1984. In foreign missions it is difficult to have an effective program and work by remote control and by a visit every few years. There is a need to raise up candidates to go into these localities to live. In Colorado Springs, the workers had an exciting summer where approximately 1100 calls were made, resulting in 108 prospective families interested in the church work.

Steve Grant informed that the people in Ghana are having a difficult time economically, physically, and spiritually. Nigeria is better equipped economically than Ghana because the people have resources that would allow them to do what God would have them do.

It has been determined that in foreign missionary work it is better if no salaries are paid to the native workers by the United States churches. The congregations of these pastors do not feel a part of the responsibility to the church or pastor when someone else pays the pastor.

Members of the conference were invited to attend a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Emory and Mildred Macy in Roper Lounge from 3-5 this afternoon.



Ron Macy moved and Ed Goit seconded that the delegates adopt recommendation number one in regard to the Philosophy of Missions of the Church of God General Conference. Motion carried.

S. O. Ross dismissed the meeting with prayer.



*Chairman James fielding comments during General Conference Business session.*

### Wednesday, August 3

The second session of the 1983 General Conference was called to order by Chairman James at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, with Cecil Smead leading in prayer.

The minutes of Tuesday's meeting were read by the secretary.

The chairman called for nominations of persons to serve on the Board of Directors/Trustees. Those nominated are:

John Hearp, Joyce Knapp, Robert Coverstone, Don Needham, David Cheatwood, Carol Schmidlapp, Mary Lou Brittingham, David Johnson, Wayne Laning, Joe Martin, Keith Williams, Scott Millard.

John Huston moved that nominations be closed. Francis Burnett seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The nominees were introduced to the delegates.

Maurice Robinson moved, Don Swartz seconded, the adoption of recommendation number two to change the name of Mission Builders League to Church Builders League. Motion carried.

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Robert Lindner moved, Joyce Knapp seconded, that a sheet of paper be passed around for people to sign up personally or for their church to pay a part of the \$1700 needed for the Colorado Springs Church. Motion carried.

Dr. Charles Pryor reported about activities of Oregon Bible College and presented his fellow workers. Expectations are that nineteen to thirty-three students will be returning to the College for the fall semester, and twelve to twenty new students are expected.

There have been many more contacts with churches throughout the nation this past year. The president invited parents to visit the College during Parents' Weekend. Bill and Mardy Lawrence will be guest leaders at Christian Emphasis Week. The fall semester will end on December 9. Word is expected soon on the accreditation process. Dr. Pryor explained the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. A survey and audit were made to determine what goal should be set, with \$1,000,000 being determined as a makeable goal. Leadership contributions have been solicited, and the next phase will be presentations to all of the churches and a call made on all members to make a commitment—no matter how large or small.

Adam Anderson, campaign consultant, was introduced, and it was noted that he works for the College



*Executive Director David Krogh, Secretary Urish, and Chairman James hustle up information for the delegates.*

six days each month. Mr. Anderson said fear of the unknown brings inertia and little activity, further stating that the very existence of Oregon Bible College in another decade may rest on the success of this Foundation. Every member of the Church of God must become involved.



Dr. Pryor thanked the delegates for their support and asked for their prayers.

David Krogh announced that the delegate pool was \$130.35.

The Executive Director introduced the members of his staff to the delegates.



*Delegates reviewing their information packet, hearing instruction, and planning strategy during a session.*

Russell Magaw spoke about the Publishing Department, reviewing the report printed in THE PROGRESS JOURNAL. He solicited subscriptions to *The Restitution Herald*, and expressed his thanks to the delegates for their support through the year.

James Graham explained that plans are being made to change the structure of the International Youth Camp, the thought being to include youth leaders from the churches to attend and take part in seminars and workshops, thereby having a continuity between the camp and local church youth groups.

The delegates were asked to consider the idea of having the General Conference at Southeastern University, Hammond, LA, next summer. The expense would be less than is now being charged; it could be made into a family conference; and persons interested could also attend the World's Fair in New Orleans. There also would be opportunity for the delegates to view conference property near Hammond and to consider how it might be developed.

The Credentials Committee reported that seven directors, 43 ministers, and 75 delegates had registered. Thirty-three churches did not return delegate forms.

Francis Burnett dismissed the meeting with prayer.

## Thursday, August 4

The third session of the 1983 General Conference was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 4. James Mattison opened the meeting with prayer. Janet Stilson took charge of seating the delegates for voting.

The minutes of Wednesday's meeting were read.

While delegates were voting on the election of members to the Board, other conference business was considered.

Krogh reviewed the contributions to the General Conference and urged each member of the General Conference to assist in the work of the Conference. He explained the Development Council and the Founders Circle. He announced that a sheet was being passed around this morning in response to the motion passed yesterday about receiving contributions toward the \$1700 expense for the church-planting at Colorado Springs.

The Christian Workers' Seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN, March 25-30, 1984. It is being called a Homecoming Seminar.

Many comments were received concerning changing the annual conference to various other locations. The



*Oregon Bible College instructor Anthony Buzzard addressing his Bible class during conference week.*

amount of the Conference Pool would be expected to be larger since more people would be traveling a longer distance. Most people in attendance favored a change of location for the 1984 Conference.

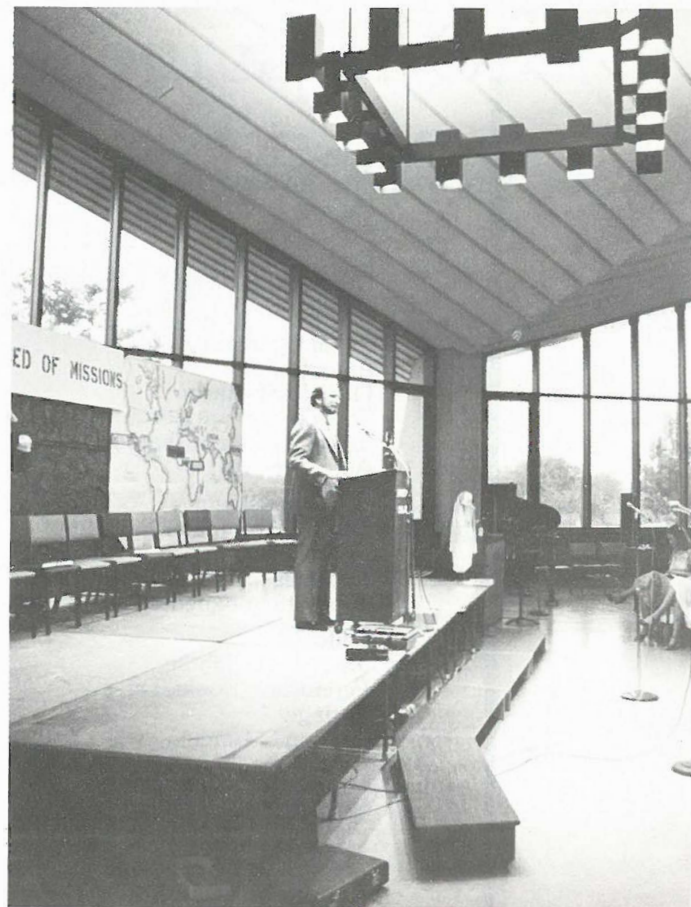
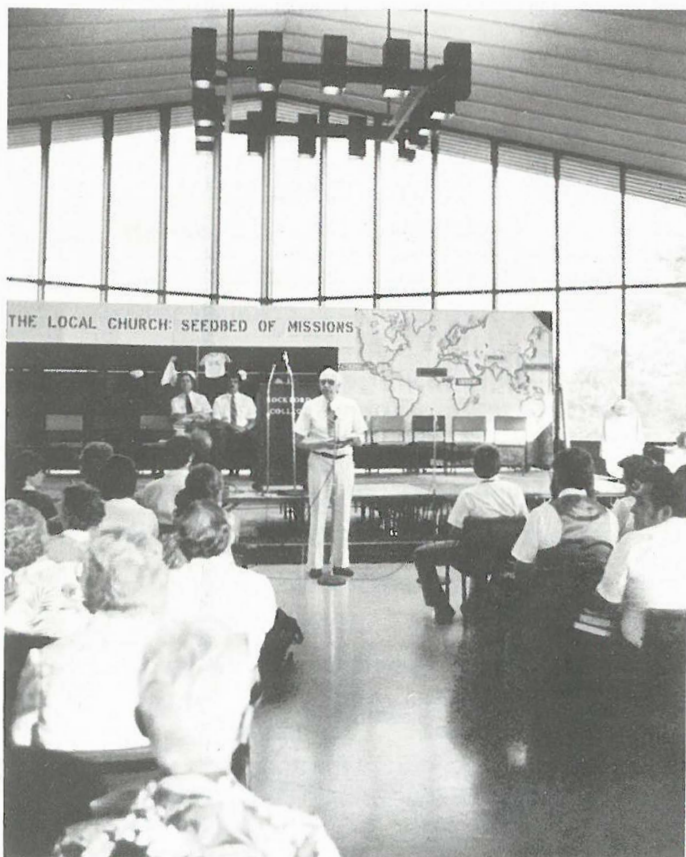




*Teens in session at Forest Cool lounge.*

The proposed budget for 1983-84 was presented to the delegates. The budget of the General Conference is \$285,637.00, Oregon Bible College \$291,997.00, with a total of \$577,634.00. Anticipated income is \$209,500.00 with contributions needed of \$368,134.00. John Huston moved, Sonny Hutchinson seconded, the adoption of the budget. Motion carried.

*Pastor S. O. Ross presents a resolution to the delegates.*



*Board member Pastor James Graham preaching during the Wednesday evening service.*

Results of the election were: Joe Martin and Robert Coverstone for four-year terms, and David Johnson for a two-year term.

Francis Burnett moved a rising vote of thanks be given to our retiring officers: Shirley Urish, James Graham, and Bill Burnham. The delegates seconded the motion by rising.

The credentials report showed seven directors, 44 ministers, 76 delegates present.

The secretary read the minutes of Thursday's meeting. Ed Goit moved, Dallas Demmitt seconded, the adoption of the 1983 minutes and that they be printed in THE PROGRESS JOURNAL. Motion carried.

Dallas Demmitt moved, James Graham seconded, that the 1983 General Conference business meetings be adjourned. Motion carried. Scott Ross dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shirley Urish*

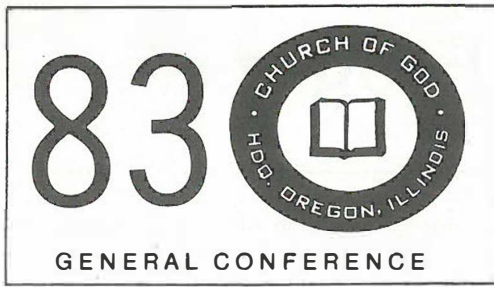
Shirley Urish, Retiring Secretary.



**BUDGET 1983-84**

	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:</b>			
Payroll & Employee Benefits			
Salaries & Wages	130,150	163,312	293,462
Social Security	8,907	11,093	20,000
Employee Benefits	14,255	10,011	24,266
Outside Instruction	—	5,000	5,000
Student Employment	—	17,000	17,000
General Operations			
Advertising	—	200	200
Films & Speakers	—	975	975
Foreign Exchange	1,500	—	1,500
Insurance Other Than Plant	800	856	1,656
Auto Expense	2,000	2,500	4,500
Commencement	—	200	200
Office & Computer Supplies	1,500	950	2,450
Miscellaneous	600	—	600
Royalties	1,000	50	1,050
Typesetting Expense	1,000	—	1,000
Editorial	1,050	—	1,050
Magazines—Library	—	2,000	2,000
Periodicals, Books, Dues	400	700	1,100
Postage	13,300	600	13,900
Printing & Binding	39,500	1,400	40,900
Professional Services	2,500	2,750	5,250
Repairs & Maintenance Other Than Plant	5,350	800	6,150
Staff Education	800	2,000	2,800
Mailing Supplies	2,000	—	2,000
Supplies & Expense	3,000	2,900	5,900
Telephone	3,400	4,000	7,400
Travel	11,200	8,000	19,200
Assistance to Mission Points	1,500	—	1,500
Assistance to Churches	14,400	—	14,400
Special Missions Training	—	—	—
Assistance—Church Planting	3,500	—	3,500
Plant Operations			
Property Insurance	525	2,100	2,625
Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	3,000	4,800
Supplies & Expense	200	2,000	2,200
Utilities	5,000	20,500	25,500
Additions to Plant and Equipment			
Archives	—	—	—
Buildings	—	—	—
Furniture & Equipment	—	—	—
Library Books	—	2,250	2,250
Vehicle Replacement	—	—	—
Films & Tapes	—	350	350
Purchases			
Food	—	22,000	22,000
Resale	12,000	—	12,000
Deficit repayment	2,500	2,500	5,000
Total Expenses	<u>285,637</u>	<u>291,997</u>	<u>577,634</u>
<b>ANTICIPATED INCOME:</b>			
Sales	50,000		
Herald Subscriptions	14,000		
Trust & Endowment	25,000		
College Tuition, Board, Room, & Fees	120,500		209,500
Contributions Needed in New Fiscal Year (1983-84)			368,134
Contributions Need in Year Ending September 30, 1983			402,830





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- \_\_\_\_\_ What Does It Mean to Be a World Christian?—  
James Graham
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Principles of Calling a Pastor—Keith Williams
- \_\_\_\_\_ Question and Answer Period



# General Conference Progress

David Krogh, Executive Director

## 1983 General Conference

The 63rd annual Church of God General Conference was held at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, August 1-5. The sermons, seminars, and classes clearly presented the theme, "The Local Church: Seedbed of Missions." Pastor Joseph Martin and Robert Coverstone were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors-Trustees. David Johnson was elected to a two-year term. The officers of the Board for the coming year are Joe James, Chairmain; Scott Ross, Vice Chairman; Maurice Robinson, Jr., Secretary; Dallas Demmitt, Treasurer.

Recommendation Number One, regarding a philosophy of missions for the Church of God General Conference, was adopted by the delegates. Recommendation Number Two, which called for the name of the Mission Builders League to be changed to Church Builders League, was also adopted.

A revised budget was presented to the delegates which calls for contributions during 1983-84 of \$368,134. A copy of this budget appears on page 8 in this issue.

Please carefully review the minutes of the business sessions which are included on pages 4 through 7 of this issue.

At the evening service on Wednesday, six persons received ministerial licenses from the License and Ordination Board: Robert Alcumbrack, Brian Atra, Bruce Burnside, Richard Eldred, Deb Fletcher, and Jeff Smith. It is a pleasure to welcome these workers into the ministry of the Church of God.

On Thursday evening, special plaques were awarded to retiring Board members Bill Burnham, James Graham, and Shirley Urish, in recognition of their years of service.

The delegates gave overwhelming support to moving the annual Conference to other parts of the country. A proposal is being pursued to have the 1984 General Conference in Hammond, LA. Please watch the pages of the next issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL for information on the dates and location of the Conference.

Two highlights of the conference were reports by member of the Church-Planting Team in Colorado Springs and Steve Grant's report of his Africa Mission Trip. A synopsis of these two reports is contained in this issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL.

The sermons, seminars, and Adult Bible Study classes were recorded at the Conference. Those who

wish to order copies of cassette tapes should use the order blank on page 9.

## The Daily Walk Devotional Guide

Beginning in September, many of our churches will have available a new devotional guide called *The Daily Walk*. This guide provides a systematic program for reading through the entire Bible in 20 minutes a day. It is my hope that many Church of God families will begin using the guide each day. Copies will be available in local churches through December, and then beginning in January copies will be mailed to the homes of those who wish to subscribe. The cost for a year's subscription will be \$12.

Each issue of *The Daily Walk* will have a message from the General Conference on the back cover and a reply envelope addressed to the General Conference in the middle.

I trust that you will join me in a daily walk through the Scriptures beginning this month.

## Financial Update

As of July 31, 1983, contributions toward the Goal for Giving were approximately \$65,000 short. We have reduced spending as much as possible, but it has been necessary to borrow \$27,500, to pay all of our bills. It is our hope that many Church of God people will respond to this extra need between now and September 30, which marks the end of the fiscal year. The Board of Directors feels very strongly that we must end the year in the black.

Please be assured that members of the staff have done everything possible to reduce expenditures to cover only basic services and needs. Please make the financial needs of the Conference and College a matter of earnest prayer in the coming days.

## PROGRESS TOWARD GIVING PROGRAMS

### Development council:

Goal: 150 families - \$1,000 average gift

July 31: 60 families - \$677 average commitment

### Founders Circle:

Goal: 250 families - \$200 average gift

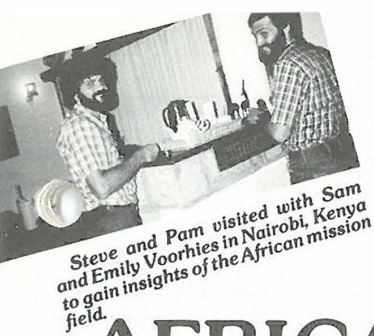
July 31: 185 families - \$124 average commitment

### Commitments Needed:

90 new members of Development Council

65 new members of Founders Circle





Steve and Pam visited with Sam and Emily Voorhies in Nairobi, Kenya to gain insights of the African mission field.



While in Nigeria the Grants assisted in the work of the church pastored by the Ephraim Udos. Joining Pam and the Udos in the photo is an associate of Virginia Blair's.

# AFRICA REPORT

By Steve Grant

## Overall Reflections on Our Experiences in Africa

Our time in Africa was an enriching experience. It was a time for growth, maturing, and learning about the diversified cultures of this amazing land. To speak of "Africa" as a whole is like speaking of all of Western civilization as a single entity. Yet there are some general trends that we need to be aware of for future mission planning.

Politically, Africa is a continent in great turmoil. Political coups are a constant threat as the people search for political answers to their troubles. Missionaries will have to step cautiously in very nationalistic surroundings. They must realize that they are present as guests in a third-world country and can lose that invitation at any time. A new mission desiring to enter new areas must be invited as guests by the government or it will not get the visas necessary to enter. Missionaries and foreign workers need to be aware of their guest status. It is a serious matter that many nationals consider all foreigners from the U.S. to be C.I.A. agents. We need to live above reproach and show the true reason for being in their land.

Most countries on the continent would fit into the category of developing nations. Western materialism has attracted this new generation, and many are struggling to get ahead. Advances in education, agriculture, and industrial development were under way in the late colonial period of the 1940's and 50's. Since independence, many of these nations have regressed in development. Tribalism, political corruption, and war are major factors that keep the resources in the hands of the few in control instead of the many. Mission agencies and churches are assisting in the running of schools, hospitals, and clinics. These are necessary Christian ministries helping meet the needs of the whole person, yet we cannot fool ourselves into thinking they are doing the job of evangelism. The church needs men and women dedicated to making Jesus known to those who have not heard.

### *Difficulties in the African Church*

The Church in Africa is growing rapidly. With this new birth comes much pain and difficulty. Many

millions are calling themselves Christians and some are serving the Lord with their whole heart. Yet, as one African leader put it, "Christianity is a very thin veneer in Africa today." The lack of strong biblical teaching shows in the church membership's understanding of Scripture and their lifestyle. Many have combined Christianity with their pagan traditions and have a mixed belief system. The lack of qualified ministers and teachers has many churches making their own theologies or following after every wind of doctrine. This brings confusion to the witness of Christ when unbelievers see thousands of different denominations all calling themselves "The True Church." Future missions need to build unity and strength into the existing African church, rather than bringing further division among the people.

## NIGERIA

Pam and I had the opportunity of visiting five of the seven Nigerian churches. We spent time in Bible studies and meetings with the leadership. In addition, Pam had the opportunity of using her skills in medicine as she volunteered her time to a Christian clinic in Abak. The Nigerian churches are badly in need of revival. We are now feeling the effects of not having full-time mission workers on this field. Some of the leaders have strayed from the kind of Christian lifestyle that the Bible demonstrates to us. We shared our concern for them and confronted those who were living unbiblical lives. Please pray for these men, that God will convict their hearts and that they will listen to that conviction.

## GHANA

In Ghana, the national crisis and state of the economy make effective church work difficult. The leader of the work, Oliver Amani, spends much of his time making a living through farming. I had a chance to visit two of the churches, and have records of some 11 house churches. The school that brother Amani was running is now closed due to lack of funds and resources (pencils, paper, books,). The Volta Region where Amani works is a "Christianized" area, yet it too is in need of revival. Some of the moral practices among the church membership and leadership are not biblical.

The visits to both these areas, as well as our observations of missions work in Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda just confirm our need to have full-time workers on the fields. The church will not grow unless men and women are brought to maturity through long-term discipling relations. Yes, our missions need your funds, but even more they need you.



# COLORADO SPRINGS

## CHURCH PLANTING PROJECT

### An Exciting Summer in Colorado Springs

A team of six young people, Pastor Don Needham, and Warren and Irene Sorenson spent an exciting summer in Colorado Springs planting the Pleasant View Bible Church of God.

Before the summer of 1983 and the launching of the church, some important steps of preparation had to take place. The first step in our pilot program of church planting was to choose a city which offered good potential for a successful effort. Colorado Springs is a rapidly growing city and already had a core group of believers dedicated to the establishing of a Church of God in their city. This led to the initial decision that Colorado Springs would be the place.

Once the city was chosen, the second step was to select a specific target area in which to concentrate our efforts. The selection was based upon the study of receptivity factors, population statistics, and projected major future changes. Literally hundreds of new homes have been and are under construction in the northeast

corner of the Springs. Information gleaned from the city planning department showed improvements and additions of major streets which indicated the city was planning for more expansion and growth in the northeast part of the city. The population explosion in this area was a major factor in our locating there.

A bonus in the early stages was the opportunity to purchase 5.4 acres at a very reasonable cost for a building site. The building site is in a very good location with high visibility and easy accessibility.

Another step in preparation was the training of those to do the initial work in making contacts with new people who potentially would become the congregation. A church-planting course was taught during spring semester at Oregon Bible College which covered the principles of church planting and methods of survey and evangelism. All of the survey-team members were instructed as to the purpose and method of our survey visitation. Survey forms were prepared in advance to provide a record of every call made.

### Purpose:

In going to Colorado Springs with the survey team, we had a very simple set of objectives to be accomplished:

1. Get acquainted with people in the target area.
2. Find receptive people through the visitation process.
3. Develop a prospect list.
4. Find people interested in meeting for Bible study.

### Strategy:

To accomplish our objectives, a specific step-by-step strategy was followed.

1. Door-to-door visitation of every house in a given area. Daily assignments were made to the teams as to specific streets to be canvassed.
2. Meet people and build bridges (to build a bridge of friendship, it was important to engage people in

conversation and keep them talking as long as possible).

3. Survey their interest in our church planting project and their potential for involvement.
4. Find out if they would be interested in hosting or attending a Bible study.
5. Keep accurate records of every call.
6. A specific strategy for follow-up on every prospect.
  - a. A handwritten letter was sent to each prospect the day after the call was made.
  - b. Each response sheet was reviewed and studied carefully.
  - c. We got acquainted with people on paper by studying their responses.
  - d. Specific prayer was offered for each prospect and prospective family.
  - e. Follow-up was done according to the individual prospect's interest.

## Implementing Our Strategy

Each day began with a time of devotions. Team members led these on a rotation basis.

An important part of the devotion was specific prayer for prospects and to ask God to open doors of opportunity.

Much spiritual growth was experienced by all team members.







The next step was to divide into our teams, map out the assignments for the day and then to leave for the target area for door-to-door calling.



Door bells were rung at every house on the assigned streets.

About 1100 initial calls were made. Of this number many were not home. Callbacks were made to most of these.

We were able to talk to about 500 families and obtained a prospect list of 108 family units.

Most people were very friendly. We did not have any "bad experiences." Many who are active in their own church asked us to keep them informed of our progress.

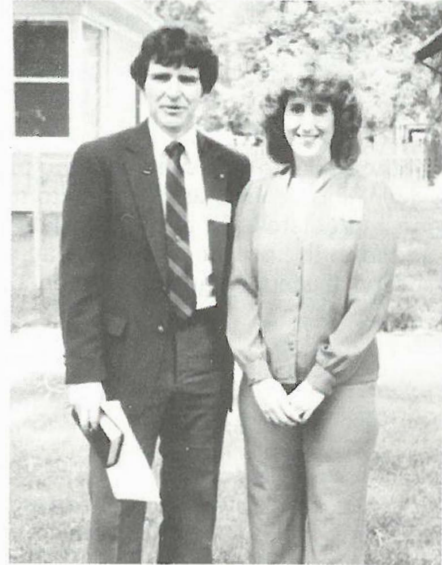
A newsletter has gone out to all prospects and those who want to be kept informed.

## TEAM MEMBERS

*Don Needham - Deb Fletcher  
Warren and Irene Sorenson  
Mike Gallagher - Eileen Moore  
John Raymond - Donna Kirkpatrick*

Others who participated in calling but not pictured were: Diana Hays from Macomb, IL, and Donna Landry from Colorado Springs.

Survey calling was done mornings, afternoons, and evenings.



Each noon the team met at Chapel Hills Mall which is near our target area for lunch. During this time we reviewed the contacts of the morning and processed the information.







At the end of the calling day the team met to process the results of the day. All prospects were added to the list and follow-up began immediately. A hand written letter was sent to each one added to the prospect list that day. The week before the first service a letter was sent to every one on the newsletter list.

A Bible study was conducted each Wednesday at the Landry home. Home Bible studies were also conducted with prospects. The core group consists of: Preston and Dorothy Landry, Pat and Donna Landry, Sara Beddow, and Roween Frank.

### Financial Update

Five hundred dollars of Church Development Aid is being provided through the General Conference budget. This aid started June 1, 1983. Another \$520 per month in financial aid is needed through interested persons and churches. We presently have commitments from several churches and groups totaling \$375 per month. Contributions to help support the Colorado Springs church should be made through the Outreach and Church Development department of the General Conference.



Worship services began at the Sheraton Inn July 24, 1983. An attendance of 60 resulted in an exciting service. Nursery service and Junior Church were also provided. Attendance thus far has averaged around 50. More than half have been new people as a result of the door-to-door visitation.

### Summary:

The core group in Colorado Springs opened their homes to us and worked in harmony and cooperation throughout the entire summer. Their dedication will go a long way in making this effort a glory to God.

The team members were super! Complete cooperation made it a joy to work with them. It was thrilling to see their excitement from day to day as new friends were made through the door-to-door calling. One comment expresses their attitude . . . "This was fun!"

The interest, prayers, and contributions of many churches and individuals provided an encouragement and spiritual uplift for all of us in Colorado Springs. It really did help to know there were people behind us in the project.

Most important of all, all of us on the team realized that God was working in the effort and his blessing was very much in evidence. It became very clear that God was in the project and whatever happened was a result of his presence and blessing.



# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## BAPTISMS

**Omaha, NE.** On June 12, 1983, Bob Drucker and Mardell Powers confessed their desire to accept Jesus as their Savior and were baptized. We welcome them into the body of Christ and the fellowship of the Jaynes Street Church of God. Scott Ross, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** The Pennellwood Church rejoiced with the angels of heaven when Don Barnes accepted Christ and was immersed in the waters of baptism on July 10, 1983. Don joins his wife Ruthanne in the body of Christ and we unite with her to encourage Don in his new-found faith. Scott Millard, pastor.

**South Bend, IN.** Dave Richert committed his life to Christ in the waters of baptism on Wednesday, July 20, 1983. Dave had attended our church as a young boy but then was absent several years. He returned this spring, attended Berean Youth Conference, and responded there to the gospel invitation. Kelly Talcott was baptized Sunday, July 24 during the morning worship service. Kelly had been invited by Diane Huddleston to our Christmas program a year and a half ago. Soon she was coming faithfully to Sunday services and now is a sister in Christ. We welcome both Dave and Kelly into our church and pray God's richest blessing upon them. John A. Railton, pastor.

**Rochelle, IL.** The Flagg Center Church of God rejoices in the decision of Zella Ramsey to accept Christ Jesus as her Savior. She was immersed in the waters of baptism on Sunday, July 24, 1983. She suffered a slight stroke the following day and was hospitalized for several days. Pray for her as she is drawn closer to her Lord. Gordon Landry, pastor.

**Minneapolis, MN.** It was indeed a tremendous privilege and honor for the writer to assist Hahns Burg in putting on Christ in baptism on Saturday, July 23, 1983. The sun was glistening very beautifully across the waters of the Mississippi as Hahns was baptized into his Lord Jesus Christ in a very special and meaningful service. We share with Hahns in the tremendous joy that he had that morning as he became a member of the body of Christ. May God bless him and draw ever near to him, as he seeks now to live for his new-found Savior. Rex L. Shaw, pastor.

**Oregon, IL.** The Oregon congregation rejoiced July 10, 1983, as Sarah Zimbelman put on Christ in Christian baptism, having made her decision for Christ a few days earlier at Illinois State Youth Camp. God be praised! Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

**Eden Valley, MN.** Kurt William Swanson and Mark Jerry Coulter were immersed in the waters of baptism by the writer in a beautiful service at the Long Lake campground north of Eden Valley on Sunday, June 19, 1983. Pastor Ron Macy assisted in the service. A Communion Service was held immediately following the baptism for the new converts, their families, and many of the friends of the Hector Church of God where both families are members. May God richly bless these two young men in their Christian walk of life. Pastor Stan Ross.

**Raymore, MO.** At the morning worship service of April 17, 1983, Daniel Paul Smead responded to the gospel invitation and immediately sealed his confession of faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by baptism. His grandfather, Cecil Smead, baptized him. We pray God will richly bless Daniel in his walk with Christ. Don Ward and Cecil Smead, pastors.

**Litchfield, MN.** The Litchfield Church of God rejoiced with the angels in heaven when Harold and Gladys Ross came forward on Sunday morning, May 22, 1983, and gave their lives to Christ. The writer had the privilege to assist them in putting on Christ on June 5. We invoke God's rich blessing upon this fine couple as they serve their God and continue to fellowship together with the membership of the Litchfield Church of God. Stan Ross, pastor.

**Jefferson, OH.** On May 22, 1983, Cindy and Susie Cramer were baptized into Christ at the Bedford Church of the Open Bible by the pastor. Their father, Bill Cramer, read from Romans 5 and 6. Cindy and Susie are members of the Grace Church of God in Jefferson, Ohio. We pray for peace and joy to rest upon them always. Ken Howe, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** On August 14, 1983, Marge Payne was baptized into the saving name of Jesus at the Southlawn Church in Grand Rapids, MI. The Lord be praised for her decision to enter the body of Christ through the waters of baptism. May God bless her abundantly as she walks in her new life in Christ! Michael Brown, pastor.

**Omaha, NE.** On May 29, 1983, it was my great joy and privilege to baptize my son Jonathan. The Jaynes Street Church of God rejoices in Jonathan's decision to accept Jesus as his personal Savior and welcomes him into the body of Christ and the fellowship of the church. Scott Ross, pastor.

**Wyoming, MI.** On June 26, 1983, Steve Bearer came forward at the close of the worship service at the Southlawn Church to publicly express his desire to be baptized. He was immersed in the saving name of Jesus Christ the following Sunday, on July 3, during the morning service. May the Lord bless Steve as he walks in new life through Christ. Michael Brown, pastor.

**Mauertown, VA.** Danny Burner came forward on Easter Sunday. What a wonderful day this was. He was baptized on May 1, 1983. We ask your prayers for him now as he tries to live for the Lord. Joe Astolfi, pastor.

**Belle Plaine, IA.** Two young ladies were received into the Abrahamic faith at the concluding services of Washington Bible camp on July 31, 1983. Karah Rankin, Ladora, IA, and Diane Slaymaker, Marengo, IA, were immersed in the waters of Jack Creek at the campsite, near Leavenworth, WA, upon the confession of their faith. The writer was privileged to assist. May God's blessing be on them as they continue their active fellowship with the Restitution Church of God. Delbert Rankin, minister.

**Greenville, SC.** The congregation of the Greenville Church of God rejoiced as three of our young teen-agers, Ashlynn Monroe, Lee McMinn, and Chan Hicks, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and sealed their faith in baptism for the remission of sins. Bro. Terry Ferrell, pastor of the church, assisted these loved ones by immersion at the home of Dennis and Kay Hicks in Greer, SC, on July 24, 1983. We welcome these young people into the household of faith. May God richly bless them as they live for him. Bertha N. Perkins, secretary.

**Oregon, Illinois.** Lonnie Craig, Bryan Pryor and Stuart Wissing were baptized into Christ Sunday evening, August 21, 1983. We praise God for their Christian faith and welcome them into God's redeemed family. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

## COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The following have completed the free Systematic Bible Study Course and have been awarded certificates: Wendy Sisk, Oregon, IL; Jack Pickrell, South Bend, IN; Pauline Carroll, Farmington, MN; Shain Lloyd, Bill and Val Brown, Eldorado, IL; Dorothy Hollis, Karen Hollis, Hedrick, IN; Ron Almun, Watkins, MN; James Behrens, Kathy Behrens; Gary Boyd, Oregon, IL; Lana Gardner, IN.

## MARRIAGES

### Thomas - Cheatwood

Mary Thomas and Dennis Cheatwood were married in the Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL, on April 29, 1983, by Pastor David Cheatwood, father of the groom. Attendants were Beth Welch, niece of the bride, and Mark Cheatwood, brother of the groom. Mary is the daughter of Roy and Nina Thomas of Watson, IL. Dennis is the son of David and Wanda Cheatwood of Eden Valley, MN. The couple resides at Oregon, IL. May God richly bless this happy union in his service. Mildred Parks, reporter.

### McLouth - Vancil

Pamela Mae McLouth and Jeffrey Kenneth Vancil were united in marriage at the Macomb Church of God on August 5, 1983, with the groom's uncle, Jesse Pestle, officiating the ceremony. The couple was accompanied with 14 attendants before a sanctuary filled with well-wishing friends and relatives. Larry and Judy McLouth are the bride's parents; Kenneth and Beth Vancil are the groom's parents. Friends of both the bride and groom also assisted throughout the double-ring candlelit ceremony and reception which followed at the church. Our blessings for this happy couple come from the program distributed to the wedding guests: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let no one put asunder" (Matt 19:5, 6, RSV). "If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is, it's not enough." Phyllis Davis, reporter.

### Stratton - Johnson

Dale Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Oregon, Illinois, and Cheryl Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Stratton of Dixon, Illinois, were united in marriage at the Oregon Church, August 20, 1983, in a lovely double-ring ceremony. After the honeymoon they will be at home at, 702 South 2nd St., Oregon, IL 61061. We pray that God will bless their lives together. Hollis Partlowe, pastor.

### Hale - Driskill

Linda Hale became the bride of Lonnie Howard Driskill May 27, 1983, in a ceremony conducted at the East Peoria Community Church of God, East Peoria, IL. Pastor Wally Winner read the Scripture admonition and offered prayer and Pastor Leon Driskill, father of the groom, officiated the marriage vows and the pronouncement of marriage. Both Lonnie and Linda are members of the Church of God and active in the East Peoria Community Church of God and live in the Spring Bay area. Pastor J. Leon Driskill.

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### Prayer Changes Things

Emory and I want to thank the brethren and friends all over the nation for the cards, letters, phone calls, and words of comfort during my illness. Because you cared enough to pray for our needs I felt healing and energy from within. Peace added strength, joy, and comfort to every day. We thank you so very much for your prayers of intercession on our behalf. Mildred Macy.

### HOW-TO-PLANT-A-CHURCH SEMINAR

PASADENA, CA.—A "How-to-Plant-a-Church" seminar is being presented by the Charles E. Fuller Institute of Evangelism and Church Growth in cooperation with Fuller Theological Seminary, November 28 through December 1 in Pasadena, CA, at the seminary campus.

Principal speakers for the event include Dr. C. Peter Wagner, professor of church growth at Fuller seminary, and Carl F. George, director of the Fuller Institute.

Also speaking at the event are Richard Warren, Clayton Robinson, and Paul and Ron Benefiel. These men, as described by Wagner, "are outstanding both in their field experience and in their ability to communicate it to others."

Warren is founding pastor of Saddleback Valley Community Church in Laguna Hills, CA, a church that began with seven people, baptized 200 adult converts in its first three years, and now has over 400 in attendance. He is a frequent speaker at pastors' conferences and church growth institutes across the nation.

Robinson will share his experience as a researcher for new church sites. His 10 years in ministry have included the planting of New Life Community Church at Mission Viejo, CA, which he now pastors.

Paul and Ron Benefiel, a father/son team, have started over 30 ethnic church in the Los Angeles area. They have presented their methodology to numerous groups of church leaders.

Topics for the seminar include "Planned Parenthood for Churches—The Role of New Churches in Evangelizing Our Continent," "Digging Out the Demographics," "Reaching the Unchurched Through New Churches," and "Planting Churches in an Ethnic Mosaic."

These topics and others will interest "beginners and experienced church planters alike," George said. The seminar is recommended for pastors, denominational and church leaders, seminary students, and others interested.

Free brochures with registration forms for the seminar are available by writing: Seminar Coordinator, Charles E. Fuller Institute, P.O. Box 91990, Pasadena, CA 91109-1990. Or call for more information: (213) 449-0425 or 684-0107.

Academic credit for the seminar is available on both the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry levels through Fuller Theological Seminary.

### OBITUARIES

**Mrs. Fay (Lillie) Jones**, a member of the Eden Valley, MN, Church of God, died February 11, 1983, at the Paynesville, MN, Community Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Eden Valley Church of God, with Pastor Ron Macy officiating because of Pastor David Cheatwood's being hospitalized at the time. Mrs. Jones was born September 3, 1897, in Eden Valley to the late Frank and Christina (Bauer) Coser. She married Fay Jones February 21, 1917. Survivors include her husband; sons Melvin J., Hendersonville, TN, and Milo, Nashville, TN; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister: Mrs. Gerald (Arlene) Mills, Richmond, MN. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Marlis; and two brothers, Frank and Arthur Coser.

Funeral services were held July 20, 1983, at the Eden Valley Church of God for **C. Warren Edwards**, 61, who died July 19. Pastor David Cheatwood officiated. Burial was in Eden Lake Cemetery. Mr. Edwards was born April 6, 1922. He was a farmer and became involved in construction work after 1959. He served in the army during World War II. He was a member of the Church of God. Mildred Parks, reporter.

**Clara Mills** was born in Eden Valley, MN, on March 1, 1896, to the late Henry and Clara (Kahmeyer) Wendroth and died in the Meeker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield, MN, on June 23, 1983, after a brief illness. She was married to Page Mills on August 13, 1918, at the Eden Valley Church of God and they farmed and lived in the Eden Valley area most of their lives. Her husband died in 1963 and four sons preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Norvald (Dolores) Sogge of Eden Valley; a daughter-in-law, Dona Mills Schreiner of Watkins; two brothers; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the Eden Valley Church of God on June 25 by the writer and Bro. David Cheatwood. Interment was in the Old Eden Lake Cemetery north of Eden Valley where she awaits the call of the Master on that great resurrection morn. Clara was a devoted Christian who was dearly loved by all who knew her, and she had a great influence over many lives in her quiet and loving way. She will be sadly missed by her family and a host of friends.

Pastor Stan Ross.

On June 7, 1983, **Frank Roper, Sr.**, fell asleep in death. Brother Roper was a member of our church family, the Church of the Open Bible in Bedford, Ohio. He is survived by several children, including Frank, Jr., who is a faithful and compassionate supporter of the church. Our prayers abide with those loved ones who now patiently await the Master's return.

Ken Howe, pastor.

**Arnold Tinsley Johns**, born in Cuervo, New Mexico, fell asleep in Christ July 20, 1983 in Lafayette, Indiana, following an apparent heart attack. Arnold's childhood was spent in Blair, Nebraska, where his parents moved while he was still an infant. Arnold was a 1949-50 graduate of Oregon Bible College, which he attended shortly after WW II where he served his country in the Medical Corp. Arnold's long desire had been to preach and teach the Word of God. An ardent student of God's Word, he served the Lord faithfully until his death. For 34 years he had been a pastor of the Church of God, serving churches in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Indiana. Since 1977 he had served the Church of God in Lafayette, Indiana. A strong supporter of the truth of God's Word he was ever ready to "give an answer to every man that asked... a reason of the hope that was in him" (1 Pet. 3:15). He looked ever forward to the Second Coming of Jesus and the promise of life eternal in the age to come. A close personal friend of this writer since our college days together, he will be much missed. But as he, we also have the hope of resurrection when all the faithful dead will be raised together in glory to be with our Lord, Savior, and coming King. Services were conducted by the writer at the Soller-Baker Funeral Chapel in Lafayette on July 22, with burial in the Riverview Cemetery in Oregon, Illinois, on July 25. In the hope of the resurrection he leaves to sorrow their loss: his wife, Marie; his son David A. Johns and daughter Eileen L. Johns, both of Dixon, Illinois. Three brothers survive; Robert B. Johns of Marysville, Washington; William Russell Johns of Bennington, Nebraska; and Byron L. Johns of Littlefork, Minnesota; and five sisters, Miss Gertrude Johns and Mrs. Orland (Mary) Barnes, both of Greenbrier, Arkansas; Mrs. Don (Isabel) Williams of Bodfish, California; Mrs. Lee (Doris) Rhoads of Sacramento, California; and Mrs. George (Janice) Haberer of Dixon, Illinois. May the comforting arms of our Heavenly Father surround this family in their loss. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: ... that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

Pastor Darrell Maddock.

**Kathryn (Katie) Doyle**, of Quincy, IL, died on June 20, 1983, at the age of 88. Katie, as her friends called her, was born in Schuyler County, IL, on August 9, 1894. She had lived in Peoria, Rushville, and Quincy. She has been a member of the Ripley Church of God since 1910, when she was baptized at the age of 16. Because of ill health, Katie was not able to worship with us at church, but we know that her faith remained strong to the end. Burial was in the Rushville Cemetery with this writer officiating the services. She now awaits the coming of our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Richard L. Young.

## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRESS

### Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Progress

through August 31, 1983

Written Commitments to date	\$209,155.00
Verbal Commitments to date	107,000.00
Cash received to date	80,935.67

### Oregon Bible College Opens Fall Semester

Classes began on Monday, August 22, for 35 students. Of the 31 full-time students, 17 are attending OBC for the first time. Six of the new students have advanced standing, having earned credits or degrees from other institutions. Eighteen upperclassmen have returned to continue their studies here. The college calendar was adjusted during the final budgeting process. The fall semester will officially end on December 9, and the spring semester will open on January 16, 1984.



**GROWING IN THE SONSHINE PATCH**

The Oregon Church of God was transformed into a garden spot recently. Geraniums and marigolds lined the windowsills, rows of vegetables grew on an attendance chart, and talking worms poked their heads from a scenic backdrop. A live scarecrow added the finishing touch.

What was this event, which drew an average of 150 people each night? It was "The Sunshine Patch," this year's theme for Vacation Bible School "Growing God's Way" was stressed by lessons on the fruit of the Spirit. Through songs and skits, stories and crafts, the children and adults studied love, joy, peace, and patience.

Along the growing theme, "Church planting" was explained. The offering from VBS went toward the expenses of one of the church's members, who is working on the Colorado Springs project. A "Mini-Musical" program was presented Sunday evening, with 166 in attendance. The students are looking forward to studying the rest of the fruit of the Spirit next year, in part two of "The Sunshine Patch, Growing God's Way."

The success of our fantastic Bible School was due to long-range planning and to the enthusiastic support of our staff, especially Cindy Etnyre, superintendent, and Gwen Rager, secretary. God be praised for the privilege of sharing his mercy and grace for a whole week.



*Scarecrowing for the Son.*



*Clowning tips for the VBS kids.*



*Worming into the spiritual patch.*

*(Photos by Gayle Reye, Gwen Rager, and Kathie Rager.)*

- 1 Praise God for the results he has given thus far in the Colorado Springs Church.
- 2 Pray for the Needhams as they pastor this infant church.
- 3 Pray for Dr. Charles Pryor and the important ministry of directing the ministerial training program at Oregon Bible College.
- 4 Praise God for Bill Burnham becoming the Business Administrator for the General Conference.
- 5 Pray for Bill and Marion Burnham as they establish their home in Oregon.
- 6 Pray for God to continue to bless the efforts of raising money to provide an endowment fund to support the program of Oregon Bible College.
- 7 Praise God for the OBC students attending this semester and ask God to lead them in a close spiritual relationship.
- 8 Pray for our mission work in Mexico—especially that God will open another work there.
- 9 Pray that God will open another church-planting opportunity this year.
- 10 Pray for the Michigan State Conference and the staff of Oregon Bible College and General Conference who are presenting the Conference program.
- 11 Pray for your pastor as he leads the worship service this morning—especially that God's Spirit will flow through him.
- 12 Pray that God will give you an opportunity this week to share your faith.
- 13 Select a person who is a friend of yours who has not accepted Christ. Pray daily for the remainder of this month that this person will come to Christ.
- 14 Pray for David and Lynne Krogh as they work in an evangelism clinic in Louisiana.
- 15 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they work with the Kroghs in presenting the evangelism clinic in Louisiana.
- 16 Pray for the members of the Baton Rouge Church as they participate in the evangelism training.
- 17 Pray for the young people in your church fellowship—especially that God will provide for an active, meaningful youth program for them in your church.
- 18 Pray for those who are working with your youth program—that God will give them insight into the needs of the young people in the group.
- 19 Pray for the elders of your church, that God will use them to help lead the church in a ministry that will glorify God.
- 20 Praise God for the gift of life through Jesus Christ.
- 21 Read John 10:10 and praise God for one evidence you have in a personal way of the abundant life.
- 22 Pray for the Kroghs and Sorensons as they return to Oregon from Louisiana.
- 23 Pray for Russ Magaw and his ministry of publishing materials for the Church of God.
- 24 Praise God for the opportunity of having doctrinally correct material through the Publishing Department for teaching and reading in your Sunday School and homes.
- 25 Pray for the Oregon Bible College students who are looking for a job, that God will open an opportunity for suitable employment.
- 26 Read Psalm 95:6, 7 and pray the thoughts of this scripture.
- 27 Pray for Oliver Amani and his ministry in Ghana.
- 28 Pray for Steve Grant as he visits various churches to report on his Mission Survey Tour.
- 29 Pray that God will raise up candidates for mission service.
- 30 Read Psalm 106:1, 2 and praise God for what he has done for you personally.
- 31 Praise God for the opportunities of fellowship and service that he provides for you in your local church.

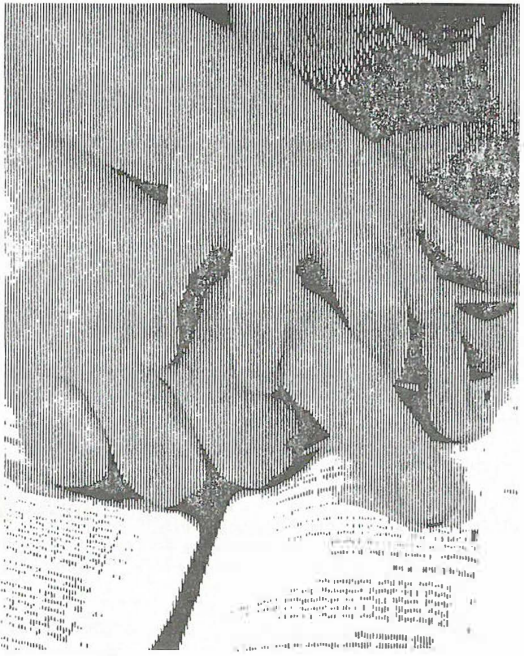


## Prayer and Praise Calendar

### November, 1983


- 1 Praise God for the opportunity you have to be a part of his family and to participate in the fellowship of your church.
- 2 Pray that God will provide opportunities for your church to grow.
- 3 Pray for our mission work in India, especially for Pastor Noel and his ministry with the congregations in Bangalore.
- 4 Pray for Emily Manoah and her work in the medical clinic in Bangalore.
- 5 Pray that God will bless your church with an exciting service tomorrow.
- 6 Pray for your pastor today as he leads the worship service, that God's Spirit will be in evidence in the service.
- 7 Pray for Mardy Lawrence et al and the victorious Christian Living Week to be conducted at Oregon Bible College November 6-11.
- 8 Pray for Steve Grant as he communicates mission information to our local churches.
- 9 Pray for our mission work in Nigeria, that God will aid in the spiritual growth of our leaders there.
- 10 Pray for persons who are isolated from a local church, that they will feel God's presence and be kept in the faith.
- 11 Praise God for a personal blessing you have recently received.
- 12 Pray for Oregon Bible College students as they prepare for Christian service.
- 13 Pray specifically for those who are in services today for the first time, that God will minister to them through the services of your church.
- 14 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson and their ministry of working with local churches.
- 15 Pray for churches which are in need of expanding or relocating their facilities, that God will open the way to make this possible.
- 16 Pray for the instructors at Oregon Bible College, that God will lead them in presenting the most effective instruction for the preparation of the students.
- 17 Pray that God will raise up persons who will generously support the ministries of the General Conference.
- 18 Pray for Dr. Pryor and his ministry as President of Oregon Bible College.
- 19 Praise God for your family and pray for God's leadership in your home.
- 20 Pray for those in your church fellowship who have not responded to Christ in baptism, especially that God will lead them to make this decision.
- 21 Pray for the new church in Colorado Springs and for the Needhams as they pastor the congregation.
- 22 Pray for your Sunday School teachers, that God will use them to effectively teach his Word.
- 23 Praise God for the opportunity provided for a thanksgiving service as a congregation and the blessing of participating in a fellowship of thanksgiving and praise.
- 24 Read Psalm 111:1-3. Praise God according to the message of this scripture.
- 25 Pray that God will open up another opportunity for a church-planting project.
- 26 Pray for a friend of yours who is in need of accepting Christ as Savior.
- 27 Pray that God will give a rich experience of fellowship and worship in the services today.
- 28 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith this week.
- 29 Pray for David Krogh and his ministry as Executive Director of the General Conference.
- 30 Select a specific promise in the Bible and praise God that it is yours.





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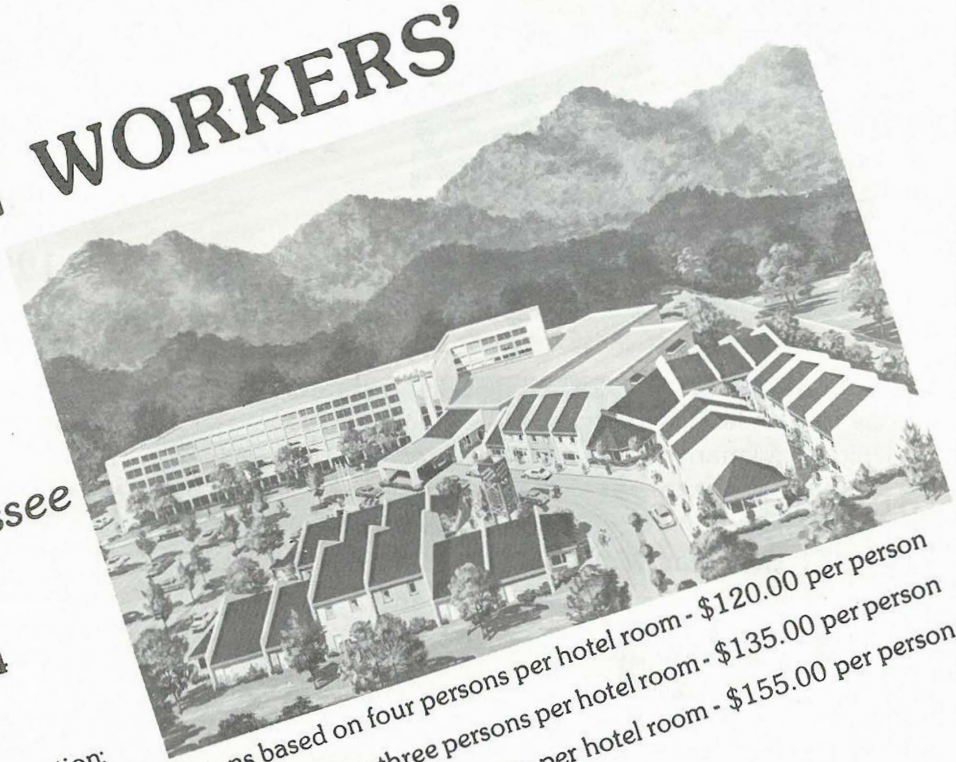


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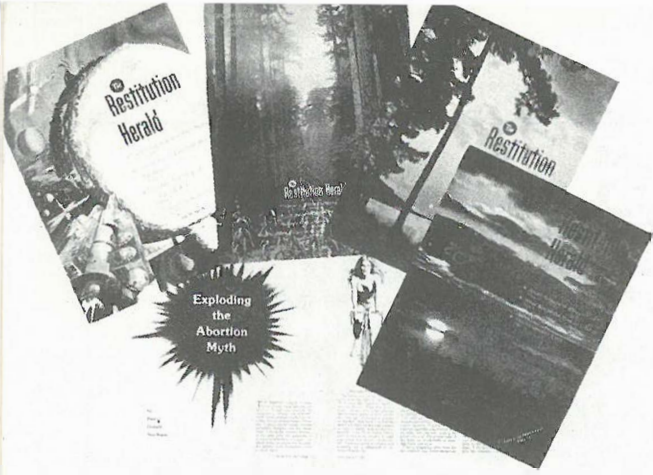
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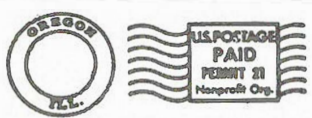
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