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College/Conference News

New Church

Cornerstone Bible Church held its opening service on October 16. There were 107 in attendance, which represents approximately 35 core group members and 72 new attenders.

In preparation for starting the church, 25,569 telephone numbers were dialed. 12,837 people answered and 1,925 requested information in the mail. Just prior to the Sunday opening, those on the mailing list who had received five pieces of information were called again to be reminded of the first service. Following the opening service, many on the mailing list were called again to receive a report on the first service.

David Riley is serving as pastor for this new group. The New Friends congregation not only provided members of the core group but also has provided financial support for this new work. New Friends had 64 in attendance on the Sunday that Cornerstone opened.

Students and staff of Atlanta Bible College and the General Conference are actively involved in both churches.

Mission News

Anthony, Sarah, and Claire Buzzard, and Jim and Martha Mattison traveled to Malawi the first two weeks of September. They presented many sermons and Bible classes during their visit. (See page 2 of this issue for a complete report.)

Dr. and Mrs. William Lawrence and their daughter Pat left on October 22 for an extended visit to India. They will be meeting with members of the Thomastown and Laljinagar Church in Bangalore.

Tracy Savage will be returning from Russia after the first of the year to spend time at Atlanta Bible College. She will take classes and participate in ministry groups for a quarter, as well as take advanced Russian language study. She will also be taking a Perspectives on World Missions correspondence course. This training will assist her in the ministry in St. Petersburg.

Ministers' Retirement Association

During the summer General Conference, the Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association held

its biannual meeting. Major changes were approved in the rules and regulations by the membership. The changes permit pastors to join or rejoin the association without penalty payments. Many other changes were approved which improve the program.

The Retirement Association has been in existence for 26 years. During that time, assets have grown from \$0 to approximately \$650,000 while at the same time distributing over \$370,000 in benefits.

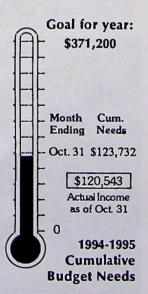
We appreciate the involvement of many churches and conferences in the association. This participation has enabled our association of churches to meet the needs of those who have given their lives in service to the Lord and to the Church of God.

New Church Builder's Appeal

Church Builders Appeal No. 73 has been issued by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Church Planting Endowment Fund. Over the past fifteen years, several estates and major gifts have been given to the Conference to be used specifically for church planting. The Board established policies which enable new churches to apply for assistance from this fund. The fund is nearly depleted and there is a need to raise additional funds to assist five new churches. We invite the membership to respond promptly to this appeal.

Financial Update

We appreciate the prayers and financial support of the membership of the Church of God for the continuation of the ministries of the college and conference. Contributions are slightly less than the Goal for Giving adopted by the delegates. We appreciate the continued prayer and financial support of the membership.



Malawi, For the Second Time

By Anthony Buzzard

SEPTEMBER, 1994 — Two consecutive nights in the plane (Atlanta to Gatwick and Heathrow to Johannesburg) and the following day hopping from Johannesburg to Lilongue (the capital of Malawi) and Blantyre left the team somewhat exhausted but in bright spirits. Ferdinand and Margaret Sakala — our Abrahamic brother and sister — and Jennifer, Ferdinand's sister, met us at the little airport at Blantyre. This year we hugged, following the western custom. A small hired pick-up truck took us the ten miles to the Sakala's. Piling our considerable baggage, including four large suitcases of second-hand clothes, into the back we made our way through the African night. Leaving the city lights we came to bumpy, dusty roads. On each side tiny candles shone through the windows of the primitive houses.

Ferdinand and Margaret's house is plastered on the outside and has five little rooms. There is no plumbing or electricity. The kitchen is a separate construction outside at the back of the house where Margaret, working over her wood fire, endured an unbearably smoky atmosphere as she boiled gallons of water for us from the West who cannot risk the local water in its natural form. Margaret industriously cooked sima (a maize porridge) for the household and potatoes and rice for the visitors. This year, with the dollar more than twice as strong against the kwacha as last year, we sometimes bought tuna fish, baked beans and peanut butter and whole-wheat bread to supplement our fare. This enabled us to function better and the Sakalas enjoyed a little luxury with us.

Ferdinand had been lent a bigger house by a Seventh Day Adventist friend. It was special by the local standards since it had two flush-toilets and a shower (cold water). There was no furniture except two beds. Our fatigue allowed us to sleep despite the whine of mosquitoes (we sprayed on mosquito-deterrent). The next morning we left the house at 5:00 and set out for our first convention destination — Bangula, in the district of Nasanje on the southern border with Mozambique. Three and a half hours of bumping along dusty roads brought us to our destination (how everyone got onto that bus remains a miracle!). Seven local pastors were lined up to greet us, and they immediately took all our luggage as part of their service to visiting missionaries. Here we stayed in a government-run rest house. About 25 dollars (17 sterling) covered the costs of all of us for 2 nights. Jim and Martha Mattison slept in the "executive suite" which had its own toilet and basin.

As night fell we walked to our first church meeting, hearing at a distance the sound of singing and drumming. Inside some 150 people were gathered. They sang vigorously, and we spoke to them about our excitement at being in their country as well as about the resurrection, the Messiahship of Jesus and the hope of immortality in the Kingdom. Hand-clapping and hallelujahs greeted our preaching, though these people are not "charismatics" since they have given up "tongues speaking," which some had earlier learned in the Assemblies of God.

We provided money for a cow which provided food for those who had traveled many miles to meet us. The people were receptive to the kind of Bible teaching we gave them (through Margaret and Ferdinand's translation from English into Chichewa). Their minds have been prepared for Abrahamic faith through Ferdinand's good work over 10 years.

After two days we returned to Blantyre and took another bus, this time to Mulanje where a bigger gathering was planned. Margaret's father has a house there where we all slept — this



An Exciting Weekend

in Northumberland, Pennsylvania

By Anthony Buzzard

The last weekend in July Kent Ross and I were privileged to attend a quite extraordinary gathering in Northumberland, Pennsylvania. It was the occasion marking the bicentennial of the arrival in America of Joseph Priestley. Priestley is known as the "father" of American chemistry (he discovered oxygen) as well as the "father" of American unitarianism. This exceptionally gifted preacher, church historian and natural scientist was forced to leave his home in Britain after a rioting crowd had burned his library, destroying also a lifelong personal journal. Priestley was a controversial figure not only because of his radical political views but also for his strong dissenting stance against the established church. He spent the last ten years of his life in America, dying in 1804.

Priestley was a biblical unitarian, believing that God is a single Person and that Jesus was the human Messiah, God's representative. An impressive historical site in Northumberland, Pennsylvania is dedicated to the memory of Priestley. The emphasis is on his achievements in chemistry, but note is taken also of his radical theology: He was known as "Gunpowder Joe," since his unorthodox views of God as well as his belief in the sleep of the dead caused alarm amongst the clergy.

On the Sunday of our visit, Professor (Emeritus) of Harvard G.H. Williams, author of the famed Radical Reformation, preached a fascinating sermon on Priestley's beliefs. It appears that Priestley was anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Kingdom on earth, convinced that the French Revolution was a sign of the end-time. As Kent and I listened we realized that we represented the living tradition of Priestley's radical views. Professor Williams, himself a unitarian and the world's foremost expert on dissenters at the Reformation, also recognized that Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God are modern exponents of Priestley's theology. Williams called on Kent and me to read the Scriptures which Priestley had used as topics for his first and last sermons in America: "Repent and believe in the Kingdom," and "God is able to build you up and give you the inheritance which he has promised to the faithful.

Attending at the service and also at a banquet that evening were several hundred admirers from the chemical world as well as about 100 descendants of Priestley who had travelled from all over the world to honor their distinguished ancestor. Many of the relatives were Roman Catholics and had no conception of Priestley's theology. Some enquired who we

were and why we were interested in Priestley, and I was able to distribute some copies of our new book on the Trinity. A Portugese lawyer, descended from one of Priestley's daughters, asked in detail about our view of Jesus. I later sent him some literature.

The weekend was amazing and exhilarating. It was encouraging to know that men of Priestley's stature (he wrote several volumes entitled A History of the Early Opinions of Christianity Proving That the Early Church Was Unitarian) would have been completely at home in the Abrahamic Faith. Priestley was, as someone wrote, "one of the world's true geniuses — a polymath of prodigious energy and productivity whose contribution to the intellectual life of his time ranged broadly across fields of theology, philosophy, politics, education and science." Priestley longed for the Kingdom of God on earth with the arrival of Jesus the Messiah. His own faith is expressed in the epitaph on his tombstone: "Ilay me down to rest and will awake at the dawn in the resurrection."

Contact In Switzerland

I recently received a letter from Olten, Switzerland. A Roman Catholic priest living in a monastery had been reading New Testament Abstracts. This publication gives a synopsis of articles appearing throughout the world in theological journals in various languages. Brother Moser spotted material on the Abrahamic Faith in our Journal from the Radical Reformation. Not able to locate our journal in Switzerland he addressed an enquiry to New Testament Abstracts who forwarded his letter to Atlanta Bible College. Subsequent correspondence shows that Brother Mozer is working to reestablish New Testament eschatology, including belief in the restoration of Israel. He was delighted to find others concerned with biblical matters about which he is writing. Brother Mozer has contacts with the evangelical Bethlehem Bible College in Israel. I will writing to them also and sharing our insights on Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

Book Published

Anthony's and Charles' book on the Trinity is now circulating in about 300 copies. We have heard that leadership in the Worldwide Church of God is reading the material. We have had some enthusiastic comments. One lady wrote: "I am in the middle of the work and completely enthralled. Each page is an illumination, a Bible study in itself."

Correspondence Course Available

Atlanta Bible College is making available a Bible study course based on the book "The Coming Kingdom of the Messiah" by Anthony Buzzard. A study guide is available consisting of 21 lessons which correspond with the 21 chapters of the textbook. The course may be used as an individual or group home Bible study course; as a Sunday School elective; or the course may be taken for one quarter hour of college credit.

For leaders of Bible study classes, an answer sheet is available to accompany the study guide.

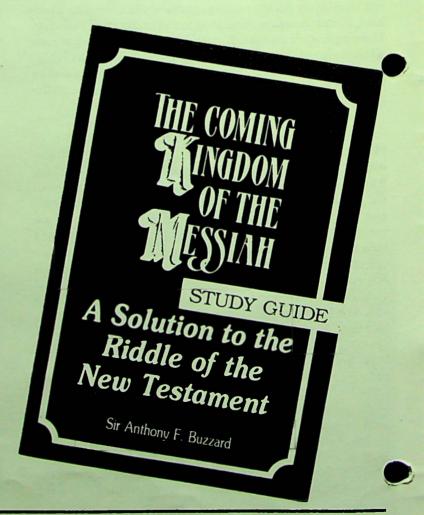
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Jan. 1, 2000

2,000 by the Year 2000

Total 756

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April 1, 1994 - Sept. 30, 1994*	57
April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994	142
April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993	164
April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992	170
June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991	168
Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990	55

More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

Calendar of Events

Nov. 18, 19	Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
March 3-5	Atlanta Bible College Invitational
April 2-7	Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN
Apr. 29-May 2	Annual Ministerial Conference, Turkey Run State Park, IN
July 9-14	Berean Youth Congress, Taylor University, Upland, IN
July 31-Aug. 4	75th Annual General Conference, Days Inn Dayton South, Dayton, OH

Projects on Atlanta Campus

	пем	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
	Wood decking for walkwa	y		
	5' section	100	\$40	27 selected by donors
	Hardware for doors	50	\$125	8 selected by donors
	Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	10 selected by donors
	Fence:			
	10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	3 selected by donor
	100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
	100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
	300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
	Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
į	Refrigerators for apt. bldg.	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
	Stoves for apt. bldg.	10	\$400	6 selected by donors
	Outside lighting	6	\$500	
	Fax machine	1	\$450	\$208 contributed

PRAYER AND PRAISE December 1994

- 1 Pray for ABC students as they take exams today and tomorrow.
- 2 Pray for Francis and Iris Burnett and the Oaklawn Church of God at Koszta, Iowa.
- 3 Praise God for the dedicated service of College and Conference staff.
- 4 Pray for the Badillos and the work in Mexico.
- 5 Pray for Jason and Marcee Turner and the congregation at Beloit, Wisconsin.
- 6 Pray for contacts around the world produced by literature.
- 7 Pray for David Riley as he leads the new Cornerstone Bible Church of God.
- 8 Praise God for the ministries of your local church.
- 9 Pray for Jon and Sarah Cheatwood and the St. Charles, MO church.
- 10 Pray for those making preparations for the 1995 Christian Workers' Seminar.
- 11 Praise God for your pastor as he shares God's Word today.
- 12 Pray that God would lead you in the way of righteousness.
- 13 Pray for those who are leading the work in the Philippine Islands.
- 14 Praise God for the changing seasons and the beauty of creation.
- 15 Pray for Dick and Carol Eldred and the Blanchard, Michigan congregation.
- 16 Praise God for His Word.
- 17 Pray for the believers in India.
- 18 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant and their work in the Middle Fast
- 19 Pray for radio broadcasts that are presenting God's truth.
- 20 Pray for Lee McMinn and the members in Columbia, South Carolina.
- 21 Pray for an individual you know who has not accepted
- 22 Pray for Tracy Savage as she ministers in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 23 Pray for ABC instructor Dale Ramsey.
- 24 Pray for encouragement for those who are separated from family and friends at this Christmas season.
- 25 Praise God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.
- 26 Pray for the recruitment efforts at Atlanta Bible College.
- 27 Pray for Stan and Hilda Lawrence and the North Salem, Indiana Church.
- 28 Pray for Ferdinand and Margaret Sakala in their mission work in Malawi.
- 29 Pray for Jeff and Terri Moore and the Houselight Church in Minnesota.
- 30 Pray for revival throughout the Church of God in the coming year.
- 31 Praise God for the way He has blessed you in 1994.

PRAYER AND PRAISE January 1995

- 1 Pray that Jesus will return to the earth soon.
- 2 Pray for Mario Olcese and Beder Ucanay and their work in Peru.
- 3 Pray for ABC students as they return from their Christmas break.
- 4 Pray for ABC students as they begin classes for the second quarter, today.
- 5 Pray for Fred and Gladys Pensyl and their work with Chapel Hill Church in Ohio.
- 6 Praise God that we can be a part of the family of God.
- 7 Pray for anyone in your church who has a health need.
- 8 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson and the Simi Valley, CA Church.
- 9 Praise God for a recent answer to a prayer.
- 10 Pray for the outreach ministries of your church.
- 11 Pray for Joe Martin as he teaches at Atlanta Bible College.
- 12 Praise God for those who give generously of their time to further the Lord's work.
- 13 Pray for the new Cornerstone Bible Church of God in McDonough, GA.
- 14 Pray for the Today's Good News Television Ministry under the direction of Steve Taylor.
- 15 Praise God for financial and prayer supporters of the College/Conference.
- 16 Praise God for the freedom to worship God.
- 17 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Jesus as Savior.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 19 Praise God for Clarence and Louise Lapp and their many years of faithful ministry.
- 20 Pray for the congregation in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 21 Pray for your pastor and family.
- 22 Pray for teachers in your local church.
- 23 Praise God for those who give of their time and talents in serving on Conference Advisory Committees.
- 24 Pray for your nation's leaders.
- 25 Pray for Don and Sherry Nunemaker and the Burr Oak Church.
- 26 Pray for Kent Ross as Vice President of ABC.
- 27 Pray for opportunities to start new churches.
- 28 Pray for Larry and Karen Mayberry and the Pennellwood Church
- 29 Praise God for the direction He provides for your life.
- 30 Pray for New Hope Community Church in Lafayette, Indiana.
- 31 Pray for isolated members who can not meet regularly.

MALAWI FOR THE SECOND TIME

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time on mattresses which we purchased inexpensively. Sarah and Claire spent many hours entertaining the children with some of the folk dances and games we had learned in the U.S. The children are most intelligent and attentive. Television has not undermined their attention spans.

The church building in Mulanje had been constructed by the members from bricks made from the mud. We were able to combine financial resources to provide "iron sheets" to finish the roof, amidst much excitement. It was nice not to have the rain pouring in during services. Again we sang, preached to attentive audiences, and answered questions. We gave them the great truths of the faith.

On several occasions we spoke to the leaders (pastors/ elders) alone and gathered from them information about the exact numbers of people attending their church services. It appears quite certain that there are some 4,500 "members," associated with the faith as we understand it, about half of whom are over the border in Mozambique (where Portuguese is the national language). Their baptism is by immersion. Thus it seems that God has opened a wide door of teaching for us amongst these many folk associated with Ferdinand and Margaret. The latter are strong adherents to the Abrahamic faith in One God and Jesus as Messiah and the Gospel of the Kingdom. Margaret has been teaching Sunday school, and proof of her good work was shown by the children who recited basic Bible verses (Deut 6:4, Matt. 5:5, Acts 8:12, etc.). The Sakalas now have ten years of evangelism behind them in Malawi. It has been based on the Abrahamic faith since June, 1992.

With homemade guitars and beautiful voices in harmony they sang special numbers. Their respect and gratitude for our visit was always evident. These are people with whom we must continue to share our resources in order to further their zeal for evangelism. With all our facilities we surely can make an impact for good on the vast continent of Africa, where God, as He often does, chooses "the poor to be heirs of the Kingdom." There is scope for young missionaries to make a career in Africa. "Going agents" are needed as much as sending agencies.

Much wisdom and energy is needed to serve these people. Our team of six gained an impression of Malawi which will always be with us. Since the Gospel of the Kingdom must be preached in all the world before the return of Jesus, we should redouble our efforts to plant Truth wherever doors are (as in this case) miraculously opened. We know the Sakalas only because a Frenchman carrying one of my Jesus booklets happened to offer it to Ferdinand, whom he spoke to "out of the blue" at the Blantyre bus-depot. How marvelously God works to spread the knowledge of the Christ and His Kingdom.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS

ILLINOIS

Naperville (Fox Valley) — Cody Wernsman, Seth Veselsky and James Wileman (7/31/94) by Pastor Robert Alcumbrack.

Macomb — Amanda Haley (6/19/94) by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack.

Mt. Sterling — Katie Jo Young, Jay Paul Young, Amy Schisler, Amanda Schisler, and Jess Matthews (10/3/94) by Pastors Thomas Schmitt and Richard Young.

INDIANA

South Bend — Nathan Kizer (8-14-94), Erin Reichert (8-28-94), and Brent and Karen Carl (10-9-94) by Pastor John A. Railton.

MICHIGAN

Blanchard — Vicki Sawyer and Mindy Sawyer (6/5/94) by Pastor Dick Eldred and Pastor Tim Eldred; Tonya Welch (7/17/94) by Pastor Tim Eldred; Brian Potrafka (8/21/94) by Pastor Dick Eldred. David Richardson (9/18/94) by Pastor Tim Eldred; Jeff Finch (9/18/94) by Elder Rob Smith; and Sue Finch (9/18/94) by Julie Smith.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley — Mae Burr (9/18/94) by Pastor Russ Magaw.

OHIO

Columbia Station — Tony Illius, Cassy Lego, Tish Said, Christine Said, Jonathan Said (8/28/94) by Pastor David Swartz.

Lawrenceville — Andrew Fewell (7/31/94) by Pastor Steve Fewell; Zachary Fields, Heidi Heaston, Mindy Heaston, Mark Stevens, and Jeffrey Wilson (7/31/94); Kelly Circle (8/7/94); Gwen Kaffenbarger, April Martin, and Heather Martin (9/18/94) by Pastor John Hearp.

Urbana — Terry Arthur Pensyl (8/14/94) by Fred A. Pensyl.

ONTARIO

Fonthill — Gail Digweed (9/25/94) by Pastor Stephen Bolhous.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pelzer — Steven Henderson (6/19/94) by Pastor Alan Cain.

VIRGINIA

Seven Fountains — Elizabeth Ramsey, Brad Ramsey and Andy Zimmerman (7/ 24/94) by Pastor Jon Welch.

WISCONSIN

Beloit — Sheila Johnson (8/7/94) by Pastor Jason Turner.

DEATHS

ILLINOIS

Macomb — Sanford Derry (9/17/94) by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack.

IOWA

Oaklawn (Koszta) — Carroll R. Cronbaugh (8/13/94), and Cecil Cronbaugh, (10/8/94) by Pastor Francis E. Burnett.

MINNESOTA

Litchfield — Lyndon Bennett (7/2/94), by Pastor Jeffrey Bull.

St. Peters — Susan Mills, age 90 (8/9/94), by Pastor Russ Magaw.

OHIO

Columbia Station — Frances Stadden, 86, charter member (8/22/94), by Pastor David Swartz.

Springfield — Roy Errett, age 85, faithful teacher and elder (7/28/94), by Pastor John Hearp.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pelzer — Emie Franco, age 38 (8/23/94), by Pastor Alan Cain.

MARRIAGES

ARKANSAS

McGintytown — Kim Cardin and Doug Carmichael (9/17/94) by Pastor Tom New.

OHIO

Springfield — Amanda Domigan and Chad Roll (9/18/94) by Pastor John Hearp.

PASTORS NEEDED

Macomb, Illinois

The Macomb Church of God is seeking a pastor. Please send a resume and one recorded sermon to: Pulpit Committee, c/o Jesse Pestle, 16360 U.S. Hwy 67, Macomb, IL 61455, or phone 309-836-1009.

Holbrook, Nebraska

We are still looking for someone who would be interested in coming to a rural area to hold services at the Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, Nebraska. A retired couple or single person to help supplement their income. A nice parsonage to live in free. Lights and water paid and church related phone bills also paid. Close to a junior college and 60 miles from Keamey NE University. If interested call or write: Curly Miller, Rt. 3. Box 9. Cambridge, NE 69022, or call collect 308-697-4799. Or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922, or call collect after 7:00 p.m. 308-962-5393.

Gatesville, Texas

The Gatesville Church will need a pastor June 1, 1995. Please contact secretary Suzanne Henson for additional information at 817-865-8452.

Champion, Michigan

A pastor is needed to serve the Champion congregation and to do outreach in neighboring cities of Marquette, Negaunee, and Ishpemig. Please contact Ray and Mary Vadnais at 906-339-2328.

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Institutional Study Questionnaire

The center pages of this Progress Journal contain a survey/questionnaire which will provide valuable information for the Institutional Long Range Planning Study for Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference. Every member family is encouraged to fill out the survey and return it to the General Conference office by March 1. The gathering of this information will provide valuable input as the College/Conference seeks to be sensitive to the needs of our local churches.

As a part of the study, the College/Conference staff is compiling information regarding current programs and activities. Future steps will include an evaluation of our mission statement and the development of goals and strategies for the future.



1995 Summer Conference

The 75th annual General Conference will be held at Days Inn, Dayton, Ohio July 31 - August 4. Delegates and attenders will participate in activities connected to the Institutional Long Range Planning Study. Two positions on the Board of Directors will be filled, and other business will be conducted. The four day Conference will also include inspiring music, challenging sermons, and helpful workshops and Bible classes.

Annual Giving Report

Included in this issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL is a review of contributions and gifts to the College and Conference during the past year. We are grateful to every member, church, and group for joining with us in ministry during 1994. Individual contributor records have been mailed to those who contributed directly to our work during the past year.

Summer Ministries Program

Again this summer, Atlanta Bible College will be sponsoring a ministry program. Interested young people and adults will assist churches with calling, Bible Schools, and special meetings. Volunteers will spend anywhere from one week up to six weeks as members of a ministry team. Interested individuals should contact Amy Berry at the Conference toll-free number 1-800-347-4261 after 2 p.m. Churches that would like assistance during the summer should also contact Amy.

Financial Update

At the end of December, contributions to the Goal for Giving for the College/Conference were approximately \$7,500 short of the amount needed. We are grateful for all who have provided support during this fiscal year.



1994 Contributions to Goals for Giving

(For General Operations)

	Number of Donors	Amount
Individuals and Families	715	\$154,641
Churches	64	153,834
Conferences	7	13,272
Groups	26	8,258
Miscellaneous	102	13,565
Total Contributions to Goa	ls for Giving	\$343,570

Contributions to Special Funds

Library Mamorials	\$2,985
Library Memorials	
ABC Foundation	13,984
Scholarships	13,632
Church Builders' Appeals	30,082
Foreign Missions	4,584
ABC Alumni Chapel	7,872
Relocation Fund	6,194
Russia	5,471
Conference Ministries Fund	3,133
Van Replacement	1,000
New Churches	1,588
Minister's Fund	144
Summer Ministries	2,940
Piano for Chapel	7,575
Fund the Dream Campaign	6,785
Total Contributions to Special Funds	\$117,969
Grand Total to all College/Conference Ministries	\$461,539

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In Memoriam 1994

During 1994, contributions to the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College were given in memory of the following:

Lucille Appleby Boyer
Pastor Leonard Brown
Pastor Harold J. Doan
Anna Drew
John Craig English
Hazel Stadden Gallagher
Sharonlee Frances
Gallagher
Lila Gardner
Inez Gordon

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B. E. Holt
Marie Johns
Pastor C. E. Lapp
Jane LeCrone
Mary Helen Mattison
Marge Mogle
Helen Overholser
JoAnn Painter
Pastor James Patrick

Pastor C. F. Pryor
Pastor Stan Ross
James Schroth
Frances Stadden
Kenneth Tumpaugh
Pastor Dale Ward
Clifford and Zelma Weaver
Emmett Westbrook
Pastor Walter Wiggins

Scholarships and Grants for Atlanta Bible College During 1994

The following scholarships and grants were awarded to Atlanta Bible College students. Other individuals, churches, and groups provided assistance to students in addition to these scholarships and grants administered by the college.

Berean Youth Fellowship
Brush Creek Church
Burnham-Stadden
Burr Oak Church
Forest Hills Church
Francis and Lila Van Fleet
Memorial
Fulton Ramsey Memorial
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Memorial
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Harvey U. Krogh, Jr. Memorial
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Ritenour Trust Fund—In Memory of Eliza Boyer Ritenour, Virginia Ritenour Kincheloe, and Seraphine Ritenour Cleek Simi Valley Church Southeast Conference Southwest Members in Memory of Norman McLeod, S.J. Lindsay, Harold J. Doan, and C.E. Randall Stan Ross Memorial Steve and Annette Osborn Troyview/Overholser/Demmitt Virginia State Conference Washington Grove Church, Oregon, Illinois William and Rhoda Hanson Memorial

Continuing Education for Pastors

By Pastor Ray Hall — Chairman, Ministerial Recognition Board

In the mid 1970's an attempt was made by the Ministerial Association of the Church of God to raise the self esteem of our pastors by appropriating funds to help them dress professionally.

More important, however, than how a minister may look is how he performs. So the attempts of the 70's to raise the quality of ministry in the Church of God quickly switched from dress codes to a conscious awareness of a need for continuing education among pastors to improve their skills and stay current in an ever-changing world.

To accomplish this goal, the Ministerial Recognition Board proposed that each pastor secure one continuing education (C.E.U.) experience each year. One C.E.U. is defined as including ten hours of participation in seminars, conferences, classes, etc. It was felt that this requirement would support, strengthen, and build the effectiveness of all pastors. This requirement was adopted by the Ministerial Association in 1989. This action was also approved by the General Conference Board of Directors.

Over the past five years, an effort has been made to encourage pastors to comply with the C.E.U. requirement. At the 1994 General Conference, the Ministerial Association voted to fully implement the Ministerial Recognition Board Operating Guidelines and to require compliance with the continuing education provisions.

Continuing education requirements are common in professional circles. All medical professions, psychologists, psychiatrists, therapists, counselors, educators, professions of the bar, law enforcement officers, plumbers, engineers, etc., all require continuing education for employees to hold their jobs and remain certified. It was recently reported in the Kiplinger Washington Letter (December 22, 1994) that by the year 2000, "updating skills will be a lifetime endeavor for most employees. Those who don't keep learning and adjusting will limit their own careers."

The Ministerial Association should be

commended for establishing a standard for improving their ministries. This new policy is based upon the practice of many pastors who have been taking college level refresher courses, attending seminars, expanding their skills through post-graduate studies, attending conferences, and listening to audio and video tapes to better themselves in ministry. These practices will now be required for continued licensure by the Ministerial Recognition Board. Continuing education will help pastors improve their abilities to minister and also strengthen their understanding of Bible Truth.

The C.E.U. requirement only applies to Licensed Ministers. All ministers ordained by the Church of God General Conference prior to 1990 are exempt from the Association as are all retired ministers (see 7.1 Operating Guidelines).

There are no Ordained or retired ministers in the Church of God, though, who do not see the need for active ministers to update their ministry skills through continued education. As a ministerial body, this decision was made for the purpose of encouraging one another. It is the design of the Ministerial Association that all ministers will cooperate, reporting their C.E.U. as a demonstration of their support for the need, thus encouraging and building a stronger ministerium.

By encouraging their pastor to seek continuing education credits, local churches will be assured of receiving the finest pastoral care, comprehensive Bible knowledge, and Spirit directed ministries. It is the desire of the Ministerial Association, the Ministerial Recognition Board, and the General Conference Board of Directors that all local churches support the attainment of a higher degree of excellence.

Below is a copy of policies relating to continuing education units from the operating guidelines:

7.0 Updating of Ministry Skills

- 7.1 All licensed ministers, except those who are retired, must seek to continually update their ministry skills.
- 7.1.1 To maintain license, an individual must have one continuing education (C.E.U.) experience each year, defined as including ten (10) hours of participation. (That means at least [a minimum of] 10 total hours of all accumulated C.E. seminars, conferences, classes, etc.)
- 7.1.2 One every three years should be under the auspices of Atlanta Bible College. (These are provided through Ministers Conference, or coincide with the annual General Conference.)
- 7.1.3 The record-year is September 1 through August 31.
- 7.2 Notice of compliance may be sent to the Ministerial Recognition Board at any time during the year, but must be in by the deadline for the annual renewal form, which by definition shall be two weeks before the beginning of the annual General Conference.
- 7.3 Failure to comply will result in:
- 7.3.1. Name not being included in the directory listing of licensed ministers.
- 7.3.2 Revocation of license until requirement is met. License would be kept on file and mailed as soon as notification of compliance was provided.
- 7.3.3 Ministerial Recognition Board will counsel with non-participating minister, and if requirement is not met, will inform the local church of the minister's non-compliance.

Any questions about these policies or this information may be directed to Pastor Ray Hall, Chairman of the Ministerial Recognition Board.

Atlanta Bible College / Church of God General Conference

INSTITUTIONAL SELF-STUDY . 1995 INFORMATIONAL SURVEY

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." — Matt. 28:19, 20 (NIV).

Given the major changes in our society, how can members of the Church of God best fulfill the Great Commission? Church leaders in our country are saying that if businesses lost the number of "customers" that churches have lost in recent years, they would drastically change their practices. How do we teach the truths in the future with new vigor, new excitement? How do we revitalize our churches to better reach the lost? The College and Conference have relocated; how will they best continue maintaining the faith, but doing it in a fresh, renewed way?

The delegates to the 1994 General Conference in Atlanta authorized a study of the College and Conference in order to position ourselves to be prepared for a new century, if God delays Jesus return. What will be the changes needed to revitalize our entire effort for the college/conference, but also for our churches and our entire membership? We would like to ask your help. Could you give us your opinion? Please complete the following survey and return in to Dr. Donna Deane (using this section as a postage paid self-mailer). Thanks.

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Please indicate your thoughts on the future of our churches, college and conference by responding to the following questions. Check what you consider to be the most appropriate response from the six offered: 1) Strongly Agree; 2) Agree; 3) Neutral; 4) Disagree; or 5) Strongly Disagree. If you aren't familiar with the topic, feel free to check 6) Don't Know. If more space is needed for writing, please use an additional sheet. Use question number to identify your answer.

CHURCHES OF GOD IN THE FUTURE:

1. Worsl	hip wil	l:
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- a. Continue with a traditional format for worship services.
- b. Be planned to appeal to a broader audience.
- c. Be planned to include more participation.
- d. Have increased participation on the part of attenders.
- e. Move from verbal-oriented programs and services toward more visual, experiential services.
- f. Focus services and sermons solely on Church of God doc-
- g. Continue to use the well-known hymns as the focus of worship music.
- h. Increase the use of praise choruses, using a variety of music in the church service.

2. Christian Education will:

- a. Be provided in small groups according to issues, or group interest
- b. Be provided at various times, not just on Sunday morning.
- c. Focus on doctrinal beliefs and scripture study.

3. Missions will:

- a. Include an increased focus on world missions.
- b. Focus first on community missions, and then on world missions
- c. Include the planting of more sister churches.

4. Churches and Church Leadership will:

a. Be more confrontational with members and non-members about the Church of God distinctives:

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b. Increase the focus of building personal relationships.						
c. Provide more program diversity.						
d. Increase programs and services for senior adults.						
e. Be more action-oriented toward community/social issues						
(teenage pregnancy, violence, abortion, homelessness,						
physical and sexual abuse, chemical dependency alcohol						
and drugs).						
f. Move from church membership to a focus on church disci-						
pleship.						
g. Provide more direction, support to church attendees for						
developing a prayer life and personal devotions.						
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5. Are there changes needed in the Church of God which you						
think must happen to reach more people in the future?						
SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD						
GENERAL CONFERENCE IN THE FUTURE:						
6. Assistance in finding and placement of pastors.		T				
7. Financial Assistance will be provided for:						
a. Emergency Loans for pastors.						
b. Church Planting efforts.						
c. Subsidizing the Ministerial Association.						
d. A retirement program for pastors. e. Temporary help in supporting a pastor.						
f. Assistance in building construction.						
1. Assistance in building construction.						
8. Publications should be provided for:						
a. Evangelism & Outreach:				_		
1) Tracts						
2) Books						
3) A Journal From the Radical Reformation						
b. General Membership information and use:						
1) The Progress Journal						
2) The Restitution Herald						
3) Sunday School materials						
a) Adult lesson materials						
b) Teen & Children's materials						
1] From our own writers						
2] Edited material from others						
4) Small Group Study materials						
5) Focus magazine (for S.S. teachers)						
6) Life/Social Issues Study materials				100000		
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9. Television ministry should be provided.						
10. Radio broadcasts should be provided.						
11. Foreign Missions should be assisted by:						
a. Providing coordination for foreign work.			A ETHIRE			
b. Actively pursuing Foreign Missions (placement of workers						
in the field).				S STATE OF THE STA		
c. Providing financial assistance for national mission workers.	THE RESERVE		The same of the sa			

d. Providing assistance to local churches and/or conferences who sponsor missions.

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- 12. Are there services you think should be changed or deleted?
- 13. Are there additional services which should be offered?
 - a. If yes, what are those services?
 - b. If yes, are there creative ways to provide financial support for those programs or services?
- 14. Do you have any other suggestions for the Church of God General Conference?

IN THE FUTURE, ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE NEEDS TO:

- 15. Continue to prepare Church of God pastors.
- 16. Provide education and training for other church leaders.
- 17. Increase ABC recruitment and programs for adults seeking mid-career changes.
- 18. Provide Extension/Outreach courses in the churches.
- 19. Provide an academic environment/opportunities for those not seeking the pastorate or church leadership.
- 20. Provide a program in foreign missions.
- 21. Recruit non-member students from the Atlanta community.
- 22. Provide opportunities for students to seek academic degrees in other fields at Atlanta Bible College.
- 23. Are there changes you would recommend in the academic program at ABC which would enable the college to:
 - a. be more responsive to the future needs of the Church of God?
 - b. help revitalize the Church of God?
- 24. What actions should be taken to develop individuals for future leadership positions in the conference and college?
- 25. What do you think the student requirements for admission to ABC should be?

FUTURE CHURCH OF GOD PASTORS:

- 26. Ministry skills needed will include:
 - a. Basic counseling skills to care for those in stress.
 - b. Administrative skills to manage the church and programs.
 - c. Ability to minister to those in the community (non-churched attenders).
 - d. Involvement in world missions in some way.
 - e. Leadership for church fellowship programs.

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	Leadership for church worship experiences.						
g.	Strong theological skills.						
h.	Ability to assist others to apply theology to life skills and people issues.						
i.	A strong family orientation.						
j.	Regular pursuit of learning activities for spiritual and theological growth.						
k.	A vision for the future, and the ability to cast it in such a way that people will follow.						
1.	Strong preacher skills.						
m	. Be able to teach well.						
7.	Personal characteristics will include:						
a	Ability to demonstrate continual personal spiritual growth.						
b.	Disciplined living.						
c.	Licensed by the Church of God Recognition Board.						
d.	Completion of the four-year Pastor Program at ABC.						
e.	Bi-vocational preparation.						
f.	Honesty and integrity.						
8.	Are there specific changes in the pastoral ministry that will l	be require	ed for the	future?			
0	Do you think pastors/ministers should be bi-vocational?						

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.

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Jan. 1, 2000

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Total 792

April 1, 1994 - Dec. 31, 1994*

April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994

April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993

April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992

June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991

Jan. 1 - May 31, 1990

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Calendar of Events

March 3-5	Atlanta Bible College Invitational
April 2-7	Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN
Apr. 29-May 2	Annual Ministerial Conference, Turkey Run State Park,
July 9-14	Berean Youth Congress, Taylor University, Upland, IN
July 31-Aug. 4	75th Annual General Conference, Days Inn Dayton
	South, Dayton, OH
November 3 4	Midwest Men's Retreat Camp Mack, Milford, IN

Projects on Atlanta Campus

ПЕМ	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
Wood decking for walkway	y		
5' section	100	\$40	28 selected by donors
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	10 selected by donors
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	11 selected by donors
Fence:			
10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	3 selected by donor
100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Refrigerators for apt. bldg.	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for apt. bldg.	10	\$400	6 selected by donors
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax machine	1	\$450	\$208 contributed

PRAYER AND PRAISE February 1995

- 1 Pray for Jason Turner and the church at Beloit, Wisconsin.
- 2 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ.
- 3 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 4 Pray for missionary to Russia, Tracy Savage, as she studies at Atlanta Bible College.
- 5 Pray for the students at Atlanta Bible College.
- 6 Pray for your pastor as he brings God's message to you today.
- 7 Praise God for the ministry of Mario Olcese and Beder Ucanay in Peru.
- 8 Pray for the Badillo family in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 9 Praise God for His daily blessings on your life.
- 10 Pray for the members of your church family.
- 11 Pray for Joe and Karla Astolfi and the Fredericktown, Missouri church.
- 12 Praise God for the opportunities He has provided for outreach in Russia.
- 13 Pray for the leaders of your government.
- 14 Pray for the ministries of your local church.
- 15 Pray for the ABC staff and members of the Higher Education Advisory Committee as they attend a meeting of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.
- 16 Pray for those making preparations for the upcoming Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 17 Pray for someone you know who is in need of healing (physical, emotional, or spiritual).
- 18 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 19 Pray for the brethren in the Philippines.
- 20 Pray for Jeff and Jill Smith and the work at Kokomo, Indiana.
- 21 Praise God for the work of the Sunday School quarterly editors.
- 22 Pray for Family Bible Fellowship in Rockford, Illinois.
- 23 Pray for the staff at the College/Conference.
- 24 Praise God for the Board of Directors and its leadership.
- 25 Pray for the Youth Ministries of the Conference.
- 26 Pray for Advisory Committee members.
- 27 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and earth.
- 28 Pray for the teachers in your local church.

PRAYER AND PRAISE March 1995

- 1 Pray that God might raise up missionary candidates.
- 2 Praise God for the faithful leadership of the Badillo family in Mexico.
- 3 Praise God for all those who are attending College Invitational at ABC this weekend.
- 4 Pray for those considering attending Atlanta Bible College in the future.
- 5 Pray that God will provide safety for those returning home from College Invitational.
- 6 Pray for the success of the Fund the Dream Campaign to raise \$1.2 million.
- 7 Pray for Tom and Debbie New and the work at McGintytown, Arkansas.
- 8 Praise God for those who provide prayer and financial support for the College/Conference ministries.
- 9 Pray for someone you know who is discouraged or depressed.
- 10 Pray that God's spirit might be felt at the upcoming Christian Worker's Seminar.
- 11 Praise God for the dedicated service of the Conference staff.
- 12 Pray for New Friends Bible Church in Morrow, Georgia.
- 13 Pray for Wally and Peggy Winner and the work at Guthrie Grove in South Carolina.
- 14 Praise God for all who have dedicated their lives to Christian ministry.
- 15 Pray for churches seeking pastors.
- 16 Pray for a special need in your life.
- 17 Praise God for those who have provided spiritual instruction for you.
- 18 Pray for an opportunity to share God's love with someone in need.
- 19 Pray for those who are searching God's Word for answers to life's problems.
- 20 Pray for Earl and Dee Poland and the work at Hedrick, Indiana.
- 21 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 22 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant and their ministry in the Middle East.
- 23 Praise God for your Christian friends all over the world.
- 24 Pray for the Board of Directors as they meet today and tomorrow.
- 25 Pray for eyes to see those who are in need and a heart to reach out to them.
- 26 Pray for Ferdinand and Margaret Sakala as they work in Malawi.
- 27 Praise God for the promise of Christ's soon return.
- 28 Pray for your pastor and his family.
- 29 Pray for the ABC students as they begin the Spring quarter.
- 30 Praise God for new attenders or members at your local congregation.
- 31 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

CHURCH NEWS

(Continued From Back Cover)

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Pastor Michael Brown, 10003 Emerson Street, Columbia Station, OH 44028 is available for a pastorate in the summer of 1995. He can be contacted at 216-236-3104.

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE COURSE COMPLETION

Betty Johns (Greenbrier, Arkansas) and Edith Gentry (Pelzer, South Carolina) have successfully completed the Systematic Bible Study Course.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

- Frances Landry is Secretary of Hammond Church (Happy Woods), LA.
- Sylvia Bottolfs, Director of Christian Education of the Hammond Church (Happy Woods), resides at 592 Happywoods Road.
- Pastor William Wachtel's correct address is: P.O. Box 643, Wenatchee, WA 98807. Ph 509-662-3865.
- Mrs. Marvalene Manus is no longer the Missionary Chair for the Dixon, IL Church.
- Under "Church of God Ministers" Pastor Jon Welch's correct address is: 845 Ramsey Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652-9003.
- Send all correspondence for Pastor Billie Kennedy to: 29120 Church of God Road, Springfield, LA 70462. His correct telephone number is 504-294-3389.

ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE NEWS

New Officers:

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Metamora 61458 Ph 309-383-4952 BYF: Thomas R Schmitt, RR 3 Box 88, Mt. Sterling 62353 Ph 217-322-6161

PASTOR C. E. LAPP

Pastor C. E. Lapp was a faithful member of the Church of God and a faithful pastor serving congregations for over 45 years. He was born in Nebraska July 21, 1906 and moved by covered wagon to Washington with his family in 1911. In 1919, at the age of thirteen he was baptized into our Lord Jesus Christ. His mother, Lucia Stedman Lapp was always careful to teach her children the Bible truths that came to play a fundamental role in C. E.'s life.

C. E. was married to Mary Louise Brewer on June 7, 1933. To this union were born Elaine Lapp Poole and Jon Lapp.

He attended the Bible Training School, the predecessor of Oregon/Atlanta Bible College, and was among its first graduates. He enrolled in the Bible School and paid his expenses to travel there by taking care of sheep on the train ride from Washington. After graduating, he attended another Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and completed his graduate work at Arizona State University. He served distinguished pastorates in Illinois, Arizona, Michigan and Minnesota. He also served for eleven years at Oregon Bible College. He retired to Troy, Ohio, in 1976, with his faithful wife and co-worker, Louise. He served as assistant pastor at Troy View for five years.

Pastor Lapp was renowned as a man of great Bible knowledge, and understanding. Throughout the Church of God he was known and respected. His life touched many others for the sake of the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

The beauty of a life, though it is only one, touches many. Likewise, the pain of a death, though it is only one, causes pain for many. May Pastor C. E. Lapp's life continue to touch many through his influence, and the truth and hope that were so dear to him.

Brother Lapp died November 20, 1994. Services were conducted at Troy View Church of God, Troy, Ohio, November 23 by Craig Wagganer, Rex Cain, and David Krogh.

Great Commission Team

1995

Y OU CAN SHARE IN THE WORK OF THE Church of God General Conference and Atlanta Bible College by accepting a position on our Great Commission Team. You can help by:

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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS

ARKANSAS

Forest Hills — Carolyn Davis and Melissa Howell (8/28/94) by Pastor James Hill.

GEORGIA

New Friends — Lisa Ikner (12/11/94) by Pastor Dave Riley.

ILLINOIS

Eldorado — Rebecca Driskill of Cross Timbers, MO; and Matthew Wiggins (11/ 20/94) of Eldorado, IL by Pastor Leon Driskill.

Ripley — Tony Wessel (11/5/94) by Pastor Thomas Schmitt.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids — Stacey Fingleton (9/10/94); Pam Fingleton (10/02/94); Eva Watson (10/09/94); and Sandy Polderdyk (10/16/94); Charles and Beverly Smith (10/24/94) by Pastor Ray Hall.

OHIO

Urbana — Carrie Scott (11/20/94) by Pastor Fred Pensyl.

Pleasant Hill—Robert and Denise Holmes (7/31/94) by Richard K. Smith and Pastor Scott Deane; and John and Judy Dick (10/02/94) by Pastor Scott Deane.

Troy View — Sharon and Don Milligan (8/28/94); Phil Bashore (8/28/94) by Pastor Craig Wagganer.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pelzer (Bethel) — Judy Smith (9/18/94) by Pastor E. Richard Smith; Edith Adams (9/4/94); Andy Clark, Susan Clark, and Cory Folbert (10/9/94); and Mike and Linda Barton (1/1/95) by Pastor Alan Cain.

WISCONSIN

Beloit — Jim and Charlene Ruedel (12/4/94) by Pastor Jason Turner.

CORRECTION

VIRGINIA

Seven Fountains — Mark Ramsey (7/24/94), rather than Brad Ramsey, was baptized by Pastor Jon Welch.

MARRIAGES

ILLINOIS

Eldorado — Amanda Seibert and Billy Wright (11/10/94) by Pastor Leon Driskill.

Macomb—Amy Vaughn and Rob Westen (11/26/94); Eric Vaughn and Mysty Atkins (12/17/94) by C. Jesse Pestle; Angela Hays and Tony Moore (12/10/94) by Pastor Rex F. Cain.

INDIANA

North Salem — Kelly Zolman and Paul Haisley, Jr. (11/22/94); Mellissa Fisher and Phillip Haisley (11/19/94) by Pastor Stanley Lawrence.

IOWA

Oaklawn — Susan M. Miller and Mark D. Fischer (10/22/94) by Pastor Francis E. Burnett.

OHIO

Dayton (New Glad Tidings Chapel) — Niki Kay Garwood and Glen E. Hovater (10/29/94) by Pastor Ralph Childs.

DEATHS

COLORADO

Loveland — Clara Dimmick Lamb, 83, long-time member and supporter of the Church of God General Conference (12/22/94) by David Krogh.

ILLINOIS

Macomb — Richard Mercer (12/8/94); and Francis L. VeNard, 92, life-long member (1/2/95) by Pastor Richard Alcumbrack.

OHIO

Dayton (New Glad Tidings Chapel) — Mrs. Opal Shrout (9/11/94) by Pastor Ralph Childs, Mrs. Shrout's son. Graveside services were held in West Virginia on 10/08/94; Mae Dean West (12/29/94) by Pastor Ralph Childs.

ONTARIO

Fonthill — Joseph Henry Fletcher, 98, a long-time worker/leader in the Fonthill congregation (12/24/94) by Pastor

Stephen Bolhous. He frequently liked to state: "I've worked with every pastor the church has had beginning with the first one, F. L. Austin." Several of his descendants have served or are serving in the Church of God pastoral ministry.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pelzer (Bethel) — Corabelle Crone (9/5/94) and Ada Simpson (12/16/94) by Pastor Alan Cain.

PASTORS NEEDED

Macomb. Illinois

The Macomb Church of God is seeking a pastor. Please send a resume and one recorded sermon to Pulpit Committee, c/o Jesse Pestle, 16360 U.S. Hwy 67, Macomb, IL 61455 or phone 309-836-1009.

Holbrook, Nebraska

We are still looking for someone who would be interested in coming to a rural area to hold services at the Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, Nebraska. A retired couple or single person to help supplement their income. A nice parsonage to live in free. Lights and water paid and church related phone bills also paid. Close to a junior college and 60 miles fro Keamey NE University. If interested call or write Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, NE 69022 or call collect 308-697-4799. Or Mary Lou Homaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922, or call collect after 7:00 p.m. 308-962-5393.

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College/Conference Update

Board Positions to Be Filled at **Summer Conference**

The terms of Joe James and Pastor Rex Cain expire at the 1995 summer General Conference. Since they may not succeed themselves. state/district conferences are encouraged to consider nominations for these positions. A resume and other information must be provided by May 1 in order to be printed in the May/June PROGRESS JOURNAL. Each position is for a fouryear term.

Atlanta Bible College Academic Honor Roll

We are pleased to announce the Academic Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 1994-95 school year at Atlanta Bible College. The following students were placed on the high honor roll for having a 3.5-4.02 grade point average: Dale Harshman, Mike Cisler, Chris Seiders, Merry Peterson, and Mark Tschaenn.

Those on the honor roll with 3.0-3.49 grade point averages are: Sherri Braswell, Tracy Swartz, Jason Catlin, John Nelson, and Jennifer Knapp.

The following students maintained averages of 3.18-4.0 but were not enrolled in at least 12 quarter hours at Atlanta Bible College: Amy Berry, Melinda Nelson, Carolyn Smead, Julie Vance, Susan Savage, Erin Riley, Ben Collier, Jeremy Smith, and Amy Railton.

These students were taking general education courses at Clayton State College. Clayton State is a part of the University System of Georgia and is adjacent to ABC.

Holy Land Trip Planned

Atlanta Bible College will sponsor a trip to the Holy Land July 14-21. David Krogh will be the tour leader. The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation is providing grants to assist ABC students with the travel expenses. The tour is open to the membership at large. Call 1-800-347-4261 for a brochure. Reservations need to be received by May 1.

Church of God **Participation Statistics**

Each year the General Conference staff compiles statistics for each Church of God congregation, including the number of: active members. active families, Restitution Herald subscriptions, contributions to the Goal for Giving, Sunday school and church attendance, etc. Copies have been mailed to all pastors. Additional copies are available by contacting the General Conference office.

Lending Library

Several new resources have been acquired by the college/conference Lending Library:

- Foundations: American Government video regarding the issue of separation of Church and state
- Nine Facets of the Effective Small Group Leader - nine videos and workbooks
- Reaching Baby Boomers and Busters eight audio cassettes
- Finding Rest in a Stressed Out World video
- Life on the Edge: Preparing for the Challenges of Adulthood, by James Dobson - sevensession video course for youth
- Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly: The Fundamentals of Christian Parenting - two videos and twelve teaching segments
- Friend Day planning resource kit
- · Assimilation: From visitor to member four audio cassettes and manual by Doug Murren
- Proven Principles for Successful Stewardship - six audio cassettes and manual by John Maxwell.

A copy of the complete Lending Catalog is available from Seth Ross, Atlanta Bible College Librarian. He may also be contacted to order any of the Lending Library resources.

Ministerial Conference

The annual Ministerial Conference will be held at Turkey Run State Park, west of Indianapolis, Indiana, April 29 - May 2. Spouses are invited to attend this conference. Churches are encouraged to provide necessary funding for pastors and spouses to attend

Advisory Committees and Boards Meet

The Christian Education Advisory Committee met in December in Oregon, Illinois. The committee provides assistance to Christian Education Director Gayle Guthrie in overseeing the Sunday School quarterlies and Focus magazine, and providing seminars and workshops in Christian education for local churches, state conferences, and at General Conference meetings.

The Lord's Harvest International Mission Sending Agency Board met in Atlanta in January. The board heard reports from mission fields and spent time preparing a policy manual to assist in the governing of mission work.

The Higher Education Advisory Committee met in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the annual Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges meeting. Board and staff members have attended AABC meetings for many years. Valuable general sessions and workshops are offered on a variety of topics relating to the operation of Bible colleges.

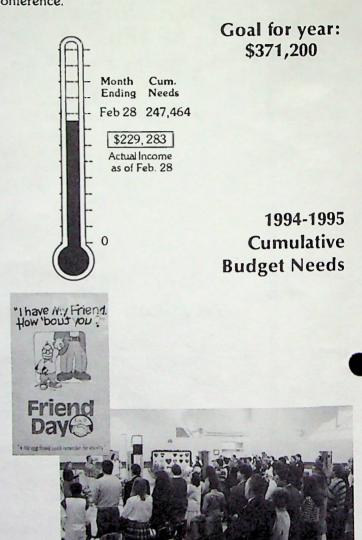
History Newsletter

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The Church of God History Newsletter edited by Jan Stilson became a separate publication with the fall 1994 issue. Previously, it had been an insert in the Restitution Herald. Additional subscribers are needed in order to continue publication. The subscription price is \$15.00 per year. It is published four times a year. Subscriptions should be mailed to: History Newsletter, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

Financial Update

For the first eight months of our fiscal year, which began July 1, \$229,283 has been contributed. This is approximately \$18,000 less than our budget needs. Thanks to all who regularly give to carry on the ministries of the college/conference.



Friend Day Observed

Cornerstone Bible Church in McDonough, Georgia observed Friend Day on February 12. There were 160 in attendance. Many friends were invited, some of whom are continuing to attend the church.

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New Friends — Ruth Brock (2/12/95) by Pastors Dale Ramsey and David Riley.

INDIANA

Kokomo — Diane Snyder (12/04/94) by Pastor Jeff Smith.

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MICHIGAN

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OHIO

Urbana — Ladonna Robbins (1/23/95) by Pastor Fred Pensyl.

TEXAS

Harlingen — Opal Robbins Hayse, 86, wife of former Pastor John Hayse, long-time member and worker in Harlingen church (2/3/95) by Pastor Harry Goekler.

SERMON TAPES NEEDED

Is there anyone out there who has just taped sermons on

a cassette? If so, we are interested in renting or buying them. Contact Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922 or call 308-962-5393 after 7:00 p.m.

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SYSTEMATIC BIBLE COURSE COMPLETION

Frank Dunch, Bedford, Ohio has successfully completed the Systematic Bible Study Course.

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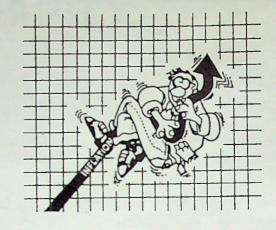
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We invite members to make contributions to the Atlanta Bible College Memorial Library in memory of deceased family and friends. A plaque has been placed in the library listing the names of individuals who are being remembered. Along with the contribution, donors are asked to write a brief biography of the person being memorialized. This biography would include a history of the person, including date of baptism, various positions of involvement in the Lord's work, etc. This biographical information will be kept in the library by the plaque. Gifts of \$100 or more are suggested for those who are being listed on the memorial plaque.

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The Atlanta Bible College Library is extremely significant in the preparation of leadership. The library consists of reference materials, theology books, ministry books, current periodicals on theological and ministry topics, etc. The library contains computers for student use. It also contains the archives of the Church of God. Many priceless books and records from our past are preserved for the use of students, pastors, and researchers.

Please give consideration to remembering a loved one with a gift to the Atlanta Bible College Memorial Library.

REPORT OF **BAPTISMS:**

Jan. 1. 2000

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Total 828

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January 1 - May 31, 1990	55

More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

Calendar of Events

April 2-7	Christian Workers' Seminar, Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN
Apr. 29-May 2	Annual Ministerial Conference, Turkey Run State Park, IN
July 9-14	Berean Youth Congress, Taylor University, Upland, IN
July 31-Aug. 4	75th Annual General Conference, Days Inn Dayton
	South, Dayton, OH
November 3 4	Midwest Men's Retreat Camp Mack Milford IN

Projects on Atlanta Campus

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Wood decking for walkw	vay		
5' section	100	\$40	28 selected by donors
Hardware for doors	50	\$125	10 selected by donors
Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	11 selected by donors
Fence:			
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100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
Refrigerators for apt. bld	g. 10	\$500	3 selected by donors
Stoves for apt. bldg.	10	\$400	6 selected by donors
Outside lighting	6	\$500	
Fax machine	1	\$450	\$208 contributed

PRAYER AND PRAISE **April 1995**

- 1 Pray for those whose eyes are blinded to the Gospel.
- 2 Pray for those traveling to and attending the Christian Workers' Seminar this week.
- 3 Pray for Steve and Jill Taylor and their work in Lafavette, Indiana.
- 4 Pray for Anthony Buzzard's health and his worldwide correspondence.
- 5 Pray for the faithful brethren in the Philippine Islands.
- 6 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College.
- Praise God for the leadership of your local church.
- 8 Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's Word tomorrow.
- 9 Pray for isolated members who miss regular fellowship with other Church of God members.
- Pray for opportunities to witness to those without Christ.
- 11 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant, members of Valley View Church, ministering in the Middle East.
- 12 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 13 Pray for the churches in your state/district conference.
- 14 Praise God for new life in Christ.
- 15 Praise God for the ministry and service of your church
- 16 Praise God for the gift of His Son, and the resurrection of
- 17 Pray that God might use you to lead the lost to salvation.
- 18 Praise God for dedicated Church of God ministers.
- Pray for the young men completing their last quarter at ABC: Michael Cisler, Jeremy Smith, and Mark Tschaenn.
- 20 Pray for the ministry of the Badillo family in Mexico.
- Pray for David Krogh in his position as president of our college and conference.
- Praise God for the students at Atlanta Bible College who are preparing for service.
- 23 Pray for the soon return of Christ.
- 24 Praise God for His faithfulness.
- 25 Pray for Mario Olcese and the brethren in Lima, Peru.
- 26 Pray for those working on the Institutional Long Range Planning Study for the college/conference.
- 27 Praise God for the faithful prayer and support partners of the college/conference.
- 28 Praise God for the secretarial staff of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference.
- Pray for renewal of our pastors as they meet together this weekend in Indiana.
- 30 Pray for the financial needs of the college/conference.

PRAYER AND PRAISE May 1995

- 1 Pray for the editors of our conference publications.
- 2 Pray for the safety of pastors who will be traveling home from Ministerial Conference.
- 3 Pray for Cornerstone Bible Church in McDonough, Georgia.
- 4 Pray for healing in someone you know who is in need.
- 5 Pray for Terri Tschaenn as she directs the college/ conference business office.
- 6 Praise God for new attenders to your local church.
- 7 Pray for those who are preparing for full-time Christian service.
- 8 Pray for the Arizona churches and pastors.
- 9 Pray for your family and friends.
- 10 Pray that God's truth will become clearer to those who read A Journal from the Radical Reformation.
- 11 Pray for our believers throughout the world, that they will remain steadfast.
- 12 Praise God for the strength He provides each day.
- 13 Pray for the Summer Ministries Program.
- 14 Praise God for your mother and her influence in your life.
- 15 Pray for the Arkansas churches and pastors.
- 16 Praise God for the ministry of our California churches and pastors.
- 17 Pray for the members of the Arkansas City, Kansas, and Holbrook, Nebraska congregations.
- 18 Pray for the outreach ministries of New Friends Bible Church, Morrow, Georgia.
- 19 Praise God for the work of the Illinois churches and their pastors.
- 20 Pray for the ministries of the Indiana State Conference churches and pastors.
- 21 Pray for the congregations and pastors of churches in Iowa.
- 22 Praise God for the Louisiana pastors and brethren.
- 23 Pray for the outreach ministries of the Michigan pastors and congregations.
- 24 Pray for the brethren in our Minnesota State Conference and their leaders.
- 25 Praise God for the work of the pastors and brethren in Missouri.
- 26 Pray for the congregation at Omaha, Nebraska, and Pastor Scott Ross.
- 27 Pray for the Nashville, Tennessee brethren and leadership, and the pastors and churches of the Southeast Conference.
- 28 Praise God for the faithful ministry of the churches and pastors of the Northeast Conference.
- 29 Pray for the brethren in Texas and Washington and for their pastors.
- 30 Pray for the congregations and pastors of the Virginia State Conference.
- 31 Praise God for all that He has done and is doing in your life.

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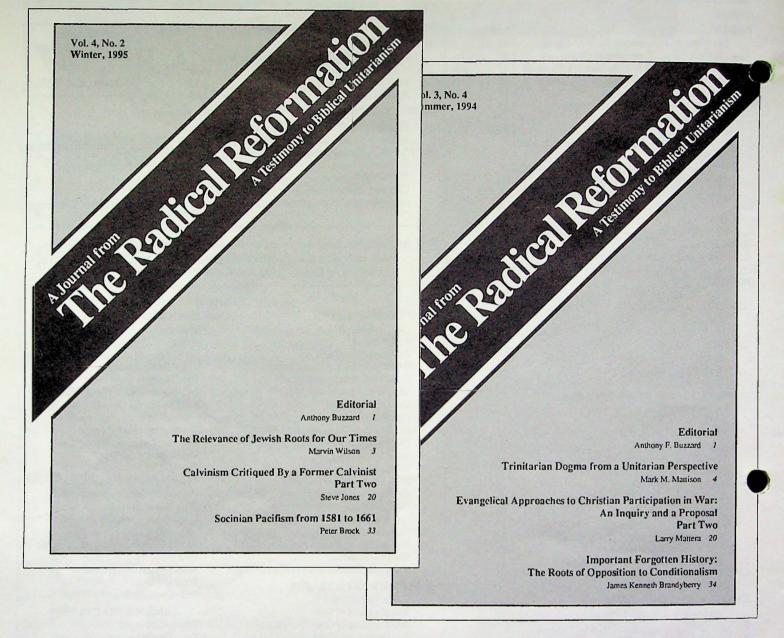
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^{*} Registration postmarked by June 30, 1995. Ages 3 and under may attend at no charge.

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75th Annual Conference

The Church of God General Conference will observe a milestone in its history when delegates and friends from our churches gather this summer for the 75th annual summer Conference.

The foundation for our Conference is explained in Historical Waymarks of the Church of God by Clyde Randall:

> On September 28, 1920, a representative group of ministers and laymen met in Chicago for the purpose of studying the biblical organization of the Church of God. The Jerusalem Conference as reported in Acts 15 became the criterion for our present Conference. This first General Conference of the early church was made up of the apostles and elders. Several purposes were involved in this gathering:

- 1. It was a reporting Conference.
- 2. It was called to bring about and preserve the unity of the churches.
- 3. It decided what doctrines should be approved and proclaimed.
- 4. It directed the outreach or missionary work that was to be carried forward.
- 5. It was a preaching Conference in which the purpose of God was set forth and the brethren exhorted and confirmed with many words.

The first Conference met at Waterloo, Iowa August 28 - September 3, 1921.

Delegates and friends have continued to gather annually during the month of July or August in accordance with the guidelines laid down at the 1920 meeting. The Lord has directed and blessed the efforts of the Conference over these 75 years and we mark this occasion with rejoicing and praise to God for His faithfulness.

This year's Conference will be held in Dayton, Ohio at the Days Inn July 31 - August 4. This issue of the Progress Journal contains information for the benefit of the membership and particularly delegates who will conduct the business. Early bird registration must be postmarked by June 30.

College Graduation

Three students will graduate from Atlanta Bible College at a special commencement program on June 9. The graduates are Michael Cisler, Jeremy Smith, and Mark Tschaenn. David Krogh, President of Atlanta Bible College, will be the graduation speaker.

Honor Roll for Second Quarter

The Dean's List for the winter quarter at Atlanta Bible College includes those students who were enrolled in 12 quarter hours or more: High Honor Roll — Jason Catlin, Dale Harshman, Merry Peterson, and Chris Seiders; Honor Roll - Mike Cisler, Jennifer Knapp, Amy Railton, Tracy Swartz, and Mark Tschaenn. The following students maintained high averages but were not enrolled in at least 12 quarter hours at Atlanta Bible College: Erin Riley and Amy Berry. To be eligible for the high honor roll a student must have at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 scale. Those on the honor roll must have a 3.0 to 3.49 average.

New Employees

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Burnham to the Controller's position at the College/Conference effective August, 1995, Terri Tschaenn has filled this position during the past two vears while her husband, Mark, completed his education at Atlanta Bible College. They will be moving to Lafayette, Indiana where Mark will do his internship under the supervision of Pastor Steve Taylor. We have appreciated Terri's faithful service.

Gary brings to this position dedication to the Lord and a keen interest in the work of the College and Conference.

Sarah Buzzard has been employed as Library Assistant to replace Michael Cisler. In the fall Sarah will become Librarian, replacing Seth Ross. Sarah is also serving with Amy Berry as a coordinator of the Summer Ministries Program and as proofreader for the Publishing Department. We are glad to welcome Sarah to our staff and we appreciate the faithful service of Michael and Seth.

College/Conference Positions

The College/Conference maintains a file of resumes for people who may have an interest in working for the College and Conference at some point in their lives. We would be glad to hear from any person who might have an interest in serving in one of the positions listed below or other positions at the College/Conference. We may be filling the following positions now or in the future:

Editor of Restitution Herald, Editor of Adult Sunday School Quarterly, and ABC Instructor. Kent Ross has been serving as Interim Editor of The Restitution Herald and the Adult Sunday School Quarterly but because of many other pressing duties, he is unable to make a long-term commitment to these publications. Because of uncertainty regarding the health of Anthony Buzzard and other future needs, there may be a need to employ an additional instructor in the future. Please contact David Krogh for additional information regarding these positions.

New Budget Procedures

To assist delegates in efficiently handling their duties regarding the adoption of an annual operating budget, the Board passed a motion as follows: "Any motions which have budgetary impact will be required to be printed in the PROGRESS JOURNAL or be made in the business meeting at least one day before final vote on the budget." This action will provide all delegates with adequate time to give consideration to motions and determine budget adjustments. The proposed budget for 1996-97 is included in this issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL.

Summer Conference Phone Number

Summer Conference attenders may be reached through the Days Inn switchboard at 513-847-8422.

Offerings at Summer Conference

The Board of Directors has designated the Summer Ministries Program as the recipient of offerings that will be received at the evening services at this summer's Conference. This expense has been added to the budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year which begins July 1. This summer, teams will be provided to conduct Bible schools or do evangelistic calling in the following churches: New Friends/Cornerstone, Georgia; St. Charles, Missouri; Columbia Station, Ohio; Lenoir, North Carolina; Browntown, Virginia; and Iowa Conference, Waterloo, Iowa.

Internet Connection

Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference is now connected by computer to the Internet, an international on-line service. The Internet address is: ATLBC @IX.NETCOM.COM. E-mail will be reviewed daily. Churches and pastors with access to the Internet are encouraged to send their addresses to the Conference. The Internet will provide an additional vehicle to transmit information to pastors and churches.

Olympic Housing

Atlanta Bible College is considering renting space in the

ABC apartment building for Church of God families who may wish to attend the 1996 Olympics. Two- and three- bedroom apartments will be available. Those interested in additional information should immediately contact: Housing for Olympics, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

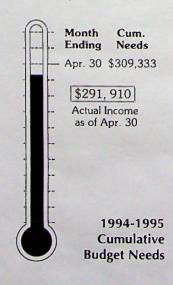
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National Friend Day

The Board of Directors has passed a resolution encouraging Church of God participation in National Friend Day which will be observed on October 29, 1995 throughout North America. Many Church of God congregations have found Friend Day to be an effective outreach tool. A complete kit of ideas and resources for Friend Day is available for purchase from the General Conference for \$40 per kit. The regular retail price is \$79.95. Or the kit is also available on loan from the Atlanta Bible College Lending Library. To order or to borrow the kit, please call 1-800-347-4261.

Goal for year: \$371,200



Financial Update

For the first ten months of the fiscal year, which began July 1, \$291,910 has been contributed. This is approximately \$17,000 less than our budget needs. This shortfall has been handled by a reduction in spending during the first ten months of this year. At this point we are glad to report that no funds have been borrowed for this fiscal year. We encourage the membership to remember these financial needs in the last few weeks of this fiscal year.

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Danger:

The Fall of the Ivory Tower by Dr. George Roche is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the education of our children and grandchildren. As a member of the ABC Higher Education Advisory Committee I felt I needed to bring this book to your attention. George Roche ably catalogues the signs of decay in most American colleges and universities, such as:

- the growing allergy to undergraduate education manifested by the shrinking hours professors actually spend in classroom teaching. (It was documented at the University of Wisconsin that fewer than two-thirds of the faculty on the payroll were doing any real teaching at all and that state funding increases had been used to reduce teaching loads rather than increase the number of classes. At the University of Illinois, at about the same time, only slightly over 50% of the economics professors taught as many as two classes in the fall semester; in political science not even one-third taught that much.)
- the decline and debasement of academic standards and the concomitant grade inflation
- "political correctness"
- the bloat of non-teaching staffs
- · scandals concerning the handling of government funds
- the increasing difficulty to graduate in four years due to lack of class availability. It is now a common occurrence for an undergraduate degree to take five or six years.

One of the underlying causes laid out by Dr. Roche is the massive infusion of government money from Washington. Most educators say that the myriad of problems with US

education and the sad state of our graduates are results of "not enough money." Dr. Roche effectively refutes this theory.

The moral decay is probably the most frightening part of this whole education picture. A few of the examples Roche gives are:

- The University of Michigan held a student-sponsored conference in 1992 on prostitution, complete with photographs and videos.
- At San Francisco State University, films are shown in class of humans having sex with animals.
- The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (one of many schools) is developing a department of gay studies.
- Michigan State University's three-volume report, "Moving Forward: Lesbians and Gay Men at Michigan State University," discusses the "rich heritage" of gays and lesbians on campus and recommends affirmative actionstyle admissions and hiring programs for them as well as a complete revision of the school's curriculum, budget priorities, and campus policies to include special treatment for gays and lesbians.
- Even at my own alma mater, the University of Iowa, in 1991 they openly recruited a lesbian couple to join their law school faculty.

This is just a smattering of what is in this book, all well-documented. It shows us the dangers we need to be aware of before choosing to send our children and grandchildren to such colleges and universities. This book is invaluable and I highly recommend it.

College May Be Hazardous to Your Health*

By Dr. William Lawrence

*Mental, spiritual, moral and financial (depending on the school chosen).

MAY, JUNE, 1995

Giving Is Going Away in America

By David Krogh

This was the title of an article that appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer in February. The subtitle was "Charitable Contributions Shrink as Younger Generations Find Affluence."

The article noted that 50 years ago, the average American family gave 3.3% of its income to church and charity. Today, even though there would seem to be much more affluence than in the Depression era, the present generation gives just 2% of its income to charity. The average amount American households gave dropped from \$978 in 1989 to \$880 last year. At the same time, recreational spending has continued to increase until it amounts to 11% of per capita income.

The article noted that fully 1/4 of Americans give nothing at all — "not money, not time, not a pint of blood at the community blood bank. Zip."

It is also interesting to note that families with incomes under \$10,000 give more than 3%, while those with \$100,000 give closer to 2% according to recent polls.

People who give to religious charity are the most generous contributors. If they are taken out of the mix, American giving would average less than 1% of household income.

Sixty-two cents of every charitable dollar given by individuals goes to religious institutions.

The article also pointed out that the 20/80 principle applies to religious giving as well as to many other aspects of life in general. Twenty percent of church people usually give 80% of the money.

An article by the Associated Press last year showed that per capita giving

among the ten largest Protestant denominations ranges from \$240 to \$887 per year. Though accurate figures are hard to determine, per capita giving by active members of the Church of God General Conference averages \$849.52. Though we should be pleased that our members give nearly as much as the top givers of the largest denominations, a quick calculation will show that giving is far less than the tithe.

The General Conference Board of Directors has been in the process of encouraging all churches that belong to our association of churches to tithe of their income to the General Conference or at least divide a tithe between their state/district conference and the General Conference.

For nearly all of its history, the Church of God General Conference has upheld the giving of tithes and offerings as the biblical method of supporting the Lord's work. The words of Malachi 3:8-10 are taken very literally by our Conference leadership:

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Frankly, if all the members of our churches were tithing to their local

churches and all of our local churches were tithing to the General Conference, there would be a tremendous surplus of money both on the local level and also for the work of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference.

Since the giving of tithes and offerings is not practiced widely, the ministries of many of our churches are restricted. There is little money for outreach efforts and adequate compensation for pastors, and maintenance on buildings is often deferred.

At the College and Conference level, a lack of adequate funds limits the growth of the College, the extensive distribution of attractive literature, and the amount of support for new churche and other outreach efforts. Many of us believe that we are living in the end times and maximum effort should be put forth to publish the message of Jesus Christ and the coming Kingdom of God.

We are very grateful to the "20%" who are carrying 80% of the financial responsibility for our local and College/Conference work. Many are giving far beyond the tithe because of their love for the Lord and a desire to see His work go forward. To each of you, we offer our deepest gratitude.

For those who are not giving as they should, you are encouraged to review the words of Malachi 3:8-10. It is a serious matter to rob God. It is also a tragedy to miss the blessing that God promises to those who bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.

Though it is appropriate to give generously to the Lord's work despite the tax consequences, at the present time.

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MONDAY, JULY 31

- 8:00 Board of Director's meeting
- 2:00 Registration at hotel
- 5:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Keynote Message, David Krogh
- 8:30 Welcome Reception sponsored by N.E. Conference and churches

Schedule 1995 Annual Conference July 31-August 4, 1995

Find Us Faithful

TU	UESDAY, AUGUST 1	WEI	DNESDAY, AUGUST 2	TH	URSDAY, AUGUST 3
7:00	Prayer Session	7:00	Prayer Session	7:00	Prayer Session
	Aerobics		Aerobics		Aerobics
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	Breakfast/Fellowship		Breakfast/Fellowship	8:30	General Session —
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	Fund the Dream Campaign		Steve Sjogren		Children's Bible School
	Children's Bible School		Children's Bible School	9:15	Coffee Break
9:15	Coffee Break	9:30	General Session —	9:30	Workshops
9:30	General Session —		Steve Sjogren		Youth Classes
	Institutional Long Range		Youth Classes	10:30	Break
	Planning — Donna Deane	10:30	Break	10:45	Ministers' Meeting
	Youth Classes	10:45	Ministers' Meeting		Priscillas' Meeting
10:30	Break		Priscillas' Meeting		Layman Options:
10:45	Workshops		Layman Options:		Bible Study
	Youth Classes		Bible Study		Workshops
11:45	Lunch		Workshops		Youth Classes
1:15	Children's Bible School		Youth Classes	11:45	Lunch
	Business Session	11:45	Lunch	1:15	Children's Bible School
	Welcome by Chairman,	1:15	Children's Bible School		Business Session
	Stephen Bolhous		Business Session		Reading of Wednesday's
	Chairman's Message		Reading of Tuesday's		Minutes
	Preliminary Business		Minutes		General Business
	Nominations for two positions		Election of two Directors		Adoption of Budget
	on Board of Directors		Election for		• Reading of Final Minutes of
	Nominations for one position		Advisory Committee		1995 General Conference
	on Christian Education		Discussion of Budget	2:15	Break
	Advisory Committee		Recommendation	2:30	Workshops
	Review Reports	2:15	Break		Committee Meetings
2:15	Break	2:30	Workshops	3:30	Choir Practice
2:30	Workshops		Committee Meetings		Free Time
	Committee Meetings	3:30	Choir Practice	5:00	Dinner
3:30	Choir Practice		Free Time	7:00	Evening Service
	Free Time	5:00	Dinner		Musicale
5:00	Dinner		Alumni Banquet	100	Junior Church, ages 3-12
7:00	Evening Service	7:00	Evening Service	8:30	Free Time
	Licensing of New Pastors	THE REAL PROPERTY.	Installation of Board		
	Communion Service		Russ Magaw, Speaker		
	Junior Church, ages 3-12	1	Junior Church, ages 3-12		
8:30	Free Time	8:30	Fellowship sponsored by	Back	
			N.E. Conference churches		

1995 General Conference Workshops

Tuesday 10:45 a.m.

1. Music for the 21st Century — Steve Bolhous

"He put a *new song* in my mouth, a song of praise to our God" (Psalm 40:3). A look at the different musical forms the Holy Spirit has given to the Church in different periods of revival, with special emphasis on the current revival and its new form for the 21st century — the worship chorus. Significant time will be utilized in learning and singing *new* worship choruses.

- 2. Help for Hurting Churches Jodi Werhanowicz How to heal the hurts without hindering holiness. Biblical principles for dealing with the modern-day crises that face our churches.
- 3. Planning Worship Services John Tullis
 This workshop will focus on how to lead a congregation into the presence of God.

4. Leadership — David Riley

It's one of the most important areas in families, churches, and virtually any organization. With good leadership there is success, with poor or no leadership there is failure. In this session, we'll be exploring what it takes to be a good leader from a biblical standpoint and especially in the face of changing times for the church. Leadership needs to be constantly sought out and developed, but often people resources are scarce. Whether you're a pastor, an executive, or a busy homemaker you'll gather valuable insight from this important hour.

5. Child Abuse in the Church — John Railton

Church Mutual receives five new claims a week. But it's something we cannot imagine happening in our church! Yet we need to be aware of how we can reduce the risk and deal with the problem.

6. Jerusalem in History and Prophecy — Alva Huffer The most important city on this planet will begin its 3000-year anniversary celebration in September, 1995.

Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

1. Discovering the Future — three-part video series (continued on Wed. and Thurs. at 2:30) Imagine the possibilities if you and your church could . . . anticipate change . . . open minds to new ideas

... challenge assumptions... unleash imagination! This workshop will help you and your church to open up to the opportunities and solutions of the future. All church leaders, pastors and lay leaders alike, are encouraged to attend this workshop. The three daily topics are: "The Business of Paradigms," "The Power of Vision," and "Paradigm Pioneers."

2. An Ounce of Prevention: Safeguarding Your Marriage — John and Gayle Guthrie

This workshop will introduce a video resource available from the ABC Lending Library.

3. Worship Chorus Workshop — North Hills worship team

Enjoy a time of fellowship and learning as the use of musical choruses and resources in worship are explored.

4. SCORE: Serving Civic Organizations Responsibly and Effectively — Russ Magaw

How to serve your local church, schools, civic clubs, social agencies and media outlets with your verbal, visual, and vocal skills.

5. How to Make Church Banners — Dee Williams (continued on Wed. and Thurs. at 2:30)

The "Banner Makers" of Pennellwood Church of God will show through pictures, video, and completed projects the steps they follow in going from idea to completed banner. For anyone wishing to make a complete banner (36" x 50") for their church during the week of General Conference. The cost for materials will be \$10.00.

6. Month by Month — Carol Ring

(continued on Wed. and Thurs. at 2:30)
Twelve monthly themes for Sunday School and creative techniques to present them.

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1. Help for Hurting Churches — Jodi Werhanowicz How to heal the hurts without hindering holiness. Biblical principles for dealing with the modern-day crises that face our churches. (Repeat of Tuesday session)

2. Experiencing God — Bill Lawrence

How to experience God as He works in our lives and how to establish a significantly closer relationship with Him.

Wednesday 2:30 p.m.

- 1. Discovering the Future three-part video series (continued from Tues. at 2:30, continued on Thurs. at 2:30)
- Healthy Eating Carol Zizert
 Healthy eating for various age groups dealing
 with cholesterol, fat, and sodium, and dealing with
 questions about diabetes.
- 3. Month by Month Carol Ring
 (continued from Tues. at 2:30, continued on Thurs. at 2:30)
 Twelve monthly themes for Sunday School and creative techniques to present them.
- **4.** How to Make Church Banners Dee Williams (continued from Tues. at 2:30, continued on Thurs. at 2:30)
- Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly: The Fundamentals of Christian Parenting — John and Gayle Guthrie This workshop will introduce a video resource available from the ABC Lending Library.
- 6. Ministry at Hospitals, Prisons, and Colleges Jack Hearp

How pastors and laypeople can be involved in chaplaincy, calling, and counseling ministries.

Thursday 9:30 a.m.

1. Preparation of Leadership for the 21st Century — Donna Deane

A discussion of changes in society that will challenge our preparation of pastors and church leaders.

- 2. Tax Issues for Pastors and Churches Lois Deskins It is vital to know IRS regulations to avoid penalties and also to take advantage of tax laws that benefit pastors.
- 3. Small Groups Dale Swartz

The trend for the churches that are growing in the '90s is small groups. What are small groups? How does one get started? Who will lead the small groups? These and other questions will be answered in this informative workshop.

4. Preparing the Adult Lesson — Jim Ring
Teachers of adults will benefit from insights on preparing good lessons for adults.

- 5. Celebration of Diversity Scott Deane Exploring the gifts that God has given to each church in talents and personalities.
- Coping with Crisis and Chaos Joe Martin
 Crisis will come; we will study the scriptural ways of coping through hard times.

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- 3. Single Parenting John and Gayle Guthrie
 This workshop will introduce a video resource available from the ABC Lending Library.
- 4. Music for the 21st Century Stephen Bolhous "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God" (Psalm 40:3). A look at the different musical forms the Holy Spirit has given to the Church in different periods of revival, with special emphasis on the current revival and its new form for the 21st century the worship chorus. Significant time will be utilized in learning and singing new worship choruses. (Repeat of Tuesday session)
- 5. Personal Financial Management Beth Deutscher, Lutheran Social Services representative
 Become aware of the Consumer Credit Counseling service and how it can help people manage their money.
- 6. Month by Month Carol Ring (continued from Tues. and Wed. at 2:30)
 Twelve monthly themes for Sunday School and creative techniques to present them.

Annual Report of Atlanta Bible College/ Church of God General Conference

The Church of God General Conference will meet for its 75th annual meeting July 31 - August 4, 1995. As we reach this milestone in the history of our movement, we do so with praise to God for His faithfulness and thanksgiving for the faithful men and women who helped organize our Conference and who have carried forward its work until today.

This Annual Report summarizes the accomplishments of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference during the past twelve months. It serves as a background for the business sessions that will be held this summer.

The work of this corporation is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the delegates. Those who served during 1994-95 are: Pastor Stephen Bolhous, Chairman; Joe James, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Donna Deane, Secretary; Frank Johnson, Treasurer; and Pastor Rex Cain, Pastor Billie Kennedy, and Don Overmyer, Directors.

The Board has employed President David Krogh to oversee day-to-day operations. Diane Redd served as his secretary.

The foundation of our corporation is our vision to:

- 1. Provide quality higher education through Atlanta Bible College.
- 2. Assist with the starting of new churches.
- 3. Help strengthen local churches and support pastors.
- 4. Faithfully proclaim the distinctive message of the Church of God to the public at large.

The vision is being carried out through the following:

Atlanta Bible College

Atlanta Bible College is an institution of higher education committed to equipping lay and professional leaders for ministry. Alumni of the College have taken their place as pastors, leaders, and workers in many churches.

Atlanta Bible College is operated with a dedicated staff. For the 1994-95 school year, Kent Ross served as Vice-President and Academic Dean, with Lisa Ikner as his secretary. Dale Ramsey served as Director of Student Services and Recruitment. Instructors during the year were Anthony Buzzard, David Krogh, Joe Martin, Dale Ramsey, David Riley, Kent Ross, and William Wachtel. Seth Ross was Library Coordinator

and Sherri Braswell was Apartment Manager.

Three seniors graduate at the end of this term: Mike Cisler, Jeremy Smith, and Mark Tschaenn. These students will serve as interns before assuming ministry positions. 1994 graduates completed their internships and are serving as follows: Dan Kennedy, pastor of New Friends Bible Church in Georgia; Steve Zimbelman, associate pastor of Blessed Hope Church, Rockford, Illinois.

The Annual Booster Campaign raised approximately \$21,000 for College operating expenses. Other support was provided through general contributions received throughout the year. We are grateful for all who provide regular prayer and financial support for the College.

Students and staff played a significant role in the launching of Cornerstone Bible Church in the Atlanta area during the fall. Nearly all students and staff were involved in a telemarketing effort to discover unchurched people. Nine students served in the new church, assisting with worship, nursery and children's ministries, and evangelism.

All other students were involved in ministries at New Friends Bible Church which meets in the facilities of the College. Christian service is a key part of the educational requirements of Atlanta Bible College.

In March, the College hosted its annual College Invitational Conference. Forty-three students and thirteen sponsors visited the campus on the weekend of March 3-5.

The ABC Chorale, under the direction of Dale Ramsey, visited 13 churches during its spring concert tour.

Outreach and Church Development

Assistance was provided to local churches in the following areas:

Christian Education

Gayle Guthrie served as Coordinator of Christian education activities. Joyce Knapp, Frank Johnson, and Carol Ring served as an Advisory Committee. In addition to advising on Christian education matters, the committee made available a number of seminars to local churches or state/district conferences.

A Church of God Sunday School curriculum focusing on Bible doctrine will be available in the December 1995 quarter. This curriculum is available every three years for all ages except adult. It is available every six years at the adult level. Samples of the material will be available to delegates at the summer General Conference.

Additional resources in Christian education have been purchased for distribution through the Atlanta Bible College Lending Library in the areas of marriage, Christian parenting, and single parenting. These resources are available without charge to our churches and membership.

Missions

Judy Myers served as the Chair of the Lord's Harvest International Sending Board. Members of the board included Joe James, Pastor Vivian Kirkpatrick II, Mardy Lawrence, and Pastor Warren Sorenson. Joe Martin resigned from the board in December to pursue a doctoral program.

Tracy Savage, who is working in St. Petersburg, Russia, spent three months on the campus of Atlanta Bible College securing additional Bible college training and language study.

Bill, Mardy, and Pat Lawrence spent four weeks in India in the fall encouraging members of our two churches in Bangalore. A recent Church Builder's Appeal was issued for repairs to the St. Thomastown Church. Work is expected to be done soon.

We continue to encourage native workers in the Philippines, India, Malawi, Peru, and Mexico. We maintain contact with many people around the world who have requested literature and information.

Youth

Pastor Jim Graham served as Coordinator of the youth department. A successful 1994 Youth Congress was held at John Brown University with a total attendance of 197.

The 1995 Youth Congress will be held at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, July 9-14. The theme for the 1995 Congress is "I'm Alive and You're About To Come Alive" (John 14:19).

The purpose of the Youth Congress is to advocate excellence in youth ministry, model discipleship, and provide opportunity for the expression of faith and love. This purpose is accomplished by creating activities that not only entertain but involve participants.

The Youth Advisory Committee included Pastor Stephen Bolhous, Youth Pastor Tim Eldred, and Pastor Dale Bliss.

Church Planting

Cornerstone Bible Church was started in McDonough, Georgia in October. Attendance has averaged in the 80's since opening day. Five baptisms have been reported by the church. David Riley serves as pastor.

A meeting was held in February regarding the possibility of starting a church in the Leesburg, Florida area. Thirty-eight Church of God families live for all or part of

each year in central Florida. Another meeting was held in March to consider starting Bible studies in several areas.

Other Activities

The annual Christian Workers' Seminar was held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, April 2-7. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Kent Ross was the Seminar Coordinator.

Summer ministry teams conducted five Bible schools in the summer of 1994. The program was supervised by Amy Berry and Sherri Braswell. Sarah Buzzard has been appointed to supervise the program this year.

Media

The Restitution Herald had 652 paid subscriptions for the year. Kent Ross served as Interim Editor. Anthony Buzzard, Kent Ross, and Mark Mattison formed the Editorial Committee for the Journal from the Radical Reformation. Four hundred copies of the journal were distributed four times during the year.

Approximately 4,500 Sunday School quarterlies were distributed each quarter to Church of God congregations and twelve other groups. The following individuals served as Editors. Kindergarten, Irene Sorenson; Primary and Junior, Paula Kirkpatrick; Junior High, Warren Sorenson; Teen, Terri Moore; and Adult, Kent Ross and William Wachtel.

The Today's Good News Television Ministry was directed by Steve Taylor in Lafayette, Indiana. Last year, 17 half-hour broadcast programs were produced. New programs are being prepared every week in 1995. Video tapes can be easily edited and adapted for broadcast in any area. This ministry was financed by those who have interest in television work, and the Televantage telephone program.

Daniel Smead served as the Technical Director of Publishing. Amy Berry served as Typesetter, Sarah Buzzard as Proofreader, and Jason Catlin as Layout and Design Coordinator.

Business

Terri Tschaenn served as Controller. Since her husband Mark is graduating from ABC in June, she will be leaving our employment in August. She has been a dedicated employee and we will miss her. Gary Burnham has been employed as Controller to begin in August. Julie Isham was in charge of Bookkeeping and the Mailing Department. Aaron Wells served as Computer Coordinator. The Maintenance Department Supervisor was Glyn Craig. He was assisted by Mark Tschaenn, Jeremy Smith, and Sherri Braswell. This department served the internal needs of the organization.

Finance

There was a slight decrease in contributions to the Goal for Giving this year over last year. There also was a (Continued on next page)

decrease in the number of contributors after a 29% increase over the past two years. Total contributions from churches remained unchanged; however, there was a 5% increase in the number of churches contributing to the General Conference Goal for Giving. Contributions from conferences increased by 4%. Contributions from groups nearly doubled.

Each member family is encouraged to be a regular supporter of College/Conference programs. Churches are encouraged to budget a tithe or a regular amount to help support ministries of the College and Conference.

Properties

During the year, the buyer (Transitional Living Programs) of the Men's Dormitory and Golden Rule Building in Oregon, Illinois encountered zoning and licensing difficulties. While resolving these issues, Transitional Living Programs has not been making payments on their contract with Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference. Foreclosure action has been initiated against the buyer. If the buyer does not fulfill his contractual obligations to our corporation, another buyer has given a verbal offer to purchase the property.

Other contracts on property in Oregon, Illinois are being fulfilled in accordance with the terms of the agreements.

Fund the Dream Campaign

Delegates at the 1994 Conference approved a recommendation to authorize a Fund the Dream Campaign to retire relocation loans and to fund our vision for the future. Last fall an outside consultant was employed to contact 100 members of the Church of God to secure input in shaping the Campaign. The information gleaned from these contacts was very valuable to the Board. Based upon the information gathered, the Board established a goal of \$1.2 million. Cash and commitments are to be secured by the summer of 1998 and total cash by the end of 2000. The Campaign will have six specific components as follows and will be prioritized in the order listed:

- 1. Retirement of relocation loans \$400,000
- 2. Church planting \$200,000
- 3. Faculty and program enhancement \$150,000
- 4. Publishing and media \$100,000
- 5. Foreign missions \$50,000
- 6. Purchase of adjacent property \$300,000

Specific details of the Campaign are included in the Case Statement in this issue of the JOURNAL.

Long Range Study

In an effort to improve service to our constituency, delegates to the 1994 Summer Conference authorized an Institutional Long Range Planning Study to be initiated immediately and completed by July, 1997. The intent of this study is to provide long range direction for the

activities of the College/Conference; to determine the merits of seeking accreditation status for the College; and to optimize planning in relation to the acquisition of resources (i.e., staff, facilities, and monies).

Dr. Donna Deane was appointed by the Board to direct this study. The entire membership has been asked to assist by filling out a questionnaire which was included in the January-February Progress Journal. Pastors, laymen, and staff will be given assignments to carry out various facets of the study. Delegates at the summer Conference will be asked to participate in general and small group sessions.

Conclusion

The fruits of our efforts are seen in the quality of students trained at Atlanta Bible College, in strengthened local churches, in new churches that are started, and in the distribution of Church of God literature around the world. Further achievement of our goals will become a reality as Church of God members, congregations, and conferences become more involved in outreach ministry and as we join together to achieve our \$1.2 million goal for the Fund the Dream Campaign. Our future will take on sharper focus as Church of God members participate in the Institutional Long Range Planning Study which will be accomplished by the summer of 1997.

It has been said that if there is hope in the future, it provides power for the present. We are optimistic about the future of the Church of God. We believe we have a hope of a bright future with God's blessing. This hope provides initiative and strength as we meet the challenges of a needy world.

(This report was prepared by David Krogh. It was reviewed by the Board of Directors at their meeting on March 24 and 25. It is presented to you as a report of the Board to the membership of the Church of God.)



1994 General Conference service in Atlanta Bible College Alumni Chapel.

Special Reports

Ministerial Recognition Board

During the past year, the Ministerial Recognition Board conducted seven interviews with candidates in various stages of the license application process: David Swartz (interview following first year of license), Jeff Moore (interview following internship), Earl Poland (received permanent license), Jon Cheatwood (received permanent license). Dan Kennedy (granted three-year probational license), Michael Brown (license reinstated after being out of the ministry for several years). Steve Zimbelman (interview following internship and provisional license granted).

Newly licensed pastors are matched with an area pastor who serves as a mentor. We are thankful for pastors who are willing to serve in this role.

The Ministerial Recognition Board monitors the continuing education requirements for pastors. In order to maintain licensure, pastors are required to secure ten hours per year of seminars, classes, and training. Courses are usually available from Atlanta Bible College staff at the summer Conference or annual Ministers' Conference. The Ministerial Recognition Board stands ready to help any minister fulfill his requirements.

A lay speakers program was proposed several years ago by Pastor Jack Hearp. This program improves the ability of lay people to teach classes, preach, and share their faith. The following individuals have participated in training: Brenda Wessel, Chuck Currier, Jerold Brewer, Emie Larson, Charles Webster, Gary Smith, and Richard Van Pelt. Kent

Ross led the training in the Midwest. The program will be revised and provided to Church of God pastors as a tool to use in local churches.

The board annually reviews and updates the status of each Church of God licensed pastor.

Another ongoing task of the board is writing policies regarding licensing and recognition of pastors as follows:

- Revised operating guidelines for licensing were presented to the Ministerial Association at the 1994 summer Conference. The Association approved the operating guidelines nearly unanimously.
- 2. Sexual Misconduct Policy Governing Ministerial Association the board believes this is a good tool that provides a process for dealing with accusations against a licensed pastor. The policy serves not only the cause of a victim, but also supports the minister who may be falsely accused, or who may need forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, or reinstatement if that is possible. The final draft of this policy was approved by the ministers at their 1995 Spring Retreat.
- Homosexual Policy this statement clarifies that practicing homosexuals will not be given recognition as ministers in the Church of God General Conference. This policy was approved by the Ministerial Association at their Spring Retreat.

The Church of God owes a debt of gratitude to pastors who have been faithful to their congregations and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Many of them have pastored small congregations with the dedication and commitment characteristic of a true disciple of Christ. We currently have five pastors in active ministry who have served for 51-64 years: Cecil Smead, Linford Moore,

Francis Burnett, Delbert Jones, and Emory Macy. Eight have served for 42-49 years of continuous service: Dean Moore, Alva Huffer, Warren Sorenson, Leon Driskill, Maru Vadnais, William Wachtel, Joseph Fletcher, and Roy Humphreys. Nine have served for 30-38 years: Daniel Fyle, Billie Kennedy, Hollis Partlowe, Donald Ward, Jesse Pestle, Rex Cain, Russell Magaw. John Hearp, and Kent Ross, Seven retired pastors have held licenses for 42-59 years: John Denchfield, Harry Goekler, Edward Goit, E. Richard Smith, Harry Payne, Orville Westlund, and J. Arlen Marsh, We praise God for the of these and all Church of God pastors. - Ray Hall, Chairman

Church of God Investment Fund

The Church of God Investment Fund is a corporation which exists to make loans to churches. The trustees of the fund are Bill Burnham, Chairman; Robert Smith, Vice-Chairman; David Krogh, Secretary-Treasurer; and Directors, Dr. William D. Lawrence and Pastor Stephen Bolhous.

As of March 1, 1995, the Fund balance is approximately \$75,000. There are six outstanding loans to churches. Requests for funds can be directed to the Secretary/Treasurer.

- David Krogh, Secretary

Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association

The Church of God Retirement Association was established in 1968

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to provide retirement benefits to pastors and spouses. Later the rules were amended to include non-licensed members of the College/Conference staff.

The Association is managed by Pastor Gary Burnham, Chairman; William J. Gaspar, Vice-Chairman; and David Krogh, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Association has assets of nearly \$675,000. Benefits of nearly \$400,000 have been distributed.

The Association has 39 active and 3 inactive pastors/ staff, 48 churches, and 6 conferences. Six pastors and seven spouses are drawing benefits. Twenty-three members have withdrawn from the Association and received lump sum settlements.

Information regarding membership can be secured from the Secretary.

- David Krogh, Secretary

Christian Conciliation Board

The Conciliation Board is a service provided by the Church of God Gorel Conference for the enrichment of our church family. The New Testament Church and its leadership had problems, and it is from their experience that we can learn how to reconcile, forgive, and restore each other. The Conciliation Board members are available as individuals and/or collectively to help churches and pastors. The members are glad to provide assistance over the telephone or when necessary one or more members of the board can travel to a church to provide on-site assistance.

We encourage churches and pastors to contact the board before a problem or conflict gets out of hand and beyond conciliation.

The services of this board can be secured by contacting a board member directly or through the President of the General Conference.

- Joe E. James, Chairman; Alan Demmitt, Michele Millard

Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation

Due to the generosity of those who gave to the Development Foundation, over \$293,000 has been distributed to assist students and improve the College. This has been a tremendous help to those who are preparing to serve our Christ.

While we are looking to preserve the integrity of the funds, we also try to earn the best return on the monies. The increase in interest rates should provide slightly better earnings next year.

The expenditures this year were as follows:

Basic Grants to Students	. \$53,000
Capital Expenditures	3,000
Bible Lands Intensive Course	
Staff Training	2,000

Recruitment	4	,000
Grants for Summer Conference	. 2	,000
Audit and Expenses		
		,500

The Foundation is an excellent way for you to continue to support the College in the long range through your will, trust, or other estate planning methods.

We can all take pride in the beautiful campus facilities at the College and the students you have helped through the Foundation.

— The trustees of the Foundation

Proposed Recommendation for Delegates Regarding Church Builder's League

The Board of Directors proposes that the standards for churches applying for Church Builder's League assistance be modified to include the option of issuing appeals for start-up expenses and operating expenses for new churches.

Explanation: The current standards for churches applying for Church Builder's League assistance authorize appeals for buying or constructing church buildings, and the purchase of land for new buildings or relocation. Most of the new churches that have been started in recent years have found it advantageous to use rented facilities in the early years of operation. Rather than burdening a new church with tremendous debt, rented facilities enable a church to grow and more rapidly become self-supporting. However, there are major start-up costs and operating expenses in the early years which are sometimes beyond the ability of the core group and new attenders to meet. A Church Builder's Appeal of \$12-15,000 would provide funds for telemarketing/advertising, purchase of equipment, rent, and other operating expenses. Directing funds for these purposes will give an additional option and will help to undergird the vision of the College/ Conference to help plant new churches.



Choir performing at 1994 Summer Conference under the direction of Dale Ramsey

Nominations for the Board of Directors

CLARENCE M. JONES

Clarence Jones is an honorable and distinctive gentleman, one who is familiar with the emotional and physical turmoil which faces our Conference and the youth of our nation as they make choices of careers and service to our Lord. As a teenager, Clarence was licensed as a Methodist minister. Unable to accept the conflict between his studies and his preaching, he searched for another denomination. After a few attempts to find a denomination, Clarence accepted Christ anew and was baptized by Brother McCoy in 1948 at the Morse Mill Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. Brother Jones and his wife Helen have had a long union to which they have one daughter, one grand-daughter and one grandson.

Clarence has served our Lord in many capacities over the last 40-plus years. He has been deacon, trustee, secretary, treasurer, and elder of the Morse Mill Church of God. Clarence has also been active in the Missouri State Conference through serving as the Morse Mill representative to the board and as conference treasurer for many years. He has also been instrumental in the support of the church-planting effort at the St. Charles Community Church.

Brother Jones is no stranger to the stress and pressures of business and service to God and the community. In 1967, Clarence and his business associates founded the DeSoto State Bank. This small financial institution has remained viable and served its community through the past few decades when so many facilities have gone into receivership. Mr. Jones has retired from the day-to-day operations of the bank but continues to serve on its Board of Directors.

Brother Clarence Jones has demonstrated through his life the attributes of a Christian leader. His long union with his wife, and the respect of the community held by his entire family, speak of his blameless integrity. His faithful child and a love for his fellow man are indications of his success as a father. Those of us who know Clarence are familiar with his hospitality, vigilance, and obvious desire to share his faith and teach others the doctrines of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that they may come to the understanding that salvation is truly the greatest prize.

Brother Jones' success as a businessman is testimony to his temperament of being fair, level-headed, concerned for others, and slow to anger during emotional and often trying situations. His life of service to our Lord is testimony of his stewardship, faith, charity, and commitment to the work of our God and Savior.

Brother Clarence Jones is very qualified, willing and able to fulfill the position of Director of the General Conference, and he is truly worthy of your support.

- Missouri State Conference, Dale L. Brown, President

WILLIAM D. LAWRENCE

Dr. William D. Lawrence was raised in the Church of God in Omaha where his father was an elder and instrumental in obtaining the first church building for the Omaha Church. Dr. Lawrence has been active in the General Conference since 1964 and has only missed two conferences in 31 years. He and his wife Mardy have traveled to India and Africa many times in mission and medical mission work for the Church of God at their own expense. Dr. Lawrence has served on the Board of Directors several times and is currently on the Higher Education Advisory Committee for Atlanta Bible College.

Bill's experience assures he understands the problems, challenges, and opportunities of Atlanta Bible College/General Conference. He is especially interested in outreach, church planting, and advancing the education of our youth to effective ministries.

- The elders of Valley View Bible Church

JAMES D. RITCH

Pastor Ritch has served as pastor in the following churches for over 24 years: Browntown, Virginia, 1971-76; Lawrenceville, Ohio, 1976-84; and he will have served the Resurrection Hope Church for 11 years this October 11, 1995. Pastor Ritch has two radio programs which cover a listening audience of almost 2,000,000 listeners.

James has been married to Rebecca Taylor Ritch for 31 years. He and his wife have two children, Christi, 29, and Jonathan, 21, as well as four lovely grandchildren.

Pastor Ritch's thoughts concerning the philosophy and purpose of Atlanta Bible College and the General Conference are: "First, I believe the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College need to be more visible, not only to the churches and the congregations, but to the world itself. I believe we need to be trying to show ourselves as a Biblebelieving General Conference and a College of truthseeking individuals. I'm not saying we're not doing some of these things, but I believe that advertising more on TV. video, newspapers, and religious publications will bring more attention to our ministry and to the Gospel that God has given us. We must get the attention of all the world, for God, for Jesus Christ, and for the Kingdom of God's sake. I do feel we are doing a great deal to educate our children and we are moving in some positive directions with Atlanta Bible College and the General Conference. We are sadly lacking in our purpose and drive towards spreading God's Gospel of the Kingdom Salvation to all the world. I believe that God can and will help Atlanta Bible College and the General Conference to make great changes in the future of our world and we know that Jesus Christ is coming again.

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Nominations for the Board of Directors

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Let us mount a campaign to make Him the next ruler of our world, not only now, but also forever."

As a member of the Board of Directors, Pastor Ritch would like to accomplish a greater outreach of the Gospel. He would also like to work closely with the other directors, seeing our Bible College move forward to do greater things for the students, for the Gospel ministry, and for the churches of the General Conference. He truly believes our future as the Church of God General Conference is one of God's blessings to us to do greater things in these closing days of time. He feels, like the Apostle Paul, that he can and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us as a church and a body of believers. As a Board member, Pastor Ritch wants to accomplish God's will at His General Conference and His Atlanta Bible College.

- Southeast Conference

DALE SWARTZ

Dale Swartz was born and raised in North Olmsted, Ohio. He attended the Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland and the Columbia Church of God in Columbia Station, Ohio. He attended Oregon Bible College and graduated in 1971. He interned in both the Tempe and the Phoenix churches.

He has pastored churches in East Peoria, Illinois; Digby, Nova Scotia; Fort Valley, Virginia; Browntown, Virginia; and is currently pastoring the Brush Creek Church of God in Tipp City, Ohio. He has served as a full-time pastor, a part-time pastor, and a full-time pastor with a part time job. His wife Cheryl (formerly Fletcher) and he have two daughters, Jennifer age 18 and Rebecca age 17.

For two of his ten years in Virginia, he served as an interim pastor for the Fort Valley United Church of Christ. This experience gave him an invaluable insight into the working and Bible knowledge of another denomination. He is fully committed to the importance of the doctrinal beliefs of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith.

He has served as president of the Ministerial Association for four years, served on the Committee for

Revitalization and Renewal and served on the Pastoral Longevity Committee.

Philosophy for the General Conference and Bible College

Dale believes the Church of God General Conference and our College need to set the standard for the rest of the denomination by encouraging the continued searching of the Scriptures daily as did those from the early church in Berea. This is particularly important in light of the moral values of today and the acceptance of things being taught in our schools. Standards of moral behavior and Christian ethics, along with the importance of the family, need to be taught as part of our college's course of study.

He believes the Church of God cannot continue on the same course it has followed for decades in the past. People see their need of the church differently in the 90s. If the church is going to fulfill this need it is going to have to make changes, but without compromising the true teaching of Scripture.

Purpose of the General Conference and Bible College

Dale sees both the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College as important parts of the Church of God as a whole. The College should remain a training center to equip workers for ministry. The Conference should be the sending agency for the College and aid the graduates in their placement in the Lord's service. Years ago a motto of the Conference was "Doing together things that cannot be accomplished alone." He believes this is still true.

What He Wants to Accomplish on the Board

"There seems to be a gradual shift in the Church of God away from the importance of doctrine. As a pastor and representative of the Church of God Ministerial Association, I want to ensure that Bible Truth is not compromised as the church makes other changes as we move toward the new millennium."

It is Dale's desire to serve the membership of the Church of God with faithfulness and wisdom on the Board of Directors.

- Church of God Ministerial Association

KEITH WILLIAMS

The Pennellwood Church of God wishes to place in nomination for Director the name of Keith Williams. Bro. Williams has been a member of the Church of God for over 40 years, and of the Pennellwood Church since 1968. He is married to the former Dolores Heaton and has three grown children, two of whom are active members of Pennellwood.

As a result of several moves over the course of his employment, Bro. Williams has served churches in South Bend and Kokomo, IN and Dayton, OH, besides the Pennellwood Church in Michigan. He is presently serving as elder, Sunday School teacher, and chairman of the Church Council. In the past he has also served as deacon and choir director. In addition he is the secretary of the Michigan State Conference. He has served many times as a delegate to General Conference, and served a previous partial term (1984-1987) on the Board of Directors, including two years as its secretary.

Bro. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Grand Valley State University. He is a registered professional electrical engineer in the state of Michigan, and is president of PCPCI, the national trade association for transformer manufacturers. He is also the United States expert to Technical Committee 51 of the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Bro. Williams sees the College and Conference as resource centers for the Church of God in two areas: (1) training of pastors and workers in other ministries, and (2) providing biblically-sound teaching materials for use by local church bodies. In the first area, we have an obligation to strive for constant academic and spiritual improvement in Atlanta Bible College. In the second, we must insure that we are making the best use of the talent available in the Church of God in our publications.

Bro. Williams' goals as Director are to reduce the number of ABC graduates who leave the ministry after a few years, and to promote longer pastorates in local churches. These goals can be accomplished through better preparation of students for the challenges that they will face as pastors, and better education of our churches with regard to mutual expectations of pastor and church.

- Pennellwood Church of God, Larry Mayberry, Pastor

Proposed Budget July 1, 1996 — June 30, 1997 Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits Salaries and Wages	299,000
Social Security	\$21,000 \$42,000
General Operations	
Advertising and Recruitment	\$4,000
Special Speakers Insurance, non-plant	\$500 \$1,500
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$7,500
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$8,500
Royalties Library Periodicals	\$800 \$3,600
Periodicals, Books, Dues	
Postage	23,000
Professional Services	\$3,500
Repairs and Maintenance, non-plant	\$7,000
Staff Education	\$2,000
Telephone S	\$14,000
Travel	\$24,000
Assistance to Churches	\$20,900
Ministerial Association	
Program Development	
Basic Grants	
Clayton Rebates	\$7,000
Miscellatieous	\$1,000
Plant Operations	
Property Insurance	
Repairs and Maintenance Supplies and Expenses	\$4,000
Utilities	\$2,000
Addition to Plant	
Furniture and Equipment	
Library Books Vehicle Replacement	
Purchases — Bookstore	21 000
Contingency	
TOTAL \$7	748,800
ANTICIPATED INCOME:	244.000
Sales — Sunday School Material	44,000
Sales — Books, Tracts	
Subscriptions Subscription	55,000
Tuition	
Housing	
Rent	\$3,600
Laundry	\$2,500
Miscellaneous	\$3,300
Transfers In	
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	352,400
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED	
July 1, 1996 — June 30, 1997\$3	396,400
Contributions needed for '95-6\$	381,350

Explanation of Budget

The proposed budget for July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997 will fund the following programs and activities of the College/Conference in accordance with our mission.

Anticipated Expenses

- 1. Salaries and wages Compensation is provided for 24 employees (4 quarterly editors, 5 part-time coordinators, 5 student workers, 2 ten-month instructors, 1 five-month instructor, and 7 full-time workers).
- Social security 7.65% of salary, which matches employee withholding.
- 3. Employee benefits Health insurance, workman's compensation, Conference premium for Minister's Voluntary Retirement Association, and registration fee for summer General Conference.
- Advertising, recruitment Includes travel, telephone calls, printing, and postage to promote Atlanta Bible College.
- Special speakers Honorarium paid to graduation speaker and other guests on campus.
- Insurance, non-plant Liability insurance for employees and directors.
- 7. Motor vehicle expense License plates, insurance, and maintenance for three College/Conference vehicles.
- 8. Office supplies Paper, ribbons for typewriters and printers, stationery, envelopes, etc.
- Royalties Fees paid for copyrighted material used in our publications.
- Library periodicals Religious and theological journals and other magazines for the library collection.
- Periodicals, books, dues A small allowance is provided to professional staff to purchase resource material for classes and to participate in professional organizations.
- 12. Postage Shipping charges for the Progress Journal, The Restitution Herald, A Journal from the Radical Reformation, quarterlies, tracts, books, and all correspondence.

- Printing and binding Includes all materials printed by the College/Conference and the binding of permanent materials for the library.
- 14. Professional services Fees for the annual audit and legal expenses as needed.
- 15. Repairs, non-plant Maintenance agreements and repairs for office and library equipment.
- 16. Staff education Professional staff members are encouraged to attend at least one seminar each year to remain current in their field of study.
- 17. Supplies and expenses Printing supplies, piano tuning, towel and paper products, and other operational expenses.
- 18. Telephone Basic and longdistance service including the cost of all "800" number calls which are provided toll-free for the caller.
- 19. Travel Includes travel for Board of Directors, advisory committees, special boards and committees, Chorale, and staff.
- 20. Assistance to churches Church development aid for Beloit New Life, WI, Blessed Hope, IL, Comerstone, GA, and funding for two other new churches.
- 21. Ministerial Association Support for programs and other expenses of the Church of God Ministerial Association.
- 22. Program development The purchase of resources to enhance teaching programs of Atlanta Bible College and to loan to churches.
- 23. Basic grants Assistance to ABC students in the amount of \$85 per quarter hour to subsidize their tuition at ABC.
- 24. Clayton rebates During the first four quarters of education, ABC students who attend Clayton State College are eligible for a rebate to offset the out-of-state tuition.
- Plant operations Includes all expenses for buildings and property.
- 26. Addition to plant Provides for the replacement of furniture, equipment, and vehicles, and the acquisition of library books.
- 27. Purchases Textbooks and

- other materials which are purchased to resell.
- 28. Contingency This budget is being prepared 15 months before the fiscal year begins. This item provides a cushion for adjustments when the fiscal year begins on July 1, 1996.

Anticipated Income

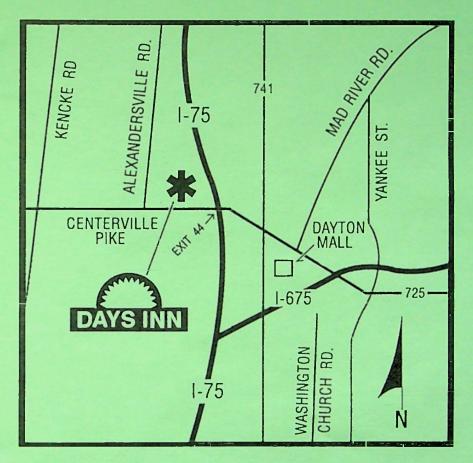
- 1. Sales Includes income from the sale of quarterlies, tracts, books, etc.
- 2. Subscriptions Subscriptions for The Restitution Herald are \$12 per year, \$21 for two years, \$30 for three years; A Journal from the Radical Reformation is \$24 per year.
- Trust and endowment Transfer of interest from the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation.
- Tuition Income is based upon projected enrollment of 40 fulltime students in the 1995-96 fiscal year.
- 5. Housing Rent received from ten apartments on the college campus.
- Rent Income received from New Friends Bible Church for use of College/Conference facilities.
- 7. Laundry Income from laundry facilities in apartment building.
- 8. Miscellaneous Interest income and student fees.
- Transfer in Funds moved from restricted accounts to fund general operations.

Contributions Needed

To accomplish the vision and goals of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference for the 1996-97 fiscal year, contributions of \$396,400 will be needed from churches, conferences, and individual families. This is approximately \$33,000 per month.

In 1994, churches, conferences and groups gave over \$175,000 to the Goal for Giving. We are thankful for this faithful giving and encourage each member church to designate a portion of their income to assist with the work of the College/Conference.

To close the gap between contribution needs and the amount provided by churches, conferences, and groups, we rely upon faithful giving of individuals and families. During 1994, 715 individuals and families gave an average gift of \$216. There is a need for additional support from other member families to help underwrite the work of the College and Conference.



The Days Inn — Dayton South is located on Centerville Road, State Route 725, at Exit 44 and Interstate 75 (see map).

The Days Inn contains 215 private rooms with bath. It is located on 17 acres of land with the following recreational facilities: indoor pool, outdoor pool, tennis courts, volleyball courts, shuffleboard courts, fitness center, whirl-pool, and sauna. The facilities include an office center with personal computer, printer, typewriter, fax service, and copier service. It offers a game room and guest laundry services. Each room includes a safe for valuables.

Pre-Conference Event

Troy View Church in Troy, Ohio is inviting everyone to a pre-Conference hog roast on Sunday afternoon at 6:00 p.m. at the Demmitt farm at 557 State Route 202 in Troy.

Airport Service

Those flying to General Conference should arrive at the Dayton International Airport at Vandalia. Shuttle service from the airport to the hotel will be provided upon request. Notification should reach our office no later than July 20 if this service is needed.

Delegate Expense Pool

Each year delegates from the various churches and

conferences have the opportunity to pool their expenses and 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 10 cents per mile.

Sight-Seeing Attractions in the Area

Families attending General Conference may wish to travel to Ohio early or remain following Conference to visit some of the attractions in the area:

King's Island — this theme park is located south of Springfield, Ohio between Cincinnati and Columbus near Kings Mill, Ohio.

Air Force Museum—the United States Air Force Museum near Dayton, Ohio is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. Admission is

free. The museum is located six miles northeast of Dayton at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The museum is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Special Guest

Pastor Steve Sjogren of Cincinnati, Ohio will be guest speaker at our summer Conference on Wednesday, August 2 at 8:30 a.m. His general session will be followed by a period of questions and answers.

Steve began his church in 1985 with 37 attenders. The church now holds six celebration services every week with 2,500 in attendance. Recently the church was listed as one of the top 25 fastest growing churches in the United States.

Steve focuses his ministry on small groups with a strong emphasis on giving away the love of Christ in practical ways. He was the featured speaker on a cassette tape which was sent to Church of God pastors recently. The tape is a part of the Pastors' Update Series by the Charles E. Fuller Institute on the subject of "Loving Your Community to Christ."

Steve will show us how we can impact our communities for Christ by showing God's love to people in practical ways.

Fund the Dream Campaign Statement

Delegates to the 1994 annual Conference approved a recommendation submitted by the Board of Directors to authorize a Fund the Dream Campaign with the objectives of retirement of relocation loans, future campus development, and financial assistance and training enhancement in the ministry areas of Christian education, missions, and media.

The Norman Edwards firm of Seattle, Washington was employed last fall to make approximately 100 phone calls to a cross-section of delegates, pastors, donors, non-donors, alumni members, young people, and long-time members. On the basis of the information received from this telephone survey, the Board of Directors modified the original plan to reflect the input from the membership.

On Tuesday morning, August 1, at 8:30 a.m., a general session will be held to explain the Campaign in detail and to give delegates an opportunity to participate in the Campaign.

Below is the Campaign statement to familiarize the membership with our opportunities to undergird our dreams with tangible support.

The Fund the Dream Campaign springs from our vision for the future to which we believe God has called us. Our fourfold vision is to:

- 1. Provide quality Christian education through Atlanta Bible College.
- 2. Assist with the starting of new churches.
- 3. Help strengthen local churches and support pastors.
- 4. Faithfully proclaim the distinctive message of the Church of God to the public at large.

According to Scripture (Eph. 3:20) we believe it is appropriate to dream great dreams for the Lord. The God we worship is able to do more than we can even ask or think!

The Church of God has been dreaming great dreams for the Lord. The decision to relocate the College and the Conference was a gigantic step of faith. The move has been a blessing and has accomplished many things:

- we have a beautiful \$2.5 million-campus
- · an increased student enrollment
- we have walking access to a major college where our students get their general education courses
- two new churches have been started by students and staff
- students are involved in new ministry experiences

It appears that the Church of God is stepping into a new era of evangelism, winning many to Christ, changing our focus from buildings to excellence in serving Him and vigorous outreach. Revitalization is happening.

Therefore, we believe that we should face the future with optimism, with an aggressive effort to capitalize on the gains of recent years, and with confidence in God.

After a survey of 100 members, a goal of \$1.2 million has been set for our Fund the Dream Campaign. Commitments will be sought over the next three years, and donors will be encouraged to pay their commitments within three years. (This means commitments made toward the end of the three years will not actually be finally paid until the year 2000.)

This campaign will have six specific components as follows which will be prioritized in the order listed:

1. Retirement of Relocation Loans — \$400,000

This \$400,000 is needed for the following reasons:



Children's Church at Cornerstone Bible Church of God, McDonough, Georgia

- a) Buildings in Oregon sold for approximately \$43,000 less than the original estimates.
- b) Approximately \$60,000 was spent on insurance, utilities, taxes, repairs and maintenance on the Oregon buildings until they were sold.
- c) Approximately \$150,000 was paid in interest on funds borrowed until the old campus was sold.
- d) A larger Administration Building was constructed than was originally anticipated.
- e) The cost of improvements for grounds (fencing, blacktop, water, sewer, and lighting) was not included in original estimates.

After the sale of the campus in Oregon, Illinois, there is a need to raise \$400,000 to retire relocation loans. Funds were borrowed from Church of God individuals and churches to cover the cost of relocation and the erection of three buildings on campus. The sooner these loans are repaid, the more interest will be saved.

2. Church Planting — \$200,000

The membership of the Church of God has recognized the necessity of starting new churches. During the past 30 years, they have supported the starting of 50 new churches. Though some of these church plantings have not succeeded to date, many have become strong supporting members of our association of churches. In order to assist new churches, the General Conference provides up to \$30,000 over five years. \$18,000 comes from the General Budget and \$12,000 from a restricted

Church Planting Fund, created by several estates and bequests in recent years. These funds are nearly depleted. In order to continue to provide \$12,000 from this restricted fund, there is a need to raise additional money for this purpose. As Fund the Dream Campaign funds are received, payments to new churches will be made and unused funds will be placed in this Church Planting Fund until needed. We plan to learn from our past efforts and to continue learning from future successes to best use the funds available in starting new churches.

3. Faculty and Program Enhancement — \$150,000

Atlanta Bible College will continue to lead in a strategic role in the future of the Church of God. By training both professional and lay leadership, the College will equip vital workers for future ministry. Funds are needed to: provide further education for present and future instructors and to assist them to obtain advanced degrees; provide new technology to improve the library and classroom instruction; enable extension courses to be offered off campus; develop correspondence courses; and meet other needs of the faculty and the program identified by the Institutional Long Range Study currently being conducted.

4. Publishing and Media — \$100,000

There is a need for the publication of books and literature which clearly articulate the Bible message of Truth. Funds are needed to improve our Sunday School curriculum and materials. If we are to make known our distinctive message to the public at large, we must utilize modern technology to reach the masses. New opportunities are available to air the message of Truth and Salvation on the radio, TV, and other electronic media.

5. Foreign Missions — \$50,000

The philosophy of missions for the Church of God General Conference emphasizes the need for local churches to raise up missionary candidates, assist with their training, and support them on the field. However, it is necessary to have funds available to assist with training missionary personnel (through language school, cross-cultural communi-

cation, and courses at Atlanta Bible College); to explore new mission opportunities; and to print literature in other languages.

6. Purchase Adjacent Property — \$300,000

If the property adjacent to the campus becomes available, it may be advisable to acquire all or part of the 12 1/2 acres which are located between our campus and Clayton State College. At the present time, we do not know if the property will be available in the foreseeable future or what the cost might be. However, we would like to be prepared to acquire this land if and when it becomes available. If it becomes apparent that the acquisition of this property is impossible, we will bring recommendations to the delegates as to how these funds should be used. The reallocation of these funds will be done only with the approval of the delegates.

Donors to the Fund the Dream Campaign will be encouraged to make undesignated contributions to the entire \$1.2 million goal. However, if donors specifically earmark their funds for one of the six components, we will honor that designation.

Housing for Students

In regard to housing for ABC students, it is our opinion that raising funds for additional Campus buildings is premature until the Institutional Long Range Planning Study has indicated the need for additional buildings. In regard to housing, we believe that on-campus housing can be provided through the rest of this decade in the following ways:

- 1. Housing single students in the 10-unit apartment building on campus. Its present capacity is approximately 45 single students.
- 2. If additional single student housing is needed, the house on campus which has four or five bedrooms and three full baths, will be used for an additional 8-10 single students.
- The four duplexes (eight two-bedroom units) owned by the College across the street from the campus, will be reserved primarily for married students. However, if necessary, they could also be used for single student housing.

Therefore, in light of this capacity, and our desire to continue to encourage local residents (who do not need housing) to attend the College, the College could nearly double in size and provide on-campus housing for our students. If additional housing is needed, a building campaign could be proposed by the Board to the delegates for their consideration.

Conclusion

It has been said that if there is hope in the future, it provides power for the present. We are optimistic about the future of the Church of God. We believe we have hope of a bright future with God's blessing. We believe that this Campaign will fund an exciting, progressive agenda which will help us to be obedient to the Great Commission, bring glory to God, and lead us into a new century and a new millennium in anticipation of the soon return of Jesus. Our vision for the future will become a reality as we undergird the vision with specific programs and activities funded by those who love God and the Church of God.

We feel that the Church of God has a message and a mission which make sense in our world. There is a hunger to know the great truths of Scripture and the Church of God must seize the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people all over the world. Participation by every member family in the Fund the Dream Campaign makes our \$1.2 million goal extremely achievable as each of us responds in proportion to the blessings God has poured out upon each of us.



Pine Grove Church of God — Junior Choir including 34 members, ranging in age from three years old to tenth grade. Many choir members are new attenders, the result of VBS during the past two years.

Giving is Going Away in America

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the United States tax code provides substantial tax benefits to those who give to charity. Many people may not be aware of strategies that could save a tremendous amount of tax while providing a tremendous boost to the Lord's work, such as:

- 1. A Charitable Remainder Trust for example, suppose someone has a piece of real estate that produces no income but has increased in value from \$100,000 to \$500,000 since it was purchased. The owner can give it to a charitable trust. The trust sells the property tax-free and then buys a portfolio of investments that earns an average of 8% a year (over \$40,000). This income is given to the donor and spouse as long as they live. At the death of the donor and spouse the charity becomes the sole owner of the \$500,000 of investments. What has happened is that the donor who is receiving zero income from the real estate and would have a potentially large tax liability if the property were sold, is able to receive \$40,000 per year of interest income. If there are heirs who need to be remembered, a small portion of the \$40,000 of annual income could be used to purchase a life insurance policy that would pay the heir at the death of the donor.
- 2. Charitable Gift Annuity this is an agreement in which You transfer cash or appreciated stock to the charity in return for an agreement whereby you receive an income for life. The amount of income depends on your age at the time you receive the income. A portion of the original transfer is deductible from federal income tax and also a portion of the income is tax-free to the recipient.
- 3. Including the Lord's work in a will is also a wise decision and becomes even more necessary with large estates to help avoid estate taxes.

Since each person's financial situation is different, it is best to consult your own financial planner, or if you would like to be put in touch with a Church of God member who could give you counsel, please contact me at P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, Georgia 30260 or call 1-800-347-4261.

Calendar of Events

July 9-14 Berean Youth Congress, Taylor University, Upland, IN

75th Annual General Conference, Days Inn Dayton July 31-Aug. 4

South, Dayton, OH

October 26, 27 5th Annual Theological Conference, Atlanta Bible

College

National Friend Day October 29

November 3, 4

Apr. 29-May 3

Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN Southeast Men's Retreat, Marietta Baptist Camp, SC Annual Ministers' Conference, Atlanta Bible College

PRAYER AND PRAISE June, 1995

- 1 Pray for the work in Lafayette, Indiana and the ministry opportunities in that area.
- 2 Pray for believers in the Philippine Islands.
- 3 Praise God for the beauty of His creation.
- 4 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College.
- Pray for the ministry of your local church.
- 6 Praise God for your pastor and his family and their dedication to ministry.
- 7 Pray for boldness to share your faith this week.
- 8 Pray for the Atlanta Bible College students as they complete their studies and make decisions for the future.
- 9 Pray for the graduates of Atlanta Bible College Mike Cisler, Jeremy Smith, and Mark Tschaenn.
- 10 Praise God for those who regularly remember our Conference and College with their prayers and contributions.
- 11 Pray that God might speak to you through the services of your church today.
- 12 Pray for Cornerstone Bible Church, McDonough, Geor-
- 13 Praise God for your family and circle of friends.
- 14 Pray for the ABC group traveling to the Holy Land
- 15 Praise God for the gift of eternal life.
- 16 Pray for final preparations for the summer General Conference.
- 17 Pray for Chapel Hill Church in Urbana, Ohio.
- 18 Praise your Heavenly Father for your earthly father.
- 19 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 20 Pray for believers in Peru.
- 21 Pray for the St. Charles Community Church and its ministry.
- 22 Pray for churches and pastors who are making changes this year.
- 23 Praise God for the editors of our Sunday School curriculum and our printed publications.
- Pray for the Grant family, members of the Valley View Bible Church who are serving in the Middle East.
- 25 Pray for God's direction in future mission efforts.
- 26 Pray for the Pomona Church of the Open Bible.
- Praise God for your church family.
- 28 Pray for God's direction in the final preparation for Youth Congress.
- 29 Pray for the Board of Directors as they make Conference/College ministry decisions.
- Praise God for the dedication of the College/Conference staff.

PRAYER AND PRAISE July, 1995

- 1 Pray that God might move the Church of God forward in new areas of ministry.
- 2 Pray that God might lead many into full-time Christian service.
- 3 Praise God for your parents and their guidance in your life.
- 4 Praise God for the freedoms you enjoy.
- 5 Praise God for His daily provision for all your needs.
- 6 Pray for healing for someone in need.
- 7 Praise God for the assurance that He hears and answers prayers.
- 8 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 9 Pray for safety for those traveling to Youth Congress today.
- 10 Praise God for the youth of our church as they prepare their lives for the future.
- 11 Pray for the staff of Youth Congress and the influence they are having on the Congress participants.
- 12 Pray that God will lead many of our young people into ministry at home and abroad.
- 13 Pray for wisdom to turn your concerns over to the Lord.
- 14 Pray for safety for those traveling home from Youth Congress.
- 15 Pray for your pastor as he prepares to share God's message tomorrow.
- 16 Pray for the Badillo family and the work in Mexico.
- 17 Pray for the staff of our College/Conference.
- 18 Praise God for the leadership of your church family.
- 19 Pray for the Bible schools being conducted by the Summer Ministries teams.
- 20 Pray for the leaders and members of New Friends Bible Church, Morrow, Georgia.
- 21 Praise God for efforts being made to plant new churches.
- 22 Pray for a clear understanding of God's leading in your life.
- 23 Pray for the soon return of Jesus.
- 24 Praise God for His great love shown to us by the sacrifice of His Son.
- 25 Pray for new students who will enroll in Atlanta Bible College this fall.
- 26 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
- 27 Praise God for the bond we share in Christ.
- 28 Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ.
- 29 Pray for the church work at Beloit, Wisconsin.
- 30 Pray for those traveling to the summer Conference in Ohio.
- 31 Pray for God's leading in the decisions that will be made at Conference this week.

Church News

BAPTISMS

ARKANSAS

McGintytown — Nikki and John McGinty (4/16/95) by Dan Landry.

GEORGIA

New Friends Bible — Randy Sears (3/5/95) by Seth Ross. Angela Mack and Edward Cleveland (4/2/95) by Pastor Dan Kennedy.

LOUISIANA

Hammond (Happy Woods) — Diane Doyle (4/16/95) by Pastor Jeff Fletcher.

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley — Tina Reischl, Matt Lahr, Lacey Sogge, Alisha Wadsworth, Mickael Lahr, Sarah Koelln (3/12/95) by Pastor Russ Magaw.

MISSOURI

Raymore — Lucas Brown (7/17/94), Barry Fuller (1/22/95), Ben Williams, Cary Snitker, and Tim Knigh (2/26/95) by Pastor Don Ward.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bethel — Elaine Smith (1/8/95), Brad Pace (1/29/95), Tonya Hammonds (3/19/95) by Pastor Alan Cain.

VIRGINIA

Cool Spring — Alisa Hart (5/7/95) by Pastor Jon Welch.

DEATHS

COLORADO

Loveland — Maude Dimmick Rife, 92, long-time member and supporter of the Church of God General Conference (4/3/95) by David Krogh.

INDIANA

Country Chapel — Don Huffer (2/4/95), member of Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, AZ and long-time member of Country Chapel, IN, by Pastor Ken Howe.

Hedrick — Opal E. Smith, 62, long-time member (2/15/95) by Pastor Earl Poland.

MICHIGAN

Blanchard—Ila Greenhoe (2/5/95), Via Raymond, baptized in 1914 (3/11/95), Clara Sandbrook (3/19/95), Sam Pankhurst (3/25/95) by Pastor Richard Eldred.



MISSOURI

Raymore — Blanche E. Lawrence, 91, faithful member of Raymore Bible Church (3/5/95) by Pastor Don Ward.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bethel — Gene Cooper (3/9/95) by Pastor Alan Cain and Bill Vaughan.

TEXAS

Harlingen — Mel Foster, faithful attender at Avondale Church (2/24/95).

VIRGINIA

Fort Valley — Ernest L. Boyer (1/18/95) by Pastor Jon Welch.

WEDDINGS

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bethel — Jon Parker and Carla Isbell (1/7/95), Joel Hammonds and Tonya Pless (3/4/95) by Pastor Alan Cain.

PASTORS NEEDED

Holbrook, Nebraska

We are still looking for someone who would be interested in coming to a rural area to hold services at the Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, Nebraska. A retired couple or single person to help supplement their income. A nice parsonage to live in ree. Lights and water paid and church related phone bills also paid. Close to a junior college and 60 miles from Kearney NE University. If interested call or write Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, NE 69022 or call collect 308-697-4799. Or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922, or call collect after 7:00 p.m. 308-962-5393.

Gatesville, Texas

The Gatesville Church will need a pastor June 1, 1995. Please contact secretary Suzanne Henson for additional information at 817-865-8452.

Champion, Michigan

A pastor is needed to serve the Champion congregation and to do outreach in the neighboring cities of Marquette, Negaunee, and Ishpemig. Please contact Ray and Mary Vadnais at 906-339-2328.

Herndon, Virginia

Fair Oaks Community Church would like to secure the services of a pastor beginning this fall. We are looking for a pastor who senses God's gifting in the areas of "people skills" and outreach as well as preaching and teaching.

The ability to be open-minded and flexible is important as well. Though our church family is small at this time, we are in the midst of the fast-growing Washington, D.C. metropolitan rea. If you believe God may be calling you to pastor in such

an urban area, please contact Gary Burnham for more information: 14419 Turin Lane, Centreville, VA 22020; (703) 968-7152.

Pomona, California

Pastors, are you tired of cold weather, shoveling snow, and driving on icy roads? If so, consider pastoring the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona where there are less than a dozen nights during the winter when it freezes. Send a brief resume to Donna Marshall, 222 Monterey Road #701, Glendale, CA 91206. The pulpit needs to be filled on or before September 1, 1996.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Washington Churches

Bible Faith Church of God, 14821 SE 16th St, Bellevue (not mailing address)

Arlen F Rankin, Pastor 12744 444th Ave SE, North Bend 98045 Ph Res 206-831-6805 Off 557-4184

Sherri Wiltsey, Sec-Treas, 34250 166th Way, SE, Auburn 98092 206-931-3875

Arizona

Scottsdale (Valley View Bible)

James Graham, Pastor, 2348 East Sahuaro Dr, Phoenix 85078 Ph Off 602-265-4155/952-2823 Res 493-7191

Georgia

Morrow, GA (New Friends Bible)

Carolyn Smead, Sec, 5826 Trammell Rd, Morrow 30260 Ph 404-608-1699

Indiana

Hedrick Church of God, 9035 W Main St, Williamsport 47993

Missouri

Fredericktown Church

Terry Wayne Cooper, Sec, 100 E Spruce, Fredericktown 63645, Ph 314-783-7301.

Ministers' address corrections:

Gallagher, Michael, 1010 Davis, NW, Apt #3, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Kennedy, Dan (Amy), PO Box 100,000 Morrow, GA 30260 Ph Off 404-366-8739, Res 366-2454

Pestle, C Jesse (Sally), 16360 US Hwy 67, Macomb, IL 61455 Ph 309-772-3481

Poland, Earl (Deanna), 9035 West Main St, Williamsport, IN 47993, Ph Res 317-986-2280

MAY, JUNE, 1995

REGISTRATION FORM

1995 Annual General Conference DAYTON, OHIO • JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

1.	Mr/Mrs/Miss	First	Middle		Last Name
	Street				
	City		State		Zip
	Phone				
	Age (if under 18)				
	Church Name				
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	Wed. (10:45	a.m.)	W	ed. (2	2:30 p.m.)
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HOW TO REGISTER (use one form per person)

- 1. Enter the name and address information for yourself and your church. Please include age if under 18.
- 2. Indicate your mini-course and workshop preferences, by number, from the chart found on pages B and C of the JOURNAL.
- 3. Conference fees: (all inclusive)

Housing is in air-conditioned rooms with private bath. Please indicate the *number* of occupants per room and *name* the persons sharing your room. If the names of those in the room are not listed we cannot guarantee the desired arrangements.

Meals begin with the Monday evening meal and end with the Thursday evening meal.

	Early Bird*	Regular
4 to a Room, Per Person Ages 4-12**	\$157.00 \$129.00	\$177.00 \$149.00
3 to a Room, Per Person Ages 4-12	\$177.00 \$149.00	\$197.00 \$169.00
2 to a Room, Per Person Ages 4-12	\$215.00 \$187.00	\$235.00 \$207.00
1 to a Room (single)	\$330.00	\$350.00
Full-time Commuter (with all meals)	\$89.00	\$99.00
One-day Commuter (lunch and dinner)	\$25.00	\$35.00

- * Registration postmarked by June 30, 1995.
- ** Ages 3 and under may attend at no charge.
- 4. Babysitting service. Service will be provided for children two years and under Monday from 7:00-8:30; Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30-12:00, 1:15-3:30 and 7:00-8:30. Two options are being offered. Please note your preference. *Option 1* is \$12.00 per child and work (by babysitting) in two of the time segments during the conference.

Option 2 is \$20.00 per child with no work.

- 5. Add fees due (lines 3 and 4).
- **6.** Active and retired pastors and their families (children living at home) may subtract 10% of the amount on line 5. Enter this amount on line 6.
- 7. Fees due (line 5 minus line 6).
- Rooms are available for \$60.00 per room for early arrivals on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30. Please indicate your need and the amount due. (No discounts.)
- 9. OBC/ABC Alumni Association will have a banquet Wednesday evening. If attending, please add \$6.00.
- 10. Fees due (add lines from 7, 8 and 9).
- 11. Please indicate the amount sent with registration.

 Note: A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person is required.
- 12. Balance due (if any).
- 13. Please check this box if you wish to help with special music.
- Send your check with completed registration form to: Church of God General Conference, Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260
- 15. Any special meal or housing requests need to accompany your application.

Atlanta Bible College Church of God General Conference P.O. Box 100,000 Morrow, GA 30260

Address Correction Requested



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Atlanta Bible College

Welcome to Atlanta Bible College!

We, the students of Atlanta Bible College, would like to present to you this year's issue of the Maranatha. The Maranatha presents the events of everyday life at the Bible College as well as paint a picture for those who are unable to visit our campus.

This year the Bible College is sending out three graduates into the pastoral ministry. They will receive special attention in this issue for their achievements during their tenure at the Bible College.

In addition to the seniors, we also had a large number of underclassmen roaming the halls of the Bible College. The incoming freshmen always bring excitement and joy into the previously existing body. The blending of these classes is what creates the atmosphere for growth at the Bible College. People from the entire country form a body which thrives on the parts that make it up.

So sit back and relax, as we tell the story of the 1994-95 school year at Atlanta Bible College. And perhaps when you are finished, you will know each of us a little better.

There are several things that constitute a normal life at the college. The first of these is class. The college offers a variety of classes at various times to work with the schedules of the students. Another thing that fills the time of the students is a healthy intake of sporting events. The last occupier of time is goofing off and acting like the college students that we are.





What a dig! Andy Cisneros dives for a long ball as teammate Greg Landry approaches the net to play the second hit. The two were defeated in their match but they fought tooth and nail to the end. The college has a san volleyball court and basketball court for the use of the students.

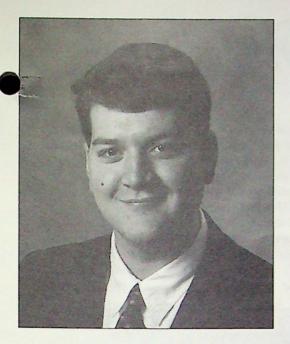
Above: Joe Martin instructs one of his many classes during the year. From the looks on the students' faces, I would venture to say that it is Greek II. I would also say that because I couldn't understand a word that they were saying.

Right: In between classes students have the opportunity to rest and unwind before their next grueling ordeal. Here we see Clayton Isham and Tim Spickler cooling off and preparing for the next class.



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I grew up in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area and have attended the Southlawn Church my entire life. After graduating from high school, I attended Grand Valley State University for two years. Once I took most of my general education classes there, God sent me to ABC. I began my studies at ABC in the fall of 1993 and after two years of intense studies, I am graduating.

The day after graduation I married Melinda Nelson of the Eden Valley Church who received her two-year certificate from ABC on graduation night. In September we will be going to Fonthill, Canada to do our internship under Stephen Bolhous. We do not know where God will lead us after that but we are staying open to His leading.

In Canada we hope to improve our ministry skills and are both excited for the continued growth in our lives. I, personally, hope that I can continue to grow in the skill of building relationships with people. I feel people are the most important part of ministry and plan to always focus on relationships in my ministry.

JEREMY SMITH

Jeremy is originally from South Bend, Indiana. His youth group at Timberland Bible Church was led by Dale Bliss — who he now is interning under. His Bible College education began in Oregon, Illinois. You might say Jeremy is of the old school. While attending Atlanta Bible College Jeremy met and married Cheryl (Cupp) Smith. They now are living in Michigan.



MARK TSCHAENN

I grew up in Lafayette, Indiana and attended what was then the Faith Chapel Church of God. After graduating from high school, I spent twelve years in the Air Force. The first year I was in the service I was stationed at Incirlick Air Base, Turkey. After that I was stationed at Grissom AFB in Indiana. While living there, I attended the Jay Street Church Of God. It was while I was attending this church that I felt God calling me to His service in the ministry. I felt that He wanted me to start spreading His message and reach out to His lost people. I decided to attend Atlanta Bible College and enter into the pastoral program. I have enjoyed my time here at the Bible College and I am thankful for all that I have been taught as well as the many friends I have made. Terri, our children (Jennifer and Nathan), and I are looking forward to our move back to Lafayette where I'll be doing my internship with Steve Taylor at the New Hope Community Church. My future goals are to continue serving people and to try to draw them closer to Christ. We thank everyone for their prayers and support these last three years.

We Present to You the Class of 1995

1995 College Invitational

Although attendance at the annual College Invitational was lower than it was last year, a lot of things were an encouragement to all of those who attended the event. Students from churches throughout the United States invaded the campus of Atlanta Bible College for the first weekend in the month of March.

Friday night there was a special program that was produced by the students of the college. Special thanks should be given to Erin Riley for coordinating this event. It was a BIG success.



Students Erin Riley and Jeff Osborn present a sketch in the Friday night program. The program was based on the popular show "Saturday Night Live."



Visitors from Michigan, Leslie Doane and Sara Knapp, relax from the hustle and bustle of the hectic weekend. Although it is an enjoyable time, the invitational is tiring for everyone involved.

Those who attended the invitational received a special treat on Saturday night. A local Christian alternative musical group called "The Waiting" presented a show for this year's event. It seemed as though everyone really enjoyed the concert. A special word of thanks to Dale Harshman for helping to arrange this event.

The event culminated on Sunday with guests visiting one of the two churches in the area followed by a potluck sponsored by the members of New Friends Bible Church.



One of the most important things about the College Invitational weekend is the food. Here we see a buffet that was set up for the students to enjoy.



One of the many classes offered during the weekend. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves as well as participating.

College/Conference Update

Annual Maranatha Issue

The July/August Progress Journal is annually designated as the Maranatha issue, which is the yearbook for Atlanta Bible College students. Oregon/Atlanta Bible College has been training lay and professional workers for the Church of God for 56 years. Many lives have been influenced by the College. The College has played a tremendous role in the growth and development of the Church of God.

ABC Graduation

The 52nd graduation program was held at Atlanta Bible College on June 9. Bachelor of Theology degrees were awarded to Michael Cisler, Jeremy Smith, and Mark Tschaenn. The following students received diplomas in Church Leadership for successfully completing a 90-hour program in Bible and theology, ministry, and general education: Amy Berry, Sherri Braswell, Jason Catlin, Dale Harshman, Melinda Nelson, and Erin Riley.

The following students received one-year Foundation Year certificates for completing 45 hours of courses in Bible and theology, ministry, and general education: Sherri Braswell, Jason Catlin, Jennifer Knapp, Merry Peterson, and Tracy Swartz.

The three graduating seniors will be entering into internship programs as follows: Michael Cisler at Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada; Jeremy Smith, North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, Michigan; and Mark Tschaenn, New Hope Community Church, Lafayette, Indiana.

Staff Changes

Dale Ramsey has resigned from his position at Atlanta Bible College effective the end of June, 1995. Dale has been a faithful and dedicated member of our staff for 24 years. He founded the Chorale in 1970 and has directed it ever since. Many of us have been influenced for good by Dale's servant heart, his direction of the Chorale, his teaching and counseling, and his ABC recruitment efforts. We will miss him on our staff.

We are not planning to hire a full-time replacement for Dale during this coming school year. We will be using guest instructors and other staff will carry out his duties. Plans are being made to fill the position in the summer of 1996.

Please keep Dale and his family in your prayers as they go through this time of transition.

In addition to his duties as Vice-President, Academic Dean, and Instructor at Atlanta Bible College,

Kent Ross has served as Interim Editor of *The Restitution Herald* and the adult *Truth Seeker's Quarterly*. We are grateful for Kent's willingness to carry these extra duties on a temporary basis.

I am pleased to announce that Pastor Jeff Fletcher has been employed to serve as Editor of *The Restitution Herald* beginning with the October/November, 1995 issue.

We are also pleased to welcome Pastor Russ Magaw as Editor of the adult Sunday School quarterly beginning with the December, 1995 quarter.

Both of these individuals bring to their positions a long heritage in the Church of God and a keen interest in the publication of doctrinally sound material. They also bring to their positions an interest in desktop publishing. Both individuals will not only be doing editing but will also be assisting with the layout, design and technical aspects of these two publications.

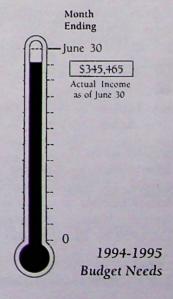
Julie Isham has resigned as Assistant to the Controller/Mailroom Supervisor. We have appreciated the two years of service that Julie has provided in these two important positions. Michelle Turner will be filling this position in July. She is a member of the Bethel Church of God, Pelzer, SC. She will also be enrolled as a student at Atlanta Bible College.

Financial Update

We are extremely grateful for all who have provided financial support for the College and Conference during this fiscal year. As of June 30, contributions are approximately \$25,000 short of the Goal for Giving for this year. By reducing spending, we have completed this fiscal year in the black.

The membership is encouraged to respond to the recent letter from Frank Johnson, Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Contributions needed for the new fiscal year that began July 1,1995 are \$381,350. Contributions of \$31,780 are needed each month to carry out the programs authorized by delegates at last summer's Conference.

Goal for year: \$371,200



Church News

BAPTISMS

MINNESOTA

State Camp — Natalya Donskaya (6/23/95) by Corey Kohnen. Amanda Whitney (6/20/95) by Pastor Jeff Moore and Corey Kohnen. Aaron Albright and Kevin Kirkpatrick (6/23/95) by Pastor Russell Magaw. Dan Getchell and Paul Rumsey (6/23/95) by Corey Kohnen.

MISSOURI

Jordan — Jason Driskill (5/28/95) by Pastor Leon Driskill.

OHIO

Chapel Hill — Sarah Foureman (6/18/95) by Pastor Fred Pensyl.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bethel — Nikki Templeton and Tiffany Hicks (4/2/95) by Pastor Alan Cain.

DEATHS

ARIZONA

Tempe — Pauline Tidwell, 84, long-time member, helped to start new churches (9/27/94).

CALIFORNIA

Pomona — Pauline Le Warne (5/11/95) by Pastor Delbert Jones.

ILLINOIS

Eldorado — Irena Margrave, 94, longtime member, daughter of Peter Jeffrey (6/15/95) by Pastor Leon Driskill.

MICHIGAN

Blanchard — Neva Anderson, long-time member (5/5/95).

MINNESOTA

Eden Valley — Lorraine (Larrie) Gaspar, 75, long-time member and former member of the General Conference Mission Advisory Board (5/27/95) by Pastor Russell Magaw.

OHIO

Troy - Ruth Magaw (4/29/95), wife

of Vivian, mother of Pastor Russell Magaw, by Pastor Craig Wagganer.

MARRIAGES

CALIFORNIA

Pomona — Kathy Anger and Tony Nasser (5/13/95).

MISSOURI

Jordan — Tiffany Bradshaw and Bradley Driskill (5/27/95) by Pastor Leon Driskill.

OHIO

Chapel Hill — Silvia Krebehenne and Daniel C. Snyder (5/6/95) by Pastor Fred Pensyl.

PASTORS NEEDED

Holbrook, Nebraska

We are still looking for someone who would be interested in coming to a rural area to hold services at the Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, Nebraska. A retired couple or single person to help supplement their income. A nice parsonage to live in free. Lights and water paid and churchrelated phone bills also paid. Close to a junior college and 60 miles from Kearney NE University. If interested call or write Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, NE 69022 or call collect 308-697-4799. Or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922, or call collect after 7:00 p.m. 308-962-5393.

Gatesville, Texas

The Gatesville Church will need a pastor beginning June 1, 1995. Please contact secretary Suzanne Henson for additional information at 817-865-8452.

Champion, Michigan

A pastor is needed to serve the Champion congregation and to do outreach in the neighboring cities of Marquette, Negaunee, and Ishpemig. Please contact Ray and Mary Vadnais at 906-339-2328.

Herndon, Virginia

Fair Oaks Community Church would like to secure the services of a pastor beginning this fall. We are looking for a pastor who senses God's gifting in the areas of "people skills" and outreach as well as preaching and teaching.

The ability to be open-minded and flexible is important as well. Though our church family is small at this time, we are in the midst of the fast-growing Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. If you believe God may be calling you to pastor in such an urban area, please contact Gary Burnham for more information: 14419 Turin Lane, Centreville, VA 22020; (703) 968-7152.

Pomona, California

Pastors, are you tired of cold weather, shoveling snow, and driving on icy roads? If so, consider pastoring the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona where there are less than a dozen nights during the winter when it freezes. Send a brief resume to Donna Marshall, 222 Monterey Road #701, Glendale, CA 91206. The pulpit needs to be filled on or before September 1, 1996.

Speakers Needed:

Any pastor or lay speaker who will be visiting the Washington, D.C. area is invited to speak at the Fair Oaks Church in Herndon, Virginia. Please call Elder Wayne Carroll at 703-560-8101 or Carolyn Kohn at 301-983-9130.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

North Salem Church, Indiana Shirley Pearson, Sec, Box 654, N. Liberty 46554 Ph 219-656-8710

Chapel Hill Church, Ohio Jean Morczek, Miss Dir, 5537 State Route 229, Marengo 43334

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REPORT OF BAPTISMS:

2,000 by the Year 2000

April 1 - June 30, 1995*

April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995*

April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994

April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993

April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1992

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June 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991

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More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

January 1 - May 31, 1990

Projects on Atlanta Campus

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	ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST (Each)	STATUS
	Wood decking for walkway			
	5' section	100	\$40	30 selected by donors
	Hardware for doors	50	\$125	11 selected by donors
	Load(s) of gravel	25	\$100	11 selected by donors
	Fence:			
	10' of fence- 8' high	10	\$80	5 selected by donors
	100' of fence- 5' high	10	\$300	1 selected by donor
	100' of fence- 8' high	9	\$800	
	300' of fence- 5' high	3	\$900	
	Sod (1,000 square feet)	8	\$160	1 selected by donor
	Refrigerators for apt. bldg.	10	\$500	3 selected by donors
	Stoves for apt. bldg.	10	\$400	6 selected by donors
	Outside lighting	6	\$500	
	Fax machine	1	\$450	\$208 contributed
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Calendar of Events

July 31-Aug. 4	75th Annual General Conference, Days Inn Dayton South, Dayton, OH
September 18	ABC fall quarter classes begin
October 6, 7	Southeast Men's Retreat, Marietta Baptist Camp, SC
October 29	National Friend Day
November 3, 4	Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
Apr. 29-May 3	Annual Ministers' Conference, Atlanta Bible College

— Prayer and Praise — August, 1995

- 1 Pray for God's Spirit to be present in the activities of the General Conference this week.
- 2 Pray for a spirit of unity at the summer Conference.
- 3 Praise God for the faithful ministry of the ABC/ General Conference staff.
- 4 Pray for those traveling home from Conference today.
- 5 Pray for students who are making plans to attend Atlanta Bible College this fall.
- 6 Pray for your church family as you join together in worship today.
- 7 Praise God for His faithfulness in your life.
- 8 Praise God for the challenges He will send your way this week.
- 9 Pray for your pastor and his family today.
- 10 Pray for the brethren and leaders in Peru.
- 11 Pray for the leaders of your nation.
- 12 Praise God for the beauty of His creation.
- 13 Pray for the Badillo family in Mexico.
- 14 Pray for those interested in starting a church in Florida.
- 15 Pray for the work of Family Bible Fellowship in Rockford, Illinois.
- 16 Pray for Jeremy Smith and his wife Cheryl in his internship at North Kent, Rockford, Michigan.
- 17 Pray for the Grant family, members of Valley View Church, who are serving in missions ministry.
- 18 Praise God for the steadfast faith of the brethren in the Philippines.
- 19 Pray for individuals who feel led by God to pursue mission careers.
- 20 Pray for the Board of Directors who give of their time to lead the ministries of the Conference.
- 21 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 22 Pray for the leadership of your local church.
- 23 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 24 Praise God for the editors of various Conference materials.
- 25 Pray for the pastors of your state or regional conference.
- 26 Pray for isolated members who are not able to meet regularly with other believers.
- 27 Praise God for your heritage of faith.
- 28 Pray that God might speak through you to someone hurting.
- 29 Pray for someone you know who needs to make Christ Lord.
- 30 Pray for an opportunity to share your faith this week.
- 31 Pray for Anthony Buzzard and his health.

Prayer and Praise -September, 1995

- Pray for the youth of your local church and the General Conference.
- Pray for Atlanta Bible College instructors and staff.
- Pray that God might be praised through your worship
- Praise God for Tracy Savage and her ministry to Russia.
- Pray for Mark Tschaenn and his family in his internship at New Hope Community Church, Lafayette,
- Praise God for Roberto and Lupe Badillo's ministry in
- Pray for healing for someone you know who is in
- 8 Pray for the staff of the General Conference and Atlanta Bible College.
- Praise God for the gift of His Son.
- 10 Praise God for your grandparents.
- 11 Pray for the outreach of Mario Olcese in Lima, Peru.
- 12 Pray for the brethren in India and the Philippine Islands.
- 13 Pray for David Krogh and Kent Ross in their leadership roles.
- 14 Pray for ABC as orientation activities begin today.
- 15 Praise God for the prayer partners and financial supporters of the Conference and College.
- 16 Pray for the successful implementation of decisions made at the summer Conference.
- 17 Pray for Sergey and Lucya as they continue in Bible study in Russia.
- 18 Pray for ABC students as fall quarter classes begin today.
- 19 Pray for Mike Cisler and his wife Melinda in his internship at Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill, Ontario.
- 20 Pray for your family and your friends.
- 21 Pray for the teachers in your local church.
- 22 Praise God for the beauty of each season.
- 23 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant in the Middle East.
- 24 Pray for your church family and any guests who worship with you today.
- 25 Pray for those who are seeking God's will for their
- 26 Praise God for His Word which provides guidance for your life.
- 27 Pray that you might be an example to an unbeliever.
- 28 Praise God for new believers in your church family.
- 29 Pray for the faith to stand firm when temptation comes.
- 30 Pray for the soon return of Christ and that you might be found faithful.

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The Church Builder's League is a plan for sharing the cost of providing facilities for new and existing churches from which the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God can be preached. Members of the Church Builder's League agree to contribute \$25.00 to each appeal. Two appeals are sent each year.

The Church Builder's League was organized in 1957 by action of General Conference delegates. Since its inception, 74 appeals have been issued.

You are invited to join this valuable league. Use the coupon below.

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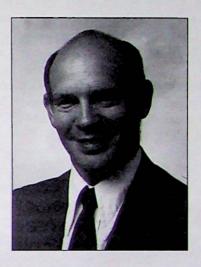
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1995 College Chorale

The 1995 Chorale visited 13 different churches on their annual spring tour. This year members were introduced to the wonders of the northwest part of the United States. Students visited such sights as the Badlands and Mount Rushmore. In addition to their tour, the group spent time in the Carolinas as well as performing at the Northeast Conference in Ohio.

Special thanks to Dale Ramsey for his direction and guidance during the trip. Here are a few scenes from along the way.



The Chorale in performance at New Friends Bible Church, Morrow, Georgia.



The German village of Leavenworth in Washington was the first site "for fun" for the Chorale.



Then on to Mount Rushmore, Black Hills, South Dakota.



Fortunately we didn't lose anyone in the Badlands in South Dakota.



Nature presented us with another piece of peace and quiet on our trip.

The Student Government Association

The Student Government Association is responsible for the social activities at Atlanta Bible College. The association provides certain committees on which students can participate and develop skills of leadership for future times. These committees include the social committee, sports committee, Maranatha committee, chapel committee, and the missions committee. The social committee was the highlight of all of the groups, hosting such events as barbeques, pizza parties and bowling nights.



An evening of social committee fun at the bowling alley.



Chris Seiders, SGA President, tries to grill the steak at the annual steak fry.

The sports committee held a large ski trip for the student body. No limbs were broken on the trip and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The missions group had a large boost when Tracy Savage was here to share her expertise from the Russian experience.

The chapel committee planned chapels and roundtables for the year.

This edition of the Maranatha is the product of the Maranatha committee.



Amy Railton, perhaps a bit worn down after the quarter, prepares herself for a rejuvenating, thick, juicy steak.







The class of 1995 at Atlanta Bible College, and the future of the Church of God.



A group of prospective students at the ABC Invitational discuss events.

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Summer Conference

The 75th Annual Church of God General Conference was held at Days Inn Dayton South, Dayton, Ohio July 31 - August 4. 210 were registered for the Conference and more than 150 others attended evening sessions. The theme was "Find Us Faithful." Delegates and attenders were encouraged as a review was made of those who have been faithful in the past, beginning with the heroes of faith listed in Hebrews 11 and continuing to the founders of the Church of God General Conference and those who have served over the past 75 years. Through sermons, classes, prayer times, etc., everyone was encouraged to be faithful to the Lord, His word, and His work.

Clarence Jones from the Morse Mill Missouri church and Pastor Dale Swartz of the Brush Creek Ohio church were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors. Retiring Board Members Pastor Rex Cain and Joe James were presented plagues of appreciation for their years of service.

The Board of Directors selected Pastor Stephen Bolhous, Chairman; Pastor Billie Kennedy, Vice Chairman; Pastor Dale Swartz, Secretary; Frank Johnson, Treasurer; and Dr. Donna Deane, Clarence Jones, and Don Overmyer, Directors.

Christie Ross was elected to a four year term on the Christian Education Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors appointed Robert Petry and Terri Tschaenn to the ABC Development Foundation Board of Trustees for three-year terms.

The Board Representatives on the Advisory Committees are as follows: Higher Education — Donna Deane; Christian Education — Frank



 $\label{president David Krogh presenting Keynote Message opening the 75th annual Conference. \\$



Board of Directors' installation service conducted by Ministerial Association Moderator Gary Burnham.

Johnson; Mission Sending Agency Board — Dale Swartz; Youth — Stephen Bolhous.

The Board appointed Pastor Michael Hoffman to a six-year term on the Christian Conciliation Board and Bill Lawrence to a three-year term as a trustee of the Investment Fund.

The Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation Board elected Clarence Jones as President and Pastor Billie Kennedy as Vice President. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors automatically serve in the same capacities for the Foundation Board.

The recommendation regarding the Church Builder's League was adopted as proposed by the Board of Directors.

Upon arrival at General Conference, it was announced that \$120,000 had been received in commitments for the Fund the Dream Campaign. During Conference, 39 individuals made additional commitments of \$50,530 for a grand total of approximately \$170,000. All delegates and attenders at the Conference were encouraged to participate in this effort to move the Church of God ahead in many areas. See page 13 for additional information about the Fund the Dream Campaign.

Donna Deane and Kent Ross, coordinators of the Institutional Long Range Planning Study provided a progress report on this study. In special committee meetings, the delegates were invited to participate in drafting a purpose statement for our organization.

The Conference concluded on a high spiritual note with a musical program on Thursday evening and a period of guided prayer.

The Greatest Need of the Church of God

Chairman's Message — Delivered by Pastor Stephen Bolhous at the 1995 Summer Conference

ODAY I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT the greatest need of the Church of God. As we look around at our conference and churches we see we need more people; this raises the need for more ministries to reach more people, which in turn raises the need for more money to finance more ministries to reach more people. But preceding all of these needs is the greatest need that we have – a need which is often overlooked. We need more of GOD! We need a love and a passion for Him! David's words should describe us: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God" (Psa. 42:1).

Jesus proclaimed that the first great commandment in the law was: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind" (Luke 10:27). If we have a lack and an insufficiency in areas of personnel, ministries, finances, I believe it's because we aren't acknowledging and attending to our first need – more of God!

In 2 Tim. 3 Paul prophesied about those who would "hold to a form of godliness but deny its power" (verse 5), and "be always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (verse 7). Jesus rebuked the Ephesian church for having left their first love (Rev. 2:4). I believe that these verses apply to us when we are consumed with church business but have no time for the Lord of the Church. The lyrics of a popular worship song say, "All I want is more of you . . . This is my desire Lord, for more of You."

We need more of God! How can we get more of God in us? There are three things I believe we must pursue:

1. A Greater Vision of God

We need to more clearly see His awesome power and majesty; His sovereignty over the universe; His compassion for us as our Abba. In Psalm 27:4 we read, "One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek . . . to behold the beauty of the Lord." Do we personally know Him or just know about Him? Do we see Him as worthy of all our praise? Do we see Him enthroned on our praise (Psa. 22:6)?

Our cultural perceptions of God frequently get in the way. We see Him, not as He is, but as we culturally perceive Him [clothed in a three piece suit, behind a mahogany desk, Christ

at right hand, an intercom to the angelic host at left hand]. Look at this empty picture frame; let it represent our "picture" of God. Do you want to see God move in and through the Church of God? Are we expecting that God's revival work will fit into this frame? Maybe He will do things differently than we expect. Are we ready for that?

A saying I recently encountered states: "God likes to color outside the lines that we have drawn for Him." A greater vision of God is a bigger picture frame, larger paradigm. Part of having a greater vision of God is to let God be God; to release Him to do as He will and not expect Him to conform to our perceptions.

2. A Greater Filling of His Spirit

Zechariah received this counsel from the Lord, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (4:6). Paul said to the Ephesians, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery; instead, be filled with the Spirit" (5:18). In the first eight verses of Acts 1 the Kingdom hope is mentioned twice (3, 6); the filling (baptism) of the Holy Spirit is also mentioned twice (5, 8). Both of these points are mentioned by Jesus in His closing moments on the planet



Pastor Stephen Bolhous delivering his Chairman's mes sage.

before His ascension to the Father. Certainly His final words to the disciples would focus on the things that were most important to His heart and their ministry. These two issues, the message of the Kingdom of God and the filling of the Holy Spirit, were important to Jesus and they must be equally important to us. We cannot promote one above the other and maintain a full passion for God.

All too often we are apprehensive about the Holy Spirit and those who preach it. We are more afraid of the devil's power to deceive than of God's power to bless! Don't fear one of God's good gifts; seek it (Luke 11:13) and receive it.

This is the time in history when God is pouring out His Spirit in revival before the end of human history. Joel 2:28-32 tells us that God will pour out His Spirit on all people resulting in prophecy, dreams and visions. As God pours out His Spirit there will also be wonders in heaven and earth "before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Peter tells us in Acts 2 these words had a fulfillment on the Day of Pentecost, but the greater fulfillment of them is NOW in the time immediately preceding the Day of the Lord. As Adventists we should be proclaiming the return of Jesus by practicing this greatest of all signs to the Church—the outpouring of the Spirit of God into our lives! "Do not quench the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19).

B. A Greater Dependency on Him

To have more of God in us we must exercise an expectation of faith . . . looking to Him more fervently to supply our needs. This must happen at all levels: the Conference and College, the local church, our personal lives. God will readily supply the lesser needs (people, ministries, finances) if we have pursued the greatest need – more of God in us.

The Scriptures repeatedly state God's promise to supply bountifully WHEN WE LOOK TO HIM! "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask, or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Eph. 3:20). Note the "power in us" – the Holy Spirit! "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8). "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt. 6:33).

God wants to do so much in us and for us – all we are asked to do is to fully lean on Him!

Conclusion

In Jeremiah 29:11-14a we read, "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm



Chairman Stephen Bolhous, Secretary Donna Deane and President David Krogh during business session.

you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord." These words of promise were given to Israel announcing the coming end of the Babylonian Captivity. Because we have been grafted into the olive tree of Israel we "now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root" (Rom. 11:17). I believe the principle of Jeremiah's words has application to us. God has plans for our future and our good; as we depend on Him and seek Him, His blessings and plans will be realized in our lives, our churches, and our General Conference.

Let us attend to first things first! Seek more of God and the power of His Spirit in our lives, our churches, our Conference and College. Then all those who follow after will find us faithful . . . and GOD will be glorified!



Ministerial Association sharing and prayer time.

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1995 General Conference Delegate Business Sessions

Days Inn Dayton South — Dayton, Ohio

Tuesday, August 1, 1995 • 1:15 p.m.

- · Meeting called to order by Chairman Stephen Bolhous.
- The delegates were welcomed to the 75th Annual General Conference.
- · First time delegates were recognized.
- David Krogh was recognized for attending 50 consecutive General Conferences.
- · Pastor Jon Welch offered prayer.
- · Chairman Bolhous gave his message to the delegates.
- Terri Tschaenn, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee reported 118 voting delegates. Attendees include 71 members, 40 pastors, and 7 Board members.
- David Krogh shared communications addressed to the Summer Conference from individuals who were at the first



Kent Ross, ABC Vice President, and Dr. Donna Deane, cochairpersons of the Institutional Long Range Planning Study.

Conference in 1921 – Louis Cronbaugh, J. Arlen Marsh, Albert and Alice Harper, and Delbert Jones.

- The annual report (published in the May/June Progress Journal) was reviewed by the delegates. Special reports were also reviewed.
- The financial reports for 1994–95 were reviewed; David Krogh provided an overview.
- Nominations for the Board of Directors were made (the terms of Joe James and Rex Cain expire this year).
 - 1. Jeff Fletcher (on behalf of Ministerial Association) nominated Pastor Dale Swartz
 - 2. George Sheeley (on behalf of Missouri Conference) nominated *Clarence Jones*
 - 3. Larry Mayberry (on behalf of Pennellwood Church) nominated *Keith Williams*
 - 4. Scott Ross (on behalf of Valley View Church) nominated Bill Lawrence
 - 5. Juanita English (on behalf of Southeast Conference) nominated *Pastor James Ritch*
- Charles Webster moved, Richard K. Smith seconded, to close nominations. The motion was approved. The candidates were introduced.
- Nominations for one position on the Christian Education Advisory Committee were made (the term of Joyce Knapp expires).

Ray Hall (Garden Park Church) nominated *Joyce Knapp*. Alan Cain nominated *Christy Ross*.

- Larry Mayberry moved, Pat Warner seconded, motion to close nominations.
- Greg Demmitt announced availability of a music tape from his music group in [Arizona] Valley.

- David Krogh made announcements.
- Cecil Smead dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Wednesday, August 2, 1995 • 1:15 p.m.

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Stephen Bolhous.
- Prayer was offered by Reuben McArthur.
- Minutes were read by Secretary Donna Deane.
- The nominees for Board of Directors were introduced again.
- Delegates elected Clarence Jones and Dale Swartz to the Board of Directors.
- David Krogh presented plaques of appreciation to Joe James and Rex Cain for their service on the Board of Directors.
- Jeff Fletcher, the new editor of the *Restitution Herald*, encouraged subscriptions to the publication. He also discussed future plans for the *Restitution Herald*.
- Gayle Guthrie provided information about the Sunday School curriculum materials (a packet of materials is available in the delegate packet) and encouraged delegates to review the available materials. The Christian Education Advisory Committee also has a number of workshops that are available to local churches (a list is available in the delegate packet). A notebook (KEYS) of ideas for Christian Education will be provided to each church and pastor; they will be available at break times.
- Tim Eldred introduced the Crossroads Youth Ministry in Blanchard, Michigan.
- David Krogh discussed the Fund the Dream Campaign. Commitments for the Conference thus far include \$28,820 in commitments from 20 additional people. David Krogh also provided a review of materials in the delegate packet.
- Delegates voted for one member of the Christian Education Advisory Committee. Christy Ross was elected.
- Frank Johnson moved the adoption of the recommendation regarding the Church Builder's League standards which would be modified to include the option of issuing appeals for start-up expenses and operating expenses for new churches (not just land and construction).
- There was an extended discussion particularly to clarify the use of the money and how appeals would be prioritized.



Board Secretary, Dr. Donna Deane.

- Ed Schroth proposed an amendment (Bob Petry and Richard K. Smith seconded the motion) that priority be given to appeals for construction. The amendment was defeated.
- The motion was passed.
- Chairman Bolhous announced that any motions which included the need for money needed to be made today so that delegates could consider the motion before a vote is taken on Thursday.
- The budget for July 1996-June 1997 was presented by David Krogh.
- The Board proposed an amendment to add a line item of \$5,000 for the Youth in the 1996-97 budget.
- The closing prayer was offered by Delbert Jones.

Thursday, August 3, 1995 • 1:15 p.m.

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Bolhous.
- · Prayer was offered by Pastor David Riley.
- The Wednesday, August 2, minutes were read by Secretary Donna Deane.
- Chairman Steve Bolhous announced appointments made by the Board:

ABC Development Foundation BoardTerri Tschaenn and Bob Petry Investment FundBill Lawrence Christian Conciliation BoardMichael Hoffman

Missions Sending Agency	Dale Swartz
Youth Advisory Committee	
Higher Education	Donna Deane
Christian Education	Frank Johnson

- The 1996 Conference will be held August 12–16 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Steve Bolhous encouraged applications for faculty, staff positions at ABC/Church of God General Conference.
- David Krogh provided an overview of financial assistance available to churches:

Church Builder's League could be used for start-up costs for new churches. Two appeals are made a year to fund specific requests.

Church Development Aid – Any church can apply for up to \$18,000 spread over five years. Money comes from the general budget. It provides financial assistance to financially expand staff and ministry for growth potential.

Church Planting Aid – Specifically used for church planting; provides \$12,000 over five years. This \$12,000 is not in the general budget but comes from a restricted fund. Additional funds will come from the Fund the Dream Campaign.

- Kent Ross provided information about Atlanta Bible College and the inclusion of doctrine in the program of study. He also provided an overview of the curriculum content.
- Dale Bliss, a member of the Youth Advisory Board, reported on the 1995 Youth Congress and the Youth Ministry of the Church of God. Attendance at Congress in Indiana included: 207 campers and 39 staff. Two of the counselors, Theresa Deane and Julee Ross, also shared information about the camp.
- The proposed budget for July 1996-June 1997 was presented by the Chair. Delbert Jones moved approval, Lee McMinn seconded; the delegates approved.
- Wally Winner expressed concern about the costs of General Conference and the need for a family orientation. He requested further consideration.
- Greg Demmitt (on behalf of the Lakeshore Bible Church) moved that the Church of God General Conference be held on an every—other—year basis, beginning with the Conference held in 1997. Seconded by Delbert Jones. The motion

- will be voted upon at the 1996 General Conference. Rationale included . . . to increase the diversity of representation.
- Francis Burnett asked that when the Board is considering this
 motion, that on alternate years a week of Bible Study which
 is family oriented be planned.
- Mike Brown proposed that, in the future, all Board of Directors nominees give a three minute public address on three questions: Why they want to be a Board member? What kind of leader am I? and What are my personal goals as a Board member?
- Robert Coverstone of Cool Spring in Browntown, Virginia announced that they are seeking a pastor.
- Joe Martin encouraged purchase of the Atlanta Bible College T-shirts.
- Terri Tschaenn, Credentials Committee, reported 128 delegates: 44 pastors, 77 delegates, and 7 Board members.
- Ed Goit moved approval of the minutes, Larry Mayberry seconded. Minutes were approved.
- Jon Welch moved, Mike Gallagher seconded that the business session be adjourned. Motion carried.
- · Michael Brown closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Deane, Secretary



Tot Choir from Pleasant Hill, Ohio Church of God.

A Challenge to the Church of God*

A Sermon Delivered by President David Krogh at the 1995 Summer Conference

As we gather at this 75th annual General Conference, we do so with praise to God for His faithfulness in bringing us to this fine hour in our history. As we look back over 75 years of accomplishment, we can truly say with the Psalmist from Psalm 118:23, "this was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." It is no accident that this organization has existed for 75 years. During these years the Conference has faced many challenges; it has overcome many obstacles; and tonight it is only fitting that we offer our praise and adoration to God, our Heavenly Father, and to his Son Jesus Christ who is the head of the church – the one who has been exalted to the highest place and been given a name that is above every name.

We also gather here tonight with thanksgiving for the faithful men and women who down through the centuries stood for truth and righteousness. We are also thankful for the vision and commitment of those who tried repeatedly over 30 to 40 years to bring our people into an organization where those of like precious faith could support and encourage each other and do together the things that they could not do alone. The birth of this organization did not come easily. But with persistence and God's help, 1,000 members and three state conferences ratified the working rules and the constitution in 1921 and this organization came into being.

While this occasion is an appropriate time to look back, I challenge you to look to the future. We must not live in the past — we must not glorify the past. We must not think that the best days of the Church of God are in the past.

Because my friends, we are not living in the past — we are living today — we cannot forever live off the accomplishments of our forefathers. Whatever the Church of God will be in the future is the direct result of what we are making of it right now. The foundation has been laid, but we must build on it.

It has been said that "the heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future." We look to the past for two reasons:

- to receive encouragement from those who have gone before
- · to learn from their mistakes

In terms of encouragement, I am reminded of the heroes of faith listed in Hebrews 11 — whenever I read this passage I am encouraged by the lives of those men and women who faced, as it says in Hebrews 11:35 — "torture; some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They

were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated — they wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground." I have it pretty easy compared to these people and yet they were faithful and died looking for a better day.

We also look to the past to learn from the mistakes of those who struggled in their relationship with God and in their work for him. We dare not repeat the mistakes which they made. We must learn from history — not by trial and error.

But if it is indeed true that the heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future, an appropriate question is "what are we doing to cultivate that seed so that there will be a harvest in the future?"

I am convinced that God has called the Church of God to a mission that is worth giving our very, very best to, yes, even giving our lives to. According to 1 Peter 2:9, "God has called us as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Jesus in the Great Commission called us to be disciplemakers in the world. Do you sense that mission? Do you own it? God has always called people to accomplish his will — some have accepted the challenge and been blessed and others have refused to act. I call your attention to the mission that God had for Moses as recorded in Exodus 3 and 4.

As Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro in the desert near Mt. Horeb, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a burning bush. As Moses went over to see this strange sight God spoke to Moses out of the bush He told him to take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. And then He proceeded to tell him of the great work he had in store for him. What was the response of Moses?

He resisted God's call -

- 3:11—who am I that I should take this message to Pharaoh?
- 3:13 what if the people ask who sent me?
- 4:1 what if they do not believe me or listen to me?
- 4:10 I am not eloquent.

4:13 — Please send someone else.

And 4:14 says that God's anger burned against Moses.

I want to share with you delegates to this 75th annual conference and to all the members of the Church of God that I fear that God's anger is burning against us for our lack of obedience to him in many areas. In many ways today we are resisting the call of God and we are resting upon the accomplishments of our forefathers in the faith.

Whereas our forefathers were noted for being good Bible students who stood for neglected truths of the Bible, the majority of people in our churches today confess that they do not even read the Bible daily, let alone study it. Many don't know what we believe or why. Some don't think it makes any difference. Some long-time members are opting out of our churches to attend other churches where error is taught.

Whereas our forefathers had a great passion for outreach and evangelism, today I find that the majority of our churches are inwardly focused. I marvel as I read of the early evangelists of the Church of God who traveled to conduct preaching services. They organized churches. They worked diligently for the cause of the Kingdom. It is my observation that most of our churches are so caught up in running the machinery of the church that there is no time left to do the work of the church. Others are so caught up in disagreements and strife and arguing over petty things that there is no time to reach the lost.

As with Moses, too many of us are making excuses as to why we aren't being obedient, or why we aren't reaching the lost. "I don't know how." "We tried that once and it didn't work." "You are crazy if you think we're going to try that." "It isn't convenient." "That makes me feel uncomfortable." "I don't have time." "I don't want to."

Frankly, I am appalled at all of the committee meetings, board meetings, and congregational meetings that are held in our churches while no one has any time to make disciples. I don't see any Scriptural command to spend time in board meetings. The command of our Lord is to go and make disciples.

You see, disciples are not normally made in board meetings or congregational meetings. In fact I have been to far too many meetings where there were division and strife and people left these meetings with weakened faith rather than strengthened faith.

My observation is that most churches have the wrong focus — rather than looking outward and reaching the lost, we are looking inward, looking after ourselves. We spend time in meetings trying to control money and people. Just look at the agenda of your board meetings or congregational meetings. How many items deal with evangelism, outreach, church planting, or serving people?

Wednesday morning Steve Sjogren is going to be at our Conference. This pastor has an outreach focused church. His

church has grown from 37 to 2,500 in 10 years. He teaches his people to show God's love in a practical way. He teaches his people to be involved in servant evangelism.

There is not a single church represented here, there is not a single one of you who cannot be involved in servant evangelism and show God's love in a practical way and make a difference in the lives of others.

It just boils down to our will and a reordering of our priorities. If we don't have time to show God's love to others then it is imperative that we stop something that we are doing and make time for it. Many people are working very, very hard in church work, but its not getting the job done. Disciples are not being produced.

- · Do we need to be more outreach focused?
- Do we need to do more to show God's love in a practical way to others?
- · Are we too busy with unimportant things?
- Are there lost people in your area who need to know the love of God?

It is time to wake up and get excited about ministry. We have been asleep. We have actually been headed in the wrong direction for such a long time that we have been deluded into thinking that it is the right direction. We have been looking inward too long. We have been serving ourselves too long. We have been keeping Good News to ourselves. And that is not right.

My friends, we need to take a serious look at our future. Do you realize that in the past 30 years, 52 of our churches have gone out of existence? Since 1965, 52 churches have closed. Every time I look at that number I am appalled.

Just three weeks ago I was called to Arkansas City, Kansas. There are 4 local Church of God members left in Arkansas City, and 2 of them are moving 100 miles away, so they decided to close the church. Here is a church that at one time had 90 to 100 people attending. And now, there are no workers, no money, and no future. I am not critical of those who did what they could to keep the church going, but now it is gone. Who will replace this church? Who has a passion for starting new churches? And its only been a little over a year since the Harlingen, Texas church closed. I want to know who will replace this church?

And another question that each of you must ask yourself is, how long will it be before my church dies? What are we doing right now that will ensure the vitality of our church? Are we reaching new people? Is God's word being preached? Are the worship services alive and worshipful? Are we outreach focused? Are we showing God's love in a practical way?

The most recent statistical report collected by my office

shows that more than half of our churches had zero or 1 baptism during the past 12 months. 37% of our Sunday Schools had less attendance this year than last year and 42% reported less church attendance this year than last. What is wrong? Does this reflect obedience to God? Is there any link between what we are doing or not doing and the results we are getting?

My friends, we need a revival in the Church of God. We desperately need an outpouring of God's Spirit on us. But everything I read about revival indicates that revival cannot be organized. It cannot be imposed from the top of an organization down to the grassroots. Revivals usually start at the grassroots level with one person, a small group, or even one church out of many. But the revival fires, once started, can spread.

At various times in my lifetime I have heard people call for a revival in the Church of God and nothing happened. Well, I am going to call you people to revival and only God knows what will happen.

- But I do know that if you have been inward focused, you can begin tonight by confessing your sin.
- If you have not been willing to show God's love in a practical way to the lost, you can begin tonight by confessing your sin.
- If you have not had a love for the lost, you can begin tonight by confessing your sin.
- If you have been a part of meetings where all the time was spent on controlling money and people and there was no time to talk about reaching the lost, you can begin tonight by confessing your sin.

And after you confess, as one single individual you can determine to change your own life and help to change your church. You can insist that your church board start talking about outreach and evangelism. You can plan a servant evangelism project in which you show God's love in a practical way when you get home. You can say "enough" to more committee meetings and board meetings that aren't productive.

Yes, I believe you can change. I believe our churches can change. I believe the best days of the Church of God are in the future. We are not defeated. We are not finished and I don't believe God is finished with us yet. His anger may be burning against us but there is time to repent. I have never felt so strongly that we have a message for the world. There are many needy people who can be touched by our love and care. I believe our churches can grow but its not going to be easy. Growth and outreach are hard work.

This past year our family has been a part of the new Cornerstone Bible Church of God. We have worked hard for the past year. Last August we spent night after night calling people on the telephone. We have spent hours delivering bread and cookies to guests who have come to church. And Cornerstone Church has done servant evangelism. Last Saturday we stood on the square in downtown McDonough and passed out free Cokes to people and we told them that we were merely showing God's love in a practical way and we adamantly refused to accept any money. Yes there are discouragements. People move, people lose interest, people get caught up in the world, but we can make a difference in these people's lives.

My friends, we have a wonderful past. We are thankful for our heritage. Let us nurture and cultivate the seeds of the past so that we can bring forth a tremendous harvest in the future.

In closing I call your attention to the theme of this Conference, "Find Us Faithful." Those who went before us were faithful. Those in Hebrews 11 were faithful. Those who have been honored tonight have been faithful, but the question is, will those who come after us look back at us and realize that we were faithful? I am reminded of a song by Jon Mohr as sung by Steve Green which tells us that those who have gone before us encourage us by their example. And we must realize that those who come behind us will be influenced by our commitment and devotion. The song concludes with the phrases, "may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way . . . and the lives we live inspire them to obey."

Yes, that is my prayer — may the fire of our devotion and may the lives we live inspire others to obey. May this 75th Conference mark a turning point in the Church of God — may this be the beginning of a tremendous revival that will begin with us and sweep through the Church of God and through the villages, towns, cities, and metro areas where we live.

May those who come behind us find us faithful.



David Krogh and Kent Ross receiving plaque from Alumni Association President Scott Ross which will be placed in the Alumni Chapel acknowledging contributions from the Association for the Chapel.

Recognitions at the 75th Annual Summer General Conference

July 31, 1995

As a part of the celebration of the 75th annual summer General Conference, a number of individuals were recognized for their service to the Lord and the membership of the Church of God.

First to be recognized were pastors who have served 30 years or more in Church of God ministry. Their spouses were also recognized for serving faithfully in ministry.

Cecil Smead — 64 years
John and Helen Denchfield — 59 years
Harry and Thelma Goekler — 58 years
Emory Macy — 57 years
Francis and Iris Burnett — 52 years

Delbert and Bernie Jones — 51 years

Terry and Orpha Ferrell — 51 years

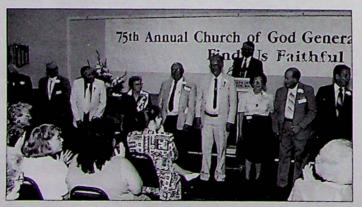
Linford Moore — 50 years

Ed and Viola Goit — 50 years

Alva and Awa Huffer — 50 years — this is also the 35th anniversary of the publication of Systematic Theology written by Dr. Huffer

Jim and Martha Mattison — 49 years Dean and Virginia Moore — 47 years Gordon and Barbara Landry — 46 years Harry and Mable Payne — 45 years E. Richard and Jeanne Smith — 45 years

Warren and Irene Sorenson — 45 years Leon and Deloris Driskill — 45 years



Pastors and spouses being honored for 30 or more years of Christian service.

Mary and Ray Vadnais — 45 years Bill and Phyllis Wachtel — 44 years Orville Westlund — 43 years Joseph and Shirley Fletcher — 42 years J. Arlen and Beth Marsh — 42 years Vernis and Iris Wolfe — 41 years Roy and Louise Humphreys — 41 years Daniel and Charlotte Fyfe — 38 years Billie and Irene Kennedy — 38 years Hollis and Hilda Partlowe — 37 years Don and Joyce Ward — 37 years Jesse and Sally Pestle — 35 years Rex and Sharon Cain — 34 years Russell and Joyce Magaw — 34 years Jack and Louise Hearp — 31 years Kent and Cheryl Ross — 30 years

These pastors represent a combined incredible 1,337 years of service for the Lord.

A second group of extremely distinguished individuals were acknowledged — the five living individuals who were present at our first Conference 75 years ago in 1921 at Waterloo, Iowa. One of those individuals was present at this year's Conference — Pastor Delbert Jones, of Pomona, California. The other individuals are Pastor Louis Cronbaugh of Gladbrook, Iowa; Pastor J. Arlen Marsh of Bedford, Ohio; and Albert and Alice Harper of Omaha, Nebraska. In recognition of these individuals, the Board designated them as lifetime honorary members of the Board of Directors of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference.

Two families were honored who have been very active and helpful in Conference work for many years: Bill and Mardy Lawrence and Paul and Ruth Overholser.

The Lawrences have visited India about 10 times, teaching, preaching, and encouraging our brethren there.

Mardy has been a part of our Mission Board, Mission Advisory Board, and now the Lord's Harvest International Sending Agency Board for a total of 21 years.

Bill was raised in the Church of God in Omaha — his father was active in the General Conference work as well as in his local church in Omaha, NE. Bill has been on the Board of Directors for a total of 17 years and has served as chairman of

the Board six of those years. In fact he was chairman in 1970 when we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the conference at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Bill has also been on the Board of Education and Higher Education Advisory Committee six years, and on the Foreign Missions Advisory Board two years. Bill is currently serving as co-chairman of the Fund the Dream Campaign.

During these same years, they helped start the Phoenix church and have been active and dedicated workers in the church.

Bill and Mardy have also been very generous in financial support of the College and Conference over the years. They gave a leadership gift to the OBC Development Foundation. They have already made a leadership commitment to the Fund the Dream Campaign. They have always been generous in their support to the General Fund. They also provided a large gift to the General Conference Mission Endowment Fund which has provided support for their mission travels and other projects over the years.

The second couple honored was Paul and Ruth Overholser. Paul was the first President of the National Sunday School Board and served a number of years in this capacity. He is the author of the Superintendents' and Workers' Sunday School Manual — a 70 page booklet which has been in print for more than 30 years.

Paul has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Development Foundation for 10 years.

Ruth served as Chairperson of the Credentials Committee for the General Conference for many years. She also served on the Board of Education for Oregon Bible College from 1964 to 1971.

Both of them have been extremely active in their local church and the Northeast Conference, and have been regular attendees at the General Conference, Christian Workers' Seminar, and Adult Hostel.

Paul and Ruth have been extremely generous in their financial support of the College and Conference over the years. They provided the funds when the Golden Rule Building was completely renovated in 1979. They made a leadership gift to the OBC Development Foundation. And they have continued to give to build the assets of the Foundation to offset the erosion caused by inflation. They have already made a leadership gift to the Fund the Dream Campaign. They have generously funded several scholarships for ABC students. They are also generous monthly contributors to the General Fund. When we were considering the relocation of the College and Conference, Paul and Ruth stepped forward with the generous offer of a large parcel of land in Springfield, OH. Though this offer was not accepted, Paul and Ruth have been strong supporters of the relocated College and Conference and in fact they insisted on traveling down to Georgia to help with the construction of the new building.

Another group that was recognized for their faithful service was the staff of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God



David Krogh presenting a picture of the ABC Campus to Paul and Ruth Overholser in appreciation for their faithful service to the College and Conference.

General Conference.

Kent Ross — Vice President of ABC, Academic Dean, and instructor; editor of the *Restitution Herald* and Adult Quarterly during the past two years. He is also the coordinator of the Christian Workers' Seminar, and a member of the Ministerial Recognition Board.

Mark and Terri Tschaenn — Mark has been custodian and Terri has been controller. They are leaving our staff since Mark has graduated and they are moving to Lafayette, Indiana where Mark will serve as intern under Pastor Steve Taylor.

Joe Martin — Instructor

Anthony Buzzard — Instructor

Gayle Guthrie — Christian Education Coordinator

Judy Myers — Chairperson of Lord's Harvest International

Jim Graham — Youth Coordinator

Technical Director of Publishing — Daniel Smead

Typesetter and Summer Ministries Coordinator — Amy Berry

Proofreader, Librarian, and Summer Ministries Coordinator
— Sarah Buzzard

Layout and Design Coordinator — Jason Catlin

Michelle Turner — new assistant to controller and in charge of mailing department. (Also Julie Isham, who just left this position.)

Secretaries — Lisa Ikner, Diane Redd, Merry Peterson

Computer Coordinator — Aaron Wells

Apartment Manager — Sherri Braswell

Maintenance Department — Glyn Craig, Shawn Appletoft, Michelle Spickler

In addition, Dale Ramsey was recognized as a long time member of our staff who resigned after serving 24 years.

Another group that was recognized was all those who have served on the Board of Directors of the Conference during the past 75 years. There are 55 living individuals who have served one or more terms on the Board.

College/Conference News

1995 Youth Congress

A total of 236 youth, youth workers, and staff attended the 1995 Berean Youth Congress at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana July 9-14. There was a 40% increase in the number of youth who attended the Congress this year over last year. The theme of the Congress was "I'm Alive and You're About to Come Alive." Fourteen young people made decisions to accept Christ and many experienced renewed commitment. The 1996 Congress will be held at Taylor University July 21-26.

Baptisms in Russia

Sergey Nicholaevich and his daughter Marina were baptized outside of St. Petersburg on June 10. The Nicholaevich family have been in Bible studies with Tracy Savage for a couple of years. We are grateful for these new believers in Russia. Below is the address of Tracy Savage:

Россия - Russia 196128 Санкт Петербург До Востребования Есино∆ Олъге

Two New Churches Accepted

The Board of Directors has approved applications for membership in the Church of God General Conference for the Community Bible Fellowship, Culver, Indiana; and the Church of the Open Bible, Farmington, Missouri. We welcome these new churches in the fellowship of the conference.

New Sunday School Curriculum

A new revised 13 week series of lessons emphasizing basic Bible truths is available for Sunday School use for the winter quarter beginning December 1995. This series is available every three years for the Beginners through Teen and it is available every six years for the Adults. This material has been prepared under the direction of Gayle Guthrie, chairperson of the Christian Education Advisory Committee. Orders should be placed immediately.

Guests on ABC Campus

Joe James, former member of the Board of Directors, is teaching Introduction to Counseling in an evening class during the fall quarter at Atlanta Bible College. Joe is Executive Director of the Piedmont Center for Mental Health in Greenville, SC. He received his Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina.

Bill and Mardy Lawrence, of Phoenix, Arizona will be leading special sessions at the College this fall on the subject of

Professional Conduct in the Ministry, as well as interacting with the students and staff.

Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Bolhous will serve as campus chaplains in October. A pastor and spouse are invited to the campus each quarter to participate in chapel services, classes, and other activities with the students.

The College is fortunate to be able to enhance its curriculum with quality professional quests.

Summer Ministries

Sarah Buzzard, Sherri Braswell, and Amy Berry have led Bible Schools and assisted with calling at the following churches and Conferences this summer: New Friends/Cornerstone, Georgia; St. Charles, MO; Iowa Conference, Waterloo; Columbia Station, OH; Lenoir, NC; and Cool Spring, VA. For assistance in 1996, please contact Sarah Buzzard, 800-347-4261. This program is in its third year, and many churches have benefited from the ministry of a summer team.

Progress of Cornerstone Bible Church

Cornerstone Bible Church will celebrate its first anniversary on October 15. Attendance averages 80. There have been 8 baptisms during the first year of services. Five home Bible studies are being held. The church was started as a daughter congregation of New Friends Bible Church, which maintains an attendance average of 74 on Sundays.

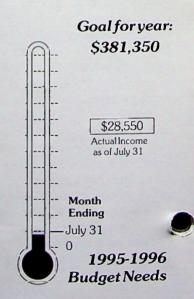
Historical Booklet

A Historical Sketch 1921-1995 was prepared for the 75th annual Conference. The booklet reviews the activities of the Church of God General Conference during the past 75 years. Copies are available by writing to P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.

Financial Update

July 1 was the beginning of a new fiscal year for Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference. The Goal for Giving (the amount of contributions needed) for the year is \$381,350, or \$31,800 per month. This is approximately \$1,000 more per month than was needed in the previous fiscal year.

Contributions for July, the first month of the fiscal year, were approximately \$3,000 less than was needed.



Fund the Dream

According to Scripture, it is not only permissible but desirable for Christians to dream dreams. Ephesians 3:20 says God is able to do "infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams" (Amplified). And Joel 3:28 speaks about people dreaming dreams and seeing visions in the last days.

In order to reach goals and accomplish much for the Lord, we need to dream great dreams and then pray, plan, and proceed to do what God has called us to do.

At the 1994 summer Conference delegates approved a recommendation to make plans for a Fund the Dream Campaign that would help us move ahead as a body of believers.

Last fall, a telephone survey was made of approximately 100 Church of God members to seek input in planning the details of the Campaign. The Board reviewed the results of the survey and set a goal of \$1.2 million to fund the following projects:

\$400,000 — retirement of relocation loans

\$200,000 — church planting

\$150,000 — program enhancement

\$100,000 — publishing and media

\$ 50,000 — foreign missions

\$300,000 — possible purchase of property

Prior to General Conference, the Board of Directors and other key leaders were invited to make commitments to the Fund the Dream Campaign. Approximately \$120,000 was received in cash and commitments.

At General Conference, delegates and attendees were invited to participate in the campaign. \$50,530 was given or committed at Conference, giving a total of approximately \$170,000.

You are invited to be a part of funding our dreams for the future. Cash, stocks, bonds, property, etc., along with commitments are now being received for the Fund the Dream Campaign. Gifts or commitments may be sent to: Fund the Dream, P.O. Box 100,000, Morrow, GA 30260.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

October, 1995

- 1 Pray for boldness to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 2 Pray for a spirit of unity in your church.
- 3 Pray for Jason Catlin as he assists with our General Conference publishing ministry.
- 4 Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College as they enter the third week of classes.
- 5 Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.
- 6 Pray for the church in Beloit, Wisconsin pastored by Jason Turner.
- 7 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth in His coming kingdom.
- 8 Praise God for Church of God pastors who are being honored today on Pastor Appreciation Day.
- 9 Praise God for Anthony Buzzard's restored health.
- 10 Pray for the new church in Culver, Indiana.
- 11 Pray for Aaron Wells in his computer work at the College/Conference.
- 12 Pray for a church planting vision for isolated Church of God members.
- 13 Pray for Beder Ucanay as he works in Lima, Peru.
- 14 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking the truth around the world.
- 15 Pray for Cornerstone Bible Church of God, McDonough, GA as it celebrates its first anniversary.
- 16 Pray for new subscribers to The Restitution Herald.
- 17 Pray for the work that is being done in India to proclaim God's truth.
- 18 Praise God for His Word that guides you in your daily life.
- 19 Pray for your pastor and his leadership.
- 20 Pray for the new church in Farmington, MO.
- 21 Praise God for those who have supported Atlanta Bible College through the Booster Campaign.
- 22 Praise God for the Ripley, Illinois church as they celebrate 130 years of ministry.
- 23 Pray for Today's Good News television ministry in Lafayette, IN, led by Steve Taylor.
- 24 Praise God for the freedom to worship God as you choose.
- 25 Pray for Steve and Pam Grant in their ministry in the Middle East.
- 26 Pray for Jon Cheatwood and the work in St. Charles, MO.
- 27 Praise God that He is our constant source of strength.
- 28 Pray for Steve Taylor as he leads New Hope Community Church in Lafayette, Indiana.
- 29 Pray for those churches observing National Friend Day.
- 30 Praise God for His constant care.
- 31 Pray for 2,000 baptisms by the year 2000.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

November, 1995

- 1 Praise God for the contacts that are being made through Atlanta Bible College ministry groups.
- 2 Pray for someone who is in need of physical healing.
- 3 Pray for those attending the Midwest Men's Retreat at Camp Mack this weekend.
- 4 Praise God for men and women who are studying at Atlanta Bible College for Christian Service.
- 5 Pray for Daniel Smead in his duties as Technical Director of the publishing department of the General Conference.
- 6 Pray for Sunday School teachers in your local church.
- 7 Pray for Gayle Guthrie as she serves as coordinator of the Christian Education department.
- 8 Pray for the Badillo family in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 9 Praise God for His holiness and truthfulness.
- 10 Pray for Judy Myers and the work of the Lord's Harvest International Sending Agency.
- 11 Pray for a spirit of unity throughout the Church of God.
- 12 Pray for Gary Turner and Family Bible Fellowship in Rockford, Illinois.
- 13 Pray for the General Conference/Atlanta Bible College staff.
- 14 Pray for wisdom for the Ministerial Recognition Board (formerly License Board) as they serve.
- 15 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 16 Praise God for the peace of Jerusalem.
- 17 Pray for the follow-up of new contacts at Cornerstone Bible Church of God in McDonough, GA.
- 18 Pray for the boldness you need to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 19 Pray for Jim Graham, Youth Coordinator of the General Conference.
- 20 Pray for the outreach efforts of your local congregation.
- 21 Praise God for His daily blessings of shelter, food, family and friends.
- 22 Pray for the Kokomo, Indiana church as they make plans to relocate their church.
- 23 Pray for an individual you know who does not have hope of eternal life.
- 24 Pray for the financial needs of our College/Conference.
- 25 Thank God for His goodness to you.
- 26 Pray for the churches within your state or regional conference.
- 27 Pray for those who have recently accepted Christ and are beginning a new walk.
- 28 Praise God for many baptisms in our churches this fall.
- 29 Praise God for the leadership of your local congregation.
- 30 Pray for new contacts through the distribution of literature.

REPORT OF BAPTISMS:

2,000 by the Year 2000

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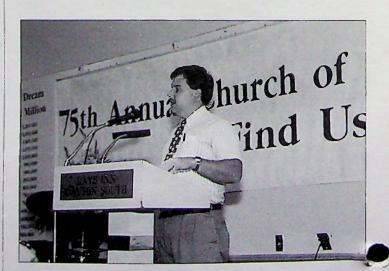
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January 1 - May 31, 1990	55

^{*} More complete figures are being collected from non-reporting churches.

Calendar of Events

September 18	ABC fall quarter classes begin
October 6, 7	Southeast Men's Retreat, Marietta Baptist Camp, SC
October 29	National Friend Day
November 3, 4	Midwest Men's Retreat, Camp Mack, Milford, IN
July 21-26	Youth Congress, Taylor University, Upland, IN
Aug. 12-16	76th Annual Summer Conference,
	Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI



New Restitution Herald editor Jeff Fletcher addressing the delegates.

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GEORGIA

New Friends, Morrow — Mike Grantz and Timmy Gould (7-16-95) by Pinky Alford, assisted by Pastor Mark Tschaenn.

ILLINOIS

Macomb — Jennifer Brown, daughter of Pastor Michael and Dianne Brown (6-28-95), by her father, Pastor Michael Brown.

Oregon — Heather Welty (4-9-95); Christine Porter (4-16-95); and Victoria Withers (7-9-95) by Pastor Michael Hoffman. Mitchell Rager (7-9-95) by his father Michael Rager. Lucas Tuttle (7-9-95) by his father John Tuttle.

INDIANA

Hedrick — Kebran Fettig and Dorothy Asbury (7-9-95) by Pastor Earl Poland.

North Salem — Paul Haisley, Sr. and Sheila Haisley (7-16-95) by Pastor Stan Lawrence.

National Berean Youth Congress

Thomas M. Savage VI (7-14-95) by Pastor Mark Tschaenn; and Sarah Smead (7-14-95) by Rebecca Savage, assisted by Pastor Jon Welch.

SOUTHCAROLINA

Guthrie Grove — Clara Stone (10-26-94); David Burchett and Eugene Grant (12-25-94); Donna Roper (2-19-95); Melissa Watson and William White, Sr. (3-12-95); Greg and Robyn Capps (4-23-95); and Susan Martin (7-1-95) by Pastor Wally Winner; Zeke Durham (5-28-95) by Danny Durham.

VIRGINIA

Cool Spring — Sarah Hart (7-21-95) by Pastor Jon Welch.

Fort Valley — Jillian Ramsey (7-23-95) by Pastor Jon Welch.

DEATHS

ILLINOIS

Eldorado — Irene Margrave, 94, (6-15-95), member and daughter of Peter Jeffrey, by Pastor Leon Driskill.

Oregon — Hazel Haynes, member, (6-21-

95), by Pastors Michael Hoffman and Robert Alcumbrack.

INDIANA

North Salem — Diane Grace (6-26-95) by Leon Hoffer and Pastor Stan Lawrence.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Guthrie Grove — Kathleen McAlister (12-28-94); Clayton Browning (2-28-95); Ronnie Elwell (3-8-95); Sadie Durham (3-14-95); Elvin Picklesimer (5-31-95); Belle McCall (6-7-95) by Pastor Wally Winner. O. D. (Chot) McCombs, Sr. (1-3-95) and Sara Cooper (2-10-95) by Pastors Wally Winner and Edward Bender. Guy Bagwell (6-28-95) by Pastor Wally Winner and Joe James.

TEXAS

Mullin — John Reeves, 49, member, baptized at National Youth Camp, (7-4-95) by Richard Worley.

MARRIAGES

GEORGIA

New Friends — Michael Cisler and Melinda Nelson (6-10-95) by Pastor Dan Kennedy.

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Pleasant Hill — Timothy Driskill and Julie Vance (7-29-95) by Pastors Scott Deane and Leon Driskill

SOUTH CAROLINA

Guthrie Grove — Jason Lawford and Amy Gorman (7-1-95) by Pastor Wally Winner.

PASTORS NEEDED

Holbrook, Nebraska

We are still looking for someone who would be interested in coming to a rural area to hold services at the Holbrook Church of God, Holbrook, Nebraska. A retired couple or single person to help supplement their income. A nice parsonage to live in free. Lights and water paid and church related phone bills also paid. Close to a junior college and 60 miles from Kearney NE University. If interested call or write Curly Miller, Rt. 3, Box 9, Cambridge, NE 69022 or call collect 308-697-4799. Or Mary Lou Hornaday, Rt. 2, Box 170, Arapahoe, NE 68922, or call collect after 7:00 p.m. 308-962-5393.

Gatesville, Texas

The Gatesville Church will need a pastor June 1, 1995. Please contact secretary Suzanne Henson for additional information at 817-865-8452.

Champion, Michigan

A pastor is needed to serve the Champion congregation and to do outreach in neighboring cities of Marquette, Negaunee, and Ishpemig. Please contact Ray and Mary Vadnais at 906-339-2328.

Herndon, Virginia

Fair Oaks Community Church would like to secure the services of a pastor. We are looking for a pastor who senses God's gifting in the areas of "people skills" and outreach as well as preaching and teaching.

The ability to be open-minded and flexible is important as well. Though our church family is small at this time, we are in the midst of the fast-growing Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. If you believe God may be calling you to pastor in such an urban area, please contact Carolyn Kohn for more information: 7711 Ivymount Terrace, Potomac, MD 20854.

Pomona, California

Pastors, are you tired of cold weather shoveling snow, and driving on icy roads? If so, consider pastoring the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona where there are less than a dozen nights during the winter when it freezes. Send a brief resume to Donna Marshall, 222 Monterey Road #701, Glendale, CA 91206. The pulpit needs to be filled on or before September 1, 1996.

Speakers Needed:

Any Pastor or Lay Speaker who will be visiting in the Washington, D.C. area is invited to speak at the Fair Oaks Church in Herndon, Virginia. Please call Elder Wayne Carroll at 703-560-8101 or Carolyn Kahn at 301-983-9130.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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