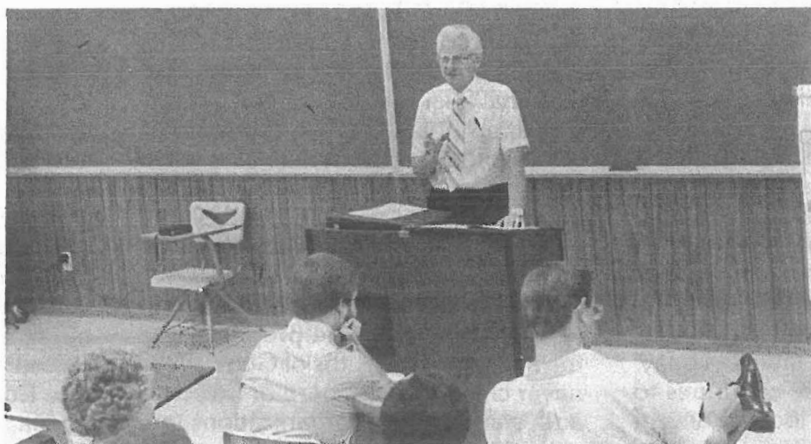
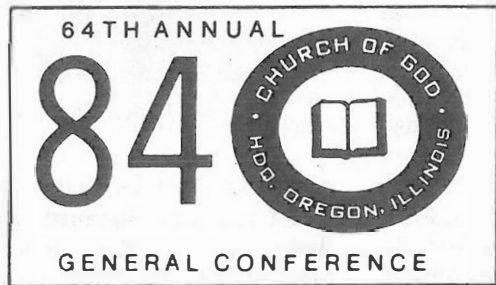


# General Conference Report



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change has resulted from financial considerations, there is a desire to more effectively and efficiently utilize our resources to prepare pastors and workers for our churches and for planting new churches.

Secondly, I believe we are experiencing a period of excitement and optimism in planting new churches. A great deal of pride, satisfaction, and confidence has resulted from recent church-planting efforts, especially that in Colorado Springs. This is stimulating us to look at other opportunities to begin new churches. California and Michigan are specific areas for such planning.

Thirdly, we are experiencing a phase in our development in which our membership and leaders as a whole are united in standing firm on the foundation of basic doctrinal truths of the Bible. There are other issues with spiritual implications which threaten to distract and divide us because of the diversity of positions and emotions attached to those issues. We need to continue to have open dialogue and Biblical reasoning in an environment of love and understanding, rather than isolation, ostracism, and anger. Historically, even in the New Testament Church, there were differences. We also find in the book of Acts that there was a conference and communication to attempt to resolve differences. The apostles continued dialogue and reasoned together to handle the issues. There is absolutely no room for compromise on the basic doctrinal truths of the Word of God. Where there is a "thus saith the Lord" we must staunchly uphold that teaching. Then we have prophetic topics regarding which some of the most respected Church of God ministers of today and times past had and continue to have different understandings and interpretations. Do we allow these different interpretations to divide us and distract our time and attention from the Great Commission?

Even more controversial are topics related to social customs and cultural practices and which topics are sometimes related to major social problems of our day. Strong emotions are usually attached to our personal opinions regarding these issues. In some areas I fear that we are being divided by personal opinions and emotions. The Word of God clearly, specifically, and dogmatically prohibits drunkenness, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, etc. These are behaviors and practices

which we can approach and present as sinful because the Word of God says these things are sinful. These things are not wrong because of personal preferences but because God says they are wrong. I submit to you that we must be united where God's Word speaks directly. I further submit to you that we must not allow different personal opinions to divide and destroy us as a Conference. It is my personal observation that some of the differing positions, such as those related to alcohol, are being exaggerated and misrepresented by rumor and hearsay. We must not allow our total time and energies to become absorbed in these issues. I would hope that our positions on these topics are harmonious with God's Word. I firmly believe that no minister or teacher in the Church of God is promoting behavioral practices which are harmful to the health, safety, and social or spiritual well-being of our people.

Brethren, we have a challenge in dealing with these matters maturely and responsibly. We must learn to discuss and deal with differences of opinion without destroying persons. This will become even more true as we extend our ministry beyond our present membership and even into other cultures.

Fourthly, we are in a period of difficulty regarding our financial management and planning. One year ago in my chairman's message I described some of the "cash flow" problems in the management of our General Conference. At the 1978 General Conference the delegates took action to significantly increase the proposed budget to allow for rather large salary

increases. These salary increases were deserved and our staff is still underpaid. While budget and expenditures increased, the increases in contributions to the "Goals For Giving" and increases in other sources of income were not sufficient to meet the budget approved by the delegates. We began to see a period of several years where costs of operations continued to increase while income was less than anticipated and less than expenditures. All of us are savvy enough to realize that that constitutes deficit spending. We borrowed from ourselves. The Board that I have chaired has taken steps to reduce this trend because we cannot afford to allow our resources to erode. You have received correspondences from me stating that budgets have been cut and for the coming year, that some reductions in full-time equivalents in personnel are being made.

Over the past four years, it has been necessary to borrow over \$100,000 from our restricted funds to maintain operations of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College. This has been the case because contributions for the period have been \$180,000 less than the Goals For Giving adopted by the delegates, and Oregon Bible College has spent more than budgeted for operations. The low enrollment and therefore less income from tuition and fees has been a complicating factor for the past couple of years. To offset some of the deficit, the General Conference departments have spent less than budgeted and some sources of income have exceeded projections.

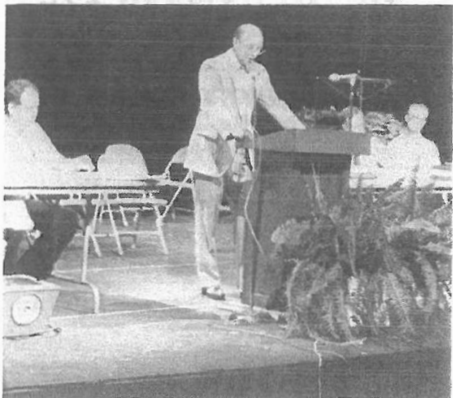
The Board has responded to our deficits by reducing budgets and de-



# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is indeed a pleasure for me as Chairman to welcome you on behalf of the Board and Staff to this Sixty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Church of God General Conference. All of us gathered here in conference are responsible to the many local churches and state conferences which we represent. It is our responsibility in this Conference to make decisions, to elect Board members, and to establish policies and program directions which are in the best interest of our total constituency and which best facilitate the Great Commission as given by our Lord to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

The Church of God General Conference is a fellowship of member churches and individual believers. We firmly believe in and support the autonomy of the local congregation. It is our common faith and goals that brings us together in conference. The Church of God General Conference was formed originally as a service organization and as vehicle of communication and collaboration by the local churches and members. Today, the General Conference continues to serve the needs of our local bodies of believers. There is no other reason for this organization to exist. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors elected by you, the Delegates, to oversee the operation of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College and to assure that these organizations are responsive to the needs of our membership. The Board, then, is responsible and accountable to you.



You are responsible to the congregations you represent and we must all conform to the will of God because we are stewards of his work. We pray that God's Divine Power will touch each of us this week to lead us to take actions that will be pleasing to our Heavenly Father. We further pray that unity will prevail among us as we go through the business sessions and other activities of this 1984 General Conference. Most of all, we pray that throughout this Conference all of us will feel a oneness with our God and his Son, Jesus, and with each other.

The theme for this Sixty-Fourth General Conference is "Building on the Solid Foundation." I am reminded of the words of 1 Corinthians 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." It is appropriate that we remind ourselves of the importance of a solid foundation for we are to be "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone (Eph. 2:20). We must diligently hold to the foundation teachings of Jesus, the prophets, and the apostles. The truths of God's Word never change. The Board of Directors and staffs of our organizations are committed to faithfully upholding those Biblical truths which we share and which bring us together in fellowship and Conference.

Brothers and sisters, while we must continue to stand firmly upon the solid foundation, we must not forget that the proclamation of Jesus Christ—"Upon this rock I will build my Church"—still rings out loudly and clearly to us who are the workmen by whom our Lord will build his Church. A part of the theme for this Conference is on "Building." Our Conference theme reminds us of who we are and presents us with a great challenge. We must not simply give lip service to "Building on the Solid Foundation" but we must also resolve to commit ourselves and our resources to the challenge "to build." The seminars, sharing sessions, and classes of this Conference should help prepare us to mobilize ourselves to meet this challenge.

Only as a unified body of believers



Joe James, Chairman

will we be able to meet the challenge given by Christ. We must be reminded that we are stewards of the work of the Lord and will be held accountable for our performance. Jesus, the nobleman, has gone into a far country. He has left his work to us as his servants. One day Jesus will return and we must then give an account of our stewardship. It is my prayer that we as individuals and the Church of God as a whole will have a favorable report to give to Jesus upon his return. I believe we can accomplish this goal best through a spirit of unity and cooperation and by edifying one another.

It is customary for the Chairman annually in his message to give a brief statement of our present situation as he sees it. I believe that we are in a period of evaluation and assessment. The Board of Directors, the staff, and our pastors and other leaders are asking very crucial questions. Questions are being asked regarding the service functions and operations of the various departments of the General Conference. The roles of Oregon Bible College are being evaluated in relation to the needs of our local churches. We are further struggling with issues related to purpose, roles, structure, programs, and personnel patterns needed to achieve the desired goals for the college. We are evaluating also the effectiveness of our General Conference and Bible College in communicating and keeping in touch with the pastors, churches, and general membership.

I believe that we are in a time when many of our members are anticipating changes. As the Board met with our ministers during their conference last spring, there appeared to be growing support for Oregon Bible College to move to a strengthened focus of preparing pastors to serve in our churches. Although some of the impetus

veloping a planned repayment of loans. In the budget approved one year ago, a line item included a sum to begin to repay the amount borrowed. The budgets proposed to you this year include payments on these loans. Future budgets submitted to you will include repayment amounts until the loans are repaid. When the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation is at the point of having income to appropriate toward College operations, 25 percent of those appropriations will be used to reduce the indebtedness until the loans are repaid. It is projected that by following this repayment plan, the loans should be completely repaid by the summer of 1990. This repayment plan should not jeopardize ongoing operations and activities.

There is a positive side to all of this. In calendar year 1983, giving to the General Conference, Oregon Bible College, The Oregon Bible College

Development Foundation, and to specific programs of our organizations reached an all-time high. We are taking steps to control our financial situation and our people are graciously responding. This is a problem for all of us, not just a problem for the Board and staff. We will approve a budget this week. Let us all resolve to return to our local churches to inform and gain the assistance of our membership in reaching the "Goal For Giving" as approved by you.

Fifthly, we are in a period of opportunity. We see this age coming to a close. Bible prophecies are being fulfilled before us. Doors are opening for us to present the Gospel of Salvation in many areas. Local congregations have opportunities to foster new works. The General Conference and College have opportunities to provide training opportunities, trained people, printed material, consultation, and assistance as these opportunities are developed. Along

with the opportunities come the challenges to become personally involved and committed and to be willing to work long and hard. The prayer for the Lord of the harvest to send forth more workers can be a dangerous prayer. One who prays does not wish to be a worker. Let us become committed to our stewardship.

I have been open, honest, and candid with you. Problems that I have presented were not stated to discourage us, but have been discussed as a challenge for us. We are "the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28) and if we rely upon God and Jesus Christ, no challenge will overcome us. Let us go forth from this Conference in the spirit of love described by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 and with the conviction described by Paul in Philippians 4:13 when he said, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

Joe James

## MINUTES, 1984 GENERAL CONFERENCE

### FIRST SESSION

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

The 1984 General Conference Business Session was called to order by Chairman Joe James Tuesday, July 31, 1984, on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor S. O. Ross. Chairman James then turned the podium over to Secretary Maurice Robinson for the introduction of a special guest. Maurice Robinson introduced Mr. Felix Laiche, Assistant to the President of Southeastern Louisiana University, who extended a



gracious welcome to the delegates to the Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana.

Chairman James next called on the chairperson of the credentials committee, Janet Stilson, to seat the delegates to the 1984 General Conference.

Chairman James then made his report to the delegates. He reminded the delegates of the purpose of the Conference, the responsibilities of the Board, and the responsibilities of the delegates. The delegates were challenged to build on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. (The entire text is to be printed in the next issue of PROGRESS JOURNAL.)

Next, Chairman James recognized the churches which were being represented for the first time. The Pleasant View Bible Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, represented by Bro. Don Needham, was recognized. The McGintytown Church, represented by Bro. Tom New, was also recognized. Pastors attending for the first time since licensure—Pastor Jeff Smith from Harlingen, Texas; Pastor Lee Arp, North Hills Church, Springfield, Ohio; and Pastor Dick Eldred from East Oregon, Illinois—were recognized. Next, delegates attending as delegates for the first time stood and were recognized. There was a large number.

The special report from the Christian Conciliation Board, the Church of God Investment Fund, the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, the Li-



cense and Ordination Board, and the Ministers Fund were presented. Motion by John Huston, seconded by Tommy McCaw, to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Chairman Joe James called on Secretary Maurice D. Robinson, Jr. to report on the activities of the Board of Directors during the past year. Maurice reported that the January meeting was held in Hammond, Louisiana, and included an extra day for planning of the 1984 General Conference and a visit to the Southeastern Louisiana University campus. He also reported on the May meeting in Oregon which included an open meeting with the pastors and an open meeting with the staffs of OBC and General Conference.

Chairman James then called on Bill Burnham, Director of Business Services, to present the financial report as printed in the PROGRESS JOURNAL. The statements were reviewed by Bro. Burnham. Bill also informed the delegates that the delegate pool would close at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Motion by Russell Johns, seconded by Keith Williams, to accept the reports as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman James called on Bro. Warren Sorenson to discuss his Outreach and Church Development report and answer any questions. In addition, Bro. Sorenson gave special recognition to Hugh and Mary Harman for their contribution to the Youth Department over the past years. Kent Ross, the new Youth Director, was introduced. Kent gave a report on the coming year, including a report on next year's site for the Youth Congress at Huntington College Campus at Huntington, Indiana. Several slides were shown to the delegates.

Warren reported further on the prospect-calling campaign used in some existing churches in Aurora, Dixon, and Rockford, Illinois; Omaha, Nebraska; North Hills, and Columbia Station, Ohio; and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two teams will soon be going to

assist the two new church-planting ventures in Michigan and California.

A motion to accept the report of Outreach and Church Development was made by John Raymond and seconded by Charles Knapp. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman James received a motion to express the appreciation of the Church of God General Conference to Hugh and Mary Harman for their work with the youth over the past several years and that the secretary be instructed to write a letter to express this appreciation. Motion by Hollis Partlowe, seconded by Dallas Demmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The chairman called on Credentials Chairperson Janet Stilson for her report. Mrs. Stilson reported that there were 130 delegates, representing:

- 7 directors
- 50 pastors
- 73 delegates present at the first session.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Huston, seconded by Bobby Partain and dismissed with prayer by Hollis Partlowe.



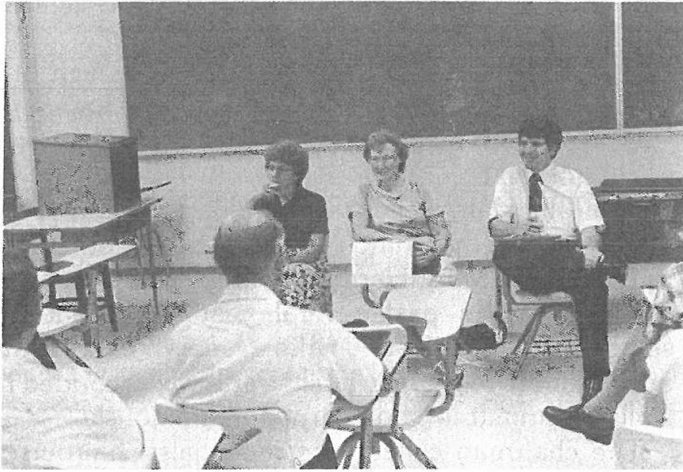
## SECOND SESSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1984

The second session of the 1984 General Conference was called to order by Chairman Joe James at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Ray Hall. The chairman next called upon Bro. Joe Martin for an announcement.

Bro. Joe Martin tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors/Board of Trustees effective at the close of the 1984 General Conference so that the delegates would have an opportunity to elect a replacement at this session.

Next, the floor was opened for nomination to the Board of Directors of the General Conference and



Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College. Those nominated were as follows:

- (1) Elaine Shute—Fonthill Church, Ontario, Canada, nominated by John Huston;
- (2) Charles Bottolfs—Happywoods Church, Hammond, Louisiana, nominated by Maurice Robinson, Jr.;
- (3) Keith Williams—Pennelwood Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, nominated by Howard McClain;
- (4) Dick Eldred—East Oregon Church, Oregon, Illinois, nominated by Don Needham;
- (5) William Lawrence—Valley View Church, Phoenix, Arizona, nominated by Hollis Partlowe; and
- (6) David Wilsterman—Happywoods Church, Hammond, Louisiana, nominated by Charleen Graham.

Motion by John Huston, seconded by John Hayse, that nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, the secretary read some correspondence from Marj Overmyer, Burr Oak, Indiana, expressing her regrets that she was not in attendance and sending best wishes to everyone.

Bro. Russ Magaw, Director of Publishing, gave the Publishing Department report as printed in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. He urged the delegates to enter their subscription to the *The Restitution Herald*. Russ also answered several questions from the delegates. Motion to accept the report was made by Tommy McCaw, seconded by Jerold Brewer, carried unanimously.

Next, the chairman called on Dr. Charles Pryor, President of Oregon Bible College, to present his report on Oregon Bible College as printed in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. Charles gave an update of the OBC Development Foundation. Charles asked each of the delegates to help to recruit students for Oregon Bible College, noting that at present only twenty-nine (29) students were expected for the 1984-85 school year. Charles then answered questions from the floor regarding Oregon Bible College and the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation. Motion to accept

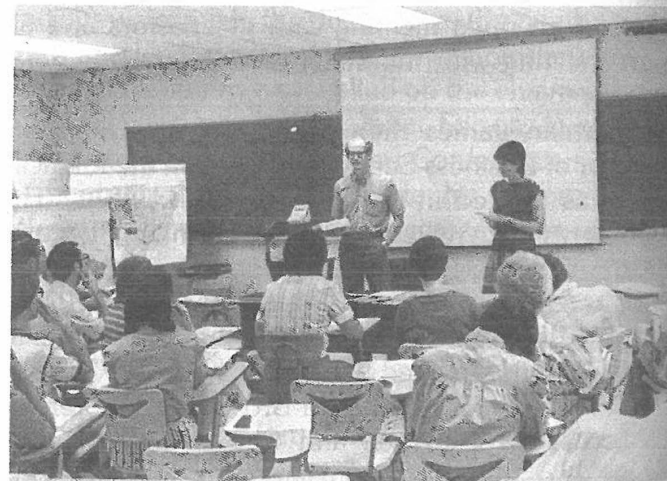
the report was made by Scott Ross, seconded James Mattison, carried unanimously.

The chair recognized Bro. Joe Myers. There was a motion by Joe Myers, seconded by Jim Graham, that the Executive Board and Board of Trustees be directed to appoint a study committee to explore the educational alternatives to our current four-year Bible college for the purpose of preparing ministers, missionaries, and workers in the Church of God. These findings with the recommendation are to be presented to the 1984 General Conference. After discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Next, the chairman called on Bro. Michael Hoffman, Brush Creek, Ohio, who gave a report on the recent building program concluded and very successful building program held at their church.

Next, the chairman called on the Credentials Committee Chairperson, Janet Stilson, for her report. She reported that there were one hundred thirty-five (135) delegates in attendance, representing seven (7) districts, seventy-eight (78) delegates, and fifty (50) ministers.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Myers, seconded by John Fletcher. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer by David Krogh.



### THIRD BUSINESS SESSION THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1984

The third business session of the 1984 General Conference was called to order by Chairman Joe James at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, August 2, 1984. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Francis Burnett. The secretary read the minutes of Wednesday's meeting.

The first order of business was the election of the Board of Directors. It was announced that there were three to be elected, two to a four-year term to replace

the retiring directors, and one to a three-year term to fill the unexpired term of Joe Martin, who tendered his resignation. Those elected to four-year terms were (1) Pastor Dick Eldred, and (2) Dr. William Lawrence. Elected to the three-year term was Keith Williams.

The next item was to consider Recommendation #1. Motion by Robert Coverstone, seconded by Joe Astolfi to adopt Recommendation #1. Much discussion followed. There was a motion by Kenny Vancil to postpone indefinitely the consideration of this motion. Seconded by Allan Ramsey. Discussion followed. The vote on the motion to postpone indefinitely was defeated. Discussion continued on Recommendation #1. It was called for secret ballot by Richard Smith. The motion failed, with sixty-one (61) for, seventy-one (71) against.

A motion was made by Dallas Demmitt, seconded by Jeff Fletcher, to adopt Recommendation #2. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was a motion by John Huston, seconded by Joe Astolfi, to adopt the Proposed Constitutional Amendment. Discussion followed and motion carried unanimously.

Willis Turner next requested that the Board check into the legalities of having employees of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College having a vote as a delegate at the business sessions.



Next, there was a motion by Francis Burnett to adopt the proposed budgets. Motion was seconded by David Johnson. Discussion followed. There was an exhortation by Bro. S. O. Ross that as we consider adopting the budget, we commit ourselves to support the goals for giving as set forth in the budget. Motion carried unanimously and budgets were adopted.

Kenny Vancil moved, "Be it resolved that the Church of God General Conference go on record as being against the consumption of alcoholic beverages." Seconded by John Hayse. Much discussion followed.

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Joe Martin proposed an amendment to the motion which would have the motion read as follows: "Be it resolved that the Church of God General Conference go on record as being against substance abuse such as alcohol and other addicting drugs." Seconded by Russ Magaw. Discussion followed on the amendment. The question was called for to shut off the debate, but the call for the question was defeated forty-six (46) to forty-three (43). After further discussion, vote was taken on the amendment. Motion carried with a vote of sixty-one (61) for and twenty-nine (29) against. Next, a vote for the motion as amended was called for. There was a request for a ballot vote. Vote was then taken by ballot on the motion as amended. Motion passed with a vote of eighty-nine (89) for and twenty-six (26) against.

Next was a motion by Michael Hoffman that the delegates instruct the Board of Directors to prepare recommendations for the 1985 General Conference to implement a Bi-Annual Conference as soon as possible. Seconded by Cecil Rademachir. There was a motion to table by Dean Urish, seconded by Charles Graham. Motion to table carried with forty-seven (47) for and forty-five (45) against. Next, the chairman called on the chairperson of the Credentials Committee for her final report.

The minutes from Thursday's meeting were read. There was a motion by Charles Knapp, seconded by Robert Coverstone to approve the minutes of the 1984 General Conference. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dallas Demmitt, seconded by Robert Coverstone, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Maurice Robinson, Jr.

Respectfully submitted:

MAURICE D. ROBINSON, JR., Secretary

## Budgets

### CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

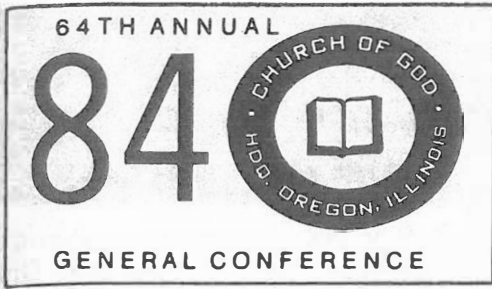
Delegates to the 1984 General Conference discussed and adopted the budgets which appear on this page for the time period October 1, 1984, through May 31, 1986. Contributions needed monthly will increase \$1,670 over the amount needed monthly under our current budget \$30,000 will be needed each month through May, 1985. An additional \$1,250 will be needed monthly beginning in June, 1985.

All Conference delegates were urged to make a personal

commitment during Conference to the financial support of Conference/College ministries. They were also urged to contact at least two local church families to encourage them to make a commitment to send \$10 per month to the work of the Conference/College. With the help of delegates and other committed Church of God families, the Gospel of the Kingdom can be advanced through the work of the Conference and College.

	Oct. 1, 1984 - May 31, 1985			June 1, 1985 - May 31, 1986		
	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total	General Conference	Oregon Bible College	Total
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:</b>						
<b>Payroll &amp; Employee Benefits:</b>						
Salaries	\$ 75,568	\$ 91,225	\$166,793	\$114,980	\$134,420	\$249,400
Social Security	5,329	6,574	11,903	8,170	9,545	17,715
Employee Benefits	8,812	10,534	19,346	16,235	16,930	33,165
Outside Instruction		2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000
Student Employment		6,000	6,000		8,000	8,000
<b>General Operations:</b>						
Advertising		200	200		200	200
Speakers		500	500		600	600
Foreign Exchange	1,133		1,133	1,800		1,800
Insurance Other Than Plant		900	900	600	950	1,550
Auto Expense	1,133	1,500	2,633	2,500	2,200	4,700
Commencement		200	200		200	200
Office Supplies	1,468	1,000	2,468	1,600	1,500	3,100
Other	235		235	350	200	550
Royalties	100	50	150	800	50	850
Typesetting	333		333	600		600
Editorial	400		400	600		600
Library Magazines		2,000	2,000		2,300	2,300
Books, Dues, Periodicals—staff	237	400	637	370	500	870
Postage	8,803	350	9,153	14,600	500	15,100
Printing	27,333	300	27,633	46,500	2,000	48,500
Binding		800	800		800	800
Professional Services				2,200	3,500	5,700
Repairs & Maintenance nonplant	234	900	1,134	5,400	900	6,300
Staff Education	468	400	868	400	600	1,000
Mailing Supplies	670		670	1,000		1,000
Supplies & Expense	1,072	750	1,822	1,600	1,000	2,600
Telephone	2,010	1,700	3,710	3,100	2,500	5,600
Travel	6,901	4,500	11,401	12,300	5,000	17,300
Assistance to Mission Points	335		335	1,000		1,000
Assistance to Churches	16,267		16,267	30,400		30,400
Assistance to Church Planting				3,000		3,000
<b>Plant Operations:</b>						
Property Insurance	536	2,100	2,636	800	2,200	3,000
Plant Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	800	1,800	1,000	1,200	2,200
Plant Supplies and Expense	134	1,725	1,859	300	2,000	2,300
Utilities	3,870	18,000	21,870	2,000	28,000	30,000
<b>Additions to Plant and Equipment</b>						
Buildings						
Library Books		1,000	1,000		2,000	2,000
Furniture & Equipment				5,000	500	5,500
Vehicle Replacement				3,000		3,000
Archives				1,000		1,000
Food Service		50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000
Purchases for Resale	8,677		8,677	14,000		14,000
Loan Repayment	1,667	1,667	3,334	2,500	2,500	5,000
Contingency				6,000	6,000	12,000
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$174,725</b>	<b>\$208,075</b>	<b>\$382,800</b>	<b>\$305,705</b>	<b>\$290,795</b>	<b>\$596,500</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED INCOME: (8 months)</b>						
Sales	32,000			53,500		
Herald Subscriptions	18,000			22,000		
Trust and Endowment	17,500			18,000		
Tuition, Board, Room, Fees	75,300			128,000		
<b>TOTAL earned income</b>	<b>142,800</b>		<b>142,800</b>	<b>221,500</b>		<b>221,500</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED</b>			<b>\$240,000</b>			<b>\$375,000</b>





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The morning and evening services were tape recorded at General Conference at Hammond, Louisiana, July 30 - August 3, 1984. Use the order blank below to secure your cassette recordings.

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# General Conference Progress

David Krogh, Executive Director

## 1984 General Conference

The 64th annual Church of God General Conference was held at Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA, July 30 - August 3. The sermons, seminars, and classes effectively presented the theme, "Building on the Solid Foundation."

Pastor Richard Eldred and Dr. William D. Lawrence were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors-Trustees to replace retiring members Joe James and Maurice Robinson, Jr. Pastor Joe Martin resigned from the Board during Conference, and Keith Williams was elected to fill the remaining three years of his term. The officers of the Board are: Scott Ross, Chairman; Dallas Demmitt, Vice-Chairman; David Johnson, Secretary; and Robert Coverstone, Treasurer.

Recommendation Number One, regarding the license and ordination of pastors, was discussed extensively with many important questions raised. The motion eventually failed with a vote of 71 to 61. Recommendation Number Two, which amends the standards for Church Builders League recipients, was adopted.

The Constitutional amendment, which gives the Executive Director and Oregon Bible College President a vote at delegate business sessions if they do not meet the voting requirements of other provisions in the Constitution, was adopted.

Two budgets for the time periods October 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985, and June 1, 1985 through May 31, 1986 were adopted by the delegates. A copy of these budgets appears on page 8 along with additional information.

Please review carefully the minutes of the business sessions which are printed on pages 4-7 of this issue.

The Thursday evening worship service entitled, "Celebration to Service," was a time of inspiration and blessing. The Board of Directors was installed by Ministerial Association President S. O. Ross. Special plaques of appreciation were awarded to retiring Board Members Joe James, Joe Martin, and Maurice Robinson, Jr. Michael Gallagher was granted a ministerial license by the License and Ordination Board. A plaque was presented to the Pleasant View Bible Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, in recognition of its official application to become a member of the Church of God General Conference. Warren Sorenson, Director of the Outreach and Church Development Department, presented the plaque to Don Needham, pastor of the Pleasant View Church. A communion service was conducted and retiring secretary Maurice Robinson brought words of encouragement and challenge to the delegates.

It was announced that the 1985 General Conference will be held at Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio,

July 29 - August 2. A program committee consisting of pastors and lay members from the southern Ohio churches, along with the President of Oregon Bible College and the Executive Director of the General Conference, will plan the 1985 Conference.

A great deal of excitement was generated during the Conference regarding the planting of two new Church of God congregations this fall. Pastor Richard Eldred and his family are planting the North Kent Bible Church in Rockford, Michigan. Pastor Bobby Partain and the members of the Pomona Church of the Open Bible are planting a new church at Phillips Ranch. Additional information on these church-planting projects is reported on pages 11 through 13 in this issue of the JOURNAL.

Considerable discussion took place and a motion was adopted by the delegates regarding alcohol and drug abuse. Since Conference, a statement prepared by the Church of God Ministerial Association in 1948, entitled "Guides Toward Christian Conduct," has come to light. This statement deals with the alcohol issue along with 10 other issues which the ministers felt should be dealt with in 1948. A copy of the guides is available by writing to: Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## Financial Update

As of July 31, contributions toward the Goal for Giving were approximately \$6,600 short. We trust that the entire membership will make this a matter of concern so that by September 30 this shortfall can be made up.

## PROGRESS TOWARD GIVING PROGRAMS

In 1983, we launched two strategic giving programs for the General Conference: Development Council and Founders' Circle. The box below shows our goal and the results for 1983 and 1984.

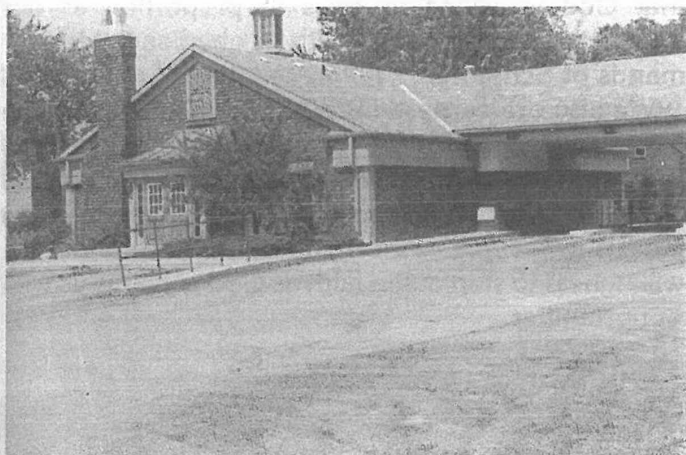
Development Council (\$500 or more)		
Goal	1983 Members	1984 Members
150	95	65
Founders' Circle (\$120 - 499)		
250	197	144

During the remaining months of 1984, we must find 85 additional families which will give \$500 or more during the year, and 106 families which will give \$120 to \$499. If you have not yet made a commitment for 1984 to one of the two giving programs of the General Conference, we urge you to do so. (Con., p.18)

# DEPARTMENT OF OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Warren Sorenson, Director

## CHURCH-PLANTING PROJECTS



*First Service of North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, Michigan, held September 9 in Independent Bank building.*

Church-planting teams under the direction of Warren Sorenson and Russ Magaw have been busy working this summer providing prospect-calling assistance for several existing churches and two church-planting projects. We are thrilled at the Lord's blessing on the efforts that have been put forth this summer.

In June, Warren and Irene Sorenson, along with team members Angie Dickerson, Sue Lee, James Raymond, Tom Schmitt, and Jay Smith did prospect calling in Omaha, NE, and Colorado Springs, CO.

In July, Russ Magaw traveled with the team to North Hills Church in Springfield, OH, and the Columbia Station, OH, congregation.

In August, Warren and a team did prospect calling in Conway, AR, and they traveled on to Pomona, CA, where they worked with Bobby Partain and members of the Church of the Open Bible in doing survey work in the Phillips Ranch community of Pomona, CA.

In late August, Russ Magaw, Jan Stilson, Tom Schmitt, Rob Rand, and members of Michigan churches, did survey work in the Rockford, Michigan, area. Thousands of calls were attempted and hundreds of prospects were discovered for existing and new churches.

### NORTH KENT BIBLE CHURCH

The new church at Rockford, Michigan, will be called the North Kent Bible Church. A temporary

meeting place has been secured at the Independent Bank at the corner of 10 Mile Road and Main Street in Rockford. A conference room has been made available at no cost. The room will hold about 50 to 60 people. The first service is being held September 9. Pastor Richard Eldred and his family are providing leadership for this new congregation. The Michigan Conference is providing much of the financial support and members of the Michigan churches are providing assistance in prospect calling and follow-up.

The General Conference will be providing church development aid in the amount of \$500 per month.

### PHILLIPS RANCH CHURCH

Phillips Ranch is a community situated on a set of hills that overlook Pomona. It is sandwiched between two major freeways that service the area. There are approximately 1,200 homes that have been built in the last five years in an area with a combined population of around 3,500. New homes are continually



*Prospect-finding team members Jan Stilson and Tom Schmitt ready to begin a calling session in Rockford, Michigan.*

being built and when the master plan is completed, there will be approximately 3,300 homes with a total population of 10,000. The community has been built in such a way as to be a private planned community with its own elementary school, shopping center/office complex, and a large community park between the school and shopping center. There are no churches currently operating in the Phillips Ranch area.



**Ray Hall and Rob Rand visiting a prospect's home in Rockford, Michigan.**

Pastor Bobby Partain and members of the Church of The Open Bible in Pomona are providing the leadership for this church-planting project. They have rented the auditorium of Decker Elementary School, which seats 250 people, for Sunday worship and adult education. They have rented 2,000 square feet of space from the Montessauri Preschool, where nursery and children's Sunday School classes will be held.

It is estimated that to plant this church it will cost approximately \$5,000 as start-up costs, and \$2,500 per month to keep it growing. The leadership of this new work is soliciting earnest prayer support from the Church of God, along with financial support.



**Picnic for Rockford, Michigan, team members: (left to right)—Carol Eldred, Rob Rand, Russ Magaw, Jan Stilson, Tim Eldred, Tom Schmitt.**

We thank God for the initiative of the Michigan Conference, the Eldred family, the Church of the Open Bible in Pomona, and the Partain family in seeing the opportunities and pursuing the details of planting these two new churches. We believe that

there are countless opportunities in each of the states and communities where we currently have churches, along with innumerable opportunities in other parts of the country, to plant new churches. It is our earnest prayer that each local congregation and each State Conference will look at themselves as church planters and, while the Lord tarries, we pray that many people will be brought to Christ and to a knowledge of the truth through our church-planting efforts. We believe that God is willing to bless in proportion to our willingness to step out in faith in obedience to commands of Scripture.

We also are earnestly praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers to prepare for Christian service and to assume leadership positions in our new churches. We urge all people of the Church of God to join us in praying earnestly for leadership and for a willingness to step out in faith as God presents us with opportunities.



**Omaha-Colorado Springs team members: James Raymond, Sue Lee, Jay Smith, Angie Dickerson, Warren Sorenson, Tom Schmitt, Irene Sorenson.**

We greatly appreciate the financial support which many individuals, churches, and conferences have given to the members of the church-planting teams. At this point, nearly all of the expenses of the team members have been met.

### **CHURCH PLANTING AT ROCKFORD, MICHIGAN**

When Dick, Carol, and Tim Eldred moved to this small community with many subdivisions north of Grand Rapids on August 6, they constituted the church.

Just six days later a prospect-finding team sent out by the Outreach and Church Development Department of the Church of God General Conference arrived to assist the Eldreds in finding a congregation.

The team, consisting of Russ Magaw, Jan Stilson, Tom Schmitt, Rob Rand, and John Raymond, spent

two weeks surveying the area for prospects. Several members of the Southlawn, Garden Park, and Pennellwood congregations assisted in the work.

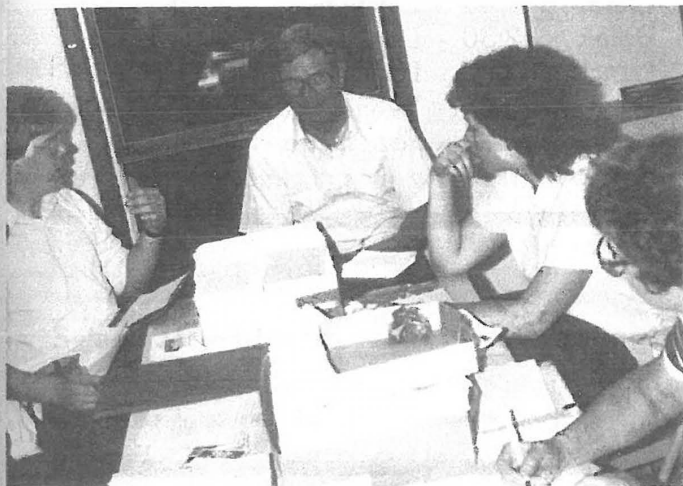
The very first day of prospecting saw the work of the Lord in the lives of those visited. Garden Park pastor Ray Hall and Rob Rand returned after the first morning just glowing with four prospective families. In all, the team found 30 prospects on that first day. By the end of the first week 85 prospects were found in just 241 homes for a success ratio of 35 percent—the highest percentage in the two years General Conference teams have been prospecting.

By the end of the two weeks over 800 homes had been contacted and a newsletter list for North Kent Bible Church had mushroomed to over 300 on the mailing list.

The first meeting of North Kent Bible Church took place September 9 in the Independent Bank. Future



*Tom Schmitt and Irene Sorenson at a door.*



*A team meeting/briefing session in Omaha, Nebraska.*

meetings will be held in one of Rockford's elementary schools.

Already the fledgling congregation has a core group of some four families. A fellowship dinner is planned after the second service September 16. Individuals from the three Grand Rapids churches continue praying and sending letters of affirmation to the Elders.

The church-planting project is underwritten by the Michigan Conference. Financial aid has come from the Michigan churches and individuals. North Kent Bible Church also receives church development aid from the General Conference.

As of this writing (Aug. 29), we don't know how many attended that first service. In next month's JOURNAL we will provide further news of North Kent Bible Church.

May God be praised, his people blessed, and many persons found for Christ.

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### PROSPECT FINDING IN DIXON, ILLINOIS

This summer the prospect-finding team spent a day in Dixon, IL, finding about 25 prospects and assisting members in developing such a program. Pastor Cecil Rademachir recently sent an article reporting on the continuing work of prospect finding by his church. The following is an excerpt from the article. His complete article will be forthcoming in a later issue of the JOURNAL.

"You want excitement in your walk with Jesus? Get out in the world and meet those who have never met the Master. As a result of our prospecting efforts I have a letter on my desk that warms my heart. It is from a member of a young family thanking us for the way our congregation welcomed them.

"I met a middle-aged person who had lived a very tough and rugged life before meeting Jesus. I was welcomed in and we sat and talked for 30 minutes or so.

"Listen to what some of our team members have to say:

"'If only one person is won for the Lord from the hundreds of calls it's the greatest feeling, especially when that one is the person you talked to first.'—*Jean Rowe*.

"'Of the doors that were opened for Jean and me, the people were very friendly and talkative.'—*Jennie Sarber*.

"'The thrill that you get from finding a prospect is second only to the thrill from seeing your prospect coming to church for the first time. Prospecting made it possible for me to stop feeling so guilty.'—*Kevin Rademachir*.

*(Please turn to page 18)*

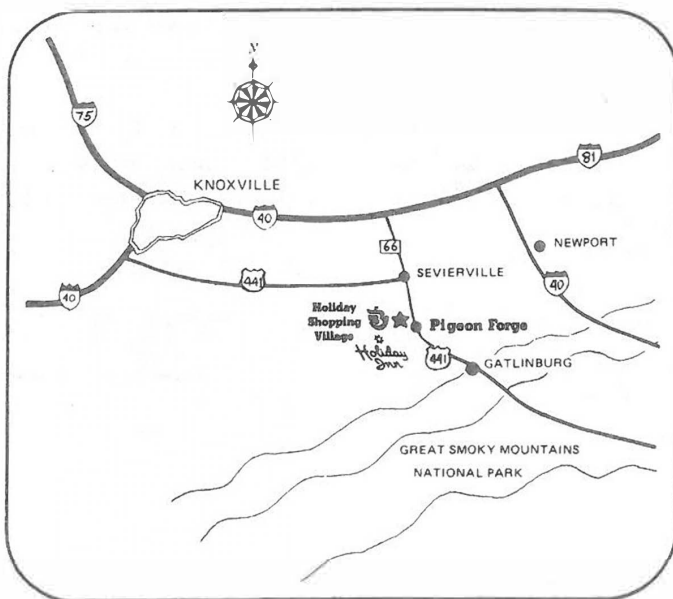
# 1985 CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SEMINAR

at

*Holiday Inn*  
*Pigeon Forge, Tennessee*

March 24-29, 1985

Schedule	7:30 - Breakfast	10:30 - Class	1:45 - Electives
	8:30 - Class	11:15 - Break	2:30 - Free Time
	9:15 - Break	11:30 - Lunch	6:00 - Dinner
	9:30 - Class	12:45 - Class	7:00 - Evening Session
	10:15 - Break	1:30 - Break	8:30 - Free Time



#### Directions

Turn south from I-40 on US 66, then south on 441 from Sevierville. The hotel is on the west side of 441.

#### Seminar Information

**Arrival:** Registration will begin at 4:00 Sunday afternoon. The evening meal will be served at 6:00. The evening session will be at 7:00 and then the regular class schedule will begin on Monday.

**Departure:** The Seminar will officially conclude after breakfast Friday morning and the hotel will be vacated by 9:30.

**Cost:** 4 persons to a room—\$125 per person; 3 persons to a room—\$150 per person; 2 persons to a room—\$170 per person. These costs include meals, lodging, and Seminar classes.

**Accident Coverage:** Accident insurance coverage is provided for all enrollees at no additional cost. The coverage begins when you leave home and terminates when you arrive back home.

Please enroll me in the Pigeon Forge Seminar, March 24-29, 1985.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ Church

I am enclosing a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit per person and will pay the balance on arrival. (Please check one of the boxes below.)

- I would like accommodations based on four persons per hotel room. (Cost \$125 per person.) Names of those I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like accommodations based on three persons per hotel room. (Cost \$150 per person.) Names of those I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like accommodations based on two persons per room. (Cost \$170 per person.) Name of person I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

Please confer with the persons you wish to share a room with to make certain they have not made other arrangements. If you do not select roommates, we will make the arrangements. Rooms will not be held past 8:00 p.m. on Sunday unless we are notified of late arrival.

**Select classes below:**

Each day there will be 4 class periods plus an elective period. Please choose the classes which you wish to attend from the list immediately below. Place a number by each class, with #1 being the class you especially want to attend, on up through #6. It may not be possible to schedule you in your top 4 preferences.

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|---|--|
| _____ Family and Personal Relationships—Charles Pryor                     | _____ Training for Teachers—Robert Huddleston                    |
| _____ Difficult Texts—Anthony Buzzard                                     | _____ Church-Pastor Relations—Bill Lawrence                      |
| _____ Church Planting—Warren Sorenson                                     | _____ Conflict Resolution—Joe James                              |
| _____ Local Church Leadership With Emphasis on Small Churches—David Krogh | _____ Bible Study—Richard Worley                                 |
| _____ Bringing About Change in the Local Church—Joe Myers                 | _____ Christian Relationships Within the Church Family—Stan Ross |

Each day there will be one elective class period. Each elective will meet for 3 days. Select one class.

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|--|--|
| _____ Sunday School Superintendents Workshop—Lynne Krogh | _____ Husband-Wife Relationships—Warren and Irene Sorenson |
| _____ Deacons Workshop—Charles Pryor                     | _____ Diet and Discipline—Barbara Buzzard and Donna Enyart |
| _____ Elders Workshop—Stan Ross                          | _____ Bible Study Methods—David Krogh                      |

**Mail to: Christian Workers' Seminar, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061**  
**Enrollment Deadline: February 22, 1985**

**Late registrations add \$15.00**

# Oregon Bible College Progress

- Professional Education
- General Education
- Christian Service

Dr. Charles Pryor, President

## Oregon Bible College Study Committee

An ad hoc committee was appointed in response to delegate action at the 1984 General Conference to "... explore educational alternatives to our current four-year Bible College for the purpose of preparing ministers, missionaries, and workers in the Church of God. Those findings, with a recommendation, are to be presented to the 1985 General Conference.

The Oregon Bible College Board of Trustees appointed Scott Ross to chair a committee. Other members include Joe James, Dean Urish, David Krogh, and Charles Pryor. Chairman Ross has established a plan for the committee and has assigned strategic tasks to each committee member. He has worked closely with Dr. Charles Pryor and David Krogh to assure accurate data collection. Pastors and members throughout the Church of God will have opportunity to give input to the committee. You are encouraged to share your ideas and dreams for OBC with us as the committee's work proceeds.

## Oregon Bible College's Stand on Substance Abuse

At the delegate business session a motion was passed placing the General Conference on record as being opposed to substance abuse, with particular concern regarding the abuse of addictive drugs such as alcohol. No segment of society is immune to the reality of substance abuse. It can subtly become a problem in any home, Christian or not. The motion calls direct attention to a very real problem spanning all classes of American society.

Oregon Bible College has recognized the existence of the problem throughout its history and has maintained a strong policy forbidding the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of other addictive drugs while in residence at the college. The *College Catalog* states, "The use of tobacco, non-medicinal drugs, and alcoholic intoxicants is expressly forbidden." The *Student Handbook* accents the above as follows: "Activities to be avoided. Some activities in no way promote Christian character nor contribute to a positive testimony. Participation in such events jeopardizes the student's spiritual credibility among other students and calls into question his/her intentions within the Church of God and within the community. The following activities are examples of the above: gambling; attendance at movies containing violence, obscene language, sex, and nudity; use of chemicals representing potential abuse to the body which is the Temple of God. Included are tobacco, alcoholic intoxicants and nonmedicinal drugs. Use of them is viewed as unacceptable." The Oregon Bible College faculty is well aware of the substance abuse problem, and instruction in the advanced ministry classes and counseling course include training in recognition and intervention strategies to help individuals and families cope.

## Adult and Continuing Education at Oregon Bible College

During the fall semester Continuing Education classes will be introduced to the Oregon Community. Classes will be advertised throughout the area churches and enrollment will

be open to persons regardless of church affiliation. Those classes are being offered as the result of several requests from churches in the area. Classes offered will include Counseling Skills for Laymen, taught by Dr. Charles Pryor; Church Leadership Skills for Laymen, taught by Dale Ramsey; and the Prophecies Contained in Daniel and Revelation, taught by Anthony Buzzard.

## Off-Campus Class Sites, Fall 1984

Churches frequently request on-site courses from Oregon Bible College. Plans are in the final stages for offering classes at one or more of the following locations: Hammond, LA; North Hills, OH; South Bend, IN; Northern Illinois; Arkansas; Rockford, MI; Colorado Springs, CO; and Southern California.

Eugene Stilson, Academic Dean, indicates a mid-October start-up time is realistic for the extension classes. That is an exciting dimension of this fall's program. Your support through prayer and promotion will help assure success. If one of the above sites is near you, consider enrolling. Churches not listed above may wish to be included in extension course planning. If your church wishes to be included, please contact Eugene Stilson or Charles Pryor at 815-732-7991 or contact us by letter.

## Parents' Weekend Planned—October 4-7

A weekend of fellowship and educational activities especially for parents (and grandparents) of OBC students will begin with the President's Reception on Thursday evening. Throughout the weekend, time will be available to visit with the faculty and students, to attend classes, and to participate in a Chapel service. Staff members will be available to answer your questions about our courses and programs.

If you are an Oregon Bible College parent, watch your mailbox for more registration information or clip the form on page 20. The cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 per parent.

## Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board Members for 1984-85

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Joe E. James, President             | South Carolina |
| Dean Urish, Vice President          | Illinois       |
| Maurice D. Robinson, Jr., Secretary | Louisiana      |
| Charles Knapp, Treasurer            | Michigan       |
| *Robert Coverstone                  | Virginia       |
| *Dallas R. Demmitt, Ph. D.          | Arizona        |
| *Pastor Richard Eldred              | Michigan       |
| Pastor James Graham                 | Arizona        |
| *David Johnson                      | Minnesota      |
| *William D. Lawrence, M.D.          | Arizona        |
| Paul Overholser                     | Ohio           |
| *Pastor Scott Ross                  | Nebraska       |
| *Keith Williams                     | Michigan       |



The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board consists of Board of Directors/Trustees plus six appointees. The (\*) denotes Director/Trusteeship. The faculty and staff of Oregon Bible College appreciate the service and expertise given by each of its trustees.

### Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Progress Report through 8/84

Written Commitments	\$374,480.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	79,365.55	
Total Written Commitments	\$453,845.55	
Verbal Commitments	12,800.00	
Tentative Commitments	367,100.00	
Cash Received from Paid in Full	\$78,907.19	
Cash Received Toward Written Commitments	95,680.65	
Total Cash to Date	\$174,587.84	
Estimated Stock Values	750.00	
Other: Life Insurance Policy	25,000.00	

**Written Commitments:** represent persons who have made a written agreement to make contributions during the next three years and are making regular contributions toward the committed amount.

**Paid in Full:** represent persons who have either made a one-time gift or a commitment which has been fully paid.

**Verbal Commitments:** represent persons who have made verbal agreements to give to the Foundation.

**Tentative Commitments:** represent persons who have given an initial indication they will contribute to the Foundation but the Foundation Office has no written agreement or financial contributions at present.

**Estimated Stock Values:** represent the approximate value of donated stock currently held by the Foundation.

**Life Insurance Policies:** may be purchased with the Foundation as the beneficiary.

### Phase II of the Campaign

Mr. Adam Anderson has been retained by the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Board for the next ten months. During that time, Area Coordinators (Foundation Board Members) will arrange for on-site training sessions during weekends throughout the next ten months. Mr. Anderson will conduct two-hour training sessions for Local Coordinators and Pastors. Mr. Anderson will give instruction in the Foundation Story and how to solicit funds. Anderson and Area and Local Coordinators will make on-site calls on potential donors. During the following week, the Area and Local Coordinators will continue to make calls on church members. Mr. Anderson will be available to make church presentations and update churches on the Foundation's progress throughout Phase II.

### Calendar

The following dates have been assigned for the next several months:

September 15, 16	...	Joe E. James, Host/South Carolina
September 29, 30	.....	Paul Overholser, Host/Ohio
October 13, 14	.....	(Open)
October 27, 28	.....	Dick Eldred, Host/Michigan
November 17, 18	.....	David Johnson, Host/Minnesota

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# PRAYER and PRAISE

Prayer— "If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." —1 JOHN 5:14.  
Praise "Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good." —PSALM 135:3.

October, 1984

- 1 Praise God for the results he has given in the Colorado Springs Church.
- 2 Pray for the Needhams as they pastor this young church.
- 3 Pray for Dr. Charles Pryor and the important ministry of directing the ministerial training program at Oregon Bible College.
- 4 Praise God for Bill Burnham, the Business Administrator for the General Conference.
- 5 Pray for Parents' Weekend at Oregon Bible College.
- 6 Pray for God to continue to bless the efforts of raising money to provide an endowment fund to support the program at Oregon Bible College.
- 7 Praise God for the OBC students attending this semester and ask God to lead them in a close spiritual relationship.
- 8 Pray for our mission work in Mexico.
- 9 Pray that God will open another church-planting opportunity this year.
- 10 Pray for the new North Kent Bible Church in Rockford, Michigan.
- 11 Select a person who is a friend of yours who has not accepted Christ. Pray daily for the remainder of this month that this person will come to Christ.
- 12 Pray for the Study Committee that is studying ways to make Oregon Bible College more effective.
- 13 Pray for new students at Oregon Bible College.
- 14 Pray for your pastor as he leads the worship service this morning—especially that God's Spirit will flow through him.
- 15 Pray that God will give you an opportunity this week to share your faith.
- 16 Praise God for the gift of life through Jesus Christ.
- 17 Pray for the young people in your church fellowship—especially that God will provide for an active, meaningful youth program for them in your church.
- 18 Pray for those who are working with your youth program—that God will give them insight into the needs of the young people in the group.
- 19 Pray for the elders of your church, that God will use them to help lead the church in a ministry that will glorify God.
- 20 Pray for David and Lynne Krogh as they work in an evangelism clinic in Ohio.
- 21 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they work with the Kroghs in presenting the evangelism clinic in Ohio.
- 22 Pray for the members of the Ohio Churches as they participate in the evangelism training.
- 23 Pray for Russ Magaw and his ministry of publishing materials for the Church of God.
- 24 Praise God for the opportunity of having doctrinally correct material through the Publishing Department for teaching and reading in your Sunday School and homes.
- 25 Pray for the Oregon Bible College students who are looking for a job, that God will open an opportunity for suitable employment.
- 26 Read Psalm 95:6, 7 and pray the thoughts of this scripture.
- 27 Pray for Oliver Amani and his ministry in Ghana.
- 28 Read John 10:10 and praise God for one evidence you have in a personal way of the abundant life.
- 29 Pray that God will raise up candidates for mission service.
- 30 Read Psalm 106:1, 2 and praise God for what he has done for you personally.
- 31 Praise God for the opportunities of fellowship and service that he provides for you in your local church.

## Prayer and Praise Calendar November, 1984

- 1 Praise God for the opportunity you have to be a part of his family and to participate in the fellowship of your church.
- 2 Pray that God will provide opportunities for your church to grow.
- 3 Pray for the Men's Retreat in northern Indiana which is being held today.
- 4 Pray that God will bless your church with an exciting service.
- 5 Pray for Christian Emphasis Week to be conducted at Oregon Bible College November 5-9.
- 6 Pray for your pastor as he provides leadership for your church under the direction of God.
- 7 Pray for our mission work in India, especially for Pastor Noel and his ministry with the congregations in Bangalore.
- 8 Pray for our mission work in Nigeria, that God will aid in the spiritual growth of our leaders there.
- 9 Pray for members of the Board of Directors of the Conference as they meet today.
- 10 Pray for persons who are isolated from a local church, that they will feel God's presence and be kept in the faith.
- 11 Pray specifically for those who are in services today for the first time, that God will minister to them through the services of your church.
- 12 Pray for Oregon Bible College students as they prepare for Christian service.
- 13 Praise God for a personal blessing you have recently received.
- 14 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson and their ministry of working with local churches.
- 15 Pray for churches which are in need of expanding or relocating their facilities, that God will open the way to make this possible.
- 16 Pray for the instructors at Oregon Bible College, that God will lead them in presenting the most effective instruction for the preparation of the students.
- 17 Pray that God will raise up persons who will generously support the ministries of the General Conference.
- 18 Pray for Dr. Pryor and his ministry as President of Oregon Bible College.
- 19 Praise God for your family and pray for God's leadership in your home.
- 20 Pray for those in your church fellowship who have not responded to Christ in baptism, especially that God will lead them to make this decision.
- 21 Pray for the new church in Pomona, California, and for Bobby Partain as he pastors the congregation.
- 22 Praise God for the opportunity provided for a thanksgiving service as a congregation and the blessing of participating in a fellowship of thanksgiving and praise.
- 23 Pray for your Sunday School teachers, that God will use them to effectively teach his Word.
- 24 Read Psalm 111:1-3. Praise God according to the message of this scripture.
- 25 Pray that God will open up another opportunity for a church-planting project.
- 26 Pray for a friend of yours who is in need of accepting Christ as Savior.
- 27 Pray that God will give a rich experience of fellowship and worship in the services today.
- 28 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith this week.
- 29 Pray for David Krogh and his ministry as Executive Director of the General Conference.
- 30 Select a specific promise in the Bible and praise God that it is yours.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

(Continued from page 10)

### Staff Changes

It is with a great deal of sadness that we bid farewell to two faithful staff members of the General Conference. Barbara Buzzard resigned effective August 31 from her position as receptionist and typesetter. She has chosen to spend more time at home as a wife, mother, and housekeeper.

Because of budget cuts, Tim Jones, who has worked for the Conference during the last two years as the head of our Computer Department and assistant to the Business Office, completed his work on August 31. He will continue his employment in the computer field in Greenville, South Carolina. Tim has made a valuable contribution to the Conference by writing computer programs which have greatly improved the efficiency of our Business Office. We pray God's blessing on him as he makes this change in his life.

Betty Hall, who has been a part-time employee in the Mailing Department, will assume the responsibilities of receptionist and typesetter. Becky Hall will add the operation of the computer to her duties as secretary to the Executive Director and coordinator of secretarial services.

We are pleased to have Judy Myers added to the staff to handle the Mailing Department, serve as a part-time Missions Coordinator in the Outreach and Church Development Department, and assume secretarial responsibilities for the Publishing Department. Her work in the Publishing Department will permit Russell Magaw to become more involved in church planting as a part-time employee in the Outreach and Church Development Department.

I am thankful for a dedicated staff which gives sacrificially of themselves in service to the Lord and the membership of the Church of God.

### CHURCH-PLANTING PROJECTS

(Continued from page 13)

"When we went out prospecting, it was so nice to talk to and listen to so many different and interesting people."—*Carol Moss.*

"Eventually I gained some composure. After two days you think you could interview the pope."—*Charles Webster.*

"If you agree that this is the answer for your church, why not speak to your pastor about it? More information can be received by contacting Bro. Warren Sorenson, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061."

# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

### ARKANSAS

*McGintytown*—Kelly Meeks, Brad Goodrich (6-24-84), Shelly Holloway (7-8-84, Thomas M. New).

### FLORIDA

*Winter Haven*—Kerri Borchers, Vandalia, OH (7-29-84, Brian J. Atra).

### ILLINOIS

*Oregon*—Dawn Ewald, Emily Reye (7-22-84, Hollis Partlowe). Kent Magaw, Herndon, KS (8-7-84, Russell Magaw).

### INDIANA

*Plymouth*—Roxanne Croy (6-15-84, Howard Robinson).

*South Bend*—Cheryl Cabanaw, (6-10-84, John Railton).

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—Josh Estill, Andrew Parks (4-29-84), Brenda Payne, Darrell Courser, (5-20-84, Steve Taylor), Shane Riley (5-26-84, Dick Eldred).

*Grand Rapids* (Southlawn)—Don and Linda Swanson, Bev Ashley, Jessica Jannereth (6-10-84, Chuck Jones).

### MINNESOTA

*Eden Valley*—Martina Coe, Janelle Meyer (8-19-84, David Cheatwood).

*St. Cloud*—Stephen Maehren (7-1-84).

### MISSOURI

*Raymore*—David Smead (7-15-84, Cecil Smead), TeAnn Walter (7-29-84, Don Ward).

*State Youth Camp*—John Lee, Cedar Hill, Chris Poe, Springfield (7-6-84, Vivian E. Kirkpatrick, II).

### OHIO

*Bedford*—Ken Schaefer (6-3-84, Ken Howe).

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## WEDDINGS

### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Nora Fisher-Roger Haffner (8-4-84, Rex Cain).

*Oregon*—Julia Kraft-Kurt Hall (7-14-84, Hollis Partlowe).

### MINNESOTA

*Eden Valley*—Lisa Moore-Darell Hoemberg (8-10-84, David Cheatwood). Stacey Gaspar-Mike Fuchs (8-11-84, Michele Millard & Tim Baltes). Violet Sandry-Richard Simmons (8-18-84, David Cheatwood).

### OHIO

*Columbus*—Heather Koppes-Edward Zachrich (4-14-84, Carl Roth).

## DEATHS

### ARKANSAS

*Hardy*—Laura M. Harman, 91, member of Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN; funeral at Columbia City, IN; her parents, James and Glendora Musselman, were caretaker and matron of Golden Rule Home (6-25-84, David Krogh).

### ILLINOIS

*Aurora*—John Keenan, 51, 1955 OBC grad, (7-19-84, Art Fletcher).

*Eldorado*—James Lonnie Patton, 55, member (5-31-84, V. E. Kirkpatrick).

*Macomb*—Glade Standard, 69, member (8-13-84, Rex Cain).

### INDIANA

*South Bend*—Gary VanDerHeyden, 15, member, died of accidental gunshot wound, active in Bible quizzing (6-15-84, John Railton).

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—Roy H. Fitzgerald, 71 (6-12-84, Steve Taylor & Dan Shaw).

*Six Lakes*—Dolinda Barnes, 27, of cancer; church worker, niece of Carol Eldred (5-16-84, Richard Eldred & three other pastors).

### MINNESOTA

*Litchfield*—Carol Jean Winings Thompson, 29, mother of two, isolated member (7-14-84, Stan Ross).

### MISSOURI

*Doniphan*—Jerry Earl Emmons, member, 78 (4-4-84, Vivian E. Kirkpatrick, II).

## DUNCAN MEMORIAL

On March 10, 1984, the enemy death claimed a faithful and devout servant of the Lord, Pastor Z. B. Duncan.

This death has caused great loss to the Resurrection Hope Church of God, the Southeast Conference, the General Conference, and the spreading of the gospel of Christ through the radio ministry.

To preserve a memorial in honor of this man and his ministry to the "ONE TRUE GOD," it is my privilege on behalf of the Resurrection Hope Church of God, Lenoir, NC, to present to Oregon Bible College a video cassette of the morning worship service of Pastor Z. B. Duncan on January 1, 1984.

—Edward Bender, Pastor of Guthrie Grove.

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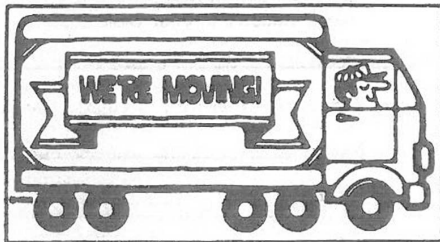
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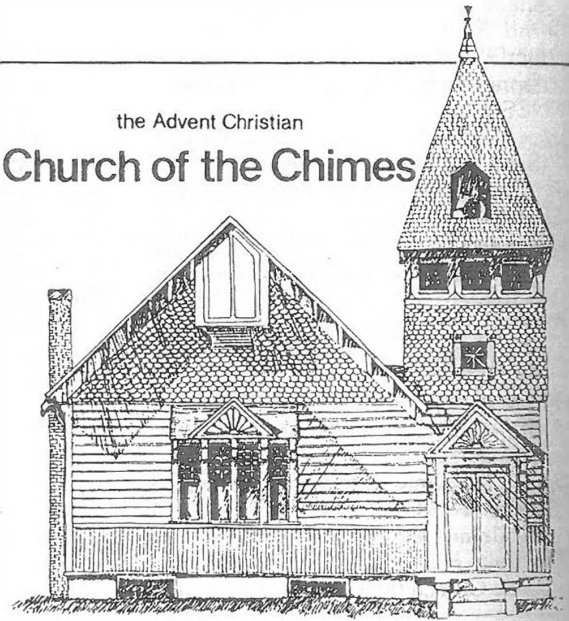
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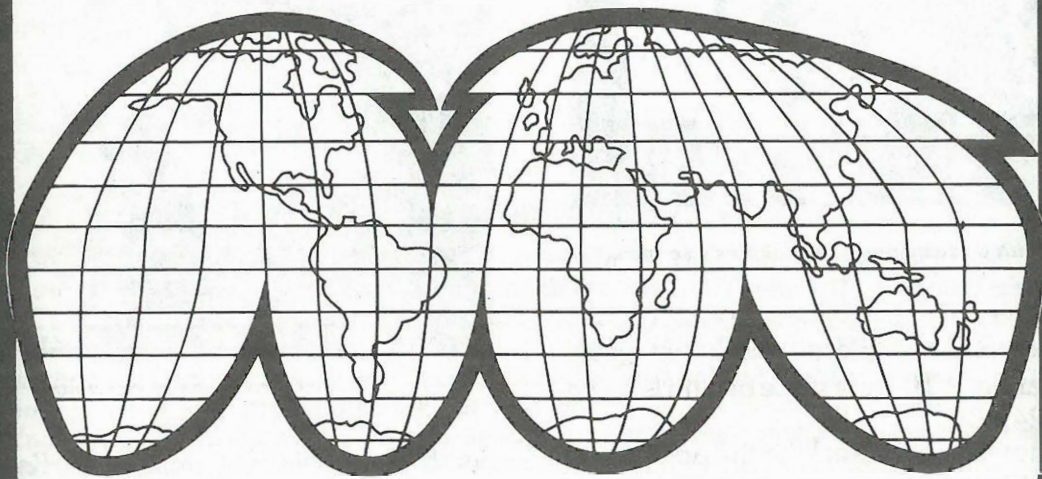


#### Weiser, Idaho

The Advent Christian Church of the Chimes, located at E. Main and Eighth streets, is the oldest church building in Weiser. There are very few surviving churches in Idaho from the 1880's, and this structure is even more rare, having a Queen Anne rather than Gothic spirit. The curiously penetrated belfry roof, the old windows with their colored glass upper panes and etched glass lower panes, and the bracketed shed hoods over the windows all contribute to a charmingly unique architectural statement. The sunburst designs on the front hood and over the entry are noteworthy, as are the corner blocks in the door and window frames.

Church of God Pastor Emory Macy and his wife, Mildred, provide leadership for this congregation. On June 9, 1984, the public toured the building as part of a special day sponsored by the Historical Society. Each Sunday after services the congregation has a carry-in dinner for the convenience of out-of-town worshippers.

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## North Kent Bible Church

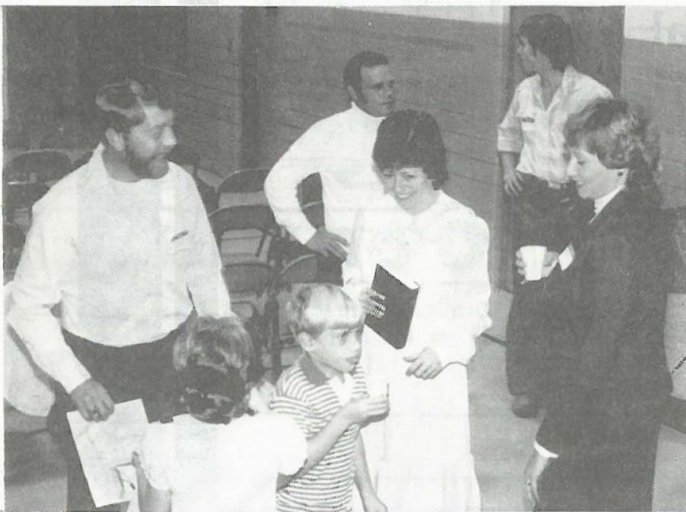
This new church planted in Rockford, Michigan, has averaged 46 for worship services in its seven weeks of existence. Two home Bible studies have been started with several families involved.



*Pastor Eldred with participants in the children's sermon.*

Recently Pastor Richard Eldred discussed goals with the congregation. A 10-acre piece of land is being purchased for \$24,000.

The congregation has been seeking the advice and counsel of Pastor Eldred on many concerns. Emphasis continues on follow-up of interested people. For the

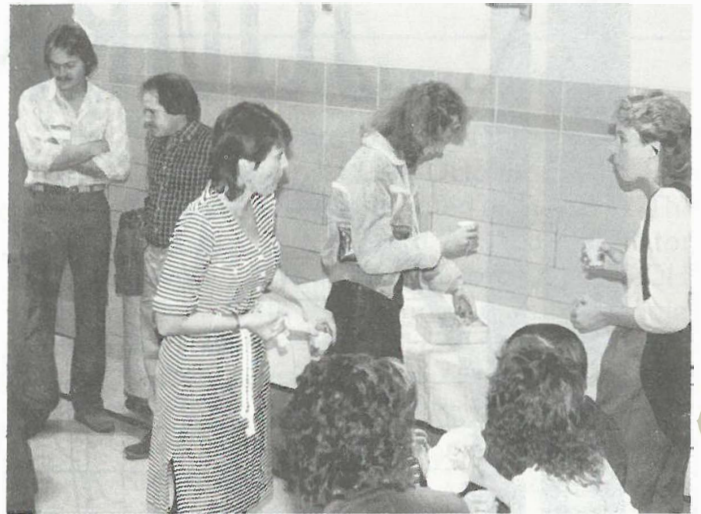


*Fellowship time after the service.*

seven weeks 145 different persons have attended services.

Recently the church family enjoyed a hayride at Dan and Linda Nelson's farm; 24 were in attendance.

A list of persons who count North Kent as their church include Mark and Candy Roesly and four children, Kim and Jim Zeitter and three children, Maureen Stange and children, Craig and Candy



*Another view of the after-service fellowship.*

Smith (two children), Mike and Karen Buss (twin boys), Dewey and Tina Jewell (two children), Jim and Brenda Alters, the Ken Kruis family (Shirley, Marci, Kwyn), Beccy Bush, the Dan Nelsons (Linda, Sheri), Nort and Kelly Johnson (one daughter), Craig and Teresa Pippel, Cindy Isenhoff, Tammy and Eric Benedict, Carol Shoemaker, the Jim Fyfe family (Marlyn,



*Joyce Knapp's nursery class.*

# New Birth



*Part of the attenders in the worship service.*

Craig, Debbie, Cherry), Cheryl Norwood (three children), and Sherrie and Shivaun Rohweller.

Dick and Carol Eldred, and son Tim, keep quite busy with their new congregation. They've had a lot of

help with special music from the three Grand Rapids churches. Joyce Knapp of the Garden Park church has conducted the nursery for the last six weeks.



*Fellowship is a keynote at North Kent.*

**NORTH KENT ACQUIRES LAND**

*The North Kent Bible Church is in the process of acquiring a choice piece of property on the corner of Courtland Road and Wolverine Boulevard (old Route 131). The land is a 10-acre site about a mile south of the main intersection of Rockford, Michigan. It is one half mile north of Belding Road. The land is being purchased for \$24,000. This is considerably less than the asking price. It seems clear that the Lord has led in the acquisition of this prime piece of property as a future building site.*

*Individuals or groups who wish to assist in the purchase of the property may send contributions to the North Kent Church or the Church of God General Conference.*

## Phillips Ranch Bible Church

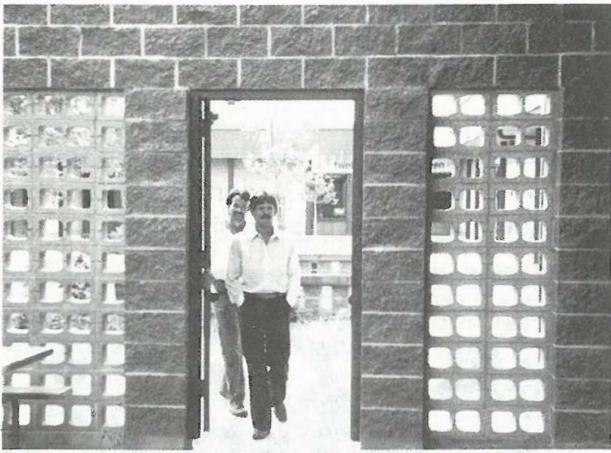
**Pomona, CA**

Through October 21, 1984, Phillips Ranch Bible Church has had 94 different persons attend services during its first six weeks of operation. Of that number, 66 individuals are from the new community of Phillips Ranch. One family has been in attendance at every service; 44 of the 66 have attended two or more of the services, and 29 have attended three or more services.

On October 21 a picnic was held at which 25 were in attendance. Five couples have signed up for Bible study classes in their homes.



*Socializing before and after services at Phillips Ranch allows the congregation to build friendships. Pictured here are Ray and Lisa Revenaugh, Ann-Marie Doverspike, Betty and Dorothy Ljungstrom, and Helen Nunnelley.*



*Ray Revenaugh and Dave Doverspike at the entrance.*



*Betty and Dorothy Ljungstrom relaxing during fellowship.*

Average attendance for worship during September was 52. The October average stands at 35; a stabilizing group of several families between the ages of 25 and 40 is consistent in attendance.



*The couple nearest the camera are Clifton and Daisy Race.*

Pastor Bobby Lee Partain, who also pastors the Church of the Open Bible of Pomona, which is the mother church, sees great potential in the Phillips Ranch area. Already he has a grasp of the needs of the fledgling congregation.

"Our most important key to success," Partain observed, "is to get together with the people on a regular



*Students in a junior class taught by Delores Acosta include Jeff and Brandi Revenaugh, Shannon and Heather Martin, and Brenda Bass.*

basis. That's why we scheduled the picnic. We also see the need to follow up constantly in the community."

Only one difficulty has surfaced, and it pertains to Pastor Partain's busy Sunday schedule of preaching at both churches. "After I leave the Phillips Ranch worship service to conduct worship at the Open Bible,



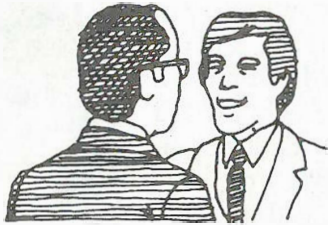
*Phillips Ranch Bible Church in worship. Some persons in the photo include Ireno, Emilto, and Ron Munoz (first row), Cleotis and Judy Matthews, the Doverspikes and Revenaughs, and Rod Hamilton (second row); the Ljungstroms, Stuart and Jennifer Hetrick (third row). Others not pictured include Trish Haerr, Rea Tawil, and Lorraine Martin.*

we need someone to coordinate Sunday School at the new church," he said.

In this report many of the families are pictured in six photos. John Bass is the photographer. Several of the attenders are thinking about baptism.



# The Message of the Abrahamic Faith Goes Forth



A CONFERENCE WAS HELD at Haney, British Columbia, October 5-7, 1984. This gathering of some 120 truth seekers was organized by Clifford Forward, formerly a missionary for Jehovah's Witnesses. His object was to provide a forum for open dialogue between ex-Jehovah's Witnesses and members of other groups. At this conference Bill Wachtel, Dave Opel, and Anthony Buzzard were invited to present the Church of God Abrahamic Faith's view of God and Jesus.

Of all the many topics discussed at this conference, the subject of God and Jesus produced the liveliest interest. Many were intrigued by the teaching, which they had not previously encountered, that Jesus was a man who began to exist at his conception. Numerous copies of the booklet *Who is Jesus?* were circulated, and every possible question was asked. During these meetings a spirit of love and tolerance prevailed and the Abrahamic Faith made considerable headway. Bill Wachtel, Dave Opel, and Anthony Buzzard have now been invited to present papers at another conference to be held in January in Tucson, Arizona. A number of Catholics are expected to attend in addition to other open-minded searchers for Biblical truth from various denominations.

In September a contact was made between Anthony Buzzard and a congregation of Christian Jews in Bellington, Washington. A large quantity of literature was sent to this group, and this resulted in their leader subscribing to *The Restitution Herald* and purchasing "Systematic Theology" which they described as "an excellent

presentation of the essentials of the Christian faith." Copies of the booklet *Who is Jesus?*, sponsored by the General Conference, were requested by these Jewish Christians, and they have expressed agreement with it. They are inviting us to make contact with a similar group of Jewish Christians in Israel.

These developments show that an opportunity for wider ministry is now open to the Abrahamic Faith. Of special significance is the world-wide discussion in theological circles about the nature of God and Jesus. The Abrahamic Faith stands ready to speak with conviction on these matters. We will do all we can to supply appropriate literature to those engaged with us in the search for the truth as it is in Jesus.

On October 16, 1984, Merle Patrick was listening with interest to the lecture on Religion in America being given at Ashland Theological Seminary to a graduate class. The speaker was author David Rausch and he had been discussing various prominent writers on Religion in this century. Merle Patrick was startled when David Rausch handed to the class a xerox copy of Anthony Buzzard's article in the October *Restitution Herald* on the nature of Jesus. Rausch then proceeded to read the article aloud to the students, pointing out that the view presented was a significant one in current theological debate, and deserves careful consideration. The trainee pastors seemed a little taken aback! David Rausch is one of several scholars who are beginning to recognize the soundness of the Abrahamic Faith.



By Anthony Buzzard

## New Students at Oregon Bible College

My name is Misty Black. I'm from Springfield, Ohio. I was struggling with my life and I didn't know where to turn. I wanted to serve God but it seemed that all I was doing was serving satan. I came to OBC starving for spiritual love that only God could give me. I feel that he is working in my life already. All I have to do is let go. He'll do all the rest.



My name is Carla Ingram. I'm from Greenbrier, Arkansas, and I'm a member of the McGintytown Church of God. I am really excited about the things I've already begun doing this year at OBC. I can feel the presence of the Lord in every aspect of my life. I think this year will prove to be a meaningful experience as I build a closer relationship with God and as I try to better understand his will for my life.



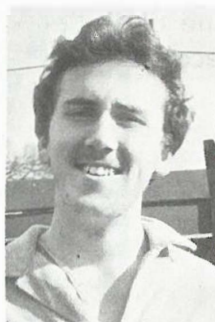
My name is Dale Bliss. I am originally from Indiana. I am excited about my service for God in Oregon and my education at OBC. My goals are to serve my Lord wherever I am, to graduate from OBC and to enter the field of Pastoral Ministry in the Church of God. I am blessed with the strong support of my wife Julie, and daughter Michelle as I accomplish those goals. The Lord has blessed my life endlessly in the past, and I know that the future at OBC will be no different. Praise the Lord!



My name is Thomas Schmitt and my home church is the Oregon Church of God. God has blessed me with many opportunities to serve and grow in him. I served with the OBC calling team this past summer, am on the Outreach and Missions committee, and also with the student newspaper. It is exciting to be a part of all these activities, but OBC is much more. At the College I am learning the basic truths that are so vitally important, and leadership skills that will help me in the ministry. As a transfer student to OBC, I only have two years here, but already they are proving to be extremely beneficial.



My name is Brad Field, I'm 18 years old and a freshman at Oregon Bible College. I feel as if I've learned so much already, though I've only been here a short time. I would refer all high school students considering later church involvement to come at least for a year's Christian education. If you like it, you can always stay longer. God bless you all, and God be with you in your future. (Eccl. 3:1-8.) Let the Lord have control of your life. He knows its best course.



I'm Donna Welty. I'm from Byron, IL, and a hometown member of the Oregon Church of God. Throughout the last two years I have felt God's guidance in my life and his directing toward OBC. I have an A.A. degree in visual arts and would like to combine my artistic talents with a career in ministry of some type. I look forward to learning and growing spiritually this year.





# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

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## A Special Message from the President

### Dr. Pryor Accepts Associate Professorship

In July, 1980, my family and I came to Oregon, Illinois, with a very definite charge and goal to stabilize the administration of Oregon Bible College, to continue to develop the direction of accreditation, and to bring about financial stability. Some of those goals have been realized, some are in process, some have been aborted.

Over those same years, circumstances brought about changes in personnel and in programs. It is for the continued realization of important goals and for the continuing positive development of Oregon Bible College and its personnel that I am requesting you to engage in a special time of prayer for Oregon Bible College.

At 10:30 a.m. on October 9, Dr. Don Locke from Northeast Louisiana University called me and read a letter addressed to me from the Dean of the College of Education. I received the letter the following Friday, the essence of which was as follows:

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Don Locke, Head of the Department of Teacher Education, and with the approval of President Dwight D. Vines, I am pleased to offer you a position as Associate Professor of Education in the Department of Teacher Education at Northeast Louisiana University. Your employment would begin Monday, January 14, 1985.

Monday, October 22, 1984, I accepted the offer from Northeast Louisiana University. I am resigning from my position at Oregon Bible College effective January 15, 1985. My family and I are making plans to sell our home here and move to Monroe, Louisiana. I have been working on the transition plans for Oregon Bible College and will continue to plan a smooth transition. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve the Lord through Oregon Bible College the past four and a half years.

On Monday, October 29, a special Board-appointed Study Committee met with Oregon Bible College and General Conference administrators to review the College, its personnel, and its programs, and to make recommendations for the future. Some very carefully designed recommendations have been forwarded to the Board of Trustees/Directors and will be considered at upcoming Board meetings. I believe God has been with me during my years here and especially felt his leading through the Study Committee deliberations on October 29. Please pray for your College and its ongoing development.

### Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Update November 1, 1984

Written Commitments	\$382,880.00		
Paid in Full Commitments	92,067.25		
Total Written Commitments		\$474,947.25	
Verbal Commitments		12,800.00	
Tentative Commitments		366,100.00	
Cash Received from Paid in Full			\$87,035.70
Cash Received Toward Written Commitments			99,850.65
Total Cash to Date			\$186,886.35
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# CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

*From the office of the Executive Director*

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A tremendous spirit of optimism and enthusiasm is evident throughout the Church of God this fall. As a result of prospect calling that was done during this summer in a number of existing churches, new families are being added to our congregations. This has encouraged many pastors and local congregations.

Exciting reports continue to come from the North Kent Church in Rockford, Michigan. New people are coming to each service, and a solid core group of new families is being established. Two home Bible studies have been started and a fellowship bond is developing between the attenders.

The Phillips Ranch Church in Pomona, California, has built upon the community spirit that exists in that housing development, and the new church is clearly recognized as the community church. Services are uplifting and encouraging and a spirit of excitement is present at each service.

Evangelism Explosion Ministries are having a substantial impact upon the Church of God this fall. Pastor Billie Kennedy has launched a semester of training with many members from the Blood River Church participating. The Happy Woods congregation in Louisiana, under the direction of Pastor David Wilsterman, is also involved in Evangelism Explosion training. In late October, an Evangelism Clinic was held at the Brush Creek Church in Ohio with representatives from five churches receiving the training. It is a thrill to see new members being added to the body of Christ through these evangelism efforts.

The Outreach and Church Development Department has been contacted by several groups which are seriously interested in planting new congregations. Russ Magaw, who is assisting Warren Sorenson in the Outreach Department, will be visiting with these groups in late November to explore future steps to be taken to bring new churches into existence.

Several existing Church of God congregations are exploring relocation options and are considering ways of expanding their ministries to more effectively meet the needs of people in their communities. Many members have caught a vision of the possibilities for reaching out to the lost.

A church-growth class is being offered at Oregon Bible College this semester. Students are developing "church-growth eyes," which enable them to see the possibilities for growth and how to apply appropriate strategies to gain maximum results for Christ and his church. Thirteen dedicated students are enrolled in the class and I believe that they have the potential to make a difference in the Church of God as they use their new-found knowledge to further the gospel.

Though enrollment is down at Oregon Bible College, the student body consists of dedicated young people who are spiritually minded. It is a joy to work with young people who are putting Christ first in their lives.

Exciting plans have been made for youth ministry in the Church of God this year under the direction of Kent Ross. A Midwinter Retreat will be held at the Minnesota Campground December 28 - January 1. *Challenge* magazine is being published again and plans are being made for the 1985 Youth Congress at Huntington College.

Through the efforts of Anthony Buzzard, Bill Wachtel, and others, the message of the Abrahamic Faith is being presented to many groups who have a genuine interest in understanding Bible truth. (See a report on page 5.) It seems apparent that the Church of God is taking advantage of a wider ministry opportunity to influence the theological thinking of many people.

I rejoice in the multitudes of Church of God people who have determined to understand God's will for their lives and who have chosen to be fully obedient to his will.



David Krogh.

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**(7) Jordan Church**, Cross Timbers 65634  
 Eva Driskill, Sec, Cross Timbers 65634  
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 Janice Chapman, Youth Leader, Bx 180, Cross Timbers 65634  
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 Kenny Cook, Assoc Pastor, 2766 E Shore Dr, Culver 46511  
 Mrs Cyndy Cook, Sec, 2766 E Shore Dr, Culver 46511  
 Mrs Wayne Butler, Supt, 513 W Jefferson St, Culver 46511  
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Mark/Debbie Ryan, Youth Leaders, 6639 Bryant Av N, Brooklyn Center 55430  
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 John Savage, Pastor, 230 11th Av, Waite Park 56387  
 Mrs J A Maehren, Sec. 401 20th Av, St Cloud 56301  
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#### Missouri Churches

- (5) **Doniphan Church (Fairview)**, Rt 2, Doniphan 63935  
 Melvin Rodgers, Sec, Bx 248, Doniphan 63935  
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 (3) **Farmington (Church of the Open Bible)**, Rt 1, Bx 380, Farmington 63640  
 Donna Cooper, Sec-Youth Leader, PO Bx 123, Farmington 63640  
 Heidi Cooper, Supt, PO Bx 123, Farmington 63640  
 (4) **Fredericktown Church**, 401 S Maple Av, Fredericktown 63645  
 James Hill, Pastor, 403 S Maple Av, Fredericktown 63645  
 Mrs Marvin H Cooper, Sec, Rt 3, Bx 121, Fredericktown 63645  
 Mrs Elise Cooper, Supt, 105 Fissell, Potosi 63664  
 Bruce Cooper, Youth Leader, 204 Williams, Fredericktown 63645  
 Mrs Harold Thomas, CGC\*, 221 Williams, Fredericktown 63645  
 (7) **Jordan Church**, Cross Timbers 65634  
 Eva Driskill, Sec, Cross Timbers 65634  
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 Janice Chapman, Youth Leader, Bx 180, Cross Timbers 65634  
 (6) **Lockwood Church**, Rt 2, Lockwood 65682  
 Ruby Fyfe, Sec, Rt 2, Bx 73, Lockwood 65682  
 Albert Fyfe, Supt, Rt 2, Bx 73, Lockwood 65682  
 (2) **Morse Mill Church**, Morse Mill 63016  
 Wade Tierney, Pastor-Supt, 1403A Boyd St, DeSoto 63020  
 Richard Lee, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 150C, Dittmer 63023  
 Mrs Piccola Crader, Sec, 7 El Sahara Dr, Cedar Hill 63016  
 (8) **Raymore Church**, 414 Franklin, Raymore 64083  
 Don Ward, Pastor, 202 Aspen, PO Bx 413, Raymore 64083  
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 (1) **St Louis Church**, 2301 Wallis, St Louis 63114  
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 George Kugler, Supt, 2731 Rose Dr, Arnold 63010

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- (1) **Omaha Church (Jaynes St Community)**, 7534 Jaynes St, Omaha 68134  
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 Gayle Beddow, Sec, 167 Glen Av, Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
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- (1) **Bedford (Church of the Open Bible)**, 689 Adams St, Bedford, OH 44146  
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 (2) **Cleveland Church (Golden Rule)**, 13905 Diana Av, Cleveland, OH 44110  
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 Martha Hobbs, Supt, 13813 Diana Av, Cleveland 44110  
 Edith Speer, Miss Chair, 3149 Goldengate Av, Rocky River 44116  
 (1) **Columbia Church**, 11388 Root Rd, Columbia Station, OH 44028  
 Michael Brown, Pastor, 11388 Root Rd, Columbia Station 44028  
 David Swartz, Sec-Supt-Youth Leader, 5823 Lear Nagle Rd, N Ridgeville 44039  
 (12) **Dayton Church (Glad Tidings Chapel)**, 4105 Annapolis Av, Dayton, OH 45416  
 Bruce Burnside, Pastor, 1405 Fleet Rd, Troy 45373  
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 Roger Schuld, Supt, 5350 Cobb Dr, Dayton 45431  
 Bruce/Reta Burnside, Youth Leaders, 1405 Fleet Rd, Troy 45373  
 (4) **Fonthill Church (Glad Tidings)**, 1 Pancake Ln, Bx 293, Fonthill, Ont, Canada LOS 1E0  
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- (6) **Grace Church**, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson, OH 44047  
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 Bill Cramer, Miss Chair, 1960 Griggs Rd, Jefferson 44047  
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 (7) **Hilliard Bible Church (Truth Chapel)**, 1007 Midland Av, Columbus, OH 43223  
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 Joe Writese, Supt, 5098 Drivemere Rd, Hilliard 43026  
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 (9) **Lawrenceville Church**, 4444 St Paris Pike, Springfield, OH 45504  
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 Bill Stine, Supt, 2901 Fair Rd, Sidney 45363  
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 (13) **Tipp City Church (Brush Creek)**, 6370 S Kessler-Frederick Rd, Tipp City, OH 45371  
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 Mrs Dean Pearson, Sec, 6625 S Troy-Frederick Rd, Tipp City 45371  
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 Mary Jo Brewer, Youth Leader, 1121 S Main St, West Milton 45383  
 James Lambert, Miss Chair, 65 Williams Dr S, West Milton 45383  
 (10) **Troy Church (Troy View)**, 1879 Staunton Rd E, Troy, OH 45373  
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 Mrs Dwaine Demmitt, Sec, 855 S State Rt 202, Troy 45373  
 Joan Poling, Supt, 203 Dugan, St Paris 43072  
 Doug/Mary Supinger, Youth Leaders, 1765 E State Rt 41, Troy 45373

Mrs Billie Gallagher, Miss Chair, 612 Michigan Av, Troy 45373

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BYF Dir: Lanny McAllister, Rt 1, Bx 473A, Williamston, SC 29697

#### Southeast Conference Churches

- (2) **Bethel Church**, Rt 1, Pelzer, SC 29669  
E Richard Smith, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 124, Pelzer 29669  
Bonnie Parker, Sec-Supt, Rt 1, Bx 66, Pelzer 29669
- (3) **Greenville Church**, 217 White Oak Rd, Greenville, SC 29609  
Kenneth Milne, Pastor, Rt 1, Pelzer, SC 29669  
Bertha Perkins, Sec, 1817 Kanuga Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739  
Phillip Thompson, Supt-Youth Leader, Crossroads Apt, Apt 210B, Greenville, SC 29609
- (5) **Hendersonville (Anderson Chapel)**, Jack St, Hendersonville, NC 28739  
Daniel W Fyfe, Pastor, 111 Rugby Forest Ln, Hendersonville 28739  
Linda Honeycutt, Sec, Rt 2, Bx 366, Hendersonville 28739  
John Fyfe, Supt, 111 Rugby Forest Ln, Hendersonville 28739
- (4) **Lenoir (Church of Resurrection Hope)**, 232 Walt Arney Rd, Lenoir, NC 28645  
James Ritch, Pastor, 311 Walt Arney Rd, Lenoir 28645  
Paul D Duncan, Sec, 1044 Cottrell Hill Rd, Lenoir 28645  
Paul Holden, Supt-Miss Chair, 1244 Delwood Dr SW, Lenoir 28645  
Mr/Mrs Ned Hedrick, Youth Leaders, 110 S Englewood, Lenoir 28645
- (1) **Pelzer (Guthrie Grove)**, Hwy 29, Rt 1, Pelzer 29669  
Ed Bender, Pastor, Rt 1, Bx 829, Pelzer 29669  
Nancy Holt, Sec, Rt 4, Bx 209, Piedmont 29673  
Danny Durham, Supt, Rt 1, Bx 712, Pelzer 29669  
Bobby Partain Sr, Miss Chair, Rt 1, Bx 825, Pelzer 29669  
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Joe James, CGC\*, Rt 1, Buck Dr, Piedmont 29673

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Treas: Mauriene Landry, 8658 Lehigh Av, Sun Valley, CA 91352  
SS Dir: Cindy Housman, 2178 Placentia, Unit C, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

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- (3) **Pomona (Church of the Open Bible)**, 440 W LaVerne Av, Pomona 91767  
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Angie Partain, Sec, 442 W LaVerne Av, Pomona 91767  
Jara See, Supt, 18535 Bellorita St, Rowland Heights 91748
- Pomona (Phillips Ranch Bible Church)**, Decker Elementary School, Village Loop Rd/Old Pomona Rd, Pomona

Bobby Lee Partain, Pastor, 442 W LaVerne Av, Pomona 91767

- (5) **San Jose Church**, Meets at 480 Hamilton, Rm 17, (Not mailing Address) Campbell  
Delbert Jones, Pastor, 1295 W Orange Grove, Pomona 91768  
Mrs Lester Strickland, Sec, 1506 Foxworthy Av, San Jose 95118  
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James Graham, Pastor, 12650 N 42nd Av, Phoenix 85029  
Donna Pearson, Sec, 18227 N 34th Dr, Phoenix 85023  
Ed Bond, Christian Ed Dir, 2922 W Aire Libre, Phoenix 85023  
Alan Demmitt, Youth Pastor, 17228 N 16th Dr, #6, Phoenix 85023  
Steve Grant, Miss Chair, 1945 E Larkspur, Phoenix 85022  
Bill Lawrence, CGC\*, 32 E Marshall, Phoenix 85012
- (2) **Tempe Church (Lakeshore Bible)**, 6415 S Lakeshore Dr, Tempe 85283  
Joe Myers, Pastor, 1130 E Laguna Dr, Tempe 85282  
Shirley McQuinn, Supt, 1915 E Balboa, Tempe 85282  
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Treas: Miss Dorothy McCorkle, 301 W Main, Gatesville 76528

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Richard Worley, Pastor, 107 Hillcrest, Gatesville 76528  
Suzanne Worley, Sec, 107 Hillcrest, Gatesville 76528  
Wilda Hammer, Supt, 208 Leon, Gatesville 76528  
Kathy Smith, Youth Leader, S Osage Rd, Gatesville 76528
- (2) **Harlingen Church (Avondale)**, 2001 Barcelona St, Harlingen 78550  
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- (4) **Browntown Church (Cool Spring)**, Browntown 22610  
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Jack Cooper, Supt, 722 River Dr, Front Royal 22630  
Flo Coverstone, Youth Leader, Ft Valley Rd, Bx 307, Strasburg 22657  
Robert Coverstone, Miss Chair, Ft Valley Rt, Bx 307, Strasburg 22657
- (5) **Eternal Hope Church**, 3309 W Ox Rd, Herndon 22070  
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- (2) **Fort Valley Church**, Seven Fountains 22653  
Linford Moore, Pastor, 106 W Queen St, Strasburg 22657  
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- (3) **Front Royal Village Church**, 1310 Monroe Av, Front Royal 22630  
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- (1) **Maurertown Church**, Maurertown 22644  
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Kathleen Eppard, Supt, Rt 2, Miller Dr, Strasburg 22657

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- (1) **Cashmere Church**, Pioneer Av at Evergreen Dr, Cashmere 98815  
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- (2) **Wenatchee Church**, Western and Locust Sts, Wenatchee 98801  
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# DEPARTMENT OF OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Warren Sorenson, Director

## Missions Awareness

Missions education is a must for local churches. It is important that we learn to use our resources most effectively in the field of missions. Another important factor is that we be able to properly prioritize our missions projects. In order that we as a church do the most important things in the most effective way we need to be informed about missions.

Some opportunities for missions awareness are as follows:

*Urbana '84* convenes December 26-31 at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana, Illinois. For more information write, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 233 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703.

A.C.M.C. (Association of Church Missions Committees) has a series of conferences on missions. A partial list of these follows; for a complete listing write to the Outreach Department of the General Conference.



Church-planting pastor Bobby Lee Partain talking to participants in the Phillips Ranch Bible Church, Pomona, California. Over 100 prospects were found for the Phillips Ranch leaders when a prospect-finding team from the Outreach Department and Oregon Bible College worked the area this summer.

1. Colorado Regional Conference  
January 26, 1985  
Denver, CO
2. Conference on Missions Preparation  
February 15-17, 1985  
Livonia, MI
3. A.C.M.C. North American Conference  
July 17-20, 1985  
Wheaton College

Wheaton, IL (This is the conference that several of our people have attended.)

## Film Series

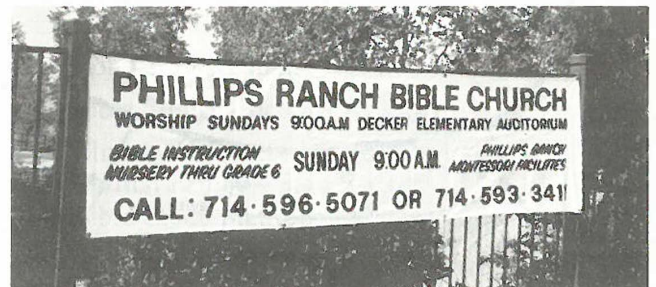
A film series on missions is available from the General Conference for showing in local churches. The series is entitled TO EVERY PEOPLE. It consists of four films:

1. Good News for the Tribal World  
10 minutes
2. Good News for the Hindu World  
14 minutes
3. Good News for the Muslim World  
13 minutes
4. Good News for the Chinese World  
13 minutes

These films are available for a showing in your church. We ask only for postage to be paid both ways and a free-will offering.

## Church-Planting Slide/Sound Set

*Growing Churches on a Shoestring*, is a challenging informative presentation on church planting. It allows us to see how new churches can be started without a large financial cost. It also calls us to service beyond maintaining what we already have.



## Prospect Finding

Several churches are gearing up for prospect finding. Some have inquired as to how to go about doing this. Information is available from the Outreach Department of the General Conference.

Follow-up is an essential part of the program. Without the follow-up many prospects will not become involved in the local church. Information on this part of the program is also available from the Outreach Department.

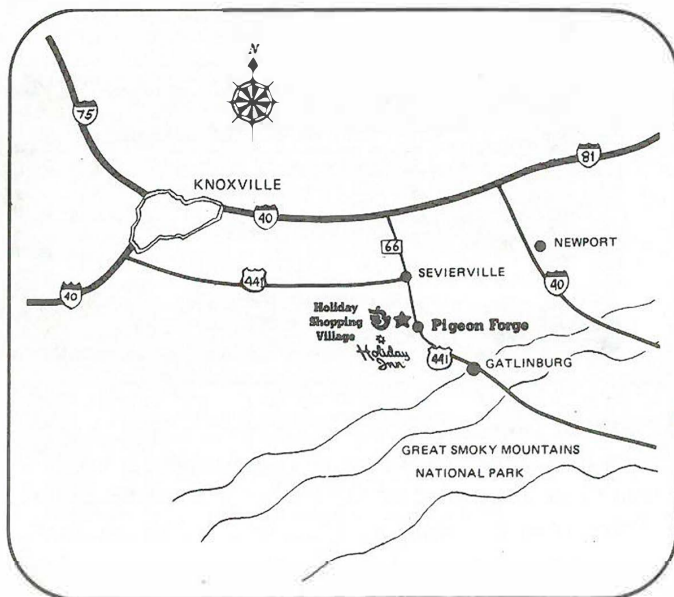
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*Pigeon Forge, Tennessee*

March 24-29, 1985

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	8:30 - Class	11:15 - Break	2:30 - Free Time
	9:15 - Break	11:30 - Lunch	6:00 - Dinner
	9:30 - Class	12:45 - Class	7:00 - Evening Session
	10:15 - Break	1:30 - Break	8:30 - Free Time



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| _____ Difficult Texts—Anthony Buzzard                                     | _____ Church-Pastor Relations—Bill Lawrence                      |
| _____ Church Planting—Warren Sorenson                                     | _____ Conflict Resolution—Joe James                              |
| _____ Local Church Leadership With Emphasis on Small Churches—David Krogh | _____ Bible Study—Richard Worley                                 |
| _____ Bringing About Change in the Local Church—Joe Myers                 | _____ Christian Relationships Within the Church Family—Stan Ross |
|   | _____ Bible Study Methods—Eugene Stilson                         |

Each day there will be one elective class period. Each elective will meet for 3 days. Select one class.

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| _____ Sunday School Superintendents Workshop—Lynne Krogh | _____ Husband-Wife Relationships—Warren and Irene Sorenson |
| _____ Deacons Workshop—Charles Pryor                     | _____ Diet and Discipline—Barbara Buzzard and Donna Enyart |
| _____ Elders Workshop—Stan Ross                          | _____ Bible Study—Eugene Stilson                           |

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# Interviews With State

## Arkansas



Ever since the last meeting of the Arkansas State Conference, the member churches have come to a turning point.

That's the hope for the Arkansas churches in the viewpoint of Conference President Joe White. What's made the difference for White to draw that conclusion?

"We had Warren Sorenson to present the whole program, and he excited us about the possibilities of our becoming a church-planting conference," explained White.

In the past the conference has prided itself in maintaining a good youth department with its own campgrounds. But changes were made recently to allow the thought of church planting.

"For years our adults spent much time and money getting the campgrounds ready for youth camp. Now we rent a camp for our youth work, which allows us to place our energies into church planting. We'll still maintain a good youth program, but our physical and financial efforts can be placed in new churches," White added.

An area that White looks to for a possible church-planting site is Conway, AR. Some preliminary calling was done in the city last summer when the church-planting team from the Outreach Department spent a week in nearby McGintytown.

When asked if there were other areas possible for planting, White indicated that nothing had been discussed yet. The capital city of Little Rock with 350,000 population could support another church, but the New Hope congregation is not quite ready to mother a daughter congregation.

White sees the Rally Day concept practiced by the Arkansas churches as a strong point of the conference. "The five churches meet together three times a year on Rally Day for fellowship on Sunday afternoon. The host church provides the evening meal," he explained. "Because of these one-day meetings our camaraderie is probably stronger than in other State Conferences," White stated.

Five churches comprise the Arkansas Conference. About 80 attended the last meeting at New Hope in Little Rock the week before last summer's General Conference. The conference serves some 300 to 350 Church of God members.

## Central High Plains

One of the newest churches in the General Conference exists in the area of the Central High Plains Conference. The church, Pleasant View Bible Church of Colorado Springs, helps boost the overall membership of the conference to over 100 members. Two other churches in the conference are Holbrook, NE, and Arkansas City, KS.



Wayne Ewald

When Conference President Wayne Ewald was asked the strong point of the conference, he had to look at its annual meeting.

"Our annual meeting during a week in August helps the isolated members to gather together for fellowship and Bible study. Because we have so many individuals living throughout the plains, it's important to keep this meeting going," he said.

A couple attended the last conference session from the Colorado Springs congregation, which helped keep a tie with the new church. The Holbrook congregation always hosts the conference, and the local church shows interest in the year-old Colorado group constantly praying for its growth.

Ewald was asked if there were any planting possibilities in other areas of the plains. "I've thought some about that," he replied, "but no official action or discussion has taken place. The city of North Platte, NE, is a growing town and some isolated members live there. We also have three or four families living in Cozad, NE. So there are possibilities."

## Minnesota



Stan Ross

Ask Stan Ross about the future of the Church of God and he'll give you a positive reply. Since June, 1984, he has been serving as Minnesota State Conference President. Already he is upbeat about the prospects for future churches in the state.

"Funds are set up and a survey committee has been established to investigate possible sites for new churches," Ross noted.

"Meetings of the committee have taken place, and thought has been given to one or two areas. Things are just in the talking stage, but we expect something to happen from this survey committee," Ross added.

Traditionally the Minnesota churches have supported their own campgrounds on Long Lake, and Ross sees this work continuing.



# Conference Presidents

"Recently we remodeled our kitchen on the campgrounds. All the buildings are insulated and heated, so we are prepared for the Midwinter Retreat which is coming over the holidays," Ross observed.

At least two state conference meetings and several state youth retreats are held annually on the campgrounds. Some of the churches also hold local weekend retreats there during the year as well. Annually a State Sunday School picnic is held on the grounds.

When asked what were the strengths of the conference, Ross replied: "We have a core of dedicated people who want to see the conference progress. I expect we will see many steps toward progress in the next few years."

Five churches and about 450 members make up the Minnesota Conference.

## Iowa

"Our Conference is getting interested in church planting because of the feasibility study accomplished in the Davenport area," declared Iowa State Conference President Stan Lawrence, pastor of the Waterloo congregation.



The feasibility study was done by Lee Arp and John Shirk while they were students in the church-planting class two years ago at Oregon Bible College. "Our missionary committee with Pastor Francis Burnett as chairman is working on this area," Lawrence added.

When asked about the strengths of the conference work, President Lawrence had a ready answer. "A strong Bible foundation is our major focus. At our annual conference we bring in a guest speaker who helps undergird our Scriptural strength."

The conference also holds quarterly meetings in the six churches around the state. In addition, the state board meets once every two months to plan the work. Recently, meetings of the state ministers have added emphasis to the Iowa strengths.

Lawrence also noted a renewed interest in evangelism. "Personal evangelism is starting to show itself," he said. "This can be seen in the Belle Plaine church where, under the leadership of the Rankin families, young people are attending from the area."

Vacation Bible School is also conducted through a combined effort of the Koszta-Belle Plaine churches. Additionally, VBS is offered at the annual conference in Waterloo.

The state has six churches and around 200 members.

# PRAYER and PRAISE



December, 1984

- 1 Praise God for the three new churches—Colorado Springs, North Kent, and Phillips Ranch.
- 2 Pray for your pastor today as he leads the worship service.
- 3 Pray for replacement vehicles for the General Conference.
- 4 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson as they work with the Phillips Ranch church group.
- 5 Pray for Pastor Noel and his ministry in Bangalore, India.
- 6 Praise God for the calling programs conducted in several churches during the past year.
- 7 Pray for those who have been reached for Christ through the calling programs.
- 8 Pray for Bobby and Angie Partain as they work with the Phillips Ranch church.
- 9 Praise God for your church family.
- 10 Pray for an associate pastor for Phillips Ranch in Pomona.
- 11 Praise God for the new organization of the Church of God conference in the Philippines.
- 12 Pray for Bro. Eleodoro Javar as he serves as chairman of the Philippine conference.
- 13 Pray for Dick and Carol Eldred as they lead the new North Kent Church.
- 14 Praise God for the Colorado Springs church. Pray for the Needhams as they work with the congregation there.
- 15 Pray for the churches looking for pastors.
- 16 Pray for your Sunday School teacher and your pastor as they minister to you today.
- 17 Pray for the Bible Study group at Ashtabula, Ohio.
- 18 Pray for Oliver Amani and his ministry in Ghana.
- 19 Praise God for the youth in your local church. Pray that they might be good witnesses among their peer group.
- 20 Pray for the OBC students as they take exams today and tomorrow.
- 21 Praise God for Oregon Bible College.
- 22 Pray for the OBC students as they return to their homes for the holidays.
- 23 Praise God for this season when we remember his saving gift to the world.
- 24 Pray for an opportunity to share Christ.
- 25 Praise God for the gift of his Son Jesus.
- 26 Pray for those attending Urbana '84.
- 27 Pray that God will raise up candidates for missions service.
- 28 Pray for our young people as they attend the Mid-Winter Retreat at the Minnesota State Campgrounds.
- 29 Pray that God will raise up many young people for his work.
- 30 Pray for the ministry of your local church in your community.
- 31 Praise God for what he has done in your life during 1984.

# PRAYER and PRAISE

Prayer— "If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." —1 JOHN 5:14. Praise— "Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good." —PSALM 135:3.

January, 1985

- 1 Praise God for the opportunities you have to serve him. Pray for his spirit to work in your life in a mighty way this year.
- 2 Pray for Pastor Badillo and his wife Lupe in their ministry in Labor Vieja, Mexico.
- 3 Pray for David Krogh and his ministry as Executive Director of the General Conference.
- 4 Pray for the success of the prospect calling in Baton Rouge, Hammond, and Blood River, Louisiana.
- 5 Pray for the North Kent Church and the Eldreds as they minister there.
- 6 Praise God for the opportunities of service and fellowship in your local church.
- 7 Pray for churches seeking pastors.
- 8 Praise God for the work in Nigeria. Pray for spiritual growth for the leaders there.
- 9 Pray for Dr. Pryor and his ministry as President of Oregon Bible College.
- 10 Praise God for your family and pray for his leadership in your home.
- 11 Pray for Russell Magaw and his ministry of publishing materials for the Church of God.
- 12 Praise God for the church-planting opportunities in Colorado Springs, North Kent, and Phillips Ranch.
- 13 Pray for a spirit of unity and love in your church congregation.
- 14 Pray for the OBC faculty and students as they resume classes today.
- 15 Praise God for daily strength found in his Word.
- 16 Pray that God will open up another opportunity for a church-planting project.
- 17 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith.
- 18 Pray for Anthony Buzzard as he speaks at a conference in Tucson, Arizona.
- 19 Pray that God will raise up persons who will generously support the ministries of the General Conference.
- 20 Pray that God might speak to you through your pastor this morning.
- 21 Pray for Warren Sorenson as he directs the Outreach and Church Development of the Church of God General Conference.
- 22 Praise God for the OBC students and ask God to lead them into a closer spiritual relationship.
- 23 Pray for the youth program in your local church.
- 24 Praise God for the gift of life through Jesus Christ.
- 25 Pray for those in your congregation who have not yet committed their lives to Christ.
- 26 Praise God for those persons who write lessons for our Sunday School quarterlies.
- 27 Pray for your pastor as he leads the worship service this morning.
- 28 Pray for Bill Burnham and his ministry as Business Administrator for the General Conference.
- 29 Praise God for those who are actively sharing their faith.
- 30 Pray that God will use you to reach someone who is lost in sin.
- 31 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and earth.



## Progress at Fox Valley Church of God



Ron Macy

When Pastor Ron Macy began his ministry with this fledgling congregation on August 5, 1984, the core group of six families welcomed his leadership in their community. Services have continued in the downtown location, but during the last three months Macy has been spearheading the effort to find a ministry area in or near Aurora.

Part of the effort involves prospect-finding calling in a survey format. Macy has visited homes in "four distinct areas of Aurora—the east, south, southcentral, and northwest. I've sampled several neighborhoods in the northwest," the area where Macy lives, he says.

Since August 5 Macy has made over 800 calls and has discovered "between 40 and 50 prospects, 23 of those coming from the northwest neighborhoods." He's held five Bible studies in homes and has begun making follow-up calls to his survey work.

When asked about how he conducts follow-up calls, Macy indicated he's still experimenting to find the correct things to say. "I try to tell the prospect five things about our church," he replied. "But if that list becomes too burdensome, I narrow it down to two items. I stress the kingdom of God, using Daniel 2:44, and the name of Jesus, using John 20:31 as a basis. I write these verses down on a card, along with some introductory statements, and leave it with the candidate. I ask him to study these passages and indicate I'll return to follow-up some more."

Weekly attendance at the downtown meeting place averages around 35. Up to 15 or 20 persons come with Elder Doug Whisenant, who brings them from his area. Several of this group are Hispanic children.

Macy has continued a correspondence Greek course from Moody Bible Institute and began a self-taught course in Spanish using tapes from the local library.

Macy feels that a ministry area in the northeast has been identified. Currently he's looking at a vacant church property in the area, and also following up the possibility of purchasing a five-acre corner lot on Randall Road, a highly visible thoroughfare. The congregation will be weighing location possibilities in the near future. Your prayers are solicited.

# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

### ARKANSAS

*McGintytown*—Jack, Mary, and Jackie May (8-26-84, by transfer, Thomas M. New).

### COLORADO

*Colorado Springs*—Larry Huang, Jim Dimmick (9-23-84, Don Needham).

### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Lori Brown (9-16-84, Rex Cain).

*Oregon*—Amanda McAlonan (9-30-84, Hollis Partlowe).

### IOWA

*Belle Plaine*—Carla Noyes (7-31-84, Delbert Rankin).

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—Debra Courser (5-26-84), Leigh Farrell, Erin Riley (7-22-84), Julie Ann Shaw (8-22-84), Denise Bellinger (9-30-84, all by Steve Taylor).

*Grand Rapids*—Pennellwood: Kathleen Williams (7-22-84), Ronda and Randy Small (8-5-84, all by Scott Millard).

### OHIO

*Bedford*—Al Szekely (8-17-84), Dan and Sandy Koston (8-19-84, all by Ken Howe).

*Columbia Station*—Brenda Swartz (7-8-84), Carolyn Swartz (9-16-84), Michael Cocita (10-28-84, all by Michael Brown).

*Springfield*—North Hills: Carolyn Shirk (6-10-84), Keith and Mindy Jenkins (7-1-84), Craig and Rhonda Shroades (8-5-84), James Hutson (9-16-84, all by Lee Arp), Deborah Webster (10-7-84, transfer), Sharon Pritchard (10-21-84, transfer).

### TEXAS

*Gatesville*—Vickie Zirkelbach, Jason Faubion (7-22-84, Richard Worley).

## WEDDINGS

### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Teresa Hays-Philip Stine (9-22-84, Rex Cain).

### MICHIGAN

*Grand Rapids*—Pennellwood: Margo Muyskens-Gary Ratering (8-25-84, Scott Millard).

### OHIO

*Columbia Station*—Cindy Bradford-Terry Edmiston (9-29-84, Michael Brown).

## DEATHS

### ARKANSAS

*McGintytown*—Edd Cardin, 72, member (9-23-84, Thomas M. New).

*Morrilton*—Bessie Mae Williams Wood, 69, member at Cleveland, AR church (10-5-84, Thomas M. New).

### ILLINOIS

*Oregon*—Robert McAlonan of Las Cruces, NM. He turned to Christ a couple days before his death (9-5-84, Hollis Partlowe).

Leona Conrad, 87, member, baptized into Christ at age 13 in Waterloo, IA. Burial in Columbia City, IN (9-13-84, Hollis Partlowe).

Eugene Myers, World War II Veteran, VFW member (9-29-84, Hollis Partlowe).

### KANSAS

*Arkansas City*—Laurence A. Chaplin, 89, known as King of Swats, retired schoolteacher, elected the first master teacher in the city, member of Hope Chapel (9-15-84, Emory Day).

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—Roy Fitzgerald (6-12-84, Steve Taylor and Dan Shaw).

### OHIO

*Wauseon*—Ralph W. Lutton, member at Columbia Church of God (10-1-84, Michael Brown).

## ORDINATION

At 4:00 p.m. on August the 26th of 1984 Vivian Kirkpatrick II was ordained into the ministry at the Hector Church of God. His father, Vivian Kirkpatrick Sr., assisted Pastor David W. Cheatwood of the License and Ordination Board of the General Conference in the service. It is the policy of the General Conference to have at least one License and Ordination member present when one is ordained in the local church. May God bless Vivian as he continues his ministry for the glory of God and the church of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor David W. Cheatwood.

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## GATESVILLE CHURCH SEEKS PASTOR

The Church of God congregation at Gatesville, TX, is eager to employ a pastor as soon as feasibly possible. For more information contact Richard Worley, 107 Hillcrest Dr., Gatesville, TX 76528; phone 817-865-7690.

## GARDEN PARK ANNIVERSARY

The members of the Garden Park Church of God observed a day of praise and celebration on November 18. This day marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of the church and the retirement of their building indebtedness. An Open House was held at the church in the afternoon for members and friends.



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**Financial Update**

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During the past 12 months, contributions increased \$6,507 over giving for the previous fiscal year. We are thankful for this increase.

We continue to seek commitments from Church of God individuals or families toward the Development Council and the Founders' Circle. The box below shows our goal and the results for 1983 and 1984.

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**EVANGELISM CLINIC**

An Evangelism Clinic was held at the Brush Creek Church of God October 19-24. Five churches were represented at the clinic. The enrollees were Richard Alcumbrack, Baton Rouge, LA; Eunice Pearson, Dayton, OH; Dianna Gallagher, Linda Lucas, and Violet Rademachir, Troy, OH; Helen Brewer and Michael Hoffman, Brush Creek Church, Tipp City, OH; and Austin Railton, Bedford, OH. The clinic was taught by David and Lynne Krogh, and Darrell Cardwell and Pastor Lee Arp assisted as trainers.

I am thankful for the trainees who devoted themselves to the training, and we are thankful to the Brush Creek Church for hosting the clinic.



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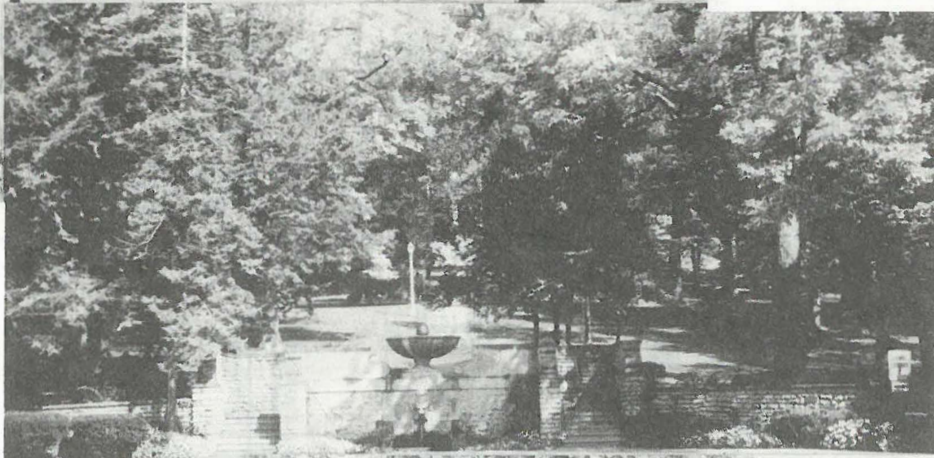
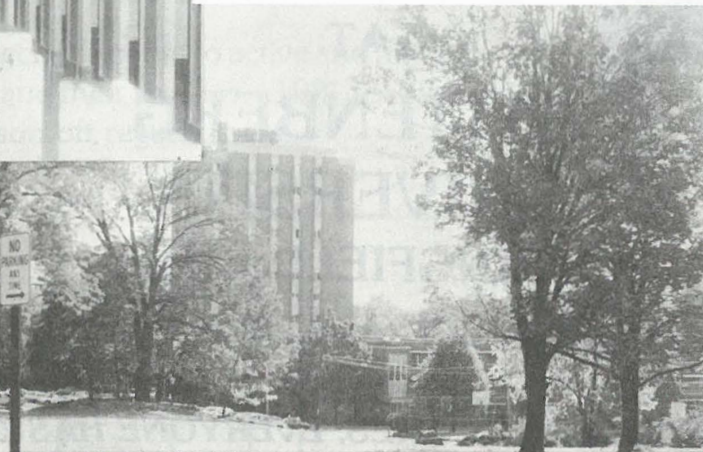
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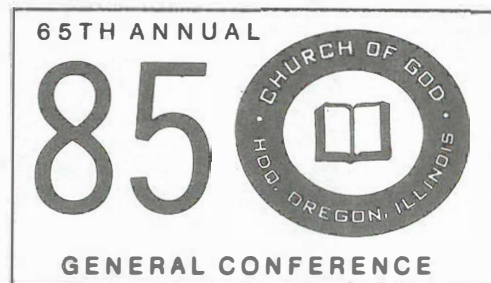
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2. To observe the hand of God working in the world, in the church, and in the lives of individual people
3. To see human responsibility in the plan of God
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**Key text: Matthew 25:14-30**



## SPECIAL FEATURES:

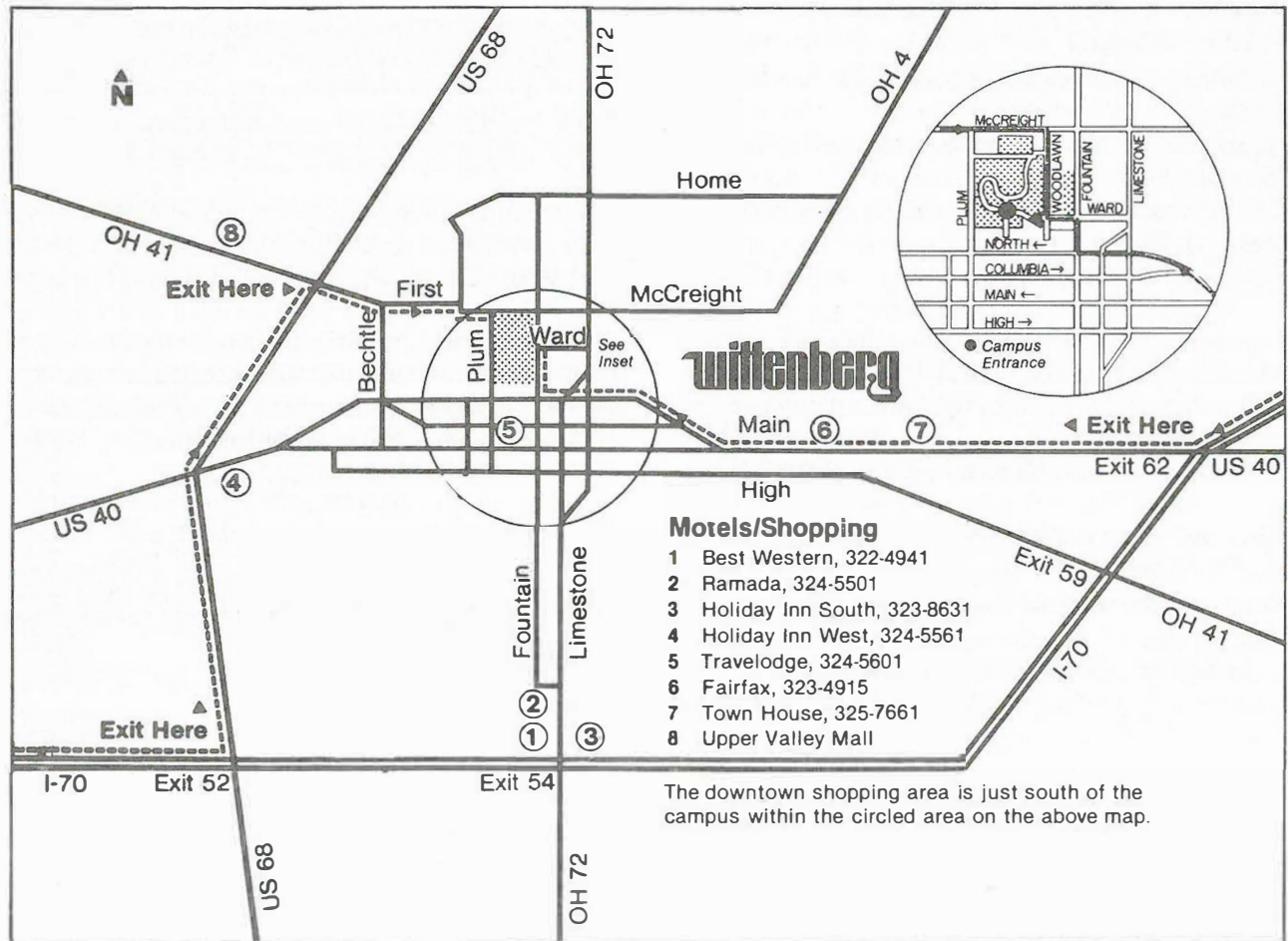
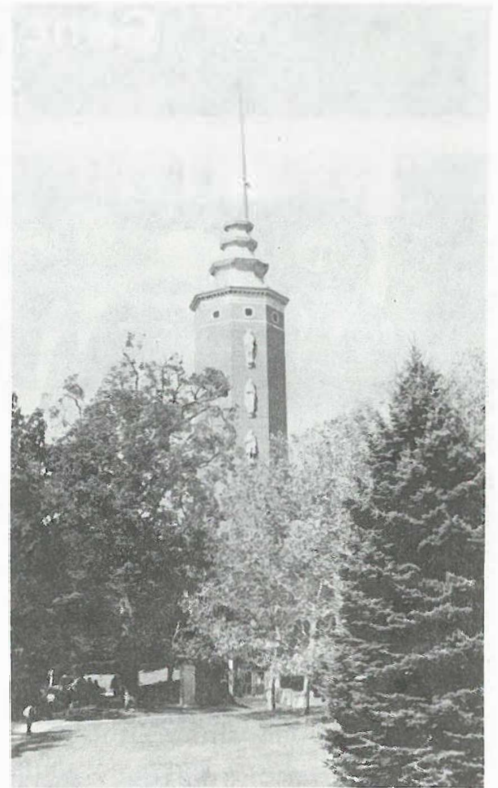
- Bible Study
- Fellowship
- Inspiring Sermons
- Special Music
- Helpful Sermons
- Business Sessions

## CONFERENCE COSTS:

Ages 11 and up . . . . . \$90.00\*  
 Ages 4-10 . . . . . 55.00\*  
 Under 4 . . . . . 10.00  
 Commuters . . . . . 25.00  
 Commuters with meals . . 65.00

\*Plus \$2.55 for linens per person

- Special discount to active and retired pastors and their families—10% discount per person off regular rates.



# General Conference Progress

David Krogh, Executive Director



*Church of God General Conference Board of Directors: Richard Eldred, Dallas Demmitt, Scott Ross, Keith Williams, William Lawrence, Robert Coverstone, and David Johnson.*

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors met in Oregon, Illinois, January 24, 25, for its annual midwinter long-range planning meeting. Among the items discussed and acted upon during the meeting were:

1) Consideration of the 1985 General Conference summer program and schedule. On pages 2 and 3 of this JOURNAL is preliminary information about the summer Conference. Reservation forms will be available in local churches later this spring.

2) Review of the financial reports of the Conference and College.

3) Approval of the financial review prepared by Ramsey Accounting of Warsaw, Indiana.

4) Consideration of the Oregon Bible College Study Committee Report.

5) Review of the work of the Oregon Bible College Senate.

6) Discussion of proposed recommendations and Constitutional amendments to be taken to the delegates at the summer Conference. Three of the recommendations are on the adjoining page.

7) Review of Executive Director's State of the Church Message.

8) Approval of extensive student recruitment plans for Oregon Bible College.

9) Review of the work of the Executive Director.

10) Long-range planning. Consideration was given to the future of the General Conference and ways that we can be more effective in doing the work that God has called us to do.

## Next Board Meeting

The Board will meet again in Oregon, Illinois, May 2-4. An open session of the Board will be held with the ministers at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2. Concerns or ideas regarding the General Conference work may be addressed to any member of the Board or the Executive Director.

## Restitution Herald

*The Restitution Herald* will observe its 75th anniversary in October. All subscribers during this year will receive a special collector's edition of the 75th anniversary issue. If you are not currently a subscriber or have not renewed for 1985, I urge you to do so immediately.

## Strategic Giving Programs

Again this year, we are inviting all Church of God families to make a commitment to one of the General Conference giving programs: The Founders' Circle or the Development Council. Members of the Founders' Circle agree to contribute \$120 to \$499 during this calendar year. Members of the Development Council agree to commit \$500 or more in gifts.

We appreciate the many Church of God families which have contributed regularly to the work of the Conference in past years. Contributions from individuals are very significant to the work of the Conference and College.

Some of our contributors have requested a book of coupons which would serve as a regular reminder to send gifts to the Conference and College. The book can be kept with one's checkbook and bills to be paid and contributions can be sent on a regular basis.

Each coupon will contain the donor's name, address, and General Conference account number, along with the date, amount paid, and what the gift is for. Postage-paid envelopes will be provided along with the coupon book.

If you wish to secure a coupon book for 1985, please use the coupon on the last page.

## Financial Update

As of December 31, contributions for the current fiscal year were approximately \$6,000 short of our Goal for Giving. The goal adopted by the delegates in August, 1984, called for contributions of \$30,000 each month.

We are especially thankful for many year-end gifts to the Conference/College. The contributions of many people make it possible for the ministry of the Church of God to be sustained.



# Constitution Revisions

At its long-range planning meeting, January 24 and 25, the Board of Directors adopted three recommendations which will be brought to the delegates at the summer Conference. Since these recommendations involve Constitutional amendments, they are being published in this and subsequent issues of the PROGRESS JOURNAL in order to comply with Constitutional requirements for amendments.

## RECOMMENDATION ONE

We recommend the creation of a nominating committee for positions on the Board of Directors.

*Explanation:* There are two problems connected with our present system of nomination from the floor and electing on the following day. Delegates are unable to determine the wishes of their local church regarding possible nominees before arriving at Conference. We have also faced the problem of not having sufficient nominations required by the Constitution. This has required a last-minute search for a candidate willing to run.

This recommendation can be implemented by replacing Article IV, Section 4 with the following: "A nominating committee consisting of the State or District Conference Boards of the Church of God will submit name(s) of potential nominees for the General Conference Board of Directors by January 1 of the year of the election. Churches not represented by a State or District Conference may also submit nominees by January 1 of the year of the election. The name of each nominee must be accompanied with a resume of the individual. Names and resumes will be submitted to the Executive Director of the Conference and will be printed in the summer *Progress Journal*."

New Section 5. "Nominations printed in the *Progress Journal* will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship."

Renumber Section 5 to Section 6 and delete "nominations shall be made from the floor; but"

Renumber Section 6 to Section 7.

Renumber Section 7 to Section 8.

## RECOMMENDATION TWO

We recommend that procedures be established for the introduction of resolutions, major motions (i.e.,

motions that have substantial effect on longstanding policy), or recommendations to the General Conference business session.

*Explanation:* Since our Conference is based upon the representative principle, we believe it is important for our churches to be aware of resolutions, major motions, or recommendations which will be acted upon by the delegates. Advance notice will permit local churches to instruct their delegates how to vote on these issues. Therefore, an orderly procedure should be established so that our churches and members can be properly informed of proposed action. We believe this can best be implemented by making the following Constitutional revisions:

Article III—new Section 2. "Resolutions, major motions, or recommendations should be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than four months before the Conference business session convenes. Resolutions, major motions, or recommendations may originate with individuals, churches, Conferences, or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will receive and review the items for publication in the summer *Progress Journal*. Resolutions, major motions, and recommendations may also be submitted from the floor at the delegate session, but they may not be voted upon until the next Conference. The resolutions, major motions, and recommendations submitted from the floor will be published in the summer *Progress Journal* prior to the next Conference."

Renumber Article III—Section 2 to Section 3.

## RECOMMENDATION THREE

We recommend that a member of the Board of Directors be permitted to succeed himself for one additional term.

*Explanation:* As the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College has expanded over the past few years, the policy and procedures of our operation have become more complex. Board members who serve for only one four-year term often find their term coming to an end about the time they have a full grasp of all the work of the Conference and College. Permitting reelection for one additional term would provide more continuity for the Board. This recommendation can be implemented by amending the Constitution as follows:

Article IV—Section 6—replace the words "no director shall succeed himself for a second term," with the words "a director may succeed himself for one additional term."

# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

## Farewell to Pryors

It was with sadness that we bade Dr. Charles Pryor and family farewell on January 6, 1985. Charles, Lois, Bryan, and Todd had become an enjoyable fixture in all of our lives here in Oregon, Illinois. We will surely miss them.

Dr. Pryor served Oregon Bible College as President for four and a half years. He came to the Bible College with the sincerest desire to see growth as a result of his leadership. He was given the task of maintaining high academic standards. Because of that goal, Oregon Bible College is the better for it today. We are now in the midst of a campaign to establish a solid financial base for the future of Oregon Bible College. This was a vision of Dr. Pryor's that was brought to fruition. A strong staff with accredited degrees is now in place; a well supported curriculum is in place, though there are some revisions taking place to emphasize a one-year program aimed at the student who wants to attend for a limited time; and a recognized library that is part of the Northern Illinois Library System. One of his greatest contributions was to build a positive image of Oregon Bible College in the community. He also had a genuine interest in each individual and showed patience when others would have "thrown the book at them." We thank Dr. Pryor for his positive contributions to Oregon Bible College.

We in the Oregon Church also miss Lois. She was always warm, hospitable, and willing to help whenever asked. Her many talents contributed so much to our community and church. Bryan and Todd found their niches on our lives here. (Thanks, Todd, for selling me

your beehive.)

We pray God's blessing on the Pryors in their new area of service.

## OBC Senate

OBC is now being administered by the Senate, which includes the OBC staff as well as David Krogh, Warren Sorenson, and Russell Magaw, members of the General Conference staff who are teaching courses for the College. The team concept of leadership has worked well thus far. A sense of excitement and a feeling of joint ownership has occurred as a result of being part of the administration of the College. I feel we are governing ourselves more in the model of how a church is to function as directed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 12.

This may not be the traditional structure of a College, but faced with a difficult situation at the resignation of Dr. Pryor, the Board felt that this was the proper course to follow. This semester is serving as a testing period to discern the best route for the future. As Chairman of the Senate, I have been satisfied to see everyone increase his/her work load and productivity.

The "Blitz Weekend," occurred on February 22-24, was a new approach to recruitment. Almost all of the staff and students left Oregon to meet prospective students and to represent ourselves to our denomination. It was exciting to be a part of approximately 30 worship services on one day. We're thankful to all who welcomed us and listened to our message. Though it was an exhausting weekend, we wait upon God to bless the fruits of our labor.

## Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Progress Report 2/8/85

Written Commitments	\$393,200.00	
Paid in Full Commitments	114,949.05	
Total Written Commitments		508,149.05
Total Verbal Commitments		6,800.00
Total Tentative Commitments		334,100.00
Cash Received from		
Paid in Fulls		109,430.66
Cash Received from		
Written Commitments		115,584.77
Estimated Stock Values	750.00	
Other: Life Insurance Policy	25,000.00	
Total Cash to Date:		
(Includes Hope Chapel Bonds)		\$225,015.43*

\*Total does not include \$750.00 estimated stock values or life insurance policy.

# PRAYER and PRAISE

April, 1985

It is imperative to see OBC grow in student population. The transmission of our distinctive message and heritage will be done primarily by trained professional and lay leaders strongly committed to reaching beyond our present field of ministry. The chief preparation center for the Church of God is Oregon Bible College. We need everyone's prayers and support at this very important time in our history.

What will your role be? Will you come, or encourage your children, or the youth of your church, to consider Oregon Bible College as a necessary part of their career development? Will you commit yourself to supporting an interested student? It's time for all those who care to get behind OBC to insure success now and in the future; for your future may depend on it.

## Thank you, Eugene Stilson

After eighteen years of faithful and fruitful service to OBC, Eugene Stilson's contract will not be renewed. The Board of Trustees made this very difficult decision at its January Meeting. Please hold the Stilson's up in prayer as they consider other directions in ministry.

## Honor Students

It's with joy that we announce our honor students for the Fall Semester, 1984. Each took his task of being a student seriously and excelled. We commend each one of you!

Scott Deane	Mark Good	Tom Schmitt
Jeff Fletcher	Susan Lee	Donna Welty
Lana Gaddis		

## OBC Chorale Itinerary

Please try to attend a concert if the Chorale visits your area. Get acquainted with this fine ministry team. You will enjoy its presentation.

Mar. 3—Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, Rockford, IL

3—Dixon Church of God, Dixon, IL  
28—Kokomo Church of God, Kokomo, IN  
29—North Hills Church of God, Springfield, OH  
31—Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC  
31—Bethel Church of God, Pelzer, SC

Apr. 1—Whitnel Church of God, Whitnel, NC  
2—Royal Village Church of God, Front Royal, VA  
3—Eternal Hope Church of God, Herndon, VA  
5—Glad Tidings Church of God, Fonthill, ONT  
6—Columbia Church of God, Columbia Station, OH  
7—Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, IN  
26—Burr Oak Church of God, Burr Oak, IN  
27—Blanchard Church of God, Blanchard, MI  
28—North Kent Church of God, Rockford, MI  
28—Garden Park Church of God, Kentwood, MI

May 4—Ripley Church of God, Ripley, IL  
5—East Peoria Church of God, East Peoria, IL  
5—Oregon Church of God, Oregon, IL  
8—Franklin Grove Health Center

FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1985

- 1 Pray for God's Spirit to be at work in you this week.
- 2 Pray for your pastor as he prepares for the Easter services.
- 3 Praise God for the youth in your church and those who willingly lead them.
- 4 Pray for Pastor Noel and his ministry in Bangalore, India.
- 5 Praise God for Christian friends and the support they provide.
- 6 Pray that God will speak to you through your Sunday School teacher tomorrow.
- 7 Praise God for a risen Savior. Pray that someone at your church service today might be led to Christ.
- 8 Pray for David Krogh and his leadership for the ministries of the General Conference.
- 9 Pray for the North Kent Church in Rockford, Michigan, and the Eldreds as they serve there.
- 10 Praise God for all the churches who have been led to do prospect calling.
- 11 Pray for new families which have been reached through these calling programs.
- 12 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson and their work with the Outreach and Church Development program of the General Conference.
- 13 Pray for spiritual growth among the brethren in the Philippines.
- 14 Pray for your pastor as he ministers to your congregation today.
- 15 Pray for the Needham family in their ministry in Colorado springs. Praise God for the church there.
- 16 Pray for Russell Magaw and the staff of the Publishing Department, especially that God's truth through literature will lead persons to Christ.
- 17 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and the work in Mexico.
- 18 Pray for Kent Ross and his leadership of the youth of the General Conference.
- 19 Praise God for the truth that Jesus Christ is coming again and the triumph of the kingdom of God will be experienced by those in him.
- 20 Pray for the members of your congregation who have become inactive.
- 21 Pray for all who have leadership roles in your church today.
- 22 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 23 Pray specifically for someone you know who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
- 24 Pray for the Oregon Bible College Senate as it governs the college.
- 25 Pray for Bobby and Angie Partain and their work with the church at Phillips Ranch.
- 26 Pray for Oliver Amani and his ministry in Ghana.
- 27 Pray for the young people in your congregation, that God will use them in active service in your local church.
- 28 Praise God for your pastor and his family.
- 29 Pray for the ministers of the Church of God as they gather for Ministerial Conference, especially that God will enrich each one for ministry in his local church.
- 30 Pray for the ministers who are leading sessions today at Ministerial Conference, especially that God will use them to encourage and instruct fellow ministers.

# PRAYER and PRAISE

May, 1985

- 1 Praise God for the families in the Oregon congregation who graciously provide lodging for pastors attending Ministerial Conference.
- 2 Pray that God will richly bless congregations through the results of the Ministerial Conference.
- 3 Pray that God will grant safety in travel to the ministers as they return to their homes.
- 4 Pray that God will give you a specific opportunity to serve him in your local church.
- 5 Pray for your Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School staff today.
- 6 Praise God for the increased awareness of evangelism and reaching out to people who need Christ.
- 7 Pray for the staff of Oregon Bible College and its influence on the lives of the students.
- 8 Praise God for the heritage of faith you have received through the leaders in your church.
- 9 Pray for congregations looking for pastors, that God will lead the right person to be their pastor.
- 10 Praise God for your faith in Jesus Christ and his Word of truth.
- 11 Praise God for your church family and the blessings of fellowship which are yours in the local church.
- 12 Praise God for your mother and her influence in your life.
- 13 Pray for the Oregon Bible College students as they complete this year of training.
- 14 Praise God for the beauty of his creation.
- 15 Pray for the members of your church executive board as they serve your congregation.
- 16 Pray for the Oregon Bible College students as they take final exams today and tomorrow.
- 17 Praise God for the four young people (Connie Scott, John Raymond, Steve Fewell, and Jon Welch) graduating from Oregon Bible College tonight. Pray for his leading them into service which will bring glory to his name.
- 18 Praise God for the leadership at Oregon Bible College this past semester.
- 19 Pray that God's Spirit will be felt in the worship services this morning.
- 20 Pray for isolated members of your congregation.
- 21 Pray that God will provide another church-planting opportunity.
- 22 Praise God for all who prayerfully and financially support the ministries of the General Conference.
- 23 Pray for new areas of Christian service to open for your church.
- 24 Praise God for all who have contributed to your spiritual growth.
- 25 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 26 Pray that God will speak to you through your pastor today.
- 27 Pray to be used by God to meet the needs of someone in your community this week.
- 28 Praise God for hearing and answering prayer.
- 29 Pray for young people who are making a decision about attending Oregon Bible College this fall, especially that God will lead them into his service.
- 30 Praise God for the freedom you have to worship him openly and for those who have given their lives to preserve this freedom.
- 31 Pray for the summer outreach ministries of your church.

## Department of Outreach and Church

### A New Church Is Launched in Bellevue, Washington

"We have experienced some really uplifting meetings and fellowship since we renewed efforts to bring the gospel and Biblical counsel to the Puget Sound area. We weekly thrill at the opportunity in our hands and would ask the brethren everywhere to pray for the furtherance of the faith here." So writes Arlen Rankin, pastor of the Faith Bible Church which regularly meets for Sunday School and worship services at 14821 Southeast 16th Street in Bellevue. Attendance runs in the mid to upper twenties with nonmembers regularly attending and visitors who are also involved in the services.

The launching of this church in August '84 came after a history of work being done in the greater Seattle area dating back to the 50's. A concentrated effort by Bro. Rankin produced results beyond expectations. Thus it was decided to locate a place to meet. Such a place was found in Bellevue and regular services were begun there on August 5th.

We rejoice that another congregation has been formed and that the Lord's ministry is being extended through church planting.

### Relocation of the Valley Bible Church—Glendale, California

An uplifting service on February 10th marked an important step in the development of the Valley Bible Church. For about ten years the congregation met in facilities located on the corner of Lake and Western in Glendale, California.

It became more and more apparent that it was difficult for the English-speaking congregation to reach and minister to a neighborhood with many Spanish-speaking people. Because of this problem it seemed wise to relocate. *The Lord opened doors* and blessed their intention to relocate by the sale of their property and buildings. The congregation believed that God wanted the church to grow and thus it was united in the philosophy of moving to an area where there was potential to experience growth.

The first services in Simi Valley, California, were conducted February 10th in a rented facility. This target area of ministry northwest of the church's former location in Glendale was chosen because of its growth potential.

Michael Gallagher has been working with the congregation as part-time pastor. The congregation intends to hire a full-time pastor and launch a full-time program of reaching out to the people of Simi Valley. A great deal of background preparation work has been going on within the congregation to insure that the church will be ready to meet its opportunities and move forward in growth.

### Sharing Good News

From Eden Valley, Minnesota—"Good news—the ideas of a prospecting club is on the move." Pastor Dave Cheatwood reports this information about the formation

of a group of adults and young people who intend to develop a regular program of prospect finding. This came as a result of a prospect-survey team from the General Conference under the direction of Russell Magaw who has been assisting the Outreach and Church Development Department in extending assistance to local churches.

From Baton Rouge, Louisiana—"Things are going well; we're excited about our newcomers." These words from Charlotte Mattison report exciting results of the prospect work done by a calling team under the direction of Russ Magaw. It was thrilling to hear the news that six new people were in services as a result of the calling.

The results which came immediately from the Baton Rouge congregation are somewhat unusual. An important part of the prospect program is that of follow-up. Usually you don't see this kind of result so quickly. It takes repeated follow-up and the building of a relationship with the prospects in order to get them involved in the church.

We need to keep in mind that prospect finding is just exactly what the name implies—finding prospects. At that point they are only prospects. It will take time and effort in order to get them involved in the church. This may come through mailings, phone calls, visits to the home, and special events and activities at the church as well as activities outside of the church program.

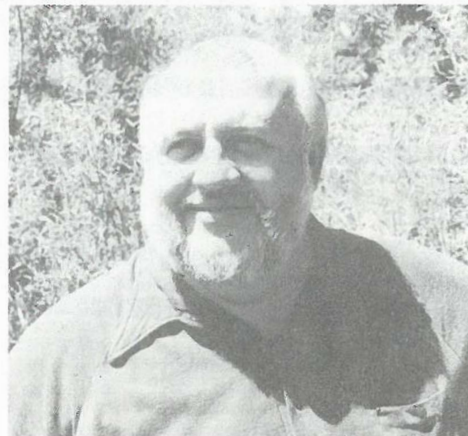
#### Answering the Door When Opportunity Knocks

Exciting things are happening in the Church of God. In looking over the reports of this outreach page let's note some of the ways the local church is progressing.

1. Church planting—the extension of the gospel through starting new churches is necessary if we are to be obedient and faithful to God.
2. Helping the local church—the expansion of existing churches is also a vital part of God's church. The OCD Department has been assisting the Glendale congregation in its relocation project. Prospect-calling teams have been sent to assist in neighborhood-calling programs.

These two major ministries reflect the philosophy of the General Conference and the Outreach and Church Development Department. The extension of the gospel through church planting and the expansion of the local church are both extremely important. We are committed to helping local churches in the development and strengthening of their church. We are also committed to obedience to the call of God to start new churches. If this work is to move steadily forward, we need more workers in the Lord's harvest. Will you join us in praying for additional workers? "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." We call upon the members of the Church of God to unite with us in praying this prayer.

## Interview With A State President



Kent Ross

#### Illinois

Two years ago at a meeting of the State Conference the delegates expressed determination to become a church-planting conference. When asked recently about the progress, Conference President Kent Ross revealed that first steps have been taken.

"Currently two feasibility studies are underway in northern Illinois," he noted. "One study will cover the St. Charles area which is near Geneva where the Wilson brothers established early Church of God work in the 1860's."

"Another study will look into the possibilities for a work in the Mendota area," he added. "It is close enough to our Dixon Church that a new work could easily be monitored by the Dixon congregation."

Ross also points to what is happening at Aurora as an example of a fledgling congregation making use of church-growth/planting concepts.

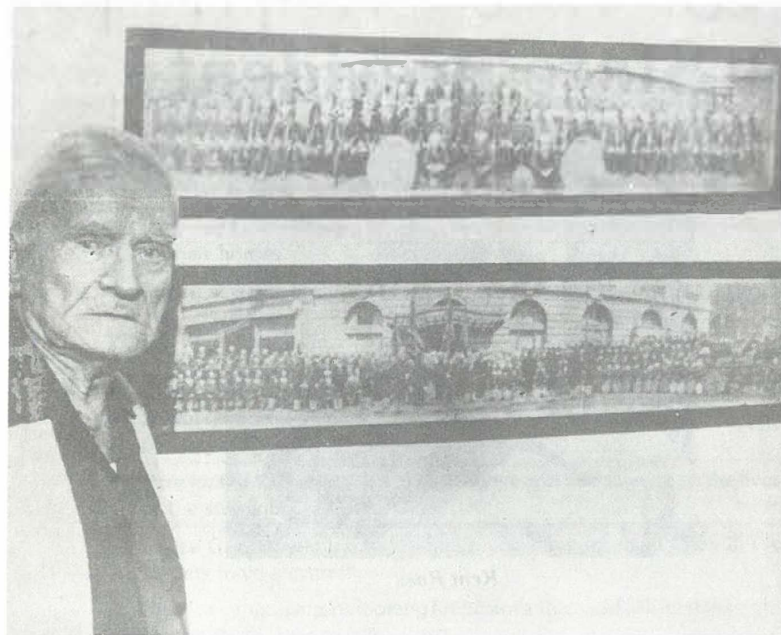
"The Aurora congregation has been revived and revitalized because of its work in finding prospects and its willingness to deal with new people," he said. "The group is looking into acquiring either a church building or some other site to help sustain new growth."

In spite of the small steps forward the feasibility studies represent, Ross would like to see more activity from the 11-church, 800-member conference.

"We need a stronger sense of vision regarding church planting," he confesses. "With the strength of existing churches in the state, many new churches could be mothered and thrive in new areas," he concluded.

The conference meets quarterly and alternates sites between the northern and southern churches.

## Musical George Ring Honored on 94th Birthday, February 26, 1985



*George Ring with photos of musical groups he performed with during his career.*

For over 60 years George Ring has been a member of the Church of God. He's enjoyed his association with God and his church through the decades. Perhaps a glimpse into his youthful years helps gain renewed appreciation for his later associations with the people of God.

Music has led Ring around the world in the Navy and the circus, performing for royalty, politicians, and common people everywhere.

He played brass instruments during most of his concerts while in the Navy under the leadership of the famous march master, John Phillip Sousa. Ring recalls several incidents during the Sousa era of his life.

Later he performed in England for the king and queen; then still later persons included in American audiences were such notables as Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, and Woodrow Wilson.

After his playing days with the Navy, Ring joined the circus where he performed in two-a-day shows in spots all over the United States. He enjoyed his playing stint with the circus best because the crowds of ordinary folks were most appreciative.

During his 30's Ring settled down to farming and raising a family near Puxico, Missouri, where he lives in retirement today. He did not turn his back on music, and continued to play the violin during most of his farm years.

For the past 60 years Ring has allowed what he learned in music to help in his walk with the Lord. He

loves people, enjoys lending a helping hand, and attempts to do things himself, even though hindered by poor health.

His two children, Jim Ring and Sue Boster, are members of the East Peoria Community Church of God and they carry on the faith of their father.

Now bedfast, Ring celebrated his 94th birthday on February 26, 1985. He would still enjoy a belated birthday card to help him remember his years of music and faith. Address your correspondence to: George Ring, C/O Grandview Manor, Puxico, MO 63960.

## Church-Planting News from Rockford, Michigan



*Pastor Eldred presenting his children's sermon at North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, Michigan.*

North Kent Bible Church continues to meet the spiritual needs of a thriving and growing group of people in the Rockford, Michigan, area. At the February 17 morning worship, 44 were in attendance, and enthusiasm remained high in the six-month-old congregation.

The church has purchased 10 acres of land in a highly visible and accessible area for a future building. Pastor Richard Eldred officiated the first baptism of the congregation on February 17. Several Bible study groups meet in homes during the week. A choir was formed and is practicing music for an Easter performance.

Continue to hold up the Rockford church in prayer. Also praise God for the financial and spiritual undergirding of the church by the Michigan Conference. The three Grand Rapids churches also provide spiritual and personnel assistance.

# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

### CALIFORNIA

*Pomona*—(Church of the Open Bible)  
Terry Wayne Andrew (11-25-84,  
Bobby Lee Partain).

### ILLINOIS

*Macomb*—Gene and Barjorie John (11-  
25-84, Rex Cain).

*Oregon*—Mathias Schramer, 76 (12-30-  
84, Hollis Partlowe).

*Ripley*—Jon Ryan Wessel, 11 (11-25-  
84, Richard Young), Charles & Faye  
Crawford (10-14-84, by transfer).

### INDIANA

*South Bend*—Matthew Kiel, 9 (1-13-85,  
John Railton).

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—Denise Bellingar (9-30-84),  
Jill Wood (11-4-84), Janet Davis, John  
Colazzo, Courtney Rard, Doug Litwiler  
(12-23-84), Michelle Topper, Ric-  
hard Topper (1-6-85, all by pastor  
Steve Taylor).

*Grand Rapids* (Pennellwood)—Emma  
Bast, Audrey Meyer (10-21-84, Dar-  
win Bronson), Margo Ratering (10-21-  
84, Gary Ratering), Mike Gramattico  
(11-25-84, Scott Millard). By transfer:  
Crystal Adrianse, Jim Bentley, Sandy  
Dochstader, Ryan Rhoades, Ronda  
and Randy Small, Kathleen Williams,  
Cheri Bentley, Darwin Bronson, Vera  
Campbell, Connie Grammatico, David  
and Ellen McClain, Mark Swanson,  
Lois Pippel, Carl, Connie, Tammy,  
and Barbara Sheehy (all 10-21-84).

### MISSOURI

*Sunrise Beach*—Chalmer, Dale, Linda,  
Kevin, Lori Ranfeld, Denise and Ther-  
esa Shutterle, Harlan, Nina, Tammy,  
Tracy, and Teri Fields (all 9-30-84,  
Louis Cronbaugh).

## THANK YOU, CHURCH BUILDERS

Dear Members of the Church of God,

We at the Blanchard Church of God wish to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the Mission Builders, and to every church member involved in the recent donation to our building debt.

This has given us a much-needed boost in reaching our goal. It's so good to know we are surrounded by so many of "God's Wonderful People."

In Christian Love,  
The Blanchard Congregation.

## ANNUAL GIVING REPORT CORRECTIONS

The name of Pastor and Mrs. Harry Goekler was inadvertently left out of the Givers list. Also, the name of Bro. and Sr. Clark Ballentine was omitted from the Founders' Circle donors. We sincerely regret these oversights.

If you are aware of other errors in the report, please let us know.

## PASTOR NEEDED

The Blessed Hope Church of God in Rockford, Illinois, is searching for a pastor. Please contact David Hixson, Chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee at 7740 Mesa St, Rockford, IL 61111.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Childs-Ford Foundation has prepared a Bible School curriculum for 1985. The theme for this year is "The Early Ministry of Jesus." This material is a part of the five-year series entitled "Following in his Footsteps."

The materials are available now. Anyone interested in securing this material should write to Childs-Ford Foundation, 16 Reich Street, Trotwood, OH 45426.

## AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE

Darrell Cardwell, 1723 S. Leer St., South Bend, IN 46613, phone 219-287-8297. Available July, 1985.

Tim Trammell, Rt. 3, Box 53, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353, phone 217-322-6161. Available May, 1985.

## COMPLETE SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY COURSE

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## PENNELWOOD CHURCH OF GOD 50th Anniversary

The Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the month of April. A month of activities has been planned, and we invite all of you to join us for this celebration.

Following is the schedule:  
4/14 Anniversary Worship Service—Hymn Sing  
4/21 Drama/Musical  
4/28 Open House, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
5/5 Homecoming Service and Banquet  
2:00 p.m.—Tree Planting and Balloon Race

## NEED COPIES OF THE EVANGELIST

During the mid-1800's a Church of God paper was circulated in Iowa called *The Evangelist*. Its editor at one time was G. M. Myers.

The Oregon Bible College library is interested in securing copies of *The Evangelist* for the Church of God Archives. Please send copies to Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you.

## LARGE-PRINT ADULT QUARTERLY

The Childs-Ford Foundation has produced large-print editions of the Adult Sunday School Quarterly from the General Conference. Two sizes are available as follows:

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## PUT YOUR WHEELS TO WORK!

Serving our churches is the ministry of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Transportation is an important ingredient in that ministry. You can help; here's how.

We are in need of dependable automobiles. These can range in size from small compact up to station wagons and vans.

If you are considering trading in your vehicle on a new model, why not give the trade-in to the General Conference for use in its ministries? You will receive a tax-deductible receipt and our hearty thanks. In addition, you will gain the satisfaction of knowing you are having a vital part in the Lord's work.

Please contact the Executive Director if you are interested in giving your trade-in to the Conference. Telephone 815-732-7991 or write to: David Krogh, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

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- (3) **Waterloo Church (Conger St)**, 1050 Conger St, Waterloo, IA 50703

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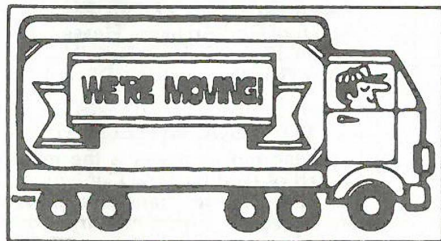
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### DEATHS

#### CALIFORNIA

*Pomona*—Edna Kenney, 86, member (11-14-84, Bobby Lee Partain).

#### CANADA

*Fonthill*—Wilson E. Kirkwood, 87, member (1-31-85, Stephen Bolhaus).

#### INDIANA

*South Bend*—Rose Fox, 92, member (John Railton & Darrell Cardwell).

#### ILLINOIS

*Eldorado*—Walter Wiggins, 84, Church of God pastor in Minnesota, Michigan, Arizona, Arkansas, evangelist for Church of God General Conference, survived by brothers Luther, Marshall, sister Bessie Woolard, many nephews, nieces (12-16-84, S. O. Ross).

*Macomb*—Robert E. Fisher, 58, faithful member, active in business community (1-19-85, Rex F. Cain).

*Ripley*—Mary Hale, 88, member, school teacher (10-24-84, Richard Young).

#### MINNESOTA

*Litchfield*—Henry Wood, 90, good friend (12-17-84, S. O. Ross).

#### NEBRASKA

*Gothenburg*—Terry Lee Davis, infant (10-13-84, Leon Driskill).

*Holbrook*—Goldie Mae Story Sweeney, 92, member (9-21-84, Leon Driskill).

*Holbrook*—Clifford H. Hornaday, 82 member (12-1-84, Leon Driskill).

*Omaha*—Lessie Appleby, 87, member at Fremont, survived by husband E. R., daughter Alberta Fedde, son E. Jr. (12-4-84, Scott Ross).



# Church of God PROGRESS JOURNAL

*Depicting Christian Workers' Seminar*



April/May, 1985

# General Conference Progress

*David Krogh, Executive Director*

## **1985 Annual General Conference**

Enclosed with this issue of the PROGRESS JOURNAL is a brochure and registration form for the 1985 General Conference. Additional registration forms are available in local churches. A separate registration form should be filled out for each person attending conference.

I urge each church to send delegates and interested persons to this conference. A number of important matters will be brought before the delegates. Of special importance is the Oregon Bible College Study Committee report which recommends a reorganization of our structure and a redesigning of our program. The decisions made at this conference will help shape the direction of the Church of God through the rest of this century if the Lord tarries.

Each member church of 15 or more members is entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof. Conference delegates play a very strategic role. Their function is to make the wishes of their local churches known as decisions are made on the conference floor. They have an equally important responsibility to report back to their local churches the decisions that have been made. Delegates are two-way ambassadors: they represent the church to the conference and the conference to the church. A position description for conference delegates appears on page 7 of this issue. As delegates are selected, please keep in mind the work which they are expected to do.

The summer PROGRESS JOURNAL will contain a complete listing of the recommendations and constitutional amendments which will be acted upon by the delegates. Reports of departments and special boards and committees will also be presented. A budget draft for the fiscal year June 1, 1986, through May 31, 1987, will be proposed. After being reviewed by the membership, delegates should be instructed how to accurately reflect the wishes of the congregation. Concerted prayer of delegates and members should accompany the preparation for the General Conference and the business sessions during conference. As we look to the future it is our earnest desire that God will direct us as a people in the use of our talents and resources. We live in a time of unparalleled opportunity for the Church of God. It is only as we are submissive and obedient to the Lord that we can be successful as a people.

## **Minister's Conference**

As this is written, Church of God pastors are preparing

to attend the annual Church of God Ministerial Conference in Oregon, Illinois. The theme of the conference is "A Pastor's Personal Growth." The program begins with an evening of praise at the Oregon Church with a musical program under the direction of Dale Ramsey. On Tuesday and Wednesday, special sessions will be held on the emotional hazards of the ministry, the minister and assertion, the minister and role conflict, the minister and depression, the minister and self-esteem, and the minister and stress.

The theme of Thursday's program deals with the secular humanist movement and the inerrancy and authority of the Scriptures.

Wednesday evening Oregon Bible College and the Alumni Association are sponsoring a banquet for pastors and alumni. Thursday afternoon an open session with the Board of Directors is being held.

The program committee for 1985 is the Northeast Conference ministers.

The annual Minister's Conference is a time of spiritual enrichment for all pastors. We appreciate the financial assistance that many churches give to support this aid to our ministers.

## **Board of Director's Meeting**

Each year following Minister's Conference, the Board of Directors meets to make final preparations for the summer conference and to conduct other business of the conference and college. Members of the board meet approximately four times each year for a total of about two weeks of meeting time which includes the summer General Conference.

I appreciate the dedicated service of board members who represent the people of the Church of God throughout the year.

## **Financial Report**

At the conclusion of March, contributions for the first six months of this fiscal year were approximately \$18,000 short of the goal for giving. I am pleased with the many Church of God families which have become members of the Development Council which includes a commitment of \$500 or more during the calendar year. Many other Church of God families have become members of the Founder's Circle with a commitment of \$120-499 per year. The faithful support of many individuals, families, churches, and conferences, make it possible to underwrite the important ministries of the conference and college.

PROGRESS JOURNAL

## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

Dale Ramsey, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Greetings from Oregon, Illinois, and Oregon Bible College. Spring is springing again and we praise God for his new creation at this time of year. Sometimes I wish it would come as early as Louisiana or South Carolina or Virginia. But thankfully it does come.

As winter seemed to vanquish early this year, so has the 1984-'85 school year. The past few months have been very busy ones for Oregon Bible College students and staff.

### Brian Atra on Campus

While full-time instructors Eugene Stilson and Anthony Buzzard were teaching at the recent Christian Workers' Seminar in Tennessee, it was the pleasure of the remaining staff and students to have Pastor Brian Atra on campus. Brian began each day teaching from the Gospel of John. It was a very rewarding encounter with this unique Book in Scripture. Brian has spent much time in the study of the material through seminary projects and personal preparation. I would invite local congregations who are interested in this wonderful study to write Brian for special meetings or classes. You will enjoy it. Brian also taught other classes, preached in chapel and gave of himself in other rewarding experiences.

### OBC Chorale Tour

A very exciting dynamic of Oregon Bible College is the opportunity our students have to travel to our various churches to present the Word through preaching and other media. Our recent OBC Chorale Tour was an exciting time of interaction with the people of 20 of our churches. The response to our concerts was exciting. The spiritual sharing of our commonness in the Lord and concern for the work of OBC was rewarding. The love and hospitality shown by the people were overwhelming. It would be difficult to find another earthly joy to rival these experiences. We thank all those who welcomed us and sweetened our stay.

### Maranatha Issue

The *Maranatha* issue, the annual reflection of life at OBC, which customarily comes out in May, will come out in June and include graduation highlights.

### Graduates

Four seniors graduate from OBC this year. They are Steve Fewell, John Raymond, Connie Scott, and Jon Welch. We praise God for these talented young people who are looking to full-time ministries.

Four 1984 graduates are now completing their internships. They are Lee Arp, Darwin Bronson, Darrell Cardwell, and Tim Trammell. Lee will continue as the pastor of the North Hills Church of God and Tim has taken the pastorate at Gatesville, Texas.

### High School Invitation

On March 7-9 over 50 guests visited the OBC campus at the annual High School Invitational Conference. The weekend was highlighted by a banquet on Friday evening at the Stronghold castle. The OBC Chorale performed several vocal numbers and a skit was presented to show life at OBC (especially the humorous side). All in all it was an enjoyable three days.

It's exciting and important to see a strong interest in OBC as a shaper in the lives of our young people. During this very important time of transition OBC needs the support of the members of the Church of God. OBC is your college and it needs your support. Please pray for us and support us financially, but most especially see us as an institution that can help shape positively the lives of your young students who want to minister effectively in the world today.

APRIL, MAY, 1985

## OUTREACH & CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Warren Sorenson, Director

Providing assistance for the development of the local church is an important part of the work of the General Conference. Because of the support and cooperation of interested persons and churches the General Conference is able to provide this assistance.

The following letter received from the members of the Baton Rouge congregation expresses their appreciation for the assistance which they have received. It also conveys what can happen through working together in the Lord's service.

Dear Warren,

April 9, 1985

We want to express our appreciation and support of the General Conference staff, and our praise to our Glorious Father. He is blessing us beyond our expectations: this Sunday (April 14) we will be baptizing a young couple and a teen-age boy into the Body of Christ; last Sunday (Easter) three new members were accepted into church membership; attendance has nearly doubled in the past several months, and every time we meet there is a spirit of excitement at what God is working in us!

We praise God for these miracles, and we thank him for the help, guidance, encouragement, training, and financial support given through the General Conference. We are sincerely grateful for the evangelism training, prospect calling and training, church development aid, and the recent Christian Workers' Seminar.

What is happening in Baton Rouge surely would not be happening without the ministry of the General Conference, and we would like you to share our appreciation with the readers of the PROGRESS JOURNAL. Keep up the great work, for the night is coming!

Members of the Restitution Church of God.

### Christian Workers' Seminar

The 1985 Christian Workers' Seminar held at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, the last week of March was an overwhelming success. Photos of the seminar appear on pages 1 and 4 of this JOURNAL.

One hundred forty-eight individuals were present for what has been described as the best seminar ever. Again this year many positive comments were made about good classes, great fellowship, and an all-around fun Christian learning experience. Hope Chapel, South Bend, Indiana, again had the largest delegation from one church with 19 present. It is beneficial for a local church to have a delegation attend. It becomes easier to supplement new ideas and programs with a larger core group.

Tentative arrangements have been made for next year's seminar to be held April 6-11.

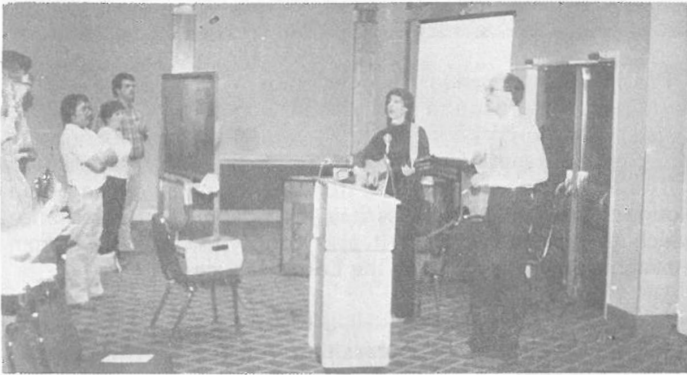
### Prospecting in Raymore, MO

During the four days of April 23-26, 1985, a four-member team from the Outreach and Church Development Department assisted 15 members of the Raymore Church of God in prospect calling. A total of 726 calls were attempted, resulting in 347 calls and 81 prospects found. Follow-up of the prospects will continue for the next two months through Vacation Bible School time scheduled June 3-7 in the evenings. The church is pastored by Don Ward. Team members from the Outreach Department included Dennis Cheatwood, Donna Enyart, Russ Magaw, and Jan Stilson.

God's hand was evident throughout the effort; in many calling situations he provided unique moments of acquaintance and bridge-building for future gospel work. To God be the glory.



Pastor Don Ward and George Sheeley going over notes in preparation for a prospect-calling session.



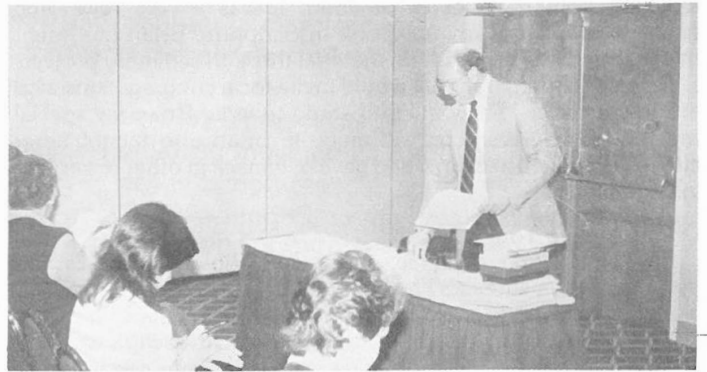
**Evening Song Service—Gary and Janice Burnham, Song Leaders**



**Eugene Stilson—Bible Study Methods**



**Discussion groups during the evening session**



**Joe James—Class on Conflict Resolution**



**Class session**



**Lynne Krogh—Sunday School Superintendent's Workshop**



**Class session**



**Paul Overholser and Charles Pryor—Looking at literature display**

# Constitution Revisions

At its long-range planning meeting, January 24 and 25, the Board of Directors adopted three recommendations which will be brought to the delegates at the summer Conference. Since these recommendations involve Constitutional amendments, they are being published in this and subsequent issues of the PROGRESS JOURNAL in order to comply with Constitutional requirements for amendments.

## RECOMMENDATION ONE

We recommend the creation of a nominating committee for positions on the Board of Directors.

*Explanation:* There are two problems connected with our present system of nomination from the floor and electing on the following day. Delegates are unable to determine the wishes of their local church regarding possible nominees before arriving at Conference. We have also faced the problem of not having sufficient nominations required by the Constitution. This has required a last-minute search for a candidate willing to run.

This recommendation can be implemented by replacing Article IV, Section 4 with the following: "A nominating committee consisting of the State or District Conference Boards of the Church of God will submit name(s) of potential nominees for the General Conference Board of Directors by January 1 of the year of the election. Churches not represented by a State or District Conference may also submit nominees by January 1 of the year of the election. The name of each nominee must be accompanied with a resume of the individual. Names and resumes will be submitted to the Executive Director of the Conference and will be printed in the summer *Progress Journal*."

New Section 5. "Nominations printed in the *Progress Journal* will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship."

Renumber Section 5 to Section 6 and delete "nominations shall be made from the floor; but"

Renumber Section 6 to Section 7.

Renumber Section 7 to Section 8.

## RECOMMENDATION TWO

We recommend that procedures be established for the introduction of resolutions, major motions (i.e.,

motions that have substantial effect on longstanding policy), or recommendations to the General Conference business session.

*Explanation:* Since our Conference is based upon the representative principle, we believe it is important for our churches to be aware of resolutions, major motions, or recommendations which will be acted upon by the delegates. Advance notice will permit local churches to instruct their delegates how to vote on these issues. Therefore, an orderly procedure should be established so that our churches and members can be properly informed of proposed action. We believe this can best be implemented by making the following Constitutional revisions:

Article III—new Section 2. "Resolutions, major motions, or recommendations should be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than four months before the Conference business session convenes. Resolutions, major motions, or recommendations may originate with individuals, churches, Conferences, or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will receive and review the items for publication in the summer *Progress Journal*. Resolutions, major motions, and recommendations may also be submitted from the floor at the delegate session, but they may not be voted upon until the next Conference. The resolutions, major motions, and recommendations submitted from the floor will be published in the summer *Progress Journal* prior to the next Conference."

Renumber Article III—Section 2 to Section 3.

## RECOMMENDATION THREE

We recommend that a member of the Board of Directors be permitted to succeed himself for one additional term.

*Explanation:* As the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College has expanded over the past few years, the policy and procedures of our operation have become more complex. Board members who serve for only one four-year term often find their term coming to an end about the time they have a full grasp of all the work of the Conference and College. Permitting reelection for one additional term would provide more continuity for the Board. This recommendation can be implemented by amending the Constitution as follows:

Article IV—Section 6—replace the words "no director shall succeed himself for a second term," with the words "a director may succeed himself for one additional term."

# Church News and Progress

## BAPTISMS

### ARIZONA

*Paradise Valley*—Cara and Shara Howards, Jennifer Martin, Michelle Haddon, Mike and Lulu Churchill (3-85, James Graham).

### ARKANSAS

*McGintytown*—Jeff Doherty (2-24-85, by transfer, Thomas M. New).

### CANADA

*Fonthill*—Mr. John Bradford (2-17-85, Stephen Bolhous).

### ILLINOIS

*East Peoria*—Tim Hearn (3-24-85, Wynn Winner).

*Macomb*—Ken White (3-24-85, Rex Cain).  
Corrections for Feb./Mar. JOURNAL—Gene and Marjorie John (11-25-84, Rex Cain).

### INDIANA

*Kokomo*—Lori Warner (11-25-84); Amy Kopeschka (12-16-84, Ken Howe).

### MICHIGAN

*Blanchard*—David Archuletta (3-10-85, Steve Taylor).

*Grand Rapids*—Garden Park: Susan Prak of Decatur (2-24-85, David Krogh).

*Rockford*—Norton Johnson III, first convert of the North Kent Bible Church and a real example to the new congregation (2-17-85, Richard Eldred).

### MINNESOTA

*Eden Valley*—Eldon M. Tritabaugh (4-25-85, David Cheatwood).

### MISSOURI

*Fredericktown*—Mrs. Rick (Vickie) Cooper (8-11-84, Vivian Kirkpatrick II).

### NEBRASKA

*Omaha*—Marylin Yager, Shawn Yager, Michelle Yager, Lindsey Tyler (4-5-85, Scott Ross).

### OHIO

*Columbia Station* (Columbia Church of God—Craig Burgess (2-17-85, Michael Brown).

*Dayton*—Lynn Marshall, Shannon Lowe, and Crystal Burdine (3-31-85, Bruce Burnside).

*Springfield*—Rusty Dickerson, Mildred A. McMichael, Dorn F. McMichael, Jr., and Mrs. Paula Severs (4-21-85, Lee Arp).

*Springfield*—Richard Willis (4-7-85, Lee Arp), Jennifer Nunemaker (4-14-85, Don Nunemaker). By letter: Velda Weber (4-21-85).

## AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATE

Darwin Bronson, 636 Ivy Lane, SW, Wyoming, MI 49509, phone 616-532-7774.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Any active minister who would desire to be ordained should contact Bro. David Krogh, Box 100, Oregon, IL by June 15, 1985.

Should one or more make such request, a service will be held during the 1985 Church of God General Conference. A service in your own pastorate is possible.

There is an application form and certain procedures as set by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.

## MARRIAGE

### INDIANA

*Kokomo*—Ellen Martin (member) and Russell Perkins (12-8-84, Ken Howe).

## DIRECTORY CHANGES MINISTERS

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## DEATHS

### CALIFORNIA

*Joshua Tree*—Daisy Seymour Nokes, 97, born in Tampico, Illinois, and cared for President Ronald Reagan when he was a small child. Baptized by S. J. Lindsay. 1/21/85.

### INDIANA

*Hedrick*—Charles Leland McCorkle, 90, member (2-1-85, Edward H. Goit, Sr. & Wally Winner).

*Kokomo*—Ruth Elkins, member (11-19-84, Ken Howe).

### MINNESOTA

*Eden Valley*—Leonard Blomker, 72 (3-5-85, David Cheatwood).

*Watkins*—Gwendolyn E. White, 64, friend of the Church of God (4-2-85, Pastor Stan Ross, Litchfield).

### OHIO

*Tipp City*—Mildred Kessler, 74, member of the Brush Creek Church (4-15-85, Michael Hoffman, Curtis Simpson, and Michael Brown).



## GROUNDBREAKING AT SOUTH BEND

Groundbreaking services were held Sunday April 21, 1985, in South Bend, Indiana, for Timberland Bible Church. The congregation is now known as Hope Chapel but will become known by the new name upon relocation in the new facility. Hope Chapel merged with the Morning Star Church in November of 1980 and has worked actively since that time to find land, to build a new facility, and to engage in a larger ministry for the Lord, doing together what we could not do individually.

The new facility will be built in two phases, the first of which will be 11,000 square feet, including a sanctuary seating 300, library/lounge, offices and education wing. The first phase of the project will cost about \$600,000 including land, professional fees, and construction. This portion of the building should be completed and ready for occupancy this fall. The second phase of the building will include a kitchen and a fellowship/recreational space.

In the above picture Warren Sorenson presents a check from the Church Builders in the amount of \$15,457 to Pastor John Railton and Building Committee Chairman Wood Talcott. The congregation wishes to take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to brethren across the country for participation in the Church Builders appeal, and also to those who invested in our ministry through the Church Bond Program which financed our new building. As Paul told the Philippians, we "always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel." Thank you all, and may God use each of us in his service!

## ROLE OF CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The Preamble to the Constitution of the Church of God General Conference states that "Delegates and interested members of the Church of God will meet at a designated place and time to confer in all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches."

The Constitution then proceeds to state in Article II that "each member church of 15 or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof. Delegates named shall be active members of the Church of God."

In addition to church delegates, the Constitution provides for delegates at large as follows:

- a) the Board of Directors and one delegate from each state or district Conference;
- b) the following licensed or ordained ministers: one who is actively pastoring a church; a full-time employee of the General Conference; those who have met either of the above qualifications and have reached retirement age."

Conference delegates play a very strategic role in the work of the Church of God. Delegates from local churches should be selected with great care. Delegates shall be active members of the Church of God, and it is important that they be able to successfully represent their local church and have interest in the work of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

Before attending Conference, delegates should:

- 1) Carefully read the reports, recommendations, constitutional amendment, proposed budgets, and other information regarding the summer Conference.
- 2) Meet with the Church Board, or the congregation, to determine the wishes of the local church regarding the business which will be transacted at the Conference.
- 3) Be certain that the local church secretary has submitted a delegate form listing active members, along with the names of the delegates.
- 4) Send a registration form to the General Conference to make reservations for attendance prior to July 20.

The delegate will have important duties to perform while in attendance at Conference:

- 1) Register with the Credentials Committee upon arrival at Conference.
- 2) Attend all business sessions of the Conference.
- 3) If unable to attend a business session, contact an alternate delegate from your local church to serve.
- 4) Take careful notes of decisions that are made and information which is shared.
- 5) Be prepared to make a personal commitment during Conference to the financial support of Conference/College ministries.

After returning home, the delegate's work must continue by:

- 1) Presenting a report to the congregation and/or Church Board, sharing information from Conference, and decisions which were made.
- 2) Encouraging participation of local members in General Conference programs and activities.
- 3) Contacting local church families to encourage them to make a commitment to send at least \$10 per month to the work of the Conference/College.

The work of the General Conference and Oregon Bible College will be greatly strengthened by delegates who take their responsibility seriously and who will follow the guidelines mentioned above.

# PRAYER and PRAISE

Prayer—

"If we ask any thing according to his will,  
he heareth us."  
—1 JOHN 5:14.

Praise

"Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good."  
—PSALM 135:3.

### June, 1985

- 1 Pray that those who have attended the Adulthostels this summer may be able to put to work the new knowledge they have gained.
- 2 Praise God for your pastor and ask his leading in the services today.
- 3 Pray for the success of Vacation Bible School in Koszta, Iowa, this week.
- 4 Pray for the Pleasant View Bible Church in Colorado Springs and the Needhams' ministry there.
- 5 Pray for Bro. Ralph Childs and his ministry through the Ford/Childs Foundation.
- 6 Pray for Oliver Amani and his work in Ghana.
- 7 Praise God for Oregon Bible College. Pray for the faculty members as they look forward to a new school year.
- 8 Pray for those who are recruiting for Oregon Bible College this summer.
- 9 Pray for the leadership of your church. Praise God for their faithfulness.
- 10 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 11 Pray for successful Bible Schools throughout the Conference this summer.
- 12 Praise God for the work of Pastor Arlen Rankin in the new church in Bellevue, Washington.
- 13 Pray for the Southeast camps and the OBC recruiting being done there this week.
- 14 Pray for the success of the prospect calling being done in Herndon, Virginia.
- 15 Praise God for the faithfulness of the brethren in the Phillipines. Ask for their continued safety.
- 16 Praise God for your father and the influence he has had on your life.
- 17 Pray for Bobby Lee and Angie Partain and the work at Phillips Ranch, California.
- 18 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo and Jacinto Montalvo as they lead the work in Mexico.
- 19 Praise God for the young people in your church. Pray that they might be led into his service.
- 20 Pray for Dick and Carol Eldred and their ministry in the North Kent Church in Rockford, Michigan.
- 21 Praise God for the leadership of the General Conference staff and board of directors.
- 22 Pray for renewed health for Luz Javar in the Phillipines.
- 23 Pray for your pastor as he speaks today.
- 24 Pray for church-planting opportunities.
- 25 Praise God for increased awareness of the need to be witnesses for him.
- 27 Pray for Pastor M. R. Noel and his ministry to the people in Bangalore, India.
- 28 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 29 Pray for the leaders of our nation.
- 30 Praise God for your Sunday School teacher's faithfulness in ministry.

# PRAYER and PRAISE

Prayer— "If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." —1 JOHN 5:14  
 Praise "Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good." —PSALM 135:3

## July, 1985

- 1 Pray for the prospect calling being conducted in Morse Mill, Missouri.
- 2 Pray for growth for the relocated church in Simi Valley, California, and for Mike Gallagher as he ministers there.
- 3 Pray for David Krogh and leadership of the Ministries of the General Conference.
- 4 Praise God for the freedoms you have in this nation.
- 5 Pray for the inactive members of your local congregation.
- 6 Pray for Russ Magaw as he directs the Publishing Department of the General Conference.
- 7 Praise God for your church family.
- 8 Pray for the success of the summer Ministries of your church.
- 9 Pray that God will use you to witness for him to someone in need.
- 10 Praise God for hearing and answering prayer.
- 11 Praise God for the beauty of his creation.
- 12 Pray that God will lead many to Oregon Bible College this fall.
- 13 Praise God for Kent Ross and his leadership of the national youth work.
- 14 Pray for safety for those traveling to National Youth Congress today. Ask God's blessing on the staff and campers.
- 15 Pray that you might be an encourager to someone in need.
- 16 Pray for Emily Manoah in India.
- 17 Pray for those attending A.C.M.C. Conference in Wheaton, Illinois, that they may be motivated to greater Mission awareness.
- 18 Praise God for the work of Bros. Javar, Abon, and Robles in the Philippines.
- 19 Pray for Gordon and Barbara Landry and their work in the Publishing department of the General Conference.
- 20 Pray for the Bible study group in Ashtabula, Ohio.
- 21 Praise God for the privilege to worship him freely and openly.
- 22 Pray specifically for someone who needs to accept Christ as Savior.
- 23 Pray for churches seeking pastors, that God might lead the right person to them.
- 24 Pray for the youth leadership of your local church.
- 25 Pray for the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference.
- 26 Pray for Warren and Irene Sorenson in their work in the Outreach and Church Development Department of the General Conference.
- 27 Pray for Bro. Ralph Childs' ministry.
- 28 Pray for God's Spirit to be at work in the services today.
- 29 Pray for God's blessing on General Conference as it convenes today.
- 30 Pray for the decisions that will be made at General Conference, that they might be God's will.
- 31 Praise God for Christian friends and the fellowship which is shared with them.

## NEW GROUP FORMED

A core group of dedicated Church of God people in Bloomington, Indiana, has formed a Bible Study which meets weekly. In April they officially affiliated as a member of the Indiana State Conference.

The group has been in communication with the General Conference for several months. It is intending to develop the Bible Study into an organized church. A full-time pastor is needed to work with this group. Interested persons can contact the Outreach Department of the General Conference for further information.

## THE LeCRONE PAPERS

Anyone in possession of J. R. LeCrone tracts, papers, and/or articles please contact his son Arlen. He wants to copy them. Phone 309-692-0774 or write: Arlen LeCrone, 5407 Plaza Dr., Peoria, IL 61614.

## ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS-TRUSTEES

At the 1985 General Conference, two members will be elected to the board of Directors-Trustees for four-year terms. The terms of Dallas Demmitt and David Johnson will expire at this Conference.

To acquaint delegates with nominees for these two Board positions, names and information regarding nominees will be printed in the summer PROGRESS JOURNAL. Those who wish to make nominations should first receive the consent of the proposed nominee. Second, the name and background information about the individual should be sent to Russell Magaw, editor of PROGRESS JOURNAL no later than June 1.

Nominations will continue to be made from the floor at General Conference as directed by the Constitution. Publication of this information in the summer JOURNAL will give churches and delegates more time to consider and discuss this important business matter.

## YOU KNOW ME

Call on me, Lord, when something needs done  
 You know me, Lord, I'll always come.  
 A class to teach? But you know me,  
 That's just not my cup of tea!

To knock on doors and witness for thee  
 Somewhere out there in the community  
 I would if I could—but you know me,  
 I'm just too shy for that kind of deed.

A brother at church who's down and out,  
 Who's finding life a real tough bout;  
 I'll pray for him and lend a hand  
 Next week, perhaps, or whenever I can.

Classrooms which need paint and other repairs:  
 Why can't workdays be scheduled when I can be there?  
 Music to sing, or a piano to play—  
 Ycu know me, Lord, and there's just no way!

Increase my tithe? Now let me see—  
 If there was just some way, but you know me;  
 I've got kids in school and bills to pay,  
 So not this month, Lord, perhaps some day.

Church cleaning last week? you're kidding me.  
 Now how could that have gotten by me?  
 You know me, Lord; I'm forgetful, you see.  
 Next time, perhaps, you can count on me!

Last night in my sleep it occurred to me  
 My Lord and my Savior spoke these words to me:

"You have not tended my flock or taken care of the need.  
 You have not allowed your heart to be open to me.  
 If you are mine as you are claiming to be,  
 Then, my son—my beloved son—don't you know me?"

—Tom Tackman  
 Peoria, Illinois





Oregon Bible College  
**MARANATHA**

1985

*Building Up the Body*

"He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up of the body of Christ**; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men,

by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."

—Ephesians 4:11-16. NASB.

## Rebuilding the Body at Oregon Bible College

With today's emphasis on physical fitness, our country has seen a tremendous number of gymnasiums, racquetball courts, and shape shops spring up in leaps and bounds. New fitness plans are also being seen. We are learning to Jazzercise, exercise with a VCR, and cassette tapes are screaming, "Come on! Only eight more; you can do it!"

Yet especially prominent these last few years has been the art of "body building." People of all ages, shapes, and sizes participate. While some concentrate on building bulky muscles, others streamline their sport into toning and firming their physique. There are many different aspects of this sport, but all have the same goal: to achieve one's maximum.

While the world is working so hard on their physical bodies, there is a group of committed people working on another kind of body. This is the body of Jesus Christ—the body which we here at Oregon Bible College train to achieve, and we also seek a maximum fitness level. Building this kind of body is not easy, mind you. We have had a lot of pain and struggles. Building a body takes discipline. It is like what I remember the high school football coach yelling: "No pain, no gain!" You see, we could be a "Christian" without too much work as could a person be a football player without much work. But the key is achieving one's maximum — and to achieve maximum means work. Then and only then can a person be called dedicated — a true athlete.

A true athlete's path is a grueling, painful one. Our student body has taken many bruises, pulled muscles, and broken bones this year. When it seemed to some of us that we would lie eternally in a hospital, we would only have to look up and see Jesus' strong hands reaching toward us. His strengthening power took hold and protected us from our fumbles and fouls. He would rally us back into the lead again!

The year brought many big changes from the previous year. The number of students was at a low, our food service switched hands three times, Dr. Pryor resigned, a student recruitment program was installed, the class curriculum was different, and Eugene's contract was

not renewed. That's not all! We also experienced many small changes as well. Classes began 30 minutes earlier, lunch was a half hour later, chapel was switched from Tuesdays and Thursdays to Mondays and Fridays, Chorale only

had 13 members, the salad bar was taken out, put back in, taken out, and put back in again, and everyone went to bed early.

All the while we hung in there! We as individuals and as a group grew and matured in the Lord as the year progressed. With the changes came so many more good things. For instance, we learned to really cherish our fellowship in the cafeteria. Our entire OBC family pulled together for Blitz Weekend and scattered all over the country for a condensed weekend of recruitment. It paid off when nearly 50 potential students and their advisors came to our High School Invitational held the week after Blitz.

Brian Atra, pastor of the Church of God in Little Rock, traveled up here and for a week taught an intense session every day on the Gospel of John, and taught other theology classes also.

Our blessings far outweighed our woes!

As we will all grow older and more gray, I pray that we will not grow out of shape. I hope that each one of us will take the lessons we've learned this year and apply them for the rest of our lives so we will not "be tossed here and there by waves," we will not be "carried about by every wind of doctrine," but we will grow up in all aspects of Christ. That is our goal. Our very existence needs to be founded on that principle. As we grow individually the body reaps benefits as well. Ephesians 14:16 tells us that the proper work of each *individual* part causes the growth of the body for the *building up of itself* . . . in love. In order for a human body to become strengthened each muscle must be vigorously worked out. Oregon Bible College has taught us many things, but the most important lesson we learned was the hard work and discipline it takes to become Christlike: to never lose sight of the finish line.

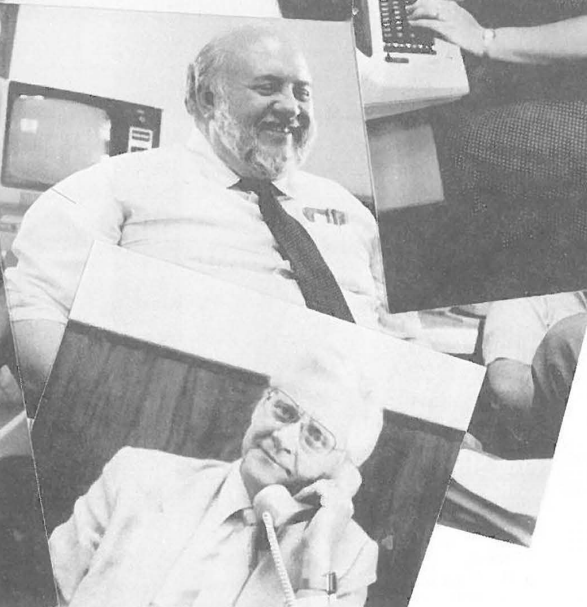
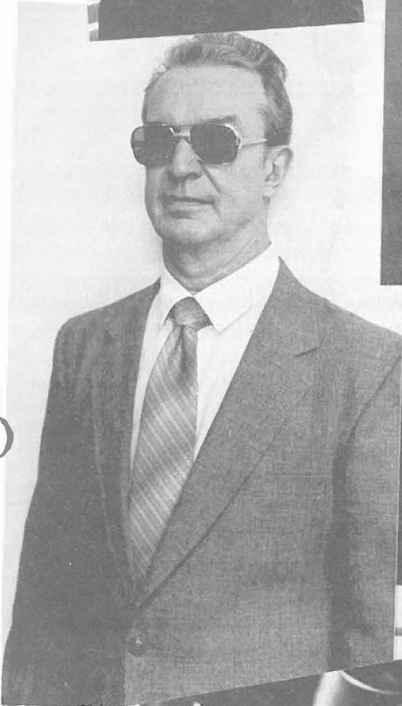
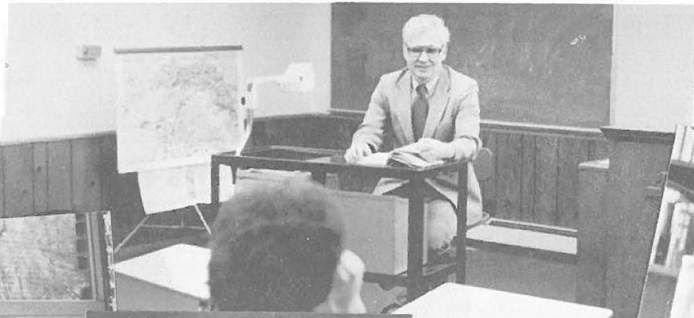
Oh, to dream about the day when the Lord smiles at us and says, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have won the race!" It is then I will know all the hard work paid off.

It has been a good year. I pray that each of *you* will find your sporting event, and "build your body" to its maximum!

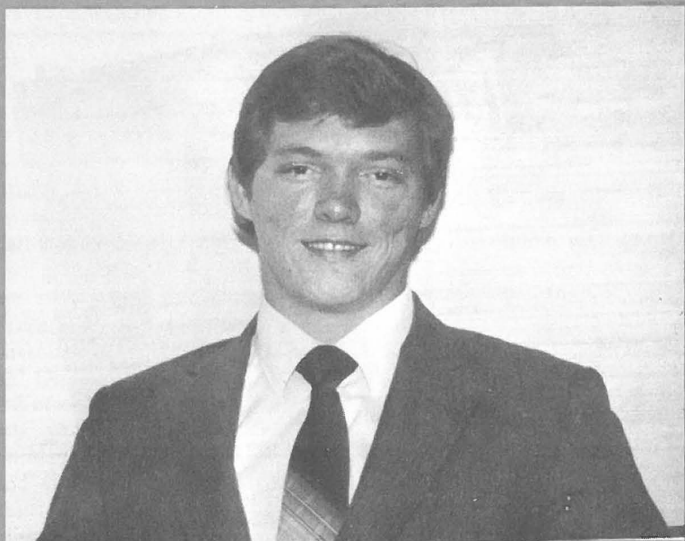


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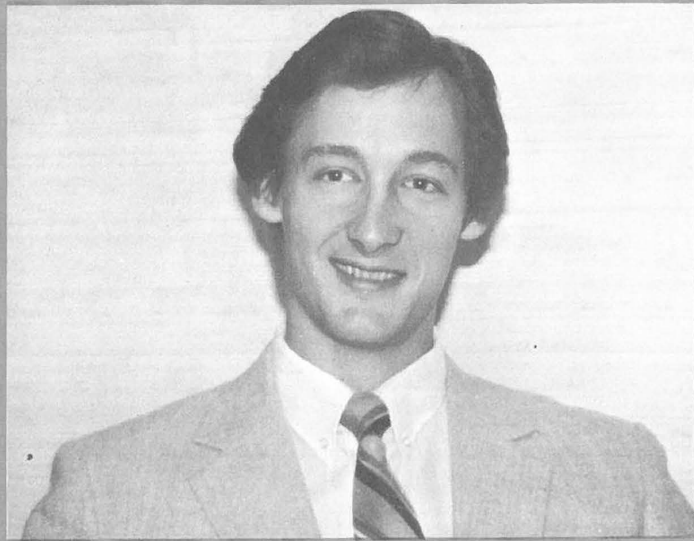
Taught Us . . .



# Seniors



Steve Fewell of Oregon, Illinois, was also one of our seniors who received a diploma in Pastoral Ministry. As to his plans this fall, Steve is not positive. He is still checking into some possible internships. Steve's plans for the future do include a life of ministry to our churches.



John Raymond of Springfield, Louisiana, was a senior at Oregon Bible College this year. John received his diploma in Pastoral Ministry and plans on staying in the Oregon area for another year. John's plans in the future do include taking a position in a church as a minister.



Connie Scott of Rockford, Illinois, was one of our seniors at Oregon Bible College this year. Connie received a diploma in Music Ministry and will be interning under Dale Ramsey in Oregon, Illinois, this fall. As for the future, she hopes to find a position as a music minister in one of our churches.



Jon Welch of Watson, Illinois, was also a senior this year at OBC. After receiving his diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Jon plans to take his internship in Fonthill, Ontario, under Pastor Stephen Bolhaus. Jon's plans for his future include a full-time ministry in service to our churches.

# Our Graduates

STEVEN ROBERT FEWELL

JOHN GLENN RAYMOND

PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK  
FOR THE PRIZE  
OF THE  
HIGH CALLING OF GOD  
IN  
CHRIST JESUS

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

*In growing,  
we have shared.  
In learning,  
we have found friendship.  
In pride,  
the Seniors of Oregon Bible College  
announce their  
Commencement Service  
on Friday, May seventeenth,  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-five  
at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening  
at the  
Oregon Church of God*

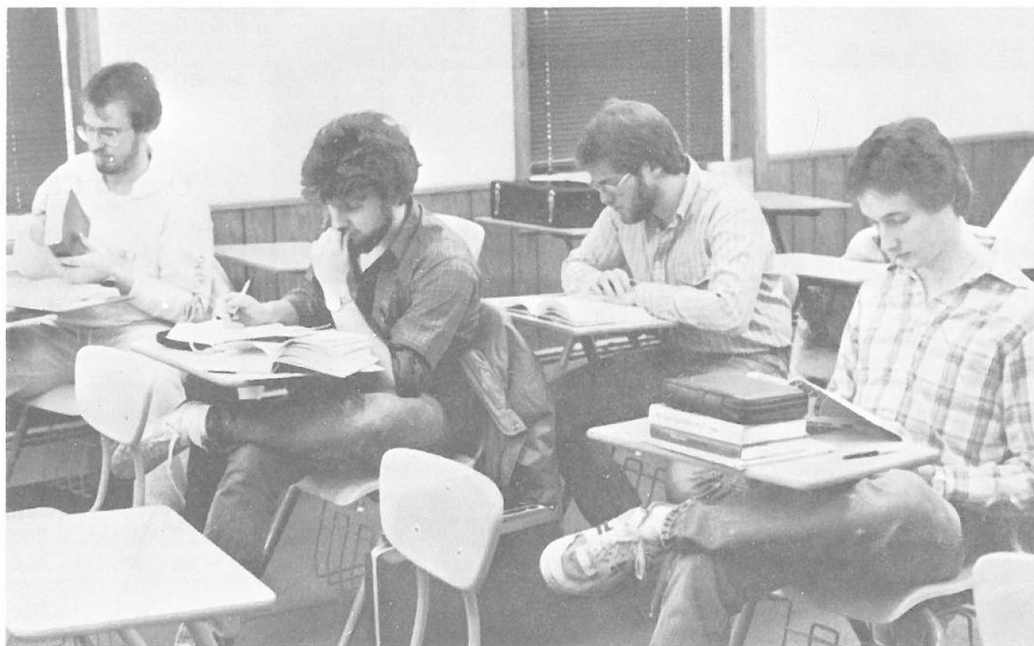
CONNIE SUE SCOTT

JON THOMAS WELCH

# Juniors



**Left to Right:** Jeff Fletcher (Oregon, Illinois); Jim Raymond (Springfield, Louisiana); Tom Schmitt (Oregon, Illinois); Angie Dickerson (Springfield, Ohio); Craig Waggoner (St. Louis, Missouri); Susan Lee (Dittmer, Missouri); Beth Welch (Watson, Illinois); Mark Good (Rossville, Indiana); Alan Cain (Macomb, Illinois).



**Above:** For their Advanced Theology class, Jon, Jeff, Alan, and John have a lot of reading assignments to work on.

**Left:** Mark, a junior this year, smiles for the camera.

## Sophomores



**Left to Right:** Darlene Day (Front Royal, Virginia); Scott Deane (Springfield, Ohio); Lana Gaddis (Macomb, Illinois); Donna Welty (Byron, Illinois); Mark Cheatwood (Eden Valley, Minnesota); Rick Eldred (Oregon, Illinois) not shown.



## Freshmen



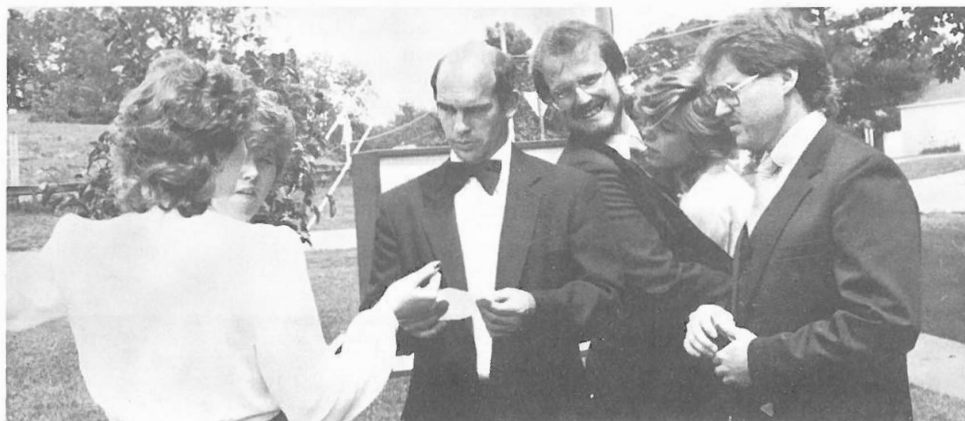
**Left to Right:** Misty Black (Springfield, Ohio); Dale Bliss (Winter Haven, Florida); Carla Ingram (Greenbrier, Arkansas); Brad Field (Oregon, Illinois) not shown.

# Chorale



1985 Oregon Bible College Chorale

Dale listened to all our gripes throughout the year.



The Chorale participates in a skit for the High School Invitational.

This year the Oregon Bible College Chorale enjoyed an 11-day trip to the eastern churches. Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Font-hill (Ontario), Michigan, and Illinois were the homes of the churches which heard the fifteenth chapter of the Chorale—led by Dale Ramsey. The group traveled some three-thousand-odd miles during the tour, including a few grueling, but exciting, hours through downtown New York City, one of the great Babylons of our time.

Among the Chorale's ranks were three seniors: Connie Scott—alto and accompanist; John Raymond—tenor; and Jon Welch—bass. While the two senior men will be missed come the '86 tour, Connie will once again be with the troops as her Music Ministry Internship will be with Dale next year.



# Student Government

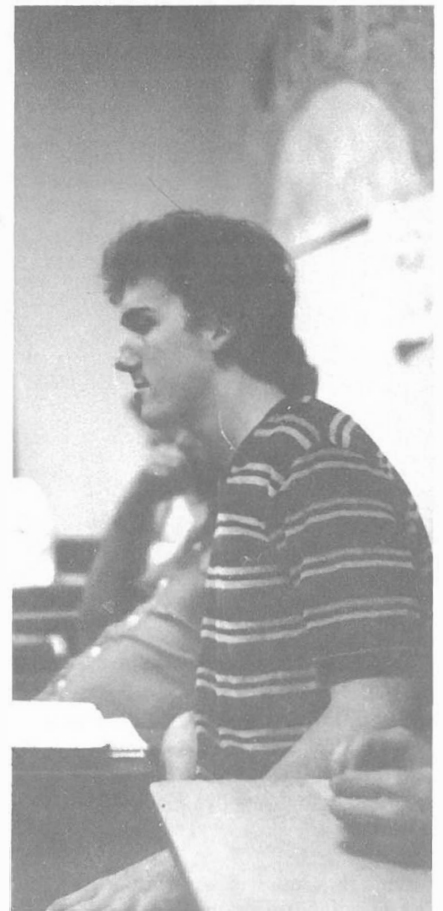


**Student Government:** Angie Dickerson, Student at Large; Carla Ingram, Secretary; Connie Scott, President; Jon Welch, Vice-President; Scott Deane, Treasurer.

**Right:** Students at the college enjoy personalized instruction at OBC.



**Below:** Sue and Kent enjoying laughing together in the cafeteria line.



**Above:** Brad, a Freshman this year, has learned a great deal from his classes, fellowship, and his personal growth.

**Left:** Working out together can be lots of fun!

# Outreach



Here, students are preparing for Blitz Weekend.

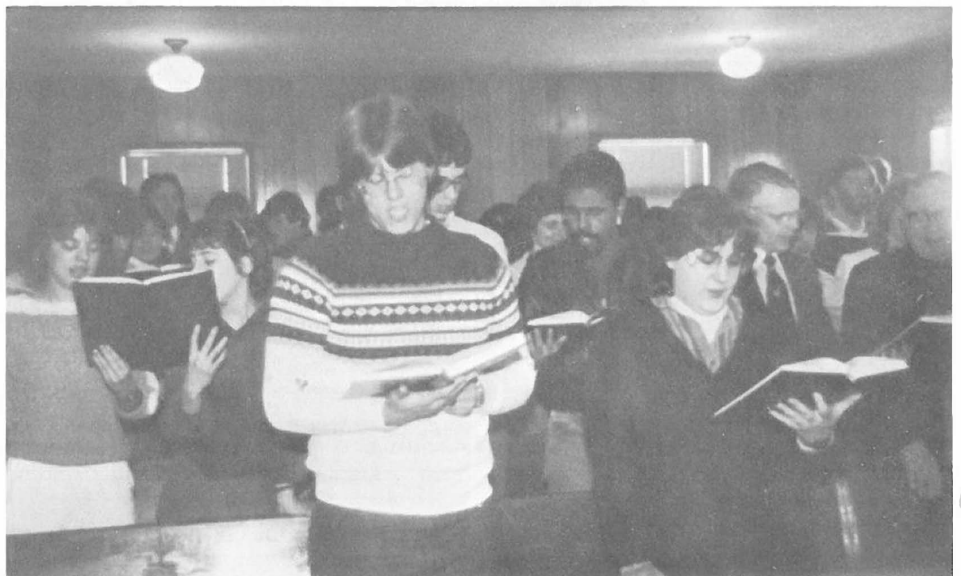
**Below:** Donna and Carla put on a skit for the High School Invitational.



Once again in the girls' dorm in preparation for our Big Blitz!



**Right:** The Chapel is packed with new faces and with good singing during the Invitational.



# Calling Teams

Calling teams are a fairly new concept at the college. For the past couple of summers, calling (or prospect) teams were sent out by the college, sponsored by our churches. During these past couple of years, the teams have aided in starting three new churches and helped many others gain new members and community awareness. This past Christmas break, a team went to Louisiana. This summer students are going to Virginia and Missouri for prospect-calling opportunities.



Jan Stilson participates in the calling team to Louisiana over Christmas break.



"Prospecting" can be frightening, but it is also exciting to see who you will meet at each door.



The college also has outreach with the Oregon area. For instance, an annual Autumn on Parade gives students an opportunity to touch the community. This is done by making a float or entering a clown troupe as pictured above.

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And so another year of Oregon Bible College has come and gone. Yet somehow we feel a responsibility to our Lord to complete the tasks he's assigned. For some it will be a full-time minister's vocation, while others may become active laymen. Whatever our call, we are all called to be full-time ministers of God—whether it be professionally or as lay ministers.

May we never forget the growth we've experienced here: the knowledge, the wisdom, and the tough lessons of life. Let us ever strive to build up our body as was commanded of us. Let us go on equipping the saints, reaching towards the ultimate goal of being a mature Christian, of being Christlike.

We cannot fail if we remember that it is *not* easy. It takes discipline, hard work, and sweat. Becoming Christlike must become a constant part of our lives: it is never completed. Our lives need to be a race in which we always run. The race begins now: On your mark, GET SET, GO!

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We, the 1985 Student Body,  
hereby dedicate ourselves  
to the building of the  
body until . . .  
MARANATHA!

Ann Powell  
Connie Scott  
FITZGERALD

J. Jeffrey Habber  
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912 Dickerson

Joy Welch  
Lana Sallis



Mark Hood

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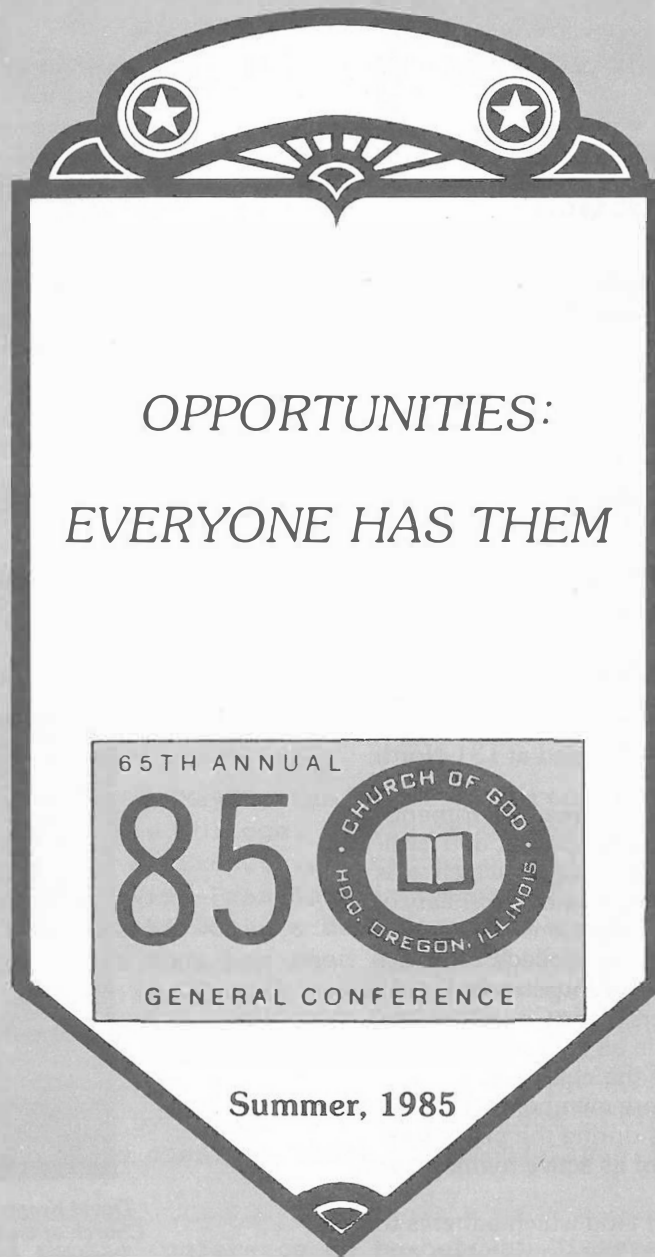
Susan Lee  
Dale Bliss

Drew  
Field

John E. Raymond

Craig S. Waggoner

1984-1985



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*Scott Ross, Chairman of the Board*

## Description of Church of God General Conference

The Church of God General Conference was incorporated in the State of Illinois as a corporation not for profit, June 3, 1922, under the name "National Bible Institution." The corporation name was changed May 17, 1961, to "Church of God General Conference."

The purpose for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated is to assist Church of God members, churches, and conferences to perform their commission to feed the Church of God and preach the gospel to all the world by providing trained personnel, services, resources, and materials.—Article I, Section 1, By-Laws.

The Church of God General Conference directly serves approximately 6,500 baptized members of the Church of God, 77 member churches, 14 State and District Conferences, approximately 24 nonmember churches, and the public at large.

The offices of the Corporation are located at 131 North 3rd Street in Oregon, Illinois.

The Conference is organized into three departments: Publishing, Outreach and Church Development, and Business Administration. Oregon Bible College, which was established August 8, 1939, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Conference. Two subsidiary corporations were established August 18, 1982: Oregon Bible College Development Foundation, and Church of God Investment Fund.

Delegates and interested members of the Church of God meet annually in August to confer in all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches.

Each member church of 15 or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, is entitled to one delegate for each 50 of its active members or fraction thereof.

A member church is a Church of God which adheres to the Statement of Faith contained in the Constitution and which has on record at the General Conference office a Statement of Affiliation with the General Conference.

Members of the Board of Directors, one delegate from each State or District Conference, and certain licensed and ordained ministers are recognized as delegates at large.

A seven-member Board of Directors is elected by the delegates for four-year terms. These Board members also serve as the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College and the Oregon Bible College Development Foundation.



*David Krogh, Executive Director  
Church of God General Conference  
President, Oregon Bible College*

# CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE



Box 100  
Oregon, Illinois 61061, U.S.A.  
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June, 1985

Dear Church of God Member,

We are pleased to report that the past 12 months have been an outstanding year for the Church of God. Some of the highlights were:

The strengthening of local churches

Reaching the half-million dollar mark in commitments to the Oregon Bible College Foundation

The planting of two new churches at Phillips Ranch, California and Rockford, Michigan

Graduation of four students from Oregon Bible College and the presentation of leadership certificates to seven individuals who completed the two-year program of study

These events and others, which are explained more fully later in this report, underscore the vitality of the Church of God and its desire to move forward with God's blessing.

At its recent meeting on May 3, the Board of Directors filled vacancies in the staff of Oregon Bible College. David Krogh was appointed President. He will continue to serve as Executive Director of the General Conference. Dale Ramsey was appointed Vice-President in charge of day-to-day operations. Eugene Stilson was hired as a consultant on a part-time basis for the coming year. Kent Ross has been appointed Academic Dean. Guest instructors will be serving on campus to strengthen the academic program of Oregon Bible College.

In addition to these staff changes, program and organizational recommendations are being made by the Oregon Bible College Study Committee. Delegates will be asked to consider these recommendations at the summer Conference.

We look forward to the Conference to be held at Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio. Information has been mailed to the entire membership, and we trust that many of you will be able to attend. Your attendance and participation are vital to the future of our Conference/College.

June, 1985

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We are happy to welcome the newly organized Hillview Bible Church, Bloomington, Indiana, into the membership of the Church of God General Conference. A core group of members has been meeting for many months, discussing the possibility of starting a church in this thriving southern Indiana city. Members of the Outreach and Church Development Department have met with the group to plan future steps.

Looking to the coming year, we anticipate God's continued blessing. It is apparent that we will have a sizeable freshman class at Oregon Bible College this fall, for which we are thankful. Our plans are to continue to develop quality lay and professional leadership for the Church of God. We will continue to serve Church of God members, churches, and Conferences, through all the departments of the Conference. We will vigorously pursue every opportunity that God places before us.

We seek your financial and prayer support as we carry out the work God has given us to do through the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

Sincerely in Christ,



Scott Ross



David Krogh

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# MAJOR EVENTS OF THE PAST 12 MONTHS

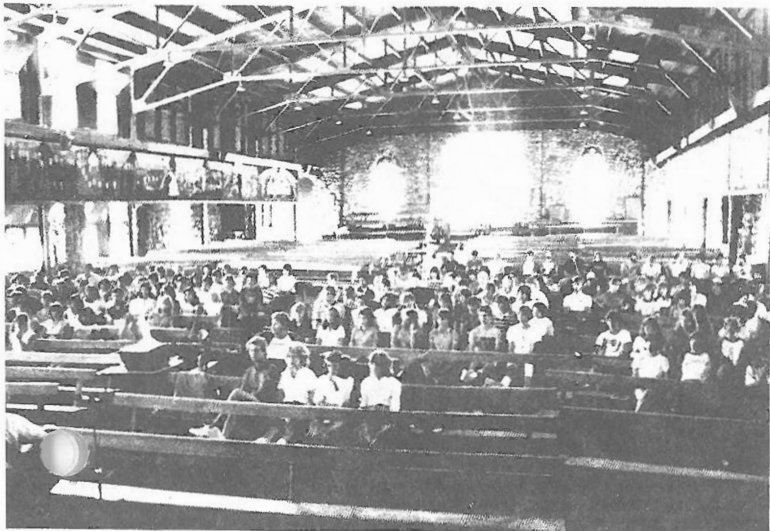
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## June

Warren and Irene Sorenson, along with team members Angie Dickerson, Sue Lee, James Raymond, Tom Schmitt, and Jay Smith did prospect calling in Omaha, Nebraska, and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## July

The 1984 Berean Youth Conference was held at Camp Mack.



Several Church of God members attended the Conference of the Association of Church Missions Committees at Washington, D.C.

Russ Magaw led a prospect-calling team to the North Hills Church in Springfield, Ohio, and Columbia Station, Ohio.

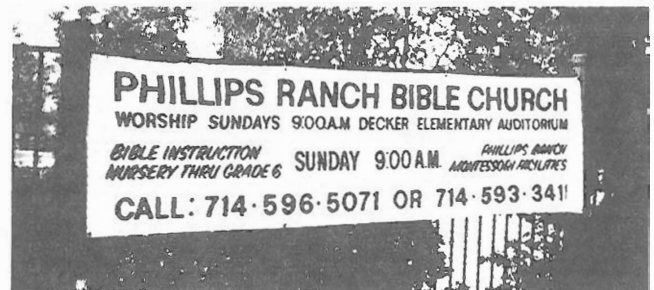
## August

The 1984 General Conference sessions were held at Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond, Louisiana. The theme, "Building on the Solid Foundation," focused on the Biblical heritage of the Church of God. Pastor Richard Eldred and Dr. William Lawrence were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors, and Keith Williams was elected to a three-year term.

The License & Ordination Board presented a license to Michael Gallagher. Don Nunemaker was also recognized as a recipient of a license.

A plaque was presented to the Pleasant View Bible Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, in recognition of its official application to become a member of the Church of God General Conference.

Warren and Irene Sorenson and a team did prospect calling in Pomona, California, in preparation for the planting of the Phillips Ranch congregation.



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## MAJOR EVENTS—CONTINUED

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Russ Magaw, Jan Stilson, and a team did survey work in the Rockford, Michigan, area in preparation for the planting of the North Kent Bible Church.

### September

Oregon Bible College began its fall semester with 24 students.



*Evangelism Explosion Clinic at Brush Creek Church, Ohio, October, 19-24, 1984.*

### October

A number of parents and grandparents of Oregon Bible College students visited the campus October 4-7.

An Evangelism Explosion Clinic was held October 19-24 at the Brush Creek Church in Ohio.

### November

William Wachtel was guest speaker at Christian Emphasis Week at Oregon Bible College.

The Pleasant View Bible Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was granted Church Builders Appeal #53.

### December

The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation reached the half million dollar mark in written commitments.

### January

On January 14, 1985, Oregon Bible College began its spring semester.

The Board of Directors met in Oregon, Illinois, to plan the summer Conference and to discuss long-range planning topics.

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# CHURCH BUILDERS APPEAL #53

**Pleasant  
View  
Bible  
Church of God,  
Colorado Springs,  
Colorado**



## MAJOR EVENTS—CONTINUED

### February

The Valley Bible Church in Glendale, California, sold its building and held its first service in rented facilities in Simi Valley, California.

### March

A large number of prospective students and sponsors visited the campus of Oregon Bible College for the annual High School Invitational Conference.

The Christian Workers' Seminar was held at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, with 148 persons in attendance.



### April

The Ministerial Association held its annual meeting in Oregon, Illinois. The theme of this year's Conference was "A Pastor's Personal Growth."

### May

Four students graduated from Oregon Bible College at commencement exercises on May 17. Seven students received two-year leadership certificates.



Church Builders Appeal #54 was awarded to the North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, Michigan, for the purchase of land.

The first annual Adulthostel was held on the campus of Oregon Bible College.

Hillview Bible Church, Bloomington, Indiana, was accepted as a member church in the Church of God General Conference.

## CHURCH BUILDERS APPEAL #54

### North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, Michigan



# General Conference Progress

David Krogh, Executive Director

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As I review the work of the Church of God General Conference for the past year, I am pleased with our accomplishments, and I am very appreciative of all who have contributed to our success during the year: Board members, our staff, our pastors, and many laymembers.

I have considered it a privilege to serve in a position of leadership in the Church of God during the past 12 months. As Executive Director I have been involved in the following activities: services conducted at 19 churches, Evangelism Explosion Clinic conducted in Ohio, taught classes at the 1985 Christian Workers' Seminar, taught a Church-Growth Class at Oregon Bible College first semester, taught Evangelism Explosion Level I and II at Oregon Bible College second semester, served on the Oregon Bible College Senate and on various Senate committees, served as chairman of the Executive Council, carried out the duties of secretary/treasurer of the Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association, served as secretary of the Ministers' fund, and served as a member of the Oregon Bible College Study Committee.

I have had a very optimistic attitude about the work of the General Conference during the past year. I believe that many significant things are taking place in the Church of God. Many programs are bearing fruit, and I am confident that we are building on a solid foundation.

### A Vision for the Future

My staff and I are giving attention to projecting a vision into the 21st century. Our vision must be stated in terms of our perception of God's desire for the Church of God. Our vision must challenge our membership and point out the general direction which our movement must take.

Once our vision is clearly established, then goals can be established which become specific and measurable steps in accomplishing the vision. Programs and activities will arise out of our goals which will move us toward those goals and the greater vision beyond.

As leaders of the Church of God, I believe it is important for our staff and the Board of Directors to

project a vision for our entire movement. Our organization and our churches can then establish specific goals and develop programs which will move us all forward in the accomplishment of the vision.

If there is no vision, the following things are likely to occur:

1. We will become ingrown and self-centered.
2. It becomes impossible to do real evaluation.
3. We tend to run programs for programs' sake.
4. We lose our passion for ministry.
5. It is hard to stimulate lay leaders.
6. It becomes easy to settle into maintaining a ministry rather than developing it.
7. We tend to not plan far enough ahead.
8. There tends to be an emphasis on activity rather than output.

### Personnel

The success of the General Conference work in the past several years can be attributed in large part to the work of our dedicated staff. Many staff members work long hours above and beyond basic requirements in order to serve our churches and our membership.

The staff is organized into three departments as follows:

General Services: Bill Burnham, Director; Becky Hall, computer operator and secretary to Executive Director.

Publishing: Russell Magaw, Director; Gordon Landry, Managing Editor; Betty Hall, typesetter and receptionist; Judy Myers, mailing department and secretary; Barbara Landry, proofreader.

Outreach and Church Development: Warren Sorenson, Director; Judy Myers, Missions Coordinator and secretary; Kent Ross, Youth Coordinator; Russell Magaw, assistant.

### Proposed Organizational Revisions

If the delegates choose to approve the report of the Oregon Bible College Study Committee, I am committed to the complete implementation of our reorganization.

I view the study committee recommendations as a very desirable refinement of our present structure to

emphasize even more fully the two-fold work of the Conference and our churches; namely, education and evangelism. Creating an organizational structure which makes education and evangelism the two main departments of our organization will tighten the focus and bring much closer coordination of all of our efforts. The total utilization of staff and resources toward the two-fold purpose will inevitably be productive.

### Financial Situation

Much of the strength of the General Conference is attributed to the faithful financial support of our family of supporters. During the past year, contributions from individuals have remained approximately the same. However, contributions from churches, conferences, and groups increased, which gave us a 7% overall increase in contributions for the year.

Our two strategic giving programs for the General Conference—Development Council and Founders' Circle—continue to generate regular contributions from our donors. Earlier this year a contribution coupon booklet was made available for people who wish to make systematic contributions to the Conference. A number of contributors have requested the coupon book. A copy can be secured by filling out the form on the back page of this *Journal*.

We encourage those who have not yet made a commitment for 1985 to do so immediately.

The box below shows our goal and the results for 1983 and 1984.

<b>Development Council (\$500 or more)</b>		
Goal	1983 Members	1984 Members
150	95	95
<b>Founders' Circle (\$120 - 499)</b>		
250	197	191

### Conclusion

As we move forward with our plans for the coming year, my underlying commitment will be to serve the people of the Church of God in such a way that God is glorified and our churches move toward the goal of becoming all that God wants them to be. I am committed to conducting our affairs in such a way that we prove ourselves as a staff to be worthy of the whole-hearted prayer and financial support of the constituency which we serve.

## Business Office Report to the Board of Directors

*Bill Burnham, Director*

A year ago this report dealt with changes and revisions of procedures and activities, advising that only refinements were anticipated in the future. This has been basically true and refinements will continue to be made.

Sr. Becky Hall has very adequately assumed the computer operation during the past year. A major savings in clerical time occurred using the computer for tabulation of contributions.

Energy savings have resulted from heating system changes in the Men's Dorm. In fact, the gas company delayed the December billing while investigating the reduced usage. Thermostats have been installed in the Women's Dorm which is expected to provide further savings.

Food service offered this semester appears to be satisfactory from all viewpoints, students and administratively. While we need more time to adequately determine that the operation is self-funding, the experience of this semester will be invaluable to us for development of future operation. Sr. Mary Hoffman serves as manager/cook, Sr. Shirley Waggoner (student's spouse) as cook, and Darlene Day (student) assists as needed. Sr. Hoffman attempts to balance nutrition and student tastes and most comments have been favorable. Sr. Connie Ramsey contributed considerable time to the initial effort to reestablish in-house food service and continues to provide consultant assistance. At semester-end a full tabulation will be made to assure a self-funding operation. While 85-86 student food charges have been frozen at the current price, every effort will be made to operate within that figure, made easier with additional students.

David Hall provides efficient maintenance for all properties. He is assisted by part-time student workers.

The General Conference building on Third Street is presently listed with a realtor. The sale of this building and the construction of a new facility on the college campus will facilitate the utilization of staff and space.

The Business Office serves the other departments of the Conference/College by providing vehicles for Gospel teams, the Chorale, church-planting teams, and visits to churches. We are in urgent need of dependable automobiles. Please see page 24 for a way you can help.

# DEPARTMENT OF OUTREACH AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Warren Sorenson, Director

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There's a new spirit of interest in evangelism in various forms moving through the Church of God. This is especially significant when we realize that attitude precedes action. With the change in attitude in many of our churches, it is thus logical that we can expect a change in the activities and what will happen in many of our local churches.

Several congregations have expressed an interest in learning more about prospect finding and also of having a team come to their area to assist them in getting a program going. David Krogh's Evangelism Explosion Clinics have sparked interest as well as results regarding a specific method of evangelism. People are beginning to see conversions, and others want to see "that happen in their church" also. Conferences and local churches are getting on the church planting bandwagon. Small churches which have been "quiet" for many years have come to life and are asking for direction and help.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Rom. 13:11, 12). Rephrase this truth in terms that apply to our situation in the Church of God: "Now is the time when we are awakening from our sense of comfort, peace, and satisfaction in a ministry directed to ourselves, and we are beginning to look toward the lost with a ministry of redemption." Certainly the night is far spent; the day is at hand. We have seen a lack of results when we have concentrated on preaching to ourselves. Discontentment with this has spurred us to a more obedient response to the Lord's commission for his church. Now is the time for the Church of God to publicly apply the message of truth to a people-centered ministry.

My work as Director of the Department of Outreach and Church Development for the past year can be summarized as being a pastor's pastor, helping local churches, and extending the work of the Church of God through church planting. The following will provide a bit more detail.

### Pastoral Consultation

One of the unique and frustrating aspects of being a pastor is that his role is usually not very well clarified. He is expected to be busy and to do a lot of things, but just what that is and what he is to do is often enveloped in fog. Almost everybody in the church is willing to tell you what

the pastor's work is. The problem arises in that everybody's description of his job is different.

A second contributing cause of pastoral frustration is in recognizing the need for change and either not knowing how to create that change or meeting a brick wall of resistance. Quite often when you rattle the cage or rock the boat, you have to deal with some problems as a result.

Serving as a listening ear offers help to pastors. In the meantime it is important that as a conference we work toward the major solution, that of coming to a clearer understanding of leadership and followership. This will necessitate both pastor and congregation learning the true meaning of leadership and to be supportive of one another.

As Director of the Outreach and Church Development Department I have been called upon to assist when tension between the pastor and the congregation became too intense. The approach taken in these cases has been to identify the issues, seeking to clarify what the congregation expects from the pastor, to clarify the congregation's responsibility regarding their pastor, and to understand the congregation's philosophy of ministry. The next step is to work through the same questions from the pastor's viewpoint. The final step has been to seek ways to resolve any differences in relation to the issues. An underlying principle has been to sort out the issues and seek to resolve them, rather than trying to establish blame.

### Pastoral Search

Several congregations have been working through my office in looking for a replacement pastor. This provides for a third party to work between prospective candidates and the interested church. Pastors may be willing to consider a move, but want to find out more about the church and community before getting into serious negotiations. Churches feel comfortable with the same option. Usually I contact a number of pastors and ask if they would be willing to have their name considered for further discussion and possibly to talk with a representative from the church. At this stage of the game, there is no commitment from either the pastor or the church. This is simply a preliminary step of investigation.

Churches have an opportunity to talk with potential pastoral candidates and to learn their thinking relative to

the church and its ministry and to compare their thinking with that of the prospective pastor. This allows for a time of discussion before it becomes necessary to make a decision. It allows a pastor to pursue a possible move without conveying to his church that he may be "moving on." It allows both the pastor and congregation to learn about the other, their thinking, etc., without making a commitment. Through the process those most interested rise to the top. At this point the negotiations are taken over by the local church. This provides a service to both the local churches and the pastors.

### **Consultation and On-Site Assistance to Local Churches**

The development of the local church is a priority need within the Church of God. In this regard I have met with congregations, giving assistance in program development, helping to determine a focus and direction for the church, clarifying a specific philosophy of ministry for the church, providing assistance regarding expansion and/or relocation, extension through church planting, mediating between the pastor and the congregation when tensions between them exist, presenting instruction seminars, and working with the elders of the church in planning strategies for future development by the church.

This part of the work is enriching for me personally and it gives me an opportunity to work in a personal way with members of the various churches. It is my conviction that it is essential for conference staff to have personal contact with those in our local churches. The philosophy of the conference as a service organization becomes real when the local church can experience personal service from individuals on the conference staff.

### **Prospect-Calling Assistance**

The prospect-finding method is a preliminary step in the process of evangelism. It is only a means of locating people for further followup contact. Using OBC students as a prospect-finding team has provided the local church with assistance in its evangelism program. This offers an on-site teaching demonstration. For the student it provides a field experience. Learning while doing greatly supplements classroom theory. Also the excitement of being on the front line and seeing some results does much to stimulate the student for further service and study.

Prospect-finding teams have been involved in calling programs at Rockford, Dixon, and Aurora, Illinois; Omaha, Nebraska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; North Hills and Columbia Station, Ohio; McGintytown and Conway, Arkansas; Phillips Ranch, California; North Kent, Michigan; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Raymore, Missouri.

Russ Magaw has been a big help in serving as a supervisor for some of these teams. Jan Stilson has also been involved in the calling program.

At least two summer ministries are in the stages of preparation at the present time for this summer.

### **Church Planting**

A church-planting class was taught at OBC which covered the basics of church planting.

Two new churches were launched; the Phillips Ranch Bible Church and North Kent Bible Church.

I worked with the Michigan State Conference board and Dick Eldred in seeing this church coming to reality. The prospecting team assisted in the development of a nucleus for the establishment of the church.

I worked with Bobby Lee Partain in laying the groundwork for the church at Phillips Ranch. The prospecting team also helped in covering the neighborhood in promotional work for the beginning of the church.

Attendance for both of these groups has been on a rollercoaster. This seems to be the case when starting with new people. It takes time to build commitment in the new work. Both churches have had first baptisms from the community. Home Bible studies supplement the ministry of both these congregations.

### **Miscellaneous Activities**

Additional activities have included administration of the Church Builders' Program, furnishing copy for various Church of God publications, administration and teaching at the Christian Workers' Seminar, and conducting various sessions at General Conference.

I have also been serving as a member of the Sunday School Curriculum Revision Committee, have completed a study course through Fuller Seminary on the historical development of the Christian movement, am currently planning for two summer ministry teams from Oregon Bible College in prospect calling and followup, and attended a church planting seminar conducted at Fuller Seminary.

### **Conclusion**

I am optimistic about the work of the Church of God and the progress and development for the future.

### **Thank You**

First, to Russell Magaw for his assistance in working with calling teams and related responsibilities.

Second, it is impossible to consider the work of the Outreach Department without giving sincere recognition to pastors and members of our local churches. The bottom line of what happens is through these dedicated servants of God. The front line of service is in the local church.

I personally appreciate the work done by our pastors. And all of us surely know that it is ultimately the people in the local church that get the job done.

It is a joy to have so many Christian friends in various churches. Irene and I have been privileged to enjoy the hospitality of pastors and their families and also various members in local churches. This has been a blessing to us and an encouragement in our ministry.

The results of the future will be built on the commitment of God's people today. To each of you who are a living testimony of committed servants, thank you.

# OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

Dale Ramsey, Vice President of Operations

## REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One of the great joys of ministry at OBC is to see a young person, fresh out of high school, step foot on campus with all of his insecurities, shyness, homesickness, and "rough around the edges," begin a process of growth and maturity toward realizing his potential as a minister for the Lord. The greatest regret is to have to let go of the students in May and dissolve a family environment.

Twenty-four full-time students attended Oregon Bible College during the 1984-85 academic year. The student body represented nine different states; mainly from Church of God families and backgrounds. One of the joys is to see students who went to OBC several years ago return and finish their education. Connie Scott returned last year and was graduated this spring. Craig Waggoner moved his family from St. Louis at mid-term and is planning to stay until completion. It is a great step of faith.

Four seniors graduated in May: Connie Scott, Rockford, Illinois; Steve Fewell, Kokomo, Indiana; John Raymond, Springfield, Louisiana; and Jon Welch, Watson, Illinois. Connie, Steve, and Jon will be going into internship programs. John's plans are yet tentative. Completing the Internship program this year are: Lee Arp, Darwin Bronson, Darrell Cardwell, and Tim Trammell. We applaud these faithful students who have committed their time, money, and total lives to serve the Lord.

Dr. Charles Pryor began the year as president. He resigned in November after 4½ years of faithful service. We appreciate his vision in many areas of the OBC program and that dynamic is being missed. He has returned to teaching at Northeast Louisiana University where he served before coming to OBC. Eugene Stilson was terminated in his present role at OBC at the end of the second semester. Eugene served faithfully in countless capacities for 18 years.

Also serving were Janet Stilson as librarian; Bill Burnham as Controller and overseer to the Business Department; Kent Ross as instructor and a large contributor in the transition of some of Bro. Stilson's responsibilities; Dale Ramsey as instructor and Chairman of the Faculty Senate when Dr. Pryor resigned;

Anthony Buzzard as instructor; Gayle Reye as instructor and Dorm Director; David Hall as Dorm Director and in charge of maintenance; and Rachel Newell as Administrative Assistant and Foundation Coordinator. Also serving as part-time instructors were David Krogh, Warren Sorenson, and Russell Magaw, members of the Church of God General Conference staff. Mary Hoffman joined our staff as director of the kitchen staff and head cook. She and Connie Ramsey restored the kitchen to an in-house operation after an alternative service first semester.

It was our pleasure to have William Wachtel on campus for our Fall Christian Emphasis Week. His ministry was well received and was a blessing. In the spring Eugene Stilson, Anthony Buzzard, David Krogh, and Warren Sorenson served on the staff of the Christian Workers' Seminar. During that week Brian Atrawas was a guest instructor and led a very exciting study of the Gospel of John.

Connie Scott served as president of the student council. Tom Schmitt served as editor of the *Student Voice*, and Angie Dickerson as editor of the *Maranatha*. Serving on the Sport's Staff were Jimmy Raymond, John Raymond, Alan Cain, and Susan Lee. Resident Assistants were Connie Scott, Angie Dickerson, Lana Gaddis, Mark Good, and Jon Welch.

Tom Schmitt and former student Sheila Miller were united in marriage on March 23. Jeff Fletcher and Karen Burnham were married in the fall. Several of our other students are planning marriages for this summer. OBC should not be criticized for being a place where young people find life partners. It is a wonderful dynamic that happens to most people at that age and OBC is a good place to meet others with compatible values and goals. Praise the Lord!

During our time of transition, the staff has been working diligently to prepare a program for the coming year that will meet the needs of young people and the churches they will ultimately serve. Many positive events such as "Blitz Weekend" and the High School Invitational Conference have given us a positive feeling about our future and the direction we are heading. We hear of a number of new students for our



fall term and this excites us. We sense God's sufficiency in our weakness. If the Church of God is to minister effectively in the years ahead, OBC must be in touch with the cutting edge of preparation in the spreading

of the gospel. At this time in our existence it is very important to proceed totally in agreement with the vision God would have us see and sensitive to the needs of the people we serve.

## A Tribute to Brother Eugene Stilson

The 1984-85 school year is now history. If anyone had prophesied a year ago what would happen this year, we would have staggered in disbelief. If the end justifies the means, then we are able to claim the promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." We thank God that in every experience good has resulted, though at times it has been painful.

We are experiencing a renewed excitement and are anticipating the 1985-86 school term as a year where God will bless our ministry abundantly. We covet the prayers and support of all those who believe in the ministry of Oregon Bible College and wish to see it become an even better tool for God's mission in the world today.

As was reported previously in the JOURNAL, the contract of Bro. Eugene Stilson has not been renewed for the coming school year. Eugene Stilson has served Oregon Bible College and the Church of God General Conference constituency for 18 years. He has given the heart of his life for the purpose of seeing OBC grow and serve better the ministry objectives of the Church of God.

Bro. Stilson has served valuably in the role of Dean of Students, curriculum development, and instructor. His ability to read, observe, and put into perspective

each facet of the college, from academic affairs to the reconstruction of the Golden Rule Building and other such details, have been an immeasurable blessing to his ministry. Eugene's gift of knowledge has contributed to each instructor's strength in his own discipline. His unique contribution in this way has strengthened each of us here at Oregon Bible College.

In many respects, Bro. Stilson has been the foundation for Oregon Bible College for many years. He has always been willing to shift to areas that were left empty by departing faculty. He has been "all things" to Oregon Bible College. I praise God for this faithful and gifted man.

In assessing the future of Oregon Bible College and its needs, the Board of Trustees moved to utilize Bro. Stilson in the role of part-time consultant for the coming year. This will allow him to continue a very vital role that he has fulfilled for years, as well as giving him the opportunity to explore new areas of ministry for OBC by way of extension and correspondence courses.

Though this present chapter in his life is changing, I believe new and innovative ministries will result that will benefit the whole of the Church of God. Only through God's leading and the subsequent acceptance of that by Eugene could the results of a very difficult decision turn out for the glory of all concerned. God's grace has truly humbled this writer. Hallelujah, Amen!

### Oregon Bible College Development Foundation Progress Toward Endowment Goal 5-1-85

Written Commitments received	\$528,507	
Verbal Commitments received	6,800	
Cash received		235,377
Other Receipts	750*	
Stock		
Life Insurance Policy	25,000	

\*estimated values

# PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Russ Magaw, Director

## REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During this fiscal year the Publishing Department has continued its efforts with *The Restitution Herald*, PROGRESS JOURNAL, and Sunday School quarterlies and Teacher's Guides for five age groups. Recently a two-year goals program was presented for the department to the Executive Council.

### *The Restitution Herald*

Specific effort is being made to provide articles which deal with five areas of study. In each issue we hope to address a topic in all of the following general headings:

- Church of God Doctrine
- Contemporary Issues
- Bible Prophecy
- Church Growth
- Christian Living

The articles which come from the Sermon on the Mount have met the need in the Christian Living area. This series of unconnected articles will come to an end sometime this summer or early fall. We have also reprinted articles from Church bulletins and other publications to help fill this need.

Occasionally we publish an article on church growth from either David Krogh or Warren Sorenson.

I have been pleased with copy from different sources in the Church of God doctrine area. Recently Pastors Scott Millard and William Wachtel supplied excellent articles on the resurrection and God's oneness. Contributing Editor Anthony Buzzard keeps us well stocked with his doctrinal pieces.

Recently Pastor James Mattison was appointed as Contributing Editor of the Prophecy Page.

The April and May issues (1985) contained articles on contemporary issues. Reo Christenson's "The Truth About Pornography" came from a conference I attended on the subject in Cincinnati during the fall. United States Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's article on doing more to help women who have problem pregnancies was reprinted with permission from *Pastoral Renewal*, for which I am grateful.

Additionally, Contributing Editor Rachel Carr provides copy for a Children's Page each issue.

Recently members of the Oregon Bible College staff were assigned articles. Out of that situation Gayle Reye is producing a six-part series on audiovisuals. I hope Christian educators in our churches will find this series helpful.

Circulation of *The Herald* stands at exactly 1550 copies per issue. This number includes 1200 regular subscribers and 350 copies sent in bundles to subscribers who order three or more copies. Our major subscription push continues to be with the February issue. However, changes have been made with our computer mailing list to allow new subscriptions to be started at any time during the year. Subscriptions are down from 1700.

Format of the magazine will continue to emphasize a two-color cover and black-and-white interior.

During the year another mailing of an issue went to 1000 more addresses in the London Outreach project. Response has been less than the first mailing.

### PROGRESS JOURNAL

This free news promotional is published five times a year. About 3300 to 3500 homes receive it. Recently new features included interviews with state conference presidents, news of newly planted churches, and a biography.

### Challenge Magazine

The Outreach and Church Development Department renewed the publishing of *Challenge* magazine for our youth. Over 200 indicated they'd like to receive it at the 1984 Youth Conference, but just 120 have paid \$5.00 subscriptions. Including active pastors and youth leaders and OBC students, the mailing list stands at 320. Kent Ross is editor.

Overall we are printing 4,330 copies of quarterlies and 600 copies of teacher's guides each quarter. These figures are down from a year ago; 4,575 and 735 respectively.

### Curriculum Committee

According to the notes of the February 2, 1985, Curriculum Study Committee meeting, we will begin immediately to make improvements and revisions in the Junior, Senior High, and Adult quarterlies which are in keeping with the new Church of God objectives for each age group. These objectives will be published in a Curriculum Guide.

Additionally, the Committee established a time line for the introduction of four new age groups. A Toddler quarterly, using the Palma Smiley curriculum, will come on line in September, 1985. The Junior High curriculum, using the David C. Cook line as a source with Church of God distinctives plugged in, will start in March, 1986. A Kindergarten quarterly, again incorporating Cook curriculum with our distinctives, will also begin in March, 1986. Likewise a Primary quarterly, using Cook and our distinctives, will commence in December, 1986.

Edit work has already begun on the Kindergarten quarterly, and will soon start on the Junior High. However, major chores lie ahead regarding the rewriting of our distinctives into this new material.

### Relationship to Staff and Equipment

While the director of the department provides general oversight of production and activity, daily operation is accomplished by his staff. Gordon Landry serves as managing editor; Betty Hall is the typesetter; Judy Myers does mailing, makes changes in quarterlies, and provides secretarial help; Barbara Landry is the proofreader (part time).

### Other Activities

During the past year I have been involved in several projects with the Outreach and Church Development Department. I have led prospect-calling teams to several areas, and conducted several feasibility studies for planting new churches.

PROGRESS JOURNAL

# Constitution Revisions

## RECOMMENDATION ONE

We recommend the creation of a nominating committee for positions on the Board of Directors.

*Explanation:* There are two problems connected with our present system of nomination from the floor and electing on the following day. Delegates are unable to determine the wishes of their local church regarding possible nominees before arriving at Conference. We have also faced the problem of not having sufficient nominations required by the Constitution. This has required a last-minute search for a candidate willing to run.

This recommendation can be implemented by replacing Article IV, Section 4 with the following: "A nominating committee consisting of the State or District Conference Boards of the Church of God will submit name(s) of potential nominees for the General Conference Board of Directors by January 1 of the year of the election. Churches not represented by a State or District Conference may also submit nominees by January 1 of the year of the election. The name of each nominee must be accompanied with a resume of the individual. Names and resumes will be submitted to the Executive Director of the Conference and will be printed in the summer *Progress Journal*."

New Section 5. "Nominations printed in the *Progress Journal* will be brought to the floor of the business session by the Chairman at least one day before the day set for the election. Additional nominations will be received from the floor, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship."

Renumber Section 5 to Section 6 and delete "nominations shall be made from the floor; but"

Renumber Section 6 to Section 7.

Renumber Section 7 to Section 8.

The Board recommends that this amendment take effect for the 1986 General Conference.

## RECOMMENDATION TWO

We recommend that procedures be established for the introduction of resolutions, major motions (i.e., motions that have substantial effect on longstanding policy), or recommendations to the General Conference business session.

*Explanation:* Since our Conference is based upon the representative principle, we believe it is important for our churches to be aware of resolutions, major

motions, or recommendations which will be acted upon by the delegates. Advance notice will permit local churches to instruct their delegates how to vote on these issues. Therefore, an orderly procedure should be established so that our churches and members can be properly informed of proposed action. We believe this can best be implemented by making the following Constitutional revisions:

Article III—new Section 2. "Resolutions, major motions, or recommendations should be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than four months before the Conference business session convenes. Resolutions, major motions, or recommendations may originate with individuals, churches, Conferences, or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will receive and review the items for publication in the summer *Progress Journal*. Resolutions, major motions, and recommendations may also be submitted from the floor at the delegate session, but they may not be voted upon until the next Conference. The resolutions, major motions, and recommendations submitted from the floor will be published in the summer *Progress Journal* prior to the next Conference."

Renumber Article III—Section 2 to Section 3.

The Board recommends that this amendment take effect immediately upon adoption.

## RECOMMENDATION THREE

We recommend that a member of the Board of Directors be permitted to succeed himself for one additional term.

*Explanation:* As the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College has expanded over the past few years, the policy and procedures of our operation have become more complex. Board members who serve for only one four-year term often find their term coming to an end about the time they have a full grasp of all the work of the Conference and College. Permitting reelection for one additional term would provide more continuity for the Board. This recommendation can be implemented by amending the Constitution as follows:

Article IV—Section 6—replace the words "no director shall succeed himself for a second term," with the words "a director may succeed himself for one additional term."

The Board recommends that this amendment take effect following the 1985 General Conference.

## RECOMMENDATION FOUR

An Oregon Bible College Study Committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees of Oregon Bible College in August, 1984. The committee was appointed as a result of board and delegate action at the summer General Conference. The committee was composed of Scott Ross, chairman; Rex Cain, Joe James, David Krogh, Charles Pryor, and Dean Urish.

The study committee report as amended by the Board of Trustees is as follows:

The study committee reaffirms that the purpose of Oregon Bible College is to recruit, equip, and motivate persons for both professional and lay ministries in the Church of God. We believe that the purpose is valid because it addresses the following needs of the Church of God: 1. Pastoral leadership for existing churches; 2. Pastoral leadership to plant new churches; 3. A recognition that every Christian is a minister, gifted by God for service; 4. Good lay leadership; 5. A mutual appreciation by pastors and lay members of each others' roles in the church; 6. Good spiritual teachers in local churches; 7. Present leaders in local churches need to be fed with resources to enable them to be more effective.

The study committee reaffirms that seeking accreditation should not be a priority for Oregon Bible College at this time. Rather than making a concerted effort to conform to external requirements, we must be guided by a sensitivity to the thoughts of our con-

stituency and by the needs of our churches.

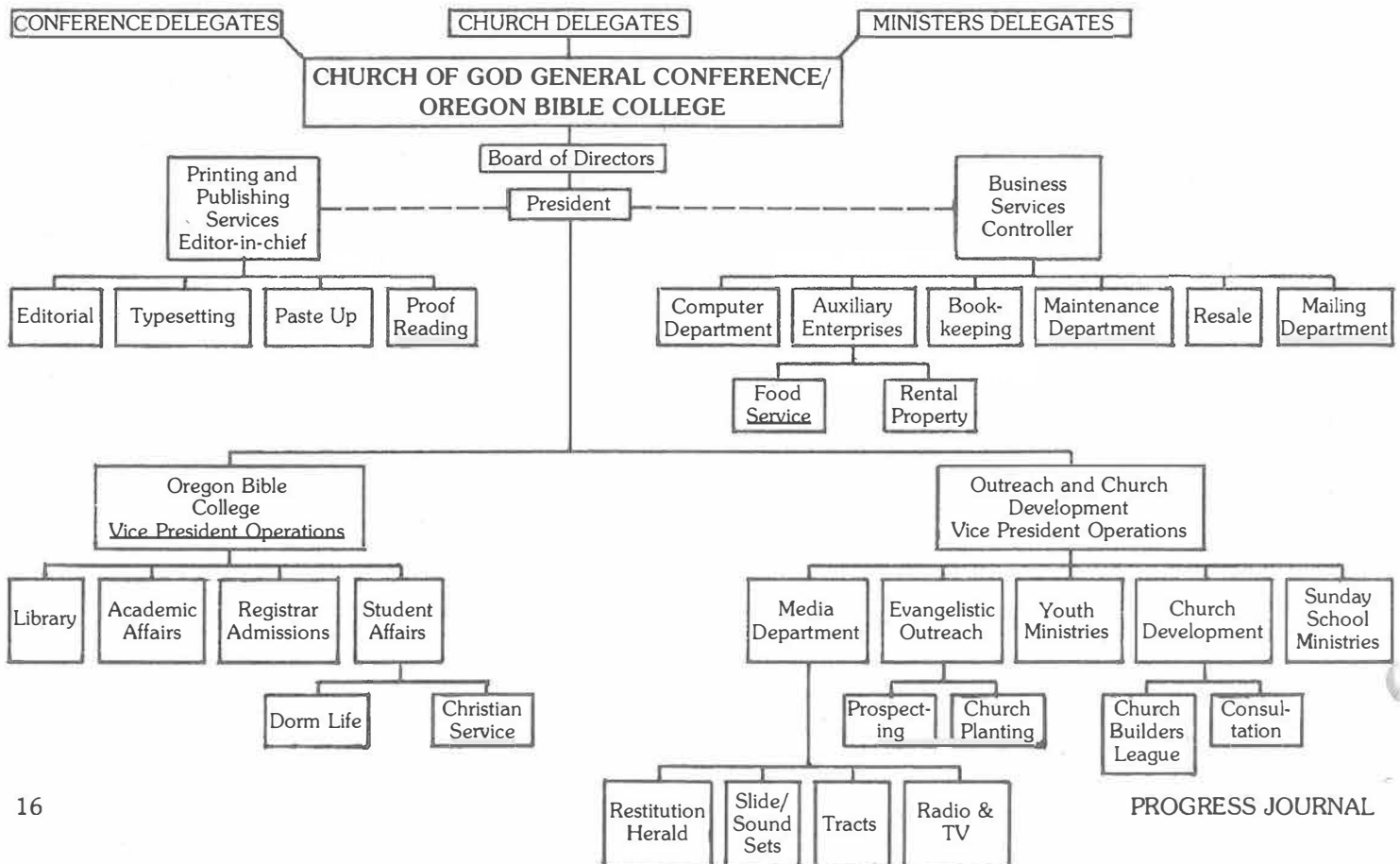
The study committee believes that it is very important for Oregon Bible College to have a strong first-year program that includes: 1. An overview of the Bible; 2. Little or no general education courses; 3. A challenge to students to full-time Christian service; 4. Daily chapel or devotions; 5. Christian service opportunities built into the curriculum; 6. Practical, transferrable church skills; 7. Emphasis on a strong spiritual and moral life.

The study committee believes that the remaining years at Oregon Bible College should be geared primarily toward professional development with continued strong spiritual emphasis. We believe that the internship program should be continued.

The study committee believes the educational needs of our people should also be addressed by: 1. On-campus seminars; 2. Adult education on campus; 3. Institutes held at various churches; 4. Extension programs in local churches; 5. Correspondence courses.

The study committee believes that every aspect of our curriculum needs to be reevaluated in light of how it helps us to achieve our purpose.

The study committee believes that the organizational structure of Oregon Bible College and the Church of God General Conference needs to be designed so that one person is responsible to the Board of Trustees for all conference/college operations. The following organizational chart is recommended:



An executive council appointed by the president will continue to meet regularly to facilitate communication, coordination, and planning. A college staff senate will continue to exist for the purpose of planning, consultation, and communication regarding college matters.

In addition to full-time instructors, part-time and guest instructors will be used. The skills of all conference/college employees will be utilized fully throughout the ministry development center.

The Board recommends the adoption of this report and the implementation of the proposed changes.

## RECOMMENDATION FIVE

We recommend the revision of License and Ordination procedures for the Church of God as follows:

A License Board will be appointed to license ministers for the Church of God. Licensure will continue to be based upon doctrinal, moral, and academic standards.

The License Board will consist of one Oregon Bible College staff member selected by the Oregon Bible College President; two members of the Ministerial Association selected by the Association; and a lay person currently serving as an elder, selected by the Board of Directors.

A new license application form based on the one developed by a study committee two years ago, will be used beginning immediately.

Local churches will be responsible for conducting an ordination service and/or installation service in the local church, commissioning their pastor to serve as the shepherd of their flock. Ordination forms and a suggested format will be available from the General Conference which can be used by the local church elders.

All ordained ministers in good standing will continue to be carried on the roll as ordained ministers of the Church of God General Conference.

### *Explanation:*

This change in license and ordination procedure is being recommended as a result of discussions that were held at the 1984 General Conference and from input received from pastors during the past year. The reasons for this recommendation are as follows:

- 1) This policy permits ordination to be practiced in a more Scriptural way than we are currently practicing it. Ordination becomes a commissioning to a specific ministry task.
- 2) The new makeup of the License Board will provide official input from Oregon Bible College which is committed to high standards for our professional ministry. It provides input from the

Ministerial Association, which has an equally high commitment to quality professional ministers, and which has a vital stake in monitoring the professional conduct of all ministers. The License Board will benefit from having lay elder participation as a representative of our churches.

This proposal in its various forms has been under discussion by the Board of Directors, the License and Ordination Board, officers of the Ministerial Association, License and Ordination Study Committee, and the Ministerial Association for the past two and one half years.

A copy of the new license application form is available upon request.

## RECOMMENDATION SIX

The Board of Directors recommends the creation of several Advisory Committees for the General Conference and Oregon Bible College.

The purpose of the Advisory Committees would be to work with the Board of Directors and the staff in specialized areas of our organization. The committees would be involved in research, long-range planning, and serve as a vehicle of communication to and from our church membership.

Each Advisory Committee would consist of one member of the Board of Directors, selected by the Board, a staff member selected by the President, and two Church of God members from the field elected by the delegates for four-year terms.

The committees would meet no more than two times a year in conjunction with regularly scheduled Board meetings, unless sufficient cause is presented for more meetings.

The staff member will serve as chairman of the committee and a secretary will be selected by the group.

The following committees will be established.

- 1) Committee on Higher Education
- 2) Sunday School Committee
- 3) Media Committee
- 4) Foreign Missions Committee
- 5) Youth Committee

The Board recommends that these committees be phased in over the next two years, with committees 1 and 2 to be established in the summer of 1985, and 3-5 in the summer of 1986.

If this recommendation is approved, two members will be elected to the committee on Higher Education, one for a two-year term and one for a four-year term. Two members will be elected to the Sunday School Committee, one for a two-year term and one for a four-year term.

# SPECIAL REPORTS

## CHRISTIAN CONCILIATION BOARD

The Christian Conciliation Board is composed of the following persons: Joe E. James, Chairperson; Nancy Demmitt; S. O. Ross. Major emphasis of this Board is to help educate all the people of the Church of God in the Scriptural means of resolving conflicts according to Matthew 18:15-17.

Jesus could foresee the potential for conflict and disagreement within members of his body, so he wisely listed three clear steps that should be followed when the inevitable occurs.

The Christian Conciliation Board will not only help local churches to understand this process, but will strongly encourage the use of this process in even the smallest of conflicts. They are available as individuals to consult over the telephone to assist persons to work through the Scriptural process. If it seems necessary, a church can ask the Board to come to the local church to assist in resolution of a dispute.

Members of the Christian Conciliation Board presented seminars and sharing sessions at the 1984 General Conference. Two members of the Board presented classes and seminars at the 1985 Christian Workers' Seminar. Additional sessions are planned for the 1985 General Conference. These activities represent an ongoing educational effort of the Christian Conciliation Board.

The services of the Christian Conciliation Board can be secured by contacting any member of the Board or the Executive Director—S. O. Ross, 612-693-7874; Joe E. James, 803-269-2964; Nancy Demmitt, 602-256-7652; David Krogh, 815-732-7991. Joe E. James, Chairperson

## CHURCH OF GOD INVESTMENT FUND

The Church of God Investment Fund was incorporated in 1982. The purpose of this fund is to accept money from depositors and to lend money to churches.

After reviewing the unstable interest market, the trustees have agreed to delay implementation of the fund at the present time.

The fund currently has a cash balance of \$10,635.32. This money came from two churches that returned Mission Builder contributions when the property was sold. These funds are available to be borrowed by churches at a reasonable rate of interest.

The Directors of the fund are Bill Burnham, David Krogh, Dr. William D. Lawrence, Pastor Scott Ross, and Robert Smith.  
David Krogh, Secretary

## MINISTERS' FUND

The Ministers' Fund of the Church of God General Conference is used for loans or gifts to ministers or their families in times of emergencies. The fund is administered by the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon, Illinois, churches, the Director of Student Services of Oregon Bible College, and the Executive Director of the General Conference.

During the past nine months, a \$300 loan was made to one of our ministers. Most of this loan has been repaid.

The fund balance as of April 30, 1985, was \$3,072.38. This compares with \$2,645.80 last year at this time.

We appreciate the churches and individuals who make contributions to this fund.  
David Krogh, Secretary

## LICENSE AND ORDINATION BOARD

During the 1984 General Conference, Michael Gallagher, having finished the Oregon Bible College internship program, was interviewed and received his Certificate of License and a Recognition Card. Donald Nunemaker was recognized before the conference attendants as being ready to receive his Certificate of License and the Recognition Card. Don was not able to attend the conference.

Vivian Kirkpatrick, II, was ordained at his new pastorate in Hector, MN, on August 26, 1984. Pastor David Cheatwood represented the License and Ordination Board.

During the year, the chairman has written several letters which have to do with business of the License and Ordination Board and in answer to inquiries.

During Ministerial Conference, 1985, four men were interviewed in anticipation of their being licensed. Other meetings were also held during that week to discuss routine matters.  
Francis E. Burnett, Chairman

## MINISTERS VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

At the biannual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association held in August, 1984, the Rules and Regulations were revised to make the plan much more beneficial to our ministry, and to stabilize the Association.

Pastors who are not in the Association should be encouraged by their church to join and become a part of this united effort to assist our ministry when they reach retirement age. Any churches not now in the association should also consider joining. The Association can only be as strong as the churches, pastors, and state conferences are willing to make it. With full cooperation, benefits could be increased in years to come.

Presently there are 38 ministers, 48 churches, and 7 conferences in the Association. There are 12 ministers and 4 ministers' widows receiving monthly benefits from the Association.

More than \$331,000 has been paid into the Association by members. This amount has been reached in the seventeen years of existence since we started with zero assets in 1968.

The present Board of Trustees of the Association is comprised of Chairman S. O. Ross (a pastor appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference); Vice-Chairman Dean Urish (elected by the delegates of the Association at a biannual meeting), and Secretary-Treasurer David Krogh (Executive Director of the Church of God General Conference). Any questions or suggestions regarding the MVRA may be directed to any member of the Board of Trustees.

S. O. Ross  
Dean Urish  
David Krogh

# PRAYER and PRAISE

August, 1985

## PROPOSED BUDGET 1986-1987 June 1, 1986 - May 31, 1987

### ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Payroll/Employee Benefits	
Salary & Wages	\$269,650
Social Security	17,775
Employee Benefits	34,275
Guest Instructors	10,500
General Operations	
Advertising	1,000
Films, speakers	500
Foreign Exchange	1,500
Insurance-non-plant	1,000
Auto Expense	4,500
Commencement	200
Office & Computer	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,500
Royalties	800
Editorial	1,000
Library Magazines	2,000
Periodicals/Books/Dues	1,000
Postage	13,500
Printing/Binding	43,600
Professional Services	4,500
Repairs non-plant	4,500
Staff Education	2,800
Mailing Supplies	800
Supplies & Expenses	2,900
Telephone	6,000
Travel	21,000
Assistance to Mission Points	500
Assistance to Churches	30,000
Assistance to Church Planting	1,000
Plant Operations	
Property Insurance	3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	2,500
Supplies/Expenses	3,000
Utilities	34,200
Addition to Plant	
Archives	1,000
Building	—
Furniture	1,000
Library Books	3,000
Vehicle Replacement	0
Purchases	
Food	20,000
Resale	14,000
Deficit Repayment	5,000
Contingency	14,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$583,000</b>

### ANTICIPATED INCOME

Sales	
Herald Subscriptions	
Trust & Endowment	
Tuition/Room/Board	
<b>TOTAL EARNED INCOME</b>	<b>\$209,000</b>

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED**  
June 1, 1986 - May 31, 1987 **\$374,000**

- 1 Pray that God will give direction in the work of the General Conference meetings.
- 2 Pray for God to give safe travel to those returning from General Conference.
- 3 Praise God for his blessings during the General Conference sessions this past week.
- 4 Pray that God will assist local churches in benefiting from the activities and sessions of the recent General Conference.
- 5 Pray for 20 new students to attend OBC this year.
- 6 Pray for the core group in Bloomington, IN, which is working to get a new church started.
- 7 Pray for Pastor Noel and his ministry in Bangalore, India.
- 8 Pray for your youth leaders.
- 9 Pray for the young people in your church (by name).
- 10 Pray for the Phillips Ranch congregation as it continues to reach and minister to new people.
- 11 Praise God for his love to you and the direction he provides for your life.
- 12 Pray for your pastor and his family.
- 13 Pray that God will send workers into the harvest—Matthew 9:37, 38.
- 14 Pray for OBC staff members as they prepare for a new college year.
- 15 Pray for the students coming to OBC, that God will enrich their lives this year.
- 16 Pray for the Board of Directors of the General Conference as they labor throughout the year in the work of the Church of God.
- 17 Pray for your congregation, that God will give you results in your service to him.
- 18 Pray that God will build skill and commitment into the lives of OBC students during this school year.
- 19 Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share your faith with someone this week.
- 20 Praise God for a recent answer to prayer.
- 21 Pray for the congregational meeting at Simi Valley, that God will work through it to reach new people in that area.
- 22 Pray for the North Kent, MI, congregation and the Eldreds as they minister to this community.
- 23 Pray for the Needhams in Colorado Springs as they work with the young congregation there.
- 24 Praise God for the Grace Church near Ashtabula, OH, and pray that God will raise up a pastor for this group.
- 25 Pray for pastors and their families who are beginning new pastorates this fall.
- 26 Pray for the Harlingen, TX, congregation as it pursues plans to locate to a more growth-potential location.
- 27 Praise God for those who are supporting the cooperative ministries of the Church of God through the General Conference.
- 28 Pray for the Fox Valley congregation under the leadership of Ron Macy, that God will give it growth.
- 29 Pray that God will bless the efforts of the Church of God people living in the Charlotte, NC, area, that he will give them direction toward a stronger base of the faith there.
- 30 Pray for OBC interns who are working with local churches this year.
- 31 Pray for the group newly formed which is meeting in Urbana, OH, under the leadership of Fred Pensyl.

# PRAYER and PRAISE

Prayer— "If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." —1 JOHN 5:14. Praise "Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good." —PSALM 135:3.

September, 1985

- 1 Pray for congregations with new pastors as they begin working together. Pray for all congregations as they begin a new church year.
- 2 Pray for God's blessing and safety upon families in your congregation during this holiday.
- 3 Pray for Bros. Javar, Abon, and Robles in their work in the Philippines.
- 4 Pray for the youth of your church and for their leadership.
- 5 Pray for the brethren in the Bedford, OH, congregation and Pastor Austin Railton.
- 6 Pray for those involved in following up the prospects gleaned by the summer calling ministries.
- 7 Praise God for those who contribute to the financial support of the work of the General Conference.
- 8 Pray for the Sunday School teachers in your congregation.
- 9 Pray for David Krogh and his leadership in the General Conference and OBC ministries.
- 10 Pray for the Minneapolis, MN, congregation in its outreach plans for the future development of its ministry.
- 11 Praise God for your family.
- 12 Pray for Roberto and Lupe Badillo in their work in Mexico.
- 13 Pray for the young people of your congregation who are away at college.
- 14 Praise God for the leadership of your local church.
- 15 Pray for God's spirit to be on your pastor today as he ministers to you.
- 16 Pray for Russ Magaw and his work in the Publishing Department of the General Conference.
- 17 Pray for Pastor Joseph Astolfi and the ministry of the Maurertown, VA, congregation.
- 18 Pray for Ralph Childs and his ministry through the Childs-Ford Foundation.
- 19 Pray for the Oregon Bible College students as they enjoy their fall breakfast today. Pray for God's blessing on them.
- 20 Pray for Pastor Benson Adum and his congregation in Nigeria.
- 21 Pray for the employees of the Church of God General Conference.
- 22 Praise God for the beauty of this fall season.
- 23 Pray for churches which are without pastors this year.
- 24 Praise God for salvation through Jesus Christ.
- 25 Pray for the mission society in your church as it leads you in reaching out to those without Christ.
- 26 Pray for Pastor Arlen Rankin and the new church work in Bellevue, WA.
- 27 Pray for Warren Sorenson and his work in Outreach and Church Development.
- 28 Praise God for a personal blessing you have received this week.
- 29 Praise God for your pastor and your church family.
- 30 Pray for the upcoming Parents' Weekend at Oregon Bible College.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE

At the Annual General Conference Sessions in August the Minnesota State Conference will nominate Elmo Gaspar, Eden Valley, MN, for the Board of Directors/Trustees.

Bro. Elmo has been in the Supermarket Grocery business for many years. He worked with his father from childhood in the business and became a partner with his father in 1938. After his father's death, he operated the main store in Eden Valley until he sold it in 1984. He also owns a second store in Paynesville, MN, which is operated by a local manager. He is a very successful businessman and has served his community in a variety of capacities including: School Board for 9 years, serving as its treasurer; President of his local Lions Club; President of the Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce, and many other civic functions.

Elmo was elected Sunday School Superintendent of the Eden Valley Church while in high school and has served in various capacities in the church. He is presently an elder, having been in that capacity for over twenty years. He has been on the Board of the Minnesota State Conference in a number of positions over the years and was the President of the Conference for many years.

In 1978 Elmo was a member of the General Conference Reorganization Study Committee and has always had a great interest in the General Conference work. While operating his business he was very busy, yet he usually found time to get to the Annual General Conference sessions.

We the Board of the Minnesota State Conference find Elmo to be an honest, sincere, dedicated Christian brother who we feel would be an excellent member of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

S. O. Ross,  
President Minnesota State Conference



Adulthostel held at Oregon Bible College May 19-24, 1985



# ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS-TRUSTEES

At the 1985 General Conference, two members will be elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference for four-year terms. The terms of Dallas Demmitt and David Johnson will expire at this Conference. They may not be reelected according to the present terms of the Constitution. Nominations will be made from the floor as directed by the Constitution.

Below is the position description for Directors who serve on the Board. As nominations are considered, the following information should be taken into consideration.

## Job Description for Director

### Title:

Director, Church of God General Conference

### Summary:

The position exists to transact and administer the business of Church of God General Conference in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws.

### Duties:

1. Serve as a Director of Church of God General Conference.
  - a. Employ an Executive Director who is responsible for the administration of all the work of the Church of God General Conference.
2. Serve as Trustee of Oregon Bible College.
  - a. Employ a President who is responsible for the administration of all the work of Oregon Bible College.
3. Serve as a Trustee of Oregon Bible College Development Foundation (13 members).
4. Give general (external) supervision to all Conference/College affairs.
5. Engage in long-range planning and evaluation.
6. Make recommendations to Conference delegates regarding:
  - a. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
  - b. Major policy or major policy changes
  - c. Creation of major programs
  - d. Budgeting

7. Acquire and dispose of real and personal property.
8. Approve borrowings and other plans to finance operations.
9. Give of his private means to support the Conference/College and to be actively engaged in fund-raising activities.
10. Establish controls to protect the rights and interests of contributors, member churches and conferences, and staff.
11. Communicate the purposes and programs of the Conference/College to the Church of God through public relations efforts.
12. Employ competent auditor.
13. Attend all meetings of the Board and the Annual Conference.

### Organizational Relationships:

Each Board Member is accountable to the Conference delegate body for the carrying out of the duties of the office.

The Board is accountable for the work of the Executive Director and the President.

### Qualifications:

The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders. A Director may be either male or female.

## SUMMER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**Site:** The 1985 Church of God General Conference will be held at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, July 29 through August 2.

Springfield is located on Interstate 70, which runs east and west.

Individuals coming by car from the east by Interstate 80 should exit at US 40 (exit 62) and proceed westward to North Fountain Avenue, then north on Fountain five blocks to Stoughton Street. Turn left.

Those coming from the west on the Interstate should exit at US 68 (exit 52) and follow 68 North to Ohio 41 (First Street), then take First Street, which becomes McCreight Ave., eastward to Woodlawn Avenue, then south on Woodlawn to Stoughton. Turn right.

Registration will take place in Wittenberg Union at the corner of Woodlawn and Stoughton.

Those flying to General Conference should arrive at the James M. Cox Dayton International Airport at Vandalia. Shuttle service from the airport to the campus will be provided upon request. Notification should reach our office no later than July 18 if service is needed.

**Registration:** Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. in Wittenberg Union in the lounge off the lobby. At registration, housing assignments will be made.

**Reservations & Conference Costs:** Reservations for General Conference must be made prior to July 20. Reservations postmarked after July 20 will be assessed a \$15 late registration fee. Registration forms were mailed to each Church of God home. Additional forms are available in each local church. Registration forms may also be secured from Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

The cost of the Conference this year is as follows:

Adults (11 & up) (2 to a room)	\$ 90.00*
Children 4 to 10 (2 to a room)	55.00*
Children under 4	10.00
Commuters (no meals/lodging, 11 and up)	25.00
Commuters (no meals/lodging, Ages 4-10)	13.00

Commuters and Meals (no lodging, 11 and up)	65.00
Commuters and Meals (no lodging, ages 4-10)	35.00
Adults (11 & up) (single room)	102.00*
Children 4 to 10 (single room)	67.00*

### Rates for Pastors and Families

Adults (11 & up) (2 to a room)	\$ 81.00*
Children 4 to 10 (2 to a room)	49.50*
Children Under 4	9.00
Commuters (11 and up)	22.50
Commuters (4-10)	12.00
Commuters/Meals (11 and up)	58.50
Commuters/Meals (4-10)	31.50
Adults (11 and up) (single room)	92.00*
Children 4 to 10 (single room)	59.00*

\*Plus \$2.55 for linens per person

These costs include room, board, use of the grounds and buildings, insurance, and recreation facilities.

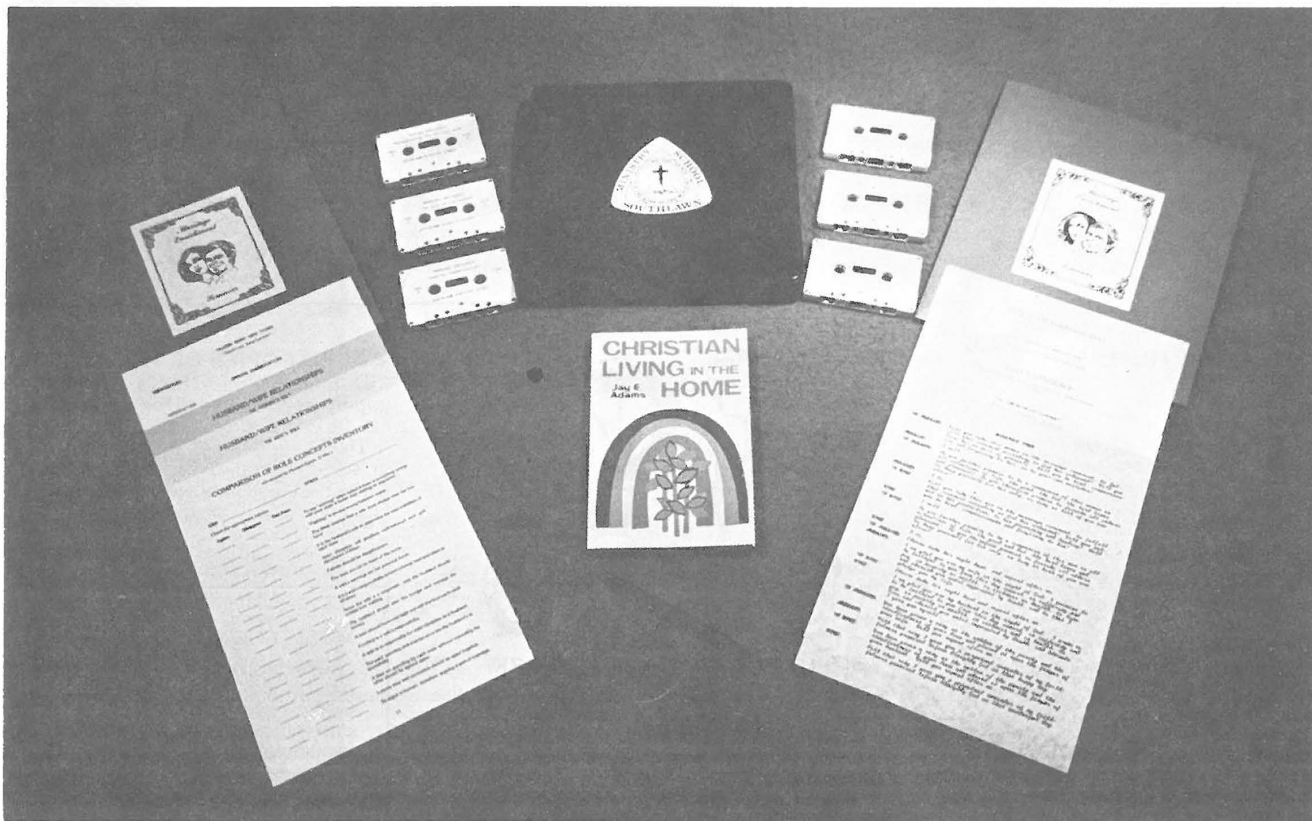
**Youth:** Youth must be accompanied to the Conference by a parent or a responsible guardian. A full schedule of activities is planned for the youth. All youth attending the Conference will be expected to attend all the planned services and activities.

**Children's classes:** A full schedule of activities is planned for all children 8 years and under. Babysitting service is available for children 2 years and under. Junior Church will be conducted each evening at 7:00 p.m. for those 3 to 12 years of age.

**Gymnasium and Pool:** A gymnasium and pool will be available at various times during the Conference. Anyone who plans to use these facilities must bring proper clothing.

**Delegate Expense Pool:** Each year delegates from the various churches and conferences have opportunity to pool their expenses and thus equalize the cost of travel of those from far away and those who live nearby. Delegate expense pool forms have been mailed to each church and conference secretary, and each is urged to enter the pool. This is a fair means of assuring general delegate representation. The mileage rate this year is 12¢.

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## BAPTISMS

### INDIANA

*Kokomo*—Pat Kelly and Megan Kopeschka (4/21/85, Ken Howe).

### MINNESOTA

*Minneapolis*—Robb and Diane Frei (4/21/85, Russell Rankin, assisted by Sydney Kirkpatrick).

### INDIANA

*Burr Oak*—Jeff Kenney, Culver, (5/5/85, Jim Mattison).

## DEATHS

### ARIZONA

*Benson*—Kendal A. Coats, baptized in Grand Rapids, MI, in 1925 (4/23/85).

### ILLINOIS

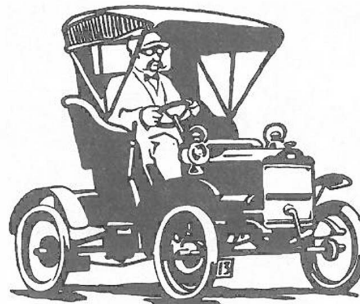
*Oregon*—Mathias Schramer, 77, baptized into Christ four months before his death (4/28/85, Hollis Partlowe).

### NEBRASKA

*Holbrook*—Mary Harbert, wife of John Harbert, Stockville, NE. Attended the Holbrook Church of God (3/18/85, Leon Driskill).

### OREGON

*Salem*—Ray Adams, member, 100, died in April, 1985. He was the last surviving of Almus Adams' children. (William Wachtel, Kirby Davis.)



## PUT YOUR WHEELS TO WORK!

Serving our churches is the ministry of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. Transportation is an important ingredient in that ministry. You can help; here's how.

We are in need of dependable automobiles. These can range in size from small compact up to station wagons and vans.

If you are considering trading in your vehicle on a new model, why not give the trade-in to the General Conference for use in its ministries? You will receive a tax-deductible receipt and our hearty thanks. In addition, you will gain the satisfaction of knowing you are having a vital part in the Lord's work.

Please contact the Executive Director if you are interested in giving your trade-in to the Conference. Telephone 815-732-7991 or write to: David Krogh, P.O. Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061.

## NEED COPIES OF THE EVANGELIST

During the mid-1800's a Church of God paper was circulated in Iowa called *The Evangelist*. Its editor at one time was G. M. Myers.

The Oregon Bible College library is interested in securing copies of *The Evangelist* for the Church of God Archives. Please send copies to Oregon Bible College, Box 100, Oregon, IL 61061. Thank you.

## MUSIC FOR SUMMER CONFERENCE

Planning is presently in process for the musical portions of the 1985 Summer Conference. If you or your group or ensemble wish to participate, it would facilitate our planning if you would contact Dale Ramsey by July 15.

## EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

The Hope Chapel Church of God wishes to dispose of an AB Dick 545 Manual mimeograph machine which is in excellent condition. Please contact the General Conference Business office for additional information.

## LARGE-PRINT ADULT QUARTERLY

The Childs-Ford Foundation has produced large-print editions of the Adult Sunday School Quarterly from the General Conference. Two sizes are available as follows:

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To secure copies, please contact Bro. Ralph Childs, 16 Reich Street, Trotwood, OH 45426.

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